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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
Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025	Last Sunday of the month @ 4 pm, 207 N Bradford Hill Rd, Brush Creek, 38547
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French Broad	Scott Smith 423-571-6608 wt1011@icloud.com	1st Wednesday of the month @ Sagebrush Steak house, Newport, 7pm
Montgomery County	Gary Barlett 270-350-2596 madjap1969@gmail.com	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
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# Director's Column

During my time with CMT/ABATE there has been a lot of questions concerning the original by-laws. Quite a few folks seem to know what they consisted of, but like that honest politician, no one has been able to find them. If nothing else, I hope this is a sign of good things to come, the elusive original by-laws were found in a box of records from the 80's. I couldn't believe it myself when I found them along with the minutes from the meeting in 1987 when CMT Incorporated and both ABATES(s) of Tennessee merged to form the new corporation we have now. We will be posting these by-laws in future newsletters so that everyone will have the opportunity to read our foundation document. I will say that our founders had one hell of a fine plan.

For the last few months we have been talking about the changes being made and those that we need to make. The new phone service, mail box and elimination of an office have gone smoothly. Changes coming to the way we keep financial records and returning duties to the proper board positions may not come into play until after the March BOD, but we are working on it. We should have a solution to the money and membership issues very soon. Funny how everybody is just fine until it comes to money, but then that is just the way folks are. We will survive and be all the better for it. The most important task ahead of us, outside of getting the helmet law modified, is updating the by-laws to better serve the times. After reviewing what we have and where we

started and looking at where we need to be, the best way to handle this is to meet and go over the current by-laws line by line and make the necessary changes. All of this will only happen after everyone has had a chance to study the originals. The time frame for that would be this spring or summer. Keep in mind that all of this depends on the will of the membership. The full Board of Directors will have to vote on behalf of the membership on making any changes or not. Another factor could be who the Corporate Director is after the March election.

I think any big changes should wait until then so that no one's hands are tied should they see fit to move in a different direction.

By the time you read this we should be knee deep in the helmet law modification bill. There is so much that we can't post at this time that I guarantee would put a smile on your face, but the whole story will have to come out a little later. You do need to watch your email for updates and requests for volunteers over the next few weeks. We have gotten off to a very good start. I do have to take my hat off to the folks that came on opening day to help Johann, Carol and myself make our annual meet and greet with the legislators a success. If you run into the following folks, you at least owe them a cold beer; Jack Jones-Nashville, Vic Holman-Northeast, Scott Smith-French Broad, Wally "Wheel-er" Baez, Roy West and Gary Bartlett-Montgomery County, and Tommy Jones, Mark Waters and Danny Youngs-SWSR.

Now I reckon its time to post a resume for Corporate Director. So here goes.

I am an old man that has spent a lot of years riding and wrenching motorcycles. I believe in what CMT/ABATE does as well as what the core mission is. Since becoming a member I have served as lobbyist, MRF State Rep, Legislative Director and as Corporate Director since March of 2017. As everyone knows by now, I have worked to take us in a more effective direction. Moving forward by taking a step back may not make much sense to someone unless they have found themselves at the edge of a cliff. Sometimes one small step back is a lot better than one giant leap forward. If you don't like the direction we are headed in or the changes being made, then just vote me out. If you do like what we are doing, then you know what to do. I do want folks to know that everything we have been doing is not me acting on my own, but is based on ideas and suggestions from everyone that has contributed input. The only thing I have tried to do is put your thoughts and wishes into a workable plan. I hope this was short enough. If you have any questions just give me a holler.



