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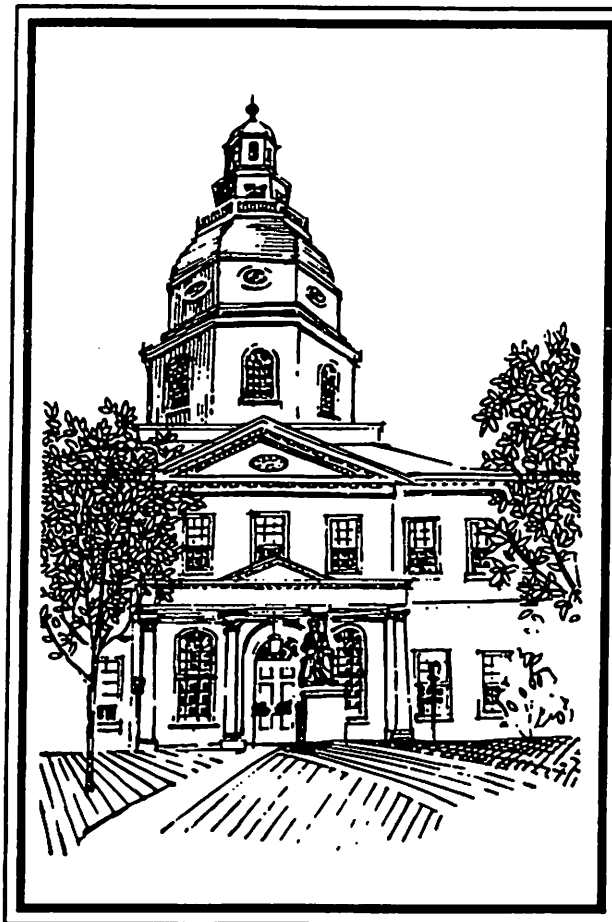
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**From the Director**

Hi Folks,

Here we are in Legislative Session again, and we are again very busy. Before I get into the helmet issue, I want to address two other issues we are working on. Senator Craig from Harford Co. has filed S.B. 10, the Lemon Law to include motorcycles. It seems one of his constituents had quite a number of problems and repeat repairs with their motorcycle. After repeated visits to the dealership and getting no satisfaction, it was discovered that Maryland had no Lemon Law for motorcycles. Sen. Craig's office contacted ABATE members in his own area and then contacted the ABATE office and asked for our support. A hearing was held on Jan 28 in the Senate Finance committee and I testified in support of S.B. 10, with support also coming from the MVA. The only opposition was from the Motorcycle Industry Council (M.I.C.). Our question is if you build and sell a quality product, why don't you stand behind it in every way?

There is also H.B. 205 filed by Delegate Pries of Harford which is a companion bill to S.B. 10.

The next issue is the Motorcycle Safety issue. After then Governor Schaefer tried to kill the motorcycle safety program (MSP) with privatization the government ultimately ended up stealing our funding. Each and every Motorcyclist in Maryland was paying a dedicated fee from registration and licensing. That fee was volunteered in the mid 1980s to fund the program, only motorcyclists paid it. Those fees are now rolled into the amount we pay and goes into the general fund, it does not go directly to the M.S.P. We are endeavoring to return those fees to the M.S.P. through Delegate Bruce Poole's efforts. Poole was instrumental in helping to save the program and was very interested in our ideas on what we feel is nothing more than motorcyclists being triple taxed. We feel if this money is not going to the M.S.P. as intended, it should be returned to the Motorcyclists of Maryland as stated in the original legislation.

Now on to the helmet issue. The hearing was held December 9, 1997 in the Maryland Court of Appeals. This is Maryland's highest court. Arguments from both sides were heard and most people agree the State presented a very weak and unknowledgeable case. We are now awaiting the outcome of this, the Mike Lewis vs. MVA (helmet law case); to determine our legislation. We already have a bill drafted by Delegate George Owings with co-sponsors; if the court does not render an opinion before the filing deadline in the legislature.

