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Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times
Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025 presley7290@yahoo.com	Last Sunday of the month @ 4 pm, 107 N Fairview Ave., Gordonsville,
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
French Broad	Sean Casey 904-962-6620 sjc1340@yahoo.com	1st Sunday of the month @ Screwballs Bar and Grill, Sevierville, 4pm
Montgomery County	Roy West 931-627-1917 kountrycrazy@gmail.com	1st Tuesday @ 7, Jackie's Country Kitchen, 1578 Zinc Plant Rd, Clarksville
Music City	Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 wiggles1202@yahoo.com	1st Sunday @ 2, Skully's Old Hickory
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Smith-Wilson-Stones River	David Marlin 615-319-8915	1st Sunday @ 2, Coaches Lebanon
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-452-0409	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

## Director's Column

### Objects and Purposes Our Mission

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B. The Corporation shall oppose discrimination that is based upon age, race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, and sexual preference, brand of motorcycle, and membership or non-membership in any organization.

There are 166,104 registered motorcyclists in the State of Tennessee for 2019. We need your help to preserve our rights and freedom to ride in our State. We are not a club of any kind, just volunteers that desire to protect these rights. If you feel the same way, then come and join us. We would be glad to have you as a member.

Scott Smith  
CMT/ABATE INC  
Corporate Director



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

**Next BOD, September 8th,  
2019**

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was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders.

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# YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



## Legislative Director's Ramblings

No Report



J. Robert Forbus  
Corporate Legislative  
Director  
Corporate Secretary

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## Words from the Chaplain

No Report

## Point Totals to-date

Tommy Jones	14
Jeff Holland	12
James Sullivan	4
Ryan Waters	4
Becky Floss	8
Susan Jones	5
Lynn Greenwood	3
Robin Nest	3
Courtney Waters	2
Leslie Sullivan	1



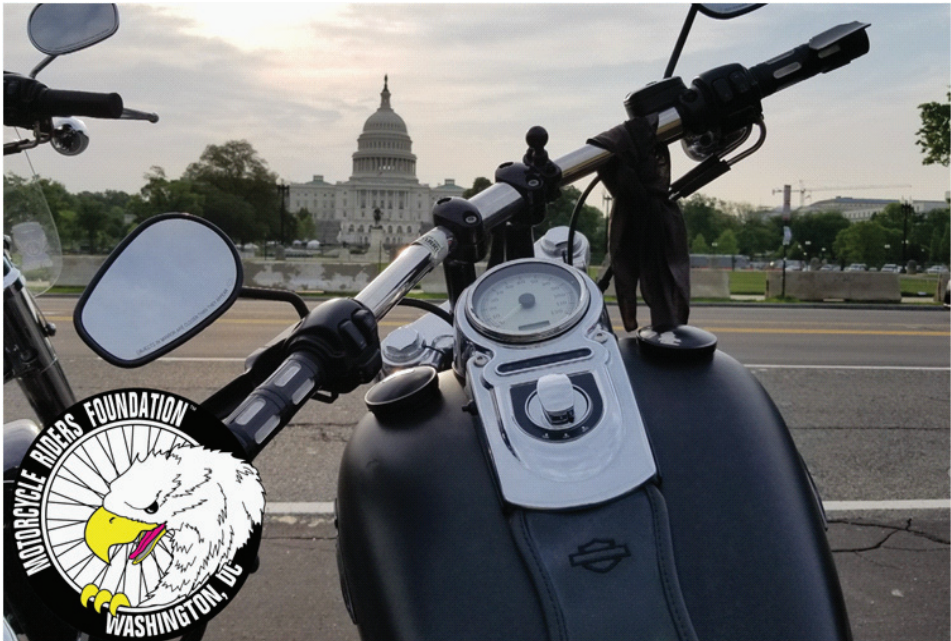
## Reports

Sergeant at Arms-	No Report
Corporate Treasurer	No report
Asst. Corporate Director	No Report

MRF State Rep Report –

No Report

Ed Domine  
MRF State Rep  
CMT/ABATE



**RIDING FREE FROM DC:**  
Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway  
Your Motorcycle Riders Foundation team in Washington, D.C. is pleased to provide our members with the latest information and updates on issues that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. Count on your MRF to keep you informed about a range of matters that are critical to the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle. Published weekly when the U.S. Congress is in session.