**Tony Dabbs**  
**CMT/ABATE**  
**State Director**

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



**CMT/ABATE Volunteer Freedom Fighters visit Tennessee State Capitol**



# 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.

I'll start with my appreciation and recognition of everyone who attended and supported our Legislative Meet & Greet Day on Tuesday 09, January 2018. Montgomery Local Charter – Director Gary Bartlett, Wally Baez, and Roy West. Nashville Local Charter – Director Jack Jones and Carol Simpson. French Broad Local Charter – Assistant Corporate Director Scott Smith. Northeast Local Charter - Vic Holman. Smith/Wilson/Rutherford Local Charter – Danny Youngs, Mark Waters, and Tommy Jones. At-Large - Corporate Director Tony

Dabbs. Robertson Local Charter – Corporate Legislative Director J. Robert Forbus. And lastly, a big “thank you!” to Carol Simpson for guiding us around the new digs and doing the preparation homework for us – it made for a productive event.

So, what did we do? We do a Meet and Greet just about every year generally pass out a small token to appreciation to all Legislators. This time, since the Legislators and staff are in new offices with new furnishings, we chose a small cork-backed absorbent ceramic diameter 4” coaster with our logo and the words “Rights – Riding – Awareness” printed underneath. Very nice. As people arrived and the many of us assembled in a conference room on the 8th floor and went over our plans, I had a smile on my face when I saw who all was there and how it was a great representation of many Local Charters. We of course renewed our ties with old friends

and allies, met a handful of new people, and of course treated everyone with respect. There's a reason we are always welcome there.

We took the new tunnel to the Capitol and I understand it is more than 400' long. The elevators were taxed with traffic so we as well as several other people took the stairs. How many steps I do not know, but I estimate (I was huffing and puffing, not counting!) eight flights. We met the Representatives and Senators as they came out of their respective chambers, and made a second strike a bit later as they came from their Caucus meeting. We missed some people of course, and a few of us plan to again be there on 16, February to complete the task of distributing the coasters.

I trust by the time you read this article you are still smiling about your attendance at the annual New Year's Kickoff Party, and if you attended the afternoon session with members of our executive committee I hope your questions were answered and I know your input was appreciated. It's important that we get together in informal sessions like this to listen to each other and improve the solidarity of our Organization.

I'll close with this; we will push our helmet modification Bill as soon as possible after the start of session. I will need some assistance regarding the lobbying effort and will make my request at that time. The 2018 session half promises to move very quickly and predictions are that it will end during mid-April.

J. Robert Forbus  
Corporate Legislative Director



Hi everyone, WOW what a great time at the 2018 Kickoff Party that was held at the Nashville Clarion Hotel. I had the pleasure of seeing faces I knew, also new faces never seen before. A special Thank You to Pastor Ron and his Lovely wife for attend-

ing. Pastor Ron gave the blessing at meal time. The food was fantastic! So much of it was done by hand from members of CMT/ABATE Inc. We also had the Pleasure of Tommy Simpson and his Lovely lady for coming to attend. Everyone was really glad to see the both of them. Also, a special Thank You to Scott P. Williams whom is running for State Senate. He is running in the Maryville area. He was able to circulate around room and meet everyone. On his way out, him and a friend of his really enjoyed meeting everyone and were impressed. I would like to take this time and thank everyone who came out to enjoy a good time. Also, all of the folks

that help to make this happen. You all did a great putting this together for all of us members and some new members whom signed up that night. I personally look forward to next year's Kickoff event.

THANK YOU EVERYBODY  
Assistant Corporate Director,  
Scott Smith







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## MRF State Rep Report –

My apologies for last month's article – I referenced a couple of additional articles that didn't make it into the newsletter. That can happen as the newsletter editor tries to fit what is important into the each month's edition, and keep it to the right number of pages (always a multiple of four). If you want to see those articles, or have any questions about the MRF or the topics I write about – send me a note or call me. I'd be happy to send the article to you or discuss any questions you have.

A great way to get these articles sent directly to you as soon as they are issued is to become a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). Just as CMT/ABATE is working to protect your rights as a rider here in Tennessee, the MRF is working to protect you from interference by the Federal government and agencies. Efforts in both Nashville and Washington DC are critical to protecting our lifestyle. You support these efforts on a State level as a member of CMT/ABATE. But we need your support on a national level as well.