I know this is a lot to understand in such a short writing and that is why I didn't fill it up with all the little details. Your chapter director should know what is happening because they are filled in monthly at the ABATE Board of Directors meeting.

Please feel free to ask your director questions or call your ABATE office (800-843-0252), we try to answer any concerns as best we know or understand them.


Lastly, I am not ABATE. The thousands of Past, Present, and Future members are ABATE. None of our directors expect personal gain or glory in the volunteer jobs we do. We only ask for positive support from the membership. If you don't know - ask. If we don't know - we will find out. We all don't have all the answers all the time but we can get them most of the time.

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## Legislative update

As I write this, February 6, 1998, the legislative session is well under way. So far the only bill introduced in the legislature concerning motorcycles is one to include motorcycles in the current state lemon law. This bill was introduced by Senator Craig and has already had a hearing in the Senate Judicial Committee that went very well. A companion bill was introduced in the House by Delegate Pries and has had no action.

On the helmet issue, we have had a bill drafted by Delegate Owings to repeal the helmet law, but it has not been introduced yet because we are still awaiting the Court of Appeals verdict in the Lewis V. MVA case. If the court sides with Mike Lewis, the helmet law is dead and no bill will be required. The only reason the bill was drafted is in case the court does not act in time or on the very unlikely chance they do not side with Mike. Because of the court case, the most important thing for us to do this year is to keep the other side from changing the law so it will not be declared unconstitutional.

Delegate Poole is working on restoring full funding to the safety program for us and has stated if he cannot get the full amount to the program that it is due from our surcharges, he will work to have our surcharges returned to us. This was the original intent of the bill that created the program but the state perverted that intent and stole money from both the program and us several years ago, this should rectify that situation.

Everything I have mentioned is subject to change right now because of the dynamic nature of the legislative process. Check the web page ([www.abate-of-maryland.com](http://www.abate-of-maryland.com)), go to your chapter meetings, and come to Annapolis on Monday nights to be kept up to date. By the very nature of a newsletter this information is already out of date.

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-Billy



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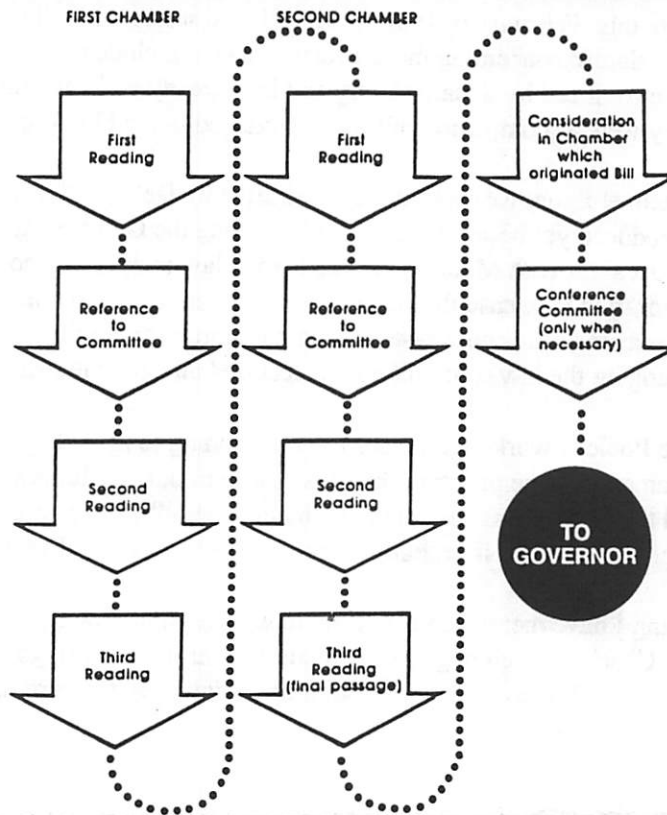
Congratulations to Tom Greenbank for being this year's John Farmer Eggers Awardee from the MRF. Tom was recognized for his two decades of service and support for motorcyclist's rights.

