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Charter

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Director's Column

Welcome to 2021 and Happy New Year. Finally we can put the year 2020 behind us as a bad memory. Now that a vaccine is available, hopefully this will be the beginning of the end to COVID-19. Life can start as normal as can be, compared to what it used to be. 2021 looks very optimistic. Changes are already being made and progress is already started, so with that let's begin.

We just held our Board of Directors meeting December 13th, and the meeting was very interesting. An item on the agenda and a big controversy was the New Year's kickoff party that we normally had the third Saturday of January. The board decided to take its deposit that it had down for this party and use it for the party of 2022. That motion was passed unanimously. The second item was to check on March 20th as an alternate date to have the New Year's kickoff party. Now we would have to recheck with the hotel. We will have to get a new contract for that. We would have to see if the room would be available for such event. Now all this will depend on Davidson county COVID-19 mandate restrictions. No one knows for sure right now what its going to be like in March, so ladies and gentlemen I would say this is kind of up in the air at the moment. But any further development we will let you know. Another item that was on the AGENDA is that we have,

in our membership on the front page of our bylaws, is the membership division on singles, couples, associate, junior and life-time. There is also a provision for group membership that will be called an active supporter member of CMT/ABATE, Inc. The Board came to a decision last night to set a price for this group membership of \$175 annually. This was actually a bold move. It will allow bike shops, car dealerships, plumbing business, electrical business, and all sorts of businesses and organizations that will be able to join through a group membership.

Another item on the agenda is the Freedom of Choice bill. As you know we run this Freedom of Choice bill every year. This year we are going to use a different tactic. We are submitting a caption bill by Representative Jay Reedy and Senator Kerry Roberts. We are modeling this bill pretty much the same way Missouri just got theirs passed. Missouri has been fighting for freedom of choice just as long as Tennessee has, and they finally made it! So hopefully by using the same tactics we can get this law passed in the State of Tennessee. By doing this and we get it through the committees, it gets our feet in the door. Now once we're in the door, we have a chance and multiple ways to clean up the bill to make it even better. Remember it's harder to get a bill in and easier to clean one up. But these actions don't just stop up here at the executive level, all CMT/ABATE, Inc members need

to contact your Representatives and Senators and ask if they will sponsor the Freedom of Choice bill or will Co-sponsor with Jay Reedy and Senator Kerry Roberts. The more people we have on the bill, the better chances we have to get this bill through. So it's going to take everybody to work on this and it's going to take everybody's part to get this done.

One final thing I'd like to say is members of CMT/ABATE, Inc get with your Directors to make sure your addresses and emails are correct so that we can get everyone corrected on the master list. This will ensure that all people get their emails and their newsletters. Without your help, we can't get information out properly. Ladies and gentlemen that's all I have for now; everyone try to be safe and stay away from people that may have symptoms of Covid 19. Summer's coming soon and a lot of this should be behind us. Ride safe and be free.

Scott Smith
CMT/ABATE INC
Corporate Director



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I have been riding motorcycles since I was 12 years old. My father, Raymond Hensley, had a Honda shop in Hohenwald, Tennessee for almost 30 years, Hensley's Cycle Center, and I worked at it throughout my teenage years. I worked on Hondas and assembled new motorcycles while riding all I could. I started with a 50cc when I was 12 then had a 160, 350, 550 (which I turned into a chopper), 900, 1200, and the 1500 Gold Wing that I have now. I had a bad accident when I was 20 when someone turned in front of me going over a hill and I broke my arm and leg. I had to miss a year of college but started riding again as soon as I was able to. My father was a special man and my hero. He started a thriving Honda business in Hohenwald and sold thousands of motorcycles and 4-wheelers over the years. He was a good, honest, Christian man that put God and family first. He had people come back over and over again to buy and trade motorcycles and everyone knew that his word was his bond. I have been blessed because of my father.

I still ride every chance I get. I have an airplane too and I have been flying for 25 years. I know the feeling of experiencing the power of a take off and the thrill of a good landing. I have soared into a clear blue sky and marveled at the earth beneath me and the sky above. But nothing is like the feeling of cruising on my motorcycle on a warm day with the wind in my face and the power of a Honda engine beneath me. Hopefully this will be the year that we make helmets optional in Tennessee so we can all feel the wind even better if we choose. I look forward to supporting legislation that positivity impacts the joys of motorcycle riding in Tennessee.

