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Director's Column

Welcome back Riders and it's getting close to the beginning of fall weather. It's a time we all must take care when riding due to leaves on the roads. Bad enough that homeowners blow their grass in the roads. The Board of Directors on the 11th of this month will be discussing Legislative issues plan for the 2023-24 session. Send all newsletter items cmtabate@icloud.com, photo's, charter reports in word format. We need to here your concerns regarding laws that should be look into or proposed bills. We really need your inputs and help and what's on the minds of our riders around the State. I hope everyone is enjoying themselves out there.

Well, that's all for now. See you on the roads. Ride free ride safe.

Corporate Director

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HONDA DEVELOPING LANE ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR THE BIKES OF THE FUTURE

Recent patent filings from Honda for camera- and radar-enabled lane assist for motorcycles across its roster would keep their bikes in-lane via AI.

"Lane assist" is a commonality now in modern cars, but not so common in motorcycles, as electronic aids which detract from the actual riding of the motorcycle for the person holding the handlebars are generally avoided by the manufacturers, who do not want to lose their core enthusiasts, which is also why autonomous technology has not advanced far in the two-wheeled world, especially compared to the much larger automobile market and tech-hungry car culture.

Honda is developing their lane-keeping assist system (LKAS) with the aim of making accidents a thing of the past, but if they are to reach their goal of slashing car and motorcycle deaths by half in the next eight years and bring the number down to zero by 2050, we can expect to see a massive influx of rider-assistance systems like this in the very near future.

The plan combines driver assistance tech with a predictive AI computer system that can spot situations which lead to driving errors before they happen and is intended to be introduced in the second half of this decade.

Further ahead, the intention is to introduce "Safe and Sound Network Technology" that allows cars, bikes, roadside furniture and even pedestrians (via their phones) to communicate, allowing a server to create a virtual model of traffic movement to predict and prevent accidents before they even start to unfold. The system is scheduled to be phased in from the 2030s.

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?

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MOTORCYCLIST KILLED BY SELF-DRIVING CAR

"A motorcyclist was killed on I-15 in Draper, Utah when a Tesla crashed into the back of the bike," reported Fox13 News in Salt Lake City on July 24, adding that "the driver of the Tesla said he had the 'auto-pilot' setting on...he told police he didn't see the motorcyclist."

"Wow, and even in a driverless vehicle, the 'I didn't see the motorcyclist' gets a rider killed," commented NCOM Board Member Ed Schetter, who recently presented a "We Just Want Our Place on the Road" seminar at the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' NCOM Convention in Nashville that examined the inevitability of driverless cars, relating the impact on motorcycling.

"Such an incident stresses our need to protect our space on the road, as I pointed out in my presentation," said Schetter, a veteran of the auto industry and Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio. "I wonder who the biker's family gets to sue? The Driver? Tesla? The Software Company? Sometimes you just shake your head."

Frustrating News for Motorcyclists

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 Teslas, 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

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!

2022 STR at Adam's Red River Canoe August 26-27

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As you can see Josh & Amanda did really well in the overall points in the rodeo, good job. Special thanks to Billie Pursley for all the prizes and swag from Appleton's Harley Davidson. And you might note that she won best of show and the boys barely held her off from sweeping the rodeo. Thanks a lot.



BEEFY WINS Barrel roll

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WELCOME TO NCOM – United we Ride, Divided we Drive!

UN SET TO ALLOW INCREASED SPEED FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

The United Nations (UN) is set to allow for an increase in speed for the operation of self-driving vehicles, as well as new tests focused on how well they can detect motorcycles.

Until now, the speed limit for the autonomous driving of vehicles has been 60kph (@37mph), but that is now set to increase to 130kph (80.7mph) thanks to an amendment to UN Regulation No. 157 adopted by the UNECE's World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations. The amendment also allows for autonomous lane changes, and is set to be implemented from January 2023.

The regulation also states, according to the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), that "all tests that need to be conducted for a system like ALKS (Automated Lane Keeping System) or LCP (Lane Change Procedure), have to be carried out with a passenger car target as well as a powered two-wheeler target."

