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# ABATE of OHIO

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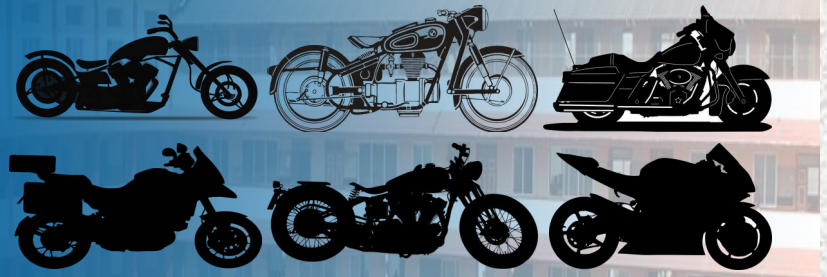
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★★★★★ DAY ★★★★★



# CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mike Stock



Hi Friends,

Here we go again. Fall is in the air, school is back in session and the riding season is getting short. We seem to take every opportunity to ride now, knowing it's almost over. Take a minute to appreciate how beautiful Ohio is in the Fall and please be safe and watch for other motorists.

The Board of Directors meets four times per year and our next meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are packed with information. The meetings are open which means anyone can attend and listen to the topics being talked about. If you want to attend the meeting and speak about something you need to contact Ed Schetter or I in advance to put you on the agenda. We welcome good ideas, good thoughts and helpful hints.

Winter (right around the corner) is when we do a lot of planning for next year's events. The first thing we do in the new year is our Safety and Education Seminar the first part of February. We'll let you know as soon as the date is in stone. In 2023 we started a year long All Ohio 50/50 and we'll be drawing the winning ticket at the Seminar. Tickets will be available right up to an hour before the drawing. If you want tickets, ask your Region Director or call me and I'll make sure your tickets get in the hopper. At the Seminar we have speakers all day who talk about issues that affect motorcycling and what we can do to preserve our rights. As the time gets closer, we'll communicate who's going to be there and what they'll talk about.

You may have heard we are working on a new website that will be mobile friendly. This is a big project that is taking some time but it's shaping up nicely. The reason we have taken on this project is because the old website was done in a computer language that is not as user-friendly as it needs to be in this day & age. The old website no longer has a store, which is why you cannot buy bike raffle tickets and/or 50/50 tickets online. If you want to buy tickets, feel free to call me and I'll take your card info over the phone and fill out the tickets for you. We don't have a date yet for the new website to be live but it will be in the next few months. We will have a full store on it with tickets and products for sale.

I will wrap this up with the current statistics from the Ohio Crash Statistics website. Our numbers are down so let's keep up our awareness campaign and get through the Fall without adding to them.

	<u>Crashes</u>	<u>Fatalities</u>	<u>Speed Related</u>	<u>Alcohol Related</u>
2023	2,209	131	430	168
2022	2,748	135	488	214

Ride Safe and Free

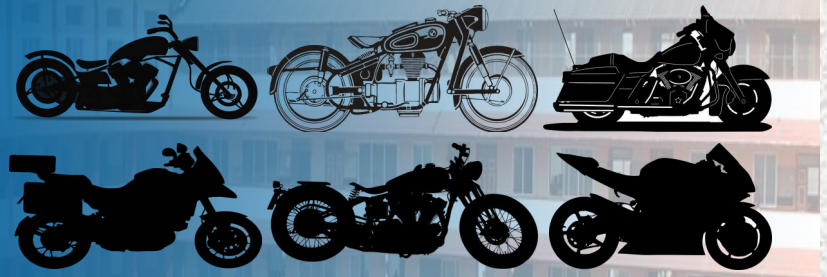
*Mike*

Mike Stock...ABATE of OHIO Inc....Chairman of the Board



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



As most of you are reading this the kids are back in school, the college football season has kicked off (GO BUCKS) and plans are being set for Christmas Toy Run's all around the state. Where has the year gone? It seems like only yesterday we were kicking off Motorcycle Awareness Month and Kolman and I were saddled up heading for Bikers in the Beltway. But now we are getting ready to head to Meeting of the Minds. This year it's in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This is a great weekend for me. Some of the best motorcycle rights minds from around the country gather and plan on the direction for motorcycle rights and safety for the next year. This event is always a much needed recharge for me. If you have never been to a Meeting of the Minds, you need to make plans to attend one. Great opportunities are there to learn, as well as the great energy from being around some of the greats of motorcycle rights. You will see from the talent in attendance why we can take on organizations with huge PAC funds and still win.

Which bring us to the subject of learning. I know Education and Safety is part of our reason for being. How to operate a motorcycle safely, I get it understand completely. Remind the public to Look Twice Save A Life, I get that too. Teach young adults learning to drive to watch out motorcycles, yep I'm still understanding.

