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Motorcycle Swap Meet



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Saturday June 9th

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Outdoor event

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Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times
Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025	Last Sunday of the month @ 4 pm, 207 N Bradford Hill Rd, Brush Creek, 38547
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
French Broad	Scott Smith 423-571-6608 wt1011@icloud.com	1st Wednesday of the month @ Sagebrush Steak house, Newport, 7pm
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Music City	Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 deadeyewb@aol.com	1st Sunday @ 2, Skully's Old Hickory
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Robertson County	Roland Verchota 615-533-6368 Verchotaw@bellsouth.net	1st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield
Smith-Wilson-Stones River	Jerry King 615-364-1378	1st Sunday @ 2, Coaches Lebanon
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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

What is it that brought you to CMT/ABATE? What makes you want to stay? What do you want to do? Have you asked yourself any of these questions lately? I think we all should. Even more importantly we should be asking new members. We are all drawn together by motorcycles, but we don't all share the same views on what is important. In the beginning (sounding a little like Genesis here) bikers angry about the mandatory helmet regulations came together and formed the State Motorcycle Rights Organizations. A group being of like mind has a better chance of getting things done. Now Tennessee has always had some of the most independent minded individuals you will find anywhere in the world. The States bikers are no exception. Not surprisingly it took a little longer for all the different groups to realize a single strong voice could be more effective than a lot of weak whispers. Yes, the helmet issue was number one, but not the only point of interest. Rider safety and education, awareness of motorcycles by operators of other types of vehicles, and an actual lobbying presence at the Capitol became the foundation of CMT/ABATE, Inc.

Most of our members have a legislative concern and take part in these efforts.

Legislative advocacy, in itself, can be very rewarding; just knowing that you are working on behalf of all riders across the State. The downside is the bad taste politics leaves in one's mouth at the end of the day. This isn't for everyone, but we need those that have the back bone and the ability to remain calm under pressure to become part of the lobby team.

At first I was surprised to find many members that joined our group on the basis of safety alone. Wearing a helmet for them was no big thing, but trying to save lives was. We all know a plastic bowl won't save your life unless you are a goldfish. We do know that alcohol, drugs and cell phones kill bikers everyday in this country. Even worse is the lack of concern by drivers for motorcycle riders. They simply don't give a damn. These are just a few of the concerns of our safety oriented members. I think they have a harder fight than the lobby team.

Charitable works is something bikers are known for. How many benefit rides have you been on over the years. We have a lot of folks that are charter members just because of this. The desire to be a part of something that does well for the local community is strong in the Volunteer State. We have something in our very

souls that makes us want to help our brothers and sisters. If this describes you, don't let the fact that you might not fully support everything the organization does as whole keep you from taking part. On the other hand, don't speak evil of those that are members for another reason.

The point I want to make is that CMT/ABATE, Inc. is as diverse as the motorcycling community across our State. There is always room for growth. As a member you may see a need for something we aren't focused on. If that is the case, then bring it to our attention. We can't do it all, but we can do our part and support other groups that are working the areas we can't. We do have our limitations on what we can legally take part in, but we still have room for everyone that really cares about keeping us in the wind.



Tony Dabbs
CMT/ABATE
State Director

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



YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



Legislative Director's Ramblings

Howdy everyone –We, CMT/ABATE, Incorporated are an advocacy group for Tennessee motorbike riders since our initial founding and our mission remains that we work as a team for the rights, safety, and freedom of Tennessee motorbike riders. Faces and names may have changed – the core mission remains the same.

The Tennessee General Assembly adjourned sine die several days ago and incumbents and other candidates will be clamoring for your vote. I think at this time it is important to know exactly who voted against us and the district they cover. I will concentrate on members of the Tennessee Senate for the moment, since our Bill was killed in the Senate Transportation Committee. I will say again that Senator Kerry Roberts made our Bill a very important issue to him and I don't think anyone could have presented it better than he did.

I'll list these killjoys by alphabetical order: Senator Richard Briggs (R) District 07 which is the southeastern strip of Knox County. Senator Becky Massey (R) District 06 which is the remainder of Knox County.

