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Director's Column

Welcome Riders As we all know, May motorcycle Awareness month. So, we all must be careful out there and watch the Traffic. Riding events are firing up for the summer so lets all have fun. 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. That's all I have for now. We'll see y'all soon.

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MSF CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF TRAINING RIDERS

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) will celebrate 50 years of providing rider education and training this year. To celebrate, the MSF Communications team has been collecting stories from a diverse group of people with a wide variety of motorcycling backgrounds: new riders, longtime riders, Rider Coaches, influencers, members of the media and families will all share their stories on the MIC website.

LANE SPLITTING BILL FILTERS THROUGH OREGON LEGISLATURE

Beaver State lawmakers are taking another crack at letting motorcyclists travel between lanes in slow or stopped traffic, two years after then-Gov. Kate Brown unexpectedly vetoed a similar bill. Senate Bill 422 recently passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support by a 27-2 vote. It now heads to the House, where representatives in both parties have signed on as sponsors.

If passed, motorcyclists would be able to travel between lanes on multi-lane highways with a speed limit of at least 50 mph, but only when traffic has slowed to 10 mph or less. Motorcyclists riding between cars could travel no more than 10 mph faster than the flow of traffic.

Motorcyclists argue the policy can improve traffic congestion and leaves them less vulnerable to being rear-ended by inattentive drivers.

If the bill makes it through the Senate and receives gubernatorial approval, Oregon would join four other western states in endorsing some form of the practice, which is known as lane splitting, lane sharing or lane filtering, depending on the exact details of the behavior allowed.

California currently allows lane splitting under different circumstances than Oregon's proposed law, as does Montana. Utah allows a similar concept called "filtering" when traffic is stopped at an intersection. A policy in Arizona took effect in September.

Neighboring Washington does not allow the practice, though is currently considering such legislation (HB 1063). One frequently cited study from the University of California Berkeley concluded that lane splitting can be safe under certain conditions.



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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,

US & EU PUSH IMMINENT DEMISE OF FOSSIL FUEL VEHICLES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed sweeping emissions cuts for new cars and trucks through 2032, a move it says could mean two out of every three new vehicles automakers sell will be electric within a decade.

The EPA proposal, if finalized, represents the most aggressive U.S. vehicle emissions reduction plan to date, with automakers forecast to produce 60% EVs by 2030 and 67% by 2032 to meet requirements - compared with just 5.8% of U.S. vehicles sold in 2022 that were EVs.

John Bozzella, CEO of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation representing General Motors, Volkswagen, Toyota and others, told Reuters that "factors outside the vehicle, like charging infrastructure, supply chains, grid resiliency, the availability of low carbon fuels and critical minerals will determine whether EPA standards at these levels are achievable."

EPA Administrator Michael Regan declined to endorse setting a date to end the sale of new gasoline-powered vehicles and emphasized that the current proposal is a "performance-based standard" and not an EV mandate.

Taking an even stricter approach, abroad, the European Parliament has formally approved a law to effectively ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in the European Union from 2035, aiming to speed up the switch to electric vehicles and combat climate change.

The landmark rules will require that by 2035 carmakers must achieve a 100% cut in CO2 emissions from new cars sold, which would make it impossible to sell new fossil fuel-powered vehicles in the 27-country bloc.

Meanwhile, back in the states, U.S. Representative John Joyce (R-PA) along with more than sixty cosponsors has introduced House Resolution 1435 "To amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines."

Titled the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," H.R. 1435 is designed to protect Americans' right to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles.

CALIFORNIA BILL WOULD LIFT BANS ON CRUISING

Assemblyman David Alvarez (D-San Diego) has introduced Assembly Bill 436 to repeal the ban on cruising statewide and prohibit local authorities from stopping drivers from cruising and driving cars that have been modified to be of a certain height.

Cruising became popularized nationally after the release of breakout film "American Graffiti" in 1973, a coming-of-age comedy-drama set in 1960s Modesto, but cities across California (and elsewhere) began to enact bans on cruising in automobiles [and motorcycles] starting in the 1970s during the oil embargo. In 1982, the California Legislature authorized cities to pass ordinances prohibiting cruising, declaring "the cruising of vehicles in business areas of cities and communities in this state for the purpose of socializing and assembling interferes with the conduct of business, wasted precious energy, resources, impedes the progress of general traffic and emergency vehicles, and promotes the generation of local concentrations of air pollution and undesirable noise levels." AB 436 would remove the authorization for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding cruising. This current effort follows a resolution unanimously approved by the State Legislature last year (ACR 176) encouraging cities to repeal their bans and recognizes that cruising holds cultural significance for many communities.

