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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. June BOD will be held at the Roost. Mark Waters place Tn. Positions are still available. Our Congress and Senators are hurrying through the most important bill, so as of now we have no bill that will be heard. They are wrapping up to get back to their districts to start their campaigns. 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



#### Lawmakers ponder lane splitting/filtering in Arizona, Virginia Finally, lawmakers are starting to see the light.

Lane splitting – and its closely-related cousin filtering – just won't go away. After decades that saw California as the only US state that legalized the practice, or at least turned a blind eye, we're seeing consistent pressure to allow the practice at some level in other states. The big breakthroughs came in Hawaii in 2018 and Utah in 2019, when both states changed their highway safety laws to allow motorcycles to pass between cars in certain situations (Hawaii basically allows motorcycle to filter forward via the shoulder in stopped traffic, Utah allows motorcycles to travel between cars at slow speeds).

In the past few years, there have been quite a few attempts to legalize some measure of filtering or lane splitting in other states, including Connecticut, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Montana as well as the Canadian city of Toronto. Those attempts all seem to have stalled last year, but lane splitting fans won't give up. Revzilla is reporting that Virginia and now Arizona are both looking at the idea again.

According to Revzilla, the move in Arizona comes from Representative Noel Campbell, chairman of the Arizona House Transportation Committee. Campbell, a former military pilot, should certainly understand safety concerns, particularly the specific concerns of motorcyclists, as he reportedly leads riding tours through Mexico and Central America. He's basically proposing the same rules as Arizona: lane splitting would only be legal on roads with at least two lanes in each direction, with a speed limit of no more than 45 mph, and only at speeds of 15 mph or less.

Virginia's proposed rule change, proposed by Representative Tony Wilt, is somewhat similar; there, lawmakers are looking at the idea of legalizing lane splitting on roads with more than one lane in each direction, when traffic has slowed to 10 mph or less. Lane splitting bikes would be required to keep under 20 mph.

Both these scenarios might not be the wild west attitude that prevails in California, but are a move in the right direction, at least, and far more generous than the wimpy half-measures adopted in Hawaii.



### MOTORCYCLES ARE GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY

A new study shows that motorcyclists are less stressed and more fulfilled than car drivers.

The scientific study originally set about trying to find out if bikers were constantly riding in fear of being involved in an accident, but inadvertently proved the opposite! The results center around a certain hormone called Cortisol that is released in the brain when we become anxious, finding that bikers produce 28% less Cortisol during testing than drivers on the same course. The study was conducted by The Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behavior (INHB) in a controlled manner, with 50 motorcyclists and 50 car drivers making their way around a closed course for 20-minutes. During this time, the team measured the user's heart rate, Cortisol, and adrenaline levels, and monitored brain activity.

Results indicated that when riding, the subjects experienced increased sensory focus and resilience to distraction. Riding also produced an increase in adrenaline levels and heart rate, and a decrease in Cortisol levels -- the kind of results you often get after a light exercise session, which also is a stress reducer.

The news regarding the mental well-being of motorcyclists goes hand in hand with a study that found that riding a motorcycle can burn anywhere between 170-600 calories an hour -- as much as an hour at the gym -- making motorcycles good for your mind and body!

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# U.S. TRAFFIC FATALITIES / FATALITY RATE HIGHEST IN A DECADE

On March 2, 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released its 2020 Annual Traffic Crash Data, revealing the highest number of lives lost on U.S. roadways since 2007, despite fewer miles traveled.

While the number of crashes and traffic injuries declined overall, fatal crashes increased by 6.8%, with 38,824 fatalities nationwide. The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled increased to 1.34, a 21% increase from 2019 and again the highest rate since 2007.

In 45% of fatal crashes, the drivers of passenger vehicles were engaged in at least one of the following risky behaviors: speeding (up 17%), alcohol impairment (up 14%), or not wearing a seat belt (up 14%).

Fatalities amongst all vulnerable road users was up across the board; Motorcyclist fatalities up 11% (highest number since first data collection in 1975), Bicyclist fatalities up 9.2% (highest number since 1987), and Pedestrian fatalities up 3.9% (highest number since 1989).

Obviously 2020 was a uniquely anomalous year, with a global pandemic affecting every facet of everyday life, but it's troubling to see such increased carnage even with less travel.

