

Tennessee Motorcyclist



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Robertson County Toy Run Dec. 7th. There were at least 18 motorcycles present!!!

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The objects and purposes of the Corporation shall be to form a united motorcyclist's organization both at the individual local level and at the State level. The Members of the Corporation shall be dedicated to promoting fair motorcycle legislation and shall ensure their freedom by working to prevent enactment of, or to repeal/modify existing unfair motorcycle legislation. The Corporation's Members shall promote and maintain motorcycling safety and awareness programs in the community.

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French Broad	Mark McCaw 309-582-4863 rooster15108@gmail.com	1st Sunday of the month @ Screwballs Bar and Grill, Sevierville, 4pm
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Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

2020 Candidacy for Corporate Director

I would like to take this time to submit my candidacy for Corporate Director in 2020. It has been a great honor to serve CMT/ABATE, Inc. the past 1 ½ years as the current Corporate Director. Before that I served as the Assistant Corporate Director for this Organization up until the past Director retired. As my duties required that I was to fulfill that term until it was concluded. My gratitude and respect for the body of the Board has been overwhelming and I wish to conclude our new outlook for the future of this Organization. I feel that I have the same thoughts as the Boards outlook and positive image of trust and respect by our residents of this State, our State Representatives and Senators, Department of Safety and Homeland Security. I have been a Lifetime Member since 2007 of CMT/ABATE, Inc. and have believed in its Mission to march for Freedom of Choice, which I will march along its side. I also believe in the personal Safety and Education the Organization is providing for our public Citizen's of this State. I have been a Business owner for over 35+ years, which I feel my efforts and experience would be beneficial to the Organization. With great respect to our members, your current Corporate Director.

Scott Smith

For Immediate Release

November 20, 2019

Senate Hearing - Highly Automated Vehicles: Federal Perspectives on the Deployment of Safety Technology

Today the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation held a hearing entitled Highly Automated Vehicles: Federal Perspectives on the Deployment of Safety Technology. This hearing comes on the heels of a National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) board meeting yesterday regarding the investigation of a March 2018 crash of an Uber Autonomous Vehicle (AV) that resulted in the death of a pedestrian in Tempe, Arizona.

The NTSB released some startling revelations in their investigation of the 2018 deadly crash. Among those that the software did not properly identify the victim as a pedestrian, it did not adequately assess safety risks and the operator of the vehicle was watching a TV show on her phone and was not watching the road. Additionally, the NTSB cited an "inadequate safety culture" at Uber.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) applauds the NTSB and the U.S. Senate for holding public hearings on AV technology and safety concerns. The MRF is committed to fighting for the safety of motorcyclists as this new technology is deployed on our nation's roadways. While we are hopeful that this technology can reduce accidents on our nation's roads, we agree with the statement of Chairman Roger Wicker (R-MS) when he said of AV technology "I think a healthy degree of skepticism is a good thing."

During today's Senate hearing, it was especially important that two U.S. Sena-

tors specifically addressed the concerns of motorcyclists during the hearing. In a question directed to Joel Szabat, Acting Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation Senator John Thune (R-SD) asked, "In developing a regulatory framework for AVs can you speak to how other roadways users such as motorcycles are considered?" The Assistant Secretary responded by saying "Motorcyclists are well incorporated in the development of policy in the department."

Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) echoed Senator Thune's interest in motorcycles when he said, "I am avid motorcyclist. The number one reason for accidents is a car hitting a motorcyclist or a car pulling out in front of a motorcyclist."

Other Senators include Sen. Cantwell (D-WA) raised concerns about the current deployment of AVs without minimum standards from the federal government, "We need some standards." In response, Robert Sumwalt, Chairman of the NTSB agreed by saying that "Whatever is working now is not working as well as it should." We at the MRF agree that minimum standards should be in place as this new technology becomes more and more prevalent on the roads we all share.

Chairman Sumwalt of the NTSB closed the hearing with this statement, "I think that AV technology holds great promise to improve safety, but it has to be done properly." We at the MRF could not agree more.

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stated, "As a motorcyclist it offends me when bureaucrats are discussing various inevitable, emerging vehicle and advanced roadway technologies they default

Director's Column

Welcome everyone to a new year 2020. Last year has been remarkable and rewarding one. In case you haven't heard, CMT/ABATE INC. won a plaque at the MRF Meeting of the Minds for the most renewals and new members. Our own Legislative Director, Danny Youngs was there to represent us, and as he stated it was knowledgeable and fun. 2020 is looking good for events and don't forget our New Years Kickoff Party is this January 18th at the Clarion Hotel on Spring street and 1st street, here in Nashville TN. Membership and Legislative meetings will start around 2:00 pm and open to the public. Members, bring a friend and meet your Corporate Board team. Until then we'll see you all there.