**The Swamp in August:**  
This week the House of Representatives adjourned for the August recess and the Senate will follow suit early next week. Lawmakers will not return to D.C. until after Labor Day. With lawmakers gone Congressional staff has the opportunity to catch up on work, they have delayed over the past few months. We at the MRF will

take this opportunity to circle back with offices we have met with and follow up on our requests.

Additionally, this week the D.C. MRF team completed our 102nd in-person Congressional visit and we have now been in to see at least one office from 46 states on our profiling resolution. Rhode Island, Delaware, Vermont and Hawaii have somehow eluded us, but we will do our best to get into those offices next month and go 50 for 50.

The next scheduled weekly update will be in September but if anything urgent happens we will send out a special edition of the weekly update.

Enjoy the last month of Summer!

**Stay Updated:**  
If you haven't checked out the MRF's Facebook page now is a great time to take a look. Our Facebook page has informa-

tion about the annual "Meetings of the Minds" in September as well as events hosted by state motorcycle rights organizations leading up to and at Sturgis.

Facebook is also a great way to learn about legislative calls to action and spread the word, so if you aren't already following us make sure to swing by our page and hit like and follow!

**Standing Update:**  
We are currently at 64 cosponsors from 27 states and one territory for the motorcycle profiling resolution. This is an increase of 6 new cosponsors since last week and we added our first lawmakers from Maine and Montana. Click [HERE](#) to see if your member has signed on to H. Res 255.  
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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.

## 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

Aug. 10, Caney Fork Wilson Bank & Fire Department Ride  
Aug. 23-25, Southern Thunder Rally

Sept. 7, Robertson County In Memory Ride  
Sept. 8, State Board Meeting  
Sept. 14, Caney Fork Swap Meet  
Sept. 14, Smith, Wilson, Stones River Memorial Ride  
Sept. 21, Upper Cumberland Wind Ride  
Sept. 28, Smith, Wilson, Stones River Rodeo

Oct. 5, Caney Fork Lizzy Cruise-in Benefit  
Oct. 6, Caney Fork Scott Almond Memorial Ride  
Oct. 26, Music City Halloween Party  
Oct. 26, Dickson, Humphreys, Hickman Toy Run & Food Drive

Nov. 16, Caney Fork Turkey Shoot  
Nov. 16, Music City Chili Dinner

Dec. 1, Wheels of Thunder Toy Run  
Dec. 7, Robertson County Toy Run & Christmas Party  
Dec. 7, Caney Fork Toy Drive & Christmas Party  
Dec. 8, State Board Meeting  
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Dec. 21, Music City Christmas Party

## CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

### August 2019

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

### September 2019

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

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# The Bikers Rights Machine - Unstoppable

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard MRF President

In both my professional world and my biker world I often find myself discussing the many successes those of us involved in motorcycle rights have enjoyed over the years in the political, regulatory, and bureaucratic arenas. The discussion often leads to how we do it. How we stop federal helmet amendments dead in their tracks, how we get federal grants for motorcycle safety to the tune of 25 million dollars, how we prohibit federal agencies from lobbying with our taxpayer dollars, hinder motorcycle specific discrimination, how we get an audience with the top officials in the country and in some cases the developed world regarding important motorcycle issues such as health insurance, motorcycle safety recommendations, motorcycle manufacturing regulations, how we get exceptions to regulations no ones else gets, how we create federal motorcycle advisory councils, how we get into all those important meetings in the United States and Europe regarding anything motorcycle, how we have achieved unequalled access to local, state, and federal politicians with a wide reaching and impactful influence? And on top of the federal victories are literally hundreds more biker victories each year back in our home states. I love explaining how the system works, both the process and the relationships key to it, and the fact that we can and do routinely get laws made or stopped on our behalf. Myself like a majority of you live and breathe this stuff and realize this all comes from twenty and in some cases thirty years of the most dedication, fiercest determination, highest level of passion and integrity, and the strongest desire to do the right things for motorcycles, but how does one explain that to those not in the arena. Well, I saw a couple specific things happen at Legislative and Officer Training events as I traveled around the country recently to State Motorcycle Rights Organization (SMRO) events while representing the Motorcycle Riders Foundation that simply but pointedly illustrates how we can be unstoppable as a movement. The first example was an ABATE Officers Training the first of this year where all local, regional, district, and state officers within the organization are expected to attend a two day seminar over a week-end where the tone, organizational and legislative strategies, events, training materials etc. are laid out and discussed for the coming year. I realize this happens