Senator Joey Hensley, MD.

Can we uninstall 2020
and install it again?

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CLOCKS BACK
THIS YEAR, I
DON'T THINK
ANYONE
EXPECTED TO GO
FROM STANDARD
TIME, TO THE
TWILIGHT ZONE.**

**What do they sell at an
inconvenience store?...**

MRF State Rep Report –

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” – Benjamin Franklin

With the change in administrations, and the scramble to get “more important” business resolved before then, I’m not expecting to see much action on any motorcycle related bills in the federal legislature over the next few weeks. But that does not mean we don’t need to prepare for everything else going on in Washington DC, or elsewhere. Here are a few examples of other issues that have come up that the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is monitoring and preparing plans for...

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently voted to open up spectrum band that was previously designated for use by automakers for use in vehicle-to-vehicle communications. This is an important part of the plans for safety in developing self-driving (autonomous) cars. Instead this band can now be used by media companies. The MRF is working to try to ensure that adequate bandwidth is reserved for autonomous vehicles to help ensure the safety of motorcyclists as the technology is developed.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has just announced proposed regulations on autonomous vehicle sensors. The MRF is drafting a response to these proposed rules to ensure that motorcyclists are adequately

accounted for in the development of this new technology.

The European Commission has proposed changes to vehicle end-of-life regulations. How does this impact us? It doesn’t... Yet! But it is awful easy for someone in our legislature to look at a program in Europe and think it sounds like a “good idea” to implement here in the US. And a rule like this could drastically change what motorcycling is to many of us. Some administrator in Washington DC would determine how long your bike should last, and then at the end of that time it must be taken off the road and destroyed. No rebuilding and riding antique motorcycles. No scavenging parts off old bikes for re-use. Depending on how they define your bike’s “service life”, it may take away your daily ride - My newest bike is 16 years old, and I know plenty of you that ride bikes older than that. The MRF is working with our partners in Europe, the Federation of European Motorcyclists’ Associations (FEMA) to track what is going on with this rule, offer help where we can, and develop the best data for combating any “good ideas” like this that pop up here at home.

The MRF also acts as a line of communication between the states – and you wouldn’t believe some of the “good ideas” that come up in the other states. We’ve got a discussion going about a new traffic control concept in Massachusetts. In order to keep cars from moving over

into the bicycle lanes, they are installing something they are calling an Armadillo Road Guide. They’re a bit like the small dots that are sometimes used between lanes to warn you if you are drifting over the line – except these are HUGE. It looks like it is about 18” long, 6” wide and 4” tall. Have you ever seen anything like this put in the road deliberately?

Hitting that at speed would be a serious problem. I haven’t heard of these anywhere in Tennessee, but let’s be sure we don’t see them here. If anyone does see these, let us know – we would need to start some discussions with our road planners. (Some initial investigation of these indicates they might be one of those “good ideas” that came out of Europe.)

As you can see from all this, there are a lot of places that “good ideas” that have very bad consequences can come from besides just our elected legislators. With your help, the MRF can prepare to fight these “good ideas”, and preserve our right to...

...Ride Free,
 - - Ed



Ed Domine
 MRF State Rep
 CMT/ABATE

Just found out that smh means shake my head, not sex might help. Who knew?

Did a load of pajamas so I would have clean work clothes this week.



