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#### DIRECTORS COLUMN

Welcome riders, Fall season is upon us with the leaves starting to fall can make for some slick roads. There has been a disturbing amount of bike accidents this year and sadly with some of our fellow bikers leaving us. We must take the responsibility of our own actions to resolve this unfortunate numbers. CMT/ABATE has several positions available, as a member in good standings for a period of one (1) year you can qualify for any of these positions.

- 1. Newsletter editor
- 2. Web Master
- 3. Legislative Director
- 4. Activity Director
- 5. Safety & Education
- 6. PR/Communication

Being a part of a great Organization with a cause for a passion we have with the open road and protecting our Freedoms is a pleasure. Come joy us!!! Contact us at cmtabate@icloud.com We look forward to hear from you.

**CMTABATE** Corporate Director Scott Smith



## **MEETING OF THE MINDS 2023**

September 30, 2023

Come Together: Right Now

HARRISBURG, PENN. - Hundreds of bikers from throughout the nation met on September 22 and 23 for the 39th Annual Meeting of the Minds conference, sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). This annual event allows motorcyclists' rights advocates the chance to share the legislative accomplishments from their states, shape the MRF's federal legislative agenda for the coming year and learn from leaders in the movement, about how to be effective voices for motorcyclists.

One key theme from the weekend was working together across different organizations and industries to achieve common goals. It was powerful to have not just MRF members in attendance, but leaders from a myriad of other groups; National Council of Clubs, National Coalition of Motorcyclists, American Motorcyclist Association, National Council of Independent Riders, Specialty Equipment Market Association, Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Council, and other freedom fighters who understand the challenges motorcyclists are facing, all made the trip to Harrisburg.

Integrating the Pennsylvania State Motto – "Virtue, Liberty, & Independence" with the heart of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's primary mission – "the pursuit of promoting, protecting, and preserving the future of motorcycling and motorcyclists' rights," there was no better place to discuss the threat to our freedoms, than Pennsylvania. A state that gave birth to the United States of America almost 250 years ago.

Thank you to A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania for hosting this important event!

A major thank you to Fred Harrell, MRF Director of Conferences & Events, for putting on another fantastic program.

Let's keep fighting! If we don't do it, who will?

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# City Riding for New Riders

#### by John L. Stein

Some days, urban transportation seems like controlled chaos. Here's how Apart from a racetrack or a rocky, off-camber clifftop trail, there may be no more demanding riding conditions than are found in a congested city. Cars, trucks, motorcycles, and (ever more frequently now) electric bicycles surround you, traffic controls including lights and signs control you, and multiple lanes (including left and right turn lanes), plus alleys and driveways demand choices. It's basically like a Super Mario game, with you in the middle.

So, how do you handle all of this as a new rider? The primary method is by first taking an accredited rider training course or courses as required to obtain first your learner's permit and then your full, unrestricted license. But after that, you don't have to suddenly "go it alone" in the middle of what may seem like chaos. Here are some tips and techniques that can help inculcate you into, and help safeguard you in city traffic to interface with city traffic as a beginner.

#### **Ride with an Expert**

Small diversionary point here: In scuba diving, to get certified, you take an instructional course with bookwork and practical experience, such as in a pool. Then you make your checkout dive or dives, with an instructor observing you. Fine, you now have your certification. But – and this is important – when you book a dive trip, the boat should have a divemaster onboard, someone to oversee the location and look out for the welfare of the Does this safety approach exist in motorcycling? It can if you make it happen. One way to do that is by riding – at least at first, while you're getting your feet (or rather, boots) wet – with an expert. Invite them on a day ride, errands, or your everyday run to or from work or school. Follow them and soak up their practices or take the lead to demonstrate yours. It can be fun, it can be the start of a new relationship, and most importantly, it can improve both your skills and safety.

**Start on the Periphery** divers while they're down. And now, another diversion! If you're a beginning surfer, you don't immediately go to the local break and paddle into the crowded lineup where the waves are biggest, now do you? No, you find a smaller break, or at least paddle out to the "shoulder" of the popular spot where things are quieter, there's less wave energy, and there's less competition. It makes sense in the surf, and it makes sense for new riders in the city.

