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Charter Contacts Meeting times.

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	Wiggles1202@yahoo.com	
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	jdj32k@yahoo.com	
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Dekalb County	Meashy Reece 615-926-9165	3rd Sunday @ 2:00pm Watertown
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Director's Column

Welcome Riders , The June BOD. Will be held at the Elks Lodge. 242 Airport Rd Gallatin TN. At 1:00 pm. Looking forward to all Charters being there. September BOD will be held at the Liberty Rally on the 10th.

There are several positions that are available to be filled. If you're excited about motorcycle rights. Jump on board. Congrats to Nebraska to achieving freedom of choice. That's what can be achieved when we band together for a unified cause. The choice belong to the people and when we stand alone, we fail. That's all I have for now. We'll see y'all soon.

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Let Those Who Ride Decide – State #33

On June 1st, Nebraska governor Jim Pillen signed into law a motorcycle helmet modification bill, which allows riders to choose if they wear a helmet. Congratulations to the motorcyclists in Nebraska, ABATE of Nebraska and all the groups in Nebraska who for years fought to have helmet choice in the Cornhusker State.

Nebraska State Senator Ben Hansen originally introduced the language, which was included in a larger transportation bill that passed the legislature at the end of May. Effective January 1, 2024, an individual age 21 and older, who has completed a certified motorcycle safety course may now choose whether or not to wear a helmet, provided the rider uses protective eye equipment.

In 2020, Missouri passed a helmet choice bill leaving Nebraska as the sole state in the Midwest that required all riders to wear a helmet. With this new law, Nebraska now joins its neighboring states and becomes the 33rd state allowing helmet choice.

For 34 years riders in Nebraska have sought the freedom to decide whether to wear a helmet. This victory is a testament to the handiwork, determination and passion of all those involved. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has long championed the belief that "those who ride should decide."

This message from "Rouge," State Coordinator for ABATE of Nebraska, Todd C. Miller should inspire us all. "It is hard to explain what this bill means to me. I was mentored and encouraged by so many. I am turning 60 and had the privilege to ride in this state prior to the mandatory helmet law enacted in 1989. Over the years, I have lost many friends, colleagues, brothers and freedom fighters who were on the frontlines of this fight. It is hard to encourage a group of young riders that have never ridden free in Nebraska, for us, that was anyone under the age of 50! So, in honor of all of those we have lost, I am very proud to say the next generation of riders will know what it means to ride free in this state. I pray they make memories, enjoy the ride here in Nebraska and become emboldened with the same desire I, and so many others, had to defend our rights in the years to come. We all know the fight is NOT over. I would like to Honor my Board of Directors/State Officers both past and present for sticking with the plan... and making it happen. My legislative officers over the years who helped keep us focused and get us there one step at a time, including Charles Thomas, Scott Lucey, Gary Neeman and my current Legislative Representative Randy Geer. Last and certainly not least, my wife and State Membership Secretary, Sheri Miller for all the late nights, weekends, and continued support.

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MOTORCYCLE TRAINING GRADUATES EXEMPTED FROM SKILLS TEST IN KENTUCKY

Senate Bill 60, a bipartisan bill introduced by Senator Brandon J. Storm (R-D21 London) was signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear (D) on March 17, 2023 "to exempt applicants for a motorcycle operator's license who have passed an approved motorcycle safety education courses from written and skills testing required under KRS 186.480."

Under this measure, passed unanimously 98-0 in the state senate, Kentucky now joins with many other states where rider training course graduates can obtain a waiver for the riding skill test and/or written knowledge test portion of their state's license exam requirements.

BIG-FOUR TO CONDUCT JOINT RESEARCH ON HYDROGEN MOTORCYCLES

Japan's Big Four motorcycle manufacturers will conduct research and development together, announcing a bold new plan to cooperatively develop hydrogen-powered motorcycle engines. Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and Yamaha executives all gathered at a Tokyo press conference on May 17 to announce the formation of HySE, which stands for "Hydrogen Small Mobility and Engine Technology."

HySE will pursue three main research and development areas, with responsibilities for each divided among the four OEMs as follows: Research on hydrogen-powered engines (Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, and Kawasaki Motors); Study on hydrogen refueling system (Yamaha); and Study on fuel supply system (Kawasaki Motors).

Clean "green" hydrogen is theoretically possible, though it's been prohibitively expensive to produce, but according to the US National Resources Defense Council, implementation of the massive hydrogen tax credit included in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 could be a game-changer in terms of clean hydrogen development incentivization for companies. MIC ADDS POPULAR "ADVENTURE BIKE" MARKET SEGMENT With the growing popularity of the adventure bike market segment, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has announced it will add a new category to its Retail Sales Report (RSR) for the first time in decades. The MIC Research & Statistics Department will divide the adventure and dual sport categories as specific types underneath the general dual heading in the April RSR.

