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Director's Column

Welcome Riders and it's summertime.

I hope everyone is enjoying themselves out there.: "But where, says some, is the king of America? I'll tell you. . . . let a crown be placed . . . , by which the world may know, . . . that in America the law is king. For in absolute governments the king is the law, so in free countries the law ought to be king; and there ought to be no other . . . "

~ Thomas Paine (1776), Patriot

Where do you stand in your rights as a motorcyclist? Only standing together can we fight for no profiling, freedom to make our own choices as to what to wear including the choice to wear or not wear a helmet. Our rights to even just ride is ours. Those who don't ride have no idea of the freedom one receives when they are on the open road. Ride like you stole it, until next time.

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MRF State Rep Report

"Build for your team a feeling of oneness, of dependence on one another and of strength to be derived by unity."

– Vince Lombardi"

I heard several comments at our September board meeting about the need to work together as a team. This is absolutely one of the most critical concerns of any organization. We are at our strongest if we all are focused on the same goals and are pursuing a single agenda. Splintering the organization, with each charter or small groups of members only interested in their own activities is a sure recipe for the failure of the team. Yes, there will be disagreements about specific goals or the steps to advance the agenda. Those issues need to be discussed openly and addressed so that everyone is willing to move forward with what the team decides.

The bylaws of CMT/ABATE read, in part: "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."

The above paragraph defines the top-level goals of CMT/ABATE. We are "promoting fair motorcycle legislation" and "safety and awareness programs". But it all starts with the line "to form a united motorcyclist's organization". Our bylaws recognize that we must be **united** in our focus to be successful in reaching our goals.

As the MRF Rep for Tennessee, part of my role is trying to maintain a united focus among all the motorcyclists in the State of Tennessee and the work being done on the federal level by the MRF. There will sometimes be differences in our specific objectives – Tennessee has some very different concerns than California, New York or Hawaii. But the overall goals of all the organizations should align – to work towards the protection and advancement of motorcycling and the motorcycling lifestyle.

It is encouraging to see the support that CMT/ABATE continues to provide for the MRF. Our recent decision to increase our financial pledge to the MRF is one example of this, as is the support offered help cover the costs of sending someone to the Meeting of the Minds to represent Tennessee. Several individual charters have also stepped up to support the MRF through a Sustaining Organization Membership for their charter. And Dickson-Humphreys-Hickman charter has pledged an additional \$200 towards helping someone represent us at the Meeting of the Minds – Thanks DHH.

Just as the activities of the MRF and the state organizations must align, so must the activities of CMT/ABATE align with what the individual charters are doing. If we are each going our own direction it will be extremely difficult to accomplish any significant goals. But when we are unified, and all pushing forward in the same direction, we can be successful in advancing our right to...

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QEII RIP

Heartfelt condolences have poured out from around the World with the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, the longest serving monarch in British history (1952-2022), and a fellow gearhead.

Before she became Queen, in 1945 then-Princess Elizabeth was the first female member of the Royal Family to serve in the armed forces, joining the women's Auxiliary Territory Services (ATS) during WWII at the age of 19 as a driver and mechanic. Her wartime training also involved gaining experience on two wheels, and she has been pictured riding motorcycles on numerous occasions.

Her majesty's mechanical aptitude evidently passed to her grandchildren, as both Prince William and Prince Henry are well-known motorcycle fans, and the Royal pair once shared together a 1,000-mile charity ride on Honda enduro bikes across Africa.

May her memory reign eternal; and Long Live The King!

NEW STUDY REVEALS SELF-DRIVING CARS ARE NOT SAFE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

A white paper analyzing the ability of self-driving cars to detect motorcycles has been released by the Connected Motorcycle Consortium (CMC), revealing several shortfalls in the autonomous technology.

Concerns remain that autonomous vehicles do not yet have sufficient detection capabilities to make them safe around powered two-wheelers (PTWs), and as the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) said, "reliable detection of PTWs by passenger car ADAS (Advanced Driving Assistance Systems) is absolutely essential to avoid car-PTW collisions and to decrease the number of motorcycle accidents. Passenger cars must be able to appropriately recognize motorcycle maneuvers in ordinary traffic, such as weaving in, leaning while cornering or splitting lanes."

