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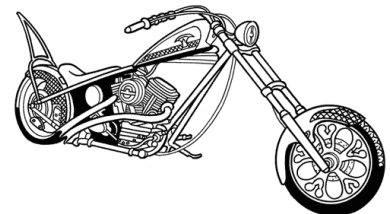
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Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times
Caney Fork	Jeff Parker 615-683-7982	1st Tuesday of the month @ 7, Golden Nugget 374 Cookeville Hwy, Carthage
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
Knoxville	Anjel Anderson 865-257-5786	4th Sunday @ 1, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville
Montgomery County	John Ahlers	1st Monday @ 7, Sunshine Restaurant, 3195 Fort Campbell, Clarksville
Music City	Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 deadeyewb@aol.com	1st Sunday @ 2, Skully's Old Hickory
Nashville	Jack Jones 615-579-4112 jdj32K@yahoo.com	3rd Tuesday @ 7, Bikini Beach Bar Antioch
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Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

I am loving this weather. Just jeans and a t-shirt is how I like to ride. I enjoy feeling the air move around me. Of course I am familiar with ATGATT (all the gear all the time), but I just can't imagine being covered in leather on a beautiful summer's day. Thank goodness that's not mandatory and that's really why I oppose the helmet law. While I wouldn't ride without one, it should be your choice.

From now on our calendar will be full of events. There is nothing I like better than attending ABATE functions. It's not the activities, it's the people. You won't meet a better class of folks anywhere. They are real people you can sit down and have a conversation with. I value their opinion so much because they know what is going on and how to fix it.

Now I feel like I need to recover the upcoming price changes. Everywhere I've been it's the one thing I've gotten the most questions about. The first part is simple. A regular one year full membership is going up five dollars, from 25 to 30. You still have your choice about getting our newspaper by post or email. Couple, associate, and junior memberships are not affected and will not change. The other rule the Board passed says, "If you want a mailed paper, it will cost you \$30 a year." This does not apply to a full member. You are already paying for a paper. It will only apply to Lifetime members who want a mailed paper. Lifetime members can still get an emailed paper for free. If you don't have an email address, hopefully you have a friend or relative who does. We can send it anywhere you like.

I really hope this clears up any confusion. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me: 931-761-8038.

Thank you,

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



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



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I have found that very few things stimulate the mind like a road trip. Hopefully this little jaunt to Branson by way of Tunica and Hot Springs will edify this. The first two stops of this journey has put into perspective the need for what CMT/ABATE does for the riders of Tennessee. Seeing the customized bikes in our state with loud pipes, apes and vertical tags doesn't really stand out until you get to a state that keeps things a tad closer to stock. Yeah, helmets suck, but you have to admit, very few things stir the soul like sky high apes and drag pipes. At the hotel in Hot Springs I read the name plate on the elevator just

ing able to ride around with a sun burnt head I can almost feel it. When you hit the Missouri line the reality of the work involved in keeping helmets off your heads once freedom is gained hits you in the face like a June bug between the eyes.

There is a list of how members of the General Assembly voted for the Memorial Ride bill, HB395/SB469 during the floor vote in both houses. Take time to study how these folks voted. After you do that, get a kind word of appreciation to those that supported our efforts. While you are at it, it might just be a good idea to contact the opposition and asked them what

like I do every time I get in one. Bikers on Shindlers lift, has to be a good omen. Crossing the Big Muddy into Arkansas reminds me of the work we have ahead of us between now and next session. We are so close to be-

we could have done to gain their support. I know how hard it is not to be mad at folks that don't share the same view points on helmets as we do, but we will achieve far more by trying to work with them than by slapping them up a side the head. Although that might knock some sense into a few I know.

We have plans to hold some meetings across the state to promote the helmet law modification bill, HB700/SB925 and the lane splitting bill, HB1102/SB1281. These meetings will be open to everyone that supports these bills and wants to take a positive part in the passage of both measures. Keep a watch on your email for updates on time and location for meetings near you.