Let's relate this to riding. Aside from perhaps landlocked Manhattan, there probably aren't many cities in America that are crowded virtually everywhere. In contrast, most likely start with a few peripheral urban elements, build into busy city centers, and then sprawl outwards to quieter suburbs. These outer zones are the logical place to begin city riding. So, begin in conditions that are appropriate for your experience level, and then progress from there. It's safer, more fun, and will hopefully leave you feeling excited and positive instead of freaked out and overwhelmed. There's an old rule that it takes 10,000 hours to master a craft. That's a lot of riding, but we're here to say that practice does make perfect. What this means fundamentally is repeat, repeat, repeat your moves and maneuvers until, as Rooster said in Top Gun, "Don't think. Just do."

#### **Ride In Quiet Hours**

"Beat the Clock" used to be a popular TV show back in the early, black and white era of television. We have no idea what it was, and just on principle will resist asking Siri to find out. The show name still has relevance here, because even if you can't change the city where you live, you can change the time of day you ride in it. No surprise, rush hour in the morning or afternoon isn't prime transit times for a beginning rider; mid-day, evenings, and weekends will be more your style if you want to practice city riding minus the insanity.

The main roads leading into a city will likely be busiest in the morning, and roads leading out of the city will be busiest at the end of the workday. So, if you want to gain experience on these exact roads, as time permits, ride out of the city in the morning and into the city in the afternoon. This way, you're on the same roads but going against, instead of stuck in, the snarled traffic.

#### Learn Situational Awareness

The military uses this term to improve tactical skills in soldiers, flyers, and others working in critical, fastchanging environments. Transferring the practice to motorcycle riding means attuning your senses to note all the relevant details to your riding environment, particularly "threats."

For instance, you might generally notice the noise, shape, and trajectory of a bus in the next lane. But what if the same bus slowly begins merging into your lane? Not much would change in terms of its engine pitch or shape, but its movement into your space will soon comprise a critical threat. Noticing it early buys time and space to respond defensively.

In another example, an oncoming car enters a left-turn lane at an intersection as you approach from the other direction. If it stops at the limit line, its driver apparently cognizant of you and other traffic, that may constitute little threat. But if the car instead sails directly into the intersection and seems to begin its left turn, that sends a different signal entirely: You may imminently have a car strafing across your bow. Tracking the car from the moment it entered the turn lane would buy you time.

These are only two – among an endless supply – of imaginary situations that could threaten your riding day. In our experience, building situational awareness so that you sense everything, all the time, is an outstanding defensive strategy.

#### Practice Critical Maneuvers

If you are learning a musical instrument, or mastering how to work math formulas or equations, what do you do? Practice. Those first awkward chord progressions on your steel string aren't easy. You're slow at it, imprecise, and it sounds nothing like the recording you're emulating. But with time – hundreds of repetitions possibly – your fingers know where to go automatically, the notes resonate correctly, and the sequence comes together.



## The Price of Apathy

by Mark Buckner Executive Director, Motorcycle Riders Foundation

As patriotic Americans, we often talk about the price of freedom. We talk about the sacrifices required to protect our rights and about those who came before us, people of integrity who oftentimes gave everything they had in pursuit of an ideal; of a country and a way of life where our children and grandchildren can grow up proud to be Americans, unapologetically embracing a system of government that many other people in the world would love to have. We talk about our service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we are thankful to live in a country that allows us to live our lives as we please,

to enjoy the freedom provided by our Constitution, to be able to participate in what laws are passed and which ones aren't, and to teach our values to future generations.

In the motorcyclists' rights world, we also talk about guarding against undue government intrusion into our lives and warn against the influence of mainstream media propaganda aimed at tearing down some of our most basic and cherished beliefs. When you get right down to it, that's why the motorcyclists' rights movement exists. It's where we started and why we still fight for our rights at every turn. As past MRF President Karen Bolin once said, "We're in the freedom business."