I don't think anyone needed her five minutes of unsolicited emotional grandstanding as she spoke against the Bill but she did so anyway. Senator John Stevens (R) District 24 that comprises Obion, Weakly, Henry, Gibson, Carroll, and Benton Counties. Senator Art Swann (R) District 02 that is Blount and Sevier Counties. You may recall that Sen. Swann was until early this year a State Representative (and opposed us there as well) for part of the District and was elected by the County Commission to complete the term of former Senator Doug Overby (R), who was no loss to us since he never voted in our favor. That's right – a State Senator chosen by a small group of friends rather than allowing the people to have a say. Senator Jeff Yarbrow (D) District 21 which is a much gerrymandered section of Davidson County. No surprise there since I consider him to be the "Ted Kennedy" of the Tennessee Senate.

So, what do these "Republicans" have in common? This small group sincerely believes in the progressive ideology of "big government knows best". I watch their Bills and votes on other matters and those

things confirm their mindset. Know that I am an active member of the Tennessee Republican Party (Robertson County) and I am angered by their progressive actions. But, I can only vote in my District.

We never made it to House Transportation Subcommittee after the Senate Transportation Committee vote, but we could have narrowly passed it there – we were "missing" a vote and our House Sponsor, Representative Jay Reedy decided to roll the Bill for a week. He was asked to do this by Representative John Mark Windle (D) District 41 that is Jackson, Overton, and Morton Counties. See? Party affiliation sometimes does not automatically determine who supports our effort.

Some of these killjoys have challengers and I have spoken to one of the challengers who is wholeheartedly on our side and I sincerely believe he has a chance. I can't meet and interview all of them – that is your job to fulfill as a member of our Organization and a voter in our State. But I can and do share responsibilities with Corporate Director Tony Dabbs (western middle Tennessee) and Assistant Corporate Director Scott Smith (eastern Tennessee) to meet as many people as we can.

I want to challenge every Local Charter to have all candidates for their area speak at one of their June or July meetings. To be fair (and legal), we must invite all of them; even if we know one is dead-set against us. If they don't show? That's their problem. Meet, interview, vet, and vote. Get out there – make a difference.



J. Robert Forbus
Corporate Legislative
Director

MRF State Rep Report –

What is the function of the MRF Rep? This is somewhat of a split role – serving two masters at one time. The MRF Rep is elected by the CMT/ABATE Board of Directors at our September meeting. But officially, that is just to nominate a person to be the rep for the MRF for the State of Tennessee. That nomination is sent to the MRF, and they decide whether to accept the person as their representative (it is usually a guaranteed approval).

Once appointed by CMT/ABATE and accepted by the MRF, the MRF Rep becomes the Representative of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) to all motorcyclists in Tennessee. Both the MRF and CMT/ABATE have expectations for that position.

The MRF Rep is expected to be a communication link between the MRF and CMT/ABATE. Information from the MRF must be passed along to the CMT/ABATE Board and members. This is primarily done through reports at the board meetings and articles in this newsletter. You may also see occasional e-mails. Any concerns, issues or other information

from CMT/ABATE can be communicated through the MRF Rep to the MRF Board, or to the other states through the MRF Reps network.

Recruiting members for the MRF is another primary function of the MRF Rep (speaking of which... are YOU an MRF member?). This includes promoting both individual memberships in the MRF, as well as sustaining membership, which can be additional support from individual members, or as a show of support from each of our charters as sustaining organizations.

The MRF Rep is expected to attend the CMT/ABATE Board meetings (there's only 4 of them a year). Representation at State and charter events and charter meetings is another good way of communicating with the membership. The MRF annual Meeting of the Minds (in September) should be attended by either the MRF Rep or other representatives of CMT/ABATE whenever possible.

To help with these duties, the MRF Rep can appoint Assistant MRF Reps. Currently we have two Assistant MRF Reps - Carol Simpson and Wally Baez. Since all three

of us are in the middle-Tennessee area, it would be good to get a rep in the far eastern and western parts of the State. (In a perfect world, I'd like to see an Assistant MRF Rep in each charter!)

