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SENATE BILL 191

D6
SB 611/94 - JPR

5lr1495

By: Senators Collins and Hollinger
Introduced and read first time: January 27, 1995
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Discrimination - Public Accommodations - Personal Appearance

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SENATE BILL 322

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SB 222/94 - JPR

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By: Senators Della, Hafer, Haines, Munson, Stoltzfus, and Astle
Introduced and read first time: February 2, 1995
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Vehicle Laws - Motorcycle Helmets - Minors

3 FOR the purpose of applying to minors only a certain provision of law that prohibits
4 operating or riding on a motorcycle unless the operator or passenger is wearing
5 certain protective headgear; repealing certain evidentiary and procedural standards
6 and certain provisions relating to certain civil actions; and generally relating to the
7 use of protective headgear when operating or riding on a motorcycle.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article - Transportation

10 Section 21-1306(b)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

13 BY repealing

14 Article - Transportation

15 Section 21-1306(e)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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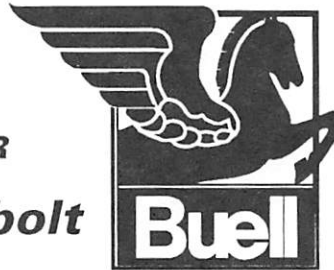
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From The Director

Hi Folks,

Remember back in October at the Helmet Law Protest Run, when 1,000 motorcycles rolled into Annapolis? Well, now we need all those people plus those that couldn't make it to roll into Annapolis again, any way they can get there. We need to show numbers of motorcyclists that are fed up with mandatory adult helmet legislation and motorcyclists that are tired of being discriminated against for what they ride, wear, and how they look. SB 322 repeals adult helmet usage and SB 191 is our discrimination

We need to crowd the halls in the senate, House, and State House buildings with motorcyclists that can tell their representatives now is the

time to change a bad law and put another good law into effect.

Folks, if you have never called, call now. If you have never written, write. Get the word to these people any way you can, but **get it done. Now is the time.**

We've spent a lot of time and energy to get this far, and we will go farther if everybody helps.

Call Legislative reference through the General Assembly at (410) 841-3810 (Baltimore), (301) 858-3810 (Washington), or (800) 492-7122 (other areas). We need to ask for SB 322 and SB 191 to be sent to us (they will mail them to you for free).

Plan to come to Annapolis for Monday Night Lobbying every Monday you can until the vote is taken. You can make a difference.

So get busy. With everyone working we can make a big difference in Annapolis.

See ya there,



Pappy

The next state staff meeting will be held on March 26, 1995, at 12 noon. Every chapter should have a representative attend!

April 1, 1995, is the cutoff date for the May/June 1995 newsletter. All information (articles, classified ads, letters to the editor, whatever) must be received by this date. Send all information to the ABATE office.

From The Editor

Well, it's starting to get warmer outside and I know that everybody is going to be doing a lot of riding. So when you're out there putting around, make sure you stop at the businesses that advertise in your newsletter. You may have noticed that the newsletter has advertising in it lately, and it will continue to do so. But the only way this will happen is if we as members support our advertisers. The people that advertise are mostly members like the rest of us and this is the way that they support ABATE, so lets help them. Also most of our advertisers offer an ABATE discount, so you might just want to ask to see if you get one. So next time you need something for your bike, don't get it mail order, get it from the people who support us.

I would like to give some recognition for the pictures in the last newsletter because at the time I didn't know where they came from. So thanks to Nancy Herndon for the pictures from Cumberland, and Cindy Bagarus for the pictures from the Montgomery County Toy Run. Thanks again for the pics. If your chapter has an event and you take some photos, get them to your Chapter Director to give to me and we'll see about getting them in the newsletter.

See ya,

Mike

Products

Hello brothers and sisters from your new T-shirt guy (State Products Coordinator). Yeah, everybody needs a title!

First, a huge thank you to all the folks that helped run the booth at the bike show in Baltimore. Without you it would not have happened.

We have three new or revamped products on line now. All can be sent to your local chapter UPS-COD. Give me a call and tell me what you need.

Our new T-shirts are pocket T's in dark green and the ever popular black. These can be personalized with your local chapter name, in sizes S-XXL. There is a minimum order of two dozen, but we can customize the order to sizes and colors.

We have two hats available. The old ABATE black plastic and foam ball cap is the great everyday cap. It is inexpensive, with no minimum order. Our new hat is the same basic ball cap style. This classy cap is black lightweight canvas with a brown suede bill. We have them embroidered with 'ABATE OF MARYLAND' and your local chapter name. This cap looks very nice and is very popular. It ain't cheap and there is a minimum order of one dozen.

Also new to us is the ABATE pewter belt buckle. A four-inch oval, this buckle is a real good looking, heavy duty piece of equipment. It makes a statement and should last a lifetime. There is no minimum order.

Our stash of pins is at an all time low and I need to reorder. In the meantime, all our pins, the belt buckle, and the generic cap are from the same company and can be sent directly to your local chapter, COD.

From The Assistant Director

Hello ABATE!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. Things are going very well for ABATE of Maryland on the promotions part of our organization. On the cover of our last newsletter was the '95 raffle bike and four major events. The events listed on the cover are events that no one chapter does alone. Several or all of the ABATE of Maryland Chapters combine to make them a success. This does not mean that the other events around the State are not MAJOR. Several come to mind; the Eastern Shore Bike Show, the Washington County Crab and Chicken Feed, along with a couple of Parties in St. Mary's, and many others.