Now consider the price of apathy, of seeing what's around us, knowing that some of what's happening is wrong, and doing nothing. Doing nothing, of course, is taking the easy way out. In many cases it's the old 'not in my backyard' philosophy of 'If it doesn't affect me directly, why should I worry about it?'

The challenges facing motorcycling today are among the most serious ever, and those challenges are – like it or not - in everyone's backyard. The MRF and our partners in state motorcyclists' rights organizations are fighting for the right to repair our own bikes, without being forced to have services that we could easily manage ourselves be performed by dealerships charging exorbitant rates. We're fighting to protect consumer choice through a strong aftermarket, ensuring that we have access to the vast number of options on parts the aftermarket gives us, parts that are many times better and cheaper than what we'd get from the OEMs. We're fighting to keep unsafe software being used in autonomous, self-driving cars and trucks from being tested on our nation's roadways and killing bikers in the process. We're fighting to keep our ability to buy fuel that won't destroy our engines, as will be the case if gasoline with 15% ethanol becomes our only choice. We're fighting to preserve internal combustion engines, rather than being forced to buy electric vehicles at a time when neither the battery technology nor a sufficient charging infrastructure to support such vehicles is in place. We're fighting to prevent unfair profiling of motorcycle riders. And the list goes on.

So, what price apathy? A riding public that chooses to ignore the threats to motorcycling while sitting idly by, expecting others to do the hard work of protecting our rights and our lifestyle, is arguably the biggest threat we face. Ask yourself: Should we, through our actions, control our own destiny? Forge our own futures? Or should we sit back, foolishly believing that the government knows best how we should run our lives and hoping for the best. There are roughly 8 million registered motorcyclists in America. If even a small percentage of that group were to join with the MRF and our partners in our mission to preserve motorcycling, imagine what we could do. Then imagine what will happen if the vast majority of those 8 million riders choose to do nothing.

Since 1987, there's only been one organization exclusively devoted to protecting the rights and lifestyle of street riding motorcyclists in the halls of Congress, and that's the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. To those of you who are already members of CMT/ABATE and the MRF, thank you. You've already proven that you're committed to helping protect and preserve motorcycling. That said, we still need your help.

All of us have friends who are not members. If you're not an MRF member, please help us by joining. If you're already a member, please renew your membership each year, and of equal importance, please sign up one of your friends as a new MRF member.

The price of apathy is the loss of freedom, an open invitation to tyranny, and – without a strong MRF - could well be the end of motorcycling as we know it.

https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/

## MRF State Rep Report

I just want to ride.

But there always seems to be something important to do that gets in the way of riding. Writing newsletter articles, posting notices on the latest legislative actions that we need, or going to meetings. All in the name of motorcycling, but there are just too many things that need to get done.

I just want to RIDE!

But there always seems to be someone trying to get in the way of my enjoyment of the ride with some poorly thought-out law or regulation. Some are pushing to move us all into electric vehicles – and phase out the gasoline-fueled powerplants we all know and love. They're allowing self-driving cars on the road, that I'm sure are programed to run me down. And we cannot even convince the Tennessee legislature to allow me to make my own choice on wearing a helmet. They are really taking a lot of the fun out of my ride.

I JUST WANT TO RIDE !!!

But the flow of intrusive laws is constant, and there never seems to be enough of us jumping in to move things in the right direction. If we want to be able to ride without the negative impact of all these laws, we need EVERYONE to get involved in protecting our ability to ride in the manner we enjoy. Have you sent to emails or made the calls when to requests go out? Have you developed a relationship with your representatives and senators to let them know that you, as a motorcyclist, are watching and are concerned about the issues affecting motorcyclists? Are you supporting our efforts by joining both CMT/ABATE and the MRF, and attending our meetings and events? With your help and involvement we can have an impact on the decisions made both in Nashville and in Washington DC. Together we can put a stop to all these ideas that would negatively impact our riding, and even pass laws that improve motorcycling. And once we've accomplished that, we may be able to all go out and enjoy our ability to just...