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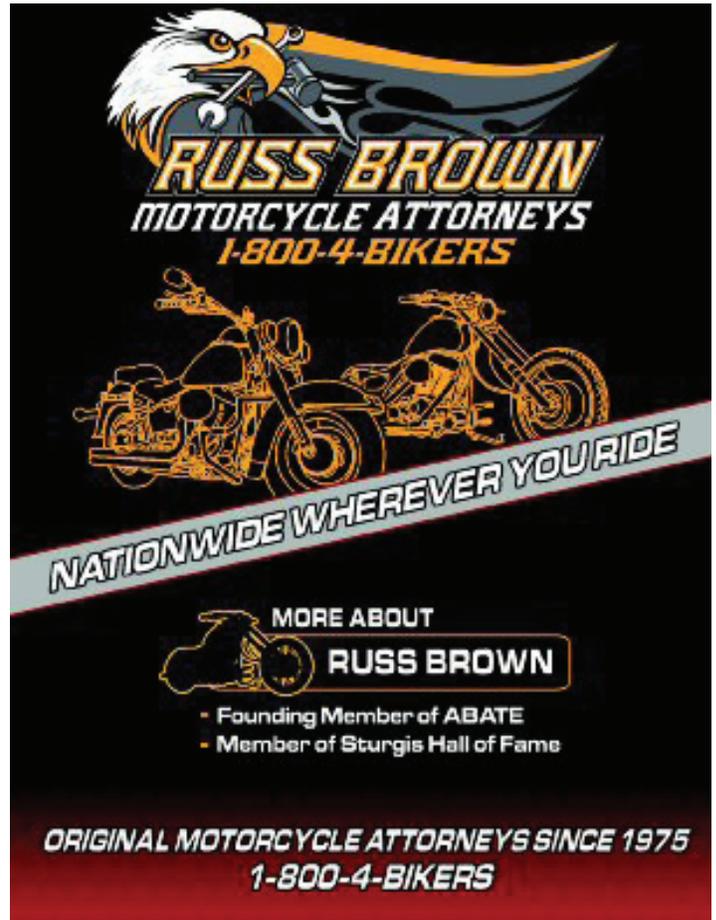
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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, **pictures** etc. to keeblerg@yahoo.com. That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events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

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SWSR/UpCo MuCi		RoCo MoCo		WOT		
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Nash	SMCo DHH		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CaFo	31					

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SWSR/UpCo MuCi						
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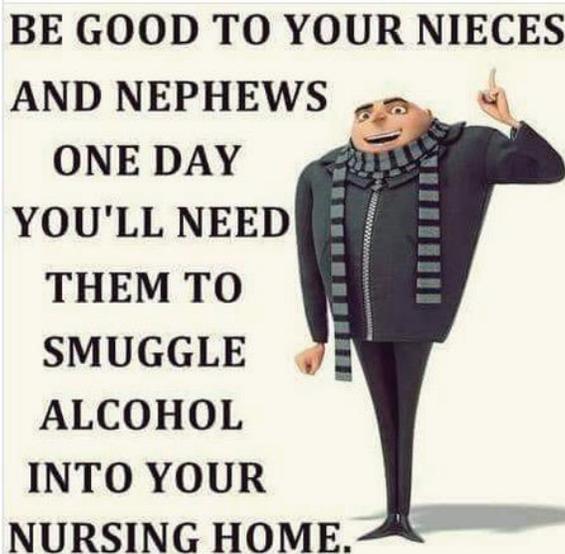
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at The Pit in Springfield. Bull started off our meeting with The Pledge, and George lead us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming. A big "Thank You" to all that donated toys for our Robertson County Toy Run Saturday 12/5/20. We had a good turnout, and really appreciate all the biker's, and our members for your donations and support. The toys will go to those children in need in Robertson County. Thank You. Please still keep in your prayers for Jeff Taylor, and Kerry Roberts who are still recuperating. Get well soon. Johann went over the Legislative. Hope to see you at our next meeting on January 5, 2021. Happy Holidays!
Connie Jones



SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

DECEMBER 6, 2020 SMITH/WILSON/ STONES RIVER
Meeting was called ot order at 12:17pm a total of 19 members and 0 vistors
Director-present
Assisant Director - absent
Membership- absent
Treasurer - absent
Road Capatin/ Safety- present
Legislative- present
Prodcnts - absent
Secretary- absent
Sgt At Arms- present
Old business- none
Director Larry Binkley spoke of the loss of his mother and the apprecitation of the flowers sent from the charter. Mike Binkley spoke of the apprecitation for all the thoughts and prayers.
Larry spoke of our brother Glenn Stout's mother passing this past week and asked the charter to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.
Director passed out printed dates of events for the upcoming year.
Larry brought up The upcoming Christmas/Dirty Santa Party on December 19th at 4:00pm. Asked for people to come and

