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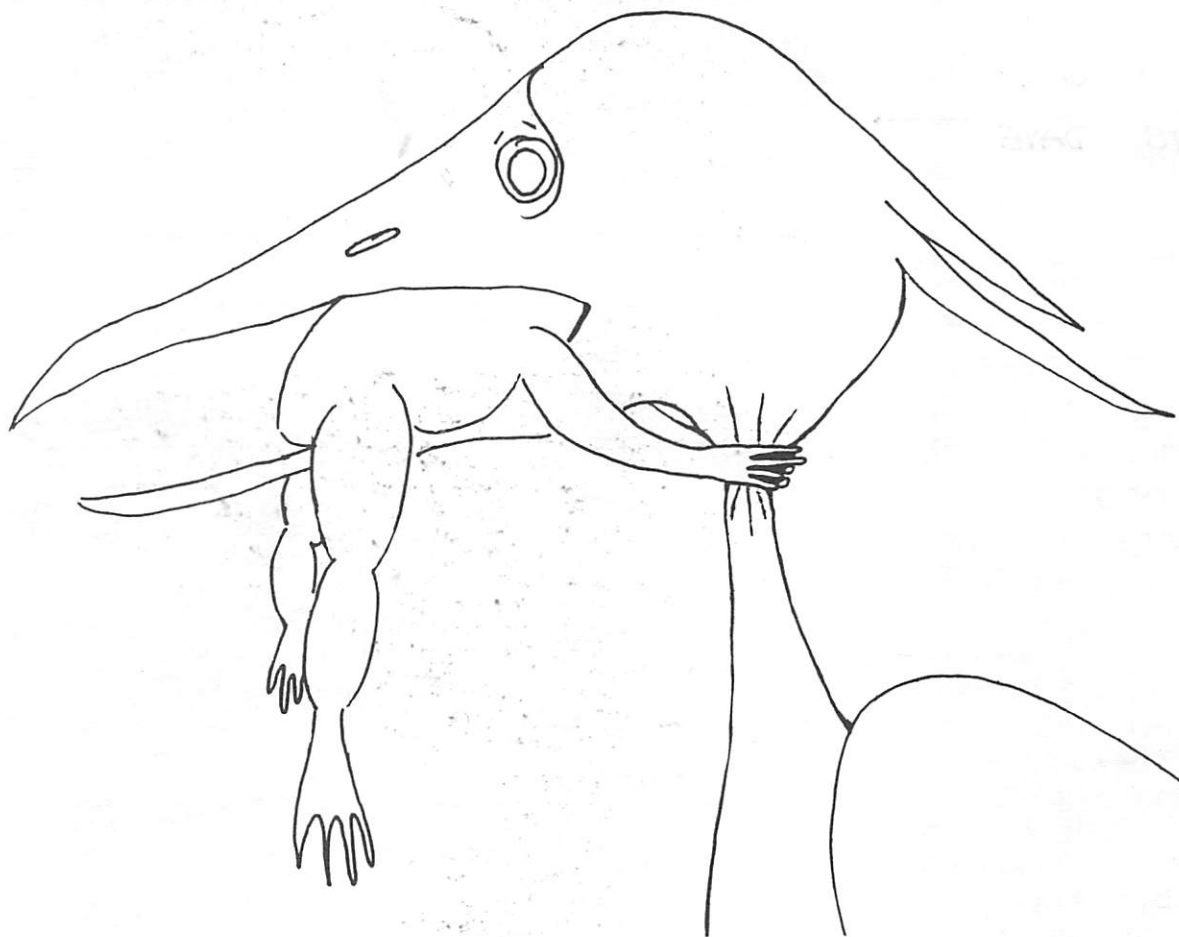
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The next state staff meeting will be held on January 24, 1993, at 12 noon. Every chapter should have a representative attend!

February 1, 1993, is the cutoff date for the March/April 1993 newsletter. All information (articles, classified ads, letters to the editor, whatever) must be received by this date. Send information to:

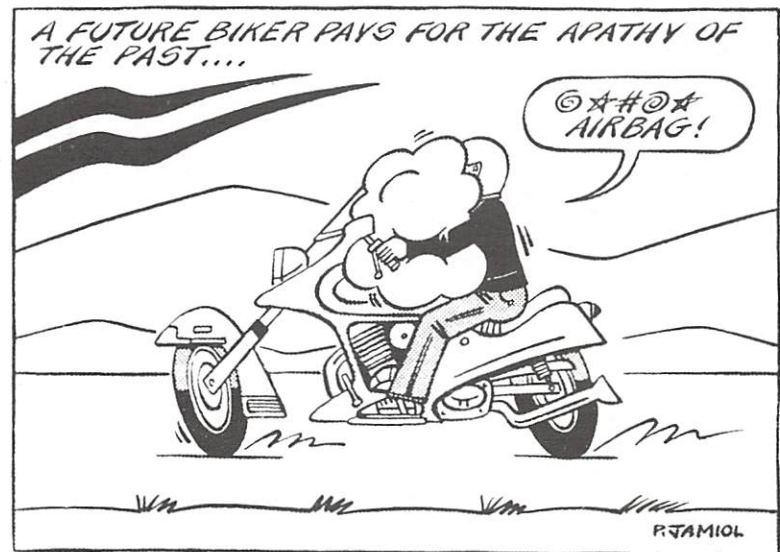
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**HEY!
THAT'S A NEW
ADDRESS!**

Remember, ABATE members can place FREE classified ads in this newsletter. Call the Editor with the information and we'll get it in the next issue.

From The Director

Greetings to all.