The threats to motorcycling grow each year. Without a voice in Washington, we would be quickly regulated out of existence. Somebody needs to be sure they are addressing motorcycles when the develop rules for self-driving vehicles – and the MRF is there. The corn lobby would have us all running continually increasing amount of ethanol – but the MRF reminded the lawmakers that no motorcycles are designed for that. The EPA tried to ban modifying a street motorcycle for race-only use – and the MRF stood up to tell them how that can impact our members. And when the next misguided attempt to regulate us "for our own safety" comes along – the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will be there once again to put a stop to all that nonsense. Our voice in Washington is critical to the future of motorcycling. And the MRF can only continue if they have the support of

riders across the nation. Are you a member of the MRF? As an old friend used to say, "If you're not a member of the MRF, you're riding on my dime".

Another good way to support the MRF is for your charter, club or other group to become a sustaining member. This level of membership is open to any organization, and at one time most of the CMT/ABATE Charters were sustaining members. As of January first, only two Charters, plus the State office, were current sustaining members of the MRF. At your next Charter meeting, ask if your Charter is a Sustaining Member and if not – make a motion that you become one.

The MRF has issued a challenge to all the states. It should be easy for us to meet this challenge.

Simply increase the MRF membership from Tennessee by three total current members before the Meeting of the Minds in September. Unfortunately, we're moving the wrong direction. We lost two members since December, so now we have to gain five (and keep all the rest) to meet the goal. We can still easily meet that challenge, and increase the support for, and effectiveness of, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. And with a strong presence in Washington DC by the MRF, and in Nashville by CMT/ABATE, we can work together to ensure that we can all 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 [keeblersg@yahoo.com](mailto:keeblersg@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

Upper Cumberland Broomstick Pool Tournament 17, February  
Montgomery County Clarksville Swap Meet 25, February

State Board meeting 11, March  
Music City St Paddy's Day Ride 17, March  
Caney Fork Turkey Shoot 31, March

Northeast Membership Ride 7, April  
Montgomery County Poker Run 14, April  
Safety & Awareness, CMT/ABATE State Safety Event 21, April  
Caney Fork Swap Meet 28, April

Keg County Poker Run 05, May  
French Broad Legislation Ride 5, May  
Upper Cumberland Liberty Rally 11, - 13 May  
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman bike show 12, May

Smith Wilson Stones River Swap Meet 09, June  
State Board meeting 10, June 2018  
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

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 first Weekend  
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



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### February 2018

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

### March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				WOT		
4 MuCi/UpCu SWSR	5 MoCo NoEa	6 RoCo	7 FrBr	8	9	10
11 BOD	12	13	14	15 DHH SuCo	16	17 Mu Ci St. Paddy's Ride
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 CaFo	26	27	28	29	30	31 Ca Fo Turkey Shoot

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**NOTABLE NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE EVENTS \*\*\***  
**Other events of interest ~**

Upper Cumberland Broomstick Pool Tournament 17, February  
Montgomery County Clarksville Swap Meet 25, February

Daytona Bike Week 09, - 18, March \*\*\*  
State Board meeting 11, March  
Spring Thaw 17, March \*  
Music City St Paddy's Day Ride 17, March  
Turkey Season 31, March ~  
Caney Fork Turkey Shoot 31, March

Easter 1, April 2018 \*\*  
Northeast Membership Ride 7, April  
Knob Creek 13, - 15, April \*  
Montgomery County Poker Run 14, April  
Safety & Awareness, CMT/ABATE State Safety Event 21, April  
Caney Fork Swap Meet 28, April

County Primary Elections 01 May \*\*  
Panama City 02, - 06, May \*\*\*  
Redneck Rumble 04,- 05, May \*  
Keg County Poker Run 05, May  
French Broad Legislation Ride 5, May  
Upper Cumberland Liberty Rally 11, - 13 May  
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman bike show 12, May  
Mother's Day 13, May \*\*  
MRF Bikers in the Beltway 15, \*\*\*  
Memorial Day 28, May \*\*

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 \*\*  
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## **MUSIC CITY**

Hey, Happy New Year Everyone from Music City Charter. Let's make it a great and safe year!!!!

