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Director's Column

Welcome Riders, from all of us members here at CMT/ABATE INC. to the men and women of our military who served to protect our Freedom here at home in the United State to keep us safe, we wise to **Thank You** for your service. You men and women are the true heroes of our Country. **Happy Veterans Day.** It just doesn't seem once a year is enough. To all our members, take some time this week end for a moment of silence for our fallen hero's and for their loved ones who suffered from the lost. **Freedom is not Free**, it is a fight that never stops but with Freedom comes Responsibility and action to protect that Freedom. If you question that, then ask any veteran the price! **Veteran**, Thank You and God Bless.

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Individuals Can Make a Difference!

October 11, 2022

Don't fall into the trap of believing only high-powered lobbyists or big money donors can make a difference in D.C. The average biker can and has impacted policy in our nation's capital.

A perfect example is the work of two motorcyclists in Nevada, Fred Harrell and Russell Radke. Both are long time biker rights advocates and understand the best way to get things done is to educate and develop relationships with their elected officials. Over the course of several years, they met with and befriended their local lawmaker, Congresswoman Susie Lee of Nevada. Sharing their experiences as motorcyclists and their concern regarding the profiling of bikers they sought solutions to help address the issue.

In response to the concerns of her constituents, and as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Lee advanced committee report language to a government funding bill that seeks answers from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on the issue of profiling. The language states:

"The Committee is concerned that NHTSA may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act."

On behalf of the 70,000 riders in the Silver State and the 10 million bikers across this country, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, thanks Congresswoman Lee and her staff for meeting with, listening to and advocating for her constituents and the entire motorcycle community. Additional thanks to Russell and Fred for their tireless work to build and maintain these important relationships on Capitol Hill.



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COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND AND MOTORCYCLE FAN LORETTA LYNN HAS PASSED

Country Music Star and AMA Hall of Fame inductee Loretta Lynn died in her sleep on October 4, 2022, at her popular ranch and tourist destination in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, at age 90.

The Grammy Award winning singer rose to stardom in the music industry over six decades with hit singles like "Coal Miner's Daughter" and "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin'," but Ms. Lynn was also a long-time supporter of amateur motocross racing, and hosted the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship at her "Loretta Lynn Ranch & Family Campground" since 1982, personally inspiring many young riders, and was appropriately inducted into the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA) Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2021 for "opening her arms and ranch to countless motocross families."

ARIZONA LANE FILTERING LAW GOES INTO EFFECT

The new Arizona state law that allows lane-filtering for two-wheeled motorcycles under very specific circumstances officially went into effect on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

The Arizona state legislature passed bipartisan Senate Bill 1273 in March, signed into law March 24, 2022, by Governor Doug Ducey (R), and the bill does not allow "lane splitting," but rather "lane filtering" by motorcycles traveling between lanes of street traffic at a speed of 15 miles per hour or less. Three-wheeled vehicles, such as trikes or sidecars, are specifically not included in this change in the law.

S.B. 1273 was sponsored by Senator Tyler Pace (R-Mesa), who clarified that lane filtering and lane splitting are not the same thing. This new law now in effect will only allow for low-speed lane filtering in very specific situations, and it was crafted to resemble a similar lane filtering initiative that became law in Utah in 2019.

Lane splitting or filtering in some form are now allowed in Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Utah, while states including Connecticut, Oregon, Washington and Virginia have introduced or are considering such legislation

'NOISE' UNDER ATTACK IN CALIFORNIA

California Governor Gavin Newsom (D) has signed AB-2496 into law, to now require a certificate of compliance for a violation of noise limit requirements and certain modified exhausts, and putting a "Hold" on vehicle registrations if proof is not adequately provided in a timely manner

"AB-2496 creates a system in which, if you are cited for noise, you must provide certification to the court within 90 days of citation that your exhaust has been corrected to acceptable standards," wrote ABATE of California in a 'Call to Action' opposing the measure; going on to explain that; "However, there is no system to test and certify, thus you cannot get it. Further, IF you do not get it, your vehicle will NEVER be able to be registered in the State of California again. They want to remove us from the road."

The new law requires the court to inform the Department of Motor Vehicles if a certificate of compliance is not provided within 3 months of the violation date, treating this failure as noncompliance, and requiring the DMV, before renewing the registration of any vehicle, to check whether the court has issued a hold on the vehicle registration for a violation of the noise requirements and to refuse to renew the registration until it has received a notification from the court that a certificate of compliance has been issued.

