



Dedicated to Freedom of the Road and Responsible Motorcycle Legislation

# ROLLIN' FOR YOUR RIGHTS

May was Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. I hope you all did your part to raise awareness in your part of the state. We did receive proclamations from the Governor and the following counties: Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Washington. In addition, our Washington County chapter held a great event at the Hagerstown MVA that included a reading of the Governors Proclamation by Senator Jim McKay, a few words from MVA Administrator Christine Nizer, Delegate William Wivell, Washington County Commissioner John Barr, Washington County Sherriff Brian Albert, and Washington County ABATE chapter director, Rick Barlup. A huge thank you to all that attended, worked the ABATE table, gave a speech, or just worked behind the scenes to make it all happen. We received a lot of great responses from our May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness efforts and we hope to work a few more areas into the itinerary for next year!

## A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments



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## State Director's Corner—Ken Eaton

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I have visited a few chapter meeting this spring, and hope to get to more meetings soon. I have learned that I just need to select a date and put it on my calendar and go. Some are challenging to fit into my schedule, but I will make the time! Events are equally challenging for me, but maybe I can make it out to a few chapter events as well. Hopefully we get a chance to meet soon if I have not already met you!

Talking about calendars and schedule, there are a lot of things happening and a whole lot more coming soon. In August, the chapters will be holding election of County officers. This is the year for YOU to toss your name into the hat and be a part of the chapter leadership. It is only a one year term, and there are always people available to answer questions, whether it be in your own chapter, a nearby chapter or at the Executive Board level. We are all in this together and we want everyone to get the assistance they need. Take a look around your chapter. Has the same person been running things for a while? Although they may be doing a fantastic job, maybe they want to step back a little bit and let someone else take the reins. Talk to your officers and see what their thoughts are for the chapter. They may just be waiting for someone to step up. County Director, secretary, treasurer, etc. A little friendly competition in the elections can actually be a fun and invigorating way to get your chapter moving. If nothing else, offer to be on a committee for events, membership, or anything else that needs done. We need you all to BE ABATE.

As far as planning for the future, we also have a lot to think about, near term and long term. In the near term, we need to be thinking about possibly holding a legislative seminar in the fall. Maybe a Rights Rally. Remember the Helmet Protest Runs we used to hold in October? How about a statewide memorial ride? Also, pre-filed bills must be considered NOW for the 2024 legislative session. While we are thinking about legislation, we should also be updating a position paper for the Freedom to Choose regarding helmet usage. Do you have skills that will help us with that effort. We need researchers, compilers, proof readers, and people to draft sections to put in a professional document for presentation to the legislators. We come from all walks of life and have a wide skill set. If you would like to be a part of it, please let me know.

Long term planning is vital to our success. We need to be thinking really hard about what to do in the coming years. In 2024, ABATE of Maryland, Inc. will be celebrating 50 years of fighting for motorcyclists' rights. That is a great reason for celebration! We are planning for party! Venue selection is first and foremost. We need a great location! We are compiling list and are open to any suggestions, but please get them to us soon! We need to select a venue, pick a date, reserve band(s), pull any necessary permits, coordinate insurance, seek out vendors, etc. A 50th Anniversary committee is being formed. We will be working on all things 50th anniversary! There will be needs for all sorts of skill sets to make this happen. Meetings may range from telephone calls to a actual sit down somewhere. We are flexible, lets do this!

Also, the political fundraisers should be popping up all over the state. Go to as many as you can and BE ABATE. It can be someone in your town or county government, or a state delegate or senator. And don't forget US Congress and US Senators! They need to know us as well. Yes, I know that some of these are pretty pricey to attend. Maybe the chapter can reach out to the people running the fundraiser and see if they need any assistance. Offer to help with car parking, being runners for food, drinks and ice, or anything they need help with. Quite often, they will let you in for free or reduced cost if you can offer some assistance. It never hurts to ask. While we are on that topic, we need to be collecting donations for Maryland, Motorcycle Riders Political Action Committee (MMR-PAC). Each chapter should have some information available to them for MMR-PAC and we need to fund PAC now! The more funds we raise for PAC, the more we can afford to spend on sending people to these fundraisers and supporting campaigns.

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

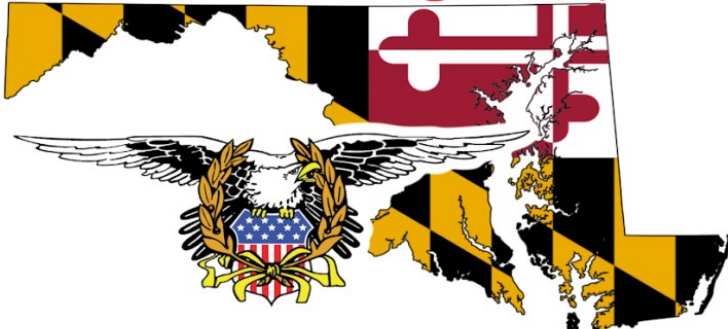
# Words from the Chairman of the Board

In 1780 Irish lawyer, orator and advocate for Irish Independence from Great Britain, John Philpot Curran stated the following. "It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance, which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt." To put it into 21st Century terms: The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance. As we look into the rearview mirror at the Maryland General Assembly's 2023 session it could lead some to become discouraged and capitulate to the government's authoritarianism enacted under the guise of benevolence. For the 21st consecutive year we failed to regain our freedom of choice pertaining to motorcycle helmet usage. While several states passed legislation to support the 2nd amendment and enact "constitutional carry" laws, Maryland went in the opposite direction, passing SB 1; one of the most virulent anti-gun bills in the Nation. The bill is now being challenged in the courts. We have been unable to push through "must appear" legislation. We were somewhat surprised to discover that many freshmen legislators had no idea that this legislation was not already law in our State. As usual, we headed off a few bad bills at the pass. More "Totalitarian Enactments" loom on the horizon in the "Free State". As it stands, sales of internal combustion engines will be outlawed in Maryland in just 7 years. We must find a way to overturn madness such as this. It seems bleak but now is the time for "Eternal Vigilance". Our circumstances demand nothing less. Please gird yourself for the fight and do what you can to help us achieve "Freedom of the Road". Thank You.

