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The mission statement of ABATE of Ohio is to promote and defend motorcyclist's freedom, safety and awareness through education and legislation to make Ohio the best place to ride.

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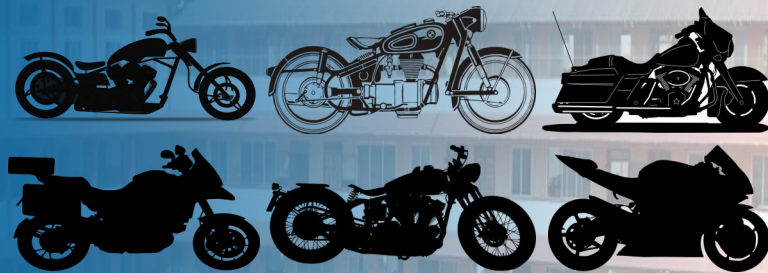
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Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mike Stock



Hi Friends,

I want to thank everyone that came to the 2024 State Seminar. It was fun seeing all of you and noticing that everyone was really visiting and having a good time. Every one of our presenters gave us lots of information and the boost to take on another year. Next year we will be changing motels. We're going back to Embassy Suites, Dublin, Ohio. Friday, January 31st will be the Meet and Greet and the Seminar will be on Saturday, February 1st. Mark your Calendar. This will be the time when you can ask questions and get that answer right now.

One thing introduced at this year's Seminar was the New Website. Kay has done a great job getting it up and running, but there's still more work to be done. You can now join and renew with your credit card, and you will soon be able to look at your information. The calendar is easier to keep up to date and will be easier for all of us to use. It is also mobile friendly and I'm sure a lot of you will like that. There will be a mailing going out soon explaining what your username is and what to do if it says you don't exist. Believe me, you do exist. We're just having some growing pains. Please call if you have any questions. If I don't have the answer, I will get it for you. 419-654-5446

We did have a winner for the statewide, year long 50/50. Over \$500 of the proceeds will go to Motorcycle Ohio's training program. To see who won, go to ABATE.com and scroll down.

When this Magazine comes out some of you will be in Daytona Beach, enjoying the sun and warm weather. Please stop and say hello to the ABATE of Florida booth, AMA booth and MRF booth. We need to all stay together to win this next fight to keep our right to ride gas powered motorcycles.

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.

With House bill 201 passing last year, we will not be using any part of CARB standards to make laws in Ohio. This is a big plus for us keeping our Combustion motors.

	Crashes	Fatalities	Speed Related
2024	3	59	15
2023	5	93	18

Note, these are states from January 1st to February 20th last year we ended the year with 229 fatalities. We must get below 200 or they will just keep using it against us.

Last of all, mark your calendars for May 4, 2024, Motorcycle Awareness Rally to kick off Motorcycle Awareness Month. See the website calendar and also in this magazine for a flyer. Everyone needs to know we are still here and riding every day.

Ride Within your Limits
Mike Stock
Chairman of the Board



Time to step up to the challenge!

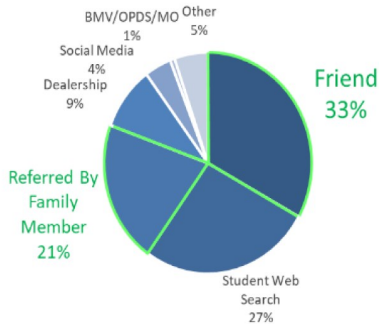
The Motorcycle Ohio (MO) training portal is now open. The link to all the classes available throughout the state is shown below:

<https://services.dps.ohio.gov/MotorCycleOhioTraining/student/Home>

The classes currently offered are:

- Basic Rider Skills (BRS)
- Basic Rider Skills for Returning Riders (BRS-RR)
- Basic Riders Skills 2 (BRS-2)

Based on last years student surveys, YOU provide a critical role in helping yourself and others find out about the safety training. The chart below shows how students find out about Motorcycle Ohio training:



So be 'THAT' friend or family member and help Motorcycle Ohio work to improve the safety of Ohio motorcycle riders.