These requirements would become operative on January 1, 2027.

FEDERAL BILL DEMANDS ANSWERS ON ANTI-BIKER PROFILING

Congresswoman Susie Lee (D-NV), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, has included language [House Report 117-402] demanding answers from NHTSA regarding anti-biker profiling into a government funding bill, H.R. 8294, which states;

"The Committee is concerned that NHTSA may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act."

Additionally, cosponsors are still being sought for H. Res 366 to prevent the discriminatory targeting of motorcyclists by law enforcement, similar to the anti-profiling resolution passed by the U.S. Senate in 2018. Meanwhile, the states of Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019), Idaho (2020) and New Hampshire (2022) have proactively passed laws to curb profiling.

E-BIKES MAY SOON BE AS COSTLY TO CHARGE AS ICE BIKES ARE TO REFUEL

Rising electricity costs are impacting public charging stations, leading to increased costs for charging electric bikes that could be higher than gasoline.

Historically, the comparatively low price of charging an electric vehicle versus fueling one fitted with an internal combustion engine (ICE) has meant that for those who can afford such vehicles, the switch from gas to electric transport has been a financially beneficial one.

However, as the price of energy continues to rise internationally, electric motorcycles could soon be more expensive to charge than combustion bikes cost to fill up.

Assuming the price of gasoline doesn't outpace the cost of electricity, a study summarized by VisorDown.com reports that costs per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity at 'rapid' charging stations in the U.K. have increased by 42% in the four months from May 2022 to September 2022; "That has led to charge costs per mile that are not far short of fill-up costs per mile."

Whatever the case, fueling or charging your motorcycle is only going to get more expensive, it would appear.

SAVE THE DATE - 2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX

Next year's 38th annual NCOM Convention is now scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of like-minded bikers' rights activists from across the country for a weekend of learning, sharing and camaraderie!

Concerned advocates from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders will gather together for the betterment of biking, with agenda items dealing with legal and legislative issues, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists as they are announced.

SELF-DRIVING CAR 'DRIVERS' GIVEN GREEN LIGHT TO WATCH VIDEOS

As world governments move towards a full rollout of self-driving cars on the roads, one rule is being introduced in the United Kingdom to allow 'drivers' to watch videos while the vehicle is in motion! After a consultation on the matter, the U.K. government is now set to allow those in control of self-driving cars to watch videos while driving down the road.

The changes came when the government updated the highway code earlier this year. At the time, it was done to consider the new autonomous technology and incorporate it into the rules of the road, but this new rule could cause vulnerable road users to be put at risk. It concerns watching content that is not related to the vehicle (films, TV, music videos, social media, and emails) on the vehicle's built-in display screens built into the cockpit. These are generally used to change the settings of the car, relay information to the driver, or provide navigation assistance, though many can now be set to display videos via internal or external storage devices, with some being able to surf the Internet either through 5G or Wi-Fi.

The move will likely strike fear into the hearts of vulnerable road users, such as motorcyclists, as it's already been widely reported that many self-driving cars do miss "seeing" us in some circumstances. At this time, autonomous car manufacturers claim that the liability lies with the driver of the vehicle to spot the danger and take back control of the vehicle, so how badly is an operator's concentration and reaction time impacted by watching a movie, or playing a game?

BMW just announced AirConsole to allow owners to play both single- and multiplayer videogames from the comfort of the driver's seat to "make every waiting situation in the vehicle an entertaining experience."

'WALKING DEAD' STAR JOINS 'THE BIKERIDERS' CAST, JAX RETURNS FROM THE DEAD

For your Moto-tainment pleasure, Hollywood sources report that "The Walking Dead" star Norman Reedus has become the latest celebrity to join the cast of "The Bikeriders," a fictional film inspired by the photography of Danny Lyon and his 1967 book of the same name and follows the rise of a fictional Midwestern motorcycle club. Seen through the lives of the members, the club evolves over the course of the decade from a gathering place for local outsiders into a more 'sinister gang'.

