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# ABATE of OHIO

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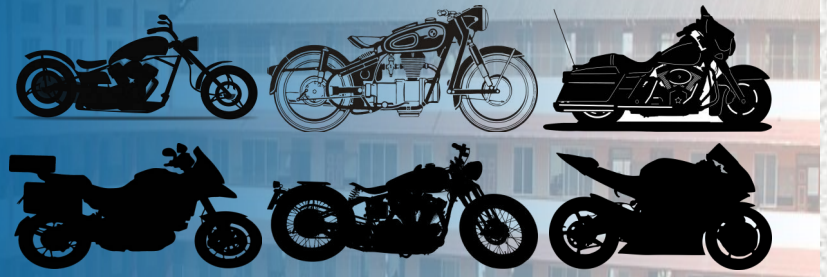
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# CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mike Stock



Hi! To all my Friends,

I want to thank all the board members for coming to the June board meeting. The meeting was at the Marion Area Harley Riders Association, MAHRA, clubhouse and they were having their annual Rodeo. The scavenger hunt went out, so we had the clubhouse to have our meeting. It worked great. After the meeting we watched the Rodeo and enjoyed the day. Thank you again for the hospitality.

I spent 10 days at Ohio Bike Week. What a great time and better yet, GREAT weather. As we all know when bikers have good weather, they all come out. The number I heard was in the 250 to 300,000 bikers in town. ABATE set up our products trailer and the raffle bike at The Original Margaritaville, and we had a front row seat. Margaritaville has new owners and the food was good and drinks were cold. Thanks to all the ABATE members who came and helped.

Let's talk weather. For 10 days before bike week the forecast was no rain and people came from all over. If we could just get good weather forecasts, then we all would have great runs! See you all on the next sunny day.

June 30th is the first day of Freedom Rally 2023. Let's get out and support this Region 8 event. Great entertainment, great area to ride, great bike games, camping and vendors. The products trailer will be there and so will the raffle bike. Tim and his crew have worked hard over the years to make this a great event. The Rally is on the edge of town and the motels are not far. (See Flier)

I did not say anything about our riding statistics last month, but we are a safety and awareness organization so we should keep up with how we are doing. So let's start with crashes. In 2022 by this date we had 1374 and in 2023 we are at 1166. Fatalities for 2022 we had 62 and for 2023 we have 60. YES, we are down! I hope that everyone keeps riding the best they can and please don't ride distracted. I will keep you up to date on how we are doing for the rest of the riding season.

I hope everyone is enjoying the OutSokin'. If you have an interesting story, send it to me and your friends may see you in print. Till next time.

Ride Within Your Limits

Ride Safe and Free

*Mike*

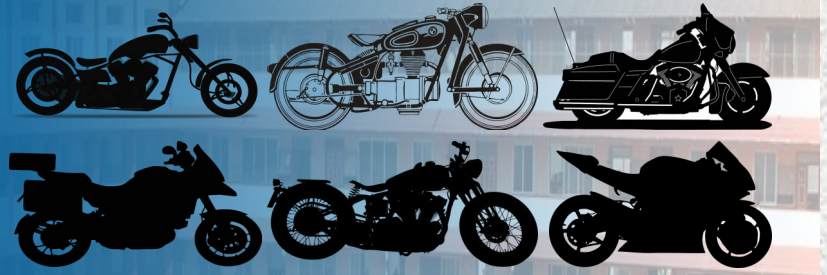
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**Happy 4th of July!**



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



## **Bikers Inside the Beltway 2023**

**We Came**

**We Saw**

**We Made The Voice of Ohio's Bikers Heard**

Rolled into the Embassy Suites in Old Town Alexandria, VA the evening before our national lobby day. Kolman Fuzy and I were joined this year by Elizabeth Roller at the prep meeting for Bikers Inside The Beltway. I was surprised by the turnout. This was the biggest attendance in all the years I've done this event. There were 34 states represented, again the most I've seen. Jay, Hardtail, Rocky and others with the MRF distributed the materials we were going to review with various offices we were about to visit and discussed our plans for the day.

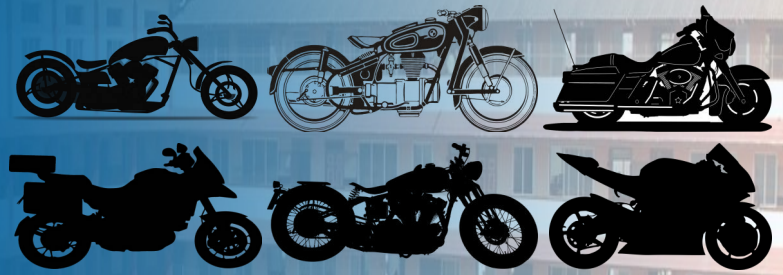
The next morning Kolman and I rallied up to hit Capital Hill after a proper breakfast. I hear talking to legislators on an empty stomach is very dangerous. Then a quick walk across the street, a minimal amount of swearing at the pass machine for the train in and we were on our way to DC.

