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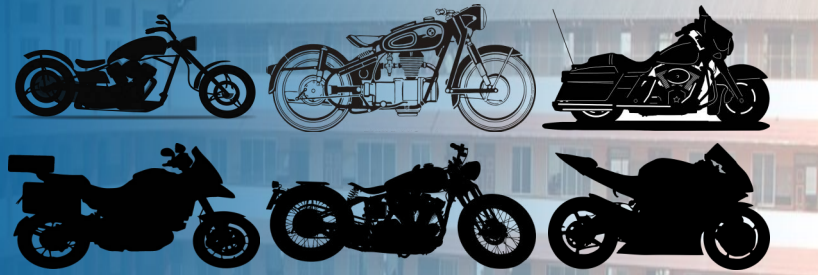
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mike Stock



Hi Friends,

I would like to send out to an invitation to come to the State Seminar 2024! You do not have to come for the whole weekend. Drive in Saturday morning to the Doubletree in Worthington for registration at 8:30am and take in the event. Listening to the speakers and learning valuable information is FREE. If you stay for the banquet, it is \$35.00 and you also get a free lunch.

We will have speakers from the MRF, AMA, Motorcycle Ohio, and ABATE Legal Services. This is the place that you can ask an ABATE or Motorcycle question and get the answer. The flier is in the OutSpokin' or you can call me. Come and meet the State Board. I hope to see you there and please bring a friend. Thank You!

Start making plans for the 2024 ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Rally, parading down to the Ohio State Capital. This to kick off May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. The date this year is May 4, 2024. It starts at Farrow North then to the Capital followed by an after Rally Party at Ohio Brewing Company. As always, a great time.

Motorcycle Ohio has started taking reservations for training classes and if you need to get a class in, do it now. Contact motorcycle.ohio.gov or give me a call and I will help.

I am going to post this in every article I write until I feel that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Read and stay up to date on the following issues: **Right to Repair** and **Right to Modify**. "Those two things are what a lot of us do for fun". **Clear labeling for renewable fuel** is what we need so we know what we are putting in our internal combustion motors, so we can have fun riding. **End of Life Directives** must be kept at bay so that we can keep having fun. And we need to **Protect the Motorcycle Ecosystem**. If we lose the Ecosystem, we will lose everything. Call your Legislators.

	Crashes	Fatalities	Speed Related
2023	3811	229	734
2022	4095	209	731

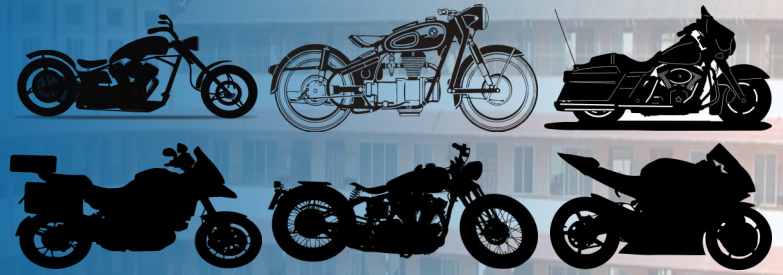
Note this finishes up 2023, no new information for 2024 currently.

Ride Within your Limits
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Starting off this report on a positive note. I remembered to type "Feb. 2024" the first time without having to go back over 2023. So I got that going for me.

As I write this, I'm getting ready to head to ABATE of Michigan's seminar. An opportunity to hang out with our brothers and sisters from the state up North. For me this event marks the beginning of another year and a great opportunity to re-charge. And what a year it's shaping up to be.

We have ABATE of Ohio's State Seminar coming up in Columbus this year.. Come on out Friday night for the fun, games, camaraderie and fundraising. Please come and join us. Your input and participation is necessary to help point ABATE of Ohio down the correct path. This will not be a day to sit and only listen to presenters speak. There will be an open forum where you the member of this great organization can present your views and help decide which way to go on differing issues, including legislative. And it isn't all meetings there is plenty of fun time and brotherhood to be had. You just might learn something, and you just might teach us something.

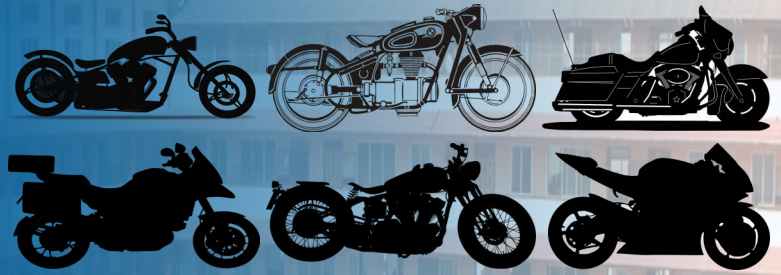
The battle for choice on how we power our motorcycles into the future rages on.

A huge congratulations need to go out. Right before the first of the year Governor Dewine signed HB 201. This bill change the Ohio Revised code to say "No state agency, township or county shall restrict the use or sale of a motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the vehicle, including an energy source used for propulsion or used for powering other functions of the motor vehicle" and "The environmental protection agency or any other state agency shall not adopt any motor vehicle emissions standards that are established by California as a result of California having received a waiver pursuant to section 209(b) of the federal Clean Air Act. Celebrate this victory but the battle continues.

ABATE of Ohio is working with the MRF, NCOM and others on a position statement for the January 26th meeting of the California Air Resources Board. The document I just reviewed is titled "Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Amendments to On-Road Motorcycle Emission Standards and Test Procedures and Adoption of New On-Board Diagnostic and Zero-Emission Motorcycle Requirements." That's the long government term for plan starting in 2026 to force a transition to electric powered motorcycles. We will keep you updated on the results or more information as we see them come in.