But, do we need to teach motorcyclist how to be bikers?

I threw this idea out a few years back and let me explain why I ask that question again. There are show dedicated to fictional motorcycle club and their "adventures" that people watch like it's educational TV, "Look inside of a Motorcycle club" and "reality" motorcycle shows. I have also in my travels seen the hats, T shirts, other swag and even tattoos (yes I said tattoos) sold to make money off of these programs. From some of the people I've talked to, they are learning how to be a biker from these shows. The general public thinking this way I have no problem with. The general public trying to understand us and understand why we do the things we do is part of the fun of being a biker. But I'm seeing people on two wheels imitate the stuff they see on the TV. What I haven't seen stressed on these shows and maybe we need to teach is one simple thing. RESPECT. Respect your motorcycle, if you don't you will end up with new scars or worse. Respect the roads and the other vehicles on them, more new scars or worse. Respect your limits, you know what yours are and live within them. Respect our traditions; take the time to learn not only what we do but why we do it. And lastly and possibly most important, respect other bikers. Failure to do so can also cause scars or worse. Do we need to start teaching these lessons? Or am I just getting old.

Until next time.

*Ed*

Ed Schetter  
ABATE of OHIO Inc.  
Executive Director



**26<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# **GRUB 'N SUDS**

**A.B.A.T.E.**

Of Ohio, Inc.

**Saturday— September 9, 2023**

**HEADLESS MOTORCYCLE**



## **Poker Run**

**Sign in at 10am**

**First bike out at 11am**

**Last bike in at 2pm**

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# the news

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# In Memoriam Bill Bish

Bill Bish

September 29, 1957 – August 4, 2023

William H. "Bill" Bish, age 65, of Westlake, Ohio passed away with his loving wife by his side on Friday, August 4, 2023 due to medical procedural complications. Bill was born in Des Moines, Iowa to Clarence "Rusty" Bish and Margaret "Mitzi" Bish (nee Sorter), both deceased.

Dearly beloved husband of 27 years to Darlene R. Bish (nee Griggs), loving father of Rachelle Bish (Joey Zika), dearest brother of Beverly (Dave) Booker, and dearest brother-in-law of Mickey (Bill, deceased) Griggs, Bill's family was his world.

Bill Bish was the former Executive Coordinator and current Public Relations Liaison of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (NCOM and AIM), former State Director of ABATE of California and Concerned Motorcycle Riders of Ohio (CMRO), member of ABATE of Ohio, Kentucky Motorcycle Association (KMA/KBA) and the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA), was on the original Steering Committee for the formation of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) in the 80s, among other positions, and had been politically active for over 40 years in bikers' rights issues. He had four Silver Spoke Awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award, and was inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame in South Dakota, home of the Black Hills Motorcycle Rally.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <http://www.CorriganCraciun.com> for the Bish family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill Bish's name/honor to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists or any Motorcycle Rights Organization.

"Ride on Brother with wings on your back,  
the sun in your face and freedom in your heart,  
until we see you again!"

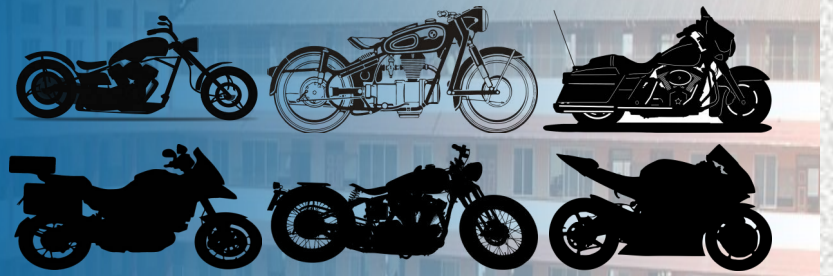


*Rest in Peace*





# LEGISLATIVE NEWS



Let me start with saying a final farewell to a truly hardworking man who has dedicated so many years of his life to motorcycling and motorcycle rights. My longtime friend, Bill Bish, has left to go ride in the forever region. Bill Bish devoted his life to motorcycle rights in many ways. He was always taking care of his friends. He is going to be greatly missed.

Next, I want to update you on my efforts to enact some much needed legislative advances to help protect motorcyclists in Ohio. I have been researching two potential bills that the membership would like to see sponsored. I have set an appointment with Representative Al Cutrona for August 28th to discuss enacting a bill for anti-profiling and a Row Of Way bill. My purpose of this meeting is to discuss the steps that I must take to advance our thoughts and desires into a bill. Then I need to see if he is interested in sponsoring these bills. If he is not, I have other representatives to approach.

