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President's Message



Hello everyone,

October is here and gone. It is November now and it has been hectic for everyone who had events scheduled due to the wet weather. Some of the board attended the Meeting Of The Minds Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin back in September. Unfortunately, I did not, I had a motorcycle crash on the way out there and spent that month and more recovering from that crash. Luckily my crash did not go unnoticed. I received immediate assistance from good Samaritans as well as EMS and First Responders. While recovering those that attended the Seminar Networked and set the Legislative agenda for next year when we go to Washington DC for Bikers in the Beltway in May. During my recovery Long Island ABATE was still out in the community when weather allowed us to be (see pictures in this newsletter).

I am also very happy to announce that our Drivers Ed Program continues to grow. We were approved for a total of 500 classes throughout NY. That is 150 more than last year. It is an honor to be able to educate the young drivers about Motorcycle Awareness and Distracted Driving in hopes that they will be better drivers and help to keep motorcyclist Safer at the same time.

We have also been working on our St Mary's food and Toy Run, which started the month of November off. After that we have our Veterans Appreciation Fund Distribution which is scheduled for our November 10th Meeting if all goes well. After the Distribution

Nominations will reopen for Board positions, after we close nominations we will hold elections, all Nominees must be present.

After the Elections take place, we take the month of December off for Meetings and we have our Christmas / Holiday Party on Saturday the 12th at Frogs Bar & Grill in Yaphank. This event is Free to members and will cost non-members $10.00 at the door. There will be, Live music, a Buffet, Cash Bar, & Raffles as well. I hope to see you at these events as well as the many other events this time of the year.

We Still Need More People to Get Involved and Help Out!! There is a lot to do, and the more people involved the less work we all have to do. We are still looking for people to help with donations, products, 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.

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Tesla Drops Full Self-Driving In Europe



Tesla has begun using the name "Tesla Assisted Driving" on its European websites as it seeks approval for its driver-assistance system there. In the United States, the company continues to market the same technology as "Full Self-Driving (Supervised)." The change follows years of questions from regulators, safety advocates and some Tesla owners, who have said the "Full Self-Driving" label suggests the car can drive itself, even though the driver must stay alert and ready to take control.

How these systems are described matters to American motorcyclists. Rider safety depends on the driver alongside us watching the road. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has long warned that language suggesting full autonomy can lead drivers to rely on the technology more than they should. The concern is not theoretical: in 2024, a motorcyclist was killed near Seattle in a crash that Washington State Patrol investigators determined involved a Tesla operating on Full Self-Driving.

Tesla's move in Europe shows that clearer marketing is possible. American riders should not have to wait for it to happen one market at a time. The Know Before You Drive Act, which cleared a House subcommittee in February, would set a national standard by barring automakers from marketing driver-assistance systems as self-driving and requiring dealers to explain their limits at the time of sale. Any vehicle that drives itself should also be required to prove it can reliably detect motorcycles before it shares the road with riders.

The MRF welcomes any step toward clearer labeling of driver-assistance technology and will continue making that case in Washington. Riders should urge their members of Congress to require clear, accurate descriptions of these systems.

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Ride in Freedom Act

October 5, 2026

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is glad to see lawmakers bringing freedom of choice to Washington, D.C. Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI) and Sen. Tim Sheehy (R-MT) have introduced the Ride in Freedom Act, H.R. 10067 in the House and S. 5274 in the Senate, which would stop the District from forcing every rider to wear a helmet. We thank them for standing up for riders and for the principle that adults can make their own decisions on the road.

Let's be clear about what this bill does and doesn't do. The Ride in Freedom Act does not tell anyone to take off their helmet, and it does not ban helmets. It simply puts the choice back where it belongs, with the rider. If you want to wear a helmet, wear one. If you don't, that decision should be yours, not the government's. Riders in many states already enjoy that freedom, and those who live in or ride through our nation's capital deserve the same respect.

The MRF is your voice in Washington, but lawmakers need to hear directly from riders. Stand with us and ask your members of Congress to cosponsor the Ride in Freedom Act.