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Ohio HR 198 is out of committee and needs a floor vote and SR 155 is assigned to committee. We are prepared to testify on SR 155 when the opportunity comes. These resolutions support consumer choice in the market place as it relates to how to power a vehicle.

In DC there are 2 Federal Resolutions in the Senate promoting choice and their companion legislation has already passed the House. I'm sure you are tired of me rambling on about this so I'll leave the Federal stuff to someone else.

To be clear: ABATE of Ohio is not against electric motorcycles. If they tried to ban them we would fight that too. This is all about choice.

Enjoying the Ride,

Ed

Ed Schetter

ABATE of OHIO Inc. Executive Director



FREEDOM RALLY #28

ABATE of OHIO, INC.
AMA SANCTIONED
Region 8

JULY, 5th, 6th, 7th, 2024
GATES OPEN 12:00 NOON FRIDAY/ OPEN ALL WEEKEND

PRIMITIVE CAMPING
RV CAMPING (reservations required)
\$30.00 WEEKEND PASS
INCLUDES CAMPING
\$15.00 DAY PASS
INCLUDES 1 NIGHT CAMPING
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FREEDOM RALLY

ABATE of OHIO, INC.



Region 8

ABATE of Ohio, Inc. Region 8 is pleased to announce our **28th Freedom Rally, July 5 thru 7, 2024**, at the Carroll County Veteran's Park, 2038 Brenner Rd NE Carrollton OH 44615. The Rally is a fun filled weekend event consisting of Bike Games, Live Bands, Stage Shows, Vendors, and the Highlight: A Vigil honoring our POW/MIA's. Proceeds from this fundraising event benefit [local](#) USA Military Veterans charities and ABATE of Ohio Inc.

ABATE (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) of Ohio, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to: "Preserving the rights, improving the image, and promoting safe operating practices of Ohio motorcyclists". Region 8 consists of Carroll, Stark, and Tuscarawas counties. Some ABATE of Ohio, Inc. accomplishments include:

- Involved in creating the Motorcycle Ohio Enrichment Program, of which each year helps train thousands of new riders and provides continuing skills for the experienced rider.
- Work with ODOT to help raise public awareness of motorcycles.
- Stage fundraising events to benefit many different charities
- Work to be sure the motorcyclists' interests are represented on legislative issues.

We are asking for your help to be able to continue these accomplishments and help area Veterans.

We offer two forms of Sponsorship to choose from: our Traditional Sponsorship levels, or Promotional Sponsorship opportunities! Promotional sponsorship allows you to provide promotional/give-away items rather than cash for one of our many events! (Please see reverse side for more information.)

Deadline for sponsorship is May 5, 2024.

****Platinum Level Only** - Respond by December 31, 2023, and have your logo included on our event flyer!**

For questions contact: Tim Cordray at 330-243-4273 or freedomrallyregion8@gmail.com .

Stay up to date on the Rally at our Facebook page:
(Please Note - This event is for those 18 years & Older!)



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33rd annual

Winter Meltdown



Party 2024



hosted by ABATE of Ohio, Region Zero

Saturday, February 10th
5:00pm - 10:00pm

American Legion Post 737

16465 Milton Ave. Lake Milton, OH 44429

50/50 Games Basket Raffle
Food Door Prizes Trivia Music

Become a NEW member at the door and get in FREE!

Questions: Randy 330-428-2083

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The year 2023 was a great year for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and now the mission is to make 2024 even better. As we look at the year ahead there are many challenges that threaten our lifestyle and with the help of our members, we will face those threats head on.

Issues like fuel choice, protecting the internal combustion engine, the elimination of motorcyclists profiling, a federal definition of a motorcycle, and the dangers that autonomous vehicles pose to motorcyclists are just some of our concerns.

The threats to our lifestyle are real and strength in numbers is the key to our success. Motorcyclists love freedom, we live it, and freedom is the most important part of our riding lifestyle. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will continue to bring our fight to the policy makers and politicians in Washington D.C. and with the help of our members we will ride to victory. We are asking our members to make the commitment to sign up one new member and retain one member in 2024. Just click the link below to help double our membership numbers. Together we will take the fight for our freedom of the road to our Nation's Capital.

Thank you for all that you do and thank you for your support of the MRF.

California's Attack on the Internal Combustion Engine

This week, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a hearing on proposed emission standards from the State of California. The plan submitted by California would end the sale of new cars and light-duty vehicles with internal combustion engines by 2035.

In response to the California CARB plan, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) submitted comments to the EPA. We know this attack on internal combustion engines will eventually include motorcycles and we must respond. The MRF is fighting to preserve the bikes we love, as well as the local shops and dealers that support the internal combustion engine.

It is time to fight back!

FREEDOM RALLY

ABATE of OHIO, INC.

Region 8

ABATE of Ohio, Inc. Region 8 is pleased to announce that **Freedom Rally #28** will again take place **July 5 thru 7, 2024** at the Carroll County Veteran's Park, 2038 Brenner Rd NE Carrollton OH 44615. Gates will open at **Noon on Friday** and close at **Noon on Sunday**. We hope to see you there!

Vendor prices for the weekend event :

- **10'x10' space - \$10.00 per space with submission postmarked before June 15, 2024/\$15.00 after June 15, 2024** (ABATE Members receive a 10% discount). No credit cards accepted.
- **Vendor worker weekend pass admission - \$25.00 per person (Workers must be 18 years & Older)**
- Worker pass includes primitive camping (No electric hook-up; No pets please.)

NOTE: All **Food & Tattoo vendors** must obtain proper permit(s) from the Carroll County Board of Health prior to the event and will be subject to inspection by a Health Board Representative. Call the Board of Health at 330-627-4866 for more information.

Food vendors must supply their own food grade hose for water hookup.