The biker theme is fitting for Reedus, a longtime rider whose 'TWD' character Daryl Dixon is known for riding a motorcycle across the show's 11 seasons. The 53-year-old actor also hosts the travel series "Ride with Norman Reedus" as he hits the open road to explore biker culture.

In other 'Dead' News, Charlie Hunnam has reportedly hinted at resurrecting his Jax Teller character, who died in the final episode of "Sons of Anarchy," for a redux role.



MRF State Rep Report

"Earlier this week, our country voted for new leadership. I am committed to heeding our constituents' concerns and getting our nation back on track, starting with the operations and management of the House of Representatives itself. As such, beginning on January 3, 2023, the People's House must once again be open to the American public."

– Kevin McCarthy

The elections are finally over. They can start picking up the yard signs and putting them away until next election cycle (which will start up again sooner than you think). There will be some new faces in office, both in Washington DC and here at home in Tennessee. There are also a lot of familiar names returning to office.

Do you know who your federal and state senators and representatives are? Do you know their positions on the issues that affect motorcyclists? And more importantly, do they know YOUR opinions on those issues?

We all want our representatives to support our desired legislation, but they cannot do that if they do not understand what issues are important to you.

This is a good time to introduce yourself to the new faces, as well as to re-acquaint yourself with the ones that have been there for a while. As they settle into a new office and the beginning of a new legislative session, they may be looking for resources that they can rely on in the future. If they know that you are their local "expert" on things related to motorcycling, they may be more receptive to your thoughts and opinions on motorcycle-related legislation when it comes up.

A discussion with your representative can be beneficial even if you find that they will not support our positions, especially if they can explain why they feel the way they do. Our future discussions to convince them to support our legislation may be quite a bit different if they are concerned about any potential cost to TennCare from un-helmeted riders than if they won't support helmet choice because someone close to them may have died in a motorcycle wreck.

As Kevin McCarthy notes in the quote above, your representatives should be *"committed to heeding our constituents' concerns"*. Make sure your representatives know what your concerns are. That is one of the most critical steps in ensuring your right to...

...Ride Free,
-- Ed

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CMT/ABATE, Inc. is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, political organization that was formed to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to modify existing laws that are detrimental to motorcycle safety and enjoyment, and to enact new legislation in support of all motorcyclists who ride in Tennessee. If you are concerned about preserving personal freedom and motorcycle safety, please join us.



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Gang, Club and Other Language - Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, and associate when referring to motorcyclists.

Taxes - Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation.

2023 MONITOR ITEMS:

Distracted Driving - Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

Sound Testing - Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing or EPA action.

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

National Studies - Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles

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

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

Tolling - Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds and issues related to congestion tolling.

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.

Emissions - Monitor and report on any litigation related to motorcycle emissions violations.

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

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

2023 Federal Legislative Agenda

November 1, 2022

At the 2022 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) 38th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa a legislative strategy session was hosted by the MRF's Legislative Committee. The purpose of the session was to establish and prioritize the MRF's 2023 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.

Below is a brief description of the issues on the MRF's 2023 agenda. The January 2023 issue of the American Biker Journal will have more detail on each of these legislative priorities. As a reminder, all MRF members receive a copy of the American Biker Journal with their membership.

If you aren't a MRF member, [click here to join \(mrf.org/join-the-mrf/\)](https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/) and support freedom and safety for street motorcyclists in Washington, D.C.

The 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Priorities List **HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:**

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) including supporting the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10% ethanol by volume.

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

Emission Regulations - Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including efforts by California and other states that endangers the future of motorcycling

Definition of a Motorcycle - Seek a more appropriate and up to date federal definition of a motorcycle which reflects the current set of vehicles on the roads today.

Crash Avoidance - Promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

Helmet Laws - Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity standards

Black Box / 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 to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Internal Combustion Engines - Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.