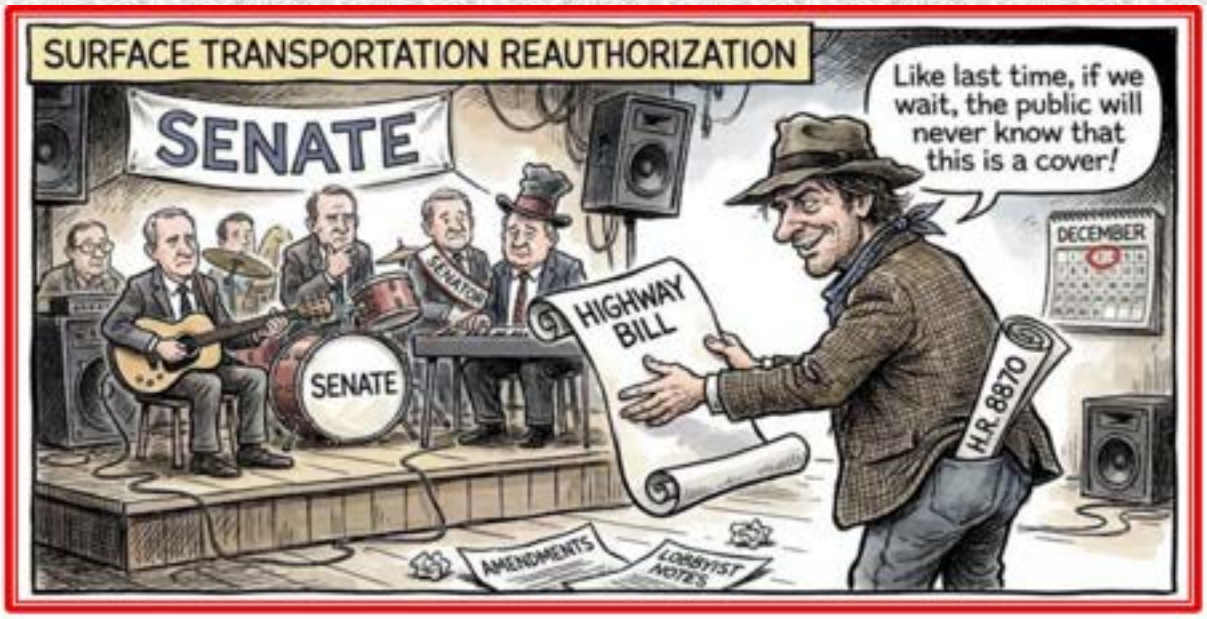
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Senate Expected To Rewrite Highway Bill

September 25, 2026

This week, Senate Environment and Public Works Chair Shelley Moore Capito (WV) said that a Senate draft of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill) will not be introduced until the final weeks of the year, after the November election and shortly before the December 11th funding deadline.

The MRF's Washington, D.C. team anticipated this timeline and has planned its advocacy work accordingly, rather than treating the delay as a surprise. The House version of the bill, H.R. 8870, cleared committee in May and includes several motorcyclist-friendly provisions that the MRF worked to secure.

With the Senate now expected to release its own draft later this year, the MRF's focus is on ensuring those provisions carry over into the Senate bill. The MRF's team remains engaged with members and staff in the Senate as the reauthorization process moves forward, and will continue tracking developments through markup, floor action, and conference.

Learning of this news, MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard said, "It's not a surprise Congress is working slowly, that's what they do. However, no matter how long it takes, the MRF will be there to fight for bikers."

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Mid-Event Colors Ban At Las Vegas BikeFest 2026

October 12, 2026

Before Las Vegas BikeFest 2026 in North Las Vegas, the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs was assured there would not be a "no colors" policy. Midway through the event, colors and cuts were banned. Multiple entities gave shifting explanations, and no one took responsibility for the policy change. Among those banned was the International Vice President of the Soldiers for Jesus Motorcycle Club, an MRF Board Member who had a booth at the event.

"Clubs did what was asked of them. They got assurances and showed up in good faith," said Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, MRF President. "Changing the rules midway through, then refusing to say who made the call, is the kind of treatment riders across this country are tired of."

This is what many in the motorcycling community deal with every day. The MRF has fought motorcyclist profiling in Washington for years, winning passage of anti-profiling resolutions in the Senate (S.Res. 154, 2018) and House (H.Res. 366, 2022) and backing 2026 language in the House BUILD America 250 Act that bars federal funds for programs that profile motorcyclists.