Total vehicle miles traveled (VMT) decreased by 11% in 2020, from 3,261,772 million to 2,903,622 million.

In some good news, the estimated number of police-reported crashes in 2020 decreased by 22% as compared to 2019, and the estimated number of people injured declined by 17%.

### 2022 NCOM CONVENTION - NEW DATES & LOCATION ANNOUNCED

Mark your Ride Calendar NOW for the upcoming 37th annual NCOM Convention to be held June 17-19, 2022 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, located at 10 Century Blvd.in Nashville, Tennessee (615/871-0033 for room reservations).

Concerned riders from across the nation will attend, to learn and share information and experiences regarding mutual topics of concern. All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to 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.

So, plan now to be part of one of the largest gatherings of motorcyclists' rights advocates in the world. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

# 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.





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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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First rodeo of 2022 will be at Jackson County Fairgrounds, Liberty Rally. May 13 -14. Not sure if you can make it, but interested?? You can sign up for event when arriving at the event—Call Mark for more info!!!!

### Music City Charter:

Meeting called to order by Glenn @ 2:02 PM and he led us in the pledge. 8 Members in attendance We had a discussion about a permanent meeting space still no luck but still looking. Update on upcoming BOD meeting On March13th and open offices up for election. Glenn gave us update on Bands for the STR all spots are filled, and sound is taken care of. Hattie handed out some STR flyers .

#### Sumner County

Our March meeting landed on St Patrick's Day for the monthly third Thursday at the Hendersonville VFW and Becky Foss led the 7 members in the pledge. The Thunder Beach rally was discussed for those travelling to Florida in April. Memberships are all caught up now and the State Treasury funds are increasing. The Liberty Rally flyer is being drafted by Sumner members and the STR flyer is pending. The Annual Membership party in 2023 will remain at Clarion Hotel, Nashville. We were informed by Ed Domine of MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) of a new scholarship program available to young people who are members of Abate. Kevin Black advised of a possible October swap meet in Gallatin. Unfortunately, the license project is not moving forward. Join us next month, we will supply the pizza! Until next time ... Lisa

### No additional Charter reports?

**New Members** 

Welcome aboard to our new members

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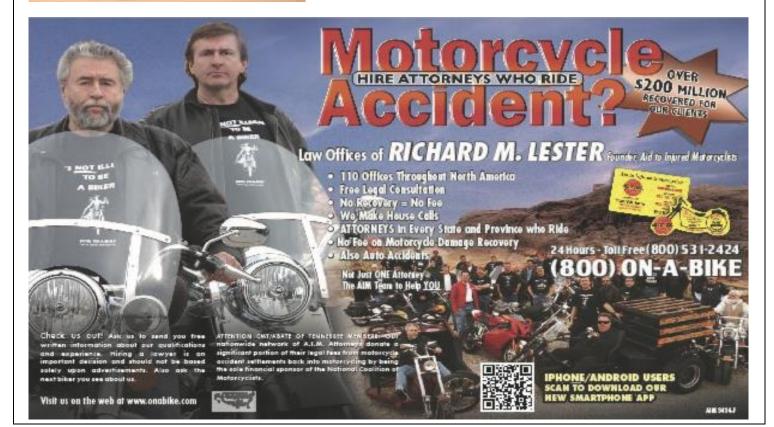
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#### **Threats from Europe**

February 2, 2022

The last few months have seen troublesome news for the motorcyclist community in Europe. Yesterday, the website motorious.com reported on a new threat to motorcyclists in Paris, France. Officials there are taking aim at motorcycles and using sound pollution as the justification. According to the report, "Paris authorities have been experimenting with sound radars as a way to fight excessive noise pollution in the city. Such devices allow police to pinpoint which motorcycle is emitting more decibels than is allowed, then fine the rider." This news for Paris comes on the heels of a Politico report late last year, that the European Commission has plans to dramatically change emission requirements on vehicles. While motorcycles were not included in the initial blueprint, fears are high in Europe. A ban on internal combustion engines "Would be a disaster," said Michael Lenzen of the German Motorcyclists' Association.Don't forget that in 2020, the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), issued a warning about end-of-life vehicle directives. Such a policy would require the collection and destruction of motorcycles that have come to the end of their life. At the time, Wim Taal, FEMA's communications officer said, "Inclusion of motorcycles in the scope of the directive could also mean a serious threat to historical motorcycles. These bikes are especially dependent upon available and affordable original spare parts to keep them in working order. And who wants to see old-timers disappear into state approved demolishing facilities?"The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is committed to working with and supporting our partners in Europe. As MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard has repeatedly warned, "Policy ideas that first appear in Europe have a history of popping up in the United States." The MRF is dedicated to opposing policies that destroy the motorcycling lifestyle. Thank you for your continued support as we fight to maintain our rights and freedoms. Do you really think it couldn't happen here? About Motorcycle Riders Foundation The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond

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While there are a significant number of individual members associated with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation that have been inducted into the Sturgis Hall of Fame, it is noteworthy that our organization as a whole will now be included. MRF Chairman and President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, had this to say, "Our organization being inducted into the Sturgis Hall of Fame is an outstanding achievement that truly recognizes the impact the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has had on the National and International motorcyclists' rights scene over the past four decades. It is truly a celebration of our Founding members and the contributions of each Sustaining Member Organization, Sustaining Motorcycle Club, and individual members since the beginning of this movement. For this recognition to happen in the spiritual center of motorcycling makes it even more special."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank Gary Sellers and Jiggs Cressy along with all of you that sent in letters in support of our nomination.

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#### **MRF State Rep Report**

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors. – Plato

This will be a very busy year in politics (but then, most years are pretty busy). Mid-term elections in the US House & Senate (but no Senators in Tennessee). State-wide elections for Governor, State Representatives and some State Senators. Several Amendments to the State Constitution. And a wide range of local and county elections – everything from school boards to judges to sheriffs to mayors.

That's a lot of candidates and issues that you need to be informed about in order to make a good decision at the polls. It's almost enough to make you give up, and skip the election altogether. But that would be a serious mistake. There are some very good candidates running for some of these positions. And there are some that would be an absolute disaster if they won. Every vote is needed to ensure the good ones get elected.

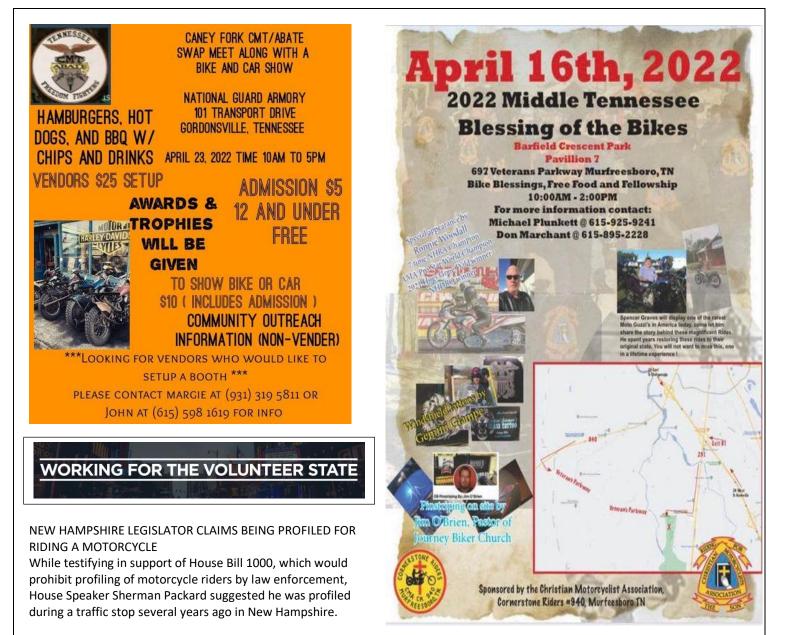
This is also a great time to build a solid relationship with the candidates and their staff. They will all need help over the next handful of months if they hope to win. Any assistance you can bring to their campaign will be remembered once they are in office. And having them recognize your name as someone who helped them in the past can open doors that may be difficult to get past if they don't know who you are. Find the candidates that support your viewpoints and that you believe will help protect your freedom, and offer to help their campaign office. They will probably need places to put yard signs and people to deliver them. They may need some help with phone calls. Or maybe just passing out some literature to your friends and riding buddies. Any little bit can help.