Scott Smith
CMT/ABATE INC
Corporate Director

Note: State Board Meetings are the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December



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to classifying us as vulnerable and in need some sort of protection. I would rather and especially in the specific case of Autonomous Vehicles we be thoroughly considered and fully recognizable and therefore not needing extra protection. As with anything affecting motorcyclists this is another example where the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will demand we remain a significant part of the strategy for roadway users."

YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



Legislative Director's Ramblings

Hello everyone- We, CMT/ABATE Incorporated, are an advocacy group for Tennessee motorbike riders since our initial founding and our mission remains that we work as a team for the rights, safety and freedom of Tennessee motorcycle riders. Faces and names may have changed- the core mission remains the same.

Well the meetings have been cancelled

with EPA and Tennessee as emissions will be done away with state statewide effective 2021.

There has been not a lot going on concerning motorcycle riding as legislation has been idle for now so actually not much to report at this time.

Thanks

Danny Youngs
Corporate Legislative
Director



Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E) was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders.

OUR MISSION:

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MRF State Rep Report –

"There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment."

– Norman Vincent Peale.

It would be easy to think that nothing is getting accomplished in Washington DC, with all the attention directed towards the impeachment proceedings. But the government does keep grinding on in spite of all the distractions. Here's a run-down on the latest developments that we are tracking.

H. Res 255, the anti-motorcyclist profiling resolution currently has 121 cosponsors from 42 states and one territory. From Tennessee, our thanks go to Representatives Chuck Fleischmann and David Kustoff for supporting this effort. If one of these is your US Representative, please send him a note thanking him for supporting this resolution. For the rest of us, let's send another note asking your representative to sign on to House Resolution 255. To make that easy, there is a pre-written letter that can be emailed from the MRF web-site, and it even identifies your representative and emails it to them. All you have to do is add your name and address. Get the letter in the Legislative Action Center at www.mrf.org.

Highway Bill - The current highway funding bill (the FAST Act of 2015) expires next December. The MRF is working with several legislators to ensure the needs of motorcyclists are properly addressed in the new highway bill. Below is the official position of the MRF for any new legislation:

- Preserve the Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding (402 funds);
- 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 motorcycle 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.

H.R. 5234, the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) Reauthorization Act, was introduced in November to reauthorize the MAC for six more years. This bill also redefines the membership of the MAC, requiring representation by members for national motorcyclist's organizations. The MAC is responsible for providing advice & recommendations concerning infrastructure issues related to motorcyclist safety. The MRF attended the final meeting of the currently authorized MAC, and the council is drafting their recommendations for submittal to the DOT in January. These recommendations will address several issues important to motorcyclists, and the MRF reports "that they addressed everything from utilizing high friction pavement in some curves, uneven pavement and drop-offs, road construction grooving, steel plates, tar snakes (tar seals), chips and seal paving to road barriers."

Autonomous Vehicle Legislation - Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) is assisting the MRFs efforts in ensuring Autonomous Vehicle (self-driving cars) by submitting questions to NHTSA regarding AV vehicle standards, specifically on the transparency of development and testing of how the vehicles will interact with motorcycles. The MRF will review NHTSA's response and develop any follow-up questions as needed.

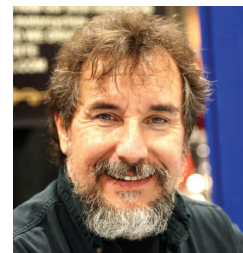
Meeting of the Minds - Thank you to Danny Youngs for representing CMT/ABATE at the 2019 Meeting of the Minds

in Bloomington, MN. And thank you to CMT/ABATE and the Charters that pledged to assist in covering the expenses for this event.