Riders can help. Take the Motorcycle Profiling Project's National Motorcycle Profiling Survey every year. Each year the questions shift to gather new data for future state and federal legislative efforts. What stays the same each year is that the survey includes only five (5) anonymous questions and takes about a minute. Take the survey using the button below.

Data from thousands of past survey participants has been central to the MRF's case on Capitol Hill, and every new response makes that case stronger.

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New Federal Fuel Economy Rules Announced

October 2, 2026

On September 28, 2026, the U.S. Department of Transportation finalized a rule resetting Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for model years 2022-2031. The rule projects an industrywide average of about 34.9 miles per gallon by model year 2031, well below the 50.4 mpg average projected under the rules finalized in 2024. The standards apply to passenger cars and light trucks. Motorcycles are not affected because this federal fuel economy law covers only 4-wheeled vehicles.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) sees the rule as another action in defense of the internal combustion engine. Preserving the internal combustion engine is one of the 12 high-priority items on the MRF's 2026 federal legislative agenda. People working to end the internal combustion engine have used ever-higher fuel economy standards to force manufacturers into building electric vehicles. They set targets so steep that shifting production to EVs became the only realistic way to comply. The Department itself said the prior standards effectively required a switchover to electric vehicles that was out of step with market realities and customer demand.

"Motorcycles may be outside this rule, but riders shouldn't assume that will always be the case," said MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard. He added, "Every push against the internal combustion engine has started with cars and trucks, and bikes are the logical next step. The MRF will keep watching closely and will oppose any effort to bring fuel economy mandates or EV requirements to motorcycles."

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Updates From Josephine

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

Hi everyone! I can't believe another month has passed us by. I was not out in the community that much this past month, but here are some of the things that I did attend.

Catskill mountain Thunder the famous (CMT) it took place this year September 15th through the 20th at Blackthorn Resort located at 348 Sunnyside Road East Durham New York. It's been going on for about 25 years now, happening every September. Some of the events that take place during that week are on Tuesday is check in and Taco tuesday. Wednesday is the bus pub crawl going from bar to bar. Thursday at the pavilion is the pre-checking party. And then Friday through Sunday is the main festival event. It starts off with scenic mountain motorcycle rides through the Catskills. It then ends back at Blackthorn Resort for motorcycle games, biker build-offs, they have Motocross shows, the Wall of Death, the ariel burnout pit and many many vendors. And bands during the day and at night. I was there from Friday through Sunday and met up with so many people from down here on the island that were there that weekend. It wasn't great time.

On the weekend of October 4th I went away with my daughter Leeanna to the Renaissance Faire in Tuxedo New York located at 600 NY- 17A Tuxedo Park. It's about an hour and 45 minutes from Long Island haha depending on traffic. It's from August 15th Labor Day weekend through October 4th. Some of the special events that are there are themed weekends. On August 15th and 16th was the marketplace weekend where you spend $500 in the marketplace and get two tickets to return to the fair through September 20th. August 22nd and 23rd is Cottagecore weekend where you wear your best woodland attire. August 29th and 30th is Pirate weekend. September 5th 6th and 7th is time travel weekend. September 19th is talk like a pirate Day. Which is Saturday only. October 3rd and 4th is the harvest ball. There is so much to see and do it's a great event with all kinds of shows, a huge chess board, jousting, shopping, all types of foods and vendors. There are so many people that go dressed in costume and if you don't have one there are plenty of vendors where you can buy clothes from that era.

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On our way home my daughter and I did some exploring. We wound up at Mount Fuji it's a Japanese steakhouse and hibachi restaurant. Located at 296 old route 17 Hilburn New York. It's been there since 1969 it's a premier destination for New York and New Jersey for many years. It's located on 45 acres of a private mountain making it an iconic landmark. I've always wanted to know what was on top of that mountain by exit 15 on the New York State thruway. It's an amazing place from the restaurant to it's outside decor. The statues of the Samurai's the fish pond filled with koi fish. They also do all types of wedding events there. It is definitely a place to check out but remember you must have reservations.

One of our other stops was Olana Historic site located at 5720 state route 9g Hudson New York. It's on 250 acres overlooking the Hudson river and Rip Van Winkle bridge. It was owned by Frederick Edwin Church in the 19th century who became a famous artist in the US best known for his adventures travels and bold paintings. They do tours go to the website Olana.org to get even more information. We actually got there at 4:20 in the afternoon and they closed at 5:00. It will be a destination her and I do again to take a tour of his beautiful castle.