HAWAII CONSIDERS 'RIDE ON RED' LEGISLATION

A new bill in the Aloha State could allow riders to go on red lights during certain hours, as House Bill 1319 aims to solve the problem of motorcyclists being stranded at red lights that don't detect their presence.

"If you don't have enough metal, sometimes you won't be detected because the loops work on electromagnetic fields which is broken by metal," according to Hawaii Department of Transportation engineering program manager Bryan Kimura. HB 1319 "Allows operators of bicycles, motorcycles, and mopeds to proceed through an intersection on a steady red signal during certain hours (11 p.m.-5 a.m.) if the traffic signal is controlled by a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size or composition of the bicycle, motorcycle, or moped." Hawaii already allows "shoulder surfing" for motorcyclists, which is considered an alternative to lane splitting on their narrower roads. Over 20 states have enacted "dead red" or "ride on red" laws that give motorcyclists and bicyclists an affirmative defense to proceed through a red light with caution after stopping when they are not detected by the traffic light controller, though each state is different and has its own unique rules about the time period.

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

It seems that we are continuously fighting off some kind of legislative foolishness that threatens to screw up our love of riding motorcycles. We've had some successes over the years, both in stopping negative legislation and in promoting bills that are beneficial to motorcyclists. Think back to the proposed superbike bans of the '80's, the federal helmet law blackmail effort of the '90's, stopping insurance companies from dropping your health insurance simply because you rode a motorcycle in the 2000's, ending federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints in the 2010's, and most recently passing our anti-profiling resolution in the House this past December. (A full list of MRF accomplishments can be found at: https://mrf.org/accomplishments/)

Perhaps the biggest threat to our lifestyle in recent years is the current push for electric vehicles (EVs) and the growing trend to ban internal combustion (gasoline & diesel) engines. I've got nothing against electric vehicles, either for automobiles or motorcycles...in the right situation. But they won't fit the role that I need filled by either my pickup or my motorcycle. The range is not adequate for my needs, recharging facilities are far to limited and to slow, and I don't even want to think about the cost. On top of that, the perceived environmental benefits are...suspect, at best. EVs may have a definite place in the future of transportation, but I do not believe that they are the ultimate solution that many people seem to think they are. There will continue to be a need for the longer range and ease/quickness of refueling offered by gasoline & diesel powered engines.

But try explaining all that to the current administration! They just keep pushing the electric vehicle story. That's fine...for those people that an EV will satisfy. For others of us, an EV just won't work. Electric Vehicles should be an OPTION for those that want one, and internal combustion engines should remain available for those of us that prefer the advantages of that type of vehicle. But there is a movement to take away that option, and force EVs on all of us. We need your help in combatting these efforts. H.R. 1435 is the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" and will help ensure that internal combustion engines remain available for those who want them. Contact your US Representative and ask them to support H.R. 1435. At times like this, we need all the support that we can get, and your membership in the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is a very important source of support. Please join the MRF at https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/ to be part of our battle to ensure that you can choose the type of vehicle to want to dive and ride, and help ensure your ability to...

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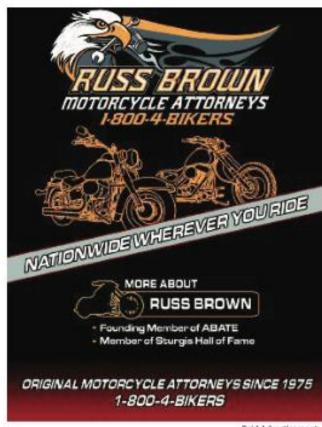
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CMT/ABATE, Inc. is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, political organization that was formed to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to modify existing laws that are detrimental to motorcycle 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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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.

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FACIAL RECOGNITION COMING TO MOTORCYCLES

With AI in the mainstream news lately, and new technologies integrating into our daily lives, it should come as no surprise that BMW is now the first motorcycle manufacturer in the world to incorporate facial recognition software that makes the traditional ignition key superfluous.

Billed as anti-theft technology, BMW's iFace system utilizes infrared to map the rider's facial features, builds a virtual model of the user's face in three dimensions, and should someone else attempt to steal your BMW, iFace will send a distress message to eCall electronic emergency service and BMW Motorrad Call Centre.