Congratulations also to Lynn Oldenburg for receiving the MRF's President's Award for her service as a member of the MRF Board of Directors and as Director of the MRF Products.

We are proud of both of you!

# The Legislative Process -

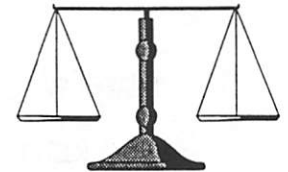
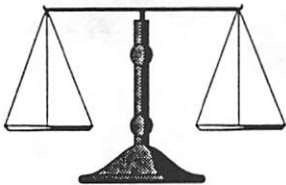
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Director: Billy Reid, (Pager), 410-541-1164

Events: 14 February: Anne Arundel County, VALENTINE'S PARTY, 7pm 'til midnight, McKnew Rd @ Gambrills Athletic Club Bldg., off Routes 3 & 175, about 1 blk from the Coyote Café. Music: DJ, Beer: Bud & Coors Lite, Setups, stuffed chicken breast platter; BYOB, Tickets: \$12ea; Checks: make payable to: S.Lung,Treas.,AACo,ABATE, Mailing address: S. Lung, 633 Echo Cove, Crownsville, MD, 21032 ,  
Deadline: Jan31/98; Dress: Casual (No kidding) 50/50 drawing Questions: 410 923 6996

### Baltimore Chapter

Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M., Rosedale Inn (formerly The New Ritz), Chesaco Ave. & Phiiadelphia Rd. Directions : Chesaco Ave. intersects with Pulaski Hwy. just east of interstate 95. Travel north on Chesaco Ave. approximately 1/4 mile to Philadelphia Road. Rosedale Inn will be on your left. All are welcome. Food and drink are available. ABATE represents ALL motorcyclists, no matter what brand you ride. Let's hear your opinions on the future direction of motorcycling in Maryland.

Director: Frank Barranco 410-665-6257  
Assistant Director: Don Warren 410-288-4173

Events: Monthly Ride 10:30 a.m. each Sunday following monthly meeting (Second Tuesday) begins at Rosedale Inn. Destination will be determined on a month to month basis. Come on out for a day of riding for the fun of it! After all, we are in this to preserve the pleasure of riding, right? All are welcome.  
Contact Frank Barranco at 410-665-6257 or Lou Nickles at 410-247-7919 for more information.

### Calvert County

Meets: 1st Monday each month, 7:30 pm, Paris Station, Rt 260, 2 miles east of Md Rt 2, Owings, MD.  
Director: Bo Toepfer, 410-257-9075

### Caroline County/Mid Shore

Meets: 2d Thursday each month, 7:30 PM, Easton VFW  
Director: Walt Dunn, 410-673-2984

Event: February 21, ABATE of Maryland Mid Shore Chapters presents a Cabin Fever Breakout Dance, Featuring Blues DeVille, 8 pm - Midnight. Price \$8.00

per person; \$12 per couple. American Legion Post70, Dover Street, Easton, Maryland. For more Information call Marty, 410-745-5136.

### Carroll County

Meets: First Wednesday each month, 7:30pm, Gary & Dell's Crab House, Route 97 north of Westminster, MD.  
Director: Alisa Hoffman 410-795-9637  
Assistant Director: Jay Block 800-875-6554

### Charles County

Meets: 2d Tuesday, each month at Legends (301-645-0855), south of Waldorf in the St Charles Town Plaza.  
Director: Tim Barbour, 301-870-8482  
Assist. Director: Red Fraser, 301-645-6494

### Dorchester County

Meets: 2d Thursday each month, 7:30 pm, Easton VFW, Easton, MD.  
Director: Kevin Wolcott, 410-673-2094

### Frederick County

Meets: 1st Tuesday each month, 7:00, Mels Airport Inn, Rt 15, North of Frederick.  
Director: Cheryl Fogle, 301-898-8911  
Assist. Director: John Croghan

Event: February 21: Frederick County Valentine's Dance featuring The 69 Band. Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Club, Rt. 26 (Liberty Rd.) at Crum Road. Doors open at 7 PM, band starts at 9 PM. No Coolers, bring your own bottle. Door prizes, food, set-ups and other beverages available. Call Cheryl at 301-898-8911 for more information.