On Sunday October 11th I attended, along with Chris, Rolling Thunder NY6 Healing Our Heroes ride for PTSD we attend their event every year. Once again this year it rained and their ride was canceled but still a lot of people showed up to support. Until next month with my outings I hope everyone if you're still out there riding please make sure you wear proper attire since it's getting colder out.

Josephine 2nd VP Long Island ABATE



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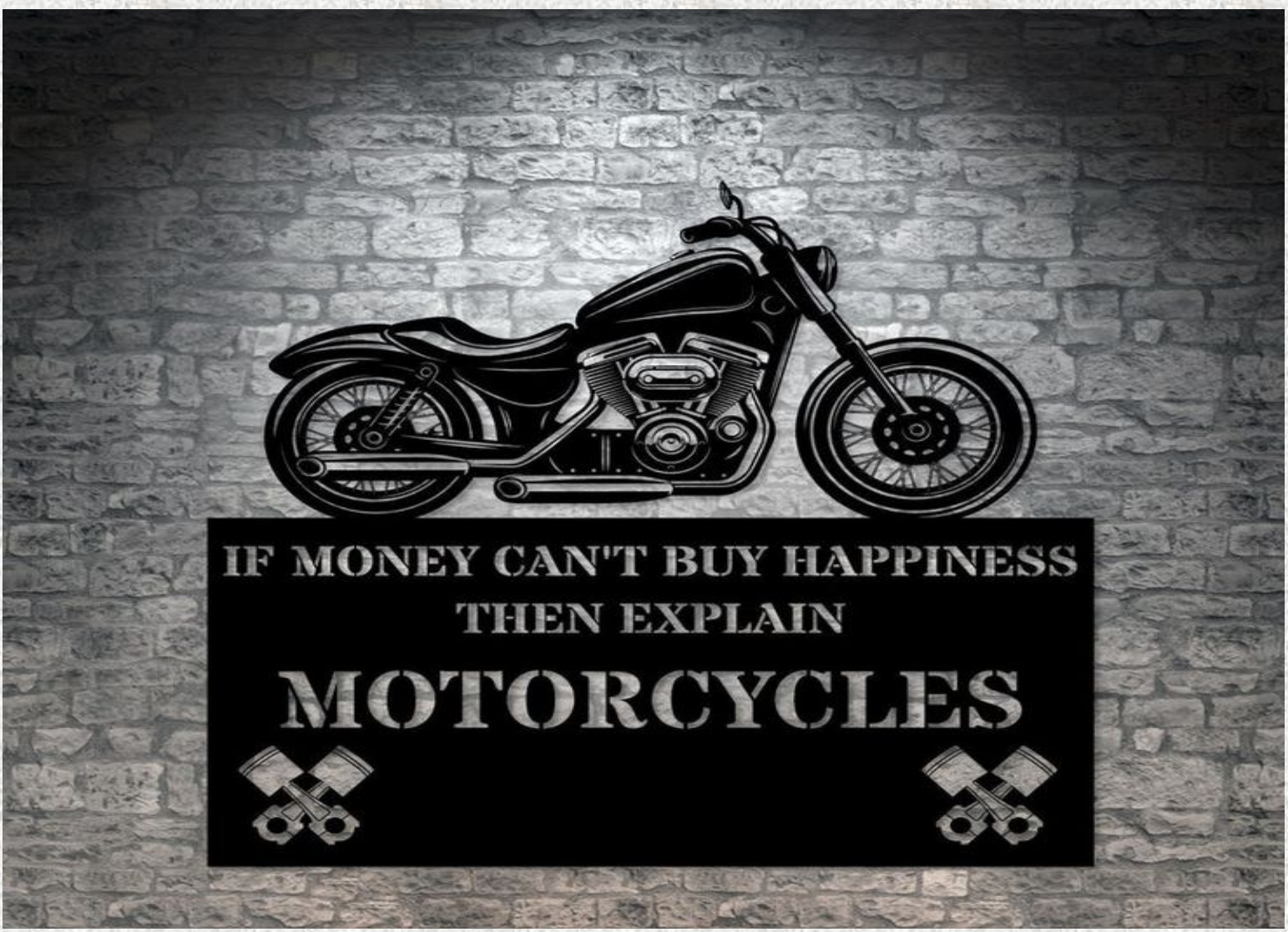












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2027 High Priority Agenda

October 9, 2026

In September, the Legislative Committee of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) hosted a legislative strategy session during the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Minds in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The Committee had gathered to establish and prioritize the MRF's 2027 Federal Legislative Agenda.

