



Dedicated to Freedom of the Road
and Responsible Motorcycle
Legislation

ROLLIN' FOR YOUR RIGHTS

Changes and Challenges

2024 is half over! We are celebrating our 50th year of fighting for motorcyclists rights in Maryland. However, the face of motorcycling is changing. We face numerous challenges that never would have been a consideration just a few years ago.

- Right to Repair
- The survival of the Internal Combustion Engine
- Availability of fuels
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax
- Sound Testing / Noise Abatement

More to come.....??????

As bikers, motorcycle enthusiasts, whatever you wish to be called, we need to unite as a group. Yes, there are people fighting the good fight, but there needs to be MORE. Not only do we need to continue fight for the FREEDOM TO CHOOSE regarding helmet usage, but we need to fight for our rights in general. Motorcycling as we know it could look vastly different if we do not take immediate action. Mandatory trips to the dealer / manufacturer authorized repair facility may be the norm instead of your fixing it yourself or taking your bike an independent shop. New motorcycles may soon only be sold with electric motors. Fuel for your older bike may become difficult or more expensive to purchase. Drivers of vehicles my be entirely replaced by technology instead of human interaction. You may have to pay an additional fee based upon the number of miles you have operated a vehicle on a roadway. Sound “cameras” may decide that your motorcycle is too loud.

Does this concern you, because it should. These ideas are being talked about EVERYWHERE. Some of these topics have already been kicked around in Maryland and ABATE has been able to assist in defeating many of them so far. But you will hear this again, and again. NUMBERS MATTER. If politicians see a lot of people rallying to either support or defeat a piece of legislation, they take note.

We need to strengthen our numbers. Re-activate old / former members, recruit new members, and urge them all to be a part of the process. Go to a chapter meeting, help with an event, ask your friends, family and neighbors to join, and become an active participant in protecting your FREEDOM.

A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

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State Director's Corner

Ken Eaton, Executive Director

I want to take a few minutes to preach to the choir. We have received enormous amounts of calls, emails, social media messages, etc., about a rumor that the helmet bill passed in Maryland this year. This was just a misinformed rumor. The helmet bill **DID NOT PASS**. The Maryland General Assembly only meets for 90 days each year (early January thru early April). Every bill that gets passed must cross numerous hurdles in those 90 days and it really takes a village to get it done. If a bill does not get over all of those hurdles by April, it will never make it to the Governors desk for signature. Each year the process starts over, from the beginning. Those 90 days are extremely important.

You must still wear a helmet on the roadways in Maryland while riding a motorcycle. However, It really does seem that many bikers in Maryland would like to have the **FREE-DOM TO CHOOSE** when it comes to helmet use.

BUT, this law may never get passed unless these same people that would like to enjoy that **FREEDOM**, become active in trying to get that legislation passed. ABATE is always in Annapolis during session, putting in the work. However, we really need the legislators to see that this is a bill that a lot of people care about. Although we have a lot of friends in Annapolis, numbers matter. Monday Night Lobbying & committee hearings are where we really need people to show up and let the politicians know that this is an issue that we feel very strongly about. There are 65% of the states in this country that allow riders the **FREEDOM TO CHOOSE**. It is about time that Maryland gets added back to that list. Yes, BACK to the list. In 1992, the Maryland General Assembly took the right to choose away from bikers in Maryland. Prior to that, many of us remember that we could decide for ourselves when it came to wearing a helmet.

It is time for us to stand together with a large and loud voice as bikers in Maryland and tell them we want our right to decide for ourselves back! How can you as an individual help? It really is easy, but does require some effort on your part, and the cost for doing nothing is your **FREEDOM**. Attend a chapter meeting near you or visit a neighboring area. Attending and helping with events, listen to the legislative updates in your chapter or follow them on our website or on our FB pages. Arrange a time that you and others from your area and actually go to Annapolis, be seen and make your voice heard. You do not need to go every week, but 2 to 3 times per session would be fantastic! If we could get members from all over the state to make that commitment, we could make a difference! In addition, telephone calls, emails, letters, committee testimony, etc. are all equally important.