all over the country but what amazed me was the fact that the attendees then paid for the event themselves. They have a crazy tradition where they auction off the same ugly green ABATE T-Shirt year after year and I watched these people en-masse literally empty their wallets in a district versus district competition to buy the shirt; I am talking thousands and thousands of dollars from the people in the room. And then after the winning bidders picture was taken with the shirt I watched them carefully fold the shirt up and donate it back to the state office for the next year and all the money tossed in by everyone there went to pay for the event, the bidders that didn't win left their money on the table and donated it anyway. The second event a few weeks later had about 400 people in attendance and I saw a couple things. One was an impressive District by District sponsorship that helped pay for the event and then they had a donation line-up where thousands upon thousands was donated to a Political Action Committee (PAC) fund. It was said that this PAC has nearly \$50K for use in the upcoming elections to support biker friendly candidates. These events reminded me of the Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) where I have seen bikers pay thousands of dollars for a collectable knife at auctions to support the MRF, as was the case last year it has even happened more than once during the event. I recall a lengthy discussion with the General Secretary of the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (FEMA) trying to explain why a biker would bid \$10K for a knife and he was even in our movement. To this day I don't think he understood this type of commitment that he saw repeated several times on his visits to the MOTM. What other movement or organizations can you see things like this where people pay for their own training to further their own organization, and bid thousands of dollars for knives and other auction items that we brought ourselves. It seems funny to explain events like this to people outside our movement because they simply cannot imagine that level of dedication and passion that we bikers have. This is why we are unstoppable. I don't believe we can ever be stopped but we can at times get slowed down. I will draw from my history while growing up in North Dakota for an analogy. My early days are filled with western adventures, cowboy stories, and I especially liked the romance of the gunfight. And it was

said that friends should never get into a gunfight with friends, only their enemies. Because when friends fire on each other at best they both miss but lose some of their steam and influence in the process. Worse is the case where one or both of them shoot each other and whether it be one or both, they along with many other associated people lose, sides get chosen and new enemies and distractions pop up when that happens. Where is this going you ask? Well as I travel around the country I see a growing trend within our movement, I see friends drawing and shooting at friends and taking their eye and focus off the enemy. We need to take a look at whom and when we are drawing our guns. We are unstoppable when drawing and firing all together on the enemy, much less so when bikers end up firing at other bikers. There is another thing that perplexes me in my daily work on motorcyclists' rights. All the national motorcycle organizations to include the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the American Motorcyclist Association, and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists have government relations departments, a legislative task force, legislative teams and in some cases more than one of these. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has nearly 100 years of legislative and lobbying experience on our legislative team, our Board of Directors has over 300 years of combined experience, and when we draw up our legislative agenda for the coming year we involve our SMRO partners at MOTM at the Legislative Strategy session which likely brings in another 1,000 or so years of experience in this area. I also know for a fact each of our SMRO partners have Legislative and Government Relations teams that also have several hundred years of experience on each of them. So I must say with all the heavy horsepower in this area I am amazed that as a movement we at times spend energy on statements and positions that aren't coming from our own organizations with all these years and years of experience. Bottom line here is that I know as you do what power and influences we have when we stick to what we do; we can be and in fact have shown repeatedly that we are unstoppable. To always be that unstoppable force we must refrain from drawing and shooting at each other and from being distracted by issues not coming from our organization's years and years of experience in the legislative, political, and legislative arenas.