This means that, although the autonomous technology is able to operate at a higher rate of speed, the safety for bikers when approaching an autonomous vehicle should now be improved upon, because their ability to detect motorcycles should (hopefully) be improved.

THE UK WANTS TO BAN THE SALE OF NEW FOSSIL FUELED MOTORCYCLES

The government of the United Kingdom has launched an open consultation, called "L-category vehicles: ending sales of new non-zero emission models," in which they announce a sales ban for new non-zero emission motorcycles from 2035: "It is important that motorcycles do not remain fossil fueled as the rest of the transport fleet cleans up," states Trudy Harrison MP, Minister of State for Transport.

'L-category' vehicles include 2- and 3-wheeled mopeds, motorcycles, trikes, sidecar-equipped motorbikes, and quadricycles, and in the consult the government clearly states: "While cars and vans vastly outnumber motorcycles on UK roads, motorcycles are an important and sizeable vehicle population, with 1.3 million currently licensed in 2021. We do not want to see them remaining fossil-fueled as the rest of our vehicles clean up."

The British government has already committed to phasing out new cars and vans that run solely on petrol or diesel by 2030, and all new non-zero emission road vehicles by 2040.

Jim Freeman, Chairman of the British Motorcyclists Federation (BMF) said: "The BMF will oppose any proposals to ban the use of motorcycles powered by internal combustion engines while such vehicles are still capable of being run. We also oppose a ban on the sale of new internal combustion engine-powered motorcycles while there is the possibility of providing alternatives to fossil fuel and while the electric vehicle charging infrastructure does not adequately support electric motorcycles."

STURGIS TRAFFIC DOWN, BUT STILL HIGHER THAN AVERAGE

The good news is; the Department of Transportation counted over half a million vehicles entering Sturgis, South Dakota during the 82nd annual Black Hills Motorcycle Rally week, but the bad news; that's down 4.4% from last year. The city of Sturgis estimated the 2021 attendance at 555,000. Although down from 2021, the 2022 total vehicle count is still higher than the five-year average of 492,535.

Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie told the Black Hills Pioneer that 2021 was far better than expected because people had been in lockdown during the pandemic and just wanted to get out and travel. "It was a significant Rally last year. It was actually the largest Rally we had other than the 75th for more than a decade," he said. "Given that last year was such a large Rally, it's not unexpected that numbers are down."

Some worried initially that gas prices -- which hovered near \$5 a gallon mid-summer -- might have deterred people from attending this year's Rally, but according to Ainslie; "With a lot of individuals that come here, no matter what, they're going to be coming. But I think they are being a little more careful with what they are spending."





MRF State Rep Report

"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club."

– Jack London

What the heck should I write about this month? That's what I've been wondering for the past few days while waiting to be "inspired". But inspiration isn't cooperating and now I'm going to be late submitting my article for the newsletter.

I could write about the upcoming Meeting of the Minds on September 22-25, but I think I've covered that topic several times already, so I'll just remind you that the early registration discount ends September 7th. If you haven't already registered, you had better be quick to get that discount.

There really isn't anything new on the Federal Legislative agenda to discuss. We're still trying to get cosponsors for the Anti-Profiling House Resolution, H.Res. 366. And last month I discussed H.R. 7731 which would improve labelling and communication regarding E15 ethanol blends in our gasoline. You can still send an email to your US Representative through the Federal Legislative Action Center on the MRF web site (www.mrf.org), or at: https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/

And it seems like I make a push for MRF membership every month. So I'll just let that rest for now. However, I do want to take a moment to thank the members that have joined, and the CMT/ABATE charters and the clubs that have signed up as sustaining member organizations. Without your support the MRF could never accomplish our goals.