As for the anti-profiling bill, I still have no proof of any documented recent activity occurring. I have some examples that show this is happening but let's be honest, Police will never admit that this is happening, and I believe that the best thing we can shoot for is additional training regarding this issue.

The Right of Way bill I have several examples of Right of Way violations that resulted in motorcyclists fatalities, and the slap on the wrist the "Justice System" delivered as punishment.

But I can never have enough information. If anyone has any examples of these occurrences, please E-mail me all the information you have. I will research the information to find out more facts if I need them.

Include the same information on ROW violations that occurred for nonfatal serious injuries you know about. I may have to go a different route with that, such as petitioning the State Prosecutors Association. But if I need to, I will have the information.

Neither of these issues will be easy. ABATE of Ohio Inc. in the past, spent years trying to get a ROW bill introduced. No legislator was willing to sponsor one. With all the deaths we see occurring it is time to try again!!!



Also coming up is the 39th Annual Meeting of the Minds will be held in Harrisburg, September 21-24, 2023. This is a great meeting to attend if you are interested in learning more about motorcycle issues across the state. I have been looking forward to this all year! Unfortunately, as I get older, my immediate family shrinks and every once in awhile we have a chance to have a family reunion. The day of that reunion is determined by outside factors, and we are having one this year and it is on the Saturday and Sunday of the Meeting of the Minds. So, I will be unable to attend. If you can attend this meeting, you will not regret it!

Don't forget that if you want to continue to be able to work on your own motorcycle, with guaranteed access to the parts, tools and service information needed to modify, service and maintain it yourself, then you need to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 906; the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair" Act, or better known in Congress as the "REPAIR Act".

Another issue that we have been following involves electric vehicles. As you know many states, as well as the federal government, have mandated dates where all new vehicles sold must be electric. Most of these dates are to go into operation around 2035.

"Congress must act now to pass the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act and avoid forcing consumers to purchase electric vehicles that fail to meet their needs," claimed Congressman John Joyce, M.D. (R-PA), the lead sponsor of House bill H.R. 1435; "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" introduced in March.

In the last 3 weeks, two committees in the House of Representatives have turned their attention to separate issues facing bikers. On July 12th, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a markup on H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act. By a vote of 13 to 8, the bill was forwarded onto the full Energy and Commerce Committee for consideration. This is a critical step in the legislative process. If the full committee also advances the bill, we may see the entire House of Representatives vote on the bill by the end of 2023.

Several Senators are now taking up the cause of Vehicle Choice by introducing a companion bill in the United States Senate; the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" (S. 2090).

Call or write to your Federal Legislators to request they become co-sponsors of this legislation.



At the end of July, key Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) board members held a meeting with half a dozen officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regarding autonomous vehicles. They report that it was a frustrating meeting.

We all know that there is no stopping this technology. The best we can hope for is to slow it down so the bugs can be worked out, especially for vulnerable road users, such as motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The MRF reports that "currently, most of the autonomous vehicles on the road are "Level 2." This means "the driver is fully responsible for driving the vehicle while the system provides continuous assistance with both acceleration/braking and steering." However, a huge jump is made with "Level 3." At this stage "the system handles all aspects of driving while the driver remains available to take over driving if the system can no longer operate. Currently, most of the autonomous vehicles on the road are "Level 2." This means "the driver is fully responsible for driving the vehicle while the system provides continuous assistance with both acceleration/braking and steering." However, a huge jump is made with "Level 3." At this stage "the system handles all aspects of driving while the driver remains available to take over driving if the system can no longer operate."

Support the MRF as YOU support ABATE. We work together and both organizations are invaluable!

Finally We can all agree that traffic rules are there for a reason, and with today's technology there's always someone, or something, watching. Cameras on the roadway are nothing new, while red light cameras and speed cameras have been around for decades. Stop sign cameras, on the other hand, are a fairly new thing, and in Spain they are now designed to immediately detect whenever a driver (or motorcycle rider) doesn't come to a complete stop and may result in a hefty fine of 200 Euros (\$220 USD).

"By 'complete stop, means a COMPLETE STOP – and not a rolling stop," according to RideApart.com, explaining that "for car drivers this means stopping completely before proceeding. For motorcyclists, it's suggested to put a foot down to demonstrate for the cameras that you have indeed come to a complete stop."

Remember what happens overseas often takes a jump over the water and is picked up by government officials over her!!!

Keep up the good work!