Further, to help identify the thief, the scan data is sent to a central international database of criminals for identification. We don't recommend you use this feature if you have any outstanding warrants.

The system is set to be unveiled to the public at an autumn 2023 motorcycle show, and it'll only be available on BMW's Boxer-engined bikes.

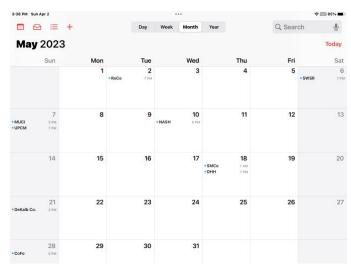
POLICE DRONES ZERO IN ON MOTORCYCLE ROAD SAFETY

New police drones are being trialed in the U.K. to try and reduce road accidents, with a particular focus put on motorcyclists. The RAC reports that the drones will be able to be used to track a vehicle's speed, and record any incidents. Video captured from the drone can then be used against offending road users. Additionally, the drones are reportedly able to check the insurance, MOT, and road tax status of a car or motorcycle, and even track stolen vehicles.

Recording of a vehicle can be done by a drone up to four miles away, and the project is a part of the Police's "Vision Zero" initiative, which aims to improve road safety by totally eradicate injuries and deaths from road traffic collisions and crashes.

It seems that there is a particular focus on motorcyclists, as Inspector Colin Harper from the drone team described the use of the drones as "innovative" and added: "At present, our focus is on motorcyclists, who are at highest-risk according to our data, particularly at this time of year when more riders will be venturing out again after the winter."





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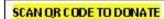
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Upper Cumberland, meeting had 3 members so we didn't have a quorum. We discussed the upcoming events and I told the new dates for the Liberty Rally and BOD meeting to be held on Sunday following the Rally. September 8,9,10. Ride safe and free. Lynn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

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

7 members in attendance. Glenn gave update on STR information

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been updated and is now in place @ Red River Canoe campground. Tickets are being printed and will be available very soon. Fruitcake mentioned that May is motorcycle awareness month. On a sad note, our dear friend (Terry Brown) aka Webby's health condition has gotten worse. Please keep him in your prayers! There was a celebration of life Saturday May 13th for everyone to visit with him. Liberty Rally is now September 8th and 9th 2023 at the newly renovated Jackson County Fairgrounds. 50/50 drawing was won by Lisa. She donated it to the charter. Motion to adjourn was made by

Y'all stay safe out there. Sharon "CRASH" Stout

Glenn, 2nd by Shaun, motion

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H.R. 1435 the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act"

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Across the country a battle is underway between those that want to end the availability of combustion engines, and those fighting to protect their survival. While states like California and Massachusetts are setting timelines for purchase bans on internal combustion engines, other states like New Hampshire and Wisconsin are pushing back.



The Biden Administration recently rolled out plans shifting this country to a majority electric vehicle market over the next ten years. Republicans in Congress have responded. In March, Rep. John Joyce of Pennsylvania introduced H.R. 1435 the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act." H.R. 1435 would amend the Clean Air Act to prevent a ban on the sale of internal combustion engines, effectively trumping any state law that outlaws their sale.

Now is the time to have your voice heard. Let Congress know you support the right to choose the type of engine you buy.

Click here to contact your Member of the House of Representatives and ask them to support H.R. 1435. or go to: https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/

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WORLD'S LARGEST CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE SHOW A HUGE HIT

"The Success of Motor Bike Expo 2023 Will Be Remembered," say organizers of the 'world's largest custom motorcycle show' reporting an attendance of 160,000 people and showcasing 720 companies from 35 different countries spread out over 100,000 square meters of indoor/outdoor exhibition space!

This homage to our industry also used 7 pavilions, 5 outdoor areas, and hosted breathtaking shows with "hundreds of demo rides, more than 100 scheduled events and more than 3,000 motorbikes on display."

Motor Bike Expo is "a trade fair that focuses on motorcyclists and the use of motorcycle components, accessories, clothing [and more]," held annually in Verona, Italy.

NCOM CONVENTION RISES IN PHOENIX

The 38th annual NCOM Convention is coming soon, so plan now on being part of one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in the world. To be held over Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, located at 2100 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe, Arizona, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) welcomes all motorcyclists to the "Valley of the Sun" for a convention of ideas on how to address issues of common concern.