...Ride Free, - - Ed

Ed Domine MRF State Rep ed.d@juno.com



#### **Contact Senators About S.2090**

#### October 23, 2023

While the House of Representatives is in week three of the search for a new Speaker of the House, the U.S. Senate remains open for business. In the last month, six (6) new Senators have joined as cosponsors of S.2090 - Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act of 2023. These additions bring the total to fifteen (15) Senate cosponsors.

As you may remember, the House of Representatives passed its version of this bill in early September by a vote of 222 to 190. The bill 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.

Below is a list of current Senate cosponsors.

Sen. Markwayne Mullin (OK) Sen. John Barrasso (WY) Sen. Mike Braun (IN) - NEW Sen. Katie Boyd Britt (AL) -NEW Sen. Ted Bud (NC) - NEW Sen. Ted Bud (NC) - NEW Sen. Kevin Cramer (ND) Sen. Mike Crapo (ID) - NEW Sen. Ted Cruz (TX) Sen. John Hoeven (ND) Sen. Roger Marshall (KS) Sen. Pete Ricketts (NE) Sen. James Risch (ID) - NEW Sen. Dan Sullivan (AK) Sen. J.D. Vance (OH) - NEW Sen. Roger Wicker (MS)

Let's Do This!

Thank you to the over 1,000 riders who answered the Call to Action on S. 2090 in August! If you do not see both of your Senators listed above, even if you did the Call to Action in August, click here! Ask them to defend the internal combustion engine.

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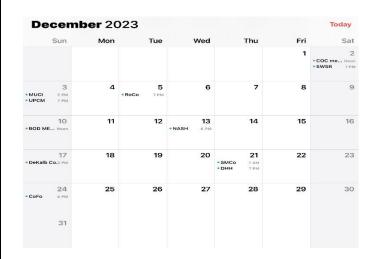


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CMT/ABATE, Inc. is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, political organization that was formed to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to modify existing laws that are detrimental to motorcycle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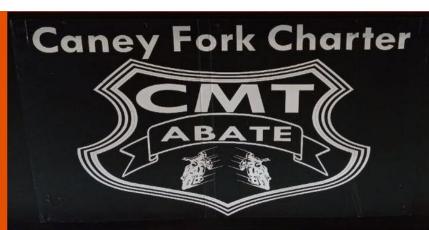
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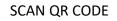
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#### **Roberson County**

On Wed, Nov 8, 2023, Meeting of CMT/ABATE Robertson Chapter called to Order at 7:04 pm 11/7/23 at The Piggy Pit. 5 Members in Attendance. Johann gave out Membership Forms/ Flyers for 2024 Membership Drive. **TOY RUN DECEMBER 2** Membership Drive Events for 2024 Discussed. 2 Chili Cook Offs for January 20/24 (Get Thawed) & February 3, 24 (Love Your Freedoms) were Voted on & Passed unanimously. Poker Run (Januarv/ February 2024) we're Proposed, Tentatively planned, Route Discussed, Stops etc. Motion Tabled until Dec 23 Meetings (State & County). Also Discussed & Planning involving Other Chapters Events were Discussed. Motion Tabled until Dec Meeting & Coordinated with State Secretary. Ideas Discussed for more Events in 2024. Motorcycle Events, Pool Tourneys, Various Cook Offs, Silent Auctions, Meal Events. Tabled until State & County Dec 2023 Meeting & Research. **GREAT MEETING!** RIDE SAFE LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE MOTORCYCLES ARE **EVERYWHERE!** Fast Anny

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All charters are required to turn in their monthly charter meeting to the newsletter so they can be published. It is a requirement of the Corporate Bylaws for a charter to be consider active.

Sumner County, >>> 9/21/23 Meeting began with Becky Foss and the pledge. Good times were had by all. Everyone really enjoyed the bands. However, the overall STR event left us in the negative. Ticket sales were down this year. The STR is at risk and may not be held another year. Discussion on how Bike Night was a big promoter of our Sumner events and without the weekly event, participation numbers throughout the year have dwindled. Liberty rally and BOD meeting were held in tandem this year. Sumner County will continue to promote and host an annual rodeo. Discussions are in process with the Gallatin Elks Club. No membership party this year. Until next time ... Lisa James

# Sumner Charter Monthly Meeting October 26, 2023

Due to several members being out of town for the Daytona bike week we moved our monthly meeting to the fourth Thursday this month, we met at the VFW and had pizza for everyone as usual. Then due to PCB Bike week and other events several members were unable to attend, we still had 7 in attendance! Talked about next year's events and the STR/rodeo going forward, more discussion will be needed concerning these events.