Now that '92 has ended, let's get going. The general assembly convenes the second Tuesday of January and ends its session in April. You have 90 days to make a difference for motorcyclists' rights. We all have to support the bill which will keep the Maryland Motorcycle Safety Program intact. Let's not let it be privatized. Let us keep what we now have. You need to call, write, and visit your elected representatives in Annapolis. You need to persuade them to vote for Delegate Harkins' bill to protect the Safety Program. At the time that I am writing this, the bill number is not available. When it does become available we will include it in the message on the 800 number (843-0252). Call legislative services and get copies of the bills dealing with all motorcycle issues. Their number is 1-800-492-7122.

We have been communicating with several legislators about a bill to repeal the helmet law; if we are successful and can get a bill in, you can find out by calling the ABATE phone numbers or by attending your local chapter meetings.

This year, we need you to come to Annapolis and lobby your representative. Just make an appointment and come on down. ABATE needs to show its numbers - the more people involved in this process the better our chances for getting the legislators to respond to our concerns. The key here is to get active, follow through, and do it. Which brings me to one of our strategies for the legislature: Monday Night Lobbying will continue to meet at the ABATE office at 8 West Street in Annapolis at 7:00 p.m. every Monday night beginning January 11th and continuing until the end of the legislative session, so come on down and get active.

ABATE needs you to sign up members. Our numbers have remained pretty steady overall. Now is the time to build. For many years, thousands of motorcyclists in Maryland literally rode free because of our efforts. Now is the time to get them to join ABATE. I am asking each of you to make a couple of New Year's resolutions. Bring a friend or two to an ABATE meeting. Get two people to join or renew their membership to ABATE. It would benefit them and us. We need our numbers to grow.

If you haven't attended a local ABATE meeting lately you are missing out on some important information. We have chapters across the state and in some areas there are several meetings per month, so if you can't make one, make another. The Eastern Shore has several active chapters, including Tri-County, the Lower Shore, and Kent Chapters, as does Southern Maryland which has St. Mary's, and the combined chapter Charles and Prince George's (a.k.a. Southern Maryland). In the Washington metro area there are chapters in Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Howard counties. The Baltimore Chapter serves the Baltimore areas and in Northern Maryland there are Cecil and Harford Chapters. In Central Maryland there are the Carroll and Frederick Chapters. And in Western Maryland, the Washington County Chapter is our stronghold. So, as you can see, ABATE is thriving throughout the state, so come on out to a local meeting, see your old friends, and catch up on the latest.

That about covers it for now. On behalf of the entire staff of ABATE of Maryland, Happy New Year! And here's hoping that '93 is a helluva lot better for motorcyclists in Maryland than '92!

Ride safe. . .and warm,

Sally Bruce, Director



Join ABATE, and get involved. Let's get together in a mass so our voice means something and has the weight and strength of numbers.

DON'T PUT IT OFF - THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING THE LAWS AREN'T !!!

**"On the
Starship Liberty
there are no
passengers.
We are all crew."**

Buckminster Fuller (Paraphrased)

Eastern Shore - Tri-County

We were a busy chapter in 1992, but we had fun in the process and would like to reflect on the events of the past year, remember the good times had by all who participated and, most importantly, thank those who helped.

On January 18, 1992, we held a winter dance at the Moose Lodge in Queenstown. Traffic Jam did a fantastic job of getting our feet to move. Our thanks to Gordy and Donna Jones for their efforts in making the dance a success.

In February we bowled for fun at the Princess Anne lanes in Cambridge. It saved us from Saturday night TV, and we had a lot of laughs with the scores.

June 13 was our annual poker run. Participants thought the course was scenic with some interesting innovations. The three young ladies in the follow-up car returned well tanned. Mary Whitlock of Greensboro won first, David Kippler of Owings won second, and Dwayne Sewell of Centreville won third.

Our second annual bike show was held on August 30. A good crowd was in attendance to check out the wide variety of scoots in the show. Food and beverage was in abundance; thanks to Opie for his chili dogs. Wow Pam, you really moved some beer! Vendor participation was light, but we have corrected that for the upcoming year. D.J.s from the Underground FM103.1 provided some great music for the event. Thanks guys, and thanks to Gloria for getting them there. Winners in the various categories were as follows:

U.S. Big Twin Stock

1st	Mike Dyott	'90 Fat Boy
2nd	Wayne Moore	'88 Softail
3rd	Sean Bateson	'81 Lowrider

U.S. Big Twin Custom

1st	John Naundorf	'46 Knucklehead
2nd	Sundown	'84 Evolution
3rd	Tom Kemp	'78 FLH

Sportster Stock

1st	Vincent LaMartina	'86 Sportster
2nd	Jeff Davis	'77 Sportster

Sportster Custom

1st	D. Beach	'76 Sportster
2nd	Smitty of Smitty's Auto and Cycle Center	'75 Sportster

Japanese Stock

1st	Larry Dietz	'76 750 Honda
2nd	Jim Westmorland	'82 Yamaha
3rd	John Clendaniel	'92 Yamaha

Japanese Custom

1st	John Smolinski	'91 Suzuki
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European Stock

1st	Bob Wescott	'69 Triumph
2nd	Danny Davis	'72 Triumph

European Custom

1st	Danny Davis	'70 Triumph
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Dresser

1st	John Hall	'87 FLHTC
2nd	Jeff Bateson	'79 FLH

Trike

1st	V. E. Sammons	'92 Evolution
2nd	Ron Kurtz	'66 45 Harley
3rd	Ron Kurtz	'74 Sportster

Antique

1st	Jerry LeCompte	'58 Sunbeam
2nd	Marty Scholtz	'38 Harley Davidson
3rd	Bill Hoover	'39 Harley Davidson

People's Choice

V. E. Sammons with his '92 Evolution Trike

Jeff Fogle got the trophy for the ABATE member riding the longest distance to the show - all the way from

Washington County in western Maryland.

