

ROLLIN' FOR YOUR RIGHTS

This is a special "End of Summer" Edition of the newsletter. We have a few things going on and wanted to make sure that everyone had the opportunity to put a few things on their calendar. This will be brief and a full version of the newsletter will come out on early October.

A few things listed inside:

- OC Bike Fest
 - ABATE Vendor Tent with Raffle Bike
 - ABATE Vendor Tent setup at the Swap Meet
- Annual Raffle Bike
 - Ticket stub / money / unsold tickets
 - Raffle Bike Drawing Party
- ABATE Legislative Seminar
- MRF Meeting of the Minds



ABATE of Maryland, Inc.



Dedicated to Freedom of the Road and Responsible Motorcycle Legislation

A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

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State Director's Corner—Ken Eaton

Wow, summer is nearly over and fall is upon us. It has been a year since I landed in the State Director chair and hopefully we have made positive strides forward for ABATE. We are looking at our past, remembering the who, what and where, while looking forward to the future and deciding what path we should venture down next.

Always remember, ABATE is all about our members! We are nothing without our membership. I have made it out to a few chapter meetings and events and I am still planning on more. We need to hear from YOU! What do you want ABATE to be doing?

As always, we are out there tracking, supporting good legislation, and trying to defeat bad legislation. This is who we are, a grassroots motorcycle rights organization. Not only do we work hard from January through April in the Maryland General assembly, but we stay in constant contact with our senators and delegates throughout the year.

We are also trying to re-brand ourselves. A little over a year ago, we upgraded a few banners and flags for the products tent. We have replaced table coverings, and have created some updated ABATE literature. In October, we got the ABATE trailer a face lift. We have printed new membership tri-folds and are actively seeking corporate sponsors to help keep things moving upward. We printed a new state t-shirt last year and are ready for another round very soon. Make sure you get your ABATE shirts and BE ABATE! Wear them to events and meetings. It could be a conversation starter that gets that potential new member interested or helps convince someone to renew.

So, ride, attend events, get your ABATE gear and BE ABATE! See you out there somewhere!





ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.

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What is ABATE of Maryland, Inc.?

ABATE of Maryland, Inc. is the only organization in Maryland exclusively engaged in representing the rights of Maryland motorcyclists, and we have been doing so since 1974. Our members have joined together to advocate training as the foremost means of reducing accidents and injury, to put an end to discriminatory legislation, to communicate clearly, to explore ways to improve the overall motorcycling experience in Maryland, and to provide for and assure the continuing freedom and affordability of motorcycling.

What Does ABATE stand for?

A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

What Does ABATE Do?

ABATE of Maryland, Inc. formulates plans and strategies for developing and introducing motorcycle legislation which strengthens our rights as riders. We lobby in Annapolis every Monday nights when the House and Senate are in session, and also attend special meetings and special sessions when necessary.

Although we are sometimes referred to as "those anti-helmet guys," we are absolutely not "anti-helmet". We feel very strongly that helmet use alone is insufficient to ensure a motorcyclist's safety. The American Motorcyclist Association and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation both agree, along with state motorcycle rights organizations across the country, that there is a broad range of other measures that can be implemented to improve the skill of motorcycle operators, as well as reduce the frequency of situations where other vehicle operators are the cause of crashes that involve motorcycles. Our position at ABATE is that motorcyclists' that are at least 21 years of age, have been licensed for at least 2 years, have completed a motorcycle safety course, or are passengers on a motorcycle operated by a driver who has been licensed for at least 2 years, or has completed a motorcycle safety course, should be given the FREEDOM of CHOICE, whether or not to wear a helmet. We do not tell anyone that they should not wear a helmet, our goal is that motorcyclists be given the option to decide for themselves.

How Do I Join?



Signup at one of our events at the ABATE table, attend a meeting at one of our many chapters throughout the state, or go to our website using the QR code to the right. Or you can always call our State Office telephone number (410-263-9185) or email us at info@abateofmd.org for additional information.

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Check out our website for more chapter info: https://abateofmd.org/chapter-info/



Legislative Tidbits 7 Years ago (2016)

AUTOCYCLES: SB 774 (2016)
ABATE worked with the bill sponsors to find acceptable language to all concerned. Statistically, ABATE wanted to make sure that AutoCycles had their own classification.