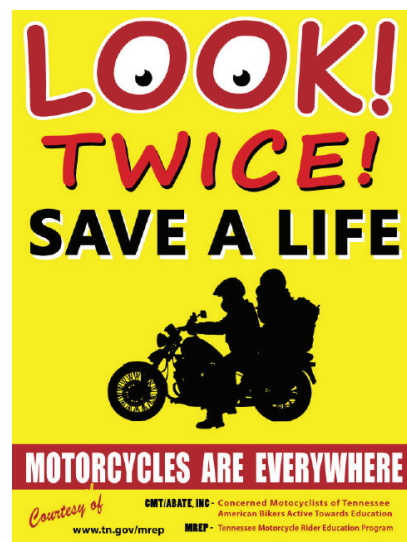
CMT/ABATE was awarded as the state with the "Greatest % Growth" in MRF membership for 2019. Thank you to the Charters and members that made this possible.

The 2020 Meeting of the Minds will be September 24-27, in Indianapolis. It's never too early to start planning – and this one is an easy ride. It's a great opportunity to get a larger group of attendees from Tennessee. I'm sure Danny can tell you - this is an event that is sure to fire up your enthusiasm. And your enthusiasm is what we need to move this organization forward, and accomplish our goals of protecting our right to...

...Ride Free,
-- Ed



Ed Domine
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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

Feb. 11, Lobby Day at State Capitol in Nashville.
Feb. 22, Upper Cumberland Broomstick Tournament & Chili Cook Off.

Mar. 7, Caney Fork Turkey Shoot.
Mar. 10, State Capitol Day 10am to 2pm.
Mar. 14, SW/SR Look Twice Save a Life Poker Run.

Apr. 4, French Broad Spring Shake Down Poker Run.
Apr. 5, SWSR Meeting Easter Egg Hunt & in house Poker Run.
Apr. 11, Caney Fork Rodeo. (First State Points Rodeo)
Apr. 25, Sumner County and State Swap Meet.

May 2, French Broad International Female Day Ride.
May 8, Liberty Rally and Rodeo. (2nd State Points Rodeo)
May 9, Wheels of Thunder Strawberry Ride
May 16, SW/SR Memorial Day Ride
May 16, DHH Tattoo & Bick Show

June 6, Nashville Ride
June 7, Wheels of Thunder Cat Fish Ride
June 13, Upper Cumberland Corn hole tournament
June 14, SWSR Meeting & Flag Day Poker Run
June 27, Veterans Honor Ride in Wilson Co.
June 27, Caney Fork Humane Society Ride.
June 27, French Broad Summer Kick off Poker Run.

July 11, Caney Fork Tab Run.
July 11, Upper Cumberland Memorial Ride

Aug. 8, Caney Fork Fire Dep. Poker Run
Aug. 28, Southern Thunder Rally. (3rd State Points Rodeo)

Sep 12, SWSR Final State Points Rodeo.
Sep. 12, Robertson County Memorial Ride.
Sep. 24, MRF Meetings of the Minds.

Oct. 3, Caney Fork Izzy Benefit.
Oct. 4, Caney Fork Memorial Ride.

October 31, Caney Fork Truck our Treat
Oct. 31 DHH Toy Run

Nov. 7, French Broad Fall Fun Poker Run
Nov. 14, Caney Fork Turkey Shoot

Dec. 5, Caney Fork Toy Drive & Swap Meet
Dec. 5, Robertson County Toy Ride
Dec. 19, Music City Christmas Party

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CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				WOT		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MuCo/UpCo SWSR/FrBd		MoCo MoCo				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	MoCo	Nash	DHH SuCo		New Year's PARTY	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Cafo						

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
MuCo/UpCo SWSR/FrBd		MoCo MoCo		WOT		
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	MoCo	Lobby Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

FRENCH BROAD

General Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. at the Screwballs. Pledge of Allegiance observed.

Director: Mark

Treasurer: Sean

We have \$958.33 in account. We do owe Sana for patches and work, waiting for her to give me a final amount to reimburse her. We have been reimbursed from the state for our last quad fold order. Will be ordering a new batch soon. Nothing else to report.

Sergeant of Arms: Travis: Not Present, nothing to report.

Activities: Corrine, Chili cook off Dec 15 at Lads and Lass. Poker run on the 16th 11-12 sign up. Christmas party Dec 7th at Mark and Carries following charter meeting. The State Party will be Jan 18th in Nashville. Next year's events: April 4th poker run, June 6th and July 25th fundraisers. Toy Run in October.