Following the bike show, we did a benefit for Nicole, Alexis, and Crystal Adams. These are the children of former chapter members Kent Adams and Beth Bromwell who died along with John Darrow in a motorcycle crash in Pennsylvania in June of 1990. There was a large attendance of motorcyclists and we were able to deposit \$2500 into the Adams children's trust fund. Music was provided by Black Dog Alley, Raw Deal, and the Monblue All-Star Band featuring members of Hyde Park and Full Throttle. A special thanks to Della for the use of the property at Mickey's Place. Also, thanks to Dee Hoover for her extensive efforts in gathering raffle items and door prizes.

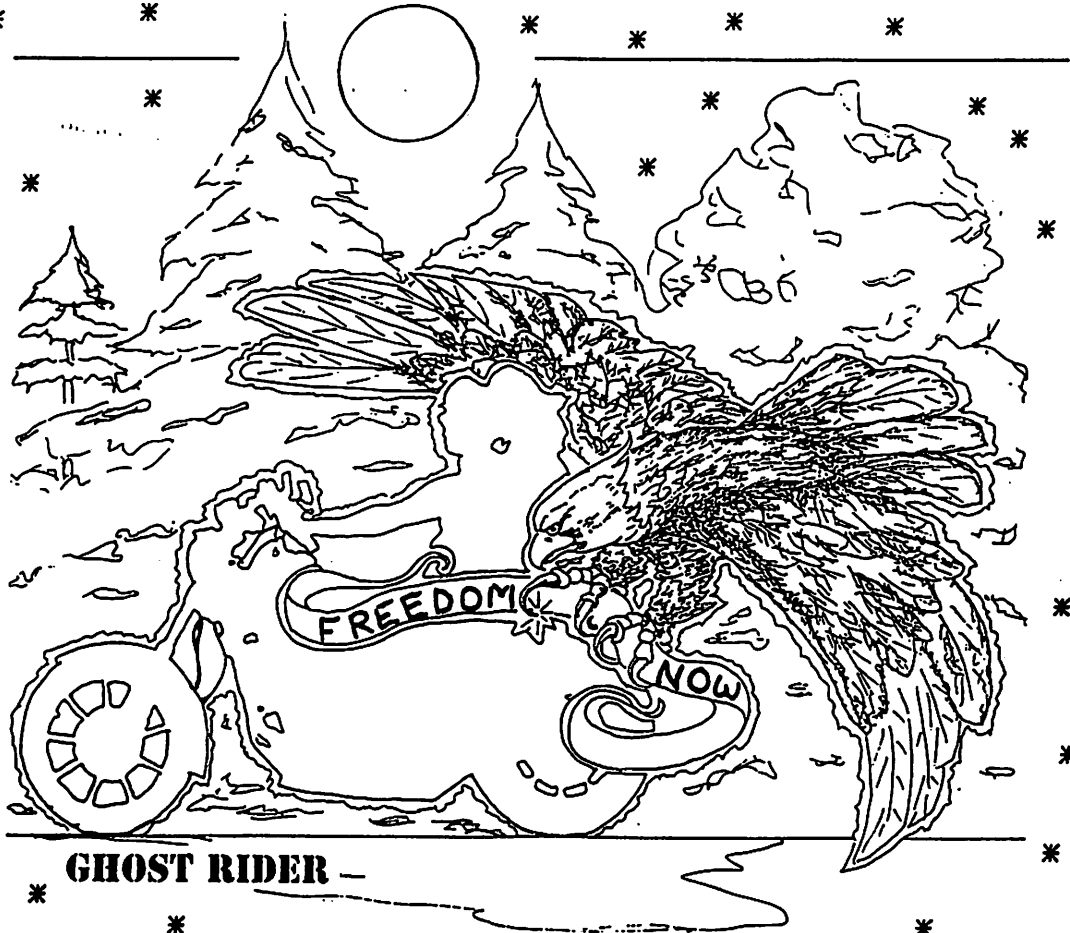
On October 18, we participated as a team in the Making Strides Against Cancer Walk sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Our team walked in honor of Sally Bruce's dad, Robert Skidmore. Our team raised approximately \$350; the event as a whole raised \$23,000.

October 31 found us riding in the Preston Centennial Parade. It was a cold, rainy day, but we managed to place second in the motorcycle category with the Talbot Royales capturing first place. A special thanks to Will McCarty for coordinating our participation with Preston town leadership.

Finally, to end the year, we held a toy run to the Holly Center for Children in Salisbury on December 19, followed by a Christmas dance that evening.

Your county directors take this opportunity to thank each one of you who worked so hard to make all of these events possible. We have a good, solid schedule planned for next year and are looking forward to a good time with all of you fine biker folks.

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Legislative Update

As The Saying Goes, Use It Or Lose It!

For those of us here in Maryland, that saying has a barb in it, for we did indeed have it! Unfortunately, too few of us were watching guard over our freedom. A new generation of riders has grown up with rights for which they had to do nothing but enjoy. Complacency took the place of vigilance and now the howls of protest have only begun.

There were several factors involved in Maryland's loss of freedom of choice. Of prime importance was the redistricting plan, which occurs every ten years. The reason this was so critical was due to the impact it had on a few key senators and delegates and how their districts' ethnic makeup could have changed the chances of re-election, some dramatically! A compromise final draft left the president of the senate's district virtually unchanged, among others. There appears to have been plenty of bargaining for this, heaven only knows how much, but for sure it wasn't to our benefit!

Along with the redistricting was the financial crisis that hit Maryland. In our state constitution we have a balanced budget amendment which placed even more emphasis on the federal transportation bill's held-out promise of additional funds in exchange for a mandatory seat belt and helmet law. No amount of information we had to the contrary, including the "white papers" produced by Wayne Curtin, was given much consideration by our legislators. In fact, "the Guv" himself put out incorrect information on this "cost to taxpayers" if the helmet bill wasn't passed. A day after a key vote was taken, he put out a memo to all legislators correcting it.