The conclusion of the CMC paper is that it will be necessary going forwards for ADAS vehicles to have a "special focus on PTW detection" in their testing. "Under certain circumstances," the CMC paper reads, "the detection of PTWs is challenging for ADAS due to the different way of motion, the slim shape and as a result the smaller radar reflectivity of PTWs compared to cars."

The CMC considers that, currently, "one of the most effective ways [to improve PTW safety] is to improve conspicuity of PTWs by automotive systems."

CALIFORNIA VOTES TO BAN NEW GAS CAR SALES BY 2035

California air regulators voted in August to approve stringent new rules to ban the sale of new gasoline-powered cars by 2035 and set interim targets to phase those cars out. The measure is a historic one in the US and would constitute one of the first such bans worldwide.

These new California Air Resources Board (CARB) rules would also set interim quotas for zero-emission vehicles, focusing on new models. Starting with 2026 models, 35% of new cars, SUVs and small pickups sold in California would be required to be zero-emission vehicles. That quota would increase each year and is expected to reach 51% of all new car sales in 2028, 68% in 2030 and 100% in 2035. California has laid out an audacious goal: In 13 years, it should no longer be possible to buy a new car that runs purely on gasoline anywhere in the state. Failure to meet those targets carries the threat of stiff penalties.

The rules would not impact used vehicles, allowing them to stay on the roads. The rules won't be immediate and will go into effect in 2026. Multiple states are expected to follow suit, including Colorado and Minnesota, as well as states on the Northeast and West Coast that followed California's previous zero-emission vehicle regulations. New Jersey and Maryland officials said they were reviewing California's decision, while public comment has opened in Washington state on a similar plan.

NOTEWORTHY: OUT OF CHARGE -- Immediately following the announced ICE (internal combustion engine) ban, in favor of electric mobility, a heat wave's strain on the electrical grid led California's Independent System Operator, which runs the state's power grid, to issue multiple bulletins alerting residents to voluntarily reduce their power consumption by avoiding using "large appliances and charging electric vehicles" during peak usage hours.

NOTEWORTHY TOO: MAJOR HEATWAVE IN CHINA DISRUPTS SUPPLY CHAIN

"Supply chain issues" is now a commonly understood concept, ranging from the ongoing semiconductor shortage to shipping woes, but now a new supply chain disruption is rearing its head as China experiences the worst heat wave in recorded history, reaching triple digits for over two months and leading to industrial shutdowns to conserve energy. Drought anywhere is bad news -- but it's even worse news in Sichuan, a major international manufacturing hub in central China which derives approximately 80% of its electricity from hydropower. As temperatures climb, the local government has instructed factories in various industries to shut down so that the available power can be used by the people living in the affected areas.

From EV batteries to steel and aluminum, a host of industries are being affected.

SELF-DRIVING CARS ARE COMING, SOONER THAN LATER

The U.K. government has announced that it is planning to introduce self-driving vehicles on the country's roads starting next year, with full implementation planned for 2025.

As well as the 2025 goal for fully self-driving vehicles, the government says that "Some vehicles, including cars, coaches and lorries, with self-driving features could be operating on motorways in the next year."

"The benefits of self-driving vehicles have the potential to be huge," said Transport Secretary Grant Shapps. "We want the UK to be at the forefront of developing and using this fantastic technology, and that is why we are investing millions in vital research into safety and setting the legislation to ensure we gain the full benefits that this technology promises."

The news of the UK government's latest self-driving plans come after the United Nations (UN) announced in July that self-driving cars would be allowed to drive faster but would also have to undergo more stringent tests to make sure they can detect motorcycles.

Ultimately, autonomous vehicles are very much a part of the future of transportation, and boils down to responsible legislators passing reasonable legislation, especially in the initial crossover phase when they mix with human-driven vehicles.

GWRRA CALLS IT QUILTS

Putting down their kickstand for good, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is waving farewell after 45 years of meeting the nicest people and ceased operations following this year's Wing Ding 43 in Shreveport, Louisiana at the end of July.

Founded in 1977 with the motto, "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge," the GWRRA called itself, "the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles" that once boasted nearly 80,000 members across 53 countries, with 800-plus chapters staffed by 4,000 volunteer leaders.

GWRRA Founders Paul Hildebrand and Shirley Stevens-Garcia made good on the '60s era ad slogan "You meet the nicest people on a Honda" by creating a non-profit, non-religious, non-political organization "that advocated for rider education and safety, motorist awareness, and leadership training."

SAVE THE DATE - 2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX

Next year's 38th annual NCOM Convention is now scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of like-minded bikers' rights activists from across the country for a weekend of learning, sharing and camaraderie!

Concerned advocates from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders will gather together for the betterment of biking, with agenda items dealing with legal and legislative issues, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists as they are announced.

How to Combat Motorcycle Profiling at the State Level

At the state level, you may have an easier time combatting motorcycle profiling, but it largely depends on the state.

Several states have continued to join in on passing legislation that combats motorcycle profiling. More recently, Idaho became the fourth state to pass a motorcycle profiling law in 2020. The measure addresses the discriminatory practice and allows victims to have more options when pursuing a claim.

Louisiana also passed a similar law in 2019 while Maryland and Washington state were the first two states to address motorcycle profiling in 2016 and 2011 respectively.

While these states recognize and address this discriminatory practice, they, unfortunately, do not provide monetary compensation for motorcyclists who have been victims of such profiling. The Federal Civil Rights Act remains to be the main recourse motorcyclists have in order to seek monetary relief.

While these four states have addressed motorcycle profiling with legislation, many other states have taken the necessary steps to help eliminate the main factors that contribute to this discriminatory practice. States including Alaska, Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, New Hampshire, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming have all restricted checkpoints for motorcyclists. California has also followed suit by outlawing checkpoints specific to motorcyclists.



MRF State Rep Report

Frustrating News for Motorcyclists

August 15, 2022

In the last few weeks two national stories related to motorcyclists have been in the headlines. Last week a jury in New Hampshire acquitted a truck driver accused of killing seven motorcyclists in 2019. The Boston Globe reported, "The verdict was at odds with findings from the National Transportation Safety Board, which concluded in 2020 that the driver's drug use was the probable cause of his initiating the collision."

The story out of New Hampshire comes on the heels of news from California and Utah in which two different Tesla's, allegedly operating on autopilot, killed motorcyclists in each state. In response, the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) sent investigative teams to the two crashes last month.

These two stories, less than one month apart, are very disturbing. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has long advocated for accountability from individuals and manufacturers when their actions result in the loss of a motorcyclist's life. The MRF remains committed to defending the rights and safety of our nation's 10 million bikers. We will monitor the finding from NHTSA and remain vigilant in Washington, D.C. on behalf of all bikers. Remember, if we don't stand up to protect our rights and safety no one will!

Now more than ever, Ride Safe and Ride Free!

To read more about the New Hampshire crash [click here](#).

To read more about the Tesla crashes [click here](#).

A [2021 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey](#) detailed that 99% of over 34,000 survey participants share that they have been targeted by law enforcement based on their appearance alone.

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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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We Told You So!

August 26, 2022

At last year's MRF Meeting of the Minds in Atlanta, Georgia the fate of the internal combustion engine was discussed. In fact, at the urging of ABATE of Illinois, the following language was added to the MRF's 2022 Legislative Priorities: "Work to ensure the survival of combustion engines. Including elimination of the California air quality waivers which threaten combustion engine production."

In October of 2021 California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill into law banning the sale of all off-road, gas-powered engines, including generators, lawn equipment, pressure washers, chainsaws, weed trimmers, and even golf carts.

And less than one year later we learn this, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that governs motor vehicle emissions for the state adopted new rules that will require 35% of the new cars sold in the state are electric or plug-in hybrids by 2026, with that percentage rising to 68% by 2030 and 100% by 2035.

That's right gas burning cars will no longer be for sale in the country's largest state in less than 15 years. Other states, including Massachusetts and Washington have already signaled that they would follow California's lead. What does the future of motorcycling look like?

Will the bike you are riding today be legal in a few years?

What will your kids or grandkids be riding? or will they even be allowed to own a motorcycle?

Your Freedom is under assault and without your help we can't fight back!

Thank you to all the members of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation for defending your Freedoms.

We need all street riders to join this fight, if you are not a member of the MRF click here to join.

Ride Safe and Ride Free!

To read more about the new rules in California [click here](#).

Two Stories that Caught Our Eye

August 24, 2022

August in Washington, D.C. is normally a quiet time of year as lawmakers have left town and will not return until after Labor Day. Despite this, a few issues caught our eye that we wanted to make you aware of.

On August 11th Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) sent a joint letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on how the agency is working to address its report showing that Tesla vehicles were implicated in numerous crashes, including crashes involving serious injuries and five known deaths. As we mentioned last week, two fatal crashes between Tesla vehicles and bikers in California and Utah earlier this year have raised concerns at the MRF.

According to the letter, "Federal investigations and recent reporting have uncovered troubling safety issues associated with these systems, including but not limited to the following:

Driver Engagement - The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) found that Tesla's Autopilot system does not effectively monitor driver engagement and respond to driver inattentiveness.

Erratic Driving - Reports have found that vehicles in Full Self Driving (FSD) mode have imperiled bicyclists and pedestrians, driven down tram tracks, and crashed into bollards.

Rolling Stops - Last year, Tesla issued a software update enabling FSD to make "rolling stops," in which the vehicle fails to come to a complete stop at all-way stop intersections.

Passenger Play - Last year, Tesla introduced a new "Passenger Play" feature enabling occupants to play video games on the center console while the car is in motion, which could be used by the driver when the Autopilot feature is engaged.

Phantom Braking - In October 2021, Tesla recalled certain vehicles equipped with FSD software over issues with vehicle braking. 11 Vehicles equipped with this software were reportedly braking sharply in response to falsely detected road hazards."

To read the full letter to NHTSA [click here](#).

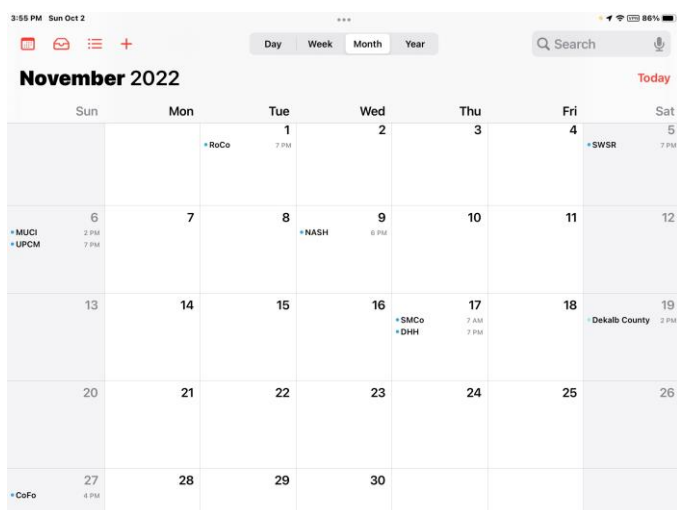
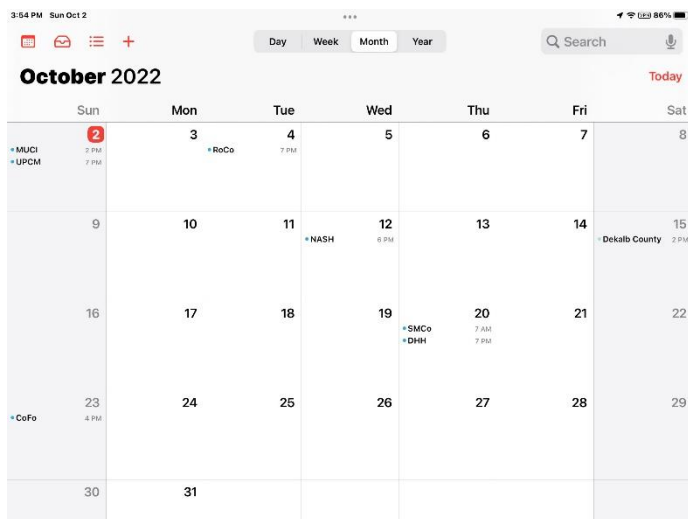
To read about the Utah crash [click here](#).

To read more about the California crash [click here](#).

The other major news this month was the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Included in the legislation was a 10-year tax credit worth up to \$7,500 for the purchase of a new electric vehicle and a \$4,000 tax credit for a used vehicle. The Department of Energy has released a list of nearly 30 vehicles that meet the requirements for the tax credit, however, clearly missing from the list are electric motorcycles. The tax credit only applies to four wheeled vehicles assembled in the United States.

Now there is no doubt that many of the 10 million bikers in this country have no interest in purchasing an electric motorcycle! If it doesn't run on an internal combustion engine, they have no interest in riding it. Nevertheless, it's concerning when the federal government crafts policy regarding our transportation system and omits motorcycles from that policy. While D.C. has ignored bikers, a handful of state governments have rightly included motorcycles in their state-run tax credit programs for electric vehicles.

Even with Congress on vacation until September, the MRF remains committed and vigilant in defending the rights and safety of all bikers.



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Avoiding common motorbike collisions

#1

Vehicles pulling out in front of you at a junction



Road users looking for a gap to pull into often don't see a motorcycle.

Many bikes simply aren't seen – can you stop if the car pulls across your path?



Avoiding common motorbike collisions

#2

Passing a line of traffic

Cars or vans in queues sometimes pull out suddenly, looking for a quicker route.



Expect the unexpected, like a sudden U-turn particularly in queuing traffic.



Cars might change lanes suddenly, particularly in queuing traffic.



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Avoiding common motorbike collisions

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Robertson County, Charter July 2022 Meeting Minutes
Shorty from the Nashville Local Charter visited our meeting. We discussed the upcoming Southern Thunder Rally and decided to ask the members of the Sumner Local Charter and the Music City Local Charter to meet us at Red River Canoe so we could all understand what repairs were needed prior to the event. Johann stated that he gave Dickson-Humphreys a pack of twenty-four (24) tickets, and he brought a pack of twenty-four (24) tickets to the Robertson meeting. Let's sell some tickets folks!

Best Regards,
J. Robert Forbus

New Members

Welcome aboard to our new members:

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Greg Bone

Wayne & Vickie Linder

Sumner County Charter meeting held on 9/15 at the Hendersonville VFW, on the 3rd Thursday every month with several of our local members attending. The STR, which is hosted by 3 local charters, was a big topic with reports the Bike Show and Rodeo had lower than expected attendance along with suggestions to increase the marketing and promotion of all events. A contributing factor to the lower attendance could have been due to calendar conflicts like the State Fair and a Dickson County event held the same weekend. We've noted calendar conflicts before, the charters would benefit from an annual calendar outlook to do event scheduling and avoid double booking to allow members to go to more events throughout the year.

Upcoming event is the State Rodeo on October 15 and the annual Membership Drive in January. The group had some discussion about bringing back Poker Runs and the Memory Ride, after all, members want to ride and typically enjoy the daytrip type of organized rides.

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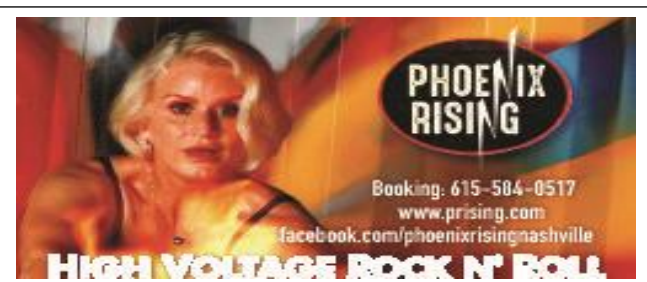
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ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST POPULATED NATIONS SET TO BAN ALL MOTORCYCLES

Nigeria -- the sixth most populous nation in world -- is set to ban the use and sale of all motorcycles in an effort to hamper the actions of terrorist 'bandits.' The federal government of Nigeria is strongly considering a ban on the sale and use of motorcycles across the country as an unusual new tactic to stop terror attacks. The actions of the federal government come after Governor Bello Mattawale of Zamfara State introduced a curfew for the use of motorcycles in the town of Gusau, and directed his security personnel to shoot on sight anyone caught riding a motorcycle between 8pm and 6am.

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Nigeria's Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, recently told reporters that by banning the predominant mode of transport as used by terrorist groups across the country, it would severely hamper their logistical efforts. "Placing a ban on the use of motorcycles and mining activities will cut the supply of logistics to the terrorists," reports Nigeria's Times newspaper. "This will be done in the national interest. We are Nigerians because Nigeria as a country exists and any issue that will translate into a threat to national security or the corporate existence of the country requires certain sacrifices." The plans come as Nigerian authorities attempt to curtail the efforts of various jihadist terrorist groups -- such as Boko Haram and Islamic State -- responsible for numerous attacks across the country, with offenses ranging from killings, kidnappings and sexual violence committed by members known as 'bandits' who mostly use motorcycles to launch attacks quickly and without warning to devastating effect, as well as move around the area without detection.

Now You Can Lane splitting In Arizona (Sort Of)

Technically, it's "lane sharing"

It's been months of waiting, but as of September 24, 2022, motorcycle lane sharing is legal in the state of Arizona.

The change comes after months of waiting for signed paperwork to become law. Back in March, Arizona's governor signed Senate Bill 173, and since then we've just been waiting for it to actually come into effect. SB173 contains this wording:

F. The operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may overtake and pass another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel and in the same lane as the operator and may operate the motorcycle between lanes of traffic if the movement may be made safely and if the operator does both of the following:

1. operates The motorcycle on a street that both:

(a) Is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel.

(b) Has a speed limit that does not exceed forty-five miles per hour.

2. travels at a speed that does not exceed fifteen miles per hour.

So, it's not free-for-all lanesplitting like we see in California and much of the rest of the world. Riders have a set of rules they must play by, and if they don't, then chances are that law enforcement will raise the issue with them. Or maybe they won't. It's hard to predict what exactly will happen once the practice becomes more commonplace. We've seen no word yet on auto drivers' reaction to the change, but riders in Arizona would be very wise to exercise their new traffic rights very very carefully, as there will be plenty of danger from inattentive or even angry cagers in the weeks to come.

However, it's progress in the right direction. At this point, motorcycle lane sharing is legal in California, Utah, Montana and Arizona. Other states in the US continue to examine the idea of lane sharing, and we expect further progress on this obvious solution to gridlock in the months and years to come.

I am open minded, Explain the LOUD stereo systems on motorcycles.

Discussion in 'The Perfect Line and Other Riding Myths' started by vecchio Lupo, Sep 22, 2022.

I'm not making fun of anyone, nor is it my intent to vilify a segment of our community. I have noticed that when I'm at a light, or sometimes in traffic, I'm subjected to another rider's taste in music, loudly, almost painfully loud. Now I am in SC, a non-helmet state so I almost get the open-air attraction, but I've always heard that helmets in addition to limiting your vision, impair your ability to hear what's going on around you. Not with these stereophonic traveling concerts, I know they can't hear anything besides the music.

I'm not a prude, although I do wear a helmet no matter the state law, I also have a pretty nice electronics package inside my helmet that talks to the phone, the gps, the Bluetooth audio and other riders, so I get the need for gadgetry. I ride with a Veterans Riding Club, and all of those guys blast music so loud I can hear it clearly inside my helmet even at moderate speeds, say 50mph if I'm close.

I just don't like to be forced to hear another bikes music; it is funny when a group all play different music it's like a radio stuck on scan. Lastly, yes, many cars do the same, why do I need to listen to Lizzo when you pump gas? it's just as rude, but somehow it feels worse from the bikes.....

I'm open to understanding the phenom, it's not that big a deal as far as deals go.



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