We met up with Elizabeth at the Hart office building, cleared security and were on our way to the first meeting with Sen. Sherrod Brown's office. The meeting went well, as did all our visits on this day. After the meeting I started the hike to the House side while Kolman and Elizabeth headed to Sen. JD Vance's office to drop information off. They had the fortune of running into Sen. Vance in the hallway. On the House side we started in Raburn Office Building and met with the offices of Rep. Michael Turner, Rep. David Joyce, Rep. Brad Wenstrup and Rep. Bill Johnson all before lunch. After a recharge of pizza and a seltzer we had afternoon visits with the offices of Rep. Jim Jordan, Rep. Marcy Kaptur, Rep. Mike Carey, Rep. Max Miller, Rep. Warren Davidson and Rep. Robert Latta. We also had a great visit with Ohio's Favorite Rep. Troy Balderson. I had to be careful because you get a politician and a guy in the car business talking, we might get off schedule. We also stopped by the offices of Rep. Greg Landsman, Rep. Joyce Beaty, Rep. Shontel Brown and Rep. Emilia Sykes without an appointment to present information to anyone that would listen. By the end of the day all 17 Ohio legislative offices had been visited. (and my feet were tired).



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Once you go inside any of the House Office Buildings; Rayburn, Longworth or Cannon you don't have to go back outside. They are all connected by tunnels to save having to go through security every time you change buildings.

With all 34 states represented all 435 House offices and 100 Senate offices were visited in one day going over the issues and what we are asking to be done. We have had some big victories over the years and we want to keep that momentum going.

The policy issues we discussed were:

HR 1435 – Preserving Choice In Vehicle Purchases Act. Prevent the ban on internal combustion engines. Ohio has 7 co-sponsors on this bill, a number only behind Texas. Way to go Ohio.

HR 906 Repair Act. Protect our ability repair or modify the vehicles we buy or use an independent shop.

Seat the Motorcycle Advisory Council. Gives motorcyclist a seat at the table with the Dept. Of Transportation/

Remain Vigilant on the Profiling of Bikers.

Automated Driving Systems. Make sure we have a safe spot on the road as transportation advances into the future.

Reexamining The Definition of a Motorcycle. This has not been amended since 1967. Have things changed in %% years?

Fuel Transparency and Consumer Protection. Proper labeling of ethanol content and education on what levels are safe for what application.

Joining the Motorcycle Caucuses.

By the time we got back to the hotel it was time to turn in our visit follow up slips, get some food, rest and maybe have an adult beverage.

My thanks go out to Kolman and Elizabeth for joining me on the adventure. The pace is hectic. We have an appointment every 30 minutes all day long and have to present a lot of information in 15 to 20 minutes, that's all you get. And a whole bunch of walking. Ohio had a great day and I look forward to next year and welcome anyone wanting to join.

Looking at how long I've rambled on about BITB I'll keep anything further for next month.

*Ed*

Ed Schetter  
ABATE of OHIO Inc.  
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1)... To initiate, endorse and sponsor educational programs such as rider safety, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action and, individual freedoms and rights.

2)... To create and promote a positive public image of motorcyclists and motorcycle groups and to dispel and disprove media hype, unfounded propaganda and the "Hollywood" image.

3)... To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel and the general public.