It starts locally. Get to know your senators and delegates. They may not always agree with your viewpoint, but they should always take the time to listen to you as a constituent. You need to be able to recognize them on the street, and they need to be able to recognize you. Go to county fairs, Chamber of Commerce events, fundraisers, community events. They are usually there, talking to everyone, because numbers matter. The more people they get to know and meet, the more votes they could possibly count on for the next election. So, **BE ABATE**. Wear your ABATE gear. Spread the word, shake some hands, be seen and **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

Insights from our Chairman of the Board

Bob Spanburgh, Chairman of the Board

I would like to take this time to thank all who attended and especially all who worked to make ABATE of Maryland's 50th Anniversary a successful and enjoyable celebration. A half-century of advocacy for all motorcyclists in our state is certainly something to be proud of. Nothing in life is guaranteed but I find it difficult to envision a 60th Anniversary. Many of you have been a part of the MRO movement for about as long as I have. We have held numerous discussions about attracting younger motorcyclists to the cause. In the lead-up to our 50th Party I fielded 8-10 phone calls from various people who had heard (erroneously) that our helmet choice modification bill had passed into law. Most were from non-members. I assured them that our efforts once again came up short, explaining to them that we had the votes in committee but could not get the chairman to hold a vote on the legislation. I have fielded at least a half-dozen more calls of a similar nature in the last 5 days. Several of these people expressed skepticism at the answers I gave them. I have had the same response when I tell them that the state of Maryland has already set in motion a plan to outlaw internal combustion engines by 2030. I can't help but think that if everyone who is hoping to benefit from our labors, would have participated in the process we might be looking at a different scenario today. I tell all of you this not to discourage you, but to let you know what we are up against. I firmly resolve to remain involved in the struggle to promote and preserve our way of life as long as I am a resident of the Old Line State. I hope you will resolve to do the same. Continue to RIDE SAFE.

Membership Communication

Joel Jones, Membership Secretary

Greetings from your membership secretary. So, we are already into the month of July. I'm sure your membership in ABATE of MD is not in your thoughts due to all of the stuff summer has to offer; but it is in mine. Not because I have to think about it to do my job but because I am curious about why we commit ourselves to something or idea. Usually, we sign up to support organizations because we have a common interest in them and for what they stand for. ABATE of course stands up for motorcyclist rights and safety at the state level. So as a person on two (or three wheels) why wouldn't you want to support the very organization that tries to guarantee that privilege exists? I know you are reading this in our newsletter so more than likely you are a member, but this is for someone who is reading this that maybe just happened upon it. I am curious what is keeping you from joining a group with a proven track record of serving its members. We may not win all the battles, but we are always there for the fight due to the unwavering commitment of our members. So, out of curiosity I have set up an email for you to tell me why people don't want to join our great organization. Or to tell me why you did join (what initially sparked your interest). Hopefully I will get some good data and we can use it to attract new members. If I get a lot of unrelated responses I will cancel the email address.

Hope to hear from you.... Email me at abatemembership7@gmail.com

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Legislative Tidbits

We are in the off-season for the Maryland General Assembly. Now is the time to attend political fundraisers, go to county fairs, local events, etc., to get a chance to meet your local representatives. Get out there and get involved!



The 2025 Legislative Session of the 447th session of the Maryland General Assembly will convene on January 8, 2025 and end on April 7, 2025. In that 90 days, what would YOU as BIKERS like to have ABATE work on during that time. We need to hear from YOU! We will always pursue the FREEDOM TO CHOOSE regarding helmet use, but what else is at the top of your list? Let us know! Call, send an email or grab one of us by the arm and tell us what you are thinking.

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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: Bullwinkle's
1660 Ingleside Avenue
Gwynn Oak, MD 21207
Please contact Jay to discuss meeting dates and times!

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

Ride safe, and I will see you on the road.

Ken
(410) 474-9276



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:

Hooters

3600 Crain Highway

Waldorf, Maryland, MD 20603

Hello Charles County. Believe it or not there is still an active ABATE chapter. We need your help. If you want to be part of the solution or just are curious about what ABATE does come out to our meeting the first Thursday of the month at Hooters in Waldorf. We are always looking for new ideas and a fresh perspective. Ride safe and hope to see some new faces.

Frederick County Chapter News

Are you a Frederick county member and have a few friends that would be interested in reviving the chapter? Please contact Ken Eaton at 410-924-3374 to discuss. In the interim, check out a nearby meeting in Washington County!

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? Lets get this party re-started down in the Lower Shore!



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 30, 2024** (If you have events for the late summer/ early fall, get the details to us ASAP so we can publish the flyers and info.

State Website

We have made the change to a new website manager. There will be errors, mistakes, and missing or non-working items. Let us know so we can be sure to fix it and make the website as good as it can be for our organization



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

Many of our scheduled events so far this year have been affected by weather. Rain/extreme storms or extreme heat seem to have grabbed a hold of our schedule. However, many of the Mid-Shore members made a showing at the 50th Anniversary Party in June. Chapter members worked together with members from all over the state to have a great party!