Well, I guess inspiration never came, so this is the best I could write. Next month I'll have to hunt inspiration down to come up with an article that will inspire all of us in our fight to

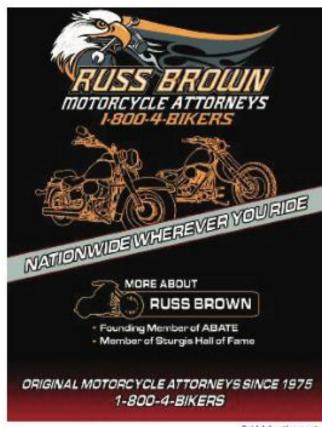
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AMA News & Notes
National and Regional News
American Motorcyclist Association

> The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has opened a special investigation into the crash of a 2020 Tesla Model 3 vehicle that killed a motorcyclist in Utah.

The driver of the car told police the vehicle was using Autopilot, an advanced driver assistance system that handles some driving tasks. Since 2016, NHTSA has opened 38 special investigations of crashes involving Tesla vehicles and where advanced driver assistance systems such as Autopilot were suspected of being used. A total of 19 crash deaths have been reported in those Tesla-related investigations, including the most recent fatal Utah crash.

The Utah Department of Public Safety said a Harley-Davidson motorcycle was traveling in the HOV lane southbound on I-15 near Draper, Utah, at 1:09 a.m. when a Tesla collided with the back of the motorcycle, which threw the rider from the bike. The 34-year-old rider suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene. DPS said "the driver advised he had the Autopilot setting on" and "did not see the motorcyclist."

Recently, NHTSA said it has opened a special investigation into a crash that killed a motorcyclist in California. Media reports said a 48-year-old motorcyclist was killed on July 7 after a collision with a 2021 Tesla Model Y on the Riverside Freeway. NHTSA typically opens more than 100 special crash investigations annually into emerging technologies and other potential auto safety issues that have, for instance, previously helped to develop safety rules on airbags. In June, NHTSA upgraded its defect investigation into 830,000 Tesla vehicles with Autopilot, a required step before it could seek a recall. Tesla, which has disbanded its press office, did not respond to a request for comment. Cont. page 16

MRF State Rep Report

Motorcycle Riders Foundation inducted into the Sturgis Museum & Hall of Fame

August 10, 2022

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation was inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame at the breakfast in Deadwood on Wednesday August 10th. The MRF President and Chairman of the Board Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard had this to say, "On behalf of the original Steering committee, the Board of Directors, all Sustaining Motorcycle Rights Organizations, MRF State Representatives, and general members, we appreciate the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of fame recognizing the MRF for their tireless dedication to protecting the members rights and freedoms for nearly four decades."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is a national organization dedicated to lobbying for those who ride, to protecting and defending their rights as motorcyclists, and to addressing the concerns of street riders and the motorcycle industry they support. In 1985 the MRF held its first annual Meeting of the Minds conference. For many activists from around the country this marked the first time they'd met to discuss how to best preserve and protect motorcycling. The main issues of the day, mandatory helmet laws, unfair insurance laws, and the right to modify motorcycles, are still faced today, along with many others. In 2022, the MRF will hold its 38th Annual Meeting of the Minds, representing an unbroken chain of unparalleled training and networking opportunities that has molded the American biker's rights movement into the highly effective force it is today. MRF also holds its annual "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.





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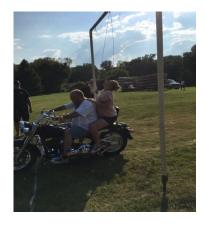
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Robertson County, Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at The Pit in Springfield. Johann started off our meeting. A big "Thank you" to all that attended STR last weekend. We had a pretty good attendance, and everyone seemed to have a great time. State Board meeting is this Sunday. Please keep in your prayers for Destiny Webb that fell through a floor and broke her leg. Also pray for Roland's son Chris Verchota and his family that was in a car accident. Luckily they only had minor energies, and everyone should be ok. Toy Run is December 3rd this year. Please mark your calendar so we can have a big turnout. Everyone stay safe, and hope to see everyone soon. Connie Jones

Music City, Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM at Frans Eastside Bar Shawn led us in the pledge.
Eddie from CMA gave us a prayer There were 12 members present.
Eddie asked if the CMA could attend the STR and give out free water and coffee. They will also have Blessing of the bikes and Hold Sunday service at ready for the weekend.
Eddie won the 50/50 and donated back to charter.