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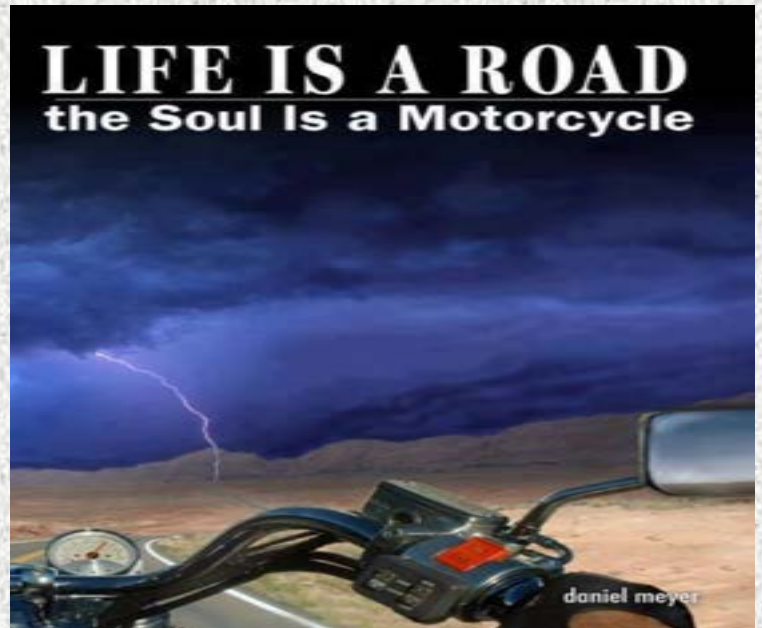
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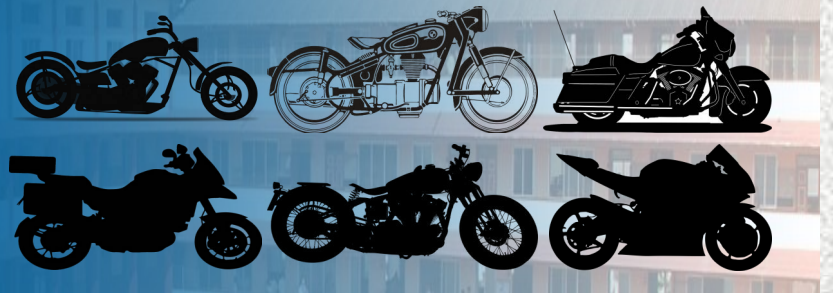
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# LEGISLATIVE NEWS



## June State Meeting

I have been working on making sure that I have all the information I can possibly have to get this anti-profiling legislation started. So, I have found the bills of 4 of the 5 states that have successfully passed anti-profiling bills into law. After consideration I have decided to pattern our Bill after the one from Louisiana.

As I have stated before, the problem with anti-profiling legislation is that the law enforcement departments need to recognize that there is a problem before they will want to do anything about it. Most vehicle stop reports will not say that an officer stopped a motorcyclist because they were riding a bike or wearing motorcycle related clothing. The reason that I like the bill from Louisiana, is it mandates periodic training regarding this issue for all law enforcement officers.

I have put this issue into the minds of local politicians in Region Zero, just because they are the ones I have the most consistent interaction with. I have been in contact with both State Representatives and Senators. I have been in contact with the COC in Southern Ohio and they are ready to support such a bill.

I was ready to start this process, but I read where the National COC has experience on working with states to provide assistance to promote passage of this legislation. And they are willing to lend a hand with their expertise. Since I was planning on going to the NCOM meeting this coming weekend I decided to hold off making appointments with the legislators to sponsor a bill until I could talk with the COC.

I planned on riding out to Phoenix on a solo ride and enjoy the West, which I love riding in, but on my birthday, 3 weeks ago, during a night of a great party, I slipped and fell breaking my shoulder. So instead of a beautiful ride I will be taking a plane out, but my objective is still the same. When I get back, I will be integrating all the information I learn with what I already have, and I will be making appointments with the legislators to state working on the bill.

I will keep everyone informed with the progress once the meetings start. Then, when a bill gets worked out it will be up to all of us to start working the phone lines to make appointments with legislators to promote our bill and explain why it is important.



I have already been working on talking points to emphasize why this is important, and I will distribute everything I have at the beginning, but I know that everyone at this table has the skills to speak on why we feel it is important. I will also concentrate on spreading information in all the inactive regions to ensure our message is known as thoroughly as possible.

I hope that everyone likes the monthly Region Zero meeting notes I send out. Use any of it you want to if it helps you. If you don't get one during a certain month it is because I either focused on region specific issues or I was unable to attend that month's meeting.

If there is anything I can do for your region let me know and I will do my best.

Finally, if you can let me know when your region or the county's in your region plan on having a meeting, I will try and make a road trip to get out and attend as many of your meeting as I can.

Keep up the good work!

*Lion Man*





2022 **FREEDOM RALLY** 2022

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Region 8























## Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

### EVENT INSURANCE

**Q.** Asst. Region Director here. We have a few questions regarding ABATE event insurance we are hoping you might be able to assist with. We of course get a COI from the state office for our sanctioned events for the specific day and event location, but what should we be requiring, if anything, from vendors that might set up at our event? Should we be requesting COI's (to CYA) from all vendors? Maybe for only food/alcohol/equipment vendors?