As well, the MIC is looking for someone who understands electric vehicle technology, and is interested in government policy, to join the association staff and support the industry on EV issues, working with the MIC Government Relations Office on federal and state matters, including infrastructure, battery standards, aftermarket and dealer concerns, safety, public lands and charging availability. Resumes should go to HR@MIC.org

NHTSA REPORTS RISE IN MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a report showing an increase of motorcycle fatalities from 2020 to 2021, citing distraction, speeding and alcohol as key factors of these fatalities.

NHTSA reported that in 2021, motorcyclist fatalities were up 7.7% from the year before, totaling 5,932 motorcyclists and representing 14% of all traffic fatalities. This is the highest number of motorcyclists killed since 1975.

With May being Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) encourages all drivers to "Expect Us, See Us," and actively search for riders and stay focused on the road, as motorcycle and scooter riders are at greater risk of not being seen.

For all vehicle drivers on the road, distraction-affected crashes rose 12% from 2020 to 2021, while speeding-related fatalities increased by 7.9%, and alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities rose 14%. The number of alcohol-impaired riders involved in fatalities jumped 19% from 2020 to 2021, and NHTSA also reported that 29% of motorcyclists killed were under the influence.

"The NHTSA data may be from 2021, but distraction, speeding and driving or riding while under the influence continue to be problems today," says Rob Gladden, vice president of training operations for MSF. "However, these are all things we can change."

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY "FLAT" AS SALES SLIP

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has released their 2022 Motorcycle Statistical Annual, a comprehensive collection of data about the motorcycle business in America, featuring detailed information on vehicle population, owner demographics, product use, sales, market share, manufacturers, distributors and dealerships nationwide.

"While 2022 is pretty much flat compared to 2021 and 2020, it still is a significant increase from 2019," explains Buckner Nesheim, MIC Director of Research & Statistics. The industry's reference book has been updated and the data indicates 2022 sales of new motorcycles and scooters decreased by -3.5% over the previous year, while ATVs decreased -12.7%.

"When we compare 2022 to 2019 sales, off-highway is up +36%, on-highway is up +4%, and scooters are up +12%," notes Nesheim. "Dual sport (ADV) is a tremendous growth story. Sales in this category have increased every year since 2016 and more dual sport motorcycles were sold in 2022 than in any other year since we started collecting data in this category in 1990."

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!



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MRF State Rep Report

I have been the MRF Rep for Tennessee for nearly 8 years, and I guess it's time to ask the question: "am I fulfilling the function that you, the members of CMT/ABATE, need from me?". It's not that I don't think I'm doing a good job, but I don't seem to get very much feedback and there's always room for improvement. If you've got some thoughts about the role of the MRF Rep, please feel free to discuss them with me.

The job of the MRF Representative consists of three primary functions:

The first responsibility is to act as the face of the MRF to the bikers of Tennessee. The MRF Rep must communicate what the MRF is and what the MRF is doing and explain the actions taking place in federal legislation. This is done though these monthly newsletter articles, reporting at meetings (CMT/ABATE Board meetings, charter meetings and COC meetings), and issuing updates by Facebook or email. Are YOU getting the information you need on the MRF and federal legislative issues from me?

Another part of this role is to be the voice of Tennessee motorcyclists at the MRF. The MRF needs your input to be sure they are addressing the issues that are truly important to you. Part of this is setting the legislative agenda at the Meeting of the Minds, where CMT/ABATE has a vote on what the MRF will work on over the next year. The MRF can also provide information and advice to help with addressing issues here in Tennessee and the role of the MRF Rep is to be sure the MRF knows what we are doing here and how they may be able to help us. Have YOU communicated your concerns about federal legislation to ensure they are being addressed?

A very important part of the MRF Rep's role is to promote membership in the MRF. Membership growth is critical to any organization, but even more so to one that is trying to influence legislators. The more members (VOTERS) that we have, the more influence we have. Are YOU a member of the MRF? Is your charter or club an MRF sustaining member? If your ability to ride what you want, where you want, when you want and how you want, is important to you, then stand together with us and join and be active in both CMT/ABATE and the MRF. Together we can work on both the state & local level and nationally in Washington DC, to protect your right to...