What I wish to address are the events that take more than one chapter to pull off. The first is our third annual bike raffle, what a great start—we sold around 850 tickets at the International Bike Show. Folks from all over the state were in Baltimore and sold a record number of tickets. (They are going fast, so get them while you can.) The next event is the Spring Bike Show on April 30th, which takes a lot of people to pull it off. After that is probably our biggest ABATE of Maryland weekend, **Cumberland**. Let's bring you up to date on the Flat

Track Race in Cumberland on Sunday June 11, 1995, after our Party. As you should know, this year will be our third race. Since our last newsletter we have added six more races to our program! AHRMA (American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association) has joined our AMA Pro-AM program. This is great news; they will have bikes from pre-1950s, pre-1964 and pre-1974 racing. The next event after Cumberland will be on July 16th which will be at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds. This event is our first try at a BIKE RODEO. As of this writing plans are still being put together. Again, this will take several chapters to put it together. I'll keep you posted. And last but not least is our FREEDOM RUN (a.k.a. the protest rally). Why the name change? Well folks, we can't keep calling it a PROTEST RUN when we win our FREEDOM back now can we! With what I hear, and just a feeling on my part, we will have our freedom to choose what to wear on our head soon!!! So FREEDOM RUN it will be, and it is FREE admission to ALL current ABATE members.

Well that's all for now. See you on Monday night in Annapolis.

Tom Bruce

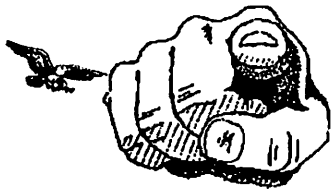
Again, thanks to all the volunteers who helped sell products and raffle tickets in Baltimore. A special thanks to the members and nonmembers, motorcyclists all, that buy our stuff. It keeps our name in front of the public and prompts that always popular question, "What's ABATE?"

Hope to see ya'll on Monday nights at the State House. Until then, call me and let me know what you need.

Later,

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Legislative Update

Federal

If you missed the ABATE Staff Meeting in January at the International Show, you missed listening to U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell updating our members on the federal Legislation. There are several federal bills that will benefit motorcyclists throughout the nation. Currently, Representative Young from Alaska has introduced a bill that would repeal the helmet penalty provision of Section 153 penalties. (See letter from MRF on page nineteen.) Senator Snowe will introduce a companion bill in the Senate. Senator Campbell will introduce a bill that would except States with rider education from the penalties. We need to write our Federal Legislators for their support of these bills. There is a momentum in Congress to "get the government off our backs" and also "unfunded mandates" are a hot subject as well. Don't forget to mention to your Federal Legislator that these penalties violate the 10th Amendment to the Constitution (States Rights). See the list below of who to write to:

Maryland Congressional Delegation

Senator Paul Sarbanes
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Senator Barbara Mikulski
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Rep. Wayne Gilcrest
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Rep. Connie Morella
106 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20510

Write your federal representatives today!

State

By the time you get this, I don't know where things will be in the Legislature, but I can tell you this: get down to the ABATE office any and every Monday night in March. We have two bills to lobby for: SB 322 and SB 191. Call legislative services. From the Baltimore area 410-841-3810, and from the Washington area 301-858-3810. From other areas: 1-800-492-7122. Get copies of all motorcycle legislation sent to your mailbox. Write the Senators and particularly the Delegates from your county. And also write the Delegates on the Commerce and Government Matters Committee and the Judiciary Committee. (See lists on page nine.) These committees will hear one or the other bills. SB 322 will repeal the helmet law for over 18 riders and SB 191 is the anti-discrimination bill. (See copy). If you are not comfortable writing a letter, call to make an appointment with your legislator on a Monday night and come to Annapolis to lobby; you won't be alone. We get hundreds of people to come to the Rally in October to ride into Annapolis with or without your helmet. Now it is time to come when it really counts—during the legislative session. The first Monday night we had 50 people. We need to double that number now. Come to Annapolis. You can call the toll-free number for ABATE for all the latest legislative news: 800-843-0252. We work hard all year to raise money for

our legislative efforts. It's time for you to come and join us—our voices will be heard.

ABATE has a lot of friends in the Senate and the House, but it may be your Senator or Delegate that we have not been able to see. These legislators like to see people from their communities and counties. Come see your legislator.

If you still can't get down to Annapolis or write, call and speak to their legislative assistants. Let them know you want them to vote for SB 191 and SB 322. Send them a telegram by calling 1-800-325-6000. We need the legislators to get our message: No more discrimination—freedom from helmets (if we choose).

See you in Annapolis,


Sally Bruce
Legislative Representative



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Anonymous

I remember a time when I'd say yes to a ride anytime, anywhere, and for as long a run as you want. I still find myself saying, "Yeah, sure, cool!" But, as the years go by I'm starting to envy the people I see in their nice toasty warm cars (secretly, of course), listening to some good tunes on their radios. Fortunately that type of weather hasn't hit yet—so "Hey, Rusty, wanna go for a ride?"

This article is all about dressing for your ride in different temperatures. Although this time of year the daytime temps aren't too bad, take into consideration how cool it is in the morning and again in the evening, after the sun sets. Besides the actual temperature outside, let's keep in mind the humidity and also the length of time you'll be on your bike. For the sake of this article, let's say 'standard dress' is jeans, t-shirt, and boots—alright? If you wear too many clothes for the conditions outside it can be just as bad as not wearing enough. Wearing too much causes a "sweat to ice" situation. That's when you're too hot and you start sweating inside your clothes—then the wind hits and—BURRRR! You get ice! This can also happen when you put all your clothes on too soon before actually leaving—so make sure, if your ol' man or ol' lady is long on words when saying good-bye, that you wait until you are actually out the door and headed for the bike before you start to layer.

60 deg.—Nice enough day. The sun is shinin' bright and it feels warm. Now

add the wind chill factor, when you're on your bike and moving, the temperature can drop 20-30 degrees. So—standard dress along with your leather and gloves should be good. For people like me though, a bandanna around your face helps keep cold and running noses warm.

50 deg.—Add a set of thermals to the above.

40 deg.—All of the above plus a wool sweater. (Wool really seems to retain heat the best, even if it gets wet). You'd probably also feel warmer if you add a pair of chaps and a leather vest under your jacket, and a bandanna should be needed by all.

30 deg.—Add extra socks and heavily lined gloves, and you might even want to try a ski mask instead of the bandanna, but uh... try and remember if you need to stop off at say, the bank—take the mask off before entering the building. Or you might get approached by a uniformed, gun carrying, I.J. who says something really stupid like, "Make my day!"