We are looking for the best route that covers ABATE, the officers, the event itself, and of course the participants. However, on the flip side of that we realize that not all vendors might be an established business (such as artsy/craftsy vendors) and might not be able to obtain a COI for the event if requested. If you could please provide any information and input on this, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you.

**A.** As much as we can reasonably get. Certificates of Insurance should be obtained from all food and alcohol vendors - always and no exceptions. Also included in that compulsory list are those who provide unique services and items for entertainment. As you suspect many of the artsy/craftsy vendors may not have insurance, so we are relying on the waiver/release that is required for admission for all attendees to cover us. But we should require an indemnification agreement from the artsy vendors just in case our waiver for attendees is held unenforceable. This means that if that artsy vendor screws up and injures one of our attendees, we have a claim over and against that vendor. Our required Waiver/Release, if enforceable, should get the artsy vendor off the hook along with us as they are generally identified in our waiver. If our waiver is not enforceable for some reason, we can hold that vendor responsible, so we are not paying for his sins.

### BEHIND ON MY MORTGAGE PAYMENT

**Q:** I am hurting financially. My wife and I have been paying on our home for over 25 years. I do not have the full amount for this month's mortgage payment. What will happen if I stop paying? What are my options? -South Suburban Chapter Member and Region 1 Member

**A:** Call your mortgage company ASAP. When and if you get a live person, get a name, number, and mailing address for that person to confirm all of your questions and their advice to you. Here are your options:

1. Determine the amount you can afford to pay now and see if the mortgage company will defer the rest until you have better times. Most banks understand that we are going through hard times and that we are all in this together. Remember the banks are not doing a lot better than we are, but they are getting a bailout- you are not. Most mortgage companies have some sort of mortgage assistance, you may also be able to review those options on your Mortgage Company's website.

2. Do nothing. Of course, the mortgage company will foreclose and put you out of your home. Depending on the equity in your home there could be a deficiency judgment. Of course, there will also be attorney's fees, interest and costs awarded against you, as provided in the mortgage. This process could take from 2 to 6 months, but ultimately, they will put you out on the street.

3. File bankruptcy if your overall financial situation warrants such a drastic action. This allows you and your family to start over. A fresh start is the right of all Americans and is guaranteed in the Constitution.

Good luck. There but for the grace of God go all of us. If you have any more questions, call me.



Rod Taylor contd

## **BIKER PROVERBS**

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

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A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.

People are like Motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently.

Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.

Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.

Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.

There are drunk riders. There are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.

Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could.

## **THE POWER OF HAVING AN ABATE LAWYER IN YOUR HOUSE**

One of the blessings of membership in ABATE is the power to call up your lawyer and pick his brain on a variety of legal issues. And it helps when you tell a stubborn insurance adjuster that if they don't treat you right on the property damage to the family Harley - you are going to call Rod Taylor - your ABATE lawyer. Sometimes, that is all it takes.

Not only does ABATE Legal receive calls regarding motorcycle crashes we get calls for legal help on a variety of issues, for example, time-share issues in Mexico, motorcycle titles, credit score gigs, employment problems, age discrimination, sexual harassment, union contracts, health policy claims and insurance claim denials to name a few. You name it and we have tried to help our members get started in the right direction. While we are motorcycle lawyers specializing in crash cases (WE HANDLE ALL KINDS OF PERSONAL INJURY CASES FOR OUR MEMBERS), and we try to get you to lawyers that practice in other areas that we don't. For example, we are not patent/trademark lawyers, but we know when it pays to hire one and when it doesn't. We like to think we have saved a lot of money for our members.

**Ride Safe.**

**Rod Taylor**

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If you would like more tickets to buy or sell contact Mike Stock at [mikestock419@gmail.com](mailto:mikestock419@gmail.com) or



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## MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

We can't stress it enough!

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If you know someone who hasn't renewed their membership, reach out to them and ask them to rejoin.