I want to end this with a correction to something I wrote in last month's article. I referred to Representative John DeBerry as Senator DeBerry. Not sure if that was a mistake or just a Freudian slip into the future.

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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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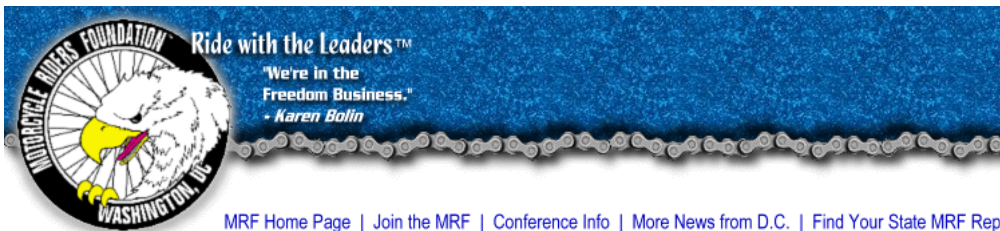


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If you don't think an SMRO (State Motorcycle Rights Organization) is important, take a few minutes to read the following update. Now just imagine if the federal government decided to enact a law such as this and MRF wasn't there to stand up for you. It takes money to lobby in DC and maintain an office there. That money comes from members. Isn't it about time you paid your share? To become a member or for more information shoot an email to themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com or catch me in person to sign you up on the spot.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Doc D'Errico via Reps <reps@mrf.org>

To: reps@mrf.org

Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2015 6:03 PM

Subject: [Reps] MMA Update: Anti-Motorcycle Ban DEFEATED in Yarmouth!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MMA Update: Anti-Motorcycle Ban DEFEATED in Yarmouth!
May 2, 2015

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association is pleased to announce that the Yarmouth citizen-petitioned Motorcycle Rides Ban Special Articles have been defeated at today's Yarmouth Town Meeting.

These hotly contested special articles were not favored by the motorcycle community within Yarmouth or the surrounding towns, and were also recommended not to support by the Yarmouth Board-of-Selectmen after a vocal and sometimes heated BOS meeting. The purpose of the special articles was to direct the town of Yarmouth to refrain issuance of permits for motorcycle rides "in and through" the town, as well as requiring that Law Enforcement report citations written for noise violations. Claiming that organized motorcycle rides are simply "an excuse to make noise", the one Yarmouth resident who requested this special article lamented that these rides end up "inviting an el-

ement that engages in loud and excessive motor vehicle noise", and this resident sought to stop all motorcycle rides in Yarmouth as the solution.

In advance of today's events and the Board-of-Selectmen meeting, the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association organized an information meeting in Barnstable County which was attended by over 50 riders. The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association also met with numerous town officials and business leaders to express our concerns and offer realistic solutions.

The petitioner testified at the Yarmouth Board-of-Selectmen meeting at the end of March in support of his proposed articles; his 24-minute testimony covered a lot of ground and prompted many questions from the board. Many motorcyclists also attended this Town Meeting to voice their concerns; this testimony from the Yarmouth riders was heard by those in the audience who voted against this proposed motorcycle rides ban, and the Board of Selectmen also voted to issue an "unfavorable, ought not to pass" recommendation, which was printed on the formal Town Meeting Warrant

It was also noted that many non-Yarmouth riders were also in attendance at the Board-of-Selectmen meeting. Knowing that there are only 2 motorcycle rides within Yarmouth and that both seek to raise funds for Veterans, First Responders, and other local charities, the riders spoke of the importance these motorcycle rides are to the community.