Robert G. Spanburgh Jr.  
Chairman of the Board  
ABATE of Maryland

**"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." — Michael Jordan, American businessman and former professional basketball player.**

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**Legislative Tidbits**  
**15 Years ago (2008)**

**AUXILIARY LIGHTING: HB 1168 (2008)** ABATE was commended for bringing the safety aspects of this issue to the General Assembly. This bill allowed certain accent lighting on motorcycles to increase nighttime visibility.

**MOTORCYCLE TAG SIZING (HB844-2008)**: Until this bill passed Maryland was one of only 3 states which did not have the standard sized motorcycle tag. Ours was oversized and did not fit stock brackets on motorcycles. This bill reduced the size of our tags to come in line with 47 other states.

**DEFINITION OF A MOTORCYCLE (HB221-2008)**: Legal Definition of a motorcycle- this bill officially changed the definition to allow motorcycles with two wheels on the front to accommodate the new style that was developed.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY PENALTIES (SB712-2008)**: After several years of trying, and the death of then State Director Marty Schultz by a right of way violator, the bill to increase penalties for right of way violations to \$1,000 and 180 day loss of license was passed and enacted. ABATE is constantly working to improve and enhance this bill.

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**GET INVOLVED**

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## Anne Arundel County Chapter News

Anne Arundel County Chapter  
Director: Stuart "13" MacKellar  
Meeting dates & time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 pm  
Location: Ellie's Place  
8421 Veterans Highway  
Millersville, MD 21108

***No July meeting. See you on Thursday August 17, 2023!***

## Baltimore County/City Chapter News

Director: Jay Block  
Meetings: Bullwinkles  
1660 Ingleside Avenue  
Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

We have a director and a meeting location. Lets see if we can get things going! We held a meet & greet and the great folks at Bullwinkles were awesome hosts. Lets show them the love and continue to have meetings and events, and support the places that support us!

## 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  
Happy Summer

Please continue to keep your eyes out for the ABATE trailer, it's everywhere spreading the word about what we do.

Calvert County members have been attending some great St Mary's Bike Blessing, Coming out car show and other local events and we're honored to attend the Calvert County Board of County Commissioner's meeting on May 2nd to receive a Proclamation that May will be designated Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month in Calvert County.

We also had another successful fifth Friday dinner with tons of help from American legion 206 Chesapeake Beach Maryland and our great members.

We have ideas for upcoming chapter rides and trips and look forward to more members joining us and sharing their ideas. We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland at 7 P.M.

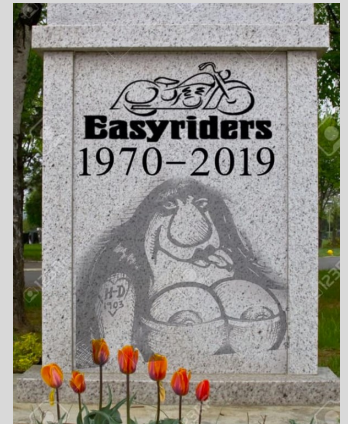
Ride safe and have a great summer.

# Calvert County Chapter (Continued)



## Tidbits

**1970:** Easyriders Magazine was founded and owned by Paisano Publications. It eventually came to an end in 2019.



## 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.



# Calvert County Chapter News—Pics



# Calvert County Chapter (Continued)



## Carroll County Chapter News

Director: Shelli McClane

Meeting dates & time: Open to suggestions

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!

EVERY MONTH NEEDS TO BE MC SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH!!!!

Every month needs to be classified as mc awareness month. In Carroll Co alone, there have been multiple mc "accidents" where drivers of 4 wheeled vehicles are plowing into motorcycle riders. Most recent was last Sunday, June 18, 2023, that a real good friend of mine witnessed as she and her boyfriend were right behind the trike that got broadsided at Rt. 31 and Medord Rd.

From what my friend described, the guy who hit the couple on the trike, looked straight at them and pulled out and hit them as they were traveling east bound on 31 towards Westminster. His excuse was he didn't see them. I don't know what the outcome of this accident will be as I do not know the couple who got hit, but police did respond, and the driver was issued a citation.

Once I get the new share the road signs I am going to be plastering that intersection as there have been many motorcycles struck there, but that will not solve the problem. What is it going to take?

How many brothers and sisters have to be damaged to get drivers of vehicles to wake the fuck up and actively look for motorcyclists?

I wish I knew.

SO FAR in Carroll there have been about 30 accidents involving bikes and trikes in just first 6 months of this year alone!

I need input, what can we do to raise awareness?

Contact me if y'all have any suggestions.

Shelli McLane.

Carroll Co. ABATE Director

443-740-1901

### In Memory

#### Mid-Shore Chapter

Brian Kent Adams \*  
(1962-June 17, 1990)

Elizabeth Naomi Bromwell \*  
(1966-June 17, 1990)

John Darrow, Jr. \*  
(1950-June 18, 1990)

Martin L. Schultz (1962-2006)

Diane Marsh (1966-2008)

Wayne McCarty (1955-2009)

Martin A. Pierson (1954-2011)

M. Lee Hall (1951-2011)

Jan Lenore Kinnamon  
(1964-2012)

Diane Hoover (1951-2015)

William "Wrench" Kuykendall  
(1939-2016)

Rome Olszewski (1961-2017)

Charles "Eddie" Hubbard  
(1962-2018)

William "Bill" Hoover  
(1941-2018)

Benda "Feather" Harris  
(... - 2019)

Martha Blackistone Godfrey  
(1960-2020)

Wendell "Smitty" Woodland  
(1943-2020)