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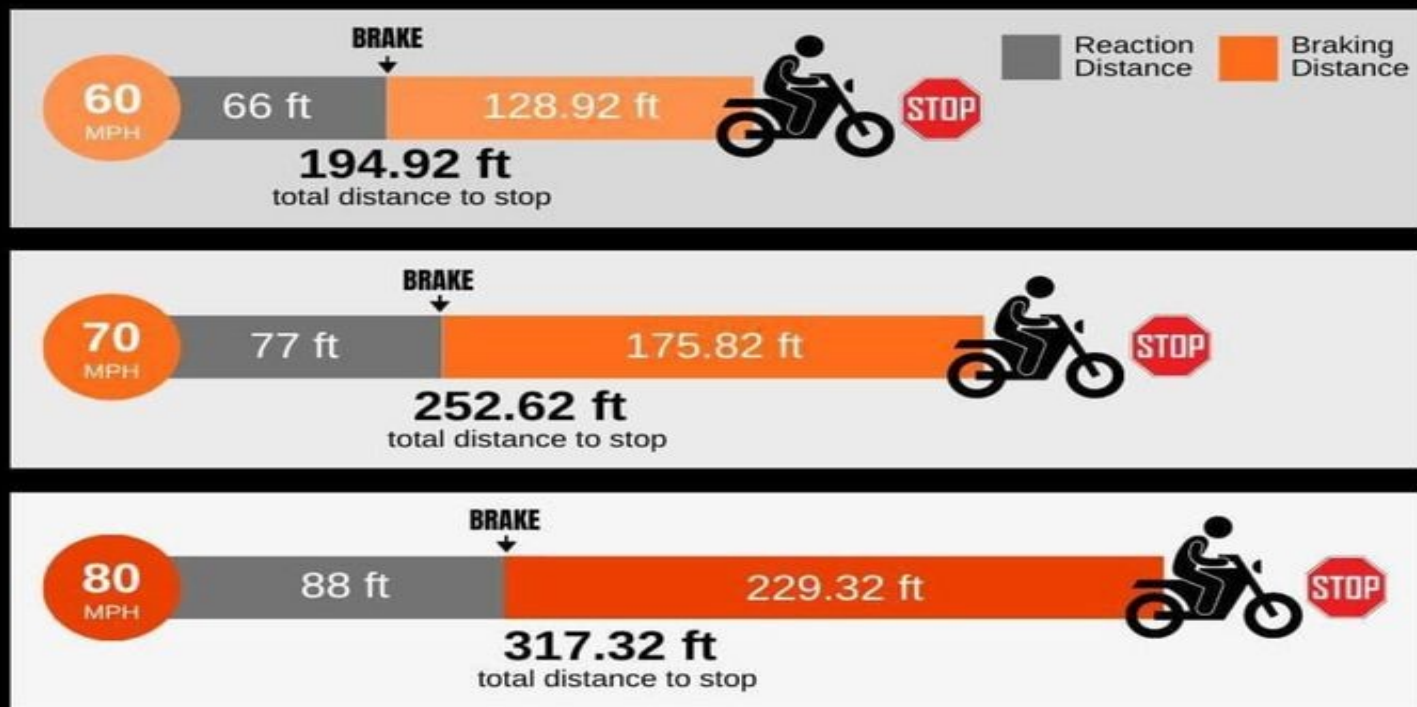
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# What ever happened to Orange County Choppers?

Orange County Choppers confirmed the crew is moving to Florida.

On Dec. 15, Orange County Choppers posted on Facebook a mysterious video that showed a map of the United States with Florida highlighted.

"OCC - The next chapter... The future never looked so bright! #OCC #PaulSr #NewYork #Florida #2021 #HereWeGo #HereWeCome #NewAdventure #Motorcycles #AreYouReady #StayTuned," the caption stated.



Days later Orange County Choppers shared another video. This one showed construction being done in Florida.

"And so it begins, the next chapter in the OCC story. Ground has been broken at the all-new OCC Roadhouse, Museum and Entertainment Complex in St. Petersburg, Florida," the caption stated.

The OCC Roadhouse & Museum is expected to open in the spring of 2021 in St. Petersburg. The complex which will feature a restaurant, shop, retail store and concert venue.

Paul Teutul Sr. later said why he's heading to Florida.

"There's more of a sense of freedom down there," Teutul Sr. told WKRG during a Zoom call. "I think I have more of a fan base down there in Florida and the riding season is nine months maybe even ten. In New York, you have a short season, maybe only three months or so. The whole thing makes sense."

He added politics and taxes played a major role in his decision.

"Sometimes it's just time for change, you know? Where I'm at in my life, it's time for change and you feel the freedom in Florida, you don't feel it so much in New York anymore," Teutul Sr. told WFLA.

Teutul Sr., his family and his OCC crew became famous on Discovery Channel's hit reality show *American Chopper*. Teutul Sr. confirmed there will be new episodes of the show from the Sunshine State, but his son, Paul Teutul Jr. won't be moving to Florida.

"Paul SR and the Orange County Choppers cast and crew are excited about moving their world-class headquarters to the St. Pete/Clearwater area in spring 2021.

