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Director's Column

Welcome everyone, it. Two wheeling in Tennessee has lot going for it with all the Highways and Byways it has to offer. The views are explosive around our State. March BOD will be held at the Elks Lodge, 242 Airport Rd Gallatin Tn. Positions are still available on the corporate level. This Marchs BOD meeting is important and all Directors or a representative from each Charter needs to be there. I'm noticing all lot of flyers for events are starting to show up more on social media. That looks like to me this summer may be a good season for riding. Start getting everyone out of the house. Well, that's all I have for now. Ride safe and be free.

Corporate Director
Scott



RESEARCHERS FIND DRIVERS AND RIDERS SEE DIFFERENTLY

A road safety study from England's Bournemouth University has found that drivers and riders on the road see 'different things' and have a very different visual perception of what is going on around them.

The project was led by PhD researcher (and BMW rider) Shel Silva, who assessed the neurological and cognitive influences of motorcyclists and car drivers.

"The brain has developed an interest in things which are threats," explains the report, which found that road users would see larger objects on the road, trucks, buses, and so on, as a greater threat than smaller objects such as motorcycles. Silva also found that a motorcyclist's identification, perception, and knowledge of potential risks would change depending on their motorcycling qualifications and experience.

To complete the study, Silva used eye-tracking and interviews using grounded theory to investigate the causes of collisions. It uncovered that a motorcycle rider can be masked by a natural blind spot in the human eye. And that a driver's brain can experience saccadic masking (when the brain fills in the information when moving the eyes from one point to another), potentially causing a motorcyclist to be obscured from view.

Silva recommends making minor lane adjustments prior to a maneuver or turn, which can trigger a visual orienting response to capture drivers' attention.

"The research is suggesting that by understanding motorcyclists' knowledge and identification of risks it is possible to better inform training and materials which appeal to motorcyclists," she said. "It is key to understand that motorcyclists do not need training about how to ride a motorcycle but would benefit from more skills regarding how to read the road and other road users."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Insanity in individuals is something rare -- but in groups, parties, nations, and epochs it is the rule."

~ Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900), German Philosopher

A photograph of a family sitting on a light-colored sofa in a modern living room. A man is sitting on the left, a woman in the middle, and a young child on the right. They are all looking at a laptop. The room has large windows and a staircase in the background.

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To: All CMT/ABATE members.

Below are the Senate Committees we must face for the helmet bill. If one of the Senators is yours, please contact and let them know they should support the Freedom of Choice bill SB1536. These will be the biggest Hurdles for passage.

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U.S. MOTORCYCLE SALES CONTINUE UPWARD TREND

New motorcycle sales in the U.S. continued to rise across all segments last year, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) announced. While bike sales continue to improve, it's also worth noting that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation saw enrollment in its basic rider courses grow significantly in 2021 as well, so it's good news all-around with more riders on more bikes.

"In addition to strong sales, we are seeing strong demand for riding training and education," said MIC president and CEO Erik Pritchard. "The Motorcycle Safety Foundation saw an estimated 48% increase in enrollment in 2021 over 2020."

Overall motorcycle sales rose 14.2% over 2020, and 21.8% over 2019 figures, across all segments. That includes scooters, which by themselves rose 19.6% over 2020, and 31.4% over 2019 numbers, while on-road bike sales rose 12.9% over 2020, but what's especially encouraging is sales of dual-sport and off-road bikes. The strange year that was 2020 saw a 46.2% increase in dual sport sales over 2019 numbers, and in 2021 dual-sport motorcycle sales rose an additional 18.6% over those 2020 numbers. Pure off-road bikes also saw sales rise 42.9% in 2021 over 2019.

These marketing figures were gleaned from sales data that the MIC compiles from 14 major OEMs and distributors across America, and it's an encouraging outlook as we vroom into 2022.

RHODE ISLAND PROPOSES TAX CUT FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

Rhode Island has just had a 2022 budget proposal that could potentially provide a "sales tax exemption for the trade-in value of motorcycles."

Governor Daniel McKee's proposed 2022 budget, H 7123, includes motorcycle tax cuts used strictly for pleasure purposes;
(67) Trade-in value of motorcycles

"From the sale and from the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of so much of the purchase price paid for a new or used motorcycle as is allocated for a trade-in allowance on the motorcycle of the buyer given in trade to the seller, or of the proceeds applicable only to the motorcycle as are received from the manufacturer of motorcycles for the repurchase of the motorcycle whether the repurchase was voluntary or not towards the purchase of a new or used motorcycle by the buyer."

Gov. McKee's proposed tax break would only apply to the trade-in value of a bike, or reselling bikes in general, and could be a great way to get new riders on R.I. roads.