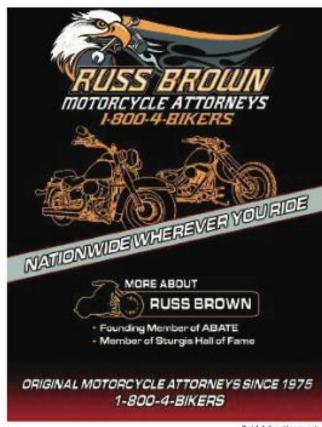
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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, pictures etc. to cmtabate@icloud.com That being said, I am BIG on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

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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2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education Young Activist Scholarship Applications Are Now Open

Each year the MRFA&E seeks young people, under 30 years of age, who are active in their local SSMROs to apply for our Young Activist Scholarship Award. Among the rewards, successful applicants will receive a trip to the 2023 MRF Meeting of the Minds including airfare, hotel room, and a one-year membership to the MRF. Is there a deserving candidate in your organization? If so, encourage them to apply. The application form and related requirements can be found at www.mrfae.org. Go to the headings under Young Activist Scholarship. Applications must be completed and mailed by July 1st, 2023.

Baker's Dozen Fight for Bikers

May 25, 2023

On Tuesday, 13 members of the House of Representatives sent a bipartisan letter to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary of Pete Buttigieg seeking the formation of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC). As you may remember, the MAC was first established by Congress in 2015 and renewed with passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in 2021.

Unfortunately, despite the requirement that the MAC be established within 90 days after the law is passed, DOT has failed to act. In the past, the MAC has provided a critical forum for policy makers, roadway engineers, and motorcyclists to discuss ways roadway and barrier design, construction and maintenance practices and intelligent transportation systems can better meet the safety needs of the nearly 9 million motorcyclists in this country.

One important part of the reestablished MAC, as outlined in the text of the law, is the expansion of membership seats. The inclusion of manufacturers, motorcyclist rights organizations and safety professionals will provide for a more expansive knowledge base and information sharing on the council. As prescribed in the law, the MAC will be required to submit biennial reports on their findings.

Establishment of the MAC was one of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's priorities during the recent Bikers Inside the Beltway event in D.C. Thank you to Rep. Gallagher for leading the letter and to the 12 other lawmakers listed below for supporting our efforts to seat the MAC.

Rep. Gallagher (WI)

Rep. Carsen (IN)

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Rep. Fitzgerald (WI)

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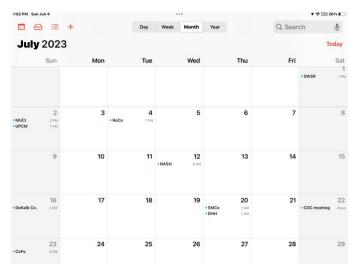
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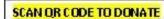
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Upper Cumberland, meeting had 3 members so we didn't have a quorum. We discussed the upcoming events and I told the new dates for the Liberty Rally and BOD meeting to be held on Sunday following the Rally. September 8,9,10. Ride safe and free. Lynn "Angeldoll " Greenwood.

Music City, Shaun called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

7 members in attendance. Glenn gave update on STR information

Dekalb County, Yes I'm going to give a short. Summary as you already know my meetings are at the end of the month so I can update them month. (have been working on a benefit donation ride that we being in March) dates, places and stops have had to be changed a few times so this has delayed this event from occurring along with the recipient has asked for the date to be changed due to major health issues. meashy

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Sumner County, 5/18/2023. Our first swap meet was a financial success. Despite the bad weather, we had a good turnout and was quite profitable event for Sumner County. Ticket sales for entry good and we made money on the beverage sales too. Save the Date: Swap meet 2024 set for April 21 at Triple Creek Park in Gallatin. August 5 is the date for the Dickson Humphries County Rodeo. Liberty Rally is rescheduled to September 8, 9, 10 to coincide with state board meeting set for September 10. The games will be set at 2 pm on Saturday. STR discussion and tickets were available for sale. As part of the STR Committee, Johann Forbis is reaching out to Vendors to support the event. Becky Foss is reaching out to portable potty's vendors and other sales vendors too. Sponsorship forms are circulating. Discussion with Johann, our Robertson county rep, about coordinating another Memory Ride with the target for October. Stay tuned as planning starts to kick off. We had 12 regular members present and several guests also joined our meeting. Guests this month were Tommy and Johann, Grego and Maxi.

Until next time....Lisa James

Sumner Charter meeting on Feb 16 @ the Hendersonville VFW was kicked off in the traditional manner with The Pledge. We meet the 3rd Thursday every month. Most Sumner members attended the January party and enjoyed good food, music and dancing. The group discussions were led by Kevin Black on the Swap Meet Plans for April 16 @ Triple Creek Park in Gallatin which is FREE to vendors (share flyer below) – come join us!! Find the flyer on the CMT Facebook page. Until next time . . . Lisa James, Secretary

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As always read your owner's manual, know what you are putting in your bike, and be an educated consumer.

To read more about the decision click here

AORA WOULD EXPAND MOTORIZED RECREATION

The American Outdoor Recreation Act has been introduced in Congress to expand motorized recreational opportunities, and the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) urges you to "Take Action!" and ask your U.S. Senators to support the AORA, S. 873.