See the new location on YOUTUBE... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kK-e8umjy60>





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- BE AWARE OF AUTOMATIC TOLL GATES; GO THROUGH ONE AT A TIME;
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# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



## **“It’s very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas”**

Over the weekend a Washington Post story on Tesla’s Autopilot system made national news. The story included this quote from former National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) senior safety adviser, Missy Cummings, “It’s very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas.”

According to the Post’s research, since 2021, there have been 17 fatal crashes involving Teslas operating in Autopilot mode. Motorcycles were involved in four of the 17.

You may remember that NHTSA recently opened investigations into fatal crashes involving Tesla vehicles and motorcycles. One occurred in Utah, when a motorcyclist on Interstate 15 outside Salt Lake City, was struck from behind by a Tesla in Autopilot. “The driver of the Tesla did not see the motorcyclist and collided with the back of the motorcycle, which threw the rider from the bike,” the Utah Department of Public Safety said.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in May that Autopilot is not an appropriate name “When the fine print says you need to have your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road at all times.”

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has been raising this issue with federal officials for years. Just last month, MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard and Vice President Jay Jackson, met with safety officials at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on this very topic. The two MRF leaders stressed the concerns of bikers about the deployment of this new technology. Additionally, in the coming weeks, MRF senior officials will meet with leaders at NHTSA to seek answers on this troubling report.

These meetings with Biden Administration officials come on the heels of the MRF’s Bikers Inside the Beltway (BITB) annual event. During BITB, riders from across the country met with Members of Congress seeking action on self-driving cars as they relate to motorcyclists.

The MRF has been, and will remain, vigilant on this subject that affects ALL motorcyclists. Increased media scrutiny, along with the thousands of voices demanding action, is turning the heat up. Let’s keep the pressure up and protect bikers on our nation’s roadways.





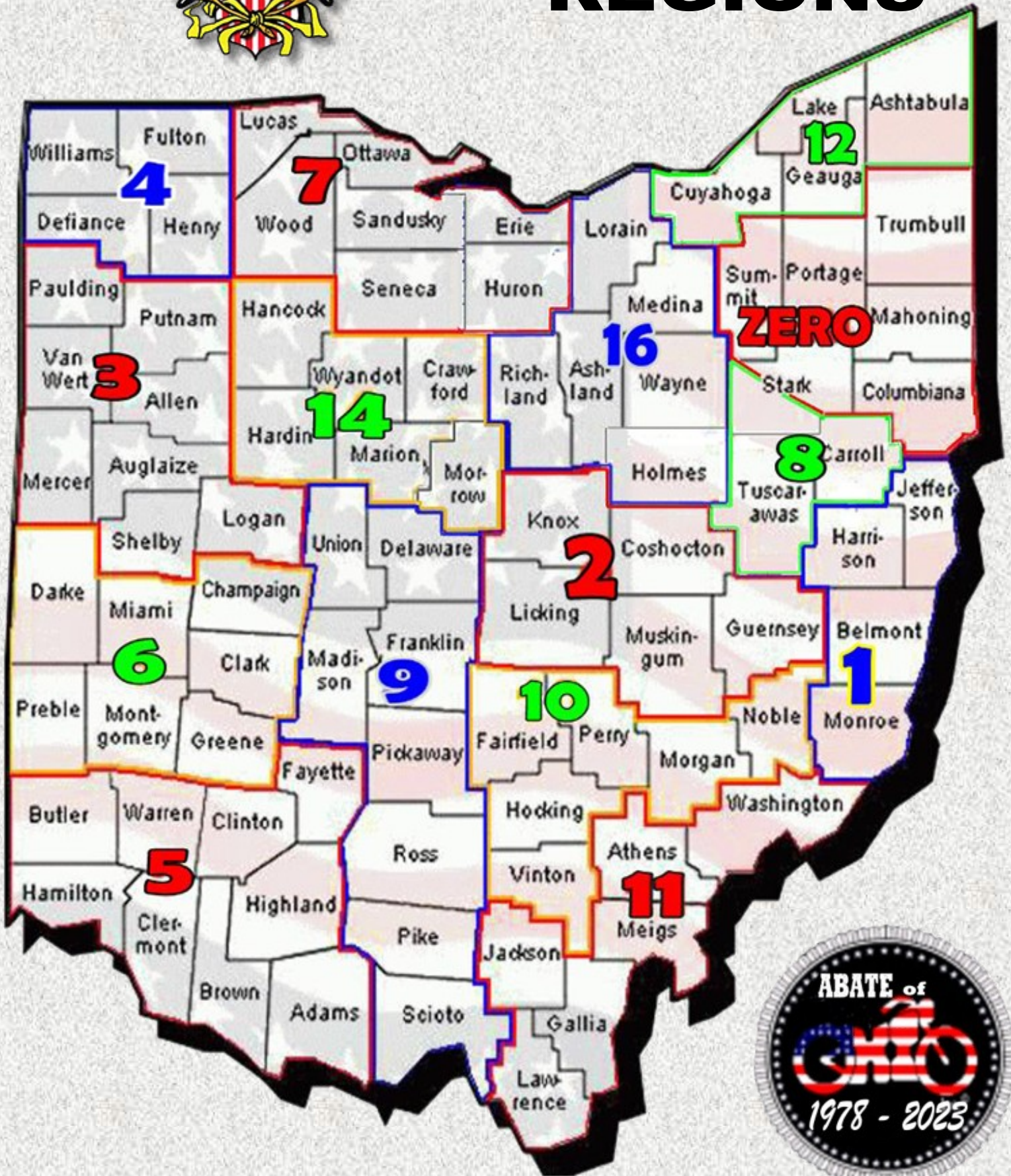
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Region Zero had our 16th annual "Not just another Damn Run" June 10th which was a wonderful time. T.A. our Road Captain planned a great route along with the card game that accompanied it. We had angus burgers and hot dogs cooked on a charcoal grill thanks to Norm Sam aka the "Angry Chef".