Paul Hays (1963-2021)

Paul T. Ewing, Jr. (1944-2022)

Wayne Jones (1955-2022)

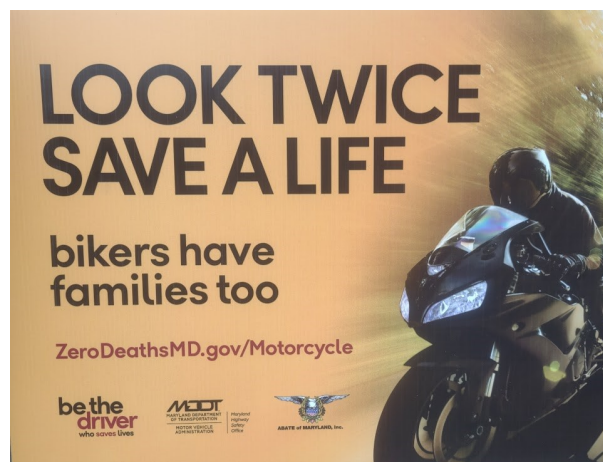
Johnny Blake (1957-2023)

Mark Johnson (1952-2023)

### Memorials

If your chapter has a list of members that have gone on to ride with the angels, please forward to us at:

[Info@abateofmd.org](mailto:Info@abateofmd.org)





# 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

This meeting location may be temporary. Please stay tuned for more information.

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 in Waldorf. If anything, you will at least have a great meal and good conversation.

# 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

# 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 re-started down in the Lower Shore!

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



## Past Executive Directors

We are compiling a Past Executive Directors List. We have some confirmed, but we need to fill in the blanks & there are a lot of them. If you have any information to share, please contact us at [director@abateofmd.org](mailto:director@abateofmd.org)

- Chuck Blankenship (1989-1991)
- Sally Bruce (1992-1994)
- Gary "Pappy" Boward (1995-2001)
- Marty Schultz ( -2006)
- Neal Ackerson (2006-.....)
- Shelli Holcomb (2013-2014)
- John Robinson (.....-2019)
- Bob Spanburgh, Jr. (2019-2021)
- Ken Sawyer (2021-2020)

Dates provided are approximate. Please feel free to contact us at [director@abateofmd.org](mailto:director@abateofmd.org) with additional information.

## The Maryland Legislative Process

### Original Chamber

- 1st Reading
- Referral to Committee
- 2nd Reading
- 3rd Reading

### Opposite Chamber

- 1st Reading
- Referral to Committee
- 2nd Reading
- 3rd Reading
- Review in Original chamber
- Conference Committee (if necessary)

### Governor's Desk



# Mid-Shore Chapter News

## Upcoming ABATE Events

**Mid-Shore Chapter—Queen Anne’s County Meet & Greet**  
July 16, 2023, 1pm to 5pm  
Patriot Acres Farm Brewery  
1621 Millington Road  
Sudlersville, MD

**Washington County Chapter Annual Ride-In Bike Show**  
August 13, 2023  
See flyer in this newsletter for more info.

**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 **August 31, 2023** (date has been changed to come out BEFORE OC Bike Fest. 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 in the Intensive Care Unit. He is out of the medically induced coma but response is minimal. They are moving him from bed to chair, back and forth daily. He has only opened one eye partially, but appears to be looking around. They have performed surgery on his broken wrist and fractured jaw. He has 3 broken ribs that are healing internally. His punctured/collapsed lung is working at about 60%. He has not spoken yet. He has moved his left leg, left arm and right leg but has not moved his right arm. He still has a feeding tube and Trach. 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.



Director: Ken Eaton  
Meeting date & time: 2nd Thursdays, 7:00 PM  
Meeting location:  
Easton VFW Post 5118  
355 Glebe Road  
Easton, MD 21601



Prime riding season is here! Get out there and ride! While you are at it, stop by a meeting, catch a chapter breakfast ride, a dinner ride, or just check out our FB page and meet-up with some members an RIDE!

The Spring Harrison’s Open House was great. We had the ABATE raffle bike there for a LIVE APPEARANCE! Members showed up in force and manned the ABATE tent, sold raffle tickets, handed out ABATE info, ran the motorcycle rodeo and even took part in the rode events! A great time was had by

all & the crew at Harrison’s Custom Cycles deserves a big thumbs up for another great event.

Our monthly breakfast rides are on the 3rd Sunday every month. We have had a great time riding, eating and then riding some more. We are searching for a new breakfast location for July since the American Legion Post 29 in Denton is pausing for a summer break. Stay tuned to our chapter FB group for details.

The chapter dinner rides are on the



4th Thursday each month. We meet at the Easton VFW Post 5118 at 6pm, KSU at 6:30pm. We decided as a group where to go enjoy dinner and then head out for a short ride to head in that direction. Come out and check out ABATE and enjoy an evening with us!

Our Bug Run is scheduled for July 22, 2023 at the Cambridge Elks Lodge



#1272. Stay tuned for additional info.

The Mid-Shore chapter was able to get all four counties in our area to proclaim May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Many thanks to the councils & commissioners of Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties for working with us to get the word out. Also, it would not have happened without the dedicated work of several of our members. A HUGE shout out to Dawn Stanley & Mark “Mouse” Kerzner for talking with the counties, attending meetings and doing what needs to be done to make it all happen.

**Please Note:** Mouse has prepared a Google Sheet for future rides and events. Please feel free to take a look. [Mouse’s Motorcycle Rides and Events:](#)

## 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 Alleganey 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.