### Howard County

Meets: 1st Wednesday each month, 7:30 pm, at the Greenbank Farm, in Highland Maryland, call for directions 301-498-2055.

Director: Bob Fourney, 301-498-2055

### Montgomery County

Meets: 1. 1st Tuesday each month, 7:30 pm, Lone Star Cafe, Gaithersburg.  
2. 3rd Tuesday each month, The Layhill Cafe, Bel Pre and Layhill Rd.  
Director: Brian Cardinale, 301-946-3332  
Assist. Directors: Bernie Keller & Mark Trock

### Prince George's County

Meets: 1. 2nd Tuesday each month, 8 pm, Remington's, 11500 Baltimore Blvd, Beltsville.



2. 4th Tuesday each month, Jonesies, Baltimore Blvd and Rt 495

Director: John Limbaugh 301-773-6170  
Assist. Director: Duke Turner 301-459-2395

Events: February 14: Prince George's Valentine's Party - Remington's at Remington's, 11500 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD. Call John at 301-773-6170 for more info

March 21, 1998. Prince George's County St. Patrick's Day Party at Remington's, 11500 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD. Call John at 301-773-6170 for more info.

April 25, 1998. Prince George's County "Spring is Sprung" Party at Remington's, 11500 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD. Call John at 301-773-6170 for more info.

May 16, 1998. Prince George's County Chapter Poker Run. (Rain Date: May 23). Call John at 301-773-6170 for more info.

**Queen Anne's County**  
Meets: 2nd Thursday each month, 7:30 pm, Easton VFW, Easton, MD  
Director: William Kuykendall, 410-758-2234

**St Mary's County**  
Meets: Second Friday of each month at the VFW Post on RT.235 in California, MD at 7:30pm  
Director: Steve Conner 301-863-2677

Our Chapter Christmas Party on 12/12/97 was very nice. THANKZ to Steve Conner, JR Koiner, Steve Johnstone and Cyndi Wallace for putting this party on for the members to enjoy. Santa Steve passed out awards and gifts to all past and present officers. We spent the evening wrapping-up all the toys from the Southern Maryland Toy Run 97', enjoying good music and food for all. Upcoming Events: Pool Tournament 1/18/98 at Players Club/Lexington Park, MD Pre-Daytona Party 2/21/98 at The Hole-n-the-Wall/Hollywood, MD Blessing of the Bikes 4/19/98 at Sea Breeze/Sandgates, MD All are WELCOME to attend our monthly meetings and Chapter Events HAPPY NEW YEAR 1998!

Events: February 21: St Mary's County: PRE-DAYTONA PARTY 2/21/98 AT 2:PM THE HOLE-N-THE-WALL/HOLLYWOOD, MD FOR INFO

CONTACT STEVE (D)301-863-2313 (N)301-863-2677.

April 19: St Mary's County: BLESSING OF THE BIKES 4/19/98 AT 1:PM SEA BREEZE/SANDGATES, MD. FOR INFO CONTACT STEVE (D)301-863-2313 (N)301-863-2677

**Somerset County**  
Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10 am English's Route 13S in Salibury  
Director: Michael Gillikin 410-651-5315

**Talbot County**  
Meets: 2nd Thursday each month, 7:30 pm, Easton VFW, Easton, MD  
Director: Marty Schultz, 410-745-5136

**Washington County**  
Meets: 2nd Sunday, 4 pm, Dog Patch Tavern, Rt 40, east of Hagerstown, from Green Briar State Park.  
Director: Bobby G. 301-824-3958  
Assist. Director: Arnold "TV" Davis: 1800-733-9950x463 (pager)

Event: 25 April, Washington County ABATE. Scenic Tour Poker Run Call 301-824-5104/665-1173.