Our Officers have been working diligently in their positions making sure that Region Zero operates as flawlessly and effortlessly as possible whether it is one of our events, our region newsletter, merchandise, or our monthly meetings. Nothing worth fighting for is easy or effortless, but our Members and Officers spread the load making the fight less difficult.

Autonomous vehicles that are not looking for Motorcycles, bicycles, walkers, or general bystanders is definitely concerning. The commercials may show vehicle operators taking their hands off the wheel to clap, but in reality they're not clapping. They are more likely playing on a phone or something else distracting. Road debris, profiling, handlebar height limits, declining fuel quality, haters of the internal combustion engine, and alternative fuels are only a few topics that we in Region Zero and throughout ABATE are addressing.

Our next event is July 22nd which is our 9th annual "Veterans' Outreach Run". Hope to see you there, at one of our meetings, or down the road. As always take care, be safe and kind to one



If you ride like there's no  
tomorrow there won't be!



# Friends vs. Biker Friends

Friends: Never ask for food,

Biker Friends: Are the reason you have no food.

Friends: Will say "Hello",

Biker Friends: Will give you a big hug and a kiss.

Friends: Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.,

Biker Friends: Call your partents Mom and Dad.

Friends: Have never seen you cry,

Biker Friends: Cry with you.

Friends: Eat at your dinner table and leave,

Biker Friends: Will spend hours talking, laughing and  
just being together.

Friends: Know a few things about you,

Biker Friends: Could write a book with direct quotes.

Friends: Knock on your door,

Biker Friends: Walk right in and say "I'm Home!"

Friends: Are for a while,

Biker Friends: Are for life.

Friends: Will ignore this,

Biker Friends: Will forward this.

Author Unknown



Hello ABATE Region 7.

We're all familiar with "LOOK TWICE, Save A Life!" We've had pretty good success with getting the word out and making it a habit for bigger vehicles to look out for us on motorcycles. Wouldn't it be nice if all forms of traffic... cars, trucks, etc. looked out for each other?

The arguments still come up about mandatory helmets verses mandatory seatbelts. Many factors are missed by people that assume belts and helmets will always save a life in an accident. It's an idea of having a safe crash. Obviously the better choice is to avoid the crash altogether!

Recently there have been a few motorcycle involved accidents in our region's area resulting in 4 deaths. I don't have the crash reports. In one a car went left of center into the bike's path. In another, two bikes got into each other. I don't have a description of the third but the guy lived with a broken leg. Improving our safe riding practices could save our lives. We need to know how to avoid a crash situation by looking for an escape route rather than being fixated on the hazard. We need to pay attention to our riding company, give them plenty of room, assume nothing and expect anything. We need to watch traffic to keep from us from being a sitting duck, no matter who would be at fault. We need to keep our skill sharp and ourselves protected. There's an endless amount of ways we could improve our chances of survival on the highways.

To sum it up, WE BIKERS too (and passengers) need to "LOOK TWICE, Save A Life" because as I've heard somewhere before, The life we save could be our own.

Enjoy this beautiful weather with a good ride!

...**Brian Jordan** - Region 7 Director





Our Regional Legislative officer brought to our attention yet another reason for those of us who ride, to always be aware of others who share the road with us.