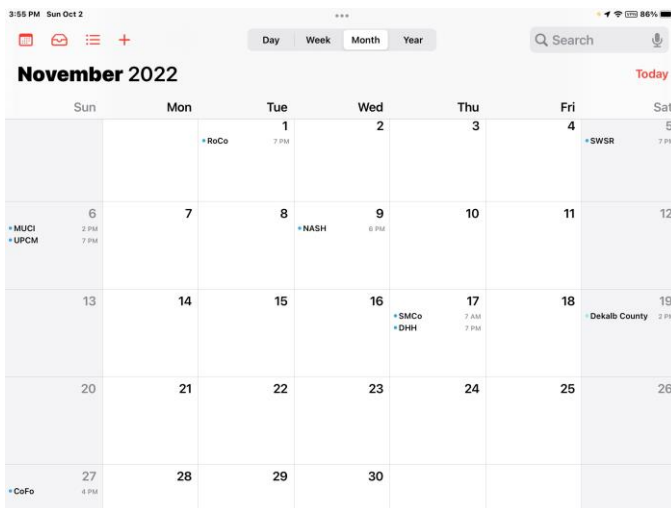
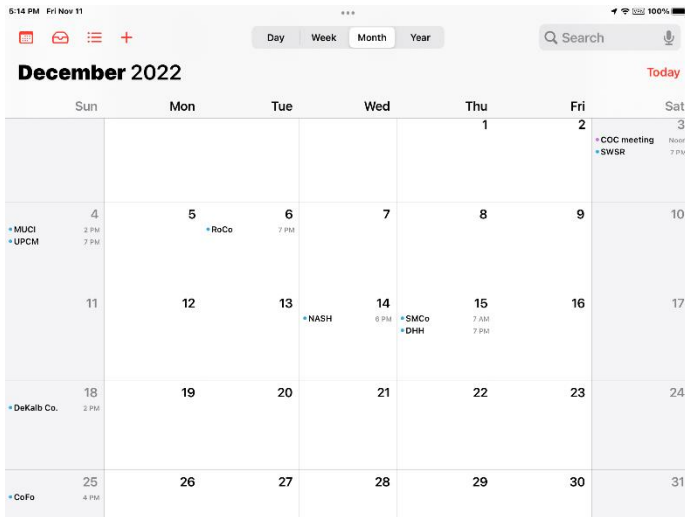
2023 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill) - Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026).

Roadway Design - Pursue safer roadway design strategies in federal infrastructure legislation or discussions.

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

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



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Avoiding common motorbike collisions

#1

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Many bikes simply aren't seen – can you stop if the car pulls across your path?



Avoiding common motorbike collisions

#2

Passing a line of traffic

Cars or vans in queues sometimes pull out suddenly, looking for a quicker route.



Expect the unexpected, like a sudden U-turn particularly in queuing traffic.



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Avoiding common motorbike collisions

#4

Getting it wrong on a bend

Too fast into a left hand bend will throw you into the path of oncoming traffic.



Select the right speed, gear – and your line – well BEFORE a bend.



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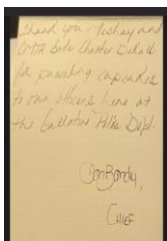


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Robertson County, Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pit in Springfield at 7:00pm. Roland thanked everyone for coming. Join us for the Toy Run on December 3rd at Douglas Shell on Hwy 431 & Hwy 257. Kickstands are up at 1:00pm. The New Year Kick-Off Party will be on January 21, 2023 at the Clarion Hotel Nashville. Rooms will be \$169.00 plus taxes. Please book your reservations before Dec. 20, 2022 for the discounted price. Everyone please stay safe and healthy. Hope to see everyone soon. Thanks!

I want to send him these pictures so that they could be added to the newsletter we received a thank you note from the cheaper place where we donated all the left over cupcakes that were not sold at the outlaws swap meet they sent us a very nice note to the " **CMT DeKalb county**



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Sumner County The Sumner Charter met Oct 27 @ the VFW in Hendersonville with ten attendees. After Becky Foss opened with The Pledge, she introduced a new member to the group. Join us in welcoming Valerie to the Sumner Charter.

Jeff Hollins provided updates and confirmed the January 21 date for the Membership Party in Nashville. Remember the hotel will offer discounted rates, but only available first come, first serve. The State Rodeo at the Jackson County Fairgrounds had a decent turnout along with several RODEO competitors getting in those final points for the year (photos submitted for newsletter). Congratulations to our Points Leaders!! Discussion on STR stats and a vacancy in our vendor position which will impact future large events. If you are interested in serving Abate as a volunteer, please contact Director Jeff Hollins. Planning for 2023 was a hot topic. Sumner wants to host a Swap Meet in the Spring and planning needs to start now. *Until next time . . . Lisa James, Secretary*