Today's Town Meeting was a culmination of a long process, and attended by over 350 people, including nearly 100 on bikes, who rode respectfully to the meeting. The vast majority of those in attendance were concerned with the Motorcycle warrant articles. Three people, including Rick Gleason, the Legislative Director for the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association, testified on behalf of the Motorcyclists, while the petitioner testified in favor of the articles. Only about 10 Yarmouth Residents voted

in favor of the articles, a number similar to the signatures on the petition. Specifically, Article 35 of the Yarmouth Town Warrant was a proposed ban on the discharge of firearms in Yarmouth – while not motorcycle-related, it was another challenge to individual freedoms in the town of Yarmouth and was NOT PASSED. Article 36 was the proposed ban on motorcycle rides in Yarmouth and was NOT PASSED. Article 37 was the requirement for Yarmouth Law Enforcement to report citations written for Yarmouth's 104-3 sound by-law and was NOT PASSED.

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association would like to thank all riders who volunteered their time to attend the Yarmouth town meeting whether they were a Yarmouth voter, or not. These attempts to restrict your "Right to Ride" are all too frequent, and riders are reminded that other communities across the Commonwealth are watching to see Yarmouth's response to this motorcycle rides ban. Your Massachusetts Motorcycle Association has attended every Town Meeting where communities seek to restrict your "Right to Ride" and is happy to report a 100% success rate helping to defeat these bans.

Motorcyclists across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are reminded that Mass Motorcycle's "When in Town, Throttle Down!"© program is a pro-active approach regarding motorcycle sound emissions that has been endorsed in Yarmouth and many other communities. Favoring education over legislation, the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association has sponsored voluntary motorcycle sound checks and information sessions across the state to help riders learn where their motorcycle stands regarding sound emissions.

For more details regarding motorcycle sound emissions, community involvement, and to view the "When in Town, Throttle Down!"© documentation, please visit www.MassMotorcycle.org. Questions can also be directed to LegislativeDirector@MassMotorcycle.org.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

June 2015

- 6/6 SWSR Points Field Meet
(rain date 6/27)
- 6/13 CaFo Biker Medical Clinic
Run
- 7/11 SWSR Robin Long
Memorial Poker Run
- 7/25 UpCu Memorial Ride
- 7/26 TeVa Parade Ride
- 8/15 CaFo Canoe Run
- 8/21-23 Southern Thunder Rally
- 9/12 CaFo Memorial Run
- 9/13 UpCu Wine Run
- 9/19 NoEa Fall Colors Ride
- 9/25-27 Points Field Meet Finals
- 9/26 WoT Bash
- 9/26 UpCu Ride to Cycle Mo's
- 10/3 RoCo Memory Ride
- 10/10 Nash Swap Meet
- 10/31 DHH 28th Annual Toy Run
& Food Drive
- 11/8 SWSR Toy Run & Chili
Cook Off
- 12/19 SWSR Labeling Party
- 12/20 SWSR Christmas for the
Vets

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 SWSR Points Field Meet
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 CaFo Biker Clinic Run
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

CANEY FORK - Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN-
Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 7:00,
VFW, Dickson, TN
April Meeting

Back in April, the 3rd Thursday at the V.F.W. they was 30 souls sayin the Pledge to our Flag. The Rev. Mike was doing a thang at the help center so we got no prayer. Cycledellic Mark went on to tell us bout our friends who are sick or worse. Tony Porter is doing gooder. The Picadilly is doing a benefit for for him on June 13th. David Ragland passed away after fighting with cancer. They was a memorial for him at Bearkillerz farm on the 19th. Ron Askins, 41, died on Hwy 70 a memorial ride for him was April 11th. Doug McKinnen was hit by a car in Camden, nothing serious. Our good friend and sweet girl Vicky Lynch is not doing very good either. And Sheila Tripp's grandson is getting bigger, from 2lbs 15oz to a whopping 11lbs now.

Legislative report was told and once again the helmet bill was dropped. The freak show sent a card to Rep. Jay Reedy, gave him a "Atta Boy" for his input up on the hill with the Parade Law and such. Still got big shoes to fill from Mr. John Tidwell. He mite just be able to do that!