A Columbus, Ohio trucking company says they will be making history as the first American carrier to deploy truck platooning technology to generate revenue. On May 17, EASE Logistics announced that they “will soon be the first in the U.S. to deploy connected and automated trucking technology on revenue-generating routes.”

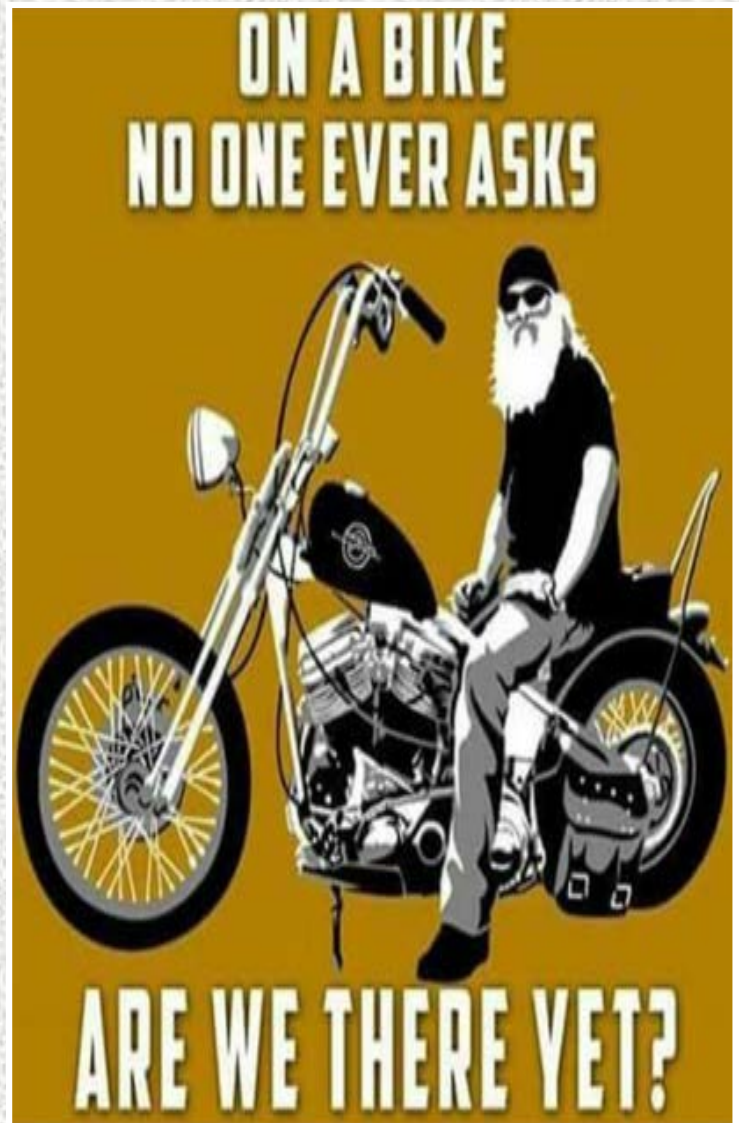
EASE is working with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Drive Ohio’s Rural Automated Driving Systems (ADS) to use truck platooning technology (meaning that a “lead” truck controls a “follower” truck) on rural Ohio roadways - 32 counties in Ohio’s Eastern and Southern rural regions. EASE says that truck drivers participating in the truck platooning project have undergone a combined 400 hours of training.

Other key points from the article

- Both trucks will have a trained human driver in the cab.
- The follower truck driver will have the ability to override and take manual control of the truck at any moment.
- Platooning will automatically cease if a vehicle drives between the trucks.
- Platooning will only take place in ideal conditions, factoring in weather, traffic and other road conditions.

My thoughts – you just never know anymore who is really driving the vehicle next to you! (If anyone)

Ride Safe,  
**Kathy Gantner**  
Region 9 - Director







**A message from NCOM**

**"National Collation of Motorcycle Clubs"**

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Having previously worked with a larger Cleveland firm for over 30 of these years, Jeff has extensive experience in managing a large volume of injury files in a wide range of different areas. His area of specialization includes representing victims of motorcycle accidents the past 38 years. He has achieved multi-million-dollar settlements and jury verdicts in these cases.

Jeff resides on Cleveland's East side where he serves his community as a local School Board Member. He is married with 3 children, all of whom share Jeff's passion for Cleveland's sports teams.

Jeff has one promise to all his clients. Phone calls and other inquiries will be returned promptly. From the day your claim is opened until the day it is resolved he will be there for you and your family to process your case efficiently in order to maximize your result. For more information go to my website at [leikinlegal.com](http://leikinlegal.com).

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