Vendors may begin setup on Thursday (July 4, 2024) at Noon.

Food/Tattoo vendors must be set-up by 9:00am Friday (July 5, 2024) for Health Department inspections.

There are no full RV Hookups, No one under 18, No Pets, No Refunds, No Exceptions.

Stay up to date on the Rally at our Facebook page:



Questions? Please contact Kelly Oyer by Phone (330-327-3513) OR Email (kellyo7654@gmail.com)

FREEDOM RALLY VENDOR FORM

10x10 Space _____ (Qty) @ \$10.00 (\$15.00 after June 15, 2024) per space =	\$
Abate Member 10% Discount (Applies to Vendor Space only)	\$
Vendor Worker(s) _____ (Qty) @ \$25.00 per person (18 years & Older) =	\$
Optional Electric Hookup (Limited Availability & Vendor to supply their own 100' cord) Food Vendors (\$50.00 per cord) Non-Food Vendors (\$30.00 per Cord)	\$
TOTAL:	\$

Vendor Name : _____

Vending Product : _____

Contact Person : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____ Email : _____

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May 20 & 21, 2024

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Pre-event briefing: May 20, 2024 • Event: May 21, 2024
Pre-register (FREE) at www.mrf.org (cut-off May 15)

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Scan for more about the event

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SEMINAR 2024

WE WILL BE DRAWING THE 50/50 WINNER AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPEAKERS ON SATURDAY. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE SEMINAR THROUGH THE LUNCH BREAK. TO PURCHASE TICKETS PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1ST, CALL MIKE AT 419-654-5446.

**Silent Auction &
Live Auction
donations are
needed.**



After the Banquet, Awards and Live Auction, there will be games in the hospitality room. Returning will be the Ring & Hook game, Nerf gun poker and giant Connect 4.

New this year we'll have Toss Across Tic-Tac-Toe. Come in and challenge your friends to a game!



Try your skills at
old-fashioned Paddle Ball.

We are making it tricky because if
you can meet the challenge, the
prizes are worth it.





2024 ABATE of Ohio

State Seminar
Informational Workshop &
Awards Banquet

Friday, February 2, 2024

7pm MEET & GREET
LRC + CARDS
Hospitality Area

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Sign In at 8am
Seminar at 9am
Banquet area

Banquet and Awards
Live auction and Pub style
games

Silent Auction
All Day

DoubleTree by Hilton
Columbus Worthington
175 Hutchinson Ave.
Columbus, Oh. 43235

Reservation Call
614-885-3334

Room Rate \$94.00 per night
Group Rate Code: ABATE of Ohio
Room Reservation cut off date 1/10/2024

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**ABATE of Ohio
Region 9**



DAYTONA NORTH

Grumpy Goat
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March 9, 2024
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm



**Come join the fun!
Enter your famous chili
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**50/50 - Games
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2024



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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

SATURDAY

Rally

May 4, 2024

9:30-11:00am REGISTRATION

12:00 noon Ride to Statehouse

- = Meet at Farrow H/D at Northstar
7754 St. Route 36/37 E., Sunbury Oh
I-71, Exit 131
- = \$5 donation per person "for the cause"

- = Parade departs at 12 Noon sharp
for an escorted parade to the
State Capital Rally at the
Ohio State House

After Rally Party

2:00 – 5:00pm

Join your host, ABATE of Ohio, Inc. Region 9 for the After Rally Party
Ohio Brewing Company – 421 E. 2nd Ave, Columbus, Oh. 43201



For more information: Mike Stock 419-654-5446, mikestock419@gmail.com

After Rally Info Chris Lappert 740-963-2738

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Is Green the New Gray Area?

By Mark Buckner

Executive Director – Motorcycle Riders Foundation

For as long as I can remember – which is getting to be a LONG time! – those of us who love riding motorcycles and have devoted a large part of our lives to preserving and protecting our way of life have been telling anyone who would listen that the enemies of motorcycling don't just want to pass more and more restrictive laws where we're concerned. Their ultimate goal is to get us off the road entirely. A prime example of this is the recent push to outlaw internal combustion engines, just one of the issues the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and our partners in the state motorcyclists' rights organizations and the motorcycle aftermarket are fighting head on.

So why are internal combustion engines under attack? The Biden administration is calling for one in two new cars sold in the 2030s to be fully electric. Federal incentives intended to prop up 'green' proposals have been pushed through Congress. In some states, these initiatives have become all the rage, calling for the elimination of all internal combustion engines and the end of fossil fuels as an energy source. California's plan to ban all internal combustion engines by 2035 is the most obvious of these, while similar plans have been launched around the country and the world. On the surface, that might sound bleak for those of us who love our gasoline-powered bikes, cars, trucks, and boats, but there may be good news on the horizon. As more research is coming to light from a feasibility, a financial, and an environmental perspective, initiatives targeting zero greenhouse gas emissions are being reexamined.

The Connecticut state legislature, like their counterparts in California, initially targeted the elimination of internal combustion engines by 2035, but has now decided to pump the brakes, killing Senate Bill 1145 which would have set unattainable greenhouse gas emission goals. Part of that bill would have penalized non-compliant parties up to \$25,000 PER DAY for not meeting stated objectives, labeling the penalties as a 'tax'. Other uncoordinated decarbonization 'roadmap bills' are still being considered in Connecticut, but the all-out push to join states like Massachusetts, California, and others is on the decline.

Ohio is pushing back as well. Their state legislature recently passed House Bill 201, signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine. HB 201 prohibits state agencies, counties, or townships in Ohio "from restricting the sale or use of a motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle." It also specifically prohibits a state agency from adopting the California emissions standards for motor vehicles. ABATE of Ohio played a major role in getting this law on the books. In northern Europe, Norway, which had targeted zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, is likewise backing off on its plan as its feasibility becomes less certain.