Sumner will be having a Swap meet on April 21st, 2024, since last years was successful! We discussed talking with Robertson County concerning the Memory ride and maybe cosponsoring that event. Some members want to have a Sumner county poker run, more discussion will be done once the yearly calendar is discussed this December at the BOD.

We might have a Sumner County holiday dinner TBD! Ride safe, Sumner Charter

LIBERY RALLY September 9, 2023 Slow Race 1st Jeff Hollins 2nd Lee Boswell 3rd Jimmy Preston **Barrel Roll** 1st Ryan Waters 2nd Noel Semoir 3rd Beefy Ethridge Ball & Cone 1st Jeff Hollins & Becky Foss 2nd Ryan Waters & Lynn Greenwood 3rd Beefy Ethridge & Mandy Weenie Bite 1st Jeff & Becky 2nd Ryan & Lynn 3rd Beefv & Mandy **2023 OVERALL RODEO RESULTS** MENS 1st Beefy Ethridge 2nd Rvan Waters 3rd Place tie Josh Lewis. Jeff Hollins WOWENS 1st Mandy 2nd place three-way tie Lynn Greenwood, Becky Foss, Amanda Lewis 3rd Darby It must be honored that: Mandy was in all partner events at every. rodeo this year and placed in everyone.



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## 2024 Federal Legislative Agenda

#### September 22, 2023

The MRF's Legislative Committee held a legislative strategy session at the 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) 39th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the session was to establish and prioritize the MRF's 2024 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.

If you aren't a MRF member click here to join and support freedom and safety for street motorcyclists in Washington, D.C.

#### **2024 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES**

#### **Autonomous Vehicles:**

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

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between Avs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.
- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.
- Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

#### **Crash Avoidance:**

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

#### **Data Recording:**

Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

#### Definition of a Motorcycle:

Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

#### **Emission Regulations:**

- Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT, H.R. 3281, S. 2736 or similar legislation.
- Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endangers the future of motorcycling.

#### Helmet Laws:

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity requirements. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

#### **Internal Combustion Engines:**

Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens combustion engine production.

#### **Profiling:**

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling. Seek opportunities including, but not limited to H. Res 366, with language that:

- Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists.
- Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.
- Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.
- Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.
- Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

#### **Renewable Fuels:**

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 (H.R. 1024) or similar legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

This legislation:

- Revises current EPA rule to include warning label requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15.
- Requires the EPA to create a public education campaign about the risks of unauthorized use of E15, as well as the vehicles, engines and equipment prohibited from using E15.
- Defines multi-dispensing nozzle and requires an additional warning label on multi-dispensing nozzles to warn consumers of the residual fuel left in gasoline pump hoses from the previous individual dispensing.

#### Right to Repair:

Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products.

#### Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

#### **2024 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES**

#### Gang, Club and Other Language:

Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, associate or any derogatory term when referring to motorcyclists.

#### 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.

#### Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

- Preserve the Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding.
- Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.
- Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.
- Preserve the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA.
- Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.
- Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.
- Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.
- Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.

- Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles.
- Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.
- Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.
- All high priority issues and emerging technologies

#### Taxes:

Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

#### **2024 MONITOR ITEMS**

#### **Distracted Driving:**

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

#### **EV Incentives:**

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

#### **Exhaust Systems:**

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

#### **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 (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

#### **Opponents:**

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

#### Sound Testing:

- Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states).
- Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement

#### Tariffs:

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

#### **Tolling:**

- Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.
- Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.

In order to remain vigilant until all aspects are complete, some references to legislation or resources could appear not to be timely.