### Abate of Maryland, Inc.

### Washington County Chapter

### 2023 Annual Ride-In Bike Show

*Hosted at:*

Cascade American Legion Post #239  
14418 MacAfee Hill Road, Cascade, MD

**Saturday, August 13, 2023**

Sign starts at 11:00 a.m., \$10 per entry

1:00—3:00 p.m., People's Choice Voting

1st Place Trophy, 2nd Place Certificate in each Category

### People's Choice Best in Show—\$100 and Trophy

Food and Beverages can be purchased at the Legion—Pulled Pork and Pit Beef

Questions or Information, call Scott and Susie Snow

Cell—301-491-3390 / Home—301-824-3339

**EVERYONE WELCOME!!!**

Come out and support your local ABATE CHAPTER and have some fun, meet fellow riders!!!!

HELD RAIN or SHINE

### Jacob Savage

Mountain Chapter members John and Collette Savage called to let us know that their son Jacob was in a motorcycle accident recently. He is a bit banged up, and his ankle was crushed between the motorcycle and guard rail as a result of the accident. After getting a whole bunch of new hardware installed, he is on the mend. The bad news, it looks like Jacob will need to convert his kick start motorcycles to electric now! That ankle just may have too much hardware to do much bending!

Please keep the Savage family in your prayers while they all go through this healing process.

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



## 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: Rick Barlup

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 Schedule of Events

#### July

- 16 Adopt a Highway Cleanup – 7:45am @ 16715 National Pike (old Del-Mar Inn) Tuck 301-733-5536 🇺🇸
- 16 Washington Co ABATE monthly meeting – 4:00 pm @ North American Rod & Gun  
Nominations for August elections
- 23 ABATE Family Picnic – 12pm-4pm – Red Run Park, 12143 Buchanan Trail E Rouzerville, PA

#### August

- 05 Banana Pudding Ride – 9:00am TBA
- 12 WCC ABATE Annual Bike Show location to be announced 11am-1pm – public voting 1pm-3pm
- 20 Adopt a Highway Cleanup – 7:45am @ 16715 National Pike (old Del-Mar Inn) Tuck 301-733-5536 🇺🇸
- 20 Washington Co ABATE monthly meeting – 4:00 pm @ North American Rod & Gun

#### September

- 18 Adopt a Highway Cleanup – 7:45am @ 16715 National Pike (old Del-Mar Inn) Tuck 301-733-5536 🇺🇸
- 18 Washington Co ABATE monthly meeting – 4:00 pm @ North American Rod & Gun

#### October

- 15 Adopt a Highway Cleanup – 7:45am @ 16715 National Pike (old Del-Mar Inn) Tuck 301-733-5536 🇺🇸
- 15 Washington Co ABATE monthly meeting – 4:00 pm @ North American Rod & Gun

#### November

- 4 Millie Run
- 19 Washington Co ABATE monthly meeting – 4:00 pm @ North American Rod & Gun

#### December

- 10 Canned Food Drive – 9:45am leave Hagerstown Diner
- TBA Children in Need Christmas
- 17 Washington Co ABATE monthly meeting – 4:00 pm @ North American Rod & Gun

### Favorite Rides

Do you have a favorite ride or route? Is there a road that you just love. It can be a short stretch or a long haul.

How about a great place to stop and stretch your legs, get some grub or relax for a few minutes?

Lets compile a list of favorite spots, routes, etc.

[35 Bucket List Motorcycle Rides](#)

### Lawn Signs:

New lawn signs have been shipped to us by the MDOT—MVA. The entire printing run was sent to ABATE of Maryland, Inc. 450 went to Washington County and 450 went to Mid-Shore. Please contact your chapter director to get signs. Lets put 900 signs all over the state!

**LOOK TWICE  
SAVE A LIFE**

**bikers have  
families too**

[ZeroDeathsMD.gov/Motorcycle](http://ZeroDeathsMD.gov/Motorcycle)

be the  
driver

MDOT



# 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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:abatemembership1@verizon.net)

### 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](#):

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OR

Fill out our online form to update your info:

[https://abateofmd.org/membership\\_changes/](https://abateofmd.org/membership_changes/)

If you would like to mail in your membership application, please send to:

Joel Jones  
29 Greystone Circle  
Waldorf, MD 20602

This will save time. If it goes to the State office, it will depend upon when the mail is picked up and then any membership data transferred to Joel.



## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT**

### **WHY DO WE CHOOSE TO RIDE MOTORCYCLES?**

The answers are beyond counting as it is different for everyone. For me I like Dan Aykroyd's quote: "You do not need a therapist if you own a motorcycle, any kind of motorcycle!" It's about being a part of your environment and how it affects all your senses. I remember as a kid taking my cousin's dirt bike out for the very first time and being scared and thrilled all at the same time. My life would always include a motorcycle from that moment on. Trust me, you view things a differently after riding through Montana at sunset and see what they mean where the earth touches the sky, riding through Sierra Nevada Mountains above the world at 10,000 feet, riding the Pacific Coast Hwy, or going over 150 mph on the German autobahn. All these affect your senses and makes you feel alive. Seeing and experiencing the beauty of the natural world around us is impossible in a car. Something most people will never know and I feel sorry for them.

What does this have to do with membership in ABATE? I thought it might give us a reminder of what lifestyle we are defending. Yes, it's about freedom of choice and all that but it's also about the bigger picture. Imagine if there was a movement by the powers that be decided motorcycles were too loud, produce too much carbon, or are too dangerous and needed to be removed from our roads. At the same time, they got all the people who never have experienced the therapy of a motorcycle to go along with their agenda. This is why we need ABATE to exist and it can only exist with a strong membership. Share your experiences with those that don't ride to make them understand than it's more than just a mode of transportation that it has soul enriching qualities. Why do you ride? Is it worth defending?