Concerned riders are encouraged to attend and participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road. Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

Be sure to reserve your hotel room now by calling (480) 967-1441, and mention NCOM for our Special Room Rate. Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$110 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only, and you can preregister online at www.ON-A-BIKE.com or by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) at (800) 525-535

EU LAWMAKERS APPROVE 2035 BAN ON NEW FOSSIL FUEL VEHICLES

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The landmark rules will require that by 2035 carmakers must achieve a 100% cut in CO2 emissions from new cars sold, which would make it impossible to sell new fossil fuel-powered vehicles in the 27-country bloc.

EU countries agreed to the deal with lawmakers last October, but still need to formally rubber stamp the rules before they can take effect. Final approval is expected soon.

The car CO2 law is part a broader package of tougher EU climate policies, designed to deliver the bloc's targets to slash greenhouse gas emissions this decade.

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Do you know a business that could benefit from some affordable advertising to motorcycle enthusiasts each month? Tell them about our newsletter.

Full Page—\$130/mo. Half Page—\$70/mo.

Quarter page— \$45/mo.

Business Card—\$20/mo.

If interested, please contact the CMT/ABATE office at www.cmtabate@icloud.com or call (615) 566-9936. Deadline is the 10th of the month for the

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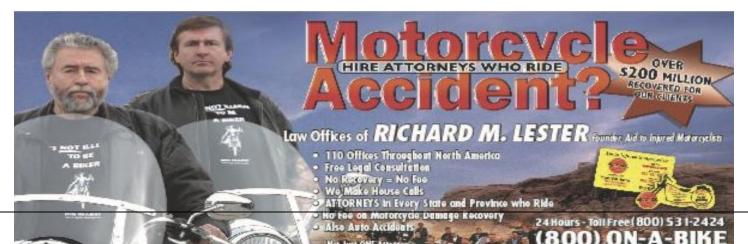
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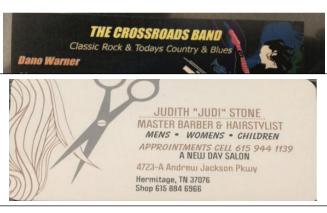
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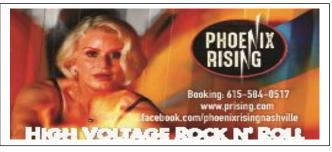
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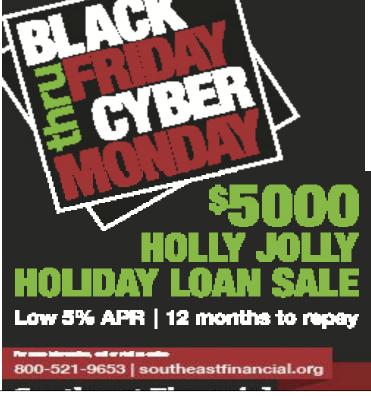
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Our 3 Simple Steps:

An approved letter is mailed to all members on the Group's letterhead, signed by an official from the Group. A reply card with postage-paid envelope is mailed with the letter to all members.

All printing and mailing charges are at no cost to the Group.

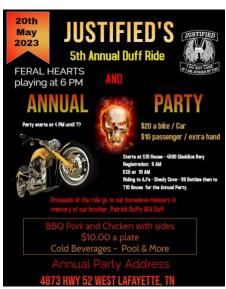
Members who return the reply card will be contacted by an AlL representative to arrange a convenient time to provide their certificate of coverage and other information noted above and will also explain additional insurance benefits available on a voluntary basis.



















QUOTABLE QUOTE: "We're surrounded. That simplifies things." ~ USMC Col. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller during the Chosin Reservoir campaign in Korea, 1950





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Make checks payable and mail to: Richard M. Lester, 5850 Canoga Avenue, Suite 200, Woodland Hills, CA 91367-6515



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Deadline for submission will be the 10th of the month for next month's publication. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Articles submitted after this date will be held for the next month, with the exception of time sensitive material. We welcome your opinions, comments, complaints, and suggestions. Articles and photos pertaining to all things motorcycle are welcome. Photos must include, taken by, who is in the photo, what is happening in the photo, when was the photo taken and where was the photo taken at. We also need the authors contact information for verification purposes only. All articles will be edited for content, clarity, grammar and spelling. All ad copy must be sent to the editor at cmtabate@icloud.com All ad payments should be sent to the head office at 242 West Main St. #195, Hendersonville, TN 37075. Include the ad you're paying for and how long paid ad will run.