Today's Riders Learning Point => Cold Weather Riding

In addition to learning about the motorcycle, shifting, braking and negotiating curves, some of the more advanced topics are related to: motorcycle selection, carrying passengers/cargo, group riding, mechanical problems, touring/long-distance riding and today's topic, riding in the cold (or heat).

It happens to us all, Mother Nature serves up a warm(ish) day in February and we decide it's time to go for a ride. 🐻 So, let's think about how to have a successful ride. These are some of the things you might learn in your class:

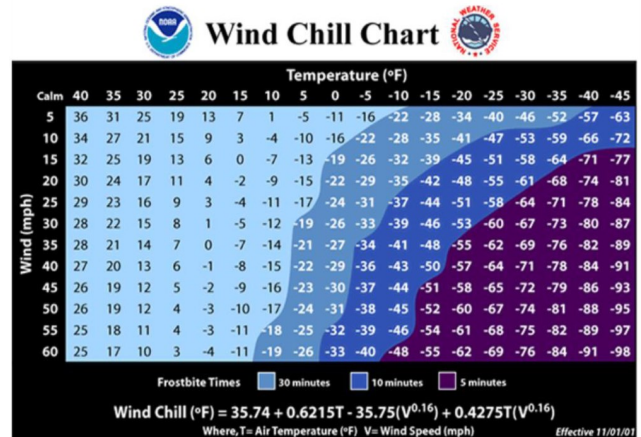
What freezes first? Fingers! Your body will constrict the flow of blood to extremities in the cold to preserve the maximum amount around core organs. This then adds to the difficulty of moving fingers/hands to adjust speed, change gears or critically to control braking. Cold reduces alertness as focus on it lowers our ability to respond. This attention gap compromises the ability to think through complex situations leading to inferior choices. Throw in our pride to 'Look Cool' with our choice to wear gear that was used in warmer seasons into the equation, and we have a recipe for disaster. Not ideal conditions for that ride.

Things you might learn in class could be that you incorporate:

- Ensuring you know the weather forecast predicted for the entire ride
- Choosing the correct base layers to effectively protect your core and extremities; avoiding cotton to prevent moisture which conducts heat away from your body
- Equipping yourself and/or your bike with heated gear/grips/seat, and/or hand guards/full windshield
- Taking frequent stops, while hydrating & snacking often to optimize your metabolism's impact to circulation

- Being flexible in adjusting your plans, if you start to feel cold.
- Finally, remembering that a full-face helmet and/or balaclava will provide maximum warmth to top off the preparations.

The chart below shows you just how cold based on our speed and the ambient temperature:



Source: National Weather Service

Come learn some more & See you on the range in 2024!



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March 23, 2024



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FREEDOM RALLY

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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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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

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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) <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> Food Vendors (\$50.00 per cord) Non-Food Vendors (\$30.00 per Cord) </div>	\$
TOTAL:	\$