**Wicomico County**  
Meets: 1st Sunday each month, 10:00 am, English Restaurant, Rt 13 South, Salisbury, Md.  
Director: Linda Wainer, 410-749-2674

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### **Delta Airlines Pulls Offensive Ad - Write Them in Thanks, Not Angst**

The February 1998 issue of American Motorcyclist magazine contains a story about an offensive advertisement from Delta Airlines that appeared in USA Today prior to the holiday season.

Fortunately, this is a situation that is already resolved. In fact, it was resolved just as our February issue was going to press. We had an update story ready to go, but a computer glitch -- see the rest of page 47 in February's American Motorcyclist and you'll know what we mean -- kept us from getting it into print. Here's the problem: The story concludes by urging AMA members to write to Delta Airlines President Leo F. Mullins about the ad. But now, we're urging you NOT to write that letter. Mullins quickly pulled the ad we found offensive, and has said that he's sorry his company put motorcyclists in a bad light.

So instead, you might want to send Delta's president a letter of thanks for his quick and sensitive response to this situation. Address your letters to: Mr. Leo F. Mullin, President, Delta Airlines Inc., Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, GA 30320. Oh, and, uh, oops, blame it on computers.

The AMA annually receives many complaints concerning motels, campgrounds, and private communities from the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina area so it was no surprise when we discovered in the 1998 North Myrtle Beach Vacation Rental Guide that many of the condominium descriptions stated NO MOTORCYCLES ALLOWED. The Myrtle Beach area, with 3 annual rallies, numbering 60,000 plus enthusiasts, along with their cash and credit cards, seem to have pulled the welcome mat from under our feet again. If your bike is not welcome, then you must assume that your money is no longer welcome in the Myrtle Beach area either. The major realty company that manages these condos is Beachcomber Realty and can be reached at 800-334-3798.

The Department of Transportation - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Ad Council are seeking people to share their true stories for a public service television, radio, and print campaign to prevent drunk driving. The goal of the "Innocent Victims" campaign is to move people to action by illustrating the tragic consequences drunk driving has on innocent victims. By using real people and their riveting stories, these television, radio and print ads make a strong emotional impact on the viewing audience. If you have had such an experience, please contact Strickman-Ripps Inc. at their toll free number 1-888-903-2229. By participating in this project you can help save innocent lives. The driver must have been convicted of vehicular homicide. Gee? Would there be any motorcyclists out there who could articulate such a story?

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced it will start requiring seat belts, windshields, turn signals, and rearview mirrors on golf carts. NHTSA bureaucrats announced they will start enforcing the new regulation -- called Motor vehicle Safety Standard No. 100 -- this spring. The agency will reclassify many golf carts as "low-speed vehicles" and mandate an estimated \$400 to \$1,000 worth of safety features.

Standard No. 100 will cover all golf carts with a top speed of 25 mph. It will primarily affect the slow-moving "golf carts" used by senior citizens in retirement communities -- but might also include some golf carts used on golf courses. The agency, acknowledged being able to find little evidence that the slow-moving vehicles are dangerous. In fact, officials from several towns that allow golf carts in traffic testified that they could recall only one golf cart accident -- and it was caused by a joy riding teenager. When it comes to creating expensive regulations, NHTSA bureaucrats are unsafe at any speed.

**LARANJA DA TERRA, Brazil no longer allows motorcycle helmets to be worn while operating a motorcycle within the city limits.** Due to a recent rash of robberies waged by motorcyclists wearing full face helmets, thus making them unrecognizable, the city fathers have decided to place an outright ban on motorcycle helmets. The AMA, however, does not suggest that American riders utilize this approach to repeal helmet laws across our country.

In memory of Lou Kimzey (1928 - 1997) - Lou was the co-founder of Easyriders Magazine and originator of the early ABATE national network. A longtime advocate and voice for motorcyclist rights, he leaves behind the legacy of an impressive and viable blueprint for the cooperation between motorcyclist's rights organizations across the country.