MOTORCYCLE PROFILING (SB 233-2016): The COC and ABATE worked together to avoid profiling of individuals based upon what they ride, wear, etc.

CHILD PASSENGER RE-STRICTION (SB 164-2016): ABATE lobbied strongly against this bill as it would have made it illegal for and child under the age of 10 to ride on a motorcycle in Maryland.

GET INVOLVED

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Anne Arundel County Chapter News

Anne Arundel County Chapter Director: Stuart "13" MacKellar

Meeting dates & time: 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Location: Ellie's Place 8421 Veterans Highway Millersville, MD 21108

Baltimore County/City Chapter News

Director: Jay Block Meetings: Bullwinkles

> 1660 Ingleside Avenue Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

Calvert County Chapter News

Director: Ken Sawyer

Meeting date: 4th Tuesdays, 7pm

Location: American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206

3330 Chesapeake Beach Rd

Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732, USA

Carroll County Chapter News

Director: Shelli McClane

Meeting dates & time: Open to suggestions

Location: Open to suggestions

Charles County Chapter News

Director: Joel Jones

Meeting time: 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:00pm

Location: - Please note the meeting location change

Hooters

3600 Crain Highway

Waldorf, Maryland, MD 20603

Frederick County Chapter News

Director: Steve Lafferty

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

Location: The Frederick Moose Lodge 371

828 E. Patrick Street Frederick Md. 21701



Howard County Chapter News

Are you a Howard county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter? Please contact Ken Eaton at 410-924-3374 to discuss.

Lower Shore Chapter News

Are you a Wicomico, Worcester or Somerset county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter? There has also been some interest to include bikers and friends in the Eastern Shore of Virginia area. We have coordinated with ABATE of Virginia and are good to go. Lets get this party restarted down in the Lower Shore!

Please contact Ken Eaton at 410-924-3374 to discuss.

Mid-Shore Chapter News

Director: Ken Eaton

Meeting date & time: 2nd Thursdays, 7:00 PM

Meeting location:

Easton VFW Post 5118 355 Glebe Road Easton, MD 21601

Special Note: Our September meeting is changed to the 1st Thursday, September 7, 2023 due to OC Bike Week.

Montgomery County Chapter News

Are you a Montgomery county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter? Please contact Ken Eaton at 410-924-3374 to discuss.

Mountain Chapter News

Are you a Garrett or Allegany county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter? Please contact Ken Eaton at 410-924-3374 to discuss.

Northeast Chapter News

Are you a Kent, Cecil or Harford county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter? Please contact Ken Eaton at 410-924-3374 to discuss.

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/

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.



Upcoming ABATE Events

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. The next newsletter deadline will be September 31,, 2023 (If you have events for the Fall, get the details to us ASAP so we can publish the flyers and info.

Ziggy Update:

Mid-Shore Chapter member Ziggy was in a motorcycle accident on Memorial Day. He is still struggling. Everyone is still holding on to hope and we keep praying for a miracle from God.

Please keep Ziggy and his friends in your prayers.

Prince George's County Chapter News

Director: Gregg Hunter

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

Director: Melvin Yost

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

Location: Contact Melvin—locations vary

Washington County Chapter News

Director: Dan Tracey

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

Location: North American Rod & Gun Club

12108 Belvedere Rd Hagerstown, MD

Washington County Chapter website

Washington County Chapter Dates of Interest:

September 2023 Calendar of Events

September 7 - Bike Night at Twiggs, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

September 8 - Bike Night at North American Rod & Gun Club, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

September 17 - Adopt-A-Highway, 7:45 a.m., Meet at Old Delmar Inn at 16715

Old National Pike

September 17 - Monthly Meeting at North American Rod and Gun Club, 4:00

p.m.

Please remember to share your thoughts via the Survey posted a few weeks ago. The survey is pinned on our FB Page.

Reminders: Halloween Bash (October 21, 2023) and Millie Run (November 4, 2023) - Need a lead committee member for both events.



Bobby Lee Verdier

Bobby Lee Verdier, 60, of Smithsburg, MD, passed away on Saturday, August 26,2023 at Meritus Medical Center.