None of this is to say that we shouldn't be concerned about pollution. We absolutely need to address these issues, especially in our major cities. But the outright elimination of vehicles powered by fossil fuels is not the answer.

Regarding the general public's opinion on an all-electric solution, many people are less than enthusiastic about moving away from gasoline-powered alternatives. According to the Sierra Club, in 2022 66% of car dealerships did not have an electric vehicle for sale. We can only assume that's because there was no market for them. Today, thousands of car dealerships around the country are pushing back on the Biden plan, saying they can't sell the electric vehicles they already have in stock. Car manufacturers are backing off as well, curtailing production of new EVs. Why is that?

First and foremost, electric vehicles are expensive. Some studies suggest that people who can afford to buy all-electric cars represent a finite group, and that many of those consumers have already purchased an EV car or truck, meaning the available pool of buyers is shrinking.

Also problematic is that due in large part to the high cost of battery replacement, there is a very small market for used electric vehicles. Basically, no one wants to buy them knowing that a big repair bill is headed their way. While battery technology will likely improve in coming years, as of today that technology and questions about the cost of building a sufficient charging infrastructure are major concerns for consumers.

Finally, we should never forget that for the 'nanny state' crowd, going all the way back to Ralph Nader and the original safety-crats of the 1960s, the mantra has remained the same. That being, where safety is concerned, the public can't be trusted to make their own decisions or manage their own risks. In other words, these fine folks think they're smarter and better equipped to make policy decisions than us mere citizens. In their delusionary 'Road to Zero' world - where there will be zero accidents and zero fatalities - the best way to get there is to get rid of what they consider to be dangerous activities - like riding motorcycles. Eliminating internal combustion engines could go a long way towards achieving that goal.

Just as we have since the 1980s, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is standing up for motorcycling, fighting against issues like the elimination of internal combustion engines, and we need every concerned rider to join us in our mission. If you're not already a member of the MRF, my only question to you would be 'why not?'

The answer: <https://mrf.org/join>

For independent aftermarket motorcycle shops <https://mrf.org/join-mrf-imac>

Mark Buckner



Spring Fling

March 23, 2024



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Region 8

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MAY 18, 2024

**CASH PRIZES
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**START/FINISH
VAUGHAN'S PUB & GRILL
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BOLIVAR, OH 44612**

**MUSIC BY:
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DJ NINA
STARTS 4:30 PM**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11:00 AM / LAST BIKE OUT 12:00 PM
LAST BIKE IN 5:30 PM/ \$15.00 SINGLE/ \$25.00 COUPLE**

PUBLIC WELCOME!

**DINNER IS INCLUDED AFTER THE RIDE!
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**PRE-SALE TICKETS FOR ABATE MEMBERS OF ANY STATE \$10.00
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**SEE YOUR COUNTY COORDINATOR OR CALL CONTACTS BELOW
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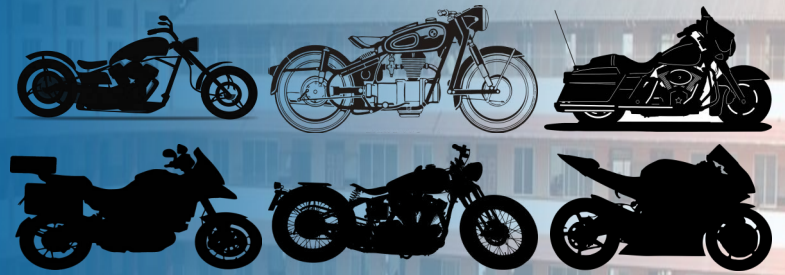
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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



As I write this it is the middle of December, and we are in day 7 of a deep freeze. Remember to take care of your loved ones during weather like this. Put an extra blanket over them and make sure the battery tenders are all working well. Keep them as warm and as comfortable as possible. After all, it is difficult for most of us to bring them into the house and out of the cold.

I have been submitting our proposal to modify the Ohio Revised Code to allow for proper consequences for violating someone's right of way and killing or severely injuring someone. I have submitted our proposal to a few Representatives and a couple of Senators, hoping to find one that is interested in introducing this proposal as a bill.

I have not submitted the anti-profiling proposal yet. I am taking a little more time on this one as several states are introducing proposals and I want to research their proposals before I submit ours. I will most likely have begun to submit it by the time you are reading this.

ABATE of Ohio Inc. continues to support the MRF's efforts to save internal combustion engine vehicles. The hard work of ABATE State Officers has led to the successful passage of Ohio H.B. 201, which prohibits sale restrictions on motor vehicles based on the power source of the vehicle.

I am sure you will be reading a lot more about this issue elsewhere in the magazine.

We continue to support the fight to allow consumers, small business owners and others to have access to replacement parts, access to manuals and instructions and additional data needed to work on our vehicles. We are doing this by supporting H.R. 906, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act."

It is time to renew your commitment to keep motorcycling alive and well as we have always known it to be. Remember if you want motorcycling to continue as we know it, if you want motorcycling to be safer, if you want motorcycling to still be an option for your children and grandchildren, then you have to be proactive now! There is no time to be reactive! It is a new year! We can make it motorcycling great year with everyone's participation!

And if you or anyone you know is not registered to vote, remember the last day to register to vote in the state of Ohio is February 20th is the deadline for voter registration for March 19 presidential primary election (30 days before presidential primary election).

Lion Man





Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

HOW DO YOU MAKE A 1919 INDIAN SCOUT GO NEARLY 200 MPH?

Get Burt Munro to ride for you, that is if you caught him before he passed. He did the speed thing in 1967 after turning a 600cc engine into a 1000cc engine. The original 600cc v-twin with side valves together with a hand change gearbox had no rear suspension but there was a leaf spring that allowed 2" of travel. Imagine 200mph on that?