The Open House at Harrison's Custom Cycles was hot! A huge thank you to Mike, Jean, and Brier for hanging in there for the whole event to help spread the ABATE message!

And it was even HOTTER at the CSMC Poker Run on June 22nd, but Rick and Amy setup and had the ABATE trailer & tent at Millies in Vienna. A huge shout out to them for being there and putting in the work!

Our Memorial Run has been postponed to September 7, 2024. Tammy has done an awesome job setting up this ride and it looks like it is going to be an event to remember!

Chapter elections are coming up soon. We really need members to think about taking a position. We will provide help along the way, but it is time for some others to step up and be leaders!

Questions?

Call Ken Eaton—410-924-3374

Or email: abatemidshore@gmail.com



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.

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

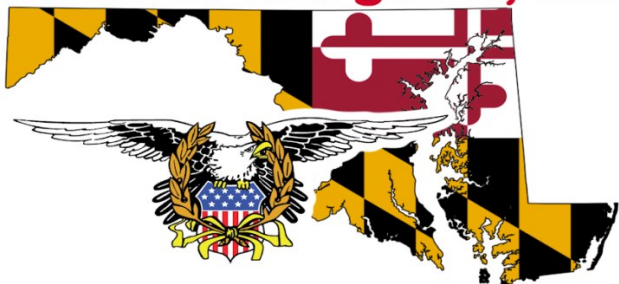
St. Mary's County Chapter News

Director: Melvin Yost

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

Location: Plaza Azteca
22201 Three Notch Road
Lexington Park, MD 20653

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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](#)

Upcoming Events

JULY

11 Bike Night at Twiggs, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

12 Bike Night at the North American Rod and Gun Club

21 Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up – 7:45 a.m., Old Delmar, 16715 National Pike, Tuck 301-733-5536

21 Washington County ABATE Monthly Meeting – 4:00 p.m. @ North American Rod & Gun

Club, NOMINATIONS

28 ABATE Family Picnic, Red Run Park 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m., 12143 Buchanan Trail E, Rouzerville,

PA



National Coalition of Motorcyclists

What is NCOM?

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) was born on January 27th, 1986, when motorcycle groups and leaders from around the nation met in Las Vegas, spurred by the need for a powerful, unified voice to stand up for the rights of bikers everywhere. Since that time, NCOM has continued to provide riders and motorcycle organizations with legal guidance, legislative backing, public awareness programs, and anti-discrimination services, among other resources.

NCOM is more than just a single organization; it is comprised of numerous motorcycle rights groups, clubs, and associations, all working together for the greater good of the biker community. Today, the coalition has expanded to include hundreds of thousands of riders and more than 2,000 member organizations from all over the United States.

At its core, NCOM is an association built and run by bikers for bikers. Its National Council, designed to facilitate effective communications nationwide, is comprised of one member from each participating organization. Motorcycle rights leaders representing 11 regions make up its Board of Advisors. The group also contains a Legislative Task Force that includes state legislators, advocates, and a United States Senator.

Unlike with other organizations, groups can join NCOM at no cost, gaining access to its tools and resources. NCOM does not impose membership fees or ask its members for funding. Instead, 100% of the organization's monetary backing is provided by the Aid to Injured Motorcycles (A.I.M.) program and its associated network of motorcycle injury lawyers. Each A.I.M. attorney gives a significant percentage of their legal fees from motorcycle accident cases to NCOM, ensuring that the coalition can continue in its work.

No matter what type of bike you ride or what patch you wear, all motorcycle groups are encouraged to join the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. If your group would like more information on becoming part of NCOM, call 1-(800) 662-2453 or contact us online at <https://onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/>

Motorcycle Riders Foundation



SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024 ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, MO 63134-3307
 Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).
 Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612
 Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 4, 2024): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)
 Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2024: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)
 Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.
 Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

- Annual Individual Membership \$35
- Annual Joint Membership \$60
- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Industry Council Membership \$100



- 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
- 3-Year Joint Membership \$140
- Sustaining Membership Club \$100
- Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$_____

Motorcycle Riders Foundation
 PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612

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 www.mrf.org

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It's time you did something more to protect your rights!
 Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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- Please Check if you are a US Citizen
- Check here to NOT receive Patches and Pins
- Check here to NOT receive MRF Email Alerts
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50th Anniversary Party Re-cap