Membership: Carrie

Upcoming renewals: Sean

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Legislative: Sean

We didn't have a bill to be helmet free this year, we fully intend to next year. I highly recommend each of us contacts our legislators. Get to know them. Look up their history and voting record and community involvement. Do they really care about us, their constituents? If you've never called them or written them or met them, it's important you do. They "represent" us. They don't know how we feel about anything if we don't let them know. While we are focused on freedom from tyrannical oppression by beaurocrats (my opinion) we also have to pay attention to all other matters. Look up your representative and see if they represent your beliefs. If not, share your beliefs with them. Thank them for representing us and praise their good and admonish their bad. They are people just like us and when we talk to them they know we are paying attention and that goes a long way. I assume you are also a registered voter because you are willing to fight for your freedoms. The representative's staff will probably check because in the end they just want your vote.

We have the state New Years Kickoff Party on January 18th. It will be held in our state capitol and is a great event and time to meet our fellow freedom fight-

ers throughout the state. This is also a good opportunity to meet your reps. nothing like a face to face meeting and a handshake to keep it real. You can make an appointment with their staff, which is recommended, or stop by and see if they are available. Chances are they have a very busy schedule and will not be able to see you but you can meet their staff and leave word with them letting them know who you are and what you think about issues. We also have a lot of great CMT/ABATE members in the area too.

A quote from Benjamin Franklin: "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/legislators/>
Our founders gave us liberty, it's up to us to keep it!

For Freedom, Sean

Old Business: Last month Carol Simpson from State came by to share some info with us as well as listen to our concerns. She handles safety and education and went over what is going on with the budget derived by motorcycle funds as well as the changing demographics in the state. She recommends we apply for a grant to provide banners to help spread the word in East Tennessee. Thank you Carol for coming out here and for all you do! Logos for a charter design are needed. Send your input and artistry to the board or Bullseye.

Bring your vest to Sana for the patches and rockers to be sewed on.

New Business: Josh with Lads and Lass and Danger company is onboard with CMT/ABATE, his business has a good size footprint in the Knoxville motorcycle community and has partnered with us to get our word out. He's handing out fliers and display a banner. He is holding a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Knoxville in the form of a chili cook off on December 15th. Let's get as much support to his as we can.

We are looking for local boosters for CMT/ABATE. Boosters will have their info in the state newsletter as well as the charters when we get it up and running.

Decembers meeting will be at Marks house at 5:30 with a party to follow.

Looking for a small table for the charter to use as a set up spot for functions. Jake and Samantha motioned to donate. Ordered before the meeting was over, Thank You Guys!

We are also looking for a banner for said

table, Stan offered to purchase. Once we get our logo we will get it ordered. Thanks Stan!

There is collaboration for the National Women's Ride on May 2nd, Carrie has participated in the past and with the new female members in the charter she would like to have our charter represent. Male members will support them to help make it happen.

Good of the Order:

Stan made motion made to end meeting at 5:30 PM and Mark seconded.

NASHVILLE

Nashville Charter November 20, 2019 Minutes

Pledge: 7:10

Dir Report: Went to Smokies Alabama Woods then to Panama Beach Vacation. BMW Meeting Nov 10 Vet parade.

Assistant Report: Not Here.

Secretary: Minutes Read and Accepted, Treas: We are at same in the Black. We will donate \$50 to Outlaws at Thanksgiving Dinner and Collection of Warm Stand Down Donating Blankets and Coats.

Legislative Report: Danny Youngs has started his process of getting ready to represent us at the Plaza. New ideas for Specialty Plates for Motorcycles. No news from Grant Fund. No products ordered yet we have \$20000.00 for getting this.

We should pursue new Legislatures there are over 30 new Representatives. Recommend we have a Lobby Day to meet them. We as an organization should do this.

Old Business: New Years Kick off Party Time Rent your Rooms! Nashville Charter is doing Selling Tickets for 2 Tickets for \$5.00 to put your hand in bucket pull out 1 bill each then you can pull a value of \$1 to \$100 dollar bill. Drawing on the 3rd Break.

New Business: Nashville Charter Runs Proposed - Bug Run Saturday in June sometime, 50/50 at the Beach on Sundays when they have bands We will do 3 between May and September. All Charter down Natchez Trace ending at Merry Whether Museum will have a 50/50 at the end Jack pick the date on a Saturday. BOD Elks lodge on airport road in Gallatin December 8th 1pm.

Outlaws Thanksgiving Dinner Tuesday November 26th need to be there by 5:30 PM. We will donate \$50 motion passed and charter will pay for our meals.