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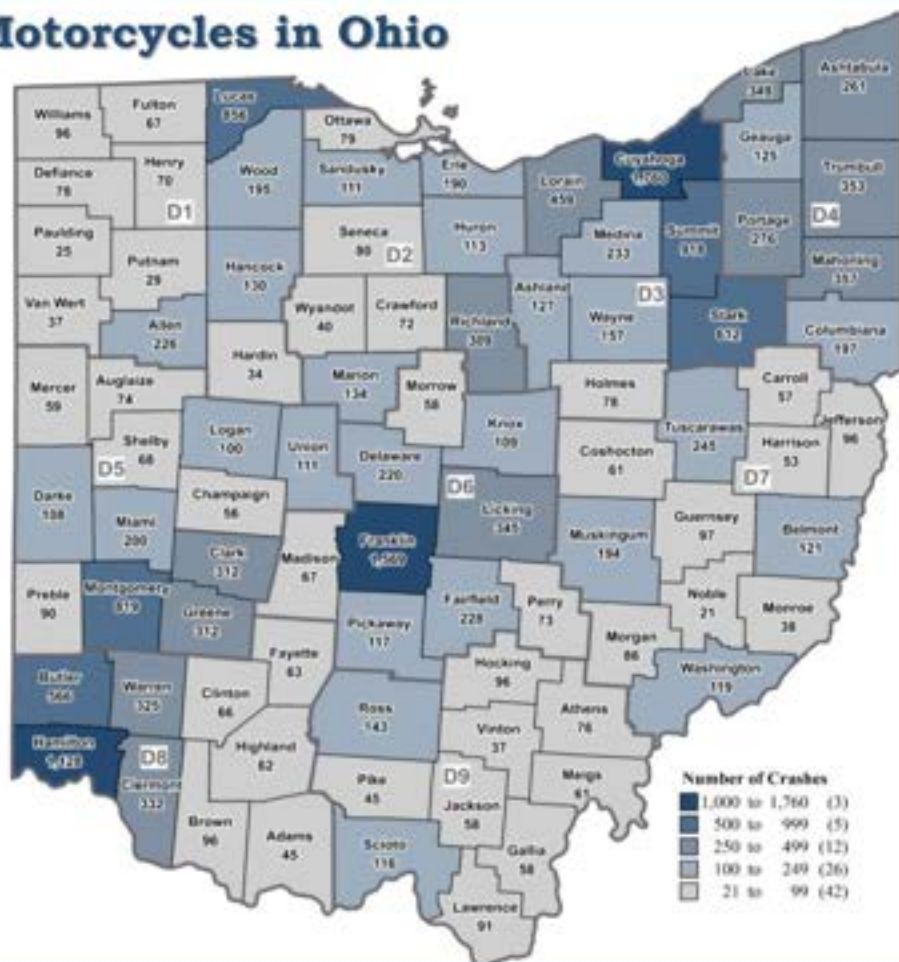
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MAY 2023

Motorcycles in Ohio



Map and Table:
2018-2022 Motorcycle Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	1,843
District 2	1,128
District 3	4,344
District 4	1,918
District 5	2,309
District 6	2,786
District 7	1,188
District 8	2,683
District 9	781
Total	18,980

Ohio Motorcycle Crashes

- From 2018 to 2022, 18,980 motorcycle-involved crashes have occurred on Ohio roadways. The number of motorcycle crashes has increased each of the last five years. These crashes included 927 fatal crashes that killed 953 motorcyclists and 13 others. Another 5,296 motorcyclists were seriously injured in these crashes.
- Cuyahoga (1,760), Franklin (1,569), Hamilton (1,128), Summit (918), and Lucas (856) Counties led the state in motorcycle-involved crashes from 2018 to 2022. These five counties accounted for one-in-three such crashes in the state (6,231 or 33%).
- Motorcycle drivers were at-fault in 56% of all motorcycle-involved crashes and 64% of fatal crashes from 2018 to 2022. Half of at-fault motorcycle drivers did not have a motorcycle license endorsement. Forty-two percent (42%) of motorcycle crashes from 2018 to 2022 involved just the motorcycle, and this percentage increases to 46% in fatal crashes.
- From 2018 to 2022, 9% of motorcycle-involved crashes involved alcohol and/or drugs, nearly twice the rate of alcohol/drug use in crashes overall (5%). In addition, 54% of fatal crashes involving motorcycles were alcohol and/or drug related.
- Over the last five years (2018-2022), 72% of motorcyclists killed and 66% of motorcyclists seriously injured in traffic crashes were not wearing a helmet. Ohio only requires helmets for drivers under 18, drivers with less than one year of motorcycle driving experience, or passengers on motorcycles where the driver is required to wear a helmet.
- Additional information on motorcycle-involved crashes is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) dashboard at: <https://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats.aspx>