20 deg.—Why not try some of that electric stuff on the market. Nowadays there are electric gloves, vests, chaps, socks, everything you could possibly want for all those 2,000 favorite body parts. Hell, you could be the new "Electric Bikeperson" (just trying to be politically correct). Just be careful of short circuiting or a power surge (oooh, could be fun!).

UNDER 20 deg.—ARE YOU NUTS? STAY HOME! Ain't nothing gonna keep you warm—think truck or car! But for those of you who are nuts, like my ol' man or Chris from Washington County, watch out for signs of hypothermia (subnormal body temperature). It starts with shivering that you can't control and your teeth chattering. Then your fingers and toes start to hurt like hell—that's when

they're going to freeze. If they happen to stop hurting, you're in big trouble—prepare to stop cause you'll get to feeling sleepy and lightheaded, after that you fall asleep and die, sooo... at the first sign of hypothermia—PULL OVER! Find a restaraunt, a bar, build a fire, whatever. Breathe through your nose, because those little hairs warm the air you inhale before it reaches your lungs. Breathing through your mouth causes too much cold air inside you and chills you from the inside out. Try to stay as calm as possible. I know it's hard, the urge is real great to shake rattle and roll inside your boots, but your blood flows a lot better when you're relaxed and that warms you up a lot faster. And finally, no matter how good it sounds—all your hot drinks and alcohol don't warm your body—they actually lower your body's temperature making you colder. So, you'd be better off waitin' till you get wherever it is you're going for the night.

Ride Free,
Julie
Carroll County Secretary



Happy
Easter

AMA District 7 - 1995 Road Riding Schedule

April 30 - Blue Ridge Road Riders,
Location: Frederick Shopping Center,
7th at Route 15, Frederick, MD.
Information: Russell Fleming (410)
374-9687. DICE RUN, 10 am.

May 14 - Baltimore Ramblers,
Location: 5513 Deer Park Road,
Reisterstown, MD. Information:
Clubhouse (410) 833-5795. POKER
RUN, 10 am.

May 21 - Diamond M/C, Location:
Diamond Motor Sports, Route 13 and
Camden, Camden, DE. Information:
Herb Clendanil (302) 697-3222.
POKER RUN, 9 am.

June 11 - Blue Ridge Road Riders,
Location: Frederick Shopping Center,
7th at Route 15, Frederick, MD.
Information: Russell Fleming (410)
374-9687. CHARITY RIDE, 10 am.

July 22 - Baltimore Ramblers,
Location: 5513 Deer Park Road,
Reisterstown, MD. Information:
Clubhouse (410) 833-5795. POKER
RUN, 4 pm.

July 23 - Maryland Comp. Riders,
Location: Cycle Connection, 5220
Washington Blvd., Elkridge, MD.
Information: Paul Anderson (410)
788-5173. POKER RUN, 11 am.

August 20 - American Diabetes Assoc.,
Camp Glydon, Reisterstown, MD.
Location: Camp Glydon. Information:
Vince Lombardo (410) 635-9470.
POKER RUN, 9 am.

August 27 - Blue Ridge Road Riders,
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697-3222. CHARITY RIDE, 9 am.

September 10 - Western Maryland
Motorcycle Assoc., Location:
Community Park, Route 806,
Thurmont, MD. Information: Jack
Pearre (410) 775-7209. NOSTALGIA
RUN, noon.

September 17 - Baltimore Ramblers,
Location: 5513 Deer Park Road,
Reisterstown, MD. Information:
Clubhouse (410) 833-5795. POKER
RUN, 10 am.

October 1 - 4-Seasons Road Riders,
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108, Clarksville, MD. Information:
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October 8 - Maryland Comp. Riders,
Location: Cycle Connection, 5220
Washington Blvd., Elkridge, MD.
Information: Paul Anderson (410)
781-7521. POKER RUN, 11 am.

October 22 - Baltimore Ramblers,
Location: 5513 Deer Park Road,
Reisterstown, MD. Information:
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A New Chance

1995 brings us a new chance to regain our lost freedom. We are starting out with a new legislature that has many new members with open minds and a desire to effect the changes mandated by the people's voice in the last election. If we are to win, we must seize this opportunity and convince our new crop of politicians that our facts are true and our resolve to win is strong. This is an extraordinary opportunity for us to demonstrate how the lid law is one of those unnecessary laws that should be removed from the backs of the people. Government intrusion into the lives of the citizens is no longer acceptable. The politicians are under pressure to serve us as never before. If the motorcyclists of Maryland put forth a real effort this

legislative session, the helmet law can fall. Of course, we can also choose to sit on our asses and admit defeat. By now, most of us are probably getting used to wearing a lid. Maybe the do-gooders really do know what they are talking about. Surely you feel safer wearing you lid on a hot summer day as you ride through the countryside. It is certainly reassuring to know that you are doing the right thing by submitting to a law that only stands to protect you. It is your civic duty to protect your fellow taxpayers from having to pay your medical bills should you be injured. No good citizen would ever consider not doing all that he/she could to promote public safety and welfare. In fact, it is just plain un-American to ride without a helmet. After all, the

state and most everyone else surely knows more than a bunch of dumb-ass bikers about what is good for the people. So there you have it. You have lost your right to choose about wearing a helmet, but you still have a choice about fighting for the reversal of the law. Quit bitching about it and do something. How much is your freedom worth to you? **MAKE THE CHOICE, GET IN THE FIGHT.** Write letters, make phone calls, go to Annapolis. Your voice counts and you really do have a choice in this. Ride safe and free.

Mike Lewis
St. Mary's County

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Aid to Injured Motorcyclists Attorneys Win \$12 Million Settlement for Defective Helmet

January 27, 1995, Encino, California - Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorneys Jim Stuczynski and John Bonanti of the law firm Bernard Stuczynski & Bonanti of Erie, Pennsylvania, announced today that K-Mart Corporation has agreed to a structured out of court settlement worth \$12 million in the case of an 11-year-old motorcycle passenger who received a broken neck and severe head injuries while wearing a defective helmet sold by the giant retail chain.