*Lion Man*



# 26TH ANNUAL GRUB N SUDS BIKE RALLY

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 10AM-8PM**

**DEPOT PARK ELMORE, OH**

*Sponsored by the Elmore Historical Society & A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio Region #7*

## ENTERTAINMENT



**Mob Opera**  
12PM- 3:30 PM



**Band Company**  
*Bad Co. Tribute Band*  
4 PM- 5:30 PM



**Derek St. Holmes**  
*(former Ted Nugent Band Member)*  
6 PM- 8 PM

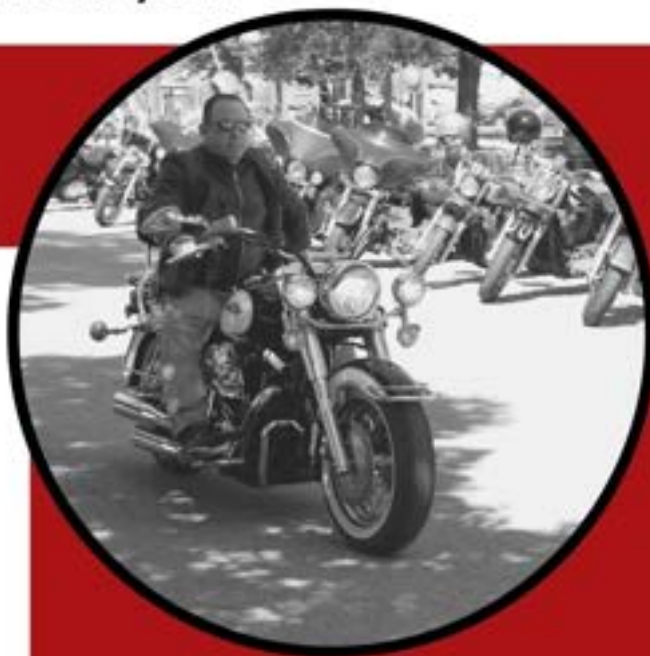


**A.B.A.T.E. Bike Show**  
Registration: 10am-3pm  
Judging: 3pm-4pm  
Awards: 4:15pm  
*Classes: Custom \* Historical\*  
Crusiers\* Sport\* Touring*



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# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



## Motorcycle Riders Foundation meets with NHTSA

At the end of July, key Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) board members held a meeting with half a dozen officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regarding autonomous vehicles. It was a frustrating meeting.

At the outset, NHTSA officials promised a safety report, likely to appear in the fall, which they say will shed light on how this new technology interacts with motorcycles. While they seemed optimistic about what the study will show, we remain concerned. One reason for the concern is what we believe to be a lack of urgency from the federal government to set guidelines and legal standards.

The MRF participants stressed a few key points. First, there is clearly a lack of knowledge by consumers about what these products can and cannot do. It seems all too often that misleading promotional material gives drivers a false sense of what these cars are capable of. While officials at NHTSA may know what the cars are designed to do, it seems obvious many of the people behind the wheel of these cars do not.

We also pointed out the growing number of crashes that involve Teslas and motorcycles. Earlier this summer, former NHTSA senior safety adviser, Missy Cummings, told the Washington Post, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas." Disappointingly, NHTSA refused to comment on this, citing an open investigation into those crashes.

On a positive note, a member of Congressman Tim Walberg's staff attended the meeting and asked key questions about the rollout of the next level in autonomous vehicles. Congressional staff being present sends a clear message to the bureaucrats at NHTSA that at least some on Capitol Hill are worried about motorcyclists.

We are fast approaching a turning point in the development of autonomous vehicles. Currently, most of the autonomous vehicles on the road are "Level 2." This means "the driver is fully responsible for driving the vehicle while the system provides continuous assistance with both acceleration/braking and steering." However, a huge jump is made with "Level 3." At this stage "the system handles all aspects of driving while the driver remains available to take over driving if the system can no longer operate."

Despite our frustration with the lack of action on this topic, the MRF remains in the fight. Meetings like this, while disappointing, keep us in their face. We are committing to holding manufacturers and regulators accountable for the safety of ALL roadway users.

See the next page for NHTSA classification levels for automation.





# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



## The 5 levels of driving automation

For on-road vehicles



Human driver



Automated system

		Steering and acceleration/ deceleration	Monitoring of driving environment	Fallback when automation fails	Automated system is in control
<i>Human driver monitors the road</i>	<b>0</b> NO AUTOMATION				N/A
	<b>1</b> DRIVER ASSISTANCE				SOME DRIVING MODES
	<b>2</b> PARTIAL AUTOMATION				SOME DRIVING MODES
<i>Automated driving system monitors the road</i>	<b>3</b> CONDITIONAL AUTOMATION				SOME DRIVING MODES
	<b>4</b> HIGH AUTOMATION				SOME DRIVING MODES
	<b>5</b> FULL AUTOMATION				