The fabled Indian sits in a hardware store in New Zealand. Most parts of the 1919 Indian were custom made by Burt over a period of nearly 5 decades. He bought that bike for \$150. Even so, got her to go 183 mph which set a land speed record. Burt passed at age 78 and the 183 speed was his last try.

If you happen to be roaming around Invercargill, New Zealand stop at the hardware store and savor a moment of motorcycle glory. And if you run out of things to watch, catch Anthony Hopkins as Burt in the critically acclaimed film "The World's Fastest Indian". You will thank me.

CC TO ROD TAYLOR ATTORNEY AT LAW WORKS - JUST ASK JACK

Spoke with long time ABATE member Jack Devine about a government issue involving his mother, Cora. I reminded him that in dealing with the adverse, especially the government, it does not count unless it is in writing. So always get the email of the other side and send a polite confirmation of what was said and what they were to do. And show a cc to Rod Taylor Attorney at Law. Sometimes that works to let the other side know you have a consigliere working on your side. All ABATE members have the authority to use my name in that way.

Jack reminded me how well that worked a few years back. He had a girlfriend who moved in and left her place largely unoccupied. The bad guys discovered that fact and cleaned her out, including a handgun belonging to Jack. That gun wound up in the hands of a bad guy from Rockford who was arrested, and that gun was seized. A cop from there filed a claim for the handgun, so the local gendarmes refused to turn the gun back to Jack, the rightful owner. Jack called ABATE LEGAL -and my sought advice. I prepared a draft of a letter Jack was to send setting out the law and demanding return of his property - with a cc to Rod Taylor Attorney at Law. Jack called me the next day and advised the cops just delivered his handgun. So having a consigliere in the background works. Just another benefit of belonging to the best motorcycle organization in the world. Just ask Jack.

MOTORCYCLE DREAM

Not only is motorcycling fun, but it offers a variety of ways to have fun. Like many other riders, I find it is fun to go fast.

In 2015, the late great Gus Miller offered me a chance to pilot his 1977 Harley-Davidson XLCR on the Bonneville Salt Flats and attempt to set a new land speed record. Ever since I learned about Craig Breedlove setting amazingly high-speed records at Bonneville in the early '60s, I dreamt of doing the same. After watching "World's Fastest Indian" in the theatre, I was even more enthused. Without hesitation, I jumped on Gus's offer to ride his bike.

Speed Week at Bonneville in 2015 was literally a washout with rains making the race areas too sloppy to be used. I put away all the special items I bought for Bonneville and waited for better weather. The next year was dry and bright, and Gus's generous offer was still good. When Speed Week arrived, I loaded my gear in the Dakota and headed north to get Gus, the XLCR, and the trailer we used to haul it.

Traveling through the West roughly following the path taken by the ill-fated Donner Party was a joy. The truck and trailer were much faster, more reliable, and more comfortable than the ox and horse drawn wagons of yesteryear, but the scenery was pretty much the same. Sometimes the journey is the destination.

This time, however, the Salt Flats was a destination beyond my expectations. Riding Gus's fine old Harley was an important part of the adventure, but the experience of joining an international assembly of fellow gearheads was fantastic. As a fellow racer, I was automatically accepted in the inner-most areas of mechanics and drivers. Sharing experiences and the smattering of various foreign languages I had retained over the years was 'way past cool.

Riding on the salt was not that much different than riding on the dirt and gravel roads where I learned to ride a motorcycle, except I had never ran 100+ mph on gravel on a bike. I had to be careful accelerating and letting off the gas because the sand offers little traction. The sand also gives high rolling resistance that robs the bike of performance. Even so, the idea of riding for miles wide open with no obstructions, no crossroads, no deer waiting to jump out, and no traffic was the essence of what beats in every hotrodder's heart.

Well, I did not come close to reaching, much less breaking, the speed record for the class in which I was running. Even so, the total experience of traveling through the West, of being admitted to the inner circle of international contestants, and riding on the challenging salt surface was a biker's dream come true. It is a dream that will stay with me forever.

- by George Tinkham, the Thomas Jefferson of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois

SHOULD THE MULE BE THE OFFICIAL MASCOT FOR ABATE/MOTORCYCLISTS?

A mule is an independent animal. A few years ago in Wayne County, Illinois, Pure Oil Company leased a pair of matched mules to help retrieve oil field equipment in flooded areas. Not much time is needed to discover the great qualities of the mule. Sorry, horse lovers; there is no comparison. Some say the mule is stubborn; I say he is principled. Some say a mule does what he believes is right, correct and proper; regardless of what anyone thinks. A mule takes the proper path, chooses the best footing and is reliable. Sound like a good motorcyclists? Mules don't like people that take the wrong path.

And mules talk. They have a word for "right". It is "gee". When you hear a mule go "gee-haw", the first word is "gee", not "hee" (some have been getting that wrong for years). So it is "gee haw", not "hee haw". Many people, and horse loving people in particular, have been mishearing mules for years. Teamsters, when handling mule teams adopted the mule words - "GEE" FOR RIGHT AND "HAW" FOR LEFT. Both terms are defined in Webster's Dictionary. Look them up - notice the "origin unknown" part. That dictionary claims that the origin of "gee and haw" is "unknown". Mules know better. As far as I can tell, these mule words are the only animal words in the ENGLISH language that are defined in Webster's. I have requested that Webster's change the origin of the words "gee and haw" from "unknown" to "early mule speak". I have not received a response - yet.

If you want to test my mule theory, next time you visit a mule, just whisper "gee" in his "right" ear. I predict you will have an immediate MULE friend. His ears will perk up; he will look at you like you just bonded. If I ever start a motorcycle club, I am thinking about naming it the IRON MULEMEN. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Ride Safe.