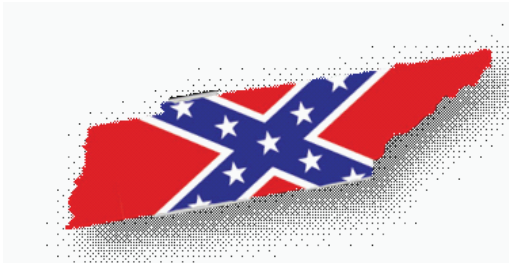


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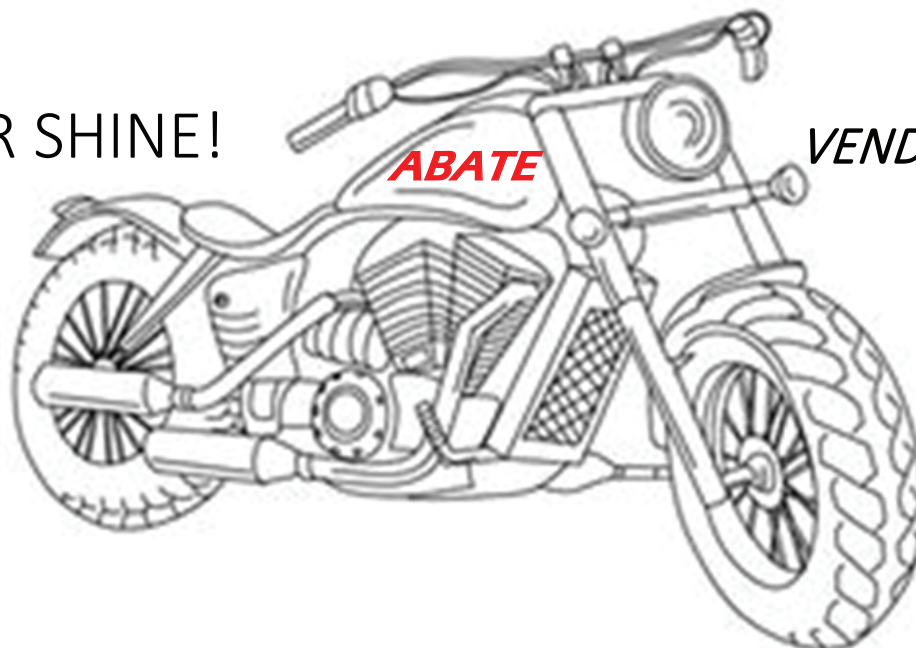


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Hey all hope everyone had a safe and happy fourth of July. We had our monthly meeting on the 7th of July do to Scott and Janice Smith leaving the charter and going to the at large charter this left us with basically no board so we had to have an elections to replace board. Mark McCaw was elected Director, Sean Casey was elected to 2 positions Asst. Director and Treasure, Sana Swan was elected as Secretary Travis Remington will continue as Membership Coordinator and Mark McCaw will continue as Activities Coordinator. We also had our Summer Kick Off poker run we had 7 people sign up and do the ride, a good time was had by all. If any of you get a chance to make one of our poker runs please do as we have some beautiful riding here in the east. I really aim to try and set up some beautiful rides for the people that participate. We are going to try and set up a moonshine poker run later this fall I will keep all posted on this. We also have a new Facebook page for the charter so if you haven't joined please do here is the name French Broad CMT/ABATE I would also like to remind everyone to ride smart always make sure you have an out and watch out for the cages because a lot of them are not watching out for you. Hope everyone has a great and safe summer and rest of the year

French Broad Director Mark McCaw

## **MUSIC CITY**

Hello you guy's. Everyone enjoying their vacations and what days of good riding weather we get in? Sorry about Junes monthly news letter, but as you all know , we had a slight illness in our charter with Wendell , BUT all is good !! He is doing awesome, back on his feet!! YAY!! Hope everyone is getting geared up for STR!!!! August 23 -24th Hickman County Fairgrounds... Get your presale tickets early \$25.00!! If you wait you will be paying a few bucks more.... So, come on!! Let's have a great time! Don't miss out!! Our meeting was short for July, but, remember everyone, we need ya'll to come to the meetings, We need your voices heard!! We want to see everyone to come on our runs and events, Everyone Matters! If you have membership renewals coming up, need to come on and do that!!

Anyway folks. we will have some great things coming up, and we sure would enjoy everyone being in on them . See everyone real soon. Be safe... Sharon

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

7/7/19 The S/W/SR meeting was called to order at 2:00 by David who also led us in the pledge of allegiance. All officers were present. Terry led us in prayer. Secretary: Minutes were read from last month's meeting.

Treasury report given and approved.

Activities: Sarah talked about upcoming events and also talked about putting together a poker run to and placing our look twice signs at the stops. The stops will have to be determined and we will also need to meet with the police dept about starting the ride from there.

Membership: 2 birthdays for the month of July James Sullivan and Dennis Arena.

Products: Kim said she was checking on finding someone to make our products.

Safety: Terry spoke of watching for debris on the roadway, he also spoke on the recent motorcycle wrecks and the concern of motorcycles being seen.

Road captain James spoke on keeping maintenance on your bike.

David talked about where we stood on getting the motorcycle tag designs. He also talked about moving the monthly meeting back to previous location on Hartsville pike.