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SATURDAY

Rally

May 4, 2024

9:30-11:00am REGISTRATION

12:00 noon Ride to Statehouse

- = Meet at Farrow H/D at Northstar
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I-71, Exit 131
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- = Parade departs at 12 Noon sharp
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2:00 – 5:00pm

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Ohio Brewing Company – 421 E. 2nd Ave, Columbus, Oh. 43201



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

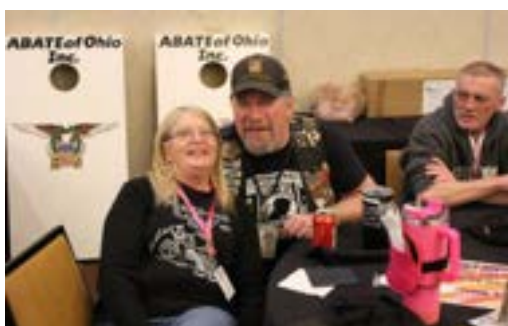
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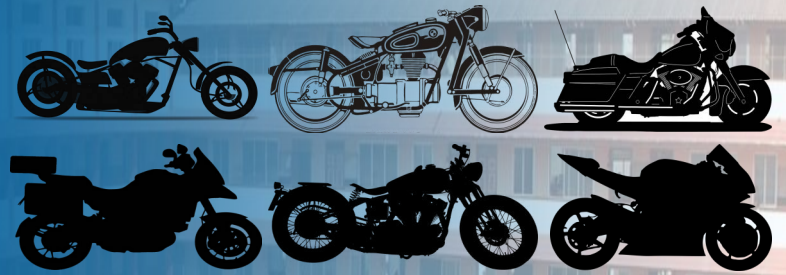
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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



ABATE's legislative efforts do not take a break. The State Board of Directors is always monitoring what is happening in the state and federal government and within all the boards and committees that are taking your tax dollars. The work is beginning to find a sponsor for the Right Of Way Bill. I hope you are all preparing letters or phone calls to your state legislators once we do find a sponsor. This bill will only fail if we let it!

Next, we will be introducing an anti-profiling proposal. It is shameful that in this supposedly free country motorcyclists are being pulled over and harassed only because of the vehicle they are operating or because of the clothing they are wearing! If you don't think this pertains to you, just remember what the Ohio Gang Law considers a gang! Three or more people, wearing the same insignia or speaking the same type of language, can be considered a gang. Does being an ABATE member make you a member of a gang? It could. Does being a member of the Moose club, Elks club, or Eagles club make you a member of a gang? It could.

Remember that the only way we, in this free county, can ensure our freedom, is to be ever diligent of those who want to slowing take our freedom away, piece by piece. To paraphrase a different lyric, You got to fight, for your right, to be free! If not you? Who? No one else has time to care about us.

Don't believe me? Remember this. There is still a law on the books that says that "In the state of Ohio, it is illegal to kill a housefly within 160 feet of a church without a license".

But it is a minor misdemeanor to violate someone's right of way and kill them!!!

Lion Man





Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

ANOTHER REASON TO INCREASE YOUR COVERAGE TO AT LEAST 250/500

The odd choice of 100,000 per person/300,000 per accident uninsured and underinsured coverage on a motorcycle

That is, unless you have a sidecar. If you're paying for 100,000 per person/300,000 per accident un/underinsured coverage on your motorcycle (a two-person vehicle) then you're

paying for potential coverage for a third person that will never be there. Now, it is better to have 100/300 than even lower limits such as 25,000/50,000, but hopefully this pushes you to up your limit to 250,000 per person/500,000 per accident to better cover yourself in case an uninsured driver turns left in front of you. And at least you'll know you're not paying for coverage for a third person who is not legally allowed to ride on your motorcycle (again, unless you have a sidecar).

-by Hilary Barnes ABATE LEGAL LAWYER.