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Ohio Pushes Back on California Plans

Just before the end of 2023, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed H.B. 201 into law. The focus of the bill is to; *"Prohibit a state agency, county, or township from restricting the sale or use of a motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle; to prohibit a state agency from adopting the California emissions standards for motor vehicles."*

As you may remember, the Clean Air Act allows states to seek a waiver to enact emission standards outside of those set by the federal government. In 2022, California received a waiver allowing the state to establish guidelines requiring every new car and truck sold there to have zero emissions by 2035. This requirement has set off a debate in state capitals around the country. Some states seek to align with California, while others, like Ohio, are pushing back against California's plans.

ABATE of Ohio received the support of other groups in support of the bill, including the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Auto Dealers Association. Ed Schetter, Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio, testified in December, backing the bill. In his remarks, he said, *"ABATE of Ohio is concerned with the push towards electric power and pressure to eliminate the internal combustion engine from the marketplace. This may leave many motorcyclists without options on how to power the motorcycles we ride. We also feel this may limit the availability of sales, parts, and service to the motorcyclists of Ohio. Many of these businesses are ones we've relied on for years."* After the hearing, lawmakers thanked ABATE of Ohio for their participation. Multiple legislators noted that ABATE of Ohio was the only "citizen-led" group involved in the hearing. Comments like that help reinforce the importance of engagement and participation by citizens in the legislative process.

Remember, the debate on this issue is happening nationally in Washington, D.C., in addition to state legislatures. In 2023 the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1435, a bill to revoke California's waiver for setting these emission standards. It now awaits action in the Senate, where its companion version, S. 2090 Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act of 2023, has garnered 17 Senate cosponsors.

The MRF would like to congratulate ABATE of Ohio on their victory in defense of the internal combustion engine! Well done

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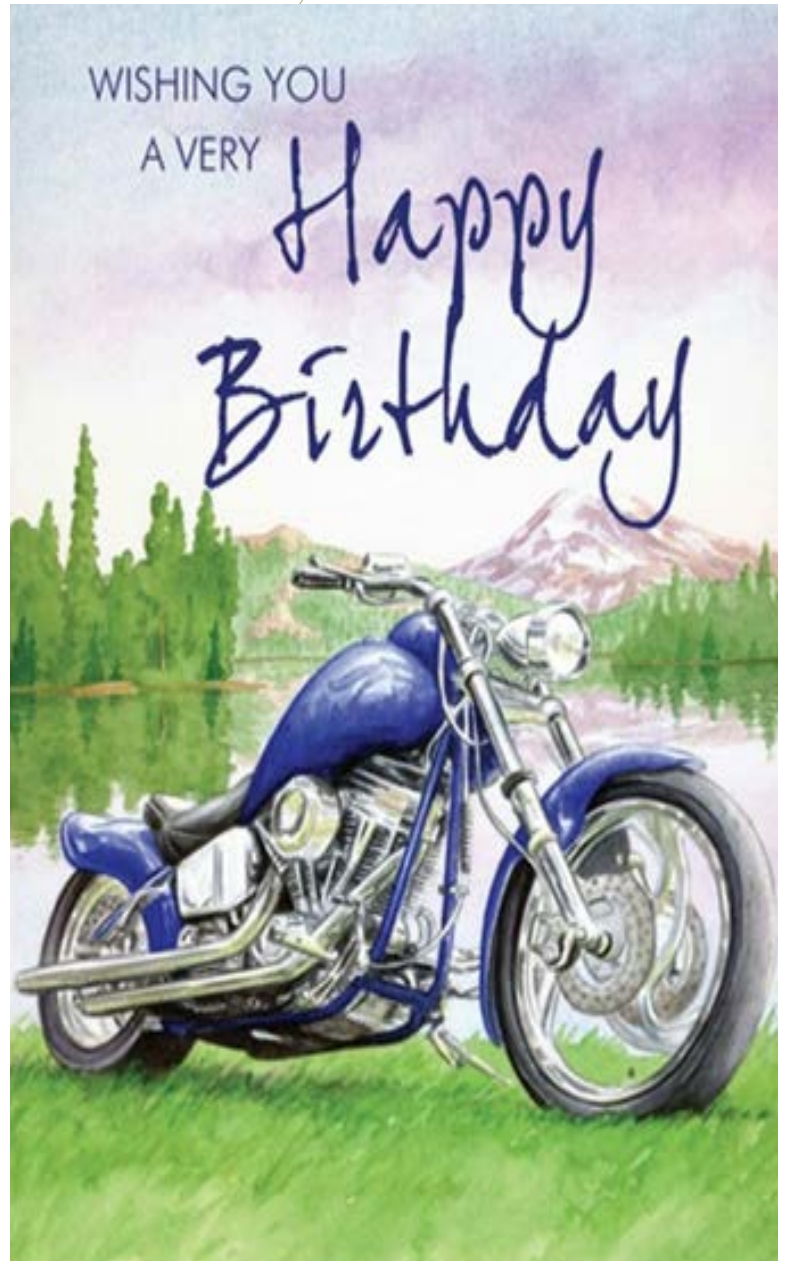
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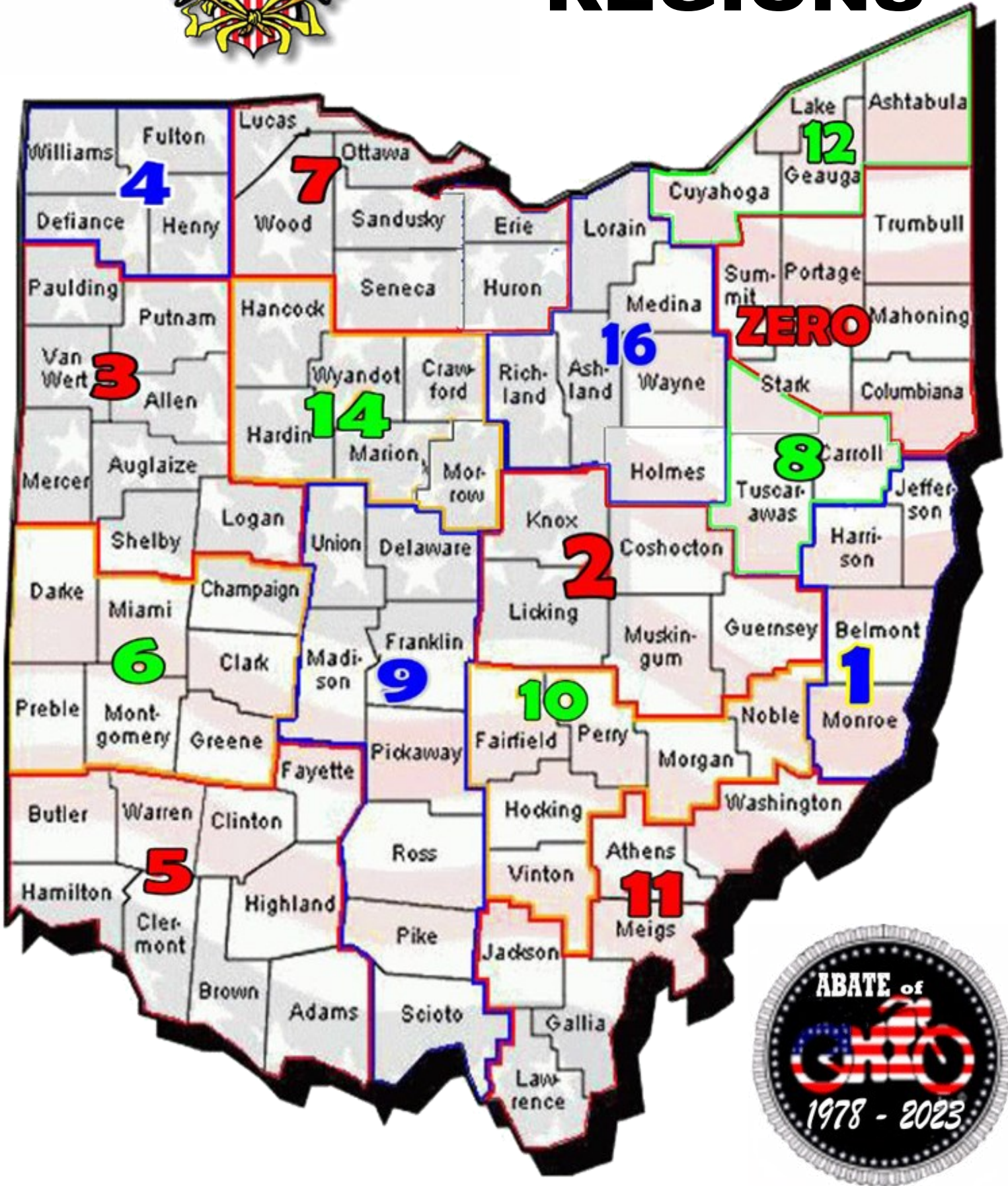
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Happy New Year!