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# 38TH ANNUAL TOY RUN

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# ZIP IT UP RUN

**OCTOBER 9TH, 2021**

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**First Bike Out: 12pm**

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# ALL OHIO 50/50 RAFFLE

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## Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

### CAN I GET ANY RELIEF UNDER THE LEMON LAW ACT?

**Q.** I purchased a new 2022 Harley-Davidson CVO Tri Glide last March, I have had nothing but problems with it ever since . It has been in 3-4 Harley -Davidson Dealerships getting worked on for the same problems and they can't figure out what is wrong with it. It has been back in my local Harley-Davidson dealership since July 19th and they have been working with Milwaukee over the phone trying to find out what is wrong, and they still don't know. I have over \$50k in the bike. Does the Lemon Law Act cover this ? Thanks John P. - ABATE of IN Member

**A.** John, Sorry to say that Indiana does not have a lemon law that applies to motorcycles. My experience is that Harley-Davidson will try its best to make you happy and fix the problem. Harley is reporting it is a wiring harness defect (a wiring harness made overseas). Keep track of your costs as a result of this issue as those costs may be recoverable. Also, confirm every conversation with the Harley rep via email (it doesn't count unless it is in writing) and show a cc to me, that might help. Keep me posted, Rod.

### LITIGATION FUNDING, OR HOW DOES AN INJURED BIKER PAY THE MORTGAGE WHILE THEIR CASE IS PENDING?

Everyone knows that waiting on the case to settle can be financially painful. Injured bikers with a strapped budget have a much harder time riding out the storm until a settlement is reached, sometimes causing them to settle for less than their case is worth. Plaintiffs that have sustained injuries and are now disabled may very well need money to live on during the interim period before they receive their settlement. Moreover, an insurance company, or other wealthy litigant, will probably be in no hurry to settle until they reach an agreement more in their favor, regardless of how long that may take. Regretfully, this is where litigation funding tries to justify its existence. Litigation funding companies may advance a plaintiff money for living expenses, medical care, or for whatever else the money is needed for a stake in the final settlement. This type of lending is non recourse, meaning that in the case the plaintiff loses, they owe nothing to the funding company. The borrower is only liable for repayment from the settlement money they receive. Of course, this is not all bliss, and should only be used as a LAST RESORT. The interest a client will owe on the advancement can be unreasonable.

These companies decide interest rates and the amount they are willing to advance based on the merits of the case. So the stronger the case, the better deal the injured biker will receive. The longer the case takes to settle, the higher the effective interest rate, which begs the question, "does this really level the playing field?" Well, maybe in a few cases, but probably not in most. With the litigation funding industry still in adolescent stages, it will be a few more years before we can decide whether or not this is a good thing. In some states, the practice of litigation funding may be illegal. In the meantime, here are a few pointers if this is your only option:



- Talk with your attorney and discuss options before making any decisions
- Exhaust all other means of financing first, as this should be a last resort

## **LET'S GO FOR A RIDE AND VISIT SANTA ANNA'S LEG IN SPRINGFIELD - HE ACCIDENTLY INVENTED CHEWING GUM AND THE CUBS**

That's right. Santa Anna's leg rests in the Illinois Military Museum in Springfield Illinois. For this ride I am traveling from the East and taking US 36, going past Ernie Pyle's house (the famous WW2) Stars and Stripes news reporter and the world's largest soybean elevator in Decatur.

The end of the trip will be Springfield where I will pay a visit to the artificial leg of Generalissimo Santa Anna. Remember he is the guy that killed Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie and William Travis? After killing Davy C and the boys, Gen. Sam Houston chased Santa Anna to Jacinto. While fleeing he left behind his artificial leg, a chicken dinner and 18k in cash. Some boys from the Illinois 8th Cavalry requisitioned the leg, the cash and ate the chicken. Don't know what happened to the cash (if they were from my home county - Wayne - I can guess - big party), but the leg wound up in the Illinois Military Museum in Springfield. Here is what happened to Santa Anna. Sam Houston and the boys "Remembered the Alamo" - took him prisoner and that is the end of the story - right? Not so fast. I always wondered what happened to the Generalissimo. Was he killed, captured, imprisoned or what? Guess what? Sam Houston spared his life and then Santa Anna wound up in Long Island New York.

He brought with him chicle which is dried sap from the Sapodilla tree in Mexico. He chewed it to calm his nerves - probably when wondering what Gen. Houston was going to do with him. Did he really invent chewing gum - chiclets? The story goes that an inventor watched Santa chewing the stuff and thought it would be a good rubber substitute. It didn't work. Santa Anna skipped town and left the inventor with the chicle storage bills.