MARVELS OF MARVEL MYSTERY OIL - A SECRET MUST FOR MOTORCYCLE WINTER STORAGE

When it gets so cold out you know you will not be riding for a few weeks, stop by an auto parts store or a Walmart and get a quart can of Marvel Mystery Oil. Pour almost the whole can in the gas tank (save about 4-6 tablespoons for later), and then fill the tank up completely with fuel. The Marvel Mystery Oil will act as an upper cylinder lubricant. *(This stuff has been around since the 30s, and I still don't know how it works. Air cooled airplane engines love the stuff. And we all know that the airplane guys got the idea for aircraft engines from us motorcycle guys. If you want to unstick some valves or lubricate sticking valves, this stuff works like magic. Paul Romine, the guy who remanufactured Ford engines for Ford in the midwest and a NHRA Champion, swears by the stuff, and that's enough for me. - Rod)*

Remember that 4-6 tablespoons of Marvel Mystery Oil we held in reserve? Now comes the time to use it. Pull the spark plugs out of the engine, pour a tablespoon of Marvel Mystery Oil in each cylinder, and turn the engine over by hand several revolutions in order to spread the Marvel Mystery Oil around the cylinder walls. Reinstall the spark plugs. Simple steps like these will keep your bike ready for this spring and many more to come! Especially if you own a shovel.

GRANDDAD'S HARLEY DAVIDSON WLA - IS IT COVERED?

Q. You are restoring your grandfather's WLA. It is not plated/licensed because you have taken it all apart in your garage and have restored it like new. Grand-dad would be proud. But before you plate/license the bike, your garage catches fire and destroys your family heritage. You call your insurance company and make a claim for your loss under the fire policy for your home/garage. They pay for the garage fire loss and all of the personal property, but deny your claim for the motorcycle. How can this be?

A. Most homeowners/fire insurance policies have an exclusion for "unlicensed" motorcycles/automobiles. So if you want your restoration project covered you must call your insurance company and request that the "project" be specifically scheduled on your homeowners insurance policy. The charge is usually modest. Failure to get this bike scheduled will leave you without insurance on your bike if it is destroyed by fire. Interestingly, if the motorcycle has been totally disassembled into parts, a good argument could be made that under most homeowner policies, the parts would have been covered. But as to a completed bike, not so. A long time ABATE member from Springfield, Illinois discovered this the hard way. "Digger" was restoring his vintage bike when his garage caught fire and destroyed his prized possession. His insurance carrier took a hard line and denied coverage for his bike. Moral of the story: call your insurance company and ask them whether the unlicensed bike is covered. If they say yes— send a confirming email/letter. If they say no, acknowledge to yourself that you are going bare (no coverage) or get the bike scheduled on your policy for the proper value.

DROP MY NAME

From Lisa Best, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. -

Rod, “We wanted to say thank you. We felt our car insurance company was taking advantage of us after an accident. We dropped your name during a discussion with them and the problem was resolved within an hour. You must be famous!”

Lisa, any ABATE member is free to use my name anytime. Hope it works. Rod

THE DEFINITION OF “BIKER” HAS EVOLVED

Q: People say I’m a biker. What’s a biker? ABATE member.

A: Depends on your attitude, I suppose. The word “biker,” like many others, has meaning and usage, some of which are positive, and some of which are not. Not even dictionaries can agree on the definition. Webster’s Third New International Dictionary defines a biker as “motorcyclist; especially one who is a member of an organized gang.” (A member of a gang? What is with that?) The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language notes a biker is “1. One who rides a bicycle or a motorbike. 2. A motorcyclist, especially a member of a motorcycle gang.” Meanwhile, our British cousins define a biker as “someone who rides a motorcycle or bicycle,” - Cambridge Dictionary of American English. Curiously, the Cambridge International Dictionary of English notes an informal usage of biker as “a member of a gang group of motorcyclists.” The Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang notes that the meaning of “biker” as “gang member” became current usage in 1968. Of course, the term would have been used informally for some time before that. Prior to 1981, Webster’s had no definition for biker at all, and was added in order to better reflect current trends in popular usage, according to a spokesperson for Webster’s.