Out with the old and in with the new! What used to be, doesn't mean it always will or have to be. Things can change or stay the same. It all depends on our actions.

Rolling into 2024, Region Zero has a slew of Officers. Some new, some old, and some coming out of retirement. Region Zero has great participation from our Officers and membership which keeps us trucking along. Come to a meeting and see.

Don't forget to get your hands on Meltdown tickets before the party. They're \$15 pre-sale and \$20 at the door. Sure to be a great time as always with food, live music, basket auction, 50/50, and more. Last year's venue had a beer special in which I definitely took plenty advantage of.

Much better weather will be here before we know it, so enjoy the time for hibernation. With better weather means more vehicle crashes and the possibility of serious bodily harm or death. Especially on a motorcycle. Soon enough it'll be May with plenty of bikers down. All of us have a date with death, so use your time wisely because we don't know when that date is. Take care all!!

Keith Roller ... Deputy Director

(I'm sure he'll have some Insite for us at the meeting on Saturday.)

Lion Man ... Legislative Director 330.718.3066

At our meeting, I will provide an update as to the Right Of Way (ROW) bill. It will already have been shipped to all local politicians, and other motorcycle friendly state legislators. I will provide copies of our proposed Ohio Revised Code's changes for your reading.

As it is a new year, I will update everyone on what legislation ABATE of Ohio Inc and the MRF is working on, such as H.R. 906 "Right to Repair Act"; S. 2090 & H.R. 1435 the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act"; Ohio H.B. 201, our state bill, similar to S. 209; and more!

I will also provide copies of the anti-motorcycle profiling legislation that we want to become law in Ohio. It is the start of a new year!

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The Freedoms you surrender today, are the freedoms that your grandchildren will never know existed!

Lion Man

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Happy New Year my fellow Abate Brothers and Sisters. I hope all of you and yours had a great holiday season and Santa brought you some good gifts and goodies. Also stay strong on the New Year resolutions...at least for a couple weeks anyway ha ha.

Now that the off season of riding is in full swing let us all stay active checking our rides for winter maintenance, attending your Regional Abate meetings, the Abate State Conference in February, the Winter Meltdown party, or any of the indoor swap meets or bike shows that happen throughout the area during the first few months on non-riding time. Stay informed and stay involved. If ya slow down, they start trying to throw dirt on ya! So, until next month... Stay informed, stay safe, stay warm.....

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(I conceded my column to Lion this month.)