M/Glenn S/Sharon to 10:00 am on Sunday.

We agreed to let them come and set up at no charge.

Wendell will be selling raffle tickets and a free beer will be given with every ticket sold.

All vendors are set and adjourn. Ride your own ride everybody Joel.

New Members
Welcome aboard to our
new members:
Mark Rose
Greg Bone

No Reports
Nashville
Upper Cumberland
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman
Caney Fork
SWSR
Montgomery County
Dekalb County

Sumner County

Sumner meets the 3rd Thursday at the Hendersonville VFW, however, in June we met at one of the members' homes and enjoyed some home cooking and poolside charter talks. After calling the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Becky Foss, we discussed the Liberty Rally success. The Liberty Rally weekend went well despite a storm on Saturday that chased the vendors away. We discussed options for our vendors inside the building or under the covered space. While we improve the marketing and promotion efforts of our events, increased participation will depend on accommodations. The field games went on as planned after the rain delay, members asked why the

outdoor arena with bleacher seating

wasn't used for games. The next

Rodeo event is set for July 30 in

Dickson County.

Director Jeff Hollins turned attention to the Southern Thunder Rally, STR, August 26 and 27 in Adams, TN and several Sumner members have already purchased their advanced tickets. The goal is to grow the event and each Sumner member took several copies of the STR flyer to post around town. Bette provided the group with a BOD update. We will donate \$1 per member to the MRF as our annual donation. There will be an NCOM conference at the Sheraton, Bette and Carol will staff a table and pass out educational and legislative type of materials. Until next time . . . Lisa James, Secretary



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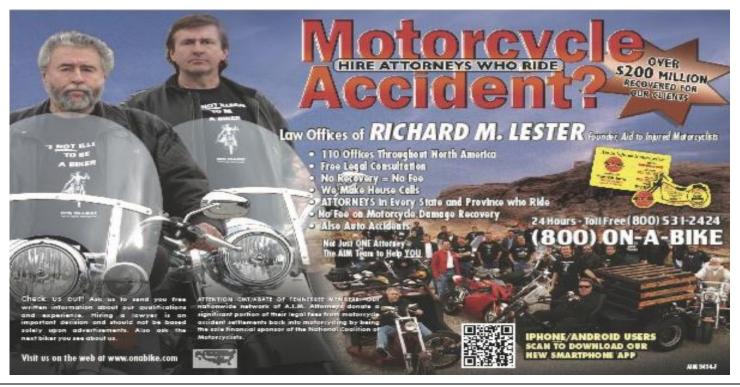
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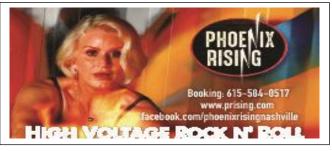
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PETITION CALLS FOR PROPER PUNISHMENT FOR BIKE THIEVES

A petition has been launched on the Change.org website calling for tougher sentences for bike thieves. The petition was started by British biker, Xander James from Hull, U.K., and has already amassed thousands of signatures -- enough to draw attention of local news.

"As we know, motorcycle & vehicle theft is the highest it's ever been, this is partly due to the minimal sentences from the Crown Prosecution Service," explains James on his petition to the U.K. Parliament and Scotland Yard. "We need change. We can't safely park our vehicles outside our own homes anymore! But with the Crown Prosecution Service handing out cautions & early release they keep doing it."

Along with tougher sentencing, James wants to see Operation Yellowfin receive more support from the Government, a police operational initiative which was launched locally in 2018 to tackle motorcycle crime and antisocial behavior.

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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.

The new Apple iPhone 14 includes many of the upgrades Apple fans expect with each new release—a better processor, better cameras, and so on. But two of them will be of particular interest to motorcyclists: Crash Detection, and Emergency SOS via Satellite.