Joel Jones  
ABATE Membership Secretary

### **Motorcycling Tidbits:**

#### **Most valuable motorcycle ever sold at auction:**

##### **1908 Harley Davidson "Strap Tank" \$935,000**

January 28, 2023, Las Vegas, Mecum

- Discovered in 1941 as a complete motorcycle within a Wisconsin barn about 70 miles from Milwaukee by David Uihlein
- Kept in Wisconsin for the next 66 years
- Expertly restored by Paul Freehill of Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Finished in Gray with Red accent striping
- Original tank, wheels, engine belt pulley, seat cover and muffler sleeve are included with the sale
- Engine no. 2241
- Carburetor no. 1049
- Of the 450 motorcycles produced by Harley-Davidson in 1908, less than a dozen are thought to have survived, fewer still in as correct condition as this one

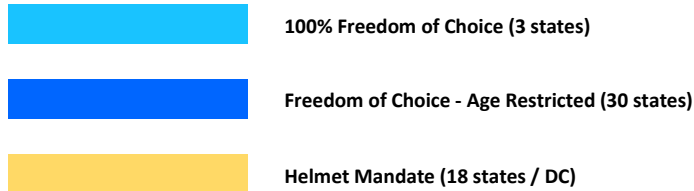
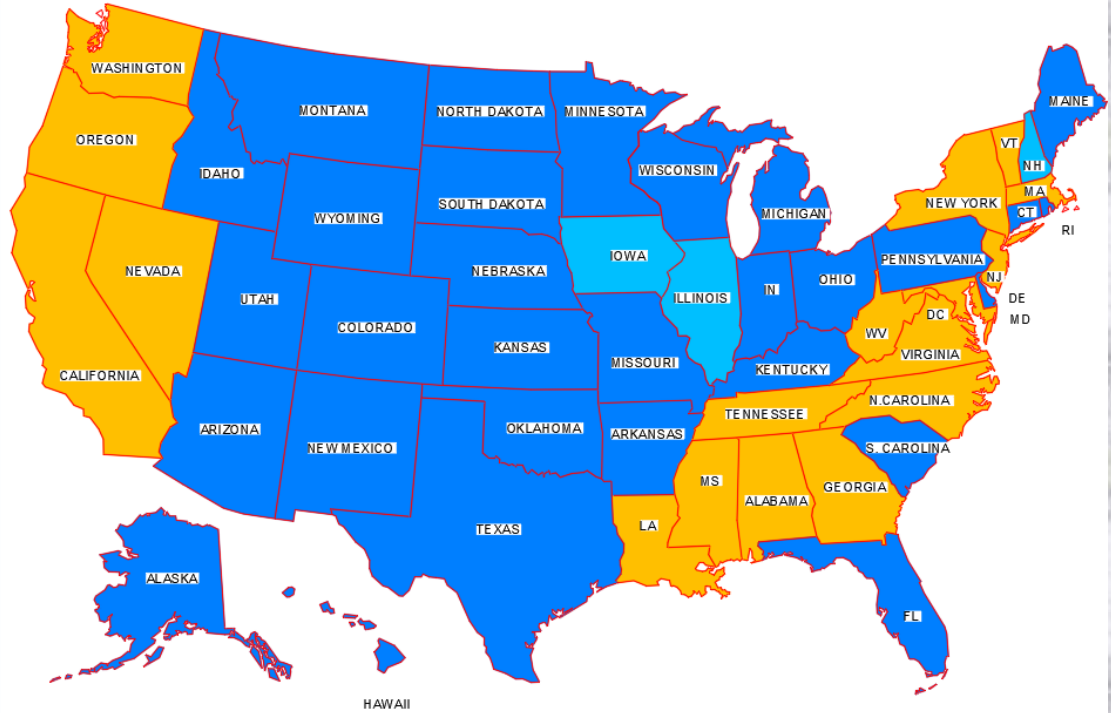


**Freedom of Choice Updates:**

**ABATE of Nebraska:** *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:**

- 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



*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.**



## Autocycles, Trikes and Sidecars

We asked the MVA and got a few answers to the burning questions about a few things. So, here goes:

**Autocycles:** MD Transportation code: 11-103.4 (2022)

“Autocycle” means a motor vehicle that:

- (1) Has two front wheels and one rear wheel;
- (2) Has a steering wheel;
- (3) Has permanent seats on which the operator or a passenger is not required to sit astride;
- (4) Has foot pedals to control acceleration, braking, and, if applicable, a clutch; and
- (5) Is manufactured to comply with federal safety standards for motorcycles.

### **Autocycle Supplementary info:**

According to MVA document VR-339 (07-16): Autocycle certification:

An autocycle will be registered as a class D motorcycle with autocycle printed on the registration card.

All motor vehicles registered in Maryland must be insured by a company licensed in Maryland and must have personal injury and property damage liability insurance at least in the minimum amounts required by Maryland law. Operators of autocycles must possess a valid class A, B or C driver’s license.

**Important Note:** If a person only has a class M, motorcycle driver’s license, they “are not authorized to drive an autocycle.” Helmet(s) must be worn unless the vehicle has an enclosed cab. In addition, an eye-protective device is required unless the vehicle is equipped with a windshield.

Autocycles are not to be used for driving skills tests.

**Enclosed cab:** According to the MVA representative in charge of “Office of Policy and Innovation”, an enclosed cab: the area where the operator sits must be closed off on all sides.

**Windshields and Eye Protection for Autocycles:** There is no minimum height or coverage requirement for a windshield. However, if the windshield does not protect the riders face and eyes, the riders must wear eye protection.

### **Trikes:**

- Unless they are highly modified from a “donor vehicle”, all trikes are registered as motorcycles
- Helmet use is required
- If highly modified from the “donor vehicle”, it could be registered as a “Hot Rod” – this is subject to State Police / MD Safety Inspection.
- A trike may be used for a motorcycle skills test. However, a restriction will be issued to reflect the vehicle that was used during the test.

**Sidecars:** These are considered accessories to a motorcycle. Therefore, the regulations that apply to motorcycles apply to sidecars.

We provide this information for your ***reference***. ABATE does not seek to ban certain kinds of vehicles, ban helmets, or force anyone to wear helmets. We feel that the decision should be up to the motorcycle operator and passenger.