The final point was the lack of involvement by the majority of motorcyclists in the legislative process. The younger riders who have never had their freedom curtailed by this kind of federal blackmail need to be roused and pointed in the right direction by those who have gone through similar battles. We all have to work together

to regain those freedoms we hold dear. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are precious to me, not empty words on a dry scrap of paper!!

In summary, Maryland was hit by many anti-motorcycling bills and a bad set of circumstances over which we had little or no control. Be aware of how redistricting may affect your elected officials' bids for re-election, work with the people who have a proven track record on your issues, and be ever vigilant against the smallest infringement of your liberty!

A word of caution to all. With politicians, be ever watchful and trust not a promise, but look to their deeds and remember come November! Be it this year or the next, remember! Your vote is your voice!

*Lynn Oldenburg
Legislative Advisor*

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From the USA Today, Friday, October 9, 1992:

Wind noise can impair motorcyclists' hearing, according to a study in the British medical journal, Lancet. The study of 100 motorcyclists found nearly half had damaged hearing due "not to motorcycle noise but to low-frequency wind noise caused by turbulent wind flow around the helmet." Researchers said motorcyclists should wear earplugs, and suggested helmet-makers should improve hearing protection.

Letter To The Editor

Dear John:

Lucky for you this isn't a "Dear John" letter in that sense!

First, I wanted to let you have some feedback on the newsletter: it looks great, very professional, keep up the good work.

Second, from the letters/articles I read in the current issue (November/December) there appears to be some confusion between the relationship of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and the MD Motorcycle Safety Program (MD MSP). I wanted to make sure that the readers understand this relationship. The MSF provides curriculum materials (video tapes, instructor guides, and student

instruction booklets) to the MD MSP for a FEE. The MD MSP uses these materials to teach the MSF courses (BRC and ERC). The instructors who teach these courses are MSF certified instructors who work(ed) part time for the MD MSP as independent contractors.

Again, thanks for your work on the new newsletter. You can be very proud of it.

Keep the rubber side down.

*Henry S. Winokur
MSF Certified Instructor
AMA Life Member
COG Member
MD ABATE Member*

Members are requested to write and call their representatives urging them to support continuation of the motorcycle safety program and the repeal of the mandatory helmet law for adult riders, as well as not supporting any legislation in favor of catastrophic insurance. It will help to have nonriding voters write as well. Please send copies of any letters written and replies received to the ABATE office.

Maryland Project To Assist MROs In Lobbying Feds

A project to aid motorcyclists wishing to lobby their Washington representatives is being started.

Volunteers from Maryland who are able and willing to donate a bit of time to serve as guides and hosts are needed.

Knowledge of Washington Metrorail and the Capitol Hill area are helpful but not required. You don't have to be

an expert on Washington. Just be willing to become more familiar with it so you can help another biker find his or her way to and from appointments, find a place to eat, and generally act as a friend to someone in an alien territory.

If you would be interested or have any ideas that could help, please call Lynn Oldenburg at (301) 942-7239 and leave

your name, telephone number, and when you can be reached.

This is your opportunity to contribute in a way money can't buy! Take it!

*Lynn Oldenburg
Legislative Advisor*

FREEDOM

This word is not etched in stone -- it must be defended.

Defend your freedom of choice -- write your elected officials.

An Open Letter

November 19, 1992

By the time you read this letter, we will be involved with the '93 legislative session. Last year at this time, I got re-involved with the fight for freedom. I, like many others, had become complacent about motorcycle rights issues; I figured if there was a problem "someone else" would take care of it and we would continue to "ride free." We all know what happened! The "someone else" has to be all of us. I want to thank the executive board of directors for their support. They gave me the information I needed and sent me on the bumpy political road. Along the way, I met a lot of great, dedicated people. It was through them that I was inspired, along with my closest friends, to take on the challenge of a new ABATE chapter on the Lower Eastern Shore. Thanks go to the assistant director, secretary, and members of the chapter for their support and enthusiasm during this past year. The biggest share of thanks goes to my husband. He supports me through the meetings, constant evening phone calls, and the midnight letter typing that goes

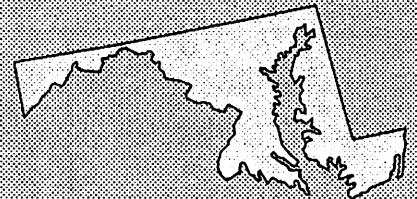
along with this job. He calls me his "political junkie" because I will talk to anyone who comes along about the issues at hand.

We have put together a strong chapter and now, as we begin the new year, let us start in earnest and work with our legislators. The issues of catastrophic health insurance and the safety program are critical to the survival of our lifestyle. We need to get the word out to all motorcyclists. Racial prejudice and "brand exclusive" barriers must fall, as well as club rivalries if we are to win this fight. Our freedom to ride hinges on our ability to come together as a coherent voting block. The independent attitude we prize so much could also be our undoing. Whether or not we regain our freedoms is in our hands. Now is the time. Let's get together and "Just Do It!"

Ride safe and informed,

*Linda Wainer, Director
Lower Eastern Shore Chapter*

The ABATE of Maryland office in Annapolis will be open on Monday nights through the coming legislative season starting January 11, 1993. There will be ABATE staff members there to show you where your legislators' offices are. This is a good opportunity to speak to your legislators in person, enlighten our opponents, and thank those who have voted in favor of motorcyclists' rights issues. Don't miss out!