On May 27, 1988, young Edward Waddell and his father were enjoying a Sunday ride through Geistown, Pennsylvania, to have lunch with his mom at work. Without warning, a drunk driver (.21 BAC) lost control of her car in a turn and crossed over the center line into the path of the oncoming motorcycle. Upon impact, Edward's Land Tool Company RG-9 helmet rotated forward, exposing the back of the boy's head to severe trauma.

Edward suffered a fracture of the C2-C3 vertebrae and a closed head injury which has left him quadriplegic and blind. Now 17, he looks forward to a life of respirator dependency because of a helmet that shouldn't have been on the market in the first place.

A.I.M. attorneys Jim Stuczynski and John Bonanti filed a product liability claim against K-Mart for distributing a defective helmet. Land Tool Company had been the main supplier of one-size-fits-all helmets to K-Mart, but had been sued out of business because of faulty design and manufacturing. Through depositions of Land and K-Mart employees, Bonanti showed that the department store chain was reckless in the selection of Land Tool as a manufacturer and continued to market Land Tool helmets to the public.

"The concept of product liability is to protect consumers from dangerous products," said A.I.M. founder, attorney Richard M. Lester, "and motorcyclists deserve as much consumer protection as any other segment of society, especially when their lives depend on it."

K-Mart settled the case before trial for \$4 million, structured over 36 years for a total of more than \$12 million. A lawsuit, including punitive damages, is currently pending against the drunk driver's insurance company for allegedly acting in bad faith by refusing to settle for the \$50,000 policy limits.

ACLU to File Class Action Lawsuit on Behalf of South Carolina Motorcyclists

January 30, 1995, Spartanburg, S.C. - The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), with assistance from ABATE of South Carolina and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.), is planning to file a class action lawsuit in response to the violation of Constitutional rights of motorcyclists participating in a Red Cross charity run held in Spartanburg, S.C., on September 11, 1995.

ACLU attorney Gaston Fairey met with plaintiff bikers and A.I.M. representatives on December 8th to discuss plans for the lawsuit. The suit will seek an injunction against future actions by law enforcement personnel, a declaratory judgement that such conduct is illegal, and punitive and real damages. It will be filed under Section 42 of the U.S. Code 1983 of the Civil Rights Act and will claim violations of the 1st Amendment rights of freedom of association and assembly, as well as 4th Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizures.

The suit stems from an incident at the Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds in

Spartanburg, S.C., where over 550 motorcyclists were participating in a poker run to raise money for the American Red Cross. The fairgrounds was the final stop on the run and riders were to be treated to a concert featuring the Marshall Tucker Band. Instead, they were greeted at the gate by nearly 200 law enforcement offices including FBI, BATE, SLED, SWAT, SCAT, National Guard MPs, Highway Patrol, K-9 patrol dogs, Spartanburg County Sheriffs, Spartanburg Department of Public Safety, and other unidentified personnel in full military regalia.

The riders were stopped and forced to display their driver's license and were videotaped as the officer read aloud their license information. Individuals fitting certain "profiles" were taken aside for further questioning and photographs of their clothing, tattoos, or other identifying marks. All information collected was reportedly going into a national database on biker gang activities. Many of the participants were forced to submit to searches of their saddlebags, purses, and belt pouches.

Only two riders were arrested as a result of these over zealous tactics; both for possession of firearms, but the charges have since been dropped and their guns returned. They have not joined the class action.

A.I.M. attorneys E. John Dawgs of South Carolina and Jerry Abendroth of Georgia have been assigned to assist the ACLU on a pro bono (free) basis, but the ACLU still estimates that direct legal expenses could exceed \$20,000. ABATE of South Carolina has established a Legal Defense Fund to help defray those costs. Donations may be sent to ABATE of South Carolina Legal Defense Fund, c/o Walt Goodman, Rt. 3 Box 433, Ridgeway, SC 29130.

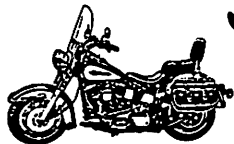
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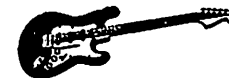
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Disabled Bikers Win Victories

Disabled motorcyclists in Pennsylvania and Florida were successful in convincing their state legislatures to approve the use of a handicapped decal for motorcycles. In Harrisburg, PA, paraplegic rider Robert Evans, with help from ABATE of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Dealers Association, also won the right to take and pass the state's motorcycle driver's exam with his modified sidecar rig. In Tallahassee, FL, the Reverend Robert "Kaiser" Hershberger lobbied for the law which now allows disabled bikers the same rights as other disabled motorists. The one-legged minister is no stranger to politics, as he lobbied for the passage of a similar law in Massachusetts before moving to

Florida. "This is not a luxury, this is a necessity," said Rev. Hershberger, adding that 5 percent of the nation's motorcyclists are disabled.

European Parliament Actions

In a move which could effectively ban 2-stroke engines and possibly affect production of air-cooled motorcycles, the Economic & Monetary Affairs Committee of the European Parliament accepted proposals from the European Commission to limit motorcycle noise and emissions. Fortunately for motorcyclists, the commission rejected a proposal to limit horsepower to 100bhp, as well as an anti-tampering measure which would prohibit modifications and home repairs. The proposal is expected to be voted on in

the next full session of Parliament later this month.

U.S. Savings Bond Ad Slams Bikers

Uncle Sam has launched an advertising campaign for U.S. Savings Bonds that features a leather-clad young woman astride a Harley-Davidson motorcycle with the statement, "Your bonds just might mature before you do." The insinuation that bikers are immature seems inappropriate when you consider that demographics show the typical motorcycle owner has a higher than average education and income level. Not meaning to sound unpatriotic, but you'd probably get a better return on your investment with the Harley anyway.

To All Officers and Members of ABATE of Maryland

Dear Friends,

This letter to you is already delayed more than I would have wanted. I will tell you first of all that there no words that can stand up to or compare to the kindness and love that you have shown me, not only recently, but over the past four years that I have worked for you.