"Enjoying time in the great outdoors is not only fun, but it's beneficial to a person's mental and physical health," according to SEMA. "Outdoor recreational activities are also a key economic driver in communities across the U.S., employing over 4.5 million Americans."

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) is committed to expanding motorized recreational access on government lands, so "tell your U.S. Senators they need to expand motorized recreational opportunities by supporting the American Outdoor Recreation Act."

NCOM CONVENTION RISES IN PHOENIX

"COMING TOGETHER" WELCOMED AT NCOM CONVENTION

"My goal is to strengthen the organization in a positive way to achieve our legislative goals," announced Charlie Boone of the Concerned Bikers Association (CBA/ABATE of North Carolina) in accepting the post of Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors. Boone has been instrumental to the CBA for over three decades, and has served for several years as Region VI (AL FL GA NC SC) representative on the board of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), who added "A huge THANK YOU to outgoing Chairman Doc Reichenbach" (ABATE of Florida) for his many years of service to the organization."

NCOM also welcomes Ed Schetter, Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio as Chairman of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, replacing retiring chairman Frank Ernst of ABATE of Minnesota.

Both join Joseph Lester, Executive Director of NCOM, in extending a welcoming hand to all motorcyclists and every motorcycle organization to join together during the upcoming NCOM Convention in Phoenix, Arizona over Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023.

"NCOM is a coming together of a broad range of biker groups & individuals, who have similar goals of protecting their rights to ride their motorcycles with as minimal intrusion from the government as possible," said Lester, whose father attorney Richard M. Lester founded NCOM nearly forty years ago to promote communication between various groups and form an umbrella organization representing diverse clubs and organizations that share common interests.

"NCOM does its work by the monetary and legal help of the AIM Attorneys across the country, so there is no money or dues required for groups to join NCOM," explains 'Joey' Lester. "I believe the future we want can only be achieved by working with other biker groups and truly believe unity of purpose and direction will achieve the best results."

In the past this has not been the case, but putting the past in past and moving forward, NCOM is encouraging representation from groups such as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), "which has been doing an incredible job on the National Legislative front," and the Council of Clubs along with the Motorcycle Profiling Project recognized "for helping state groups in getting anti-profiling laws adopted locally and nationally," to attend a "Coming Together" at this year's 38th annual NCOM Convention.

"NCOM looks forward to working with and supports all these highly successful biker groups in any way we can, and not in competition, as we fight together for bikers' rights legally and legislatively," concludes Lester in a call for unity and cooperation going forward.

For more information on the NCOM Convention, or to register, visit <u>www.on-a-bike.com</u> or call (800) 525-5355. For hotel reservations, contact the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe at (480) 967-1441.

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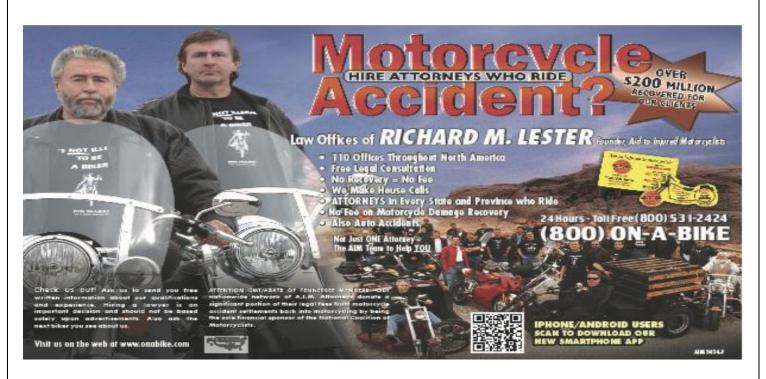
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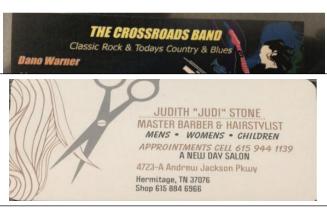
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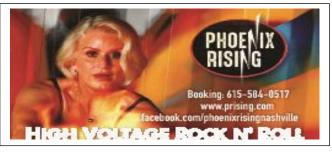
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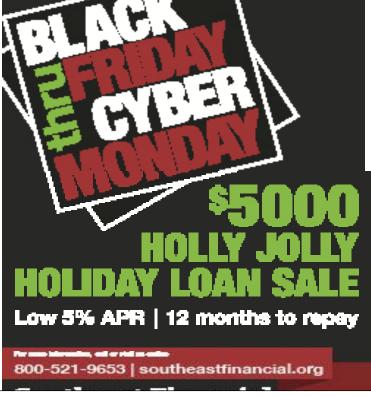
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