The MRF's legislative issues fall into three priority categories: high, medium or monitor. This list remains fluid and can be adapted depending on developments regarding the issue or the political environment. Below is a brief description of the top 12 issues on the MRF's 2027 Legislative Agenda, listed as "High Priority." The January 2027 issue of the American Bikers Journal will have more detail on each of these high priority issues, as well as the full list of an additional 14 priority items that fall into "Medium" or "Monitor" classifications.

As a reminder, all MRF members receive a copy of the American Bikers Journal with their membership. If you are not a member of the MRF, click the button at the end of this message to support the organization working in Washington, D.C., on behalf of America's street motorcyclists.

From The 2027 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Priorities List

HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:

Autonomous Vehicles: Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

Crash Avoidance: Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

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.

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.
Emission Regulations: Engage the Environmental protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations

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Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates: Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates.

Internal Combustion Engines: Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.
Profiling: Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.

Renewable Fuels: Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)

Right to Repair/Modify: Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their motorcycles.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill): Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire in 2026).

Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology: Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

Remember, a full list of all items on the legislative agenda with further detail will be part of your January issue of the American Bikers Journal. Thank you for supporting the MRF.
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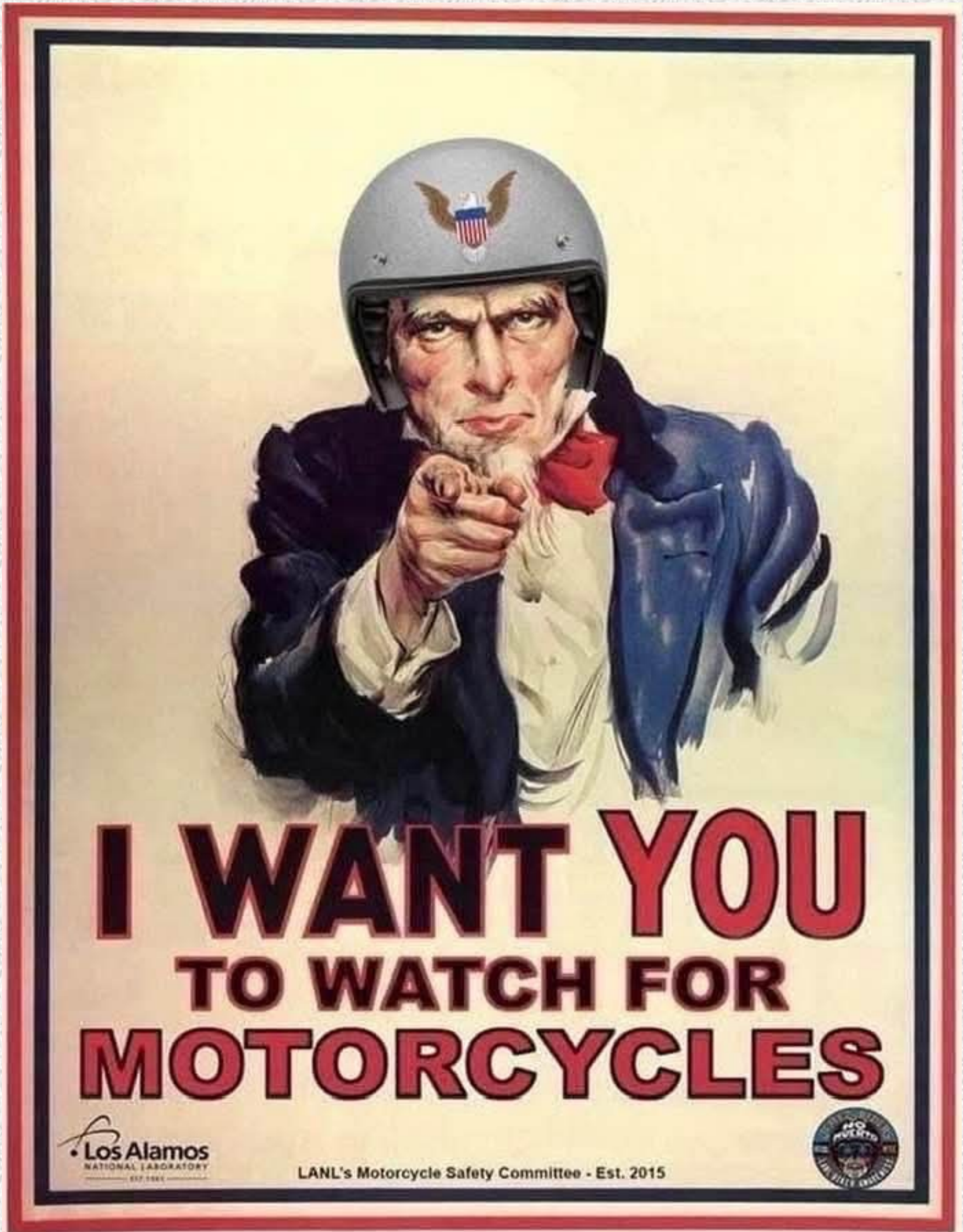
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MAKING LEFT TURNS - Before turning **LEFT, CHECK TWICE** to ensure no motorcycle is coming. You're conditioned to look for cars and trucks, and it is easy to 'overlook' an oncoming motorcycle if you're not looking for one.