Money report from Lil John was not given cuz he was in Bristol. Lucky Dog! Membership report from Mz. Tripp said we got 6-renews and a big welcome to New Bees Meleah Hood, Chris Sloan, and Tracey B. Check your run out date - RE-UP!

Activities were gone over by Yardman Steve - April 18th Poker Run for Little Roger Hicks @ Wanted Saloon. That went really good, we had lots and lots of things donated for Auction. Thank you everyone for the help. May 2nd got a booth at the Old Timers Day in Dickson. May 9th Bike & Tat show went over very groovy as we had a beautiful day for it. Lots of bikes in the bike show (I even won a trophy in the antique class, for my bike not for me!). Poker Run was fun and the tattoo show sure had some fine skin art.

Like to thank the V.F.W. for all they do for us. Take a big ole drank to everyone who showed up & specially the ones who helped us have a BIG, SAFE, FUN, FAR OUT time! You showed your true freak show charter. June 6th in White Bluff is the Celebration of Life thang. This is a new episode we started to have an emergency fund for members in need. \$40 gets a loved ones

name on the t-shirts. The Honor Guard from V.F.W. will do a roll call of names that day. B.B.Q. chickens will sell, get presale chicken tickets. Got Music all day from Big R's neighbors band, Raw Country and Southern Steel Band and lots more. Thanx Fred Zeppelin for donating a shoulder. They's also a Poker Run that day.

Charter elections were put off till May. That will be the last report wrote by me. Us dinosaurs are being run off to the Tar Pits! Check out our FaceButt thang for pics of Bike & Tat Show. 50/50 done & won by Beefy! (First time for everythang) This report as always wrote by hand with chalk on sidewalk.

Nuff said, We scattered

That's all from me,

Beefy #757

KNOXVILLE - Next Meeting: Sunday, June 28, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

MONTGOMERY - Next Meeting: Monday, June 1, 7:00, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

MUSIC CITY - Next meeting: Sunday, June 7, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory

NASHVILLE - Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

Meeting was held on April 21, 1015 at Bikini Beach Bar. Due to weather Shorty was the only one at the March Meeting so there were no minutes. Bette gave us a Treasury report.

Old Business: None to Discuss

New Business: Caney Fork Swap Meet in Gordonsville April 25th

Smith Wilson Swap Meet May 16th

Boone Bike Rally May 29th and 30th 2015 High Country Fairgrounds Boone NC

May 30, MiddleTN Dragway, 680 Rock Springs Rd, Buffalo Valley TN 931-858-2912 STR still does not have a destination.

Nashville Charter is interested in doing more to promote membership. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm Bikini Beach of course. We invite anyone who wants to join us to come on down and participate. We are going to start setting up Membership tables at various Bike Nights and other Motorcycle events as well so stop by and sign up when you see us. We are planning many activities and will meet at Lisa's house Friday May 1, for dinner and a planning session. Events we will be discussing: Scavenger Hunt, Turkey Shoot, Pool Tournament, Canoe Trip on Duck River, Nashville Charter Cookout and

a Pumpkin Fest on Oct 10th

Open Forum: May 9th Benefit for Kim Morrow-Marlin, Exit 238 @ Smitty's Points Rodeo June 6 Camping available -615-310-3436 5859 Hartsville Pike, Lebanon TN Hosted by Smith Wilson Charter June 5th - 7th

Fallen Soldier Run June 27th Poker Run and Bug Run as these get closer we will post more details including for those events above that we discussed. We encourage any Nashville Charter Members that would like to assist with Membership Tables at any events to please let us know. We have 50/50 drawings 1 Sunday a month at Bikini Beach. We would like to also do this at area Bike Nights if anyone knows of one that they would like us to be at please contact Jessie 615-243-8429, Lisa 615-364-5140 or reach out to us on Facebook. Nashville Charter Welcomes New Member Joseph McKinney.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM See ya May 19, 2015 7 PM Bikini Beach Bar

NORTHEAST - Next Meeting: Monday, June 1, 7:00, Call for location

ROBERTSON COUNTY - Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER
- Next Meeting: Sunday, June 7, 2:00, Smitty's, Lebanon

Abbreviated report of April 12 Minutes (did not get in May newsletter)

30 Members and one visitor present. May meeting will be election nominations. David and Kim will not be running for current positions. Kim requested an audit of treasury so that everything will be square business for the next group of officers.