Born January 10, 1963 in Waynesboro, PA, he was the son of Carolyn J. (Burgesser) Verdier of Smithsburg and the late Richard E. (Dick) Verdier.



He is survived by his mother Carolyn J. Verdier, sister Tara J. Burchett and husband Edward of Smithsburg. Nephew Dane A. Verdier & fiancé Lonna Hobbs of Tennessee, nieces Kaela R. Palmer & special friend Michael Frederick of Smithsburg, Tiffany L. Burchett & special friend Travis Nida of Virginia, and Heather R. Verdier of Tennessee.

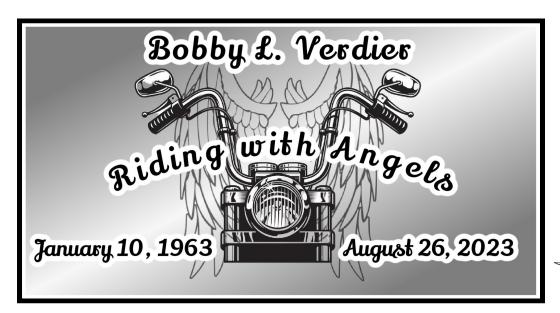
He was preceded in death by his father, Richard E. Verdier and two brothers Ricky L. Verdier and Ray A. Verdier.

He was a graduate of Smithsburg High School and was employed by Hadley Farms Bakery for the last 15 years. Bob enjoyed the outdoors, watching the deer, bear and turkey on the mountain. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and spending time with friends and family.

He was a member of ABATE of Washington County, South Mountain Rod & Gun Club of Smithsburg, and the Owl's club of Waynesboro, PA.

Per Bobby's request, he was an organ donor, (which has helped 3 people so far), and then he was donated to Anatomy Registry Gifts, for research and teaching.

Services will be private at a later date.





OC Bike Fest / DelMarVa Bike Week September 14th thru the 17th, 2023

- ABATE of Maryland Inc, will be at TWO locations.
- Perdue Stadium
 - ABATE tent & raffle bike
 - Need volunteers from 9am thru 7pm each day, preferable in 3 hour shifts
- OC Bike Week Swap Meet
 - ABATE tent with ABATE info & raffle tickets
 - Need volunteers from 9am thru 6pm each day, preferable in 3 hour shifts

Sign up to volunteer:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA9AD28A7FEC25-ocbike1/153523535#/

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to win this bike! Tickets at BOTH locations.

The bike will be at Perdure Stadium from
Thursday thru Sunday!

ABATE of Maryland, Inc.

will be at TWO locations this year during

OC Bike Fest / DelMarVa Bike Week

Perdue Stadium

6400 Hobbs Road-Salisbury, MD 21804

OC Bike Week Swap Meet

Strawberry Crossroads Recreational Event Center 6605 Morris Road ~ Pittsville, MD 21850



2023 ABATE of Maryland Motorcycle Raffle—TICKETS

If you have raffle tickets, sold or unsold, they need to be turned in to the State office on Sunday, September 10, 2023. If you have an event where you feel you can sell tickets after that date, please contact Ken Sawyer (410-474-9276), to discuss how many tickets you have and when you will be able to return the tickets, stubs, money, etc.

We need to have as many tickets as possible available at OC Bike Fest. That is one of our last chances to have large crowds to sell them. Please make sure you turn your tickets in.

Tickets are available to purchase online until October 1, 2023. http://abateofmd.org/raffle-bikeinfo/





2023 ABATE of Maryland Motorcycle Raffle PARTY!

Saturday, October 7, 2023 12 noon to 5pm

Toots Bar

23971 Mervell Dean Road Hollywood, MD 20636



There will be prizes:

- Person travelling the furthest distance
- Chapter with the most members present
- Person with the most ABATE gear (shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc.)