We will continue to plan for the "Summer of Bummer" party. DO YOU REMEMBER BUMMER? If you do, please stop out to see what is being planned to memorialize him! Give us your input! This needs to be special. And we want your memories and ideas to honor him!

May of 2023, ABATE of Ohio Inc., Region Zero, begin a memorial to remember and honor Bummer. His name was placed on the Motorcycle Memorial Wall in Hopedale, and a brick was placed in the walk of Brothers and Sisters lost, leading up to and around the memorial. That was our start! Please, if you can't come to the meeting and provide us with ideas to contribute to his memory, his causes, and what would have been his future hopes, let one of the offers know what your thoughts are.

Go to ABATE.COM Region Zero page to find officer's contact page, or to Region Zero's Facebook page, or better yet come to one of our meetings to offer to participate or just to give us your thoughts and ideas.

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Hello brothers and sisters of ABATE, my name is Mike Poole, I'm the new director of ABATE Region 8.

I'd like to start with a little about me, I started riding the way many of you did, as a kid on dirt bikes, 3-wheelers and 4-wheelers. My first street bike ride was with a friend of my dad's, on his gold wing, I was hooked at 10 or 12. I knew then someday I would ride. In my early 20's I got my first street bike, a Kawasaki 440 LTD. When my oldest son was born that bike was sold. Fifteen long years later, in '09, I got my next bike, a Suzuki V-Strom. I still love and have that bike. In 2017 I bought my first Harley, a used Ultra Limited, at 47 I went full Geezer Glider, as a friend called it. Many of my friends asked if I was selling my Suzuki, I confidently said, "Hell No".

I joined AMA shortly after I bought my Suzuki V-Strom, and still am a member. Back then I knew a few ABATE members but didn't know much about it. To be honest I thought it was another Harley owners' group. In 2017 when I bought my Harley, I was able to change my work schedule and I looked more into ABATE. I attended a meeting and joined Region 8. At that meeting my beautiful girlfriend Tenna (her daughter told me to say that) and I both joined ABATE. We were looking for people to hang out and ride with. She lived in Georgia at the time and was able to attend a few ABATE rides in Athens on her Can-Am Spyder. I started attending meetings whenever I could around my work schedule, getting involved in a couple committees, helping out whenever we could.

With the start of the new year, I started my position as ABATE Region 8 director. When I was nominated, they said it'll be easy, it'll be FUN! As director, with the help of our members I hope to increase the membership and get more members active and involved. I would encourage everyone to reach out to someone new and sign them up. Our commitment to new members shouldn't stop at signing them up. Signing them up is just the beginning, we need to get them involved and introduce them to other abate members.

. Oftentimes, I think we assume everyone just knows everybody in the group, that's usually not the case.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic year. I hope to see you all out at rides and events!!!

Be Safe,
Mike Poole



Hello everyone and welcome to 2024.

My name is Chris Lappert and I have been elected to represent our Region for the 2024 year.

We are working hard for your rights as riders as we move through the season, I will do my best to keep this updated and current. Please watch for emails and Face Book post from the state level for calls to action on issues that are coming before our legislative leaders.

At home we have a few things in the works for the membership and public at large to join us for some Brotherhood and good times. By the time this sees print we will have had the State seminar meeting and hopefully I've seen many of you in person, also on March 9th Reg (Franklin Co.) will host our annual Daytona North get together and Chili cook off. All are welcome we will be @ the Grumpy Goat 108 Jackson St (this is right off SR 23 at 665). watch for the flier coming soon. We also have the annual Awareness Rally coming up in May. We will again be stopping over to OHIO BREWING for some social time after the presentations @ the State house. (see the flier here in the OUT SPOKEN for details) .

That's all for now if we get a break in the Weather Ride safe and I'll see you in the wind.

Region 9 Director
Franklin Co. Coordinator
Chris Lappert



Hello Everybody,

So, after having gone riding on New Years Day, I guess riding season has officially begun. With the global warming thing going on it seems like the kickstand doesn't stay down too long. I was sorta wondering if everybody is planning to ride to the seminar this year. It's kinda funny how people invest thousands of dollars in motorcycles and keep them shredded half the year. Of course, people also invest thousands in snowmobiles and only get to ride them a fraction of the time that people spend on motorcycles.

The smart snowmobile riders trailer them up to Michigan and get a week or two of riding. Can you imagine trailering a motorcycle from Florida to Vermont just to freeze your fingers off a couple times a year?

Riley convinced me to go snowmobiling in the UP one winter. It was a balmy -8 degrees. I frostbit a few defective digits untying the rigging we used to keep the machines on the trailer. This didn't help me enjoy riding around through the many feet of snow and arctic temperatures. It was a cool adventure, but I doubt if I'll re-enlist to experience it again. The last night there, Riley and his boy went riding pretty well all night. I found a bottle of whisky and a hot tub was all the adventure I needed.

Chrysler corp. had the perfect answer for a biker that wanted a ride for winter fun; the Sno Bunny. It was a moped built thing with a ski on the front and a belt on the back. Powered by a 125ish cc engine, it would take you out through the fields at 30 - 40 mph. I had found a used one and picked it up for the kids. It was great. Other than lacing your motorcycles back tire with clothesline it was the answer to enjoy the terror of riding a MC in the snow. The poor rabbit got kinda ill after being introduced to my dad and my brother.

They took turns abusing the poor thing till it was only a good memory. No, if I'm goanna freeze on a ride it had better be heading south to the promise of warmth or heading back home after a nice warm ride.

LWIF is slated for Florida with a stop at the famous Burnt Church distillery in SC. I've counted 37 different people that have embarked on this trip. And by "different" I mean you gotta be different to take your bike outa the barn on the last weekend in February and ride to places unknown. It's been a good twenty plus year tradition.

Pete Burns

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