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# Holding Helmet Law Up to Ridicule in Maryland

*Motorcyclist Has Fun With Defiance, but Officials Begin to Take Challenge Seriously*

By Annie Gowen  
Washington Post Staff Writer

On certain fair-weather days, whenever the mood struck, William "Mike" Lewis would don a Santa hat or some other unusual head wear, climb atop his Harley and cruise jauntily past the state police headquarters at shift change, hoping officers would give him a ticket.

"I love getting tickets," said Lewis, sitting down for lunch on a recent workday in a Southern Maryland cafe.

He noted with pride that he has received nearly a dozen citations for riding without a helmet since Maryland passed its helmet law for adults in 1992.

Lewis, 48, an engineering technician at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in St. Mary's County, is an articulate man whose most prominent feature is a black beard sprinkled with gray hairs. A tiger tattoo crawls all the way up one of his arms.

His fondness for acts of civil disobedience that some might consider foolhardy has turned, in recent months, into a full-blown crusade against Maryland's helmet law. The law requires motorcyclists to wear protective headgear that meets standards "established by the administrator" of the state motor vehicle administration. Yet no list of approved headgear exists, a situation Lewis contends causes confusion among motorcycle enthusiasts.

"If you read that law, you can't understand it. . . . What's protective headgear?" Lewis said.

Could a Harley-Davidson cap be "protective headgear?" Could a Santa hat, or a bandanna?

"The law says there should be a list of approved helmets by name and type. . . . If the government wants to enforce the law, they should first obey the law by creating a comprehensive list," said Terrence M. Nolan, Lewis's attorney.

Lewis filed a civil suit against the state in 1995, alleging that the state's helmet law was vague and unconstitutional. Last year, a Circuit Court judge, while noting that Lewis was clearly "on a crusade,"



MARK GAIL—THE WASHINGTON POST

William 'Mike' Lewis sometimes wears a Santa hat as part of his protest of the Maryland motorcycle helmet law. Lewis has sued the state, alleging that the 1992 helmet law is vague and unconstitutional.

agreed the law was vague. The state appealed; the Maryland Court of Appeals heard arguments in December and is expected rule on the case in the spring. The state, which once considered Lewis and his legal challenge nothing more than a nuisance, has been forced to take his cause seriously.

The attorney general's office maintains that any helmet affixed with a sticker that shows it meets federal safety standards would qualify as "protective headgear," although the Maryland law does not state that. Rewriting the regulation to clarify would be a simple matter, officials say, but they assert the law is valid even without such a change.

"Ultimately, people are going to have to wear helmets on their heads, because that's what the law says," said Steven Sullivan, assistant attorney general.

The challenge has troubled state lawmakers, transportation officials and head injury specialists, who have long argued that helmets cut the risks of serious head injury. In

Maryland, the number of motorcycle fatalities has decreased from 54 in 1992, the year the law was enacted, to 26 in 1996, according to Motor Vehicle Administration statistics. There are 189,403 licensed motorcyclists in Maryland.

Nationally, however, a vigilant anti-helmet lobby—led by the advocacy group ABATE (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments)—has made strides of late.

"The anti-helmet people are increasingly well organized, increasingly vocal and increasingly smart," said Otto Matheke, a staff lawyer for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Anti-helmet advocates won key victories against helmet laws in 1997, successfully lobbying lawmakers to repeal the helmet legislation in Arkansas and amend it in Texas. The change in Texas allows cyclists who have appropriate insurance or who take a motorcycle safety course to ride helmet-free.

Williams, a member of ABATE, could be considered the prototypi-

cal new "road-kill" lobbyist— outspoken, Internet-savvy (his e-mails signed "Helmet Mike" are well known to the folks at the NHTSA) and practiced in grassroots lobbying.

His lawyer now sells a \$20 kit that Maryland bikers can use to challenge helmet tickets in court throughout the state.