Open Forum: No Discussion Motion to Adjourn

Next Meeting December 18, 2019 here at Bikini Beach Back Room!

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Piggy Pitt in Springfield at 7:00pm. Johann led us in the Pledge and George led us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming. Samantha went over events. Don't forget CMT Abate New Year Kick Off Party will be Jan. 18th, 2020 at the Clarion in Nashville. Make your reservations now or let Samantha know to book in the block of rooms. Our Christmas party will be Friday night Dec. 6th at 7:00pm. Cost is \$10 a person and all money goes to our general fund. Meat will be provided, just bring a side dish and a dirty Santa gift if you want to play. Toy run will be Saturday Dec. 7th. We received thank you cards from Larry Binkley and Bobby Wooden. Treva went over the treasury report. Johann went over the Legislative. Welcome to our new member Scott, we are glad to have you. Scott also won the 50/50. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

Dec. 1st 2019 Meeting was called to order by David @ 11:20 who also led us in the pledge all officers present. Treasury report given and approved

Activities: Sarah talked about BOD meeting coming up on Dec. 8th at Elks lodge and also of candy fork charter having a toy drive and car show.

Our Christmas party will be at the roost on Dec 21st and we will also do dirty Santa, bring a gift and finger foods. We will start at 4 pm. Mark also talked about the kickoff party in Jan, if you haven't made your reservations they need to be made. We also set our calendar dates for 2020 and our first ride will be Jan 1st to the bridge to honor all the ones we have lost. We will meet in Watertown at the depot at 9:00 am k u at 10:30

Membership: We have 2 new members: Zack Reynolds and brad cook, Robert and Jeanenne Geekie renewed their membership.

Sgt at arms: Everyone get along and ride safe

Motion to adjourn at 12:09 with our thanksgiving dinner following. Lots of good food and a great time were had by all.

Director: David Marlin

Asst Director: Harold Houston

Secretary: Wanda Johnson

Activities: Sarah Reece

Membership: Leslie Sullivan

Products: Kim Marlin

Sgt @ arms: Quint Reece

Road Captain: James Sullivan

Merry Christmas to all and ride safe

Wanda

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Mar. 14, 2020 SW/SR Look Twice Save a Life Poker Run.

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Apr. 5, 2020 SWSR Meeting Easter Egg Hunt & in house Poker Run.
Apr. 11, 2020 Caney Fork Rodeo. (First State Points Rodeo)
Apr. 25, 2020 Sumner County and State Swap Meet.
Apr. 29, 2020 Thunder Beach Panama City.

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June 14, 2020 SWSR Meeting & Flag Day Poker Run
June 17, 2020 June Bug Boogie
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July 11, 2020 Upper Cumberland Memorial Ride
July 16-19, 2020 Little Sturgis

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Aug. 28, 2020 Southern Thunder Rally. (3rd State Points Rodeo)

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Dec. 5, 2020 Caney Fork Toy Drive & Swap Meet
Dec. 5, 2020 Robertson County Toy Ride
Dec. 19, 2020 Music City Christmas Party

HOUSE INTRODUCES MOTORCYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL REAUTHORIZATION ACT

For Immediate Release

November 21, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressmen Mike Gallagher (R-WI) along with Reps. Chris Pappas (D-NH), Harley Rouda (D-CA), and Troy Balderson (R-OH) introduced bipartisan legislation, Motorcycle Advisory Council Reauthorization Act. The bill reauthorizes the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) for six years and ensures national motorcycle organizations regain seats on the council.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), along with our partners ABATE of Wisconsin, ABATE of Ohio, Harley-Davidson, and American Motorcyclist Association, have been hard at work over the past month ensuring the future MAC membership is representative of the riding community. This legislation clarifies the membership of MAC which now will include five highway engineering experts from state or local governments, one state or local traffic safety engineer who is a motorcyclist, one roadway safety data expert on crash testing and analysis, and one representative from each of the following groups: a national association of state transportation officials, a national motorcyclist foundation, a national motorcyclist association, a national motorcycle manufacturing association, and a national safety organization.

"As the feds address the vast roadway infrastructure issues and emerging technologies surrounding vehicles and roads, there isn't a more appropriate time to re-establish the Motorcycle Advisory Council," said Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "It was originally and effectively designed to give motorcyclists a voice with regards to the unique challenges we face on two and three wheels when it comes to roadway design."

