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## ***ROLLIN' FOR YOUR RIGHTS***

It's hard to believe , but summer is OVER! As we look back, there were a lot of great events and rides throughout the state and surrounding areas. We are looking forward to a fantastic fall with lots of riding! As some prepare their bikes for storage or upgrades over the winter, some are committed to all year riding. However you spend your winters, we will need your help as we go into legislative session in January. Although session lasts 90 days, those days pass very quickly, and we will be asking for your assistance. Watch for emails and Calls to Action (CTA) in the upcoming months.

As chapters, we all need to think about what we can do to make sure ALL of our members are getting the information that they need, when they need it. Some of us old dogs have been around a day or two, and sometimes we forget that the new people coming in need to be informed on the legislative process, the importance of the CTA's, or just take time to listen and understand where someone else is in their journey.

And for those that do not have an active chapter in your immediate area, why not take a short trip to a neighboring county and see what is going by attending on of their meetings. Take a few friends and see if you can get enough interest to re-start a chapter in your own area. We have a lot of people that can help you through that process. We are always looking to reach out into all areas of the state.

### **Newsletter News**

The newsletter has received a few comments. All good so far! However, this newsletter is only as good as the information that we receive. Is your chapter planning something? Did you find a great riding route? Do you have favorite places to stop along the way? Is there something that you would like to see covered here? Would you like to volunteer to provide a message from your chapter? We need to reach out to all of our members and get the right information out there at the right time.

Let us know! We are always looking for articles, tidbits, chapter event announcements, event recaps, etc.

### **ABATE Products**

If you haven't noticed yet, we are trying to improve our image. The products trailer is in the planning to get freshened up or replaced altogether, we added a few flags to the tent, purchased a few new banners, and have some new t-shirts available for sale!

We are preparing a comprehensive marketing plan. Let's face it, we have to run like a business. We are continually trying to get new members and keep the old ones. We still have bills to pay while we are fighting for our rights as motorcyclists. Get out and buy a new shirt, continue to buy and sell raffle tickets, have great events, attend other chapter events, and help spread the ABATE word!



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## State Director's Corner

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My name is Ken Eaton and I live in beautiful Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Some of you know me, some do not. For those of you that I have not met yet, I hope to change that soon. I have been in and out of ABATE for the past 33 years. I started when Marty "Wires" Schultz and Bill "Wrench" Kuykendall were the directors at Tri-County / Mid-Shore. That is when I met many of my friends that I still stay connected with today. Of course, they immediately "persuaded" me into being a director. Eventually, I attended State meetings where I was introduced to Pappy. Sally Bruce was the State Director, Glorja Cowley was the State Secretary and Paul Jackson was the Treasurer. Marty, Bill, and I spent a lot of Monday nights, committee hearings, and helmet protests in Annapolis in those days. That was my first genuine experience with any legislative process. What an eye-opening experience! Everyone should see the process in person. The ole Schoolhouse Rock – "I'm Just a Bill" classic left out a few things!

As life took its twists and turns, I was more active in some years than others. The one thing that remained consistent throughout is my love of motorcycles. Once bitten, you just cannot shake that bug! As I renewed my commitment to ABATE about 10 years ago, I have taken a more active role. I have been a Mid-Shore Chapter Director for about the past 7 years or so, have worked a lot of events, rode a lot of miles on poker runs, assisted with the state website, shown up for more than a few Monday nights, and have just really tried to work where I saw a need.

But let's face it, from time to time, we all need a little shot in the arm to renew our commitment to ABATE. For me this has come from different directions. Sometimes I get energized by the general BS that I see going on in and around our state and I think, if we don't take some action WHO WILL? Other times, I see great events come together and it really helps give me a little boost. Sometimes it is the time before or after a chapter meeting where a few of us discuss life over a few drinks. I also try and stay in touch with other groups, clubs, and organizations. Whether it is the Legion Riders, or a small group of folks that just like to ride, I like to hear from them all. They all enjoy the same things we do, MOTORCYCLES! And our neighbors in Delaware and Pennsylvania are challenged by a lot of the same issues that we experience. Whatever works for you, we all need to come together and protect our rights as motorcyclists. The legislators need to see that we are a diverse membership. Young, old, short, tall, skinny, fat, and from all walks of life. They can only see that if you meet them and let them know you are a voter and an ABATE member. Monday night lobbying, committee hearings, political fundraisers, local events, etc., are all great ways to start the communication process. Most politicians are always going to some event, shaking hands, and meeting the people. You don't need to go to them all, but it would be great if you could make some of them. As we go through the phases of life, sometimes we can do a little, sometimes we can do a lot. That is where a diverse membership like ours comes into play. The ebb and flow of active members is a natural occurrence. While we need to constantly be bringing in new members, we also need to keep the interest of our existing members. Chapters should have great events that make you want to be a part of the organization. As you read last month, **YOU are ABATE**. What do you want ABATE to do and what can you do for ABATE? We all cannot be the 24/7 ABATE Freedom Fighter, but we can all do our part, however large or small.