Discussion of helmet bill. Discussion of a CPR class for \$25.00.

Thank yours for ramp built at Mike and Mary's house for handicapped elderly mother.

Breakfast rides are back on agenda.

May 3rd Meeting Minutes. Called to order at 2:00 by Kim. The pledge was led by David. All officers were present except Products, Chaplin, and Veteran Liaison. There were 32 members and 2 visitors in attendance. Kim welcomed all and thanked everyone for help and great turn out at Destiny's Run. David said be alert for potholes and check tire pressure. Recently we had a member and wife total out their bike with a rear blown-out tire!

Secretary and treasurers' reports given

and approved. Motion made and carried to donate drawing proceeds today to General Fund instead of Building Fund.

Legislative: Bullit said last week was end of session. \$500. Lifetime handgun permit carried. Freedom of Choice bill tabled to next year. Helmet Free, 50 mile distance, 30 mph Funeral procession/memorial ride/body escort detail PASSED! Lane splitting bill rolled to 2016 session.

Activities: Tommy covered current and upcoming events. Final details nailed down for rodeo's. Last weekend of May, camp-out at site. (Work Days to ready site for June 5th, 6th, and 7th rodeo) Need all hands available. Building still a work in progress. State-wide poker run books still available. Motion made and carried to have June 7th meeting at Rodeo site and move start up time to 10:00. So...(Next meeting June 7th is at Rodeo site at 10:00 not 2:00 at Smitty's!!)

Membership: 1 renewal, Peach. May B'Day Bash will be 3rd Saturday, 16th, at Smitty's 9:00-10:00. Birthdays are: Pretty Boy 16th, Tommy Jones 22nd, Bullit 25th, Guest Trisha Love welcomed, brought by Darlene.

Products: products person not in attendance. Products available at upcoming swapmeet.

PR/Communications Mary still has note out about Delaware area code coming up when she calls you. Don't be alarmed-just answer the call. She's doing her job, up-dating you on current and upcoming events!!! Motion made and carried to merge membership & PR/Communications after next month's elections. We are 77 Members STRONG!!!

Old Business Group discussion over food and beverages at upcoming Rodeo. Resulted in no changes. Treasury audit results back accurate. Thanks Darlene and Vern. New Business Nominations for Officers Director: Jerry King, Mike Hoyte, Ernie Adams, Secretary: Ruth, Treasurer: Vern, Legislative: Bullit, Activities: Tommy Jones, Membership/PR Communications: Mary Hale, Products: Ressa, Sgt. At Arms: Cody Toungett, Safety and Ed: Ernie Adams Photographer: Tabatha Sevier Motion to Adjourn at 3:00

Later, Ruth

SUMMER COUNTY - Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville or TBA

WHEELS OF THUNDER - Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis

TENNESSEE VALLEY - Next Meeting: Sunday, June 21, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250

4/17/15 Meeting called to order

Officers Report:

Membership Report: memberships reviewed

Treasury Report: Balance reviewed. No expenditures for March.

State Legislative Report: Legislative strategies reviewed & discussed for 2016

Events report: Fun Run date changed to



Lone complaint forces CHP to remove lane-splitting guidelines from website

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- A single complaint from a Sacramento man has forced the California Highway Patrol and other state government agencies to remove information from their websites that was intended to help motorcyclists safely execute the allowed lane-splitting maneuver.