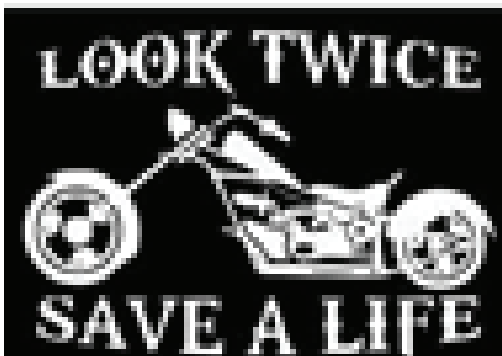
The MRF is encouraged that this legislation will ensure that motorcyclists will continue to have an open dialogue with government officials about the unique characteristics and challenges that motorcyclists face when they are not adequately considered or accounted for as infrastructure programs are being discussed and implemented. We want to acknowledge and commend the relationships that our state motorcyclist rights organizations (SMROs), specifically ABATE of Wisconsin and ABATE of Ohio, established with their elected officials through attending events such as our annual lobby day, Bikers Inside the Beltway. This event, along with active engagement with members of Congress in their home districts, helps the MRF identify the champions of motorcycle issues and achieve our goals.

"We are pleased that our elected representatives from the state of Wisconsin continue to lead the charge in advocating on behalf of the motorcyclists in the country," said Steve Panten, Legislative Director for ABATE of Wisconsin, Inc. "I am encouraged that years of building relationships, both in our State and by coming to Washington, D.C., every year, continues to elevate our issues on Capitol Hill. We urge other SMRO's to take the opportunity to do the same."

The MAC, initially authorized in the SAFETEA-LU in 2005, allotted four of the ten members to consist of representatives from the motorcycling community from various state and federal motorcycle associations. In the FAST Act of 2015, Congress re-established the Motorcyclist Advisory Council in the Highway Bill to advise the Federal Highway Administration on "issues of concern to motorcyclists." However, the MRF was disappointed the re-established MAC only included one seat for a representative of a national motorcycle organization.

The Motorcycle Advisory Council provides the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with expert first-hand knowledge of motorcycle issues. "Motorcycle registration is at an all-time high, but this increasing popularity has brought with it increasing risks, such as fatal accidents," said Rep. Gallagher. "Motorcycles require specific – and in some cases different – requirements of roads, and we need an open dialogue between the motorcycle community, infrastructure experts, and the federal government to discuss these challenges." The MAC serves as the only official forum for the motorcycle community to have an open dialogue with the federal government to discuss concerns with infrastructure design, issues with intelligent transportation systems, and other areas of safety affecting motorcycles on the road.

"With the number of motorcycles currently on the road, it is critical that the road designers and transportation engineers understand the way that motorcycles and motorcyclists interact with the roadways as well as other vehicles using those same roads," said Ed Schetter, Executive Director for ABATE of Ohio, Inc. "Motorcyclists need to be present to help recognize those needs and ensure that motorcycles maintain their place on the road and can be safely operated into a future where technology is creating more and more challenges."



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December 6, 2019

RIDING FREE FROM DC:

Autonomous Vehicle Hearing Follow Up:

At nearly every Congressional hearing, lawmakers are allowed to submit additional questions for the record to the witnesses. This enables lawmakers to ask specific and detailed questions, and it forces witnesses to respond in writing to these questions.

Following the Senate hearing on autonomous vehicles (AVs) two weeks ago, Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) submitted two official questions for the record directed to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Many stakeholders have requested that AVs meet a “vision test” safety standard to ensure driverless vehicles are able to effectively identify and respond to all roadway users including motorcyclists, pedestrians, and cyclists. What is NHTSA’s position on prescribing such standards? Would third party verification of such standards be an approach that NHTSA would recommend?

As AV technology and testing continues to increase, does NHTSA support transparent reporting by manufacturers of test results so that members of the public can review the data? Specifically, would searchable data about how these new products interact with non-AV roadway users like motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists be an important tool for the public?

We at the MRF are eager to see the responses from NHTSA. Thank you, Senator Blunt, for pressing NHTSA to think about basic safety standards and the need for transparent reporting by AV manufacturers. We’d also like to thank the riders in Missouri for helping build a strong relationship with Senator Blunt’s office and educating him on the priorities of motorcyclists.

Show Leather Lobbying

This week, the MRF D.C. team hit something of a milestone. We completed our 227th in-person meeting this year with House of Representative offices on H. Res 255, the motorcyclist profiling resolution. There are 435 Members of the House of Representatives, meaning that we have now physically been in the office of over half of the House offices on Capitol Hill (technically we are at 52%).