The 50th Anniversary party is in the books! We hope that everyone had a great time. We had three great bands, vendors, food trucks, a motorcycle rodeo, a basket of cheer raffle, 50/50 raffles, a wide variety of ABATE products available for sale, a scenic ride, beers, soda, water, a "spirited" bar, a great DJ, the list goes on. We even managed to get a few pictures from over the years and setup a slideshow while the band was playing. Chapters from all over the state, as well as neighboring states were represented. There were new faces, and some faces we have not seen in a while. We event got visited by some of the Eastern Shore Delegation politicians and received a citation from the Maryland General Assembly, recognizing our 50 years of fighting for motorcyclists' rights. All in all, it was a really great event.

Of course, there were bumps in the road. Prior to the event, the Park was in the middle of a \$1.9M upgrade to the facility. Due to weather, materials being difficult to source, etc. the project got delayed. Much of the land grading was completed just prior to us coming in to have a party! We would like to thank everyone for putting up with the dust, mud and straw areas. They even were pouring concrete on Friday morning at one of the bathrooms!

And talk about bumps, one of our bands had a setback due to the bass player health issues and had to cancel just hours before coming to the park. Well, we burned up the phone lines and found a band to come that evening! Many thanks to all that helped with that effort. We called bass players, other bands, friends that could possibly play, anything we could to make this happen. Well, Hot Dog Gravy was playing another gig that afternoon, but they finished that, cleaned up, and made it to the park for a Saturday night set.

Sunday was a day of fond farewells, and cleanup. Wow we generated A LOT OF TRASH! Huge shoutout to Squirrel and Larry for pitching in and gathering the trash. We finally got everything cleaned up and we were out of there by lunch. If you did not make it out to celebrate with us, we hope that you were there in spirit. You missed a great party and some fantastic people.

Party pics can be found here: <https://www.abateofmd.org/abate-event-pics.html>

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The Maryland General Assembly



Official Citation

Be it hereby known to all that
sincerest congratulations
are offered to

ABATE of Maryland, Inc.

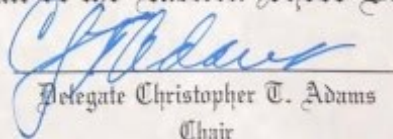
in recognition of

the celebration of your "50th Anniversary!"

*We thank you for advocating training as the greatest
measure to reduce accidents & injury and for your dedication
to "Protecting Maryland Motorcyclists' Rights since 1974!"*

Presented on this 7th day of June 2024

on behalf of the Eastern Shore Delegation


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MAY, a BUSY Month

We kicked off the month with an event at the Salisbury MVA Branch. We had the MVA Motorcycle Safety Program there, there was a special "FAST TRACK" licensing option available and ABATE had a table up inside the MVA. We talked ABATE, helped a few people through the process and had a presentation of the proclamation by the Governor.

The next few weeks were spent meeting with County councils and commissioners to get local proclamations. By the 13th, we attended the Maryland Highway Safety Summit. The very next day, we held another Motorcycle Safety Event at the Hagerstown MVA Branch. These folks have been doing this event for quite a few years now and really have this down. A representative from the MSP Motorcycle Unit was present, the MVA Motorcycle Safety Program rep was there, ABATE had a table, and FAST TRACK licensing was being offered again.

And lastly, Bikers Inside the Beltway! Maryland was in DC for the day on May 20th. We were among 34 other states represented that day that went to offices, left informational packages and had meeting with our State Congresspersons and Senators. A huge THANK YOU to Rigger for being the DC guide for the day! Also, shout out to Tigger Rae for showing us around the office building and making sure we got to see the sights!

I hope that everyone took a few minutes during May to remember that not only are we asking motorists to watch for motorcycles, but we are asking BIKERS to ride responsibly, be prepared for the road, and to SHARE the ROAD. An as always, BE ABATE. Make your voice heard!

Be the Look Twice Driver



Be the Look Twice Driver. That's the message the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), in partnership with the motorcycle advocacy group ABATE of Maryland Inc. and other community partners, are sending to road users this month. Governor Wes Moore has proclaimed May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Maryland to help promote awareness and safety.