help volunteer to help set up and deorate around 2:00pm.
Charter will provide 2 hams for the dinner and asked that all members bring sides and dessert.
The Bridge to Nowhere meeting at 9am at the Depot Cafe in Watertown.
KSU and departing at 10:30.
Kickoff party- January 16th- Decision will be made at the BOD as to weather or not it will be held as planned.
Happy Birthday to the following members;
Johnny Barrett December 14th
Bill Luman December 11th
Zach Reynolds- December 30th
Welcome to new and renewed members;
Scott Dean
Harleigh Barrett
Chris Seay and Ashley Long
Zach Reynolds
Safety (Brother James) mentioned to watch for the falling leaves with the changing weather. Alfo remind people to watch for the slick roads as well.
Larry spoke of the money collected for Lloyd Schroeter, he was grateful. It was delivered to him at the Izzy Run.
Members agreeded upon donating 50.00 to Smith County Help Center for the Se-

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Carol



nior Citizens tree.

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Our next meeting will be January 3rd Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm

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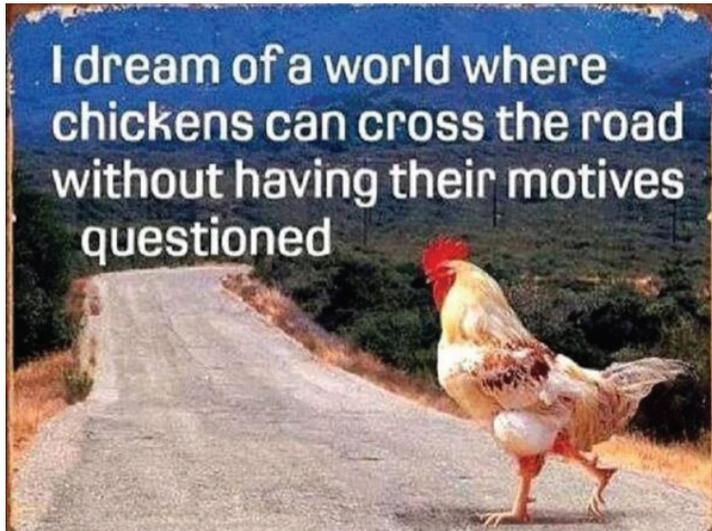
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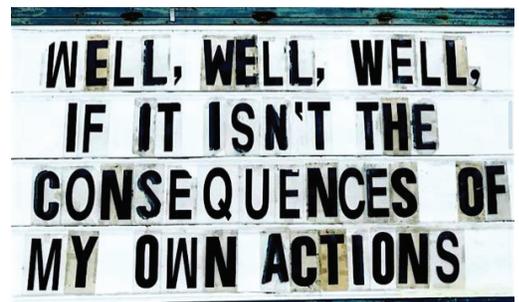
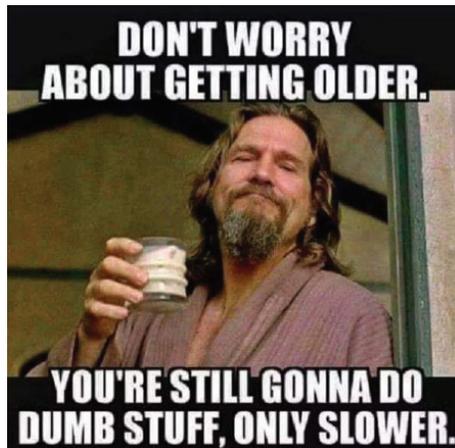


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Hi All,

I wanted to share some news with ya'll. Last week Sherm Packard was the Republican Deputy Speaker of the House under Dick Hinch. Dick passed away and this sent everything into chaos. As of today Dec. 18th, 2020, I am so very proud to tell you that Sherm is the Republican nominee for Speaker of the House; and if all goes as planned and the Republicans show up on January 6th, Sherm Packard will be the Speaker of the House here in NH! WOW, one of us, a long haired, motorcycle riding, leather jacket wearing, crazy person, SPEAKER of the HOUSE! As my mentor and very dear friend I am so proud of Sherm, because he deserves this!