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Legislative Seminar

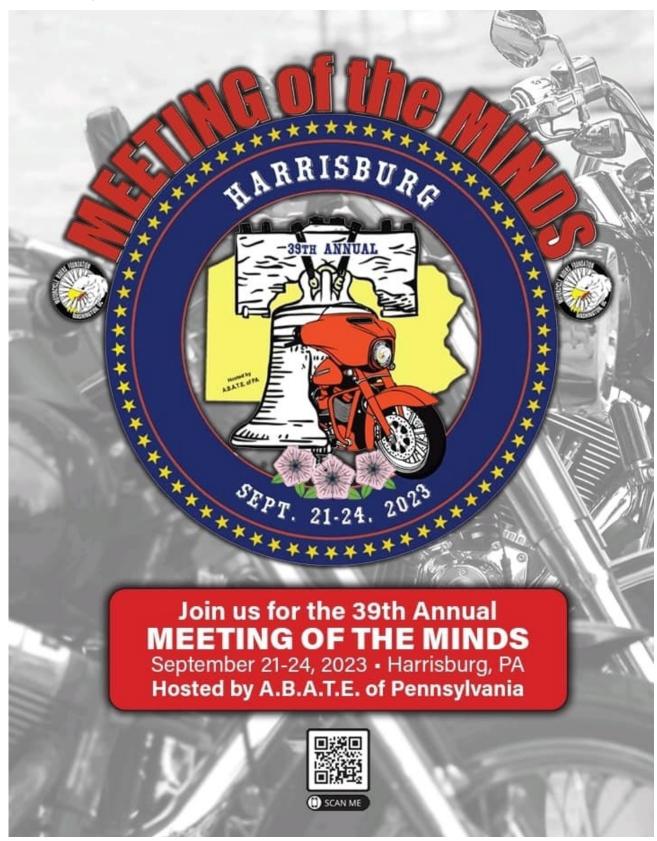
Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ 8am to 3pm American Legion Cummings-Behlke Post 226 830 Mayo Road ~ Edgewater, MD

MRF Reps, ABATE speakers, local politicians, MMR-PAC reps & more!

YOU asked for it to make a come back & here it is! Put this on your calendar! A full day of what ABATE is, what ABATE does, what YOU can do for ABATE, how to access the MGA website, how to contact your legislators, how a bill progresses, a roundtable discussion & discussions about what our legislative agenda is for 2024 & more!



Motorcycle Riders Foundation







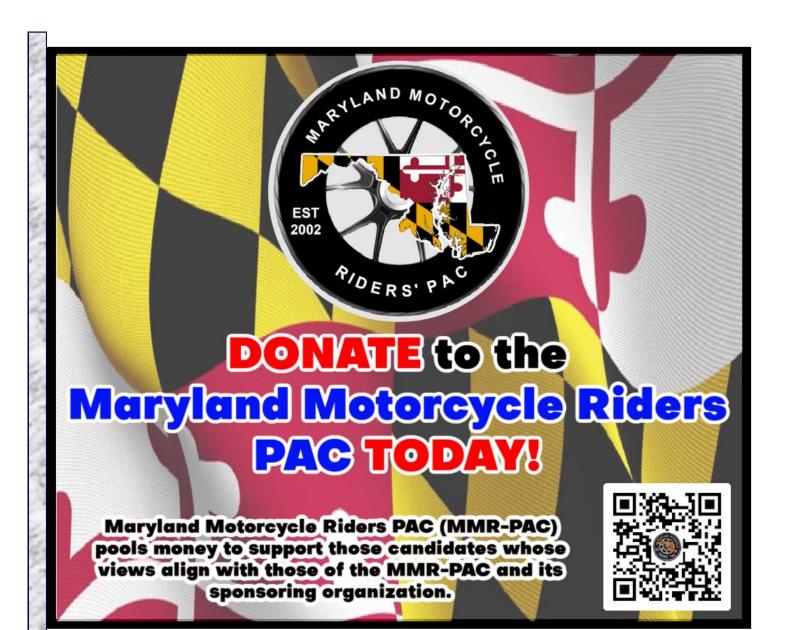
MEETING OF THE MINDS 2023

LISTENING, MAKING A
DIFFERENCE, & MOVING
FORWARD TO PROTECT
THE FUTURE OF
MOTORCYCLING &
MOTORCYCLISTS'
RIGHTS

For more info:

https://mrf.org/events/











Maryland Motorcycle Riders PAC (MMR-PAC)



What is PAC? Well, the MMR-PAC is the Maryland Motorcycle Riders Political Action Committee. PAC helps by supporting state legislators that support our legislative goals. PAC has been successful in the past in opening new doors and strengthening our relationships. By supporting PAC, you become an active participant in the political process. PAC helps our voice to be heard in the halls of the Maryland General Assembly.