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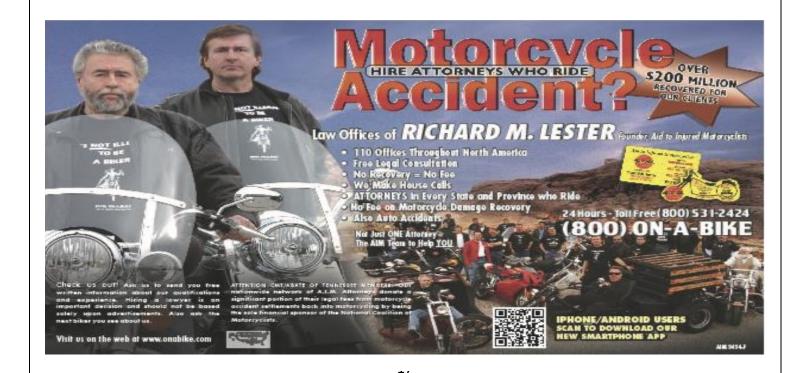
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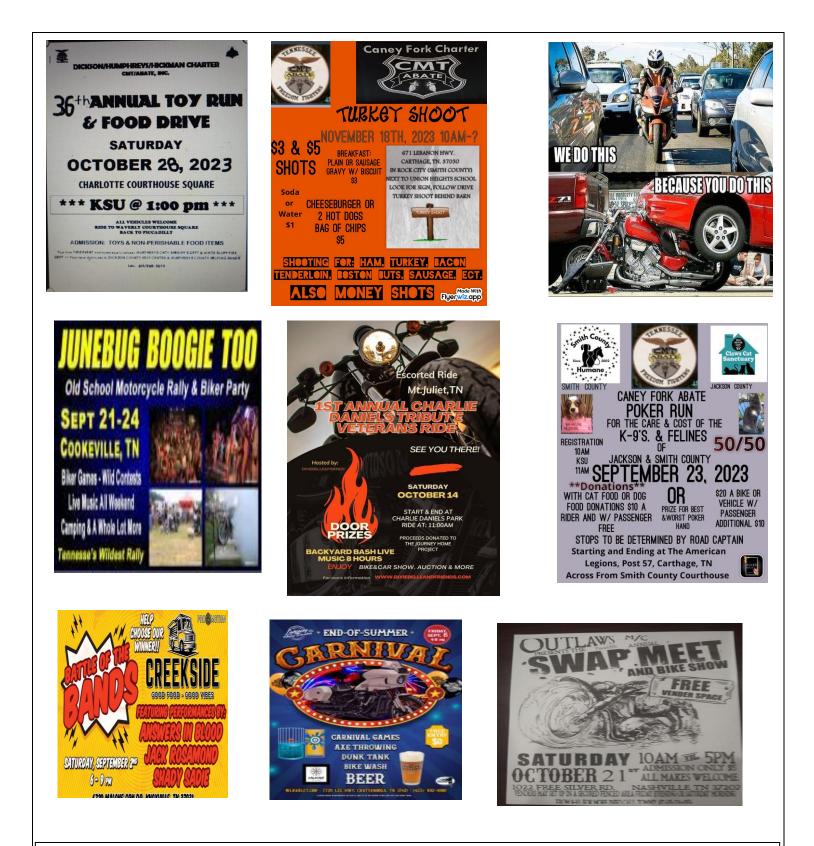
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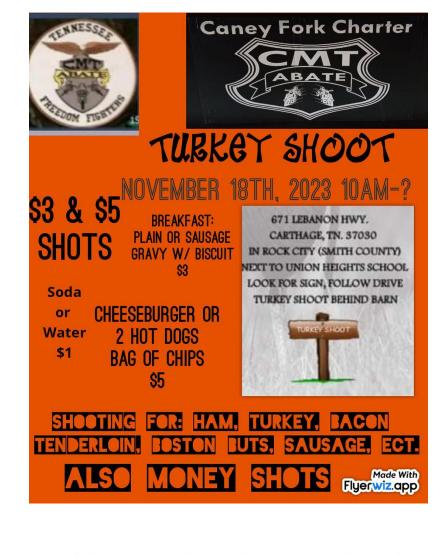
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