This organization has helped me through a hard time in my life and because of your flexibility, generosity, and genuine concern, I've been able to do what was needed to work out my problems and remain independent.

I am very grateful for this job. It's the first job in my life that I can honestly say I look forward to. I've been given the opportunity to grow and learn here, and I know you appreciate me because you tell me so. I've never had that before.

It was after I got through the worst part of my recent back surgery that I first thought about writing this letter to you. All of your flowers, cards, and telephone calls meant a lot to me. Thank you.

I hope that I can be here for you for a long time to come. This started four years ago as just a job, but I've come away with a lot more... my family of friends.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Dale Anne Clough
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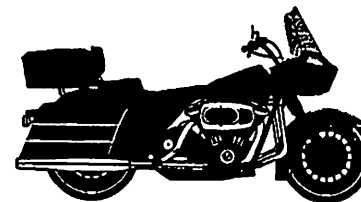
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Motorcycle Safety Foundation News Release

New Book Covers Many Facets of Motorcycle Safety

Now all motorcyclists can have instant access to an extensive resource on motorcycle safety, compiled by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF).

Motorcycling Excellence: Skills, Knowledge, And Strategies For Riding Right is a new book that comprises much of what the MSF has learned in its 21-year history of promoting the safety of motorcyclists on the nation's streets and highways. The publisher is Whitehorse Press, which specializes in books of interest to motorcyclists.

Motorcycling Excellence has something for both brand-new motorcyclists and those who have been riding for many years. there's a lot a rider can do to:

- Help ensure motorcyclist/ co-rider confidence and safety.
- Travel skillfully in a group.

- Improve the image of motorcyclists among non-riders.
- Identify and fix a bike's small annoyances before they become big problems.
- Ride more smoothly—and have more fun!

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation is a national, nonprofit organization sponsored by the U.S. distributors of Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Yamaha, and BMW motorcycles, and is recognized internationally for its rider-training curriculum, operator-licensing improvements, government relations, statistics, and public information. Realizing that it cannot reach all riders through the Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills and the Experienced Rider Course rider-training programs, the MSF put together valuable information in the book. It is divided into four sections:

Section One, entitled "On Your Mark: Preparing Yourself and Your Bike," examines what makes a person a good rider—even before putting a key in the ignition. This section touches on the challenge of motorcycling, basic riding skills, mental preparation, riding alcohol/drug free, protective riding gear, and motorcycle inspection and care.

Section Two, "Get Set: Street Strategies for Smart Riders," shows that having a mental strategy for any situation means fewer unpleasant surprises and more riding joy. Included are chapters on the "visual edge", special circumstances a motorcyclist might encounter, and group riding.

Section Three is entitled "Go: Advanced Theory for Experienced Riders." By studying the "why" behind what they do, experienced riders can improve the "how". Although technical, it is written in an easy-to-understand style and includes information on traction, countersteering, cornering, and low- and high-speed turning methods.

The final Section, "You're On Your Way," notes the importance of formal rider training. There's also a chapter introducing the street rider to off-highway motorcycling.

Motorcycling Excellence will be available in January 1995. The price is \$24.95 each plus \$2.50 shipping within the United States (\$5.00 for shipping to Canada or Mexico). Discounts are available to organizations for bulk purchases, and for resellers.

To order **Motorcycling Excellence** or to receive a free catalog of motorcycling accessories, books, and videos, contact: Whitehorse Press, 154 West Brookline Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02118. Telephone 800-531-1133 or 617-241-5241. VISA,



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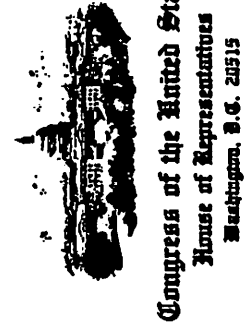
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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

February 4, 1994

Dear ABATE of Maryland Members,

Attached you will find Dear Colleague letters from Senator Olympia Snowe of Maine and Congressman Don Young of Alaska. Both of these letters state their intent to introduce legislation to repeal the provision of the Section 153 penalties on states without helmet laws. These two pieces of legislation will be introduced the week of February 6th, most likely on Thursday the 9th. Copies of their proposed legislation is attached.

The one major difference between these bills and both H.R.799 and S.295 from last year is that the legislation Senator Snowe and Rep. Young will be introducing only repeals the penalty for a state not having a motorcycle helmet law. Unlike H.R. 799 and S.295, these new bills will not repeal the penalty on states that do not have automobile seat belt laws.

These Dear Colleague letters also ask senators and representatives to join them as original cosponsors of the legislation. Helping to recruit cosponsors is one of the most important things that motorcyclists' rights activists can do to help repeal the federal helmet law. In addition to your state legislative officer calling each member's office your SMRO should notify every chapter to begin calling and writing their area's representative and both senators.

All senators and representatives should be contacted. However, contacting cosponsors of H.R. 799 and the freshmen members of your congressional delegation should be given priority. Cosponsors from the last Congress and the freshmen members, many of whom ran on the theme of "less government and more freedom," should be easier to get commitments from.

Please, contact the representatives and senators from your state on Monday and ask them to become original cosponsors of Senator Snowe and Rep. Young's legislation. They can do so by having Senate staff contacting Clark LeBlanc of Senator Snowe's staff at 202-224-5344 or House staff can contact Chris Fluhr, Rep. Young's legislative director at 202-225-5765.

If you have questions or need assistance dealing with a congressional office you can call Carol or Wayne at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Washington, D.C. office, 202-546-0983.



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January 30, 1995

**"HELP TAKE A BITE OUT OF FEDERAL MANDATES"
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Dear Colleague:

During the week of February 6, 1995, I intend to introduce a bill repealing the penalty against states that have not enacted mandatory motorcycle helmet laws. Many of you cosponsored similar legislation last year, though my bill is slightly more narrow in scope -- it will not address seat belt laws. I am looking for your support and ask that you be an original cosponsor.