Meeting was called to order by Wendell A.K.A Deadeye.

We had an interesting opening by Pastor Ron. Ron spoke on a new program with the church "Covenant Confirmers Ministers Inc. This will be a RECOVERY CONGREGATION FOR THE RECOVERING COMMUNITY. Times; FEB 18th 2018 @ 10:30 A.M - 12:00 NOON. Location: 300 10TH AVE. EAST SPRINGFIELD, Tennessee. A lunch will be provided.

Wayne spoke on Midterm elections... Pay attention and speak to your REP... Now till fall

Elections were made at January meeting. As stands: Director Wendell, Asst Director: Glenn, Events Planner: Hattie, Sergeant at Arms: Phil Neal... Treasury: Joel Jernigan... Legislation officer: Wayne, Products: Mavis Blanchard, Secretary: Sharon (CRASH)

STR Dates: August 24-26

50/50 won by Captain

Roy and donated to 2018 Kick of Party See ya'll soon Stay Safe

## **NASHVILLE**

## **NORTHEAST**

## **ROBERTSON COUNTY**

Our meeting are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pit in Springfield. Jeff lead our meeting off with The Pledge and George lead us in prayer. Roland started off with thanking everyone for coming, had a good turnout this month. We had special guess from Covenant Confirmers Ministries in Springfield. They are having a "Recovery Sunday Service" on Feb. 18th at 300 10th Ave. East in Springfield at 10:30am. If you know of anyone with any kind of addiction and needs someone to talk too and need help. Please come and everyone is welcome. Support group meetings will start on Monday night at 7:00pm beginning Feb. 19th.

Treva went over our treasury report. Samantha talked about our CMT ABATE Kick Off Party at The Clarion in Nashville on Jan. 20th 2018. Please go ahead and book your rooms. We always have a great

time, hope everyone plans to attend. Johann went over the legislative. Please keep in your prayers for Peanut Wilson, Jerald Tate and Trish's father. Taylor won 50/50 and donated to our down biker fund. Hope to see everyone at our meet meeting on Feb. 6th.

Connie Jones

## **SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER**

January 2018 Minutes

The Sunday, January 7, 2018 meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM by Jerry who also led the pledge. All officers present except Treasurer. There were 22 members and one visitor in attendance. Secretary Report: Given and approved Treasury Report: Given by Tommy and approved

Activities: Sarah covered upcoming events and reminded everyone of the Biker Bucks Auction Saturday, January 13 at the King's house at 4 PM. Please bring finger foods and an item to auction! She also handed out flyers for the NY Kickoff party. We finalized details for our items for the Chinese auction.

Membership: Leslie said we have 4 renewals: Dano Warner, Diana Hernandez, Sarah Lipinski and Quint Reece! Thanks for renewing! January Birthdays are Larry Binkley, Leslie Sullivan, Wanda Johnson and Harold Houston. We will celebrate the Birthdays at the NY Kickoff party! Sarah suggested we make a flyer and send to our expired members inviting them to our meeting and events. Tabled until next meeting while we work on the idea.

Legislative: Danny said this Tuesday, January 9 is Lobby/Appreciation Day at the Capital and if anyone wants to meet and go as a group that him and Mark are meeting at Hardee's on S. Cumberland to ride together. He also mentioned Mark Pody won his Senate run! Congrats Mark Pody!!! Danny said he truly appreciates our support.

Products: Resa said she has the memory patches for Ted Rutan and Skeeter. See her if you need any products.

Safety: David said be safe!