PULLING OUT - Before pulling out from a parked position, **CHECK TWICE** by turning your head and **LOOKING** for oncoming motorcycles. Motorcycles need more room and space to stop suddenly than a car or truck.

CHANGING LANES - Motorcycles can easily fit in the blind spots of your mirrors. Put your blinker on and **CHECK TWICE**, turn your head to **LOOK** to ensure there is no motorcycle in your blind spot!

SHARING A LANE - Don't share a traffic lane with a motorcycle. Even though a motorcycle is smaller than a car or truck, they are entitled to their entire lane.

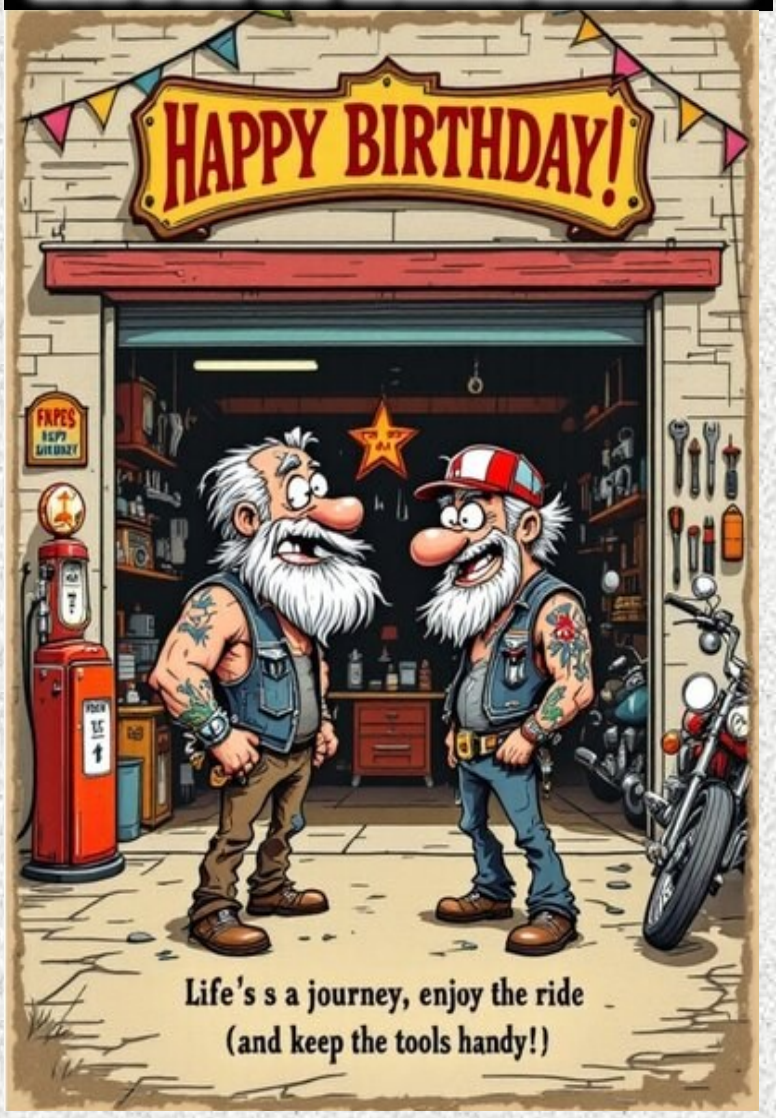
DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSE behind a motorcycle - a motorcycle needs more room than a car or truck to stop. Keep a good distance behind a motorcycle, leaving enough room for you to stop.