BIKER ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Since the federal Highway Bill passed Congress and was signed into law by President Biden without most of the pro-motorcycle provisions that bikers across America lobbied to include, it is now imperative that riders turn their attention toward garnering support for the stand-alone measure in the House that would help prevent anti-biker profiling.

Nearly three years ago, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a nonbinding resolution condemning the discriminatory profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement (S. Res. 154), and now the U.S. House of Representatives is again considering a similar bipartisan measure in the 117th Congress, H. Res. 366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

Sponsored once again by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) along with original co-sponsors Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX), Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL) and Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI), the anti-profiling resolution was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on April 30, 2021 to thwart "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States," as profiling is defined in the resolution.

H.R. 366 acknowledges that "complaints surrounding motorcyclist profiling have been cited in all 50 States," and the bipartisan resolution denotes three actionable items;

- (1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
- (2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
- (3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials.

All concerned motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their Congressional Representatives at (202) 224-3121 to ask that they join with 59 other colleagues as current cosponsors of H.Res.366 and help put a stop to law enforcement unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

This E-mail was received, and I thought I would share it with everyone considering CMT/ABATE INC. works with all our Veterans. It would be a pleasure to form a bond as this person has proposed. If your interested, contact this person and move forward.

From: Dave Rogers <dave-rogers1969@live.com>
Date: February 15, 2022 at 10:48:47 PM EST
To: cmtabatemembership@gmail.com
Subject: Abate and VFW relationship

"OPERATION TP PYRAMID"

As you know the Veterans of Foreign wars mission is to "Honor the dead, by helping the living" for the last 123 years we have kept that promise to the veterans who have wrote the ultimate check in defense and support of this country. In keeping with that tradition, the Tennessee VFW Foundation is doing a project in April called "Operation TP Pyramid" A couple of years ago we learned that homeless shelters and food banks/pantries cannot use state or federal money to buy toiletry items for the residents or clients they service. The VFW understands the difficulty at times for those that have a job to get a proper amount of toiletry items, imagine how hard it is for those that don't have.

In order to help bring attention to this and more importantly to help homeless shelters, food banks and outreach programs across TN, we are planning to build the world's largest pyramid of toilet paper. To make this happen, we are needing to collect 35,000 rolls of toilet paper. Don't worry we are not asking you to donate that much to the project, as a grassroots organization we will be reaching out to many of our community partners like yours as we can to help bring this project to reality.

You might be wondering what we will do with all that toilet paper. The toilet paper will be divided up evenly and distributed to shelters and food banks/pantries across the state of Tennessee to help them provide for their clients. To give you an idea of how many people this can help, when we last did this project, 15,000 rolls of toilet paper was collected and distributed, helping 43 shelters with toilet paper for 2 years, and 500 veterans in the community received 2 months of toilet paper through food banks and outreach programs. If we can do that with just 15,000 rolls imagine what impact we can have with 35,000.

So, where do you come in? Hoping to partner on this program to assist as many homeless veteran families, and the community as possible in the state of TN. Any assistance we can get towards our goal would be much appreciated.

While none of us do this for praise, it is all about helping those in need. As an incentive, the goal is to get into the World Book of Records (listing all those who are part of the project), but also corporate donors 500 rolls and over will be listed in all media announcements, flyers, and will be given a certificate signed by the TN VFW State Commander to hang on display for helping provide for veterans, their families and those in need around TN.

Being that this is for homeless shelters, as required by regulations we will be collecting Scott's Toilet Paper as it is approved as septic friendly for shelters and pantries.

More information can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/TNVFWFOUNDATION> Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me, contact Dave Rogers 631-838-8944 or daverogers1969@live.com




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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.

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Robertson County:

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pit in Springfield TN at 7:00pm. Bull led us in the pledge, and Johann said the prayer. We had visitors from the Music City and Sumner Local Charters and we discussed the 2022 Southern Thunder Rally and the Liberty Rally. One of Roland's grandchildren won the 50 : 50 and we adjourned. Hope to see everyone next month, and stay safe.

CMT Abate Sumner Chapter Monthly Meeting

Sumner Charter meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at the Hendersonville VFW. Six members attended the January meeting. A big topic was the Membership and New Year's Kick Off party at the Clarion Hotel in Nashville, where a good time was had by all. Weather was an issue for this year's event, but the live music, friends and food made for a great event to kick off 2022. Yet, we missed an opportunity to promote the dates of upcoming activities like the Liberty Rally and STR. Hopefully we can advertise these events with flyers, etc. very soon. We expect to receive the Legislative response, templates and guidelines to the Specialty License Plate project being sponsored by CMT Abate to help begin the design and collection steps.

We discussed Thunder Beach Spring Rally in Panama City Beach and started making group plans for the trip April 27 – May 1, 2022.