Trying to make something out of nothing, the inventor took the stuff to a druggist who made chewable balls. Then he flavored the stuff with sassafras, licorice (called Black Jack) and the rest is history. After I learned the above, I wondered if Sam Houston had executed Santa, would Wrigley have gone into the gum business and most importantly would he have had enough money to have bought the Cubs? Seems that a real Cub fan would have a picture of the Generalissimo on his wall. Amazing what you can learn on a ride.





## **CAN MY EMPLOYER DO THAT? BIKE SHOP BLUES.**

**Q.** I'm a mechanic in a local bike shop, and my employer recently told me I need to sign an agreement that I won't work for another shop within a ten mile radius if I leave my current job. I don't think that's fair. There are a number of bike shops around here, and almost all of them are within ten miles from my current employer. Can they really enforce that agreement against me?

**A.** Probably. What they have asked you to sign is called a non-compete agreement. It used to be that non-compete agreements were used only with managers or sales personnel. However, they are becoming more common with service personnel who develop relationships with customers and entice customers to follow them if they move to a new employer.

Even though non-compete agreements are not favored by the law, if they follow the rules, those agreements are generally enforceable, provided the employer can show a reasonable belief that a departing employee could create unfair competition. However, non-compete agreements have to be reasonable in their restrictions. They can restrict a person from working in the same field, but only for a reasonable time period or within a reasonable distance from the employer's service area.

If your employer makes it a condition of your employment you may have no choice but to sign the agreement if you want to keep working there. If you sign the agreement and leave the job later, the employer can ask a court to prevent you from working for a competitor. If the court finds that the agreement contains reasonable restrictions, and doesn't unfairly limit your rights to find a new job, the court could enter an order preventing you from working for the competitor and assess damages against you.

**Ride Safe.**

**Rod Taylor**

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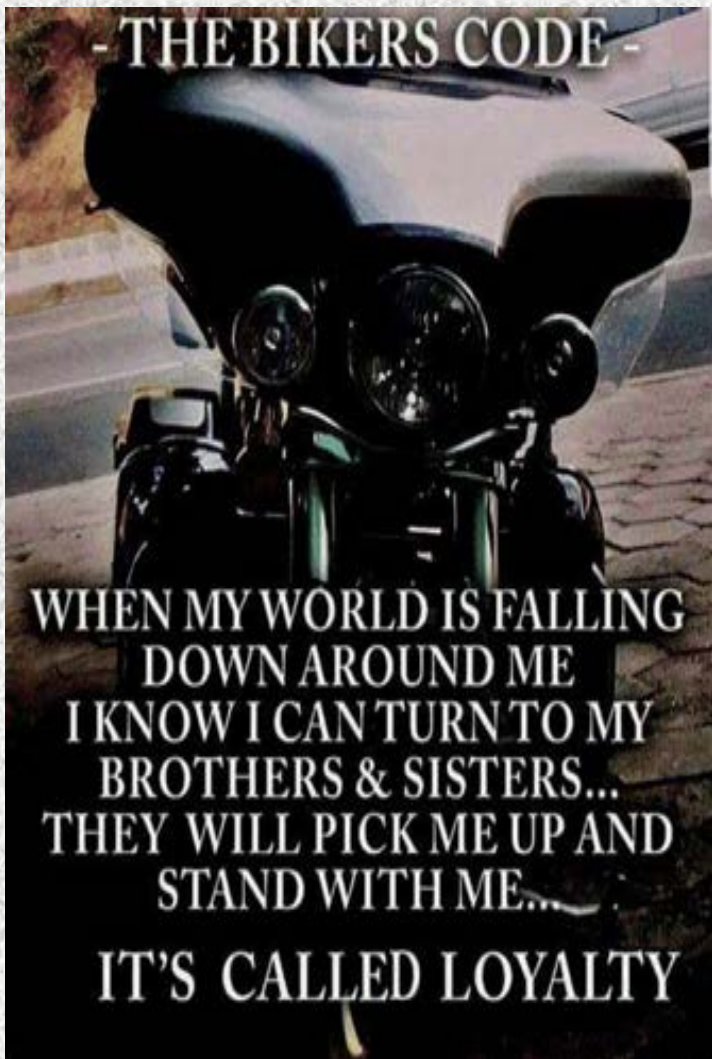
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Welcome to the "ber" months!

Since this magazine is called the Outspoken, that is what I will try to be, of course those who know me, know most of the time that is my middle name. Although the years are creeping up on me and I have learned to pick and choose my battles. That leads me into one such battle as Yielding the Right of Way. Lionman is on the prowl with this. I think he was a good pick to lead the state on Governmental rights. I do think they need to have stiffer penalties especially when someone is killed. As your MRF State Rep I choose to stand with him on this and several other battles he is working on, such as AV's. They are not going away so we need to be smarter and get their software to recognize us, pedestrians and so forth.