The premise for this bill is simple: the federal government should not force states to enact laws reserved by the Constitution to the states. However, the federal government was given the means to pressure states to enact helmet laws through a penalty created in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (PL 102-240). Fully half of the states do not have the helmet laws and have stood up to this mandate. Thus, they are already feeling the bite of the penalty -- a 1.5¢ reduction of FY 1995 state highway construction funding, and now 3¢ hereafter.

States refusing to enact helmet laws have legitimate reasons for doing so, not the least of which is that their citizens oppose such laws.

Under this bill, any state may choose to implement helmet laws, and any may elect not to, free of federal coercion or penalties. I hope you can join me in sponsoring this measure. Please contact me or Chris Fluhr of my staff at x5-5765 if you wish to be an original cosponsor or have any questions.

Sincerely,

 DON YOUNG
 Congressman for All Alaska

County Corners

Anne Arundel
Coordinator: ?

New meeting time and place!

Meetings are the third Sunday of each month at 11:00 am at Rudy's Tavern, Route 178, Crownsville (by the fairgrounds).

This new time and place was arranged so we could have effective membership participation. In other words, we need your attendance. Please help us keep our chapter active.

Baltimore City/County
Coordinator: Mike Nelson
(410) 426-9298

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at The New Ritz, 8013 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale. It is located on the corner of Chesaco Avenue and Philadelphia Road, one block off Pulaski Highway (Route 40), on the east side of Baltimore.

Another meeting place on the west side of town for your convenience: On the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, we will meet at The Windsor Inn located at 7207 Windsor Mill Road. To get to The Windsor Inn, take 695 to Exit 18 West, Liberty Road. Follow Liberty to Rolling Road and make a left; follow to Windsor Mill Road and make another left. The Windsor Inn is approximately one mile on the right.

Attention, Attention, Attention! We need people to come to our Westside meetings at the Windsor Inn. Our attendance is very poor and our host is becoming impatient. If we are to have this second meeting place, we need your support. The meetings are every fourth Tuesday night at 7:30 pm.

I want to thank those of you who show every month, your presence is well appreciated.

Thank you,
Mike

Calvert County
Coordinator: Gene Gullickson
(301) 855-7999

Meetings are held at The Paris Station restaurant and bar, formerly known as Lazy J's Bar, located on Route 260 (about 2 miles east of MD Route 2) in Owings, MD, on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

No report from coordinator.

Carroll County
Coordinator: Sharon Ganz
(410) 239-8727

Our county meeting is at Frisco Pub, located across from Shoney's on Route 140 in Westminster. All meetings will be on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Come early and join us for dinner.

Just because winter is upon us, we have not been sitting back and hibernating. We have been busy planning our year. Our 5th annual dance is set for April 7 (see flyer). We have changed the location to Westminster to be more accessible to our friends in Baltimore, Frederick, and Howard. Hope to see many of you there. Some other activities in the works include a poke run and a car/bike wash. We and ABATE of Maryland are in need of fresh ideas. Come to a meeting and be a part of protecting your Freedom of Choice.

Cecil County
Coordinator: Guy "Burt" Anderson
(410) 287-8286

Cecil County meetings are on the second Sunday of each month at the North East VFW, Post 6027. Meetings are held at 6:00 pm.

No report from coordinator.

Frederick County
Coordinator: Tony Lowery
(301) 831-7832

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Mel's Airport Inn, Route 15, north of Frederick.

We now have a sponsor and several co-sponsors for the motorcycle helmet legislation. Frederick County legislators, in many cases, have expressed positive sentiments for this issue. However, there are some who still need additional persuasion. Take time to write or call Senator John Derr, Senator Tim Ferguson, and Delegate Snodgrass and thank them for their support. On the other hand, Delegates Brinkley, Stall, Elliott, Hecht, and Stap have not yet been persuaded to support volunteer helmet use. Please call or write them to let them know that Frederick County motorcyclists are concerned and want them to support us!

Kathy Loerich

Harford County
Coordinator: Merrill Paden
(410) 838-6219

Meetings are held upstairs at the Esquire's M/C & Van Clubhouse located on Route 40W by the Route 22 overpass on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please feel free to bring a friend. Looking forward to seeing you. Please note for our members' sake, our meetings will be smoke free due to the confinement of the trailer. Thank you.

By now, everyone should have received ABATE's official position on the helmet issue, and hopefully corresponded with their Representatives about their concerns. It is vitally important to our success that this be done.

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St. Mary's Christmas Party

Photos Courtesy of Wendy Anderson

County Corners

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Harford County has scheduled a Poker Run for April 23. It will be held as a scavenger run. See the flyer in this newsletter.

Howard County

Coordinator: Don Fellner
(410) 465-7829

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Friendly Inn on Route 144, between the intersection of Folley Quarter Road and Marriottsville Road.

Well, as I sit here writing this, I'm wondering what this legislative session will bring. We are getting ready to start our Monday night lobbying, so we can get our word out. We need each and every one of our members to get out and talk to your legislators and keep talking to them. They need to know we are VERY serious about our rights as AMERICAN CITIZENS and we want our rights back! The helmet issue is not the only issue we are fighting. We have a discrimination bill and a parking bill to allow more than one motorcycle per metered parking space. This fight is a never ending WAR, so we must get out and win as many battles as possible so we can win the war. Each and every one of US must carry our load. We have to take matters into our own hands because no one is going to do it for us.

With that over with, I want to take a minute to thank the members of Howard County for coming out to the meetings. I was beginning to get pretty discouraged with the turnout at the meetings, but little by little we are starting to get back on track. We still need more people to get out and get to work. The more we have the less each of us has to do. Don't get me wrong, it's not going to be easy, but it could be a lot less stressful

For those of you who may be new, I would like to welcome you to ABATE and thank you for joining the fight. I hope to meet as many of you as possible, either at the meetings or at events in the future. We are planning a poker run for June and we are going to need help working the stops. The run will end at the pre-Cumberland Party. If you haven't been, it's a great party, so I expect to see every Howard County member that can make it there. I have been approached by other counties to have a bi- or tri-county event, so keep your eyes and ears OPEN!