Upcoming Events:

- Swap Meet target date: April 2022, location TBD
- Thunder Beach: April 27 – May 3 @ Panama City Beach
- Liberty Rally: May 13 – 15 @ Jackson County Fairgrounds
- Southern Thunder Rally:
- Antique Motorcycle Association National Rally at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in September 2022

No Other Charters reported:

Welcome New Members to CMT/ABATE INC.

Eugene & Karen Smith
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Bryan & Debbie Hodges.

Diane Anello
Josh Mooneyham
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart Daniels
Greg & Heather Haston

Music City

Meeting called to order ay2:19PM by Shawn and he led us in the pledge.

11 members present.

Joel and Glenn gave a short report on BOD meeting.

Joel announced he had resigned as Corporate Assistant Director due to personal and medical reasons.

Glenn gave a short report on STR meeting that was held on Feb 1st at the Pit in Springfield.

Joel informed members that we have paid our yearly pledge to the state. The amount of \$600 this was our share of profit from last year's STR.

Crash won 50/50 and donated back

M/Glenn S/Vista to adjourn.

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Joel



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RESEARCHERS FIND DRIVERS AND RIDERS SEE DIFFERENTLY

A road safety study from England's Bournemouth University has found that drivers and riders on the road see 'different things' and have a very different visual perception of what is going on around them.

The project was led by PhD researcher (and BMW rider) Shel Silva, who assessed the neurological and cognitive influences of motorcyclists and car drivers.

"The brain has developed an interest in things which are threats," explains the report, which found that road users would see larger objects on the road, trucks, buses, and so on, as a greater threat than smaller objects such as motorcycles. Silva also found that a motorcyclist's identification, perception, and knowledge of potential risks would change depending on their motorcycling qualifications and experience.

To complete the study, Silva used eye-tracking and interviews using grounded theory to investigate the causes of collisions. It uncovered that a motorcycle rider can be masked by a natural blind spot in the human eye. And that a driver's brain can experience saccadic masking (when the brain fills in the information when moving the eyes from one point to another), potentially causing a motorcyclist to be obscured from view.

Silva recommends making minor lane adjustments prior to a maneuver or turn, which can trigger a visual orienting response to capture drivers' attention.

"The research is suggesting that by understanding motorcyclists' knowledge and identification of risks it is possible to better inform training and materials which appeal to motorcyclists," she said. "It is key to understand that motorcyclists do not need training about how to ride a motorcycle but would benefit from more skills regarding how to read the road and other road users."

DANES FACE MOTORCYCLE CONFISCATION FOR 'INSANE' RIDING

Danish authorities are confiscating three motorcycles a day for what the authorities are claiming is 'insane' riding. The rules first came into force in March 2021, and in a nutshell, allow the police and authorities to enforce much stricter penalties for what is deemed to be dangerous and illegal riding or driving. Up to and including the offender's vehicle being seized, with seized machines sent off and sold at auction!

The scheme isn't just aimed at residents of the Nordic beauty spot, those travelling in and through the nation are also liable. FEIMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations) reports that anyone touring in or through, holidaying, or on business in

STUDY SHOWS THAT ETHANOL IS WORSE FOR THE CLIMATE THAN GASOLINE

Analysis of corn-based ethanol production from end-to-end yields some potentially bad news for this biofuel. While riders have long understood that ethanol can have ill effects on our bikes, a new study published in the "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences" found that it may have other downsides, too.

Ethanol was supposed to be environmentally advantageous as compared to gasoline, but in the study, researchers dove deeper into how the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard's outcomes were measuring up to the country's goals. Instead of simply limiting its observations to any one part of the corn-based ethanol production and consumption processes, researchers gathered data on all parts of the ethanol production cycle.

Upon taking important things like land use changes, fertilizer increases, and the like into account, researchers reported findings that corn-based ethanol is 24% more carbon-intensive than gasoline production. If these numbers are even remotely accurate, it's concerning.

"It basically reaffirms what many suspected, that corn ethanol is not a climate-friendly fuel and we need to accelerate the shift toward better renewable fuels, as well as make improvements in efficiency and electrification," lead study author and scientist Tyler Lark said in a statement.

This study's release comes shortly before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is expected to propose updated 2023 requirements to the country's biofuel policies.

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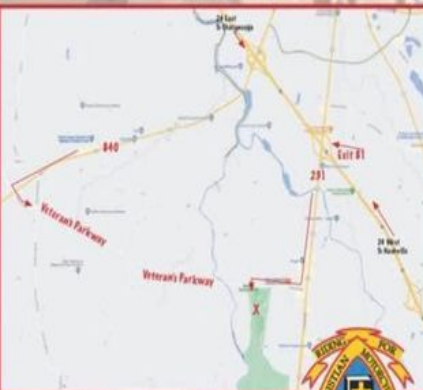



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