So far, the do-it-yourself strategy has been used in Frederick, Charles, Howard and Montgomery counties, with mixed success.

Ultimately, it's a question of civil liberty, Lewis said.

"I'm fighting for the right to make my own choice, for the freedoms that made this country what it is."

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**ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.**

P.O. Box 1733, Annapolis, Maryland 21401



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- NEW  RENEWAL — Years as member \_\_\_\_\_  Change of Address
- Annual Membership — \$20.00  Couple Membership — \$35.00  Lifetime Membership — \$200.00

New members receive patch, membership card and 6 issues of newsletter.  
Renewing members receive year pin, membership card and 6 issues of newsletter.

PAID BY:  CASH  CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ PATCH/PIN ISSUED:  Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Voter:  Yes  No Election Dist. (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (or skills that may assist Abate) \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to comply with ABATE rules for sanctioned motorcycle activities. I understand that all benefits become effective upon receipt of my membership card.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION ISSUED BY \_\_\_\_\_

*Change of Address?*

Be sure to advise us of any address changes or corrections.

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Please fill out this form and return it to:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## Upcoming Events

February 14: Anne Arundel County, VALENTINE'S PARTY, 7pm 'til midnight, McKnew Rd @ Gambrills Athletic Club Bldg., off Routes 3 & 175, about 1 blk from the Coyote Café. Music: DJ, Beer: Bud & Coors Lite, Setups, stuffed chicken breast platter; BYOB, Tickets: \$12ea; Checks: make payable to: S.Lung,Treas.,AACo,ABATE, Mailing address: S. Lung, 633 Echo Cove, Crownsville, MD, 21032 , Deadline: Jan31/98; Dress: Casual (No kidding) 50/50 drawing Questions: 410 923 6996

Prince George's Valentine's Party - Remington's at Remington's, 11500 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD. Call John at 301-773-6170 for more info

February 21: St Mary's County: PRE-DAYTONA PARTY 2/21/98 AT 2:PM THE HOLE-N-THE-WALL/HOLLYWOOD, MD FOR INFO CONTACT STEVE (D)301-863-2313 (N)301-863-2677.

Frederick County Valentine's Dance featuring The 69 Band. Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Club, Rt. 26 (Liberty Rd.) at Crum Road. Doors open at 7 PM, band starts at 9 PM. No Coolers, bring your own bottle. Door prizes, food, set-ups and other beverages available. Call Cheryl at 301-898-8911 for more information.

ABATE of Maryland Mid Shore Chapters presents a Cabin Fever Breakout Dance, Featuring Blues DeVille, 8 pm - Midnight. Price \$8.00 per person; \$12 per couple. American Legion Post70, Dover Streat, Easton, Maryland. For more Information call Marty, 410-745-5136.

March 21: Prince George's County St. Patrick's Day Party at Remington's, 11500 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD. Call John at 301-773-6170 for more info.

April 19: St Mary's County: BLESSING OF THE BIKES 4/19/98 AT 1:PM SEA BREEZE/SANDGATES, MD. FOR INFO CONTACT STEVE (D)301-863-2313 (N)301-863-2677

April 25: Washington County ABATE. Scenic Tour Poker Run Call 301-824-5104/665-1173.

Prince George's County "Spring is Sprung" Party at Remington's, 11500 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD. Call John at 301-773-6170 for more info.

April 26: ABATE of MD Spring Bike Show. Details to follow.

May 16: Prince George's County Chapter Poker Run. (Rain Date: May 23). Call John at 301-773-6170 for more info.

June 12-14: ABATE of MD State Party. Cumberland Fairgrounds. More info. to come.

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We have a helmet law repeal bill drafted and ready to submit. Contact your chapter director, call our toll-free 800# (843-0252), check the ABATE of Maryland Web Page or the Maryland General Assembly Web Page for the bill number and status.

With a pending change in the members of the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee, we are optimistic about getting a **fair** hearing.

Stay informed and get down to Annapolis for Monday Night Lobbying. Now is the time to write your Legislator.