The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH
 MAY 2024

- WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for millions of people across the state and nation; and
- WHEREAS, motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption and road wear and contributes in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Maryland encourages all motorists to educate themselves about motorcycle safety and understand the unique challenges faced by motorcyclists to help create a safer environment for everyone; and
- WHEREAS, we commend the members of ABATE of Maryland, Inc., the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, and the American Motorcyclist Association, for continually promoting motorcycle safety, education, and awareness to the general public in our state; and
- WHEREAS, states and motorcycle rights organizations across the country will be conducting a variety of activities to promote the importance of motorist awareness and safely sharing the road with motorcyclists; and
- WHEREAS, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roads throughout Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2024 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in this

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of this State, this 14th day of May, Two Thousand and twenty-four



A Proclamation to make May the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month brought the Mid-Shore Chapter of ABATE of Maryland to the council chambers.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
 05/14/2024 - Centreville, MD



OC Bike Fest / DelMarVa Bike Week

Ok folks, Bike Week in Ocean City is quickly approaching! ABATE will be having a tent at the Antique Motorcycle Show and Flea Market. We will need volunteers to man the booth. Come in for a few hours, half a day or whatever works for you!

This event will be held concurrently with the bike week events. It is located on 6605 Morris Road at the [Strawberry Crossroads Recreational Event Center](#) . This is also where we will be drawing the winning ticket for our 2024 Raffle. The raffle is for high quality, American made products with a LIFETIME GUARANTEE
Jackets, Vests, Chaps, Overpants, Gloves, Belts, Wallets, Purses, Luggage, Saddlebags, Tool Bags, Sissy Bar Bags, and MORE!

See a chapter director for tickets NOW! Can't wait to see someone in person, purchase them online: <https://www.abateofmd.org/special-events-and-raffles.html>



Need tickets to sell, contact Ken Eaton at 410-924-3374 or director@abateofmd.org



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2024 Raffle ~ Fox Creek Leather Products

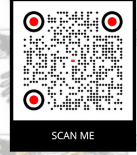


Three chances to win!

1st Prize: \$1500 Gift Certificate

2nd Prize: \$1000 Gift Certificate

3rd Prize: \$500 Gift Certificate



More Raffle Info here:

American made products with a LIFETIME GUARANTEE

Jackets, Vests, Chaps, Overpants, Gloves, Belts, Wallets, Purses, Luggage, Saddlebags, Tool Bags, Sissy Bar Bags, and MORE!

Winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 3pm at the Ocean City Motorcycle SwapMeet 6605 Morris Road ~ Pittsville, MD 21850

ALL DONATIONS ARE USED BY ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC. TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR THE MOTORCYCLISTS RIGHTS IN MARYLAND. **DONATION \$5 PER TICKET * NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

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Meet and Greet

at

**Patriot Acres Farm Brewery
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**Sunday, July 21, 2024
1 to 5 PM**

Come and meet ABATE members and see what we're all about... grab a sticker, a cold beverage, join ABATE, and purchase Raffle tickets for some new Fox Creek leather goods





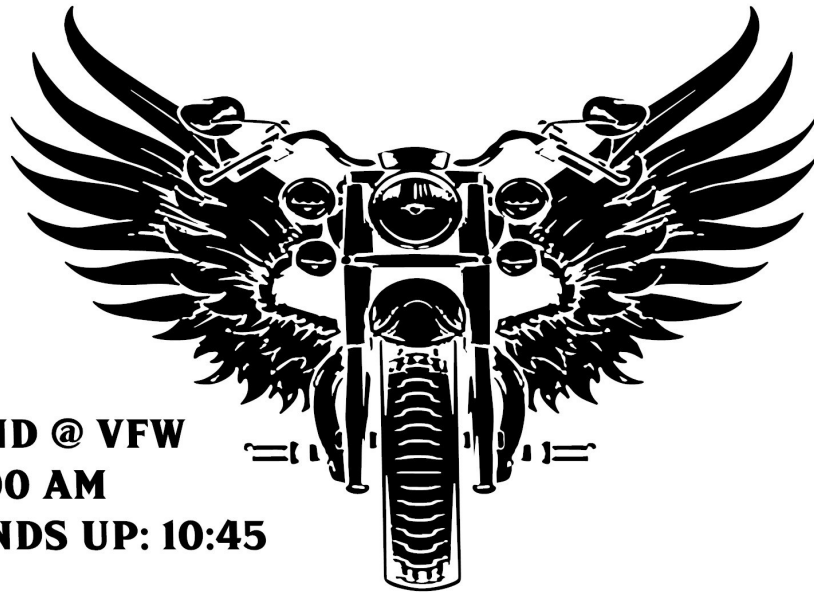
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2024 MEMORIAL RIDE