Best,

Traci Beurivage
President
New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization

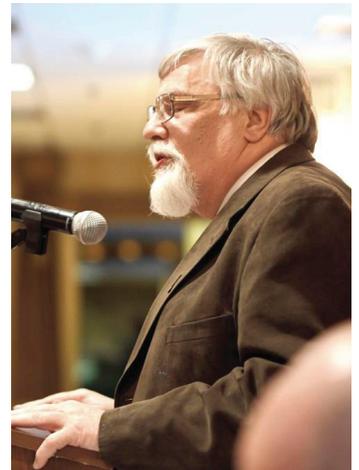
Sherman Packard (Republican Party) is a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, representing Rockingham 5. He assumed office in 1990. His current term ends on December 6, 2022. Packard (Republican Party) ran for re-election to the New Hampshire House of Repre-

sentatives to represent Rockingham 5. He won in the general election on November 3, 2020.

Packard began serving as acting state House speaker upon Dick Hinch's death on December 9, 2020.[1] He also served as minority leader in the 2009-2010 session.

New Hampshire House majority Republicans on Friday nominated 19-term Rep. Sherm Packard of Londonderry as their choice for Speaker of the House, succeeding the late Dick Hinch.

Sherman "Sherm" Packard is an American politician in the state of New Hampshire. He is a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, sitting as a Republican from the Rockingham 5 district, having been first elected in 1990.





In less than 20 years, a former Williamson County sheriff's deputy has risen through the ranks to one of the top law enforcement positions in the state. Upon the retirement of Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel Dereck Stewart, Matt Perry was sworn in on Wednesday as his successor.

"Colonel Stewart was as professional and the epitome of an ambassador to what a trooper is supposed to be," Perry said. "I just want to take the path that he started for us and just continue in that direction."

Perry started in law enforcement as a sheriff's deputy in 2002 under former Williamson County Sheriff Bill LeCates. Two years later, he started as a trooper with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, following in his dad's footsteps.

Perry's father, J. R. Perry, was a state trooper for many years and retired 10 years ago as lieutenant colonel. He said he's proud of his son and doesn't even have any advice for him because "he knows much more about the job now than I could ever tell him." J. R. did add a solid bit of wisdom for his son.

"We're all responsible for what we do and how we do it," he said. "Always treat people the way you want them to treat you."

After a few years as a state trooper in Williamson County and then as a crash reconstructionist, Perry became the executive officer to Stewart, who recommended Perry for his position upon his retirement. "I am confident that Matt will do a great job and build upon our rich history while

adapting to new challenges facing law enforcement today," Stewart said. Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner and former Williamson County Sheriff Jeff Long echoed Stewart's sentiment, saying he believes Perry will "carry the momentum, respect and honor of the Tennessee Highway Patrol."

For Perry, the promotion is still a bit surreal, but he said he's excited for the opportunity. His focus as he moves into his new position is to support local law enforcement and everyone in his agency. He described law enforcement as "shorthanded" this year, not only with the COVID-19 pandemic but also with a spotlight on racial justice, saying that working together is more important now than ever.

He said his experience as a sheriff's deputy and state trooper has informed his current position, giving him tools with which to lead others, seek best practices and set a team culture. He said, for example, that troopers should see traffic stops as educational opportunities for the citizen in the same way that a trooper might visit a school to inform a class about safety.

"A local trooper in the county they live and work knows better about the most dangerous roads in that area," he said. "They know what is hurting people in crashes, and they may say, 'You know what? Seventy-five percent of our fatal crashes in this county ... are from people speeding,' or '45% of fatal crashes in this county are because people weren't wear-

ing their seatbelt.'"

Pertaining to law enforcement relations with people of color, he said training, education and encouraging relationships within different communities is important. He has particularly appreciated talking to people of color who are also state troopers, who may be able to relate to multiple sides of the issue.

Through having candid conversations about this issue within diverse groups, Perry has learned that some feel that troopers are "pretty professional, but they come off as very hard and cold and not friendly," which has informed how he encourages troopers to relate to people on the road.

"We don't want to escalate the situation just because we're being too firm," he said. "We're learning to sort of de-escalate our own behavior at a traffic stop." While the pandemic restricts his naturally extroverted tendencies, he said he's eventually excited to engage his relational side, getting involved with state and local law enforcement and encouraging community policing.

Cornelia Clark, a Tennessee Supreme Court Justice and Perry's aunt, shared that Perry has "ended up with all the right characteristics for this job," saying between his warm and outgoing personality and his assumption that people want to have honest conversations, he is in a good position to truly put people's safety first. And of course, Perry emphasized that law enforcement's job is all about safety.