**FREEDOM OF CHOICE** is what we continue to work towards.





## **Helmets: Requirement and Equipment Regulations-Maryland**

### **Helmet Mandate in Maryland:**

- MD Transportation code: 21-1306 (2022)
- (a) This section does not apply to any person riding in an **enclosed cab**.
- (b) An individual may not operate or ride on a motorcycle unless the individual is wearing protective headgear that meets the standards established by the Administrator.
- (c) A person may not operate a motorcycle unless:
  - (1) He is wearing an eye-protective device of a type approved by the Administrator; or
  - (2) The motorcycle is equipped with a windscreen.
- (d) The Administrator:
  - (1) May approve or disapprove protective headgear and eye-protective devices required by this section;
  - (2) May adopt and enforce regulations establishing standards and specifications for the approval of protective headgear and eye-protective devices; and
  - (3) Shall publish lists of all protective headgear and eye-protective devices that he approves, by name and type.
- (e) (1) The failure of an individual to wear protective headgear required under subsection (b) of this section may not:
  - (i) Be considered evidence of negligence;
  - (ii) Be considered evidence of contributory negligence;
  - (iii) Limit liability of a party or an insurer; or
  - (iv) Diminish recovery for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or operation of a motorcycle.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subsection, a party, witness, or counsel may not make reference to protective headgear during a trial of a civil action that involves property damage, personal injury, or death if the damage, injury, or death is not related to the design, manufacture, supplying, or repair of protective headgear.
- (3) (i) Nothing contained in this subsection may be construed to prohibit the right of a person to institute a civil action for damages against a dealer, manufacturer, distributor, factory branch, or other appropriate entity or person arising out of an incident that involves protective headgear alleged to be defectively designed, manufactured, or repaired.
- (ii) In a civil action described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph in which 2 or more parties are named as joint tort-feasors, interpleaded as defendants, or impleaded as defendants, and at least 1 of the joint tort-feasors or defendants is not involved in the design, manufacture, supplying, or repair of protective headgear, a court shall order on a motion of any party separate trials to accomplish the ends of justice.

Note: According to the MVA staff, the "Administration" has never withdrawn approval or required new approvals for protective helmets.

### **Helmets - Equipment** : MD Transportation Code 11.13.05.02 - Protective Helmets

Current through Register Vol. 50, No. 6, March 24, 2023

A. On and after October 1, 1992, a person may not use, loan, borrow, sell, offer for sale, or distribute any protective helmets for use by the operators of motorcycles, or protective helmets for use by passengers, unless the protective helmets meet the standards established by the Administration.

B. The Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218, Motorcycle Helmets, 49 CFR § 571.218(1991), which is incorporated by reference, is adopted as the minimum standard for helmets required to be worn by operators and passengers on motorcycles in accordance with the requirements of Transportation Article, § 21-1306, Annotated Code of Maryland.

C. The test procedures for protective helmets or headgear shall be the test procedures described in FMVSS 218.

D. The Administration shall accept all helmets which comply with the requirements of FMVSS 218, Motorcycle Helmets, 49 CFR § 571.218(1991).

E. The right is reserved to withdraw approval of a product at any time and for any cause considered reasonable by the Administration, or the Administration may require new approvals at any time it is considered necessary or reasonable.

F. Chin Strap.

- (1) Each approved helmet shall be equipped with either a neck or chin strap and be fastened when the motorcycle is in motion.
- (2) The protective headgear shall be worn on the head with chin strap properly fastened, and in contact with the chin or jaw by both operator and passenger at all times that the motorcycle is in motion.



## 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

**ABATE of Maryland, Inc. Mid-Shore Chapter**



## Meet and Greet

**Patriot Acres Farm Brewery  
1621 Millington Road, Sudlersville, MD**

**Sunday, July 16, 2023  
1 to 5 PM**

Come and meet ABATE members and see what we're all about, grab a sticker, maybe a cold beverage, join ABATE, and purchase some tickets for our Annual Raffle for a new bike



\*\* Please Note: PAFB is a working farm, please leave your pets at home. PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE FARM!



## **In Memory of J. C. Moats:**

By Ken Eaton & Bob Spanburgh, Jr.

On April 23, 2023, one of the founders of ABATE of Maryland, Inc. went on to ride with the angels. A few of us remember him from state meetings when they were held at the West Street office in Annapolis. He was a plain spoken, somewhat outspoken, and didn't really care what you thought of his opinions. He did not really trust the government, but he realized that you just had to deal with them. Personally, I remember meeting him many years ago, but unfortunately, I never really got to know him well. I was young and just starting in ABATE in the 1980's. I was just beginning to understand what we really did and most importantly, why we did it.

Bob Spanburgh, Jr. relayed this piece of wisdom from J.C. One of his tales from his days in Annapolis was that he practiced "pisshouse politics". Sometimes, he would be trying to track down a politician that had been dodging him. J.C. would see him going into a bathroom and follow him. He would be standing at the urinal next to him and start talking about our bill. He'd have to respond! As happens to many from time to time, one day J.C. felt like it was time to walk away from ABATE & the politics of it all, and he did. He never stopped caring about our rights as citizens in general and bikers in particular. Bob saw him at Paul Jackson's funeral in Oxon Hill in 2019. He had not seen him in close to 30 years. They enjoyed catching up and reminiscing. Bob got his phone number and tried to keep in touch as much as possible. They talked about ABATE and Bob notified him when Pappy and Jay Wagner died. However, we never get to spend as much time with old friends as we would like, and much of the early history of ABATE may never be heard from the source.

As Bob has said recently, guys like J.C., Pappy and Jay aren't coming around again, and they are sorely missed in the biker world. Terry Hurley once asked J. C. what the initials stood for. In typical J.C. fashion, his replay was "Just Cruisin".

***Cruise on J.C. .... Another good one gone!***



Annapolis 1979 with Bob Ritter on the left and Kenny Brown (former State Director) on the right.