Well, I'll quit rambling for now. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Later,
Donny

Mid-Shores Chapter

Coordinators: Kenny Eaton (410) 820-9323 (Caroline)
Wayne McCarty (410) 943-8575 (Dorchester)
Bill Kuykendall (410) 758-2234 (Kent and Queen Anne's)
Marty Shultz (410) 745-5136 (Talbot)

Meetings are at the American Legion Post 70 on Dover Street in Easton on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Our second annual Winter Run to Perry Point VA Hospital was held on January 21. Although participation was low due to the weather, a good time was had by patients and chapter members. The oncoming clouds and threat of snow in Elkton caused the one brave couple that showed up on a bike to go home after an hour into the trip. However, the Vets were glad to see us and really appreciated the "care" packages that we delivered. On the Friday prior to the run we were able to compile packages for 45 patients in Building 22H from

various donations, mostly consisting of fresh fruit and homemade cookies. A very special thanks goes out to Chuck Adams. He procured 18 cases of canned tomatoes from Char-Will Canning Co., in Trappe, Maryland, to donate to dietetic services at Perry Point. Also, during our previous attempt in December 1994 to schedule this run, Jeff Bateson provided 11 cases of fresh fruit to Building 22H. Although the run was postponed from December to January, the fruit was gladly accepted by Connie Nunn, a staffer at Building 22H.

From February 8 through March 8 we will be holding a "Corbi's Pizza" fundraiser to benefit one of our chapter members that had an accident in early summer of 1994. Orders will be taken during this time for delivery on March 17, 1995. Please remember, the bills keep coming and insurance doesn't always cover everything. Call Jody at (410) 820-9323 for details.

We have a lot of events in the works. See the listing on the back page of this newsletter. Please call a Mid-Shore Coordinator for details or to lend a hand.

Montgomery County

Coordinator: Bernie Keller
(301) 253-3007

Montgomery County meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Red-Hot & Blue, Crabbs Branch Way and Shady Grove Road in Gaithersburg, and on the third Tuesday at The Layhill Cafe, Bel Pre and Layhill Road in Silver Spring. Meeting times are at 8:00 pm.

Hey, have we had a great winter so far or what? Great weather and the International Bike Show in Baltimore got my juices flowing for spring in Daytona.

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County Corners

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We had a happy event with our Holiday party at the Backstreets Cafe in Rockville on January 21st! Over 80 people showed, enjoyed great food and the music of the Bluescasters. Donations of \$350 were taken for ABATE of Maryland.

On a sad note, we lost Brother Robo Souza; 32 years young, in a cage accident. Ride free brother. Our best wishes to his family and friends. He will be remembered by all who knew him. Robo never met a stranger.

Our activities coordinator, Rod, is working on March and we will be doing a poker run with Howard County on the day of our Pre-Cumberland party, June 3rd.

We meet every Monday at the Layhill Cafe in Wheaton to travel to Annapolis. Now is the time to put up or shut up. Help amend the helmet law; end parking restrictions and discrimination in Maryland.

Call (301)253-3007 for more info. Bring a friend.

Thanks,
Bernie Keller

Prince George's County

Coordinator: Bill Isennoele
(301)595-0734

Well, P.G. County is now up and running on our own. We've had a couple of great parties, written several letters and made even more phone calls to our "friends" in Annapolis. We've even gone down to Annapolis to "visit" with our elected officials and talk over issues that concern us.

We need everyone to get involved. Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 8:00 pm at Remingtons of Beltsville (11500

Baltimore Blvd.). We leave Rem's at 5:00 and 6:30 every Monday to lobby in Annapolis. Nine or ten folks from P.G. County showing up is OK, but we'd look a lot better with 15 or 20. Let's try to fill galleries with black jackets. No, you don't have to say anything if you don't want to, just being there is enough. Let the people who pass laws know we exist.

Finally I want to thank the shops who donated door prizes to our parties. We should all support the shops that have supported us. They are: Zippers, Free State, Gene's, Precision, TC&C Cycle shops, the Motorcycle Shop, HD of MD, and Ed's Polishing. Thanks.

Any questions, comments, or concerns, give me a call.

Bill

Southern Maryland

Call the ABATE office for information.

St. Mary's County

Coordinator: Wendy Anderson
(301) 373-8266

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 pm at the VFW Post #2632 in California, Maryland. The St. Mary's Chapter wishes to extend a special invitation to any ABATE member in Charles or Southern P.G. County to join us for our monthly meeting.

St. Mary's County Chapter continues to be very busy. Our upcoming events have us constantly going. We are working on the Pre-Daytona Party and Oyster Fest to be held on Saturday, February 25 at the Hole in the Wall Tavern.

We have started 1995 with a letter writing session in our January meeting

and will continue in our February and March meetings. We are writing our Representatives at the Federal, State, and local levels, fighting for an Amendment to the "lid" law. I haven't seen so many pens "smokin'" at a meeting in a long time. Every time we have a writing session, St. Mary's, responds with such enthusiasm. Needless to say, OUR Representatives will know St. Mary's County. We encourage all our riders to write their Representatives and ask for their support.

We had a great time at our Christmas Party with all the awards, the announcements, the gag gifts, and of course, our very own Santa Claus. The music and food were excellent and a good time was had by all. There was a special award which is well worth mentioning. There is someone whom we thought we should show our gratitude and gratefulness for being there for all ABATE functions as a supporter, always willing to lend a hand. One of the vertebras of the back-bone to such a fine organization, for the year 1994, the Member of the Year went to Diana Casoni. Thank you Lady Di, you earned that award. Thanks to all the other ABATE members, sure wish we could give everyone an award.

We have many things upcoming in the future. The Blessing of the Bikes is going to happen on April 23 (rain date April 30) at the Seabreeze Restaurant and Bar on Sandgates Road, a rodeo, horseshoe tournament, overnight Poker Run, trash pick-ups, softball tournament and more coming up this riding season. We encourage you to come to our meetings. Hope to see you there.