Black Thursday

Thursday, October 1, 1992. A work day, a school day, a day as cold to the soul as the 37 degree air that stung my face as I rode to work. It wasn't so much the change in the law that made me sad, as the change in the way I felt. . .empty. I could not shake that empty feeling. You know, the one that comes with a loss. The realization that I have, as of this day, under penalty of law, lost my choice to ride free. I'm not going to let that stop me from riding, but every time I put that damned lid on my head, it serves as a reminder that the bastards won and we let them get away with it. As riders, we have a lot of tools at our disposal. We are very capable of defeating this

law if we set ourselves to the task. We must continually write to our delegates - not once but once a month. We have to support our friends, vote out our opponents, and constantly wear down the do-gooders who are imposing these laws on us for "our own good." I am quietly angry as I write this, but I will not be quiet for long. I want to focus that anger on overturning the helmet law. I have no illusions that it will be quick or easy, but I am sure that it can be done. If we sit back, do nothing, and submit to this law, we will continue to have our freedoms chiseled away. If you think the helmet law is the end of it, think again. The catastrophic health insurance bill will

be back next year, as well as the move to eliminate the rider training course that ABATE fought to get started. That's only the beginning. How about mandatory leg guards or orange vests? People connected with the military already know about those. Our lack of organized action and attention will seal our fates. Every time you wear that lid, think about what it was like to ride without it. If you want to feel that freedom again, you are going to have to fight for it.

*Mike Lewis
St. Mary's County Chapter*



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October 9, 1992

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Pepper S. Massey

We're Gonna Kick Butt In '93

The 102nd Congress has come to a close and with it the Federal bills that would have repealed or stalled the penalties portion of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991. S. 2204, introduced by Senator Dave Durenberger (R-MN) and H.R. 4207, introduced by Representative Olympia Snowe (R-ME) would have deleted the language used in the Transportation Bill allowing the Federal government to blackmail states into passing helmet and seatbelt laws. H.R. 5753, delaying the sanctions, passed the U.S. House of Representatives in August, failed to pass in the Senate in September and was sent to Conference Committee where it ran out of time.

According to Bob Illingworth, Founder and Executive Director of the Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association and member of NCOM's Legislative Task Force, Senator Durenberger will reintroduce the bill when Congress reconvenes next January. Illingworth and the MMRA worked very closely with Senator Durenberger and were instrumental in getting S.2204 introduced.

What does this mean to the motorcycle community? How is it possible to lose and still keep our power and a positive outlook? Realistically, some states will not be able to refuse the money that the

Federal government is offering and will pass helmet and seatbelt laws. Educating our legislators and the public to what is really at stake is no easy task, nor is it new, but educate we must. Get out and vote. Do not give up. Stay involved. If you are not yet a member of your state motorcycle rights organization, join and support them. Join one of the national organizations that are out there protecting our right to ride. Help to make these organizations stronger, enabling them to hit hard and win in '93. Keep writing to your legislators. This election year will effect more change in Congress than in any election since the '60's. Make your vote count.

Do not make the mistake of being part of the large silent majority who sit idly by and let the government run over them. Choose to be a part of the small, vocal minority which has stood up and stood fast, forcing every great change in the history of this country.

NCOM Protests Helmet Laws

It doesn't take a great deal of research to figure out that bikers are a targeted minority. We are not allowed in certain eating and drinking establishments. Our "dress" is frowned upon. Our motorcycles are not allowed on particular roads or freeway lanes. We are denied rooms at hotels. Movies and television ads show us as criminals and undesirables. We are harassed by

certain law enforcement agencies and discriminated against in certain courts.

Legislators, it seems, are working overtime introducing anti-motorcycle legislation. Individual states are feeling the crunch and the Federal Government is so concerned with our safety and welfare that they have found it necessary to black mail states into passing helmet and seatbelt laws.

It's not just a helmet issue, but a serious beginning to a continuing problem that will eventually effect us all, regardless if you choose to wear a helmet or not. In Europe leg protector and noise regulation laws are being considered and passed. How soon do you think it will be before this type of legislation is discussed in the U.S.? The economy hasn't been this bad since a decade ago and "safety issues" seem politically correct, forcing even the legislators that support us to think twice about standing behind our cause.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists has designed a Helmet Protest Sticker. Our goal is to display 500,000 of these stickers in 1992. Take a stand on this issue before it is too late. Don't think that if we lie down for helmet laws that the government will go away and leave us alone. They haven't and they won't. We may have to wear helmets, but we do not have to be silent.

Call for your FREE Helmet Protest Stickers - 1 (800) ON-A-BIKE.

Thanks

The following legislators deserve thank you notes for helping us in 1992 by voting against the mandatory helmet law:

Senator	District	Area Represented
William Amoss	35	Harford, Cecil
Walter Baker	36	Cecil, Talbot, Kent, Caroline, Queen Anne's
George Della	47	Baltimore City
Habern Freeman	34	Harford
John Hafer	1	Allegheny, Garrett
Larry Haines	5	Carroll, Baltimore Counties
Nathan Irby	45	Baltimore City
Julian Lapides	44	Baltimore City
Frederick Malkus	37	Dorchester, Talbot, Wicomico, Caroline
Donald Munson	2	Washington, Allegheny
Thomas O'Reilly	22	Prince George's
Patty Sher	18	Montgomery
James Simpson	28	Charles, St. Mary's
Norman Stone	7	Baltimore County

Delegates	District	Area Represented
George Edwards	1A	Allegheny, Garrett
Kevin Kelly	1B	Allegheny
Thomas Hattery	4A	Frederick
Richard Dixon	5A	Carroll
Robert Erlich	10	Baltimore County
John Morgan	13B	Howard, Prince George's
Dana Dembrow	20	Montgomery
Richard Palumbo	22	Prince George's
Nathaniel Exum	24	Prince George's
Rosa Lee Blumenthal	26	Prince George's
Christine Jones	26	Prince George's
David Valderrama	26	Prince George's
Joseph Vallerio	27	Prince George's

John Wood	28	Charles, St. Mary's
Mike Sprague	28A	Charles
George Owings	29A	Anne Arundel, Calvert
Ernest Bell	29B	Calvert, St. Mary's
John Slade	29C	St. Mary's
John Astle	30	Anne Arundel
Phillip Bisset	30	Anne Arundel
James Harkins	35A	Harford
Ethel Murray	35B	Harford
Ronald Franks	36	Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot
Ronald Guns	36	Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot
Kenneth Schisler	37	Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, Wicomico
Bennett Bozman	38	Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester
Norman Conway	38	Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester
Kenneth Montague	44	Baltimore City

The following legislators did not vote on the issue. How about sending them a note asking why?