It's at this point of me writing this article that I learn of the passing of Bill Bish. I was shocked, stunned, and horribly saddened to hear this. I've been lucky to know both him and Darlene. They both are Freedom Fighters to say the very least. The very most is that Bill was a wonderful human being. All of our lives will be a bit less bright without him in it. To say my deepest condolences, go out to Darlene and his daughter, doesn't sound like very much but it is heartfelt. Bill was a champion of biker rights and he will just be profoundly missed.

God speed with the Angels Bill!!!

To finish this article, I am going to touch on my thoughts about motorcycle safety education. I will be working on this the rest of this year and see where it leads me. As you should know I've been an Instructor for Motorcycle Ohio for some years. Whereas I do not want to use the word 'mandatory', I feel every person who is wanting to operate a motorcycle no matter what the age should have to take a motorcycle safety course. I also believe that we need to educate 'car' drivers more. I know I will get push back on this and I have big shoulders so I will keep you informed as my thoughts on this progress.

I attended Region 0's monthly meeting in August and I was so welcomed. Thank you so much and keep up the great work you are doing!!!!





# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



I want to welcome the following newest MRF members:  
Claire Maple, BJ Antonelli, Abe Oyer, Terry Newbauer, and The Allison's.

Thank you to Region 0 for voting to join the MRF as a Sustaining Organization!

Thank you to the Kibler's for renewing for 3 years!!!

I would like to have the following region's join Abate of Ohio, Region's 0, 8, and 9 to become sustaining organization's: Region 3, 4, 7, 14, and 16

If you would like me to attend your meeting and do a presentation to your members drop me a line. It does not have to be your Region members, maybe you belong to a HOG group or another. **We must support one another.**

**CHECK OUT MY FACEBOOK PAGE: MRF – Sherry Hill, Ohio Rep**

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Finding out your child is a genius  
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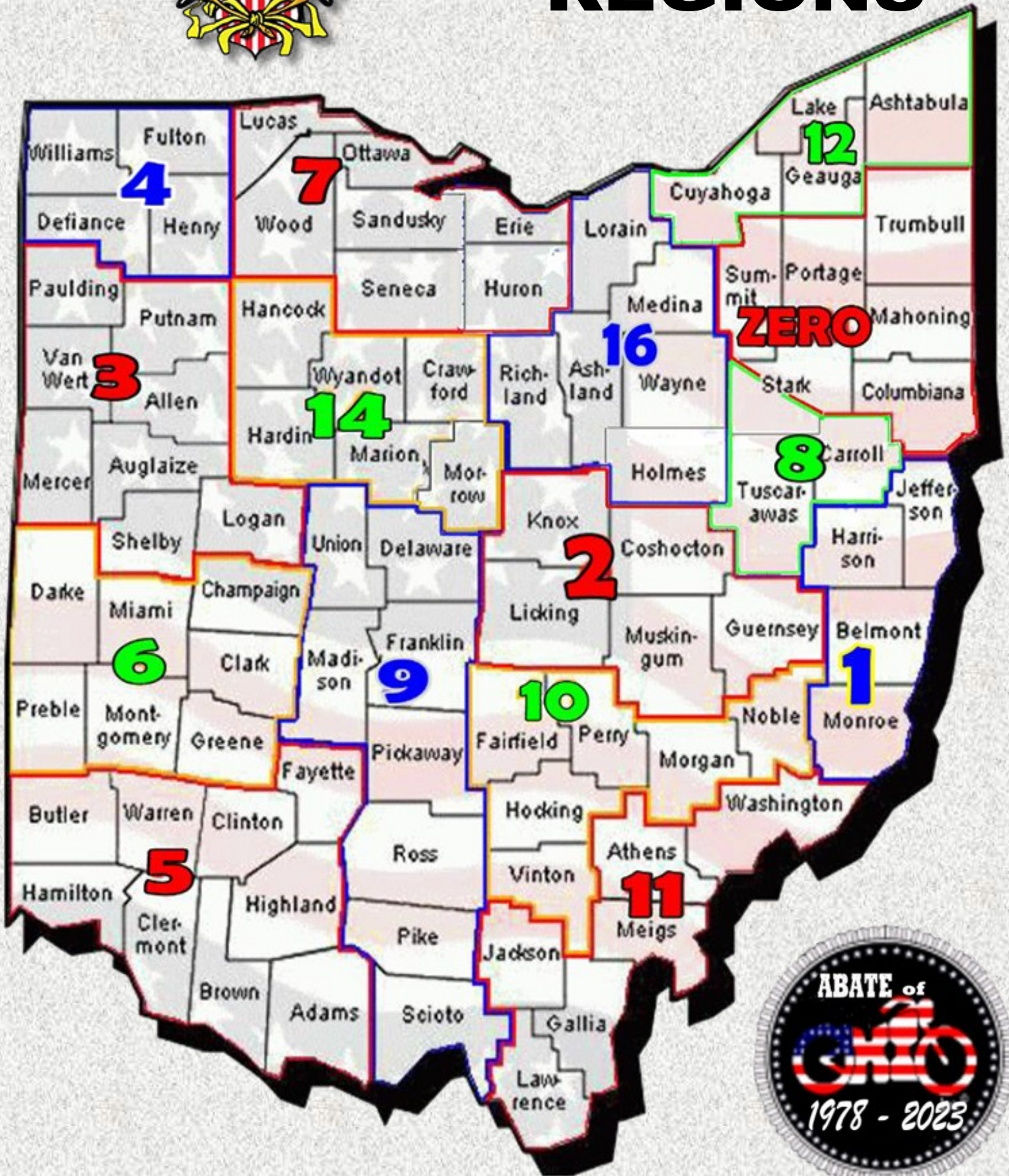
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For Region Zero, 2023 has been a quality year. Our runs have had a pretty decent turn-out considering all of the pop-up runs and events(especially from Youngstown Harley) that have directly competed with ours. Some without any regard and others on ignorance. So many of these groups and organizations don't fully understand who we are, but they get to enjoy freedoms because of us. Our meetings on average have an elected official in attendance or as a speaker, so keep that in mind when it's time to complain about things.