Kenneth Mandler, a longtime state employee who now conducts training sessions on how to get a state job, petitioned the California Office of Administrative Law in 2013, claiming the CHP created an "underground regulation" by formulating and distributing guidelines for safe lane splitting.

Lane splitting, also called lane filtering, is the practice of riding a motorcycle or scooter between lanes of stopped or slowly moving traffic. The practice has been permitted in California for decades and no statute prohibits it. No other state allows the maneuver.

The CHP posted its guidelines with the intention of helping motorcyclists and motorists understand safe practices and to discourage unsafe lane splitting.

"Some have interpreted the recently published Motorcycle Lane Splitting Guidelines as rules, laws or regulations that could or would be enforced by the department," according to a CHP statement. "The guidelines were never intended for this purpose and were prepared simply as common sense traffic safety tips and to raise public awareness."

The Office of Administrative Law sided with Mandler, noting that CHP Commissioner J. A. Farrow certified that his department would not "issue, use, enforce, or attempt to enforce the public education information." The OAL determined that posting the guidelines on the website was "issuing" them.

"By forcing the California Highway Patrol to remove its guidelines, Mr. Mandler and the Office of Administrative Law are denying the public vital safety information," said Nick Haris, AMA western states representative and a member of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program Advisory Committee, which helped write the guidelines.

"Lane splitting is still allowed, and motorcyclists are still using this long-recognized riding technique to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety," Haris said. "But now, neither riders nor motorists have a place to turn for authoritative guidelines on the practice."

The AMA supports the continued use of safe lane splitting in California and the implementation of lane-splitting laws in other states, coupled with extensive rider and driver education programs.

The AMA position statement reads, in part: "Reducing a motorcyclist's exposure to vehicles that are frequently accelerating and decelerating on congested roadways can be one way to reduce front- and rear-end collisions for those most vulnerable in traffic."

Denny Kobza, of the Bay Area Riders' Forum and a member of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program Advisory Committee, said he was extremely disappointed that the CHP was forced to take down the guidelines.

"It is very disturbing that one person can affect three years of hard work," Kobza said. "We put a lot of hard work into those guidelines, because lane splitting is a safer way to go than waiting for a motorist to make a mistake."

Kobza said he has full faith in the California Highway Patrol's continued advocacy for motorcycle safety, and he hopes the guidelines can be reposted to state government websites soon.

May 17th due to Sunday's bad weather Motorcycle Awareness Ride July 26th, Wine Run with Upper Cumberland in September. Meeting adjourned:

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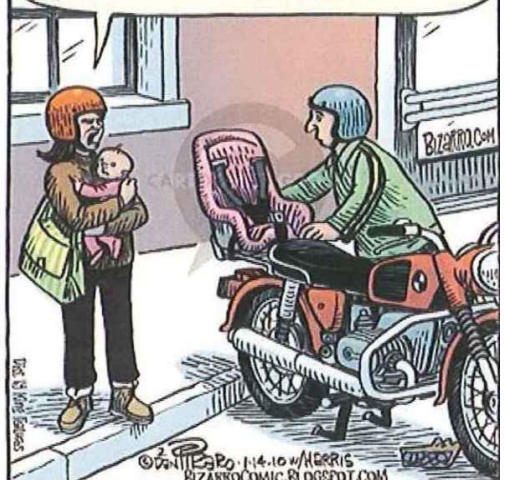
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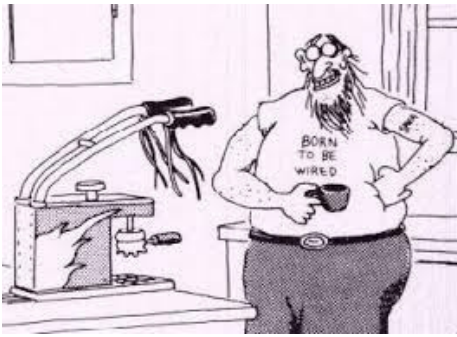
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