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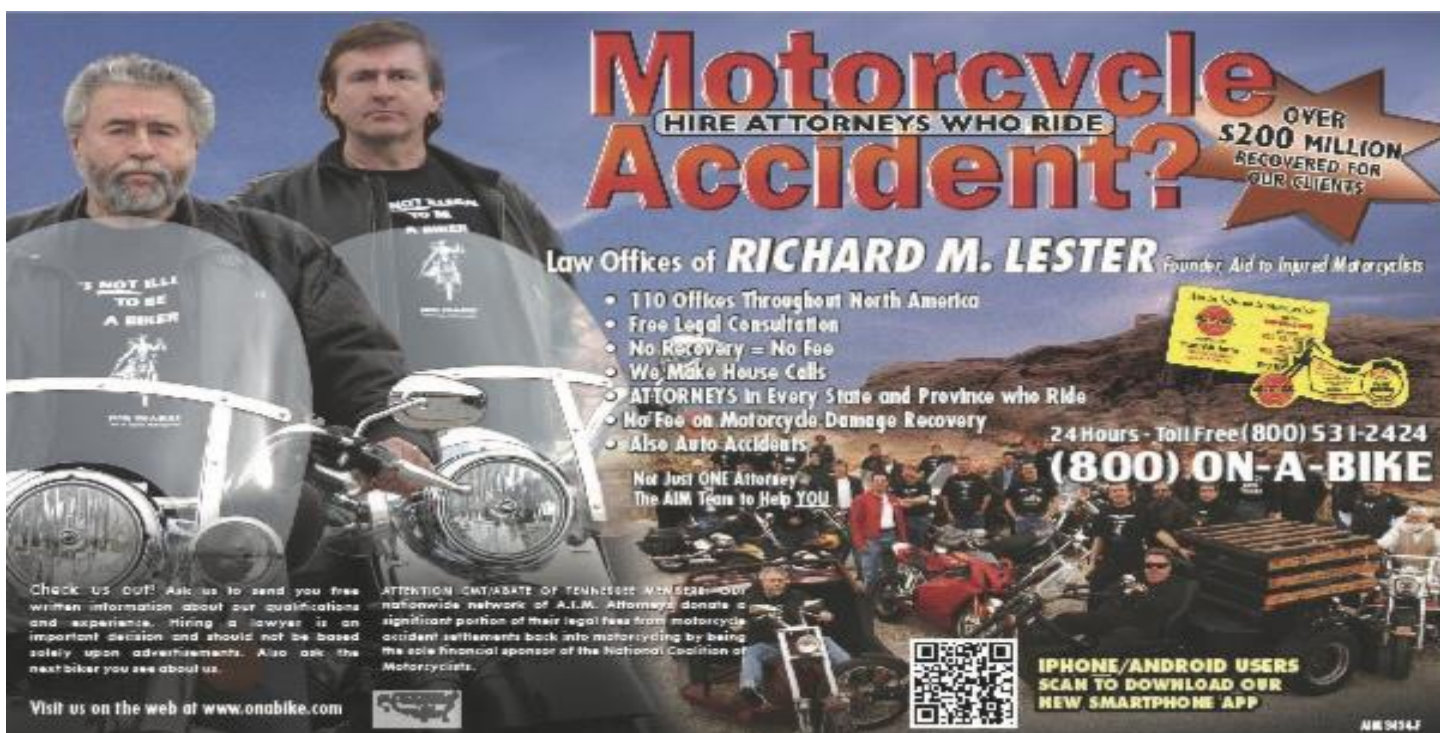
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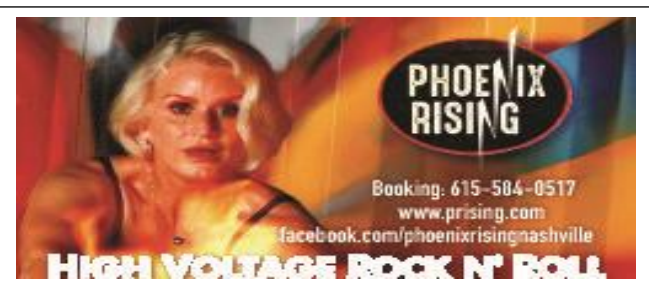
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Thanks to the DHH charter for coming to play. We had a successful event and a lot of fun. We also had Lady motorcycle operators compete for the 3rd rodeo in a row. Wow

Slow Race	Keg Roll	Ball & Cone	Weenie Bite	Final Rodeo Results
1st Beefy	1st Shaun	1 st Leon & Lynn	1 st David & Felecia	
2nd David	2nd Leon	2 nd Beefy & Mandy	2 nd Beefy & Mandy	
3rd Shaun	3rd Beefy	3 rd David & Felecia	3 rd Shaun & Lisa	



FINAL RODEO OF THE YEAR BY PARTICIPATING CHARTERS

I am open minded, Explain the LOUD stereo systems on motorcycles.