I hope this article helps explain what the roll of the MRF Rep is. If you are interested in becoming an Assistant MRF Rep, or even running for the State MRF Rep position, call or e-mail me and I'll be happy to provide any information you would like. With the involvement of members like yourself, and the efforts of both the MRF and CMT/ABATE, we can be confident in our ability to ensure that we can continue to . . .

. . . Ride Free,
-- Ed

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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, **pictures** etc. to keeblerg@yahoo.com. That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

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.

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

Smith Wilson Stones River Swap Meet 09, June
State Board meeting 10, June
 French Broad Moonshine Poker Run 16, June
 Music City Toy Run 16, June
 Smith Wilson Stones River Rodeo 23, June
 Caney Fork Family Day 30, June
 Smith Wilson Stones River Honor Ride for the Veterans 30 June

Caney Fork Cancer Run 11, August
 STR 24, 25, 26 August

Robertson County Memory Ride 08, September
State Board meeting 09, September
 Smith Wilson Stones River Memorial Ride 15, September
 Northeast Fall Ride 22, September
 Smith Wilson Stones River Finals Rodeo 29, September

Caney Fork Izzy Benefit Ride 06, - 7 October
 Nashville Safety & Awareness Swap Meet 13, October
 Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman Toy Run 27, October

Caney Fork Turkey Shoot 17, November

Robertson Toy Run & Christmas Party 01, December
 Caney Fork Toy Run 01, December
 Music City Toy Run 01, December
 Smith Wilson Stones River Toy Run 02, December
State Board meeting 09, December
 Music City Christmas Party 15, December

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 MuCi/UpCu SWSR	4 MoCo NoEa	5 RoCo	6 FrBr	7 WOT	8	9 SWSR Swap Meet
10 BOD	11	12	13	14	15	16 FrBr Moon Run MuCi Toy Run
17	18	19 Nash	20	21 DHH SuCo	22	23 SWSR Rodeo
24 CaFo	25	26	27	28	29	30 SWSR Hon Run CaFo fam Day

July 2018

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



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CMT/ABATE, Inc. 2018 Events
POPULAR MOTORCYCLE EVENTS OTHER THAN CMT/ABATE EVENTS *
NOTABLE TENNESSEE HOLIDAYS **
NOTABLE NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE EVENTS ***
Other events of interest ~

Paris Fish Fry & Stag 01, June ~
Smith Wilson Stones River Swap Meet 09, June
State Board meeting 10, June 2018
June Bug Boogie 13, - 18, June *
French Broad Moonshine Poker Run 16, June
Music City Toy Run 16, June
Father's Day 17, June **
Smith Wilson Stones River Rodeo 23, June
Caney Fork Family Day 30, June

Independence Day 04, July **
Little Sturgis 19, - 22, July ***

State/Federal Primary Elections 02, August **
Sturgis Bike Week 03, - 12, August ***
Caney Fork Cancer Run 11, August
STR 24, 25, 26 August

Labor Day 03, September **
Robertson County Memory Ride 08, September
State Board meeting 09, September
Redneck Rumble 14, - 16, September *
Bikers Who Care Toy Run & Benefit 14, - 16, September *
Smith Wilson Stones River Memorial Ride 15, September
MRF Meeting of the Minds 20, - 22 September Denver Co. ***
AMRA Harley Drags Bowling Green KY, 21, - 23, September ***
Deer season archery 22, September ~
Northeast Fall Ride 22, September
TFA Smiley Hollow 29, September ~
Smith Wilson Stones River Finals Rodeo 29, September

Loretta Lynne's Motorcycle & Music Revival Festival 04, - 7, October *
Caney Fork Izzy Benefit Ride 06, - 7 October
Knob Creek 12, - 14, October *
Nashville Safety & Awareness Swap Meet 13, October
Daytona Bike Fest 18, - 21, October 2018 ***
Panama City 24, - 28, October 2018 ***
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman Toy Run 27, October