MMR-PAC NEEDS YOU! The political fundraisers are starting up and we need to send ABATE members to them! We cannot do that without donations!

These fundraisers cost money and ALL funds raised by MMR-PAC go towards fundraisers for political campaigns.

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 Phone (410) 356-6555, (410) 363-0770 Fax (410) 356-1439 Email jblock@jayirwinblock.com

It is political fundraiser time! ABATE needs to be going to many of these! Your contributions to MMR-PAC allows us to attend these events. If you see a local fundraiser, let us know & we will see what we can do to get some people there. Our funds are always stretched thin so talk to the people running the fundraiser, offer to help with parking, serving food & drinks, cleaning up, etc. This may get you in for free or a reduced cost.





ABATE of Maryland, Inc. Membership Application / Renewal

Please print or type your information clearly
☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Address Change
Chapter:
Membership Type:
Annual Individual: \$25 Annual Couple: \$45 Annual Junior: \$15
Lifetime Individual: \$250 Lifetime Couple: \$450
Sustaining: \$100
Name:
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Telephone:
Email address:
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2 nd Name (Couple):
Registered Voter: Election District:
Occupation or skills that may assist ABATE:
Applicant signature:
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I agree to comply with ABATE rules for sanctioned motorcycle activities
Please complete and take to a Chapter Director or contact Joel Jones, State Membership Secretary at abatemembership1@verizon.net

Questions or you would like to join online:

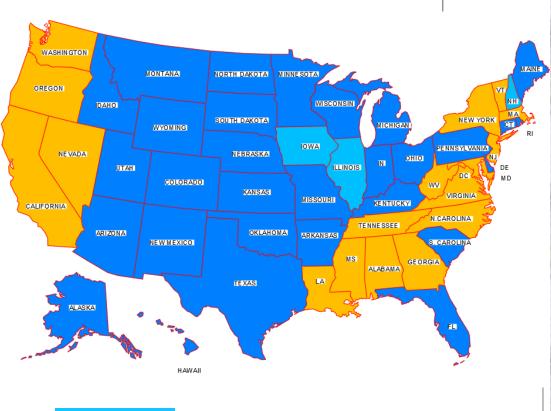
http://abateofmd.org/why-you-should-join-abate/

Freedom of Choice Updates:

<u>ABATE of Nebraska</u>: *Nebraska becomes 33rd state to repeal mandatory helmet law!* The governor has signed the bill and it will become law in January 2024!

Helmet laws in the US:





100% Freedom of Choice (3 states)

Freedom of Choice - Age Restricted (30 states)

Helmet Mandate (18 states / DC)

33 states either have no helmet or allow Freedom of Choice for adult / experienced riders

Only 18 states are helmet mandated (including the District of Columbia)

IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, TALK TO OUR LEGISLATORS, SHOW UP IN ANNAPOLIS, AND PUT IN THE WORK, WE HAVE A MUCH BETTER CHANCE OF MAKING MARYLAND

A FREEDOM OF CHOICE STATE.



Motorcycles For Sale:

This space is provided as a courtesy to our members and friends. ABATE of Maryland, Inc. does not warranty or guarantee any information provided here. Please contact the sellers directly as we do not have any additional

information, nor are we involved in any portions of the sale.

2009 Kawasaki Vulcan Classic LT for Sale \$5,500

Beautiful Pearl White & Metallic Two-toned.

Low center of gravity and an arm-chair ride.

70K miles. One Owner

Cobra Pipes, Highway bars, snap on Highway Bar covers, Removable sissy bar tour bag, Original pipes and Yuasa trickle charger included. Comes with all service records: lovingly maintained by Williamsburg Motor Works.

Selling due to medical reasons

Bertha 443-600-1956, East New Market, MD.