Discussion in 'The Perfect Line and Other Riding Myths' started by vecchio Lupo, Sep 22, 2022.

I'm not making fun of anyone, nor is it my intent to vilify a segment of our community. I have noticed that when I'm at a light, or sometimes in traffic, I'm subjected to another rider's taste in music, loudly, almost painfully loud. Now I am in SC, a non-helmet state so I almost get the open-air attraction, but I've always heard that helmets in addition to limiting your vision, impair your ability to hear what's going on around you. Not with these stereophonic traveling concerts, I know they can't hear anything besides the music.

I'm not a prude, although I do wear a helmet no matter the state law, I also have a pretty nice electronics package inside my helmet that talks to the phone, the gps, the Bluetooth audio and other riders, so I get the need for gadgetry. I ride with a Veterans Riding Club, and all of those guys blast music so loud I can hear it clearly inside my helmet even at moderate speeds, say 50mph if I'm close.

I just don't like to be forced to hear another bikes music; it is funny when a group all play different music it's like a radio stuck on scan. Lastly, yes, many cars do the same, why do I need to listen to Lizzo when you pump gas? it's just as rude, but somehow it feels worse from the bikes.....

I'm open to understanding the phenom, it's not that big a deal as far as deals go.

38th MEETING OF THE MINDS' SEPT 22-35, 2022

DES MOINES IOWA

Attended & Reported by Carol A Simpson, CMT/ABATE, Inc Lifetime Member

First and foremost-thank you to the board of directors for voting to reimburse my expenses for MOTM. Riding on super cheap Allegiant Airlines and sharing hotel room with State Secretary of ABATE of Maryland, Linda Wainer, made staying in the budget possible. THANK YOU to all who made this possible.

Freedom fighters from nearly 30 states attended this year's conference. The theme was

"Our Liberties we prize and our Rights we will Maintain"

is also the State Motto of the State of Iowa. Other quotes woven into the fiber of the event were:

"Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose." -- Kris Kristofferson,

"Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty"- attributed to Thomas Jefferson

"Those who expect to reap the blessing of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." -- Thomas Jefferson

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." --George Bernard Shaw

So the tone was set and the workshops were presented by our own people-motorcyclists, MRF Members, Harley Davidson Government Affairs Director, State Motorcycle Rights Organizations, Motorcycle Club leaders, Motorcycle Injury Attorneys and the MRF Washington DC lobbyist.

The focus issues were the upcoming federal intention of mandating all motorcycles manufactured after 2035 being ONLY ELECTRIC!! ---State of the Safety Training Programs in the states---Panel discussion "Earning Respect and How to Hold on to it" ---Principles of Leadership---PAC and You---Aging Demographics--and the crown jewel of the event, in my opinion, an hour-long Recollection and Commentary by "Chopper" Charlie Gilmore.... the story of his service in Viet Nam and what we must always remember titled THE PRICE OF FREEDOM. There wasn't a dry eye in the room & all fellow freedom fighters who registered for the conference were in the room.

When invited, I will share more details of these workshops and general sessions meeting at the Board of Directors' Meeting of CMT/ABATE, Inc., any and all charter or group gatherings.

Many clubs and other motorcycling organizations were well represented at the conference. Awesome to see the interactions and participate in lively conversations about Motorcyclists Rights.

Fellow Americans, we are guaranteed Freedom by our Higher Power, in the US Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence. Unless we diligently apply responsibility to this Freedom, we will not achieve and enjoy LIBERTY.

Next year's Meeting of the Minds will be in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I urge all of our members and supporters to consider attending. It would be great to have 10 people there from Tennessee in 2023.

Again, thank you for your support in helping to make my attendance possible.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: : "I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion."

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