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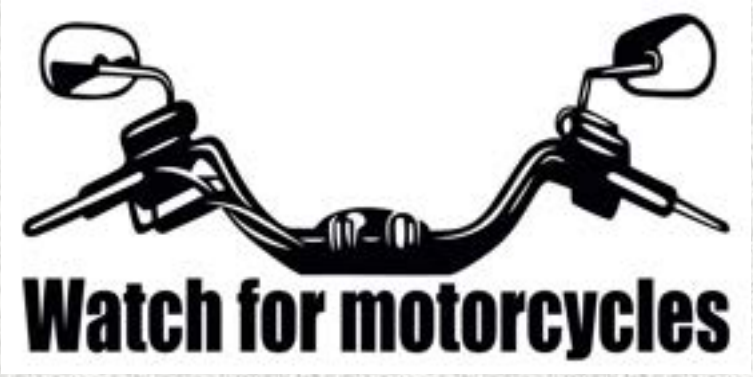
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Make Room for Every Voice This Holiday Season

The holidays bring people together around dinner tables, living-room couches, and conversations that seem to happen all at once. That lively mix can be joyful, but it can also make hearing difficult. If you often lose the thread of group conversations, miss the punchline, or rely on others to repeat themselves, don't write it off as ordinary distraction. Difficulty hearing in a crowd can be a sign of hearing loss, and getting your hearing checked before holiday gatherings gives you time to understand what's going on and explore ways to hear more comfortably.

Hearing loss is more than a minor inconvenience. When you can't clearly hear what people say, everyday communication requires more listening effort. You may miss details at work, misunderstand instructions, or hold back in meetings. At home, repeated 'What?' and 'Never mind' moments can interrupt the natural flow of conversation and make a relaxed chat feel more tiring than enjoyable. Hearing loss is also associated with social isolation, depression, cognitive challenges, reduced mobility, and falls. Addressing it is a practical step toward supporting communication, health, and overall well-being. Treating your hearing loss is a sensible act of self-care, not something to be embarrassed about.

The good news: you don't have to wait until after the holidays to take action. If you're noticing changes, schedule a hearing evaluation with an audiologist who can assess your hearing and discuss options tailored to your needs. Hearing aids and other hearing technologies can help people with hearing loss regain their confidence to participate in family, work, and community life. Although hearing in noisy rooms may not be effortless, treatment can help you engage more fully and feel more connected.

If you already wear hearing aids, give them a little attention before the festivities begin. Arrange a check with your hearing care provider to make sure they're working properly and that the fit and settings still suit you. Ask about cleaning, maintenance, and any programming adjustments that could help in vibrant listening situations. Check that you have charged batteries, a working charger, and any supplies you need to get through the holidays. Sorting out a problem ahead of time is much easier than discovering it when everyone has gathered for dinner.

A few small choices can make holiday conversations easier, too. Choose a seat where you can see people's faces, and ask loved ones to speak clearly while facing you – not from another room or with their backs turned. If the TV or music is competing with conversation, turn it down. At a restaurant or party, choose a quieter spot where it's easier to keep up with the conversation. These adjustments help everyone communicate; they aren't a request for special treatment.

Most of all, make the appointment before your calendar fills up. You don't need to wait until hearing feels "bad enough." If group conversations have become difficult to follow, that's reason enough to get checked. And if you use hearing aids, make sure they're ready to help you hear your best. Taking care of your hearing is a way of showing up – for the stories, laughter, activities, and small moments that make time with family meaningful. This season, give yourself the chance to join in, not just sit nearby.

Sources: *MedlinePlus, World Health Organization (WHO)*

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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-Profiling 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-Profiling 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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