"Lieutenant Colonel Perry has demonstrated his leadership abilities and his vast knowledge of THP," Long said. "The future of the Tennessee Highway Patrol is bright."



CMT/ABATE Inc. wishes to congratulate Lt. Col Perry on his advancement and sends high regards to retiring Colonel Derrick Stewart, who served as a Trooper in the Motor Corp.

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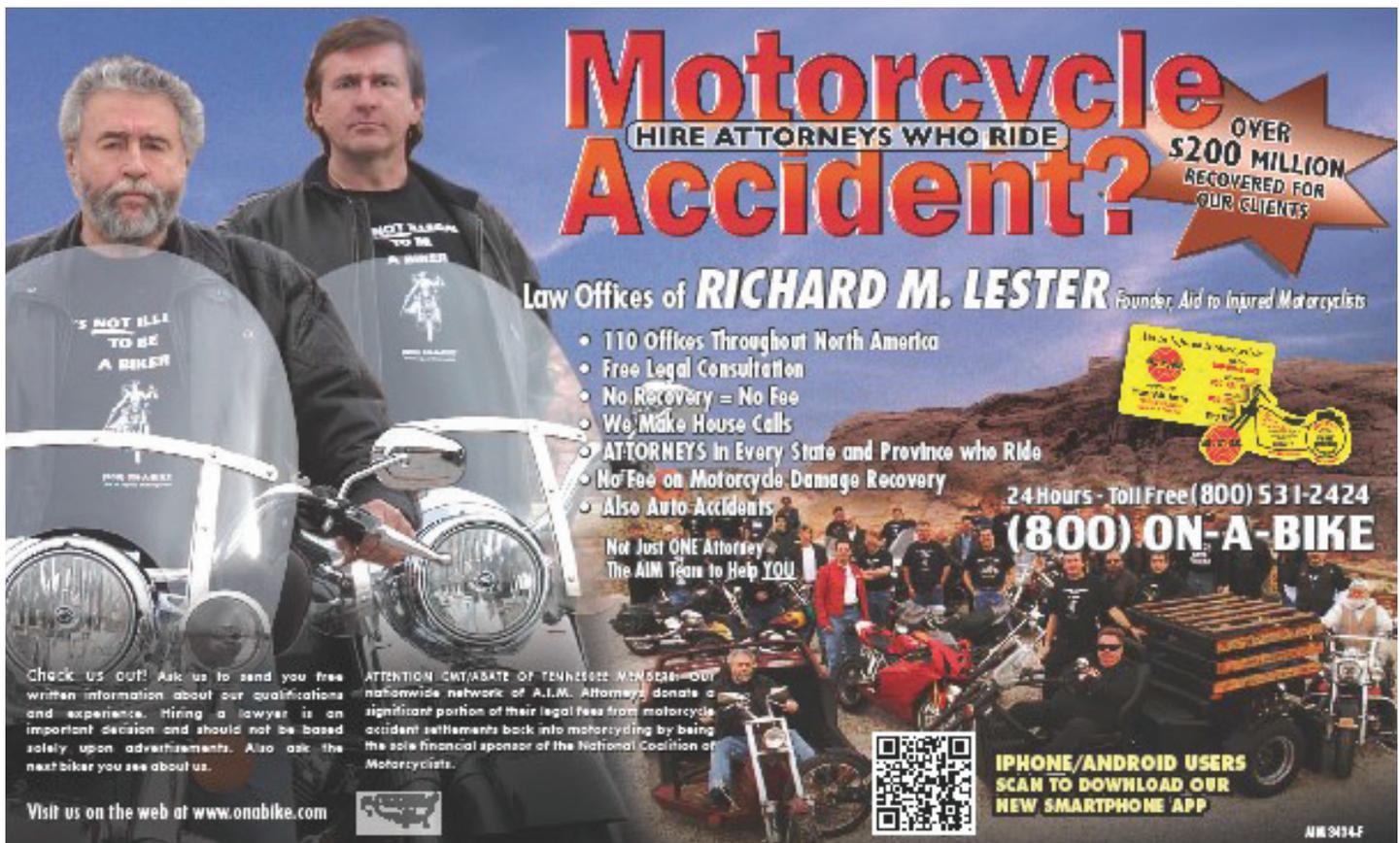
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