Old Business: Jerry said we need to get out to the Roost and pick up some tables for the Biker Bucks Auction. Roger volunteered his time and trailer. Jerry will make arrangements. Kim said the Fallen Bug Run has been confirmed to be held this year at Bumpus Harley Davidson in Murfreesboro. They are hoping to make this a big event! They might possibly have

2 service dogs to give away that day also. Any and all support/help is appreciated. Karen Adcock has graciously offered to help with a route for the run.

New Business: N/A

Motion to adjourn at 2:45 PM.....Ride safe.....Kim

## **SUMNER COUNTY**

## **WHEELS OF THUNDER**

## **UPPER CUMBERLAND**

The Jan 7, 2018 UC CMT/ABATE meeting was held at Bullfrogs in Crossville. Ron opened the meeting & Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dean gave the treasurers report.

Activities: Sponsors are needed for both the Charter Summer Fun Run & the Liberty Rally. Dean has forms for both events. Liberty Rally: Caney Fork will work the gate. SWSR will do the bike games. Ron will give out the awards for the game winners. Admission is \$10 & vendors get 1 free admission with set up.

Broomstick Pool Tournament & Chili Cook off. Sat Feb 17 at The Getaway in Jamestown. Let's have some fun & support our local events.

B.O.D.: Charter votes "NO" on percentage of support to state. Charter votes to keep Pledge system. Charter votes to keep "Free Membership" program going.

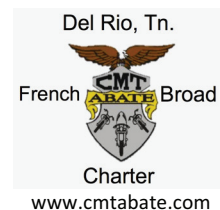
Old Business: Dean still has t-shirts for sale, old charter & Liberty Rally.

Meetings: Feb 4 Wagon Wheel

Mar 4 Boones Saloon

Apr 1 Whistle Stop

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## Motorcyclists Wary but Hopeful of Self-Driving Tech

November 22, 2017

By Shaun Courtney

Motorcycle advocates and enthusiasts believe autonomous technology in other vehicles could yield tremendous safety benefits for riders, but they remain protective of the freedom to operate their bikes themselves instead of being pushed onto self-driving machines.

Detection by other road users is a “constant challenge” for the riders of the nearly 8.5 million registered motorcycles in the U.S., Megan Ekstrom, Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s (MRF) vice president of governmental affairs, told Bloomberg Government. Autonomous vehicles pose the same challenge, but could also be a solution if the technology takes into consideration motorcycles, advocates believe.

“We see a huge potential in automated vehicles helping to eliminate the human factor,” Ekstrom said. “However, in order for that to happen, we need to make sure that the concept of detection and response to motorcyclists would be an integral part of any sort of policy or regulation.”

That’s why MRF spent \$2,500 in the third quarter lobbying on transportation issues, including the House and Senate autonomous vehicle legislation (H.R. 3399 and S. 1588), according to Bloomberg Government lobbying data.

Motorcyclists are included among the objects self-driving vehicles must be tested to detect in the Senate bill, but not in the House measure.

“We’re certainly hopeful that we can work something out if the bills do advance,” said Ekstrom about the difference between the two chambers’ bills.

**Riders of Another Sort**  
One reason the Senate bill took into account motorcyclists? Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.), a bill co-sponsor, is the co-chair of the three-member Senate motorcycle caucus. (Other members are co-chair Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Sen. Angus King (I-Maine).)

“I love motorcycles, that’s my thing,” Peters told Bloomberg Government. Peters said he started riding minibikes at the age of 12 and does a motorcycle ride across

Michigan every year.

Through working with the offices of the Senate bill co-sponsors, Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) and Peters, Ekstrom’s group got motorcycles included in the bill.

Thune is not a rider, but his state of South Dakota is home to the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally held over about 10 days in August.

“Given the tremendous safety and mobility benefits that self-driving vehicle technology offers, all road users, including motorcyclists, should be taken into account as the testing and deployment of innovations advance,” Thune said in a statement to Bloomberg Government.

### Safety First

“The main reason why motorcyclists are injured or die is because of drivers of cars that don’t see them and pull out and are engaged in errors. So if you eliminate those errors, the motorcycle fatality [rate] should go down dramatically,” Peters said. Though that assumes AV technology can detect motorcycles.