How did we get from “motorcycle rider” to “gang member?” The exact route is unclear, but three events seem to have solidified the “gang member” connotation for bikers. The first is the Hollister, CA rally of 1947. Shortly after the end of WWII, large numbers of demobilized troops turned to motorcycling for recreation, camaraderie, and as a way of dealing with the lingering horrors of war (Today, it is called post traumatic stress syndrome by some). One of the gatherings of riders that caught the attention of the press was a rally held in Hollister, California, about 100 miles south of San Francisco. Life Magazine, in an effort to portray the spirit of motorcycling, staged a picture of a man sitting on top of a motorcycle amid a pile of beer bottles. The myth of the biker was born.

Two other events brought the myth into clear focus for the masses, and both were images from the movies. The 1954 release of Brando’s “The Wild One” and 1969’s “Easy Rider” cemented an image of bikers as marauding, out-of-control gang members. Subsequent movies and books have relied on those associations to the point where the mental image of “biker” becomes Brando or Dennis Hopper (with a football helmet, no less). It’s a shame that a conscientious, hard-working, freedom-loving group of individualists are defined by media image and a some that are not us.

How do we change the image? We keep doing the things we always do: respect others, defend our rights, participate in our communities, help the less fortunate, and ride safely. But we can do more, like contacting publishers of dictionaries and letting them know that bikers aren’t gang members any more than any other group. ABATE Legal has taken the lead by writing to the publishers of Webster’s and other dictionaries to ask that they make modifications to the definition to clarify the usage.

Rod Taylor

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Happy March 2024!

January & February flew by and most people are most likely happy about that. We are closer to Spring!

I was busy in January & February. January found Bob and I traveling up to Michigan for their State Seminar in a snowstorm. That once we hit the state line things came to a crawl, literally. But we made it to the hotel, and everyone was so nice and welcoming to us Buckeyes! It was so great to see my friend Jinx and the rest of his Abate members. They really work hard up there and that was noticed. Along with us Ed, Mike, and Kay traveled up and a great time was had by all!

I set up my booth at the Stark County Swap Meet on 01/28 and as always got to talk to a lot of wonderful people and see some that I don't get to see as much as I would like. There were several local clubs and I talked to them briefly about becoming a Sustaining Club Member. I hope to hear from the Second Brigade MC and the Greater Akron Motorcycle Club. Both do a lot of good work in the neighborhoods.

So excited to show my big new banner and some new signage this year. Also, you will see me at bike nights, swap meets, festivals, and fairs with my new Popup Canopy. It is awesome!

February took us to the Abate of Ohio Seminar. It is always nice to see everyone and touch base with them. I am always hopeful that we will have every Abate member attend the seminar. AMA was in the house. Motorcycle Ohio was in the house. ProRider Columbus was in the house. My friend and Mentor Jay Jackson was in the house! Fun was had by all.

As an Instructor for Motorcycle Ohio I have my IRW (Instructor Review Workshop) to attend and have one more swap meet in Summit County.

I again want to congratulate Abate of Ohio on all the work they put into helping our Governor sign legislation to remove us from the CARB Act. Just before he did even Connecticut Governor Lamont removed his state from the CARB Act. There are more states out there that have removed themselves from this disastrous California legislation. Go to the MRF homepage for more information.

I'm really proud of the hard work Lionman had put into the Right of Way bill. Just great work!!

The MRF Roadshow is back on for this year. Already our board members have been going to State Abate Seminars and other events.

Please renew your membership or join. While one voice can make a difference, many voices are heard louder! Postcards were sent out by myself to all expired MRF members and ones that were up for renewal on 02/01/2024. In 2024 I will be sending you a postcard if you are lapsed or coming up. Change of address, number, or email please let me know!

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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 club or group. **We must support one another.**

Please follow my Facebook page for all the latest news etc!!