Go to a nearby chapter meeting. Listen to what is going on. Participate when you can and assist with an event when you are able. Carry membership tri-folds with you. Wear your ABATE shirt, get an ABATE tag, whatever it takes to start the conversation. Encourage others to be a part of the largest motorcyclists' rights organization in Maryland. We are the voice of motorcyclists in Maryland. That voice needs to be loud and clear. It needs to have the strong backing of members from all parts of this state. At the end of the day, **WE ARE ALL ABATE**. We love motorcycling and **WE are the Freedom Fighters!**

Ken Eaton  
State Director

# 2022 Motorcycle Raffle

It's a wrap! Quite a few braved the remnants of that Evil Ian storm and found their way to the Frederick Moose and the Marble Run Party! We all enjoyed getting together, talking with old friends, and making some new ones. We listened to some music from Beg, Borrow and Steal, got a little to eat, and enjoyed a few cold beverages.

A few of us were doing the last minute ticket counting, accepting money and gathering all of the stubs for the raffle. Some dedicated members were still selling tickets right up to the end! Then it was time. All the stubs got put into the hopper and it was spun round and round until they were good and stirred up! We located one of our youngest ABATE members, and asked if she would be willing to root around in there and pick a ticket. Well, Rick gave it a few last spins, and then she pulled a ticket and gave it to Ken Sawyer. Ken was a bit surprised as he knew the winning ticket holder was actually in attendance, somewhat of a rarity. Drum roll please ..... Gregg Hunter from PG County was the lucky winner. Gregg was nearly speechless as he approached the stage. All he could say was, " I have been selling these tickets for 30 years!" Well, congratulations Gregg, we hope that you enjoy your 2022 Harley Davidson Street Glide Special!



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# Anne Arundel County Chapter News

Anne Arundel County Chapter

Meeting dates & time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Location: Ellie's Place

8421 Veterans Highway

Millersville, MD 21108

We know you guys are out there, we keep seeing new memberships rolling in. Write up something about your rides or what you are planning for next year. We would love to hear from you!

# Baltimore County/City Chapter News

We are hoping to revive the Baltimore County / City chapter. We will meet at a rider-friendly establishment that can provide a private area to allow us to do so. It has to be free of charge, though we are known to eat and drink while there. It must not discriminate against any rider that wishes to attend. The purpose is to provide information that affects our riding enjoyment while socializing with our fellow motorcyclists, including both bikes and trikes. We will discuss upcoming events, legislative and social, and try to attend any functions as a group. I will take charge during the formative period and will need people to take officer positions. So, I am looking to see if there is enough interest to go forward. You can email me at [jblock@jayirwinblock.com](mailto:jblock@jayirwinblock.com) and let me know.

# Calvert County Chapter News

We held our chapter officer elections in August and retained almost all previous officers.

Ken Sawyer will continue as Director, Dean Howes will continue as Assistant Director, Angie Sawyer will continue as Recording Secretary, and Janis Spanburgh was voted in as Treasurer, replacing Deborah Diehlmann who served as chapter Treasurer for many years.

On September 25, 2022 we had our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Ride. A group of 17 of us met in the morning and spent the day riding to several of our former members' grave sites to remember our fallen brothers and sisters. We had a nice lunch stop at O'Gannigan's Irish Pub in Prince Frederick.



## In Memoriam

In a future issue, we plan on devoting a section to the brothers and sisters that have gone on to ride with the angels. Since we have been around since 1974, and our list is getting long, but we think there are some gaps in it. If you have a list for your chapter or area, please submit it to your chapter director or send us an [email](#).

## Legislative Assistance

ABATE is looking for individuals that may be able to perform a search daily during the 2023 Legislative session. A few minutes every day is all it takes. We just need one dedicated person to help make us aware of any new or modified legislation that could affect motorcyclists. We are all closely watching, but it never hurts to have one more person looking as well.



## Calvert County Chapter News (continued)

### Update your Information

Have you moved, changed phone numbers, got a new email address, etc.? We need to know so we can stay in touch. Please contact Joel Jones or your Chapter Director and give them any new updates.

Joel Jones

State Membership Secretary

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Find your Chapter Director [here](#):

Not a member>

Join here:

<https://abateofmd.org/join-abate-of-md/>

On September 30 we held our second fundraiser dinner at the American Legion Post in Chesapeake Beach. We served meatloaf, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, corn bread and had a variety of desserts. Again, the food was generously donated by the American Legion so our expenses for this event were minimal. Before selling out we were able to provide 52 dinners. We also sold 31 raffle bike tickets. We plan to host another fundraiser dinner in March.

Now that the bike raffle is complete, we are looking forward to planning our events for next year including our signature Scrabble Run in April and we have ideas for some other rides and trips. We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at American Legion Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland.

## Carroll County Chapter News

Carroll County Chapter

Meeting dates & time: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm

Location: Open to suggestions

We are calling out to all Carroll County members. We would love to see your smiling faces! Contact [Shelli](#) if you have any ideas for a meeting location or even if a different day / time would be better for most. Your voice can't be heard if we don't speak up. Let's get together and plan a few things for the new year!

## Charles County Chapter News

Hello from Charles County. We are a small group of folks dedicated to the freedom of the road. Our numbers have dwindled lately but we are looking to build our membership back up so please stop by. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 6PM at Grill 13 Restaurant in Waldorf. If anything, you will at least have a great meal and good conversation.

Respectfully,

Joel Jones

Charles County Director

## Frederick County Chapter News

Meeting dates & time: 4th Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 pm

Location: The Frederick Moose Lodge 371  
828 E. Patrick Street  
Frederick Md. 21701

Let's hear from the membership! Did you enjoy the various Marble Run rides? Write up something, make suggestions, or just tell us about some really great roads you have been on lately. Short comments, pics, etc. Get your chapter recognized in the newsletter!





## Mid-Shore Chapter News

It was a summer of very challenging weather and schedules. When it wasn't 95 degrees, it was raining somewhere! We did manage to have a great turnout for our Pit Beef and Turkey Fund-raiser in July. A lot of members showed up to help. We had some baked goods donated to help the cause and we had an ABATE tent there selling raffle tickets, t-shirts, and providing ABATE information to all that attended.

Our members have attended various other events around the Shore. Our July ride was on a very hot day that went to Chincoteague in memory of a good friend of the chapters father. Our August event was at Harrison's Custom Cycles Summer Blowout. The motorcycling community was out in force. We held a motorcycle rodeo, had the raffle bike & ABATE tent there and had a BLAST! The chapter t-shirts were selling good and the group sold lots of raffle tickets.

### Upcoming ABATE Events

Oct. 22: **Washington County Chapter Halloween Party**  
5-11PM at the NARGC. Cash bar, dinner & raffles

Nov. 5,: **Mille & Friends Memorial Poker Run 21st Annual**, Wolfe's Den, 6W Water Street, Smithsburg, MD 21783.  
10:30am—12 noon sign up  
\$15 per person (\$5 extra hand)

Dec. 2, 2022 **Mid-Shore Chapter Christmas Party**, Details TBA



**Don't see your ABATE event listed here?** [Send us a flyer](#) or event info and we will get it listed on our website & FB pages.

Members participated in various other memorial rides / parades, the Benedictine fundraiser, Cars & Coffee (and then breakfast!) car/motorcycle shows, etc. Quite a few of our dinner and breakfast rides got cancelled due to weather. We did manage to pull off a few, RIDE TO EAT—EAT to RIDE! Raffle tickets and products were sold at a few different locations throughout the year

We had our Chapter elections in August. We did see a new face or two taking positions within the Chapter. It is always great to see people stepping up, making the commitment to ABATE and keeping things moving! We have made all of our "County Representatives" into Assistant Directors now, just to keep things in order. And, to any of our members that have stepped aside, we appreciate your years of service, and hope that you continue to attend meetings, events, and help keep ABATE going. THANK YOU!

Looking forward, we hope to get in some great riding this fall, have our Friends of ABATE Toy Run, and hope to have a cabin fever type of event in the winter to get us all out of the house!



## Prince George's County Chapter News

Meeting dates & time: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Location: American Legion Post 227  
13505 Cherry Tree Crossing Road  
Brandywine, MD 20613

## St. Mary's County Chapter News

Meeting dates & time: 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Location: VFW Post 2632  
23282 Three Notch Rd.  
California MD 20619

## Washington County Chapter News

Meeting dates & time: 3rd Sunday of the month @ 4:00 pm

Location: North American Rod & Gun Club  
12108 Belvedere Rd  
Hagerstown, MD

## Don't See Your County?

We have members throughout the state. If you don't see your County or specific area of the state listed here, please visit a chapter nearby. If you have a few friends that would like to start a chapter, please contact us to discuss getting started. We are always looking for people to help spread the ABATE message. The following areas are in need of interested people that would like to form a chapter:

- ◆ Harford County
- ◆ Howard County
- ◆ Lower Eastern Shore (Wicomico, Worcester & Somerset Counties)
- ◆ Montgomery County
- ◆ Mountain Chapter (Allegany & Garrett Counties)
- ◆ Northeast (Kent & Cecil Counties)

Email: [info@abateofmd.org](mailto:info@abateofmd.org)

## Membership Secretary Report

Awhile back I was asked to look into our membership database and find out what the average age of our members were. The answer is, the bulk of our membership is between 55 and 60 years of age. The good news is we have experience and knowledge. The bad news is we are losing our brothers and sisters with the history and have no one to pass the torch to. I was introduced to ABATE at an early age before I was able to drive by my older brother bringing me to his chapter meetings in Pennsylvania. Being young and dumb I thought what are these guys worried about enough to get together and talk about motorcyclist's rights; aren't they a given thing? I soon realized how threatened we are by others that either don't understand or don't want to understand us. One of the first things I did after coming back from serving overseas was to look up my local chapter and join because of that spark that was lit at an early age. So, I implore you to talk to the younger generation and get them involved. One thing I guarantee they will learn is eye-opening civics lesson (*the study of the rights and duties of citizenship*) on how our local government works. Light a spark that keeps the torch lit for the next generation.

Joel Jones  
Your Humble Membership Secretary

### Raffle Bike News

The 2022 raffle is over! See the article in this issue. We appreciate everyone that helped sell tickets and everyone that bought tickets as well. This is our big fundraiser for then year that helps us fight for your rights

ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.

ANNUAL RAFFLE \* GRAND PRIZE  
2022 HARLEY DAVIDSON  
STREET GLIDE SPECIAL

GUNSHIP GRAY - BLACK FINISH  
114 CI, ABS BRAKES, BOOM BOX GTS  
WINNER DRAWN AT 4PM \* OCTOBER 1ST, 2022

ALL DONATIONS ARE USED BY ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.  
TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR THE MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS IN MARYLAND.  
DONATION \$5 PER TICKET \* NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN \* NO CASH VALUE \*  
MOTORCYCLE PROVIDED BY ALL AMERICAN HARLEY DAVIDSON \* HOOVERVILLE, MD  
WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES, FEES, REGISTRATION, TITLE AND TAGS

What will the next raffle be?  
We plan on announcing in late  
January or early February  
2023. Stay tuned?



## MMR-PAC News

### Tidbits

Diplayan Choudhury set the record for the longest-ever backward motorcycle ride in Jabalpur, India, on October 7, 2014, lasting 125.52 miles

### Chapter Submittals

Did you know that your chapter can submit treasurer reports, event pictures, event flyers, meeting minutes, etc., thru the website? Visit this link for more info: <https://abateofmd.org/chapter-submittals/>

### Maryland Legislative Info

Do you need a little assistance with legislative stuff? We have a few resources on our website that may help answer some questions. Take a look: <https://abateofmd.org/md-legislative-help/>

### Roadway Hazards

Put this number in your phone: **800-543-2515**—Maryland Statewide Operations Center. ABATE of Maryland, Inc. is committed to helping the biker community keep our roads safe for ALL vehicles, not just motorcycles. Please feel free to use this contact information for the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration to report ALL highway emergencies in Maryland (state, county and local roads) that do not require police assistance. State Highway has agreed to take the calls and pass them on to the appropriate personnel.



Maryland Motorcycle Riders PAC. If you don't know its purpose, look it up on our [website](#). It is still alive but has been in hibernation after the passing of Pappy Boward and the dearth of activities during the Covid shutdown and with Bob Spanburgh taking the helm, it is alive and ready for the upcoming legislative season. Our purpose is to contribute funds to support the Maryland legislators that have supported us. What it needs, though, is fresh funding. As in, donations from you. No, they are not tax-deductible but still greatly appreciated. The MMR-PAC is registered with the State and all donations and

funding are reported. So, please send your check, made payable to the Maryland Motorcycle Riders PAC and send them either to the ABATE office or to me at my office address. ~ Jay Block, your friendly neighborhood biker lawyer.

### **A few words from Ken Eaton, ABATE State Director about MMR-PAC:**

We need to get back to basics and make a dedicated effort to provide more funding to MMR-PAC. It is one very important tool in the toolbox that we can use to promote our legislative agenda. MMR-PAC can be fully engaged in campaigns and elections at all levels. We can be the change!

This year, we should all think about ways we can support MMR-PAC. It could be as simple as having a donation opportunity at all events. Maybe a "Friends of ABATE" event that is solely to raise funds for MMR-PAC? We are open to suggestions.

We really need to make MMR PAC a part of our all of our events. Donation jars would be a great start. To make a donation to MMR-PAC, please make a check (no cash donations please) payable to "MMR-PAC" and send it directly to:

Jay Block – MMR-PAC Treasurer  
Law Office of Jay Irwin Block, LLC  
10451 Mill Run Cir – Suite 400  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

If you accept cash donations at an event, such as a jar, please contact the ABATE office and we will provide instructions on how to get the donations to PAC.

### **ABATE of Maryland, Inc.—State Office**

Just in case you have not been to the office lately, we are slowly making some improvements. We have added faster internet service, a large screen TV / monitor so we can upgrade our meeting capabilities and hopefully add some other uses to it. We have also added a new sign to the front of the building. It took a while to get it installed as we found out that the bricks above our entrance needed some work, but the owner got that done and we have a great sign now thanks to Paul Hays (RIP brother!) & an install by Ken Sawyer.



We are also in need of some minor drywall repair, painting inside the office, and replacement of an A/C window unit, and a nice American Flag would be great. We are looking to clean things up a bit and any help would be great.



# Maryland Legislative Update

## Tidbits

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Emilio Scotto of Buenos Aires, Argentina completed the longest ever journey by a motorcycle, covering over 735,000 km (457,000 miles) and 214 countries and territories, from 17 January 1985 to 2 April 1995.

This is classed as a single journey because he didn't return to his country of departure until the end.

## ABATE & the "InterWeb"

We have a presence out there in cyberspace! For those that cruise the interweb and like to check out the options, we have a few:

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The Maryland general election is on November 8, 2022, we will be hustling to see what changes might be taking place. We will have a new Governor and a few new faces in the House and Senate. We will need to make sure we get to know them all and determined what the new committee assignment's will be for the year. Maryland legislative session will start in January 2023 and we want to hit the ground running. Those 90 days go by really quick and we need to be prepared to act. Our plans for the 2023 legislative year are as follows:

- ◆ **Helmet Bill:** ABATE has always advocated for **FREEDOM of CHOICE**. We want to give adult riders the choice regarding wearing a helmet. The American Motorcyclist Association and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation agree that mandatory helmet laws do nothing to prevent crashes and both support voluntary helmet usage. It is vital have the knowledge and experience to possibly avoid a crash altogether. Our position has always been that there is no replacement for education, experience, and training when it comes to motorcycle safety. Currently, 32 states have either no helmet law or only require it for certain ages (under 21, age varies by state).
- ◆ **Must Appear:** We will continue to fight to require a court appearance for those that cause an accident that results in serious injury or death of another. There should be no option for paying a fine and avoiding court if you have taken a life. 14 years ago, we were able to pass a law establishing that if a person fails to yield the right-of-way in violation of specified provisions of law and the violation contributes to an accident that results in the death or serious bodily injury of another, the person is subject to a specified fine and the Motor Vehicle Administration is authorized to suspend the person's license for a specified period of time; etc. However, we have since learned that without the mandatory court appearance, many times a serious violation is either never issued or the person that caused death of another is able to pay a fine and never have to appear in court and face the families and friends of the injured / deceased.
- ◆ **Grass Clippings:** To quote the famous comedian Ron White, "it's not **THAT** the wind is blowin', it's **WHAT** the wind is blowin'". When grass gets cut along the side of a road, many times it contains more than just grass. There could be sand, gravel, stones, broken glass, shredded metal, etc. When that area gets mowed and blown onto the roadway surface, there could be problems. When you add rain or a heavy dew the next morning, you now have dangerous hidden debris and that grass can become as slippery as ice. Several counties in Maryland already have some version of this law on the books, as well as many other states. It is time for Maryland to address this issue.

We will also be tracking any legislation that comes up that could affect motorcyclists'. That is one of our biggest challenges. Sometimes a bill gets presented that is not motorcycle friendly and we must be prepared to challenge these as well.

Please try and make a few Monday Night Lobbying events in Annapolis or maybe attend a committee hearing if possible. We understand that not everyone can make it out all of the time, but the more people they see, the bigger our voice becomes. Remember **YOU are ABATE!** Get out there and **BE ABATE!**



# MRF News

## Meeting of the Minds 2022

MRF Freedom Fighters 2022

By: Linda Wainer, ABATE of Maryland, Inc.  
Recording Secretary

Legislative strategy, defending motorcyclist rights in a world that wants us off the road, leadership, and most of all the gathering of 400 of the most dedicated, passionate freedom fighters on the planet, that is what the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds annual conference is.

The reality is that all electric vehicles are here, and they are not going away. As motorcyclists we must define a strategy for including them in our world.

Will **ICE vehicles** (Internal Combustion Engines\*\*\*remember this acronym\*\*\*) be allowed on the road at all? The ethanol issue and the damage it does to the engines, will there be gas stations? These are some of the questions raised. Will we see this in our lifetime? Probably not, but what about freedom of the road for all ICE vehicles?

There were many other topics discussed. Engine size, miles driven restrictions, road and homeowner association restrictions, noise restrictions are all happening here and in Europe. Although helmet freedom of choice is still important to us, there was very little mention of it at the meetings. We have so many issues that could put our motorcycles in a museum that require our full attention to defend against, helmet choice pales in comparison. If these topics make you think, "This won't happen here." Think again!  
Do some research and join the fight for your lifestyle.

Marylanders will vote soon for a new Governor and General Assembly, many of our friends are leaving the Legislature, making it imperative that we meet the legislators, discuss our legislative agenda and find ways to work with them. As session begins in January 2023 watch for bills that will impact motorcycles.

I am so grateful to the Board of Directors for approving my travel to Iowa, to be among people who share the passion of riding and are ever vigilant protecting our freedom of the road is energizing and humbling. Next newsletter you will read about strategies for bringing in younger members. This session was eye opening!!

Safe Rides always  
4 wheels move the body,  
2 (3) wheels move the soul.



## Member Spotlight

We have a terrific trio in the Mid-Shore Chapter! Mike Boyles, Jean Sard, and Brier Boyles are always up for a challenge. They show up for every meeting, sell raffle tickets, work events and are always offering to help. They always bring around our newest Junior member, Brier, to help spread the ABATE word! **Thank you Mike, Jean and Brier!**

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# AMA News



## Other Events

### Delaware ABATE State Party

October 22, 2022

12 noon—10:00pm

East Sussex Moose Lodge

35993 Zion Church Road

Frankford, DE 19945

Bike Show, 50/50 raffle, Cash Bar, vendors, corn hole & horseshoe tournaments, Live Music, food available.

### PA ABATE L&L

January 27, 28 & 29, 2023

Red Lion Hotel

4751 Lindle Road

Harrisburg, PA 17111

Seminar Registration: \$85 per person

Hotel Room reduced rates:  
\$90 single / \$90 Double + fees

Room reservation deadline:  
January 6, 2023

***Lets book a block of rooms & get some Maryland ABATE chapters represented at L&L!***



PICKERINGTON, Ohio (July 20, 2022) — The votes have been tallied, and the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame is proud to announce the six inductees to be honored during the 2022 AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Oct. 28 in Pickerington, Ohio.

“The Class of 2022 includes men and women who have excelled in competition, engineering, design, motorcycle adventure and more,” said AMA President and CEO Rob Dingman. “Some are champions in many of our premier racing disciplines — motocross, road racing, dirt track and speedway — while others excelled in limit-expanding adventures, or helping riders and teams reach their on-track potential. We are honored to recognize these motorcycling greats this Oct. 28 at the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame.”

The induction ceremony will include a cocktail reception at the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame followed by dinner and the induction ceremony at the nearby Violet Township Event Center on Friday evening, with the following day to include an Open House and Class of 2022 installation exhibit in the AMA Hall of Fame Museum on the AMA campus.

Tickets for the 2022 AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony are now available to the public at <https://services.americanmotorcyclist.com/hofreg/>.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact AMA Business Development Manager Michael Kula at (949) 466-7833 or [mkula@ama-cycle.org](mailto:mkula@ama-cycle.org)

Hall of Fame inductees are selected from eight areas of influence: Ambassadors/Industry, Design/Engineering, Dirt Track, Leadership/Motorcycle Rights, Motocross/Supercross, Off-Road, Road Racing and Specialty Competition.

### **KENNY COOLBETH**

Kenny Coolbeth began his national flat track racing career in 1994, winning the AMA Rookie of the Year award, and went on to win three AMA Grand National Championships in 2006, 2007 and 2008 while part of the factory Harley-Davidson team. Throughout his quarter-century career he compiled 27 AMA Grand National wins — sixth on the all-time list — and 108 AMA Grand National podiums.

### **GREG HANCOCK**

Racer Greg Hancock has earned four Speedway World championships and eight AMA U.S. National Speedway championships in a career spanning four decades, with 2019 marking his 27th and last season competing in the Speedway World Championship series. While logging a record 218 Speedway Grand Prix appearances, he has finished in the top five in World Speedway competition 17 times, and finished in the top three eight times.

### **EFFIE HOTCHKISS**

The first woman to complete a transcontinental motorcycle ride, Effie Hotchkiss began riding aboard small used motorcycles such as a single-cylinder Harley-Davidson. She purchased a brand-new 1915 Harley-Davidson 3-speed twin and left her job to travel by motorcycle to California. Effie’s mother, who worried about her daughter’s safety, joined her in a sidecar. Their journey began on May 2, 1915, and once they reached California, the two turned around and headed home in late August, finally completing the dream adventure in October.

### **SANDY KOSMAN**

The late Sandy Kosman was a true pioneer in aftermarket chassis design and fabrication, an early producer of motorcycle-specific drag racing, flat track and road racing parts and products from the mid 1960s to the 2000s. Kosman found solutions to the increased demands upon competition motorcycles as horsepower increased over the years by creating chassis, brake and wheel systems that excelled in the most demanding racing applications. His chassis and parts designs in the drag racing world are perhaps his best-known contributions to motorcycle competition.

### **BEN SPIES**

Ben Spies is considered one of the greatest American road racers in the history of the sport. Nicknamed “Elbowz” due to his signature riding style that showcased his always-protruding elbows, Spies’ five AMA National Championships include the 2008, 2007 and 2006 AMA Superbike titles, the 2007 AMA Superstock title, and the 2003 AMA Formula Xtreme title. He also competed successfully in World Superbike and MotoGP competition, scoring the 2009 World Superbike championship.

### **JAMES STEWART**

James “Bubba” Stewart was a dominant force in AMA Pro Motocross and AMA Supercross, winning two AMA Supercross national championships, three AMA Pro Motocross titles, two Motocross des Nations championships and seven AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships at Loretta Lynn’s. In 2008, Stewart won every race and every moto in the AMA Pro Motocross season, only the second motocross racer to ever notch a perfect season.



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