June 2020 in Dentsville, MD. Bob Spanburgh, Jr. and J. C. Moats.

# Through the Looking Glass:

Taken from the **August 1978** ABATE of Maryland, Inc. Newsletter. Vol 5-8

700 Sunday AM  
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2 YOUR ABATE OF MARYLAND STAFF:

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## What can you do?

Join ABATE of Maryland. Let's get together in a mass so that our voice means something, has the weight and strength of numbers. ABATE is a non-profit organization dedicated to freedom of the road. You, as an individual, can help us in our fight to repeal and stop any anti-bike legislation in the great state of Maryland.

Let's face it, the people who are making the laws are people who know nothing about motorcycles. We have to unite in a common endeavor, and in sufficient numbers to be heard in the state capitol in Annapolis. We must educate the lawmakers from a position of strength, and in a professional, dignified manner.



**ABATE OF MARYLAND**

Don't put it off--the people who are making the laws aren't!

## Take a stand — now or never

My gawd! I think the biker's freedom is coming to an end! After all, to steal, yea rip-off (out), the thunder of a H-D — unthinkable! 75 db(A) ridiculous! H-D should not, and I hope would not or at best **BETTER NOT** submit to another unwarranted and unwanted silly-assed regulation. For that matter neither should Triumph or Laverda or any other self-respecting motorcycle company.

Most of the folks who want the sound level lowered are honest Joe Suburbanite types who work 9-5 all week and then are set free on weekends. These people will never know the feeling of freedom we all have when putting down the highways and byways with the wind in our face and hair. They will never know what it is like to ride one of our so-called "noisy death traps." They're both envious and threatened by our free and easy way of life and travel, so they start making helmet laws and lights on laws and now worse, sound laws.

I think we should put the shoe on the other foot and push for no radio in

car laws (so we'll be heard), all clear bodied car laws (so we'll have a better chance of being seen) and car operator helmet laws. Sound crazy? Hell yes, but so is all this crap they push on us. So all you "free and easy" bikers, no matter what you ride, make a stand. Write your congressmen, senators, hell, even the EPA! Let them know you're fed up with this crap. Do it before a good sounding exhaust system becomes a museum piece.

Get involved. Don't take your riding freedom for granted. Join the AMA or ABATE, but do something. Don't just sit there thinking everything's cool, cause sure as hell you'll nod off. Thing is, when you wake up, your kid (though only a rug-rat now) will be sitting there and he'll ask... "Daddy, what was a Harley-Davidson?"

**BILL TRACY**  
Carson, CA

*Thanks Bill. We couldn't have said it better.*

**BIKER June 28, 1978**

# BIKERS'

**COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING \*  
STAYING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS \*  
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS !**

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## **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** (By Andy Kelly, MRF Reps Representative)

Bikers Inside The Beltway 2023 took place on May 16, and the weather was beautiful! This year, freedom fighters from 33 states came out to our nation's capital to lobby our federal congressmen and senators on motorcycle rights issues. In attendance were JR, T, Kenny and Duke from the Veterans M/C, Irish, Ken and Shawn Edwards, Greg and Patty Smith, Dick Freeburn, Frank Carbone, and me, Andy Kelly.



We are looking to get cosponsors for H.R. 1435 “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act” introduced by Rep. John Joyce from Pennsylvania. Many states, along with the EPA, are pushing to change the market to majority electric vehicles within the next 10 years. HR 1435 would amend the clean air act to prevent a ban on the sale of internal combustion engines in new motor vehicles.

Recently, the California Air Resource Board (CARB) released its proposed change to on-road emissions standards and test procedures. These regulations and standard amendments are aimed at motorcycles and motorcycle engines manufactured on or after January 1, 1978, through 2025. This is to force the adoption of electric motorcycles beginning in 2026, seven years ahead of the EPA’s new emission standards.

Keep in mind, testing of internal combustion engines which produce no emissions is currently underway. The idea behind all-electric vehicles is to achieve 0 emissions. Clearly though, as evidenced by the current testing, switching to all electric motors and vehicles is not the only way to achieve 0 emissions. Please consider contacting your federal representatives that aren’t listed above and asking them to co-sponsor HR 1435.

Additionally, we're seeking cosponsors for H.R.906, the “Right to Repair Act”. HR 906 mandates that consumers and independent maintenance shops have access to necessary repair and maintenance tools. This act helps preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace. Increasingly, manufacturers are limiting the ability of consumers and independent shops to repair products. Extraordinary prices, or self-created scarcity on repair manuals, tools, and diagnostic equipment are stiffening the marketplace and driving up costs for us the consumers.

Originally created by the 2015 Fast Act, The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) provides a critical forum for policymakers, engineers, and motorcyclists to discuss ways in which roads, infrastructure, and technology can better meet the needs of the nearly 9,000,000 motorcyclists in this country.

The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act reestablished the MAC. As prescribed by the law, the MAC will be required to submit biannual reports to Congress, the National Highway Safety Transportation Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration.

Unfortunately, despite the requirements that the MAC be established within 90 days of passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, it appears no such action has been taken.

The MRF’s position is, we would like to see the inclusion of more voices-including those of manufacturers, motorcycle rights organizations, and safety professionals. The addition of these voices will certainly provide for more robust debate, and information shared on the committee.

Motorcyclists believe that automated driving technologies in other vehicles could yield substantial safety benefits for riders by helping to eliminate “human error”. However, in order for this to be true and effective, motorcycles must be considered in any regulatory activity that governs automated driving systems. Despite passing a more than 2000-page surface transportation authorization bill in November 2021, guidelines for the deployment of automated driving systems were largely ignored. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation maintains that federal authorities must require robust testing by manufacturers of automated driving systems, guaranteeing they have accounted for motorcycles, recognition and responsiveness. Additionally, the radio spectrum set aside for dedicated short-range communication used in vehicle-to-vehicle communication should be protected, as vehicle-to-vehicle communication is necessary for safer interaction between automated driving systems and motorcycles.