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

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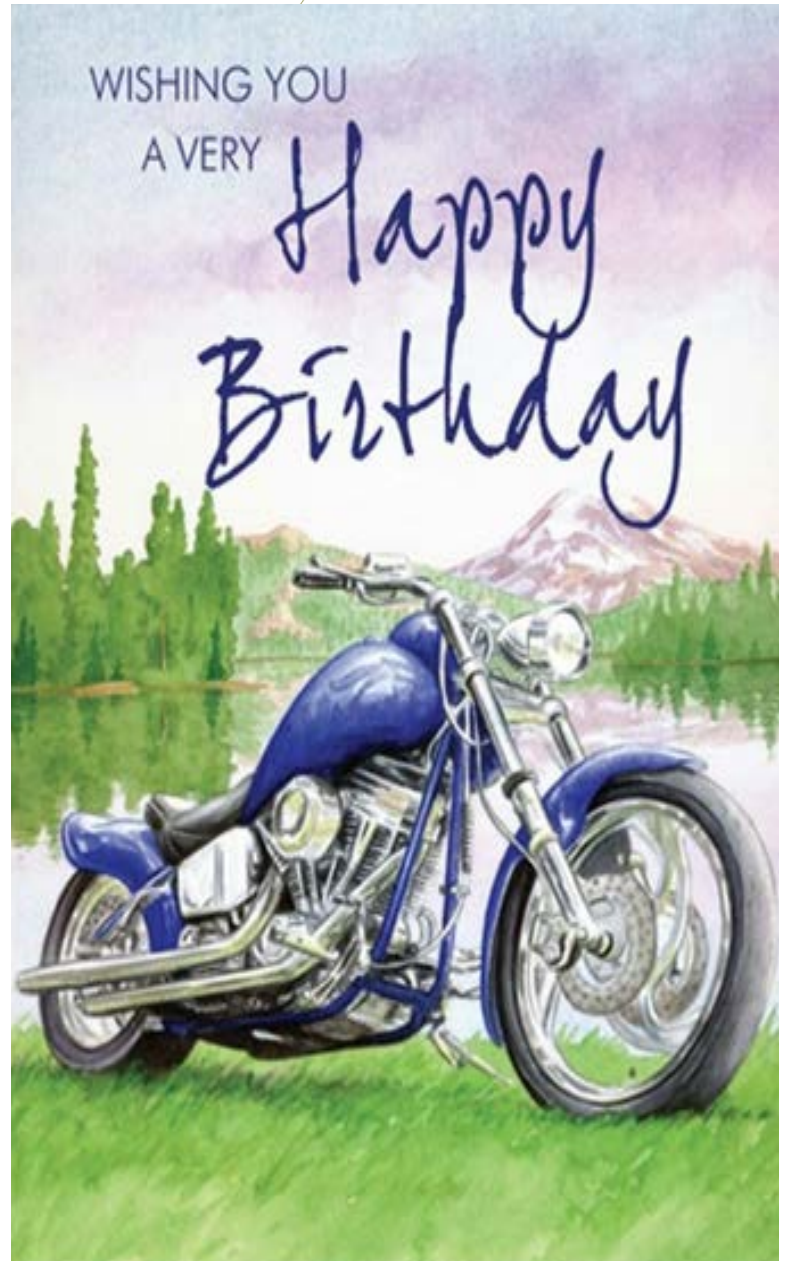
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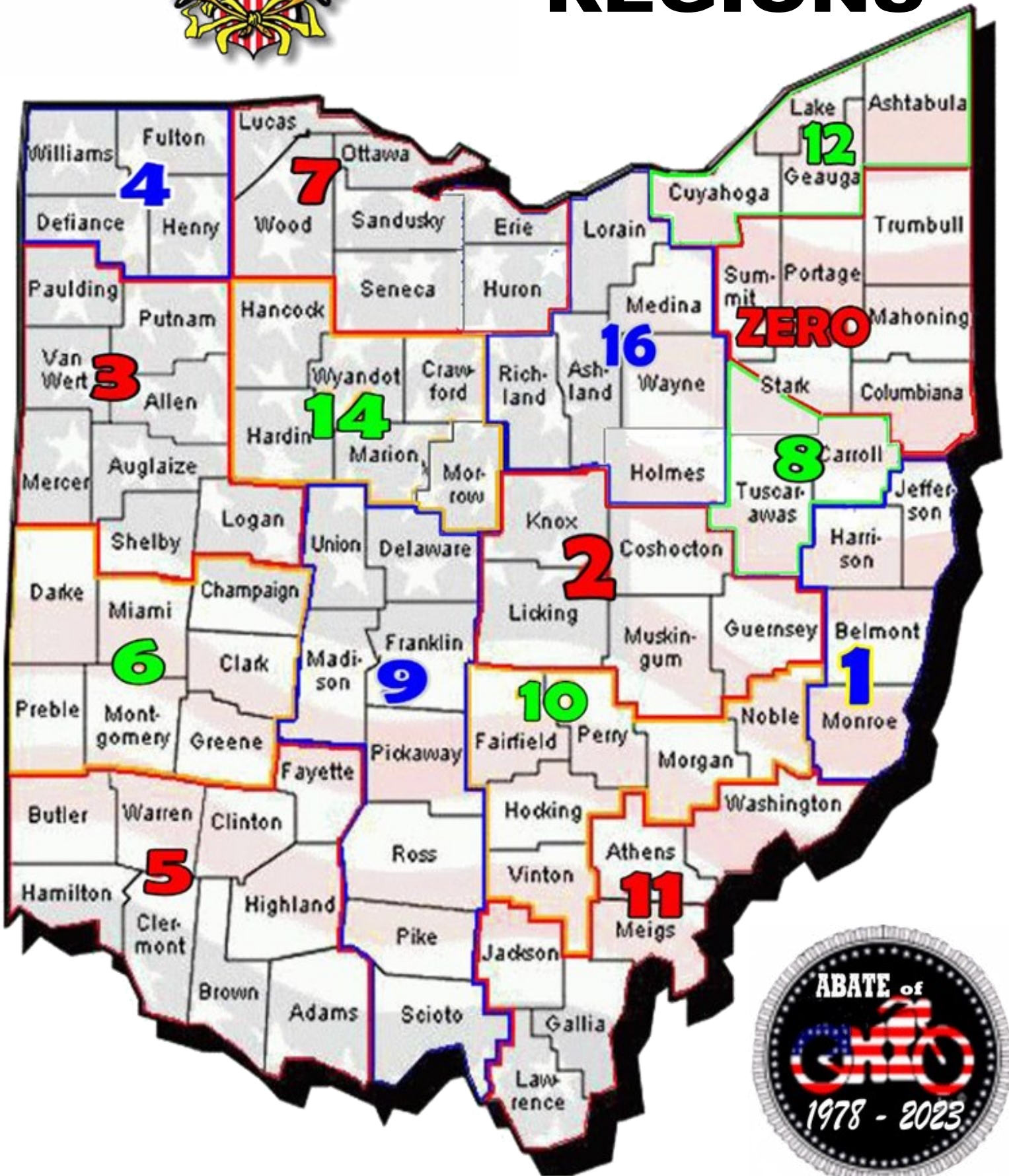
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2024 is rolling along like it or not. Region Zero just had our 33rd annual Meltdown party which was a blast! Band was rocking, so don't come knocking. Luckily for me I didn't drink enough to kill a baby elephant like last year which means No Hangover! Not too shabby considering the event was held at a new venue. With the new establishment means Region Zero has new and continued opportunities. Big thanks to the American Legion post 737 for the hospitality.

Winter hasn't been too scary thus far. I see and hear motorcycles still on the roads. Staying on the roads keeps motorcyