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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.

Charter**Contacts****Meeting Times**

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Smith-Wilson- Stones River	Larry Binkley 615-417-5229 lb54panel@aol.com	1st Saturday @ 2, The Roost Lebanon
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-808-1618 jlhollis@yahoo.com	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
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

Director's Column

Welcome riders; here we are already in the month of September. I'm looking forward to the STR toward the end of the month. If you haven't already bought your tickets, hurry up and do so. They are available online at our website www.cmtabate.com - click the link on the main page and it will take you straight to the ticket sales. I hope everyone is doing well and being able to get out and ride this summer. The next Board of Directors meeting will be out at The Roost (Mark Waters place) on September 12 at 1 PM CST. The Board of Directors will meet again on December 12, at 12:00 pm CST at the Bavarian Bierhaus, 121 Oprah Mills Dr., Nashville TN. Elections will be taking place at the September BOD. Membership

is looking really good with several new group members along with new members and renewals. I'd like to welcome all those new members and new group members that have joined CMT/ABATE INC. I hope everyone is calling their Senators and Representatives on House Bill 903 and Senate Bill 1536. We still have time left this year before the beginning of 2022 to get more Representatives and Senators on board. So it's really important that everybody spreads the word to add to as many folks as we can so that we have the support for next year. Make copies of it and spread it around as many people as we can give it to and ask them to call. Tennessee is way overdue for freedom of choice. The CMT/ABATE Army can make a difference. Well that's all I have for now so everybody ride safe and be free and we will see you next

month.

Post Script:

Accidental death and dismemberment insurance is automatically included with group memberships.

Scott Smith
CMT/ABATE INC
Corporate Director



For Immediate Release

August 6, 2021

MRF 2021 HOF Inductee Announcement.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation announces the 2021 Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame Inductees.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to release the names of the 2021 class of Inductees to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame (MRF HOF). These will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the

Minds conference September 23-26, in Atlanta, Georgia.

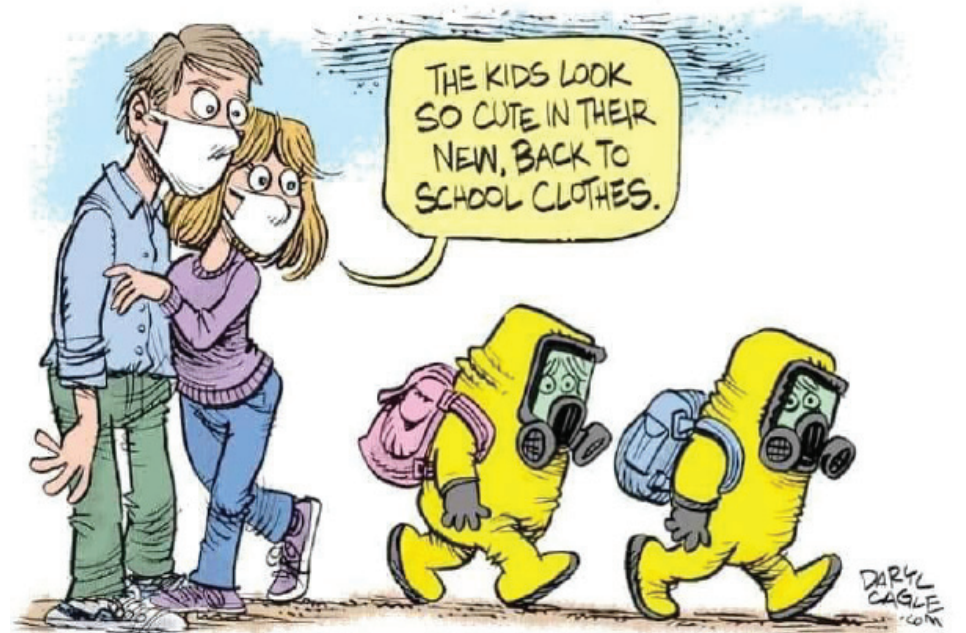
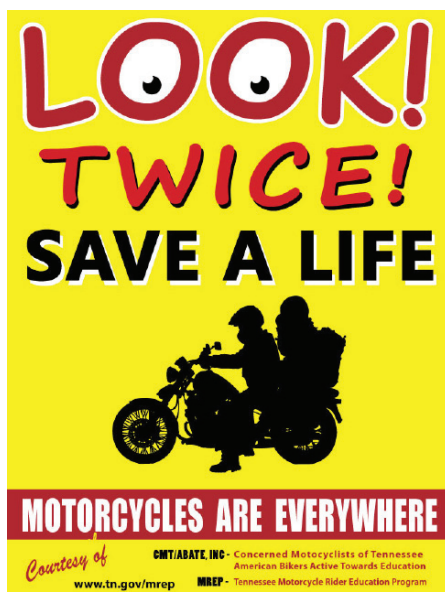
This year's MRF HOF Class of 2021 - Freedom Fighter Inductees are:

- Butch Brown
- Deb Butitta
- Jim Dahling
- Carol Downs

Past Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame inductees are: Keith "Bandit" Ball, Mark Buckner, Wayne Curtin, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, "Still" Ray Fitzgerald, Richard Gray, Bob Illingworth, Nathan "Buck" Kittredge, Ed Netterberg,

Sherman Packard, Todd Vandermyde, Paul Vestal, Penny Walker, Ed Youngblood, Vince Consiglio, Fredric Harrell, Rodney Roberts, Simon Milward, JoAnne Packard, Karen Bolin, Lee Richardson, Jerry "JT" Thomas, and Teresa Hepker, Dick "Slider" Gilmore, Charles Umbenhauer, Wanda Hummel-Shultz, "Biker" Jim Rhoades, Lee Ryan, Marc Falsetti, Gary Klinker, Charlie Williams, Dave Dwyer, "Radio" Bob Letourneau, "Farmer" John Eggers and Michael "Boz" Kerr.

Congratulations to all from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Board of Directors.





FACT OR FICTION
- HELMET USE
 July 30, 2021

On a nearly annual basis the media in this country is inspired to report stories about motorcycle fatalities on our nation's roadways. Invariably, these stories paint motorcycle rider deaths as a product of irresponsible riders who live in states that have some level of helmet choice. Frequently they report statistics that prove their narrative but fail to paint a full and complete picture. The lens with which these stories are reported often takes the naive view that crashes can be made "safer" if only bikers somehow followed government helmet mandates.

The only true solution to motorcycle safety and reducing fatalities are proactive measures, which prevent a collision from occurring at all, rather than reactive steps that may or may not offer some level of injury mitigation only after a crash has already taken place. Rider education, which prepares motorcyclists to interact with other roadway users by learning and practicing the skills necessary for hazard avoidance and developing a strategy to deal with real world traffic, is the primary component of a comprehensive motorcycle safety plan. Additionally, educating all motor vehicle operators to be alert and free of impairment as they share the road with others is critical in deterring crashes caused by inattention.

When coming across these stories keep in mind some facts that are omitted from their reports.

Fact: Over the last decade motorcycle related deaths have varied between years but for the most part remain flat. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data from 2019 shows 5,014 deaths, a decrease from the 2008

5,307 deaths NHTSA recorded. In that same time period registered motorcycles increased from 7.7 million in 2008 to 8.7 million ten years later. In other words, there are a million more bikes on the road and there were 300 less deaths.

Fact: Twenty-nine percent of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2017 were riding without proper licensure at the time of the collision. A valid motorcycle license includes a rider having a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement or possessing a motorcycle only license. Proper training and licensing are fundamental parts of motorcycle safety, taking unqualified riders off the road is a commonsense solution to lowering motorcycle fatalities.


Fact: The lack of a helmet mandate in the 31 states who have allowed freedom of choice does not prohibit someone from choosing to wear a helmet. In fact, a 2019 U.S. Department of Transportation audit showed that states without mandatory helmet laws still saw 56.5% of riders choose to wear a helmet.

Fact: A 2019 U.S. Department of Transportation Fatality Analysis Reporting System report showed that in crash study data, where helmet use was known, 36% of motorcyclists killed were not wearing a helmet. Conversely 61% of motorcycle fatalities involved a rider wearing a helmet. The remaining 3% had unknown usage. These numbers closely mirror NHTSA data on overall helmet usage which shows 64% of riders wearing helmets.

Fact: Despite the constant drum beat from safety advocates, the media and Washington D.C. bureaucrats about the ills of helmetless riders, state legislatures continue to trust the judgment of bikers. Just last year Missouri passed a modified helmet law allowing the choice to ride

without a helmet to those who are qualified. In at least three other states, West Virginia, Maryland, and Nebraska there are active campaigns to change their helmet mandates and let those who ride decide.

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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MRF State Rep Report –

***Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to continue that counts.***

– Sir Winston Churchill

You win some...

and you lose some.

In July, we were successful in including five important provisions for motorcyclists in the House Highway Funding Bill.

In August, as the US Senate worked on their version of the Highway Funding Bill, we had a good step forward when our own Senator Marsha Blackburn submitted SA2334, an amendment to add "motorcyclists" to a short list of specific roadway users that must be accounted for in the safe deployment of connected vehicle systems. Senator Blackburn deserves the thanks of all motorcyclists for thinking of our safety as these rules are being developed. If you wish to send a note to thank Senator Blackburn for her effort in promoting the safety of motorcyclists, you can send an email directly from her web site, at: www.blackburn.senate.gov.

Unfortunately, this was one of nearly 500 proposed amendments to the Senate

highway bill, of which only about 20 were debated and voted on. This amendment promoting the safety of motorcyclists, as well as a separate amendment regarding profiling of motorcyclists, were not included in that debate, and are not included in the final Senate Highway Bill.

The Senate Bill does reauthorize the Motorcyclists Advisory Committee and expands the motorcycle safety program grants, however several other issues that are part of the House Bill passed in July are not included in the current Senate Bill.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will be especially attentive to opportunities to add these issues to the final legislation as the final Highway Funding Bill is negotiated between the Senate and the House of Representatives. As this progresses through the legislative process, stay alert for updates from the MRF in case action is needed to contact your Senators or Representatives regarding the motorcycling issues in the highway funding bill.

We may have succeeded in the House, but only achieved part of what we wanted in the Senate. The fight is not over, and we refuse to accept failure while there

may still be an opportunity. We will continue our efforts to include all our issues in the final Bill as we strive to protect our right to...

...Ride Free, - - Ed

Special Note - -

Last Call for Meeting of the Minds.

I am aware of several of our members that will be attending along with me. Group room rates and early registration discounts end September 10th, so sign up soon. This is a great opportunity to attend the premier national motorcyclists' rights convention, and we're not going to see it hosted much closer than Atlanta unless we hold it right here in Tennessee (a possible thought for the future?). I hope to see you there.

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**A police recruit
was asked during
an exam, "What
would you do if you
had to arrest your
own mother?" The
reply," Call for
backup".**

**I'M GLAD I LEARNED
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HIGH SCHOOL MATH INSTEAD
OF HOW TO DO MY TAXES.
IT COMES IN SO HANDY DURING
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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.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

Sept. 11 Robertson Co. Memorial Ride
Sept. 17 SWSR Finals Rodeo

Oct. 30 DHH Toy Run

Dec. 4 Robertson Co. Toy Run
Dec. 11 SWSR Dirty Santa Christmas Party



Why won't my chain saw stay sharp?



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CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				WOT		SWSR
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MuCi/UpCo	RoCo MoCo					RoCo Mem Ride
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BOD			Nash	SMCo DHH	SWSR Final Rodeo	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
CaFo						

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	1	2
				WOT		SWSR
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
UpCo MuCi	RoCo MoCo					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Nash	SMCo DHH		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CaFo	31					DHH Toy Run

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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

The Birth of Autonomous Driving

Back in the early 1980s, folks at DARPA approached researchers at Carnegie Mellon's Robotics Institute about a crazy project – a self-driving car. We now refer to these as “autonomous vehicles” (or “AVs”). Today, auto manufacturers, leading technology companies, and entrepreneurs have invested upwards of \$100 billion into this idea.

When analysts discuss AVs, they talk about “levels.” The Society of Automotive Engineers (“SAE”) has defined them as follows...

Level 0: Like most cars today, which require full human control.

Level 1: Level 1 cars feature various technologies that are commonplace in newer cars today such as parking assistance, collision warning (typically combined with emergency braking), and “adaptive cruise control,” where your car will speed up or slow down to maintain a safe distance from the car in front of you.

Level 2: Level 2 vehicles have partially automated driving – also known as “hands off” – like what's found in Tesla's Auto-

pilot, Cadillac's Super Cruise, and Volvo's Pilot Assist. Level 2 cars can usually steer, accelerate, and brake on their own but can really only drive themselves under the easiest conditions like clear weather and on highways or clearly marked roads. Drivers must always pay attention and be ready to take the wheel in case the self-driving system fails.

Level 3: Level 3 vehicles can steer, accelerate or decelerate, and pass other cars without human input. They can also maneuver around incidents or traffic jams. Where level 2 cars require drivers to have at least a finger on the wheel, level 3 systems enable drivers to take their hands off the wheel and feet off the pedals — but only in specific situations. Humans still need to be ready to take back control when the car requests it. The first of these vehicles, the Audi A8, was originally scheduled for availability in late 2019, but Audi decided that it needed better answers regarding liability, responsibility, and regulation before rolling out the technology.

Level 4: According to SAE guidelines, a level 4 car should be able to drive itself safely, “even if a human driver does not respond appropriately to a request to

intervene.” A level 4 car will slow down, pull over, or park itself at a safe spot if the driver doesn't take control when requested, which might happen in tougher driving conditions like off-road driving or unmapped roads. This is also known as “mind off,” because the car can drive itself so well that you can read a book or even go to sleep.

Level 5: Level 5 is the Holy Grail... Fully autonomous vehicles that never require human involvement, even under the most difficult conditions. In fact, they wouldn't have a steering wheel or other controls. Instead, think of a futuristic “pod.”

Search for “autonomous vehicles” on the Internet, and you'll see predictions about when the more advanced levels will be available. The overwhelming consensus is that it will take decades.

This forecast is consistent with how the human mind works, as we discussed earlier... But as we know from history, the reality is almost always different.

What we find most interesting as we study AVs is that this is no longer a technology issue. The technology exists across the board – cameras, computers, and drive systems – to achieve full autonomy.

MUSIC CITY

Meeting called to order at 2:25pm By Glenn.

Wendel led the pledge.

Subject of meeting place there changing because of traffic and parking at the Mall.

Wendel will be checking on new place.

Wendel will be selling beer tickets at STR asked for volunteers to help.

Meashey updated on vendors. (Thanks for Helping out).

Wendel and Glenn updated group on visit to Red River.

Crash won 50/50 Donated back to charter.

Fruitcake suggested we have calendars with ABATE photos made up to sell at Kickoff Party for fund raiser.

M/Glenn S/Rita to adjourn.

Thanks, Glenn, for taking notes for me I will be back up and Dancing by the STR.

Joel.

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pit in Springfield. Scott started us off with The Pledge and George lead us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming. Don't forget Southern Thunder Rally is August 27 & 28, 2021 at Red River in Adams Tn. You can go on line to order your tickets <http://www.cmtabate.com> \$25.00 if you buy in advance, or \$35.00 at gate. Hope to see everyone there. Roland won 50/50. A big thank you to Bobby that donated to our Down Biker Fund.

Connie Jones



THEY LIVE AMONG US.

My husband and I went through the McDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25¢. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back.' She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 25¢ and said 'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing.' The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change. Do not confuse, I repeat "DO NOT confuse" the people at Mickey Dees!!

We had to have the garage door repaired. The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, 'you need a 1/4 horsepower.' I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.' Needless to say, haven't used that repairman since...

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. Her reason: 'Too many deers are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.' My daughter went to a Mexican fast food and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'that's why we ask.'

The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine. She asked if I knew what the beeper was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, 'what on earth are blind people doing driving?!' She is a government employee.....

When my wife and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'it's open!' His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'

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What is the MRF?

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is a national organization dedicated to lobbying for those who ride. The MRF has been based in Washington, D.C. since 1987 to have easy access to our nation's lawmakers, to protect and defend our rights and to address the concerns of motorcycle riders.

For over 30 years, the MRF has been recognized by members of the U.S. Congress and their staff as THE voice of American street riders in our nation's capital.

Our team in Tennessee consists of: Ed Domine, MRF State Rep for Tennessee, and Carol Simpson, Assistant MRF State Rep. We are looking for other interested members from across the State to act as Assistant Reps for their local area.

Our primary job as your MRF Reps is to stay current on legislative issues being addressed by the MRF and to share that information with riders in Tennessee. We attend meetings around the State, working closely with CMT/ABATE of Tennessee, motorcycle clubs in our State, and other interested riders.

The MRF has always understood that the strength of the motorcyclists' rights movement lies with local riders, people just like you and your friends. All MRF State Reps come from State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), and we actively promote joining and supporting those groups.

Another important part of our job as State Reps is to sign up new members for the MRF. We believe that only by keeping our SMROs and the MRF strong can we continue to fight and win on behalf of all riders.

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Except for a small administrative staff and our full-time lobbyist in Washington, D.C., all the other people involved with the MRF are volunteers. None of us, including the MRF Officers and members of the Board of Directors, are paid. We do what we do because we believe in the MRF and our mission.

Here are but a few of the MRF's many achievements:

- 1 Stopped federal legislation that would have classified any group of three or more riders wearing similar clothing as a 'gang'.
- 2 Stopped governmental agencies from using taxpayer dollars to lobby against motorcycling.
- 3 Stopped unfair EPA regulations that would have forced riders to use only 'Approved OEM' parts on their bikes.
- 4 Supporting voluntary rider education efforts to decrease motorcycle accidents and helping rider education programs to obtain government grants.
- 5 Led the effort to repeal federal blackmail laws trying to force States to pass mandatory helmet laws for all riders.
- 6 Continuing to ensure that motorcycles are accounted for in autonomous (self-driving) vehicle designs.
- 7 Stopped unfair insurance provisions targeting motorcyclists.
- 8 Working to stop motorcycle profiling and bogus check points by law enforcement agencies.
- 9 Overturned the 'superbike' ban attempting to stop the sale of high-performing motorcycles.

Throughout its history, the MRF has trained many thousands of biker's rights activists through its annual Meeting of The Minds conference. MRF also organizes the yearly 'Bikers Inside the Beltway' grassroots lobbying event – where riders

from all over the country go to Washington, D.C. to help fight for their rights.

For more than 30 years, the MRF has led a network of strong motorcyclists' rights organizations protecting rider's rights. The MRF has made sure that we can ride the kind of bikes we want to ride, with the people we want to ride with, wearing what we want to wear, on the roads we want to ride, and make the changes to our bikes that we want to make.

I am very proud to be part of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. If I can answer any questions you have about the MRF, please contact me at: ed.d@juno.com

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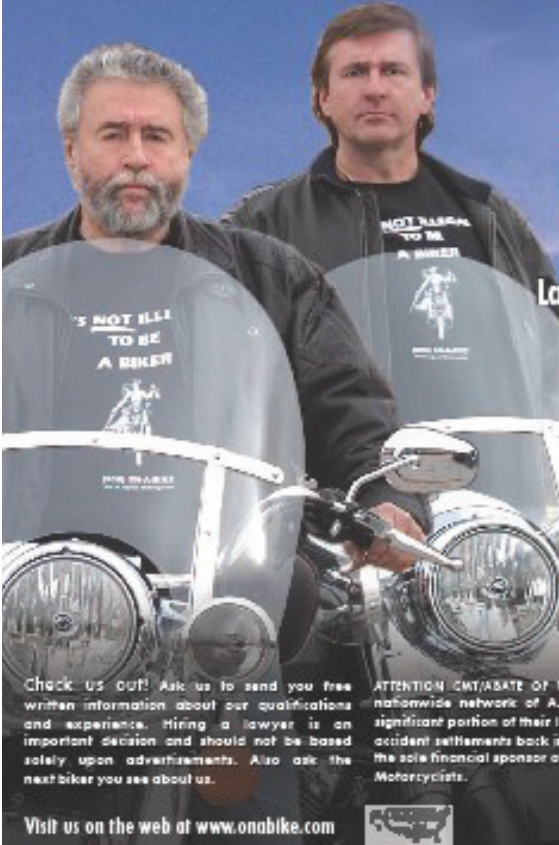
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