A Tesla vehicle operating in autopilot mode struck a police officer on a motorcycle in Phoenix in March, AZ Central reported. Neither vehicle was damaged and no one was hurt, but Ekstrom used that as an example of the sort of detection AV technology needs to be able to ensure the safety of all road users.

“What’s scary is that motorcyclists have largely been left out of automated vehicle testing protocols,” Ekstrom said.

MRF has been speaking to legislators and regulators to make sure riders are considered in the evolving legislative and regulatory landscape for AV technology.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released two iterations of guidance for autonomous vehicle developers and manufacturers, most recently in September of this year. The Obama-administration document didn’t mention motorcycles at all; the Trump administration document includes the word motorcycle, but only in relation to jurisdiction, not safety testing.

“We’re seeing an emphasis placed on car vs. car crashes, car and pedestrian, car-bicycle and even in the NHTSA guidance, car-animal, but there’s nothing explicitly addressing car-motorcycle crashes,” Ekstrom said.

Her organization raised this concern at a

recent NHTSA listening session about AV technology and intended to submit written comments of the same nature.

“Our biggest concern is that if motorcycles are not correctly identified by these automated vehicle systems, an unintended consequence would be that there is potentially an increase in the frequency of car-motorcycle accidents. Even if car-and-car accidents decrease,” Ekstrom said.

NHTSA officials reassured Ekstrom that motorcyclists are part of the AV safety landscape, she said.

“The problem is that we’re not actually seeing that on paper,” she said.

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao said in September when she released “A Vision for Safety: 2.0” that her department is already working on a 3.0 guide for the AV industry.

“We’re hopeful that this next iteration will include motorcyclists in the context of specifically object and event detection,” Ekstrom said.

### Self-Driving Motorcycles?

No thanks, is the answer most motorcycle enthusiasts will give you to the notion of a self-driving bike, according to Ekstrom. That’s true even for enthusiasts who are actively working on autonomous vehicle technology, she said.

Greg Winfree, the former assistant secretary in DOT’s Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, currently serves as agency director for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, which has its own autonomous vehicle testing site. Winfree is also an avid motorcyclist.

“It will probably be a cold day in Hades before a motorcyclist agrees to an autonomous motorcycle. I don’t think we’ll see that,” Winfree told Bloomberg Government.

Peters agrees. “I will never have a self-driving motorcycle,” Peters said. “That’s my line in the sand.”

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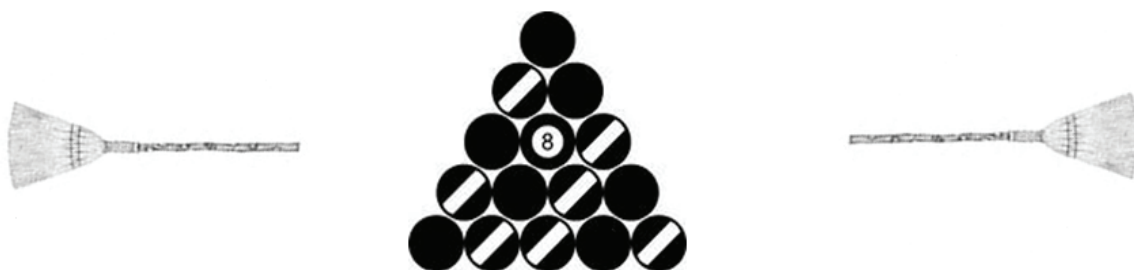
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35	-7°	0°	7°	14°	21°	28°	35°	41°	48°	55°
40	-8°	-1°	6°	13°	20°	27°	34°	41°	48°	55°
45	-9°	-2°	5°	12°	19°	26°	33°	40°	47°	54°
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60	-11°	-4°	3°	10°	17°	25°	32°	39°	46°	54°
65	-12°	-5°	2°	10°	17°	24°	32°	39°	46°	53°
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