START/END @ VFW
TIME: 10:00 AM
KICKSTANDS UP: 10:45

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

VFW POST #5118

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**JOIN OUR SCENIC RIDE THROUGH TALBOT,
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STOPPING AT VARIOUS CEMETERIES ALONG THE ROUTE
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All proceeds from this event will be used to assist ABATE of Maryland, Inc. In its efforts on behalf of motorcyclists



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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
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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: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, state, Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

2nd Name (Couple): _____

Registered Voter: Election District: _____

Occupation or skills that may assist ABATE: _____

Applicant signature: _____

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



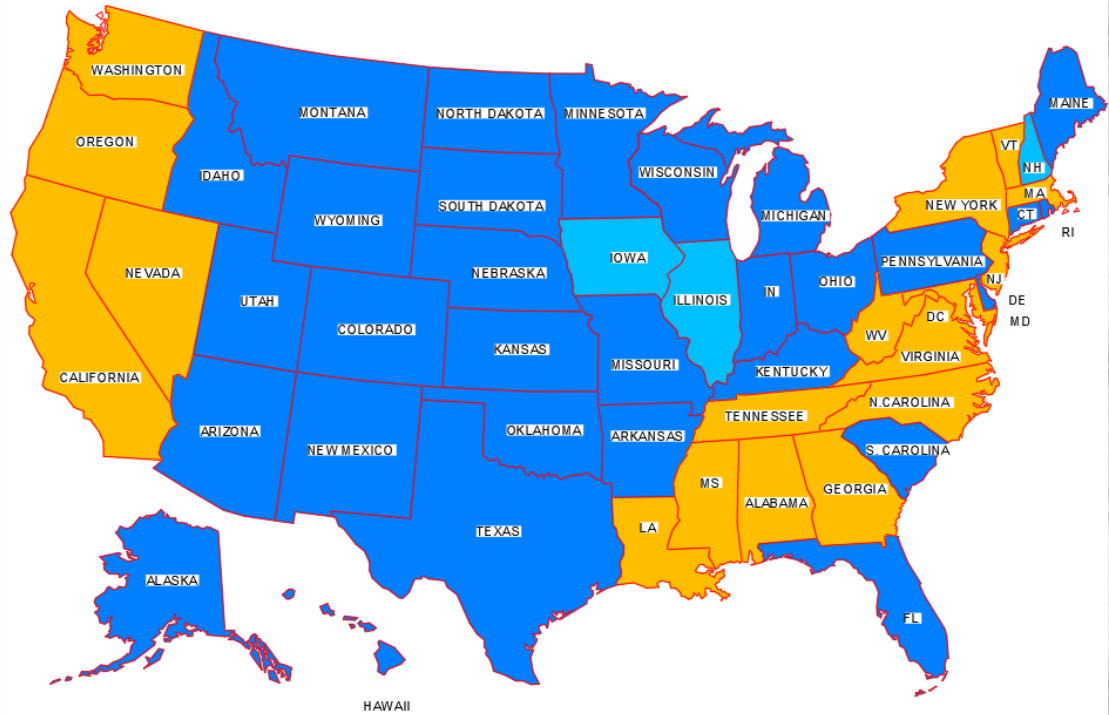
Questions or you would like to join online :

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

Freedom of Choice Updates:

Helmet laws in the US:

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming



100% Freedom of Choice (3 states)
 Freedom of Choice - Age Restricted (30 states)
 Helmet Mandate (18 states / DC)

33
have

states either
no helmet or al-

low 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,
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Executive Board and Chapter Elections

The July Executive Board meeting is when we hold our Annual Meeting. This is when we hold our nominations and elections for Executive Officers. These positions are as follows:

- Executive Director
- Assistant Executive /Assistant Director
- Executive Treasurer
- Executive Secretary
- Executive Legislative Advisor

At the August meeting of the chapters, nominations and elections shall take place. Each County / Chapter shall have a Director, Secretary & Treasurer at a minimum. Other elected positions can include Assistant County Director, or other assistants as deemed necessary. Other positions can be appointed after the officers are in place (road captain, sergeant at arms, events coordinator, etc.)

All of these positions are open for nominations. Any member that is current, paid up, can run for an office. Your current chapter officers would be more than happy to step aside and would be willing help someone that wants to step up and take more responsibility. Please consider talking with your friends and see if they would be a good fit for a nomination to any one of the offices. If an officer position is not what they are ready for, but would like to be more involved, please see if they would like to be a road captain, event coordinator, PR person, etc. There are a number of ways that a person can help ABATE.

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