Any new legislation by Congress, and either the House or the Senate, should specifically ensure motorcycles are considered in the bill’s language. The MRF continues to meet with a wide group of legislative staff to ensure motorcycles and motorcyclists are considered in automated driving technology legislation.

Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency: The growing prevalence of E-15 fuel in the United States is of concern to a diverse group of consumers. This fuel blend is problematic for engines and equipment in a wide variety of vehicles and products, including boats, lawnmowers, chainsaws, motorcycles, and snowmobiles. In fact, these higher blends are prohibited by the EPA for use in small motors, such as those listed above. Unfortunately, most consumers are not aware these fuel blends may be causing damage to their vehicles. A recent survey found three in five consumers mistakenly believe that the E-15 is safe for use in all of the products. (Continued next page)



## MRF News—continued:

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation supports any effort to protect the availability of E-10 fuels or lower. Many warranties are voided if E-15 or other ethanol-level fuels are used.

Reexamining The Definition of a Motorcycle: The 55-year-old definition of a motorcycle used by the DOT and NHTSA is “a motor vehicle with motive, power, having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and designated to travel on, not more than three wheels contacting the ground” The motorcycle riders foundation encourages NHTSA to carefully review and update the definition of a motorcycle. The MRF believes a more appropriate definition would be "a motor vehicle, as was originally manufactured, with motive, power, having a seat or saddle, requiring the rider to sit astray, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, steering controls by handlebars, accelerate and brake controls by handlebars and foot controls and capable of reaching speeds in excess of 30 miles an hour."

~~Remain vigilant on the profiling of bikers: The committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulations, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with a state's motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of the enactment of this act.~~

## American Motorcyclist Association

The American Motorcyclist Association monitors trends in motorcycling, policy, practices and legislation at the local, state, national and international levels to quickly identify and act on any threats to the motorcycling lifestyle or the future of motorcycling.

In the vast majority of these instances, the AMA staff, with assistance from AMA members, responds effectively to the concern. But, from time to time, some issues assume a greater importance that prompts action by the AMA Board of Directors.

The AMA Board of Directors adopts and publishes position statements that delineate the organization's official stance on the issue at hand.

To date, the Board of Directors has issued position statements on these topics (clickable links)

### [Automated Vehicles and the Safety of Motorcyclists](#)

The safety of motorcyclists is of singular importance to the mission of the American Motorcyclist Association. As technology allows vehicles to...

### [Motorcyclist Profiling](#)

The American Motorcyclist Association has long advocated for the rights of motorcyclists and the motorcycling lifestyle. The AMA, in diligently...

### [Lane Splitting](#)

The American Motorcyclist Association places significant emphasis on motorcycle operator and passenger safety. On every type of public roadway,...

### [Voluntary Helmet Use](#)

The American Motorcyclist Association, as part of a comprehensive motorcycle safety program to help reduce injuries and fatalities in the event of...

### [Motorcycle Rider Education](#)

The American Motorcyclist Association has continually advocated a comprehensive motorcycle safety program as a means of preventing motorcycle...

### [Excessive Motorcycle Sound](#)

Since its inception in 1924, the American Motorcyclist Association has maintained a position of strong opposition to excessive motorcycle sound....

### [Distracted and Inattentive Vehicle Operation](#)

All road users are responsible for the safe operation of their vehicles on public roads and highways. Advances in mobile technology have made it...

### [Access to Public Lands](#)

The American Motorcyclist Association supports responsible recreational access to public lands for the use of off-highway vehicles.



## Member Spotlight

Do you have a member that is always there, volunteering, working events, leading rides, or just being that ABATE Ambassador? Let us know! We want to shine a little light on them!

## ABATE Tags:

Would you like to show the world your support? Get an ABATE tag! Visit the website for more info.

<https://abateofmd.org/abate-of-maryland-inc-tags/>



## JOIN ABATE!

If you happen to be reading this newsletter, and you are not an ABATE member, please join! We need all the voices we can get from all over! It's only \$25 per year per individual. Couples are only \$45 per year! It's easy to join through our website:

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



## 2023 ABATE of Maryland Motorcycle Raffle

Ticket sales are going full speed! Some of our chapters are selling them quickly! You better get your tickets soon. We have multiple ways of buying tickets:

- Attend a chapter meeting or event and buy them in person
- Buy them online: <https://abateofmd.org/raffle-bikeinfo/>
- Contact one of our chapter members and ask about tickets
- Watch for a "Live Appearance" of the Raffle Bike: <https://abateofmd.org/raffle-bike-calendar-2/>

Does your chapter have an event scheduled where you would like to have the Raffle Bike appearing LIVE? Contact Shelli McClane at 443-740-1901 to see if it is available.

# ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.



## ANNUAL RAFFLE \* GRAND PRIZE 2023 HARLEY DAVIDSON STREET GLIDE SPECIAL



### WINNER DRAWN AT 4PM \* OCTOBER 7TH, 2023

### \$5 DONATION PER TICKET

ALL DONATIONS ARE USED BY ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.  
TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR THE MOTORCYCLISTS RIGHTS IN MARYLAND.  
\* NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN \* NO CASH VALUE \*  
MOTORCYCLE PROVIDED BY: ALL AMERICAN HARLEY DAVIDSON \* HUGHESVILLE, MD  
WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES, FEES, REGISTRATION, TITLE AND TAGS





2023 ABATE of Maryland Motorcycle Raffle—PARTY!



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## Annual Raffle Bike Drawing Party!

**Live Music**  
**Food Truck**  
**Cash Bar**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**  
**12 noon to 5pm**

**Toots Bar**  
**23971 Mervell Dean Road**  
**Hollywood, MD 20636**

**More information to be provided soon!**  
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**Came and join us for a party. Toots Bar has welcomed us with open arms. Let's show them some love and pack the place!**



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