Oleta Caldwell
Secretary, St. Mary's County

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County Corners

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Lower Eastern Shore

Coordinators: Linda Wainer
(410) 749-2674
(Wicomico)

K.T. (410) 651-9233 (Worcester County)

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 am at English's Restaurant, Route 13 South, Salisbury.

No report from coordinators.

Washington County

Coordinator: Chris Semler
(301) 371-8933

Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Dogpatch Tavern, Route 40, east of Hagerstown, across from Greenbrier State Park.

No report from coordinator.



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JULY	9 th	16 th *	29 th	30 th
AUGUST	6 th	20 th *	27 th	
SEPTEMBER	10 th	24 th		
OCTOBER	14 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th *
NOVEMBER	5 th	12 th	19 th	

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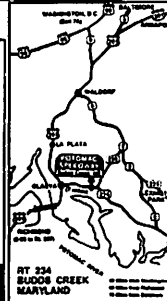
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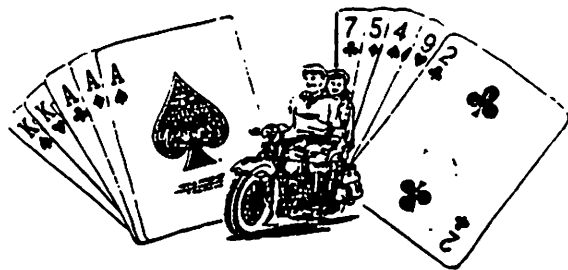
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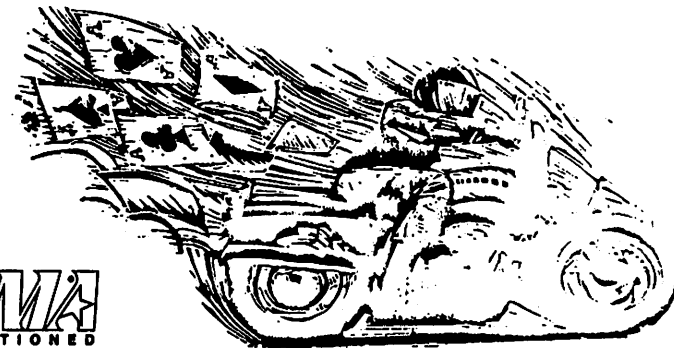
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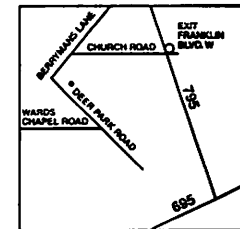
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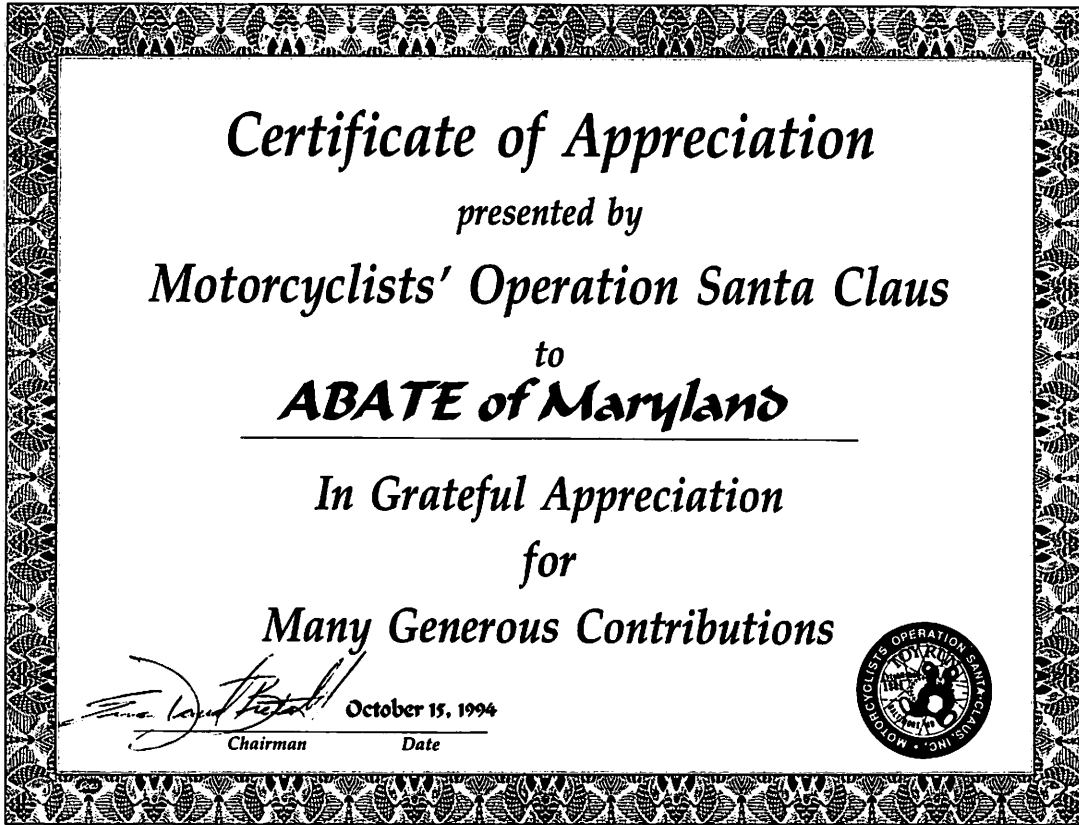
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- February 25** St. Mary's Pre-Daytona Oyster Fest & Party, Call 373-3838 or 373-8266
- March 4** Too Po' to Go/Daytona Party, Baltimore Chapter (see page 15)
- April 7** Carroll County Spring Dance (see page 18)
- April 23** St. Mary's County Blessing of the Bikes (see page 5)
Harford County Poker Run (see page 25)
- April 30** Spring Bike Show and Swap Meet (see page 13)
- May 11-13** NCOM Convention, Minneapolis, MN (see page 18)
- May 14** Baltimore Ramblers Poker Run (see page 25)
- June 3** Howard County Chapter Poker Run (see page 15)
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