It was agreed upon to move the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 2:39

Director: David Marlin

Asst Director: Harold Houston

Secretary: Wanda Johnson

Treasury: Gary Hensley

Activities: Sarah Reece

Membership: Leslie Sullivan

Products: Kim Marlin

Sgt at Arms: Quint Reece

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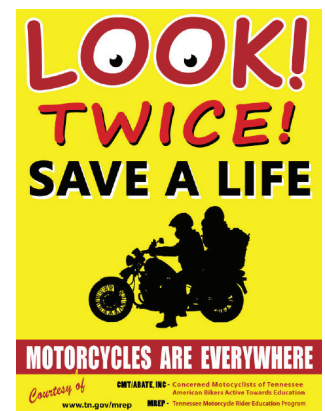
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**POPULAR MOTORCYCLE EVENTS OTHER THAN CMT/ABATE EVENTS \***  
**NOTABLE TENNESSEE HOLIDAYS \*\***  
**NOTABLE NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE EVENTS \*\*\***

**Other events of interest ~**

Aug. 2-11, Sturgis Bike Rally, SD  
Aug. 10, Caney Fork Wilson Bank & Fire Department Ride  
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Sept. 14, Smith, Wilson, Stones River Memorial Ride  
Sept. 19-22, Meeting of the Minds, Bloomington, MN  
Sept. 20, Montgomery Bikers Who Ride Toy Run  
Sept. 21, Upper Cumberland Wind Ride  
Sept. 22, Deer Archery season opens  
Sept. 27, June-Bug Boogie TOO  
Sept. 27, Harley Drags, Bowling Green, KY  
Sept. 28, TFA Smiley Hollow  
Sept. 28, Smith, Wilson, Stones River Rodeo

Oct. 3-6, Loretta Lynn's Motorcycle & Music Festival  
Oct. 5, Caney Fork Lizzy Cruise-in Benefit  
Oct. 6, Caney Fork Scott Almond Memorial Ride  
Oct. 11-13, Knob Creek Kentucky  
Oct. 17-20, Daytona Biketober Fest, FL  
Oct. 23-27, Panama City, FL  
Oct. 26, Music City Halloween Party  
Oct. 26, Dickson, Humphreys, Hickman Toy Run & Food Drive

Nov. 3, Muzzle Loader Deer Season  
Nov. 11, Veretan's Day  
Nov. 16, Caney Fork Turkey Shoot  
Nov. 16, Music City Chili Dinner  
Nov. 17, Deer Season Rifle  
Nov. 28, Thanksgiving

Dec. 1, Wheels of Thunder Toy Run  
Dec. 7, Robertson County Toy Run & Christmas Party  
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# Why Should I Care?

Why should I care about bikers' rights? For that matter, what the heck are "bikers' rights" anyway?

Well, bikers' rights affect everyone who rides on two wheels. If you like the freedom that riding brings and you would like to be welcome in all public places while riding your bike, then you already care about bikers rights and you should take that next step and actually start supporting bikers rights.

We do not want other citizens discriminating against us. We all know that bikers are no less educated or intelligent than any other group of citizens. However, off-road riders face public land use bans even though those riders pay taxes to use those lands. Street riders are not always welcome in all hotels, condos, and public places. Restaurants and bars have "no back patch" policies. If you would like to continue riding without more restrictions placed on you as a rider, then you already care about bikers' rights!

Now that we have concluded that you do care about bikers' rights, then the next question should be: How can I, as a motorcyclist, get involved in the political process and be aware of political activities concerning riding? Here are some things you can do to help yourself and all the riders in your state:

- 1) Learn where candidates stand on motorcycle issues before voting and then vote.
- 2) Write letters to the legislators that represent you so they understand your position on current biker related legislation.
- 3) Arrange meetings and talk to your legislators in person. They will remember your meeting when considering biker legislation. Don't forget, they work for you.
- 4) Arrange your personal and work schedules so when there is a biker lobby day in your state, you can go in a show of support for biker legislation. Please understand that a bill must undergo three readings in each of the two chambers, pass several committee meeting votes, as well as be approved by the Governor before it becomes law. Biker representation at each committee meeting and chamber vote is important to get that legislation passed.
- 5) Join a state motorcyclist's rights organization (SMRO) and also join a federal MRO like the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). They will help you get involved in bikers' rights and you will also expand your circle of friendships and riding opportunities.
- 6) Take the rider safety courses in your state for your own safety and to reduce injury stats. Fewer accidents equal more favorable statistics, which equals more legislative power for bikers.
- 7) Make it a priority to have motorcycle insurance and medical insurance. If you don't you will be labeled a "public burden" and be part of the problem, not the solution.
- 8) Please don't ride impaired. It will eventually catch up with you in the way of a DUI, an accident, or you will kill yourself or someone else. It also sets a bad example for younger riders and causes all bikers to look irresponsible.

Getting involved in bikers' rights will help yourself and all bikers. That's why you should care!

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