What have we learned during those 200 plus meetings? First, there is no substitute for an in-person meeting. Sitting across the table from staff talking about motorcycles is just more powerful than sending an email or making a phone call.

Second, to paraphrase Forrest Gump, “You never know what you are going to get.” We have walked into meetings confident we will find an ally only to be disappointed. Conversely, we’ve started a meeting thinking we had no chance for success only to be pleasantly surprised. That’s why it’s important to show up and ask because you really never know!

Third, our members make an impression. We can’t tell you how many times we’ve mentioned our relationship with the SMRO’s and the Congressional staffer says, “Oh yeah I remember them, they were here in May.” Your work during Bikers Inside the Beltway and at local events back home matters! The staff remembers how passionate and committed you are, and it helps lay a solid foundation for the D.C. team.

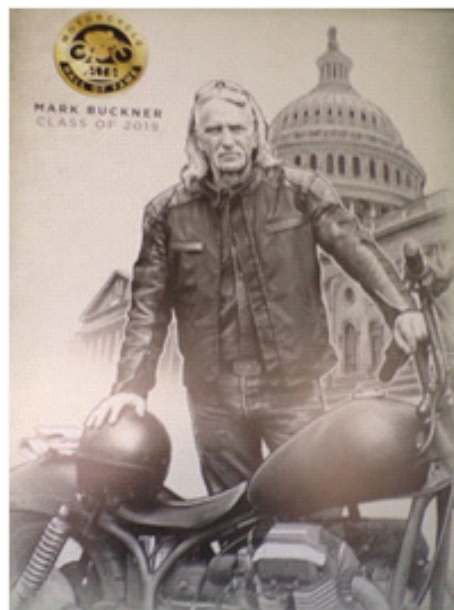
We will continue to pound the Halls of Congress, but we made sure to ask Santa for more business cards and comfortable shoes so we can maintain the fight in 2020.

Mark Buckner Inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame

For Immediate Release

December 9, 2019

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to congratulate Mark Buckner, past president, longtime leader and MRF Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame member on his induction into the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) Motorcycle Hall of Fame. On Friday December 6th, during the 2019 AMA Legends & Champions Weekend.



Mark Buckner began his leadership in motorcyclists' rights advocacy in the late 1980s as the state coordinator for ABATE of Colorado. In 1992, Buckner joined the Motorcycle Riders Foundation board of directors, becoming MRF president and chairman two years later. During his tenure, the MRF implemented strategic planning processes which led to the organization's financial stability and significant growth.

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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Executes Strategic Alignment
For Immediate Release
November 25, 2019

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce we have renewed our Governmental Affairs Consulting Agreement with Husch Blackwell Strategies (HBS) for another year. We will continue to be represented by lobbyist William "Rocky" Fox of HBS.

Tiffany Cipoletti, formerly the MRF's Director of Operations, will now serve as our Director of Government Relations. In her new role, she will focus on carrying out the MRF's Legislative Strategy, provide support for our national motorcyclists' lobby day held annually in May known as Bikers Inside the Beltway, she will also remain the Editor of our magazine, the American Bikers Journal.

To maintain focus on our legislative imperatives, we have decided to move our offices into HBS office space located inside the Congressional beltway.

Consistent with our desire to have the Washington D.C. Operation focus on our legislative strategy we have entered into an administrative contract with JPK Services.

JPK services will be responsible for membership services, day to day accounting, provide phone services, and support Bikers Inside the Beltway and Meeting of the Minds.

The MRF's phone and e-mails will not change, our mailing address will now be:

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

P.O. Box 250

Highland, IL 62249.

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stated that this has been in the works for some time and he commended the MRF Board of Directors in having the wisdom to align our D.C. resources to maintain sole focus on our legislative activities while improving member services, the administration of the MRF, and importantly in a cost-effective structure through an independent contractor.

FYI: Last Thursday, at the "Faith & Recovery Conference" at Trevecca Community Church, Nashville, Tennessee; the Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services awarded Pastor Ron Baptiste the first Faith & Recovery Visionary Award; "for taking his position and influence to fundamentally change the narrative around welcoming and supporting individuals with substance use issues on their path to recovery. He has moved beyond the language of moral failing, recognizing the brain science of addiction and applied proven recovery strategies in his community."

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