On top of all that, we have our own issues that we are trying to move through the respective chambers, both here in Tennessee and in Washington DC. Our helmet bills (HB0903 & SB1536), as of the time I am writing this, are still sitting in committee. Calls to your State Representative and Senator, especially if they are on the Transportation committees, may help move these forward. On the federal side, we are still collecting cosponsors for our Anti-Profiling Resolution in the US House of Representatives. Call your US Representative and ask them join the 77 Representatives that have already signed on as cosponsors of H. Res. 366 (we don't have any from Tennessee yet).

There's a lot going on, and your participation is critical if we want the best candidates to win and for our legislative efforts to succeed. With the right people in office, and the efforts of all of our members, we can secure our right to...

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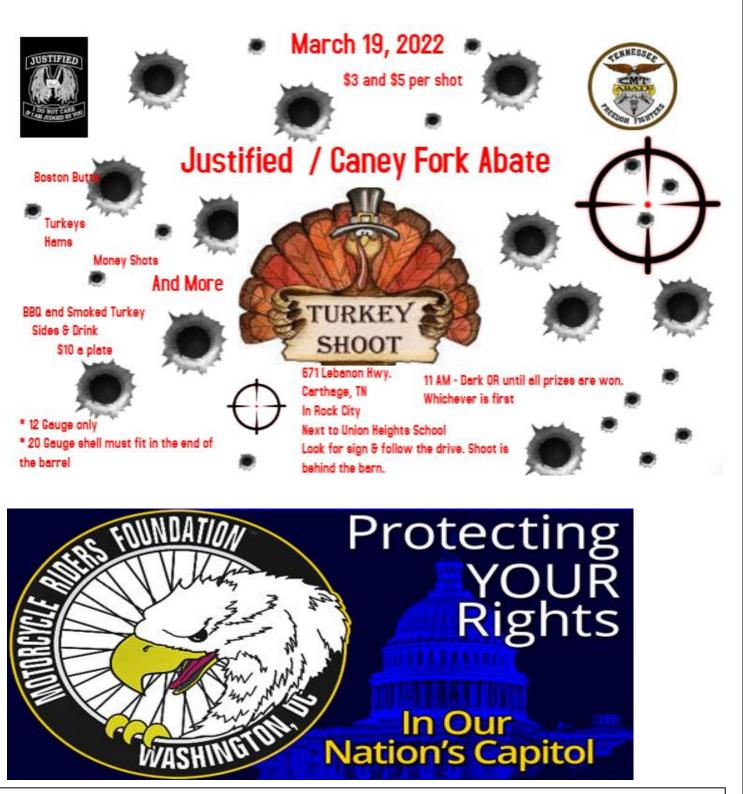


Packard (R-Londonderry), who is the highest-ranking member of the Republican majority, testified in the Public Hearing that he was stopped on Route 1A in Rye, N.H. about nine years ago. "I was in a pack of motorcycles and was the only one stopped by an officer," he testified.

Packard said he was told by the officer he had passed a car on a double yellow line. He said he denied it, and the officer then told Packard he was riding on the double yellow line, which he again denied doing. He said he was detained for about 20 minutes, indicating he felt it was a case of profiling because he was a motorcycle rider. He also said he did not know why the other motorcycle riders he was with were not stopped.

Sherm Packard, a longtime motorcycle rider and champion of bikers' rights, was a founding member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force and developed the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' informational brochure "A Biker's Guide to Getting Elected to Public Office".

Packard is also a cosponsor of HB 1000, which was voted out of the House on March 11 with an "Ought to Pass" recommendation.



Members of the House of Representatives left D.C. last week for two weeks of recess. While they are away their staff members are sorting through constituent mail and reviewing legislative priorities. Now is a great time to contact those congressional offices and have your voice heard!

H. Res 366 is a resolution focused on the profiling of bikers and it needs public support from all Members of Congress.

Click on the link below and you will be sent to a site that sends a letter to your Representative based on your zip code.

If your Representative has already signed on, your message will be a thank you note and ask them to push for a full vote on the House floor. If your elected official hasn't signed on, the message will ask for them to cosponsor H. Res 366 and go on record supporting bikers.

So far this year over 70 Representatives have cosponsored the resolution, but that is just half of where we were in 2020. Let's make sure the politicians in Washington, D.C. hear from bikers and act.

Go to: https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/ to contact your Representative regarding H. Res 366. Join the MRF!

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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 <a href="mailto:cmtabate@icloud.com">cmtabate@icloud.com</a> All ad payments should be sent to the main office