Location is to be determined for our membership meeting, but it is September 16th at 1:00pm in Mahoning or Columbiana County.

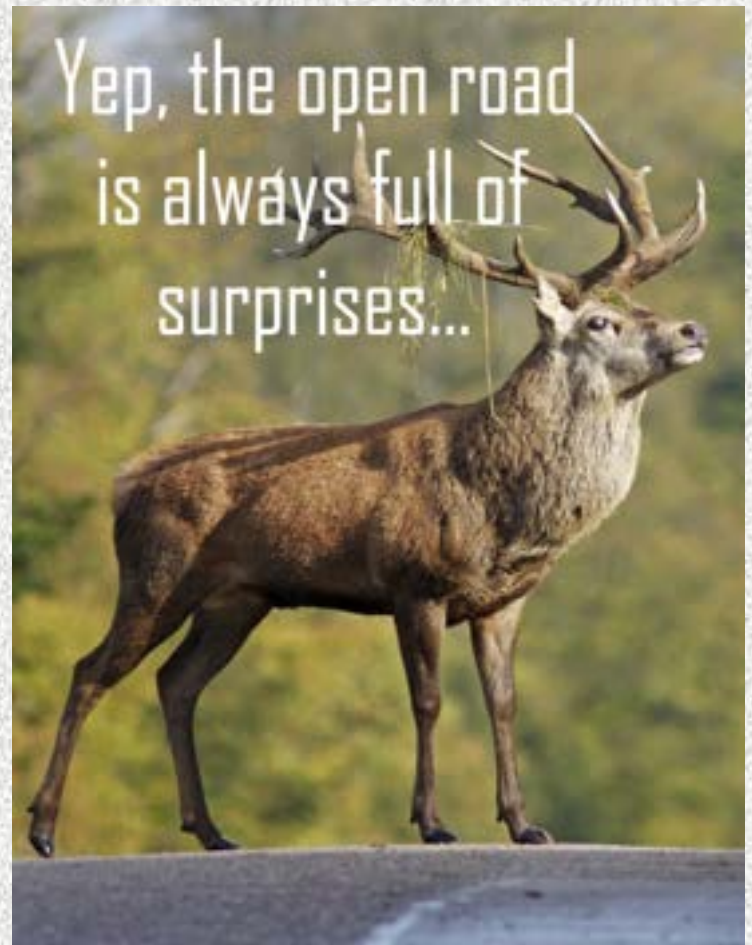
October 14th is our 23rd annual Zip It Up Run out of Faces Lounge in Newton Falls which is always an awesome time, no matter the weather. This years food will be Oktoberfest style including homemade sauerkraut and sausages.

Other future meetings are 1:00pm October 21st at the AmVets Post 45 in Salem. November 19th at 1:00pm location is to be determined.

December 16th at the Yellow Dog in Cortland is our Holiday party/meeting/elections in which we always have food (typically deep fried turkey) and an awesome time.

Short and sweet for now, but until next time, be kind to one another and always remember that we are taught to trust the police, but the police are trained to distrust us. Doesn't sound very nice, but keep that in mind during your next traffic stop.

**Randy Kibler...** Director 330.428.2083





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