Senators	District	Area Represented
Bernie Fowler	29	Calvert, St. Mary's, Anne Arundel
J. Lowell Stoltzfus (Excused)	38	Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester

Delegates	District	Area Represented
Michael Weir	7	Baltimore County
Patrick Scannello	32	Anne Arundel
David Craig	34	Harford
John Jeffries	39	Baltimore City
Howard Rawlings	40	Baltimore City
Gerald Curen	43	Baltimore City
Clarence Davis	45	Baltimore City
Anthony DiPietro	46	Baltimore City
Charles Avara	47	Baltimore City

Murphy's Laws (As Applied to Motorcycling)

- The fact that your keys are in your pants pocket only becomes apparent after your gloves are on.
- Nothing is harder to start than a bike being shown to a prospective buyer.
- The only part needed is the one on permanent backorder.
- If the part you ordered isn't on backorder, the dealer ordered the wrong part.
- Universal fit accessories are so named because they fit no bike in this universe.
- For an accurate guess of how long it will take for a part to come in, add the figures of the parts man's guess and multiply by two. For instance, if he says two or three days, multiply five by two and wait ten days.
- Any loose nut or bolt will remove itself at the least opportune moment.
- Quick fixes are so named for how long they stay fixed.
- The tool needed next is always at the bottom of the tool box.
- If you have a flat tire on the road, you left the tire repair kit at home. If you have it with you, the glue has evaporated. If the glue hasn't evaporated, it must not be very good anyway.
- Clean windshields are to bugs what aircraft carriers were to kamikaze pilots.
- When riding double, always make sudden moves. This allows the passenger less time to counteract them.
- The most common and least effective method of impressing women is to miss a shift when leaving a stop light.
- Get in the habit of looking mean on your bike. This gives you one less thing to think about when a car pulls out in front of you.

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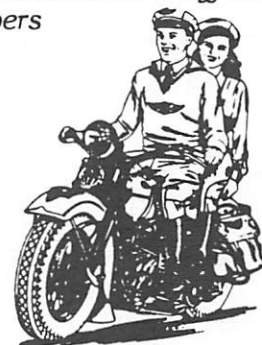
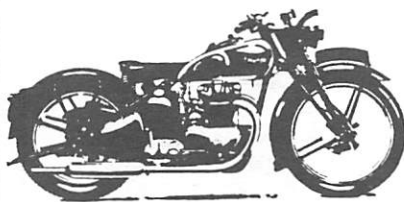
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1. **A fee of \$25.00 will be made for each entry (one motorcycle).**
This fee must accompany the application. Make checks or money orders payable to International Motorcycle Show. All entries and fees must be received by January 1, 1993. Entry fees are not refundable. All entries will receive an exhibitor badge which will allow for the admission of two (2) people into the Show. Display area will be 10' x 10'. Security will be provided from the close of the show until the opening of the show on the following day.
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Campaign Trail Leads To Victory For Three AMA Members

November 6, 1992

WESTERVILLE, OH -- The results are in, and among the winners in November's elections are three members of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA).

On the federal level, Randy Cunningham won re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives from California's 51st District. Cunningham, who has held that office for the past two years, is famous as one of the Navy pilots upon whom the movie "Top Gun" was based. He also is an experienced trail rider and frequent participant in the annual Colorado 500 trail ride.

Sherm Packard, from Londonderry, New Hampshire, was re-elected to that state's House of Representatives from the 29th District. Packard, a longtime member of the New Hampshire Motorcyclists Rights Organization, has served on the House Transportation Committee since 1990, and he hopes to move up to the position of vice-chairman in that body.

Also re-elected was Wisconsin Assembly Dave Zien. As in the past, Zien took his campaign on the road on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle sporting a large American flag. Along the way, though, he ran into some unexpected surprises. First, the flag on his bike was stolen, and then he was hit by a car while returning home from a day of campaigning. Fortunately, Zien rebounded to win re-election to the state assembly from the 68th district.

"The Association congratulates these candidates on their victories and salutes all the AMA members who ran for local, state, and federal office in the November elections," said Robert Razor, AMA vice president of government relations.

AMA Nears 200,000 Members

November 9, 1992

WESTERVILLE, OHIO -- The American Motorcyclist Association is just 883 members away from setting a record. Membership in the national association of motorcyclists stood at 199,117 at the end of October, putting the Association less than 1,000 members away from its 1992 goal of 200,000.

AMA membership has grown nearly 50 percent in the past decade, and is up nearly 9,000 since the beginning of the year, putting the 200,000 mark within reach for the first time in the Association's 68-year history.

"We have watched the membership numbers rising steadily over the past several years," said Ed Youngblood, AMA president. "Reaching 200,000 seemed impossible only a few years ago, but now it's within our reach." Mark Mederski, vice president of membership for the AMA, urged current AMA members to help put the Association over the top by signing up a friend now.

"Call it an early Christmas present or whatever," he said, "but bring a friend into the AMA before the end of the year. You'll be making an important

contribution to the future of motorcycling in this country."

What will a 200,000-member AMA do for America's motorcyclists? Mederski said it will give all motorcycle riders additional clout.

"We'd like to reach 200,000 because it's a nice, round number," he said. "But there's more to it than that. When we contact legislators, testify at public hearings, or take motorcyclist rights cases to court, it helps to have the backing of more motorcyclists. When we tell politicians we speak for 200,000 of their constituents, they pay attention."

To sign up yourself or a friend in the AMA, call (800) AMA-JOIN (262-5646).

If you'd like to help promote Maryland's rider education awareness campaign as an individual or as a member of a club, contact the Coalition Advocating Rider Education for Maryland at P. O. Box 385, Annapolis, MD 21401; or call (410) 263-4822. Promotional materials can also be obtained by calling (410) 244-8100.



Activist Review

Tallying Up The Election Results

The November elections are history, and there's some good news and bad news to report concerning the final outcome. On the bright side, the elections led to victory for three AMA candidates who campaigned for re-election this year. The bad news is that November also saw the election of two new members to California's U.S. Senate delegation. They are former U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein, ex-Mayor of San Francisco. Feinstein already has revealed her intentions to reintroduce highly restrictive legislation concerning the California Desert.

Congress Stalls Helmet Rule For Workers

The U.S. Congress has temporarily blocked a restrictive helmet regulation proposed by a federal agency. At issue was a measure, promoted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), that would have required employers to force their workers to wear helmets when they ride motorcycles and use seat-belts when they drive automobiles during the work day. The OSHA plan, drawn

up in 1990, would have turned employers into a police force to ensure compliance with the regulation. But thanks to a recent lobbying effort by motorcyclist groups, that proposal has been stalled. Riders convinced lawmakers to oppose the plan, and the payoff came when a U.S. Congress conference committee directed OSHA to reconsider its regulation.

New Jersey May Get 65-mph Speed Limit

The state of New Jersey, which has been stuck in the slow lane over the 65-mph limit for years, may soon be getting up to speed. Currently, New Jersey is only one of nine states that has not adopted the 65-mph limit for rural interstate highways. But two lawmakers, Assemblymen Stephen Mikulak (R-District 19) and John Hartmann (R-District 15), have introduced legislation to make New Jersey the 42nd state with a 65-mph limit.

Forest Service Rules Announced

Planning on submitting a permit application for an off-road event? If

that event is going to take place on land managed by the U.S. Forest Service, take note. New rules have been issued by the Forest Service that could slow down the permit approval process for all activities and require several additional steps along the way. The new rules went into effect this past September.

Spreading the Word in Maryland

Maryland motorcyclists, concerned about the planned elimination of the state's rider-education program, are taking matters into their own hands. A group called the Coalition Advocating Rider Education for Maryland has put together a public awareness campaign designed to alert riders about the consequences of the elimination plan and generate support for the program. The campaign, which is now under way, includes public service announcements that will be sent to the local media, plus posters that will be offered to club activists and area motorcycle dealers. Aiding in this effort is the AMA, which has provided a grant to offset the campaign's costs. The grant was part of a program made possible through a recent donation to the AMA from Harley-Davidson, Inc.



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Answer: The answer to your question lies in your first statement. You admit that you were speeding at the point that you were passing the slower car. Any speed greater than that posted is "speeding" for legal purposes. Although it would seem logical that the faster you proceeded around the slow car, the better, the real answer is that you may do so at any speed which does not exceed the posted limit. The law does not allow for an exception of "speeding to safely pass a slow car."

Regardless, you certainly have the right to appear on your own behalf, or with an attorney, at traffic court. Judges are very willing to listen to mitigating

factors, even if you are guilty of the offense. Such factors would include a clean driving record for a substantial period of time, a good excuse for why you were in a hurry, or anything else that you think might be of value. Additionally, if the police officer does not testify correctly, you might just win an acquittal on the evidence.

Good Luck.

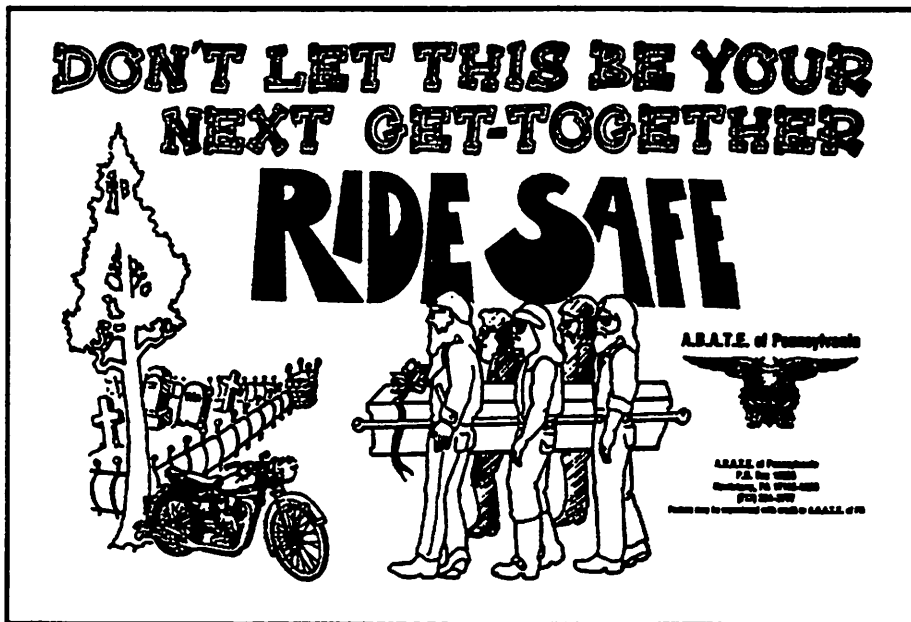
"Ask Jay" is a service to all readers. If you have any questions, please write him at 110 Painters Mill Road, Suite 21, Owings Mills, MD 21117. He will make all efforts to answer your question and, if appropriate, we will include the question and answer in future newsletters. - Ed.

Please note that this article is for information purposes only. It is always recommended that you seek the assistance of an attorney to represent you with all legal matters.

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13. You can ride a motorcycle as long as you want and it won't get sore.
14. Motorcycles always feel like going for a ride.
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Anne Arundel County

Coordinator: Mike Clegg
(410) 437-7802

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at True Pit BBQ on Route 3 in Crofton. Please come and remember to bring a friend! We will be holding our elections at the January meeting.

We met on November 18th with 22 members in attendance, many from other counties offering us their support. Sally Bruce, Lynn Oldenburg, and Dave Sherman were also in attendance to help us in our effort to get back on track. It was pointed out that as one of the larger chapters in terms of membership, our active participation is critical; we can really make a difference.

A special thanks to the other county coordinators and state officers for their support, and also to Wayne McCarthy for his generous donation of his 50/50 winnings.

Baltimore County

Coordinator: Will Crum
(410) 282-6573

Chapter meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Good Times Inn, E. Homberg Avenue, Essex, Maryland.

Calvert County

Coordinator: Gene Gullickson
(301) 855-7999

No Report

Carroll County

Coordinator: Tina Keith
(410) 857-5846

Thanks to all members who volunteered their time to help with the November SWAT Trash Pick-up!

The Carroll County Chapter meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Dean's Restaurant on Route 30 in Hampstead. We are also planning some meetings in Sykesville or elsewhere - any suggestions? We are steadily growing and are planning more events, but we need the help of all our members. Come on out and show your support.

Cecil County

Coordinator: Gary Snyder
(410) 378-2238

Meetings are on the third Sunday of each month at Poor Jimmys in North East, Maryland. Meetings start at 2:00.

Southern Maryland (P.G. and Charles Counties)

Coordinators: Don Harvey
(Charles County) - (301) 843-1658;
Matthew Menke (Prince George's County) - (301) 702-1096

Meetings are on the first Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Lone Star Saloon in Glenmont (chapter officers meet at 11:30).

We gathered over 50 bags of toys from the Baltimore Toy Run. They were distributed between Prince George's County (a local Lion's Club) and Charles County (Children's Aid Society). Both organizations were very appreciative and stated that the toys are going to approximately 2,000 children.

Our membership is growing and we anticipate that 1993 will be a great year. We have at least one event planned per month and urge all members (current and expired) to attend as many events as possible.

Dorchester County

Coordinator: Wayne McCarty
(410) 943-8575

No Report

Frederick County

Coordinator: Pat Mullen
(301) 898-3626

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon at Grassello's in Jefferson.

We have several events planned, including: a Sweetheart Dance on February 13; the Spring Fling on April 17; a Spring Family Picnic on May 16; a Poker Run/Pig Roast on June 5 (tentative); and a Family Picnic on August 1. Keep watching for further details!

Harford County

Coordinator: Joyce Kennison
(410) 457-5415

Meetings are held upstairs at Harvey's Place on Route 1 in Dublin on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

The Harford County Chapter would like to thank its members for the 90 letters that were mailed on behalf of the Maryland safety program.

We are planning a bowl-a-thon at a local bowling establishment in Harford County some time in February.

Howard County

Coordinator: Lenny Holcomb
(410) 740-7133

No Report

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Counties' Corner

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Kent County

Coordinator: Jeff Bennett
(410) 778-2732

No Report

Montgomery County

Coordinator: Mike Sage
(301) 460-8464

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Grand Marquis Cafe in Olney at 8:00 p.m. and the third Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at Big Lou's Wheaton Crab House (off Viers Mill behind Little Tavern).

St. Mary's County

Coordinator: David Walker
(410) 586-0638

No Report

Tri-County Eastern Shore

Coordinators: Wes Cowley (Caroline) - (410) 820-6585; Bill Kuykendall (Queen Anne) - (410) 758-2234; Marty Schultz (Talbot) - (410) 745-5136

Meeting are at Sidetracks Saloon in Easton on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

See page 4 for a recap of our chapter's activities in 1992.

Washington County

Coordinator: Gary Boward
(301) 824-2782

Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the Greenbriar Inn, Route 40, East of Hagerstown.

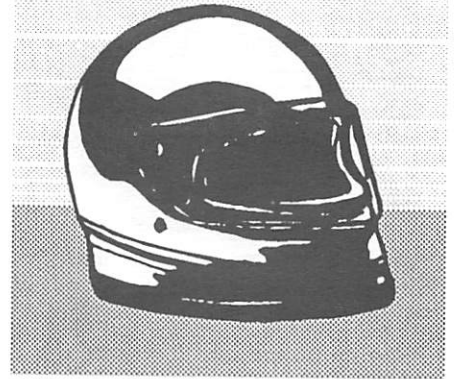
Wicomico County

Coordinator: Linda Wainer
(410) 749-2674

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at English's Restaurant, Route 13, Salisbury.

County Coordinators are reminded that reports for the next newsletter must be received by the editor ON OR BEFORE February 1, 1993. No exceptions.

Facts & Fallacies



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- January 24** Southern Maryland Chapter Chili Cookoff
- January 31** Virginia Swap '93 (See flyer on page 16.)
- February 6** Washington County Chapter Winter Bash (See flyer on page 5.)
- February 12-14** International Motorcycle Show, Baltimore, Maryland (See flyer on pages 11 and 12.)
- February 13** Sweethearts Dance, Frederick County Chapter, Ruritan Hall, Mount Pleasant

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