2005 Suzuki Boulevard C90. 1500cc Fuel injection. Shaft driven. Digital odometer and fuel gauge. FatBoy handlebars. Aftermarket spotlights. Cobra Shotgun exhaust. Wide saddle with wide sissybar and bags. Have extra set of bags also. Has been garage kept. I just don't have time to ride and hate to see it sit. I always enjoyed this bike, hoping to find a loving home for it. Does have some small flaws, not new condition. I've owned it since '07 with 1200 miles on it, has 25641 now. Clean title. No trades. Asking \$5000. Price is slightly negotiable, worst answer is no. Call Dave at 410-924-8715

2005 UTRA CLASSIC HD MOTORCYCLE for sale \$8,500:

it has 2,053 miles garage kept very Nice and Good condition. It's Black Cherry color. My phone number is 410-253-5724 if I don't answer please leave a message and I will get back to you or my husband Carl.

Kathy & Carl Wooters — Easton, MD





Motorcycles For Sale:



2004 Softail Standard—FXSTI HD MOTORCYCLE For sale \$7,000:

21k miles, garage kept, recently serviced. TC88 (1450cc). Fuel Injected. My phone number is (410) 924-6537. If I don't answer please leave a message and I will get back to you. Karen Jo Johnson—Easton, MD





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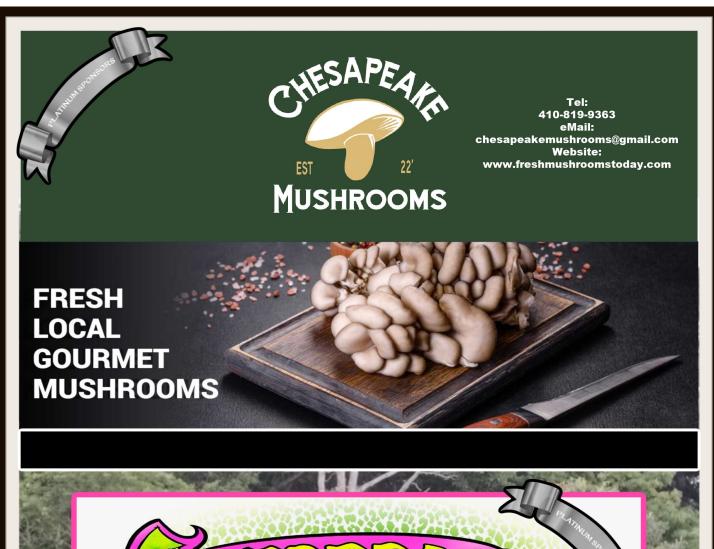


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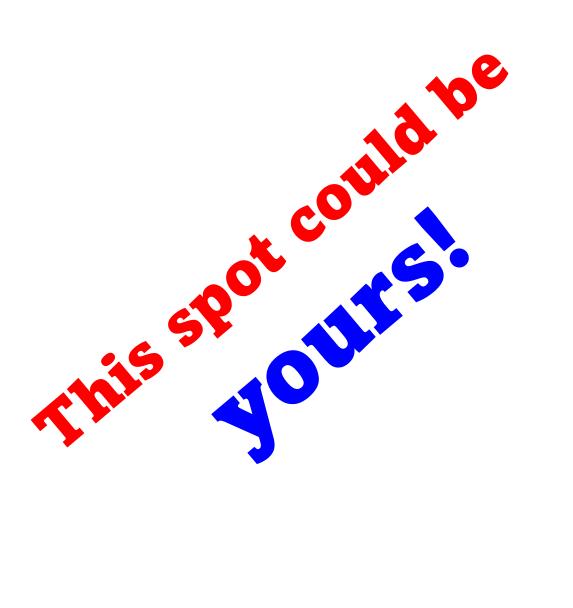




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Please welcome some of our 2023/2024 Sponsors:

- Law Office of Jay Irwin Block, LLC
- R. L. Kinnamon Mowing
- A-Fordable Tree Service, LLC
- Yard Works Plus, LLC
- Chesapeake Mushrooms

Sponsor Form available online



Sponsors

Sponsor spots are filling quickly, but we need your help to get them all lined up by the end of September! Once the 2023 Raffle bike winning ticket is drawn, the trailer will go back in for the addition of sponsors. Make sure you get your business, restaurant, group or personal name on the trailer for all to see. They will remain on the trailer for 12 months and then renewals and new sponsor spots will be available again.

There are deals to be had for combining spaces. We have Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels available. Contact <u>Ken Eaton</u> about signing up a sponsor today!



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