Crash Detection

Using a wide variety of data inputs, the Apple iPhone 14 can not only detect when you've been in a crash, but also call emergency services for you. It will summon help automatically if you do not or are unable to respond.

"These capabilities build on existing components, like the barometer, which can now detect cabin pressure changes, the GPS for additional input for speed changes, and the microphone, which can recognize loud noises typified by severe car crashes," said Apple in their press release. This is in addition to an improved accelerometer that can detect G-forces up to 256Gs.

I have one major problem with electric motorcycle technology: It's too expensive. I know many of y'all can throw down spreadsheet after spreadsheet showing how I save a few pennies here per month on oil changes, a few bucks a week on gas, etc, and bam, that \$15,000 electric motorcycle has paid for itself after 15 years! But for guys like me, who've bought every motorcycle they've ever owned with cash money, a \$15,000 motorcycle with some significant drawbacks when compared to a 10-year-old \$2.500 Honda CBR250R is a hard pill to swallow.And for the most part, there seems to be more interest in filling the high-end, high-margin segment of the electric moto market than there is in filling the lower-end, lower-margin segments.

With that in mind, I think it's good to see Super Soco bringing a couple of new electric motorcycles to market. The new TS Street Hunter and TC Wanderer were just announced in the UK with a £3,799 price tag after taxpayer-funded discounts, which works out to roughly \$4,500 USD—and both offer performance roughly on-par, or better, than a gasoline scooter in that price range.





How Serious a motorcyclist are you?

They sat at the next table over. Two grizzled, bald, late-fifty-somethings with big bellies, sleeveless Harley-Davidson T-shirts, and long, stringy grey beards. Through the hotel's restaurant window I could see their Harley Electra-Glides. Our conversation fell, naturally, into travel. I said I was out for a quick, three-day weekend, doing a modest loop that didn't ever put me more than a few hundred miles from home. They both gave me an odd look. "Three days?" said one man. "Yes, just three days" I said. "Why are you staying here," said the other man, "why didn't you head down to West Virginia or Kentucky?" An awkward, uncomfortable shift had occurred in our conversation. The pair determined I was not the kind of motorcyclist they were. They quietly turned back to their breakfasts, the conversation over.

The term motorcyclist seems simple enough. But you and I know it's not. Do you flat track, enduro, commute on a 125 or abuse your spine with a rigid-framed panhead? Have you ridden to Patagonia or do you think it's just a clothing brand? That we, as motorcyclists, have fractured into tribes is indisputable. But beyond the specifics of which discipline you gravitate toward, there is the greater question of how serious a motorcyclist you are. And for many riders it comes down to one—and only one—metric that counts: how much you ride.

One of the Harley riders at the next table told me he'd had a late start into motorcycling. But in 20 years he'd accumulated just under 500,000 kilometers in the saddle. Excepting quick jaunts on Saturday mornings, a typical ride day, he told me, meant a minimum of 1,000 kilometers—that's 600-plus miles. The last big trip they took together was to California and back in 10 days. Hour after hour on the interstate. And they loved every minute, they told me.



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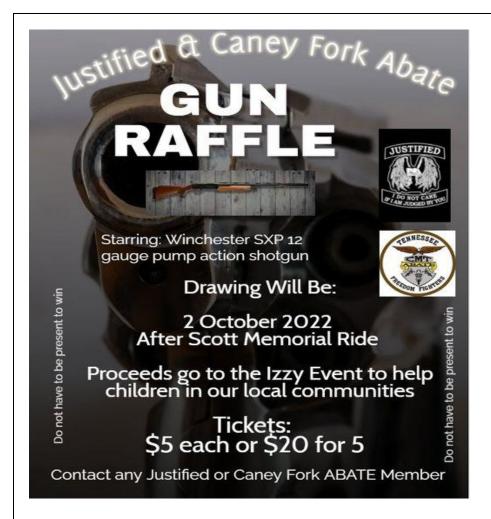
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