Deer season muzzleloader 03, November ~
General Election 06, November **

ATTENTION

CMT/ABATE, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting

June 10th, 2018 at 11:00 AM EST

BOD MEETING WILL BE HELD IN EAST
TENNESSEE AT BOBAROSA SALOON LOCATED
IN DEL RIO, TENNESSEE

Located at 2299 Dixie Hwy, Del Rio Tennessee

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WEEKEND

Saturday, KSU at 10 Am for a scenic ride through the
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Sunday, 11 Am Board of Directors meeting

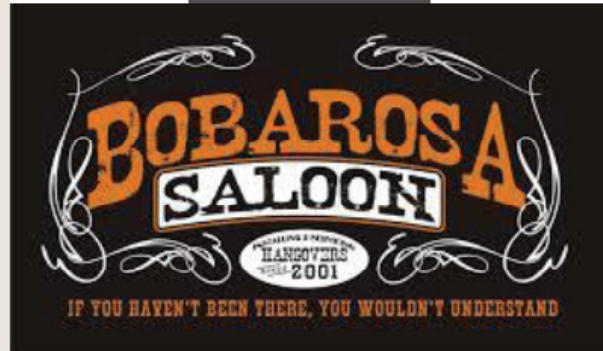
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CANEY FORK

April 29, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 4:20pm by TP. Mike lead the pledge of allegiance and Ragman did the pray.

We had 15 members and 9 guests. 7 of the guest joined our little but, mighty family. Let's give a big welcome to our new family member's

David Marlin, Kim Marlin, Mary Hole, Mike Hoyte, Travis Henry, Jenifer Henry, and Cole Henry. Thank You for joining our family! We r very happy to have you all!

Secretary Report: last month's min's was read my Robin and approved by all.

Treasure Report: was given my Robin and was approved by all.

Old Business: TP talked and thank everyone for the good job everyone done at our swap meet. Congratulation's to the winner's in the bike show.

Stephanie Schroeter (Blinker) – Best of Show, Robin Presley – 1st place, Carl Stroud – 2nd place, and

Marty Maxwell – 3rd place. Great job!

New Business: TP talked about our Activity / Products Director setting down and asked for volunteer's to step in and take

over. Diane Stroud step up for activity and Robin Presley step up for products.

Members voted and approved. Thank you lady's for stepping up. TP also talked about the upcoming events. Who all was going to help with the gate.

TP also talked about our Human Society poker run on May 19, 2018. Come out and join us for a good cause!

We would also like for everyone to keep our secretary Sgt. Cheri Limeburner and member D.T. Coulson in your thoughts and paryer has they get ready to get deployed to Poland for 9 months.

A Big Thank you to you both for your service and keeping us all safe! May God watch over you all and bring you all back home to our love one's safe and sound!

I would also like to give a Big Thank You to Gail Lyons for stepping in to the secretary spot while Cheri is deployed.

Ride Safe Everyone,

Robin (Robin took note's for Cheri and Gail this month

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

FRENCH BROAD

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ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meeting are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pit in Springfield at 7:00pm. Johann started off our meeting with The Pledge and George lead us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming. Samantha talked about STR Southern Thunder Rally which is August 23-25 at Hickman County Fairgrounds. Advanced tickets are \$20 and at gate \$30. So purchase early and save you some money. Johann went over the Legislative. Roland won the 50/50 and donated to down biker fund. Thanks to the Pit for our hot dogs and chips for supper. June 5th will be our next meeting love to see everyone.

Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

SUMNER COUNTY

WHEELS OF THUNDER

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Liberty Rally

Weenie Bite

1st Ryan Waters & Lynn Greenwood - 3 points

2nd Tommy Jones & Teresa Presley - 2 points

3rd Richard & Kimberly Gunter - 1 point

Barrel Roll

1st Ryan Waters - 3 points

2nd Terry Presley - 2 points

3rd Tommy Jones - 1 point

Ball & Cone

1st Dale Wright & Lillian Stagers - 3 points

2nd Ryan Waters & Lynn Greenwood - 2 points

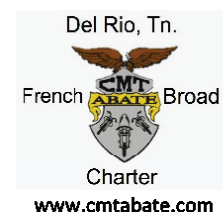
3rd Tommy Jones & Teresa Presley - 1 point

Slow Race

1st Ryan Waters - 3 points

2nd Terry Presley - 2 points

3rd Tommy Jones - 1 Point



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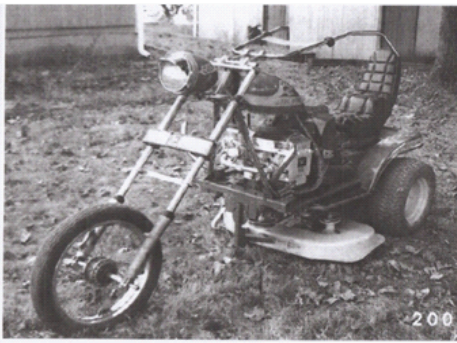
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Hi everyone! It's been awhile since I've wrote in the commentary section. As I write this just before the deadline, several days before that I was trying to figure out how I could put my thoughts into words that made sense to everyone.

Is this our future? All of us here at CMT/ABATE INC.? With no new blood from the younger generation, there isn't anyone to follow in our footsteps! Is this "our" footsteps of the dinosaurs with the meteor fixing to hit us and wipe us out?

The millenials aren't interested in riding; they can travel the world on their iPhone.

For them to go out and spend 20K on a bike to them is unrealistic. The most they or will spend would be around \$2500, to \$4500 maybe.

I have been to some rodeos where people participate, and on Mother's Day week there is one awesome event that happens here in East Tennessee. The Peace Maker's MC dirt drags. I'm going to attend and hope to capture some videos for the website. One of the most popular of the dirt drags is the BURN OUT PIT. A local motorcycle shop has designed a trailer to do this on; that way its portable to have at other events. Our Organization owns a trailer that we can do this with.

A Corporation whether for profit or non-profit that doesn't change with the times will end up being those dinosaurs that die from the meteor. Myself, I would rather detour that meteor and choose a future of the Organization to outlive all of us. I have built many houses here in the East and they're going to be here long after I'm gone; What a feeling. Some of us

within refuse themselves to even change for the future and then we have some, of who think that we are for profit while the Organization is trying to fund for the future and shoot the meteor out of the sky. What you have to ask yourself is how do we encourage the millennials to follow our footsteps and what I can do to save what has been done so far. Or are you one of those dinosaurs that's looking up to the sky and the end coming and not knowing it until the blast smacks you in the face? So long sucker. This may sound a little blunt, but you know, it is what it is.

My point is in the photo above, How long will it be before the State of Tennessee require you to wear a helmet to mow your lawn? Or are we going to be just like the dinosaurs looking up and going "What's That" duh.

See ya at the BOD, This June 10th at Bobarosa Saloon in Del Rio on the French Broad River.

Scott

For Immediate Release

March 12, 2018

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Responds to NHTSA Document on Motorcycle Fatalities

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation released its latest iteration of "Fact or Fiction" a document that takes a closer look at a government fact sheet concerning motorcycle injuries and fatalities.

In February, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released a Traffic Safety Facts document specific to motorcycles. The information is extrapolated from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) which is a census of fatal crashes in all 50 States. Though the information in the fact sheet is contained in a larger agency document, motorcycle-specific information is collated into its own publication.

After reviewing and analyzing the document, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) quickly issued a statement and updated its "Fact or Fiction" paper, reacting to the NHTSA publication. Since 2010, the group has made a conscious effort to understand, analyze and provide additional context to government-issued statistics. According to the MRF's Director of Motorcycle Safety and Vice-President of the Board of Directors Jay Jackson, this effort helps set the record straight and gives the broader motorcycle community a better understanding of where potential concerns may be identified.

The latest iteration of Fact or Fiction drills down on the data itself, raising concerns that the statistics also include mopeds, scooters and off-road bikes and therefore is not necessarily indicative of a factual problem. Further, that data should not be used in any serious discussion on ways to reduce motorcycle traffic fatalities because its bringing in very different classes of motorbikes, some of which are not even used for street riding. Another interesting statement from the publication takes a deeper dive on alcohol impairment and motorcycles. Though NHTSA cites that 25% of motorcyclists were killed in a crash involving alcohol, it does not mention that in passenger vehicles this figure was 28% in comparison. By not including this, it suggests to the reader that impaired driving is unique to motorcycles when in fact, it's a broader passenger vehicle problem.

When asked for comment, President and Chairman of the Board for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard explained, "We think its important for the public to understand the full context of these kinds of government publications. I view it as a knowledge versus wisdom argument: knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

The NHTSA publication can be viewed here:

<https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812492>

The MRF's 2018 Fact or Fiction document can be viewed here along with previous iterations:

<https://www.mrf.org/fact-or-fiction/>

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TOP 5 REASONS TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE

Motorcycles are cool and if you ride one, you're cool too (probably). But aside from improving your social stock, impressing your friends, and dramatically increasing your happiness, there are a lot of really good reasons to ride. For now, though, I'll spare you the long version and just give you the top 5 reasons to ride a motorcycle (in very particular order).

1. You save gas

As with cars, motorcycle mileage can vary significantly based on the bike and how it's ridden. But the general consensus is that the average for motorcycles is about 50 mpg. And while there are numerous plans to increase mpg for cars, their current average is somewhere between 25 and 35 mpg. Suffice it to say that motorcycles get much, much better mileage than cars (on average). The average price of gas is currently \$3.30 and the average American drives 12,000 miles a year. So if you traded in your car (at 25 mpg) for a motorcycle (at 50 mpg), for example, you could potentially cut your fuel expenses in half reducing the amount you spend at the pump from roughly \$1,584 to \$792 a year.

2. You can take the carpool lane

According to the Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, federal law allows motorcycles to use the carpool lanes, also known as HOV (high occupancy vehicle) lanes, even with a single rider. So, when everyone else is stuck in stop-and-go traffic, you and your steel horse can gallop along in the fast lane. Yeehaw.

3. You avoid distracted driving

Here's a scary fact: according to Distraction.gov (the Official U.S. Government Website for Distracted Driving), 18 percent of injury crashes in 2010 were reported as distraction-affected crashes, and a whopping 416,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver.

The good news about motorcycles is that it's impossible to hold onto the handlebars while texting. Plus, all that wind in your ears makes talking on the phone out of the question. So if you happen to be one of those people who feel tempted to text or tweet while driving, you eliminate that risk completely by riding a motorcycle. Just be extra careful since (as you now know) distracted drivers are everywhere. Ride like you're invisible, always paying extra attention to what drivers around you are doing.

4. You look cool

Looking like a dork, while possible, is actually more difficult on a motorcycle. It's almost as if, by simply throwing your leg over the gas tank and grabbing hold of the handlebars, you're able to channel the cache of guys like Marlon Brando and James Dean. Whether you're a stockbroker or lion tamer, an accountant or a stuntman, a chick or a dude, almost everyone can up their cool factor considerably by hopping on a bike and hammering down (just make sure to keep the shiny side up).

5. Time travel

In a world overpopulated (and over polluted) by cars, motorcycles transcend the boundaries of time in unique ways. Not only are they forward-thinking with their inherently compact carbon footprint, but they also hearken back to a time when life wasn't as cluttered or complicated. Motorcycles still represent the Wild West-like freedom and adventure of the open road, the rugged individualism of the explorer.

In fact, if you want to experience what it might have been like to ride a horse across the Painted Desert, hop on a bike and head for Monument Valley (where several John Wayne movies were filmed). Riding through the buttes at sunset might be as close as you'll ever get to stepping back in time.

Bon Jovi didn't call his ride a "steel horse" for nothing.

In short, if you ride a motorcycle, you can save up to \$792 a year, look like James Dean, avoid distracted driving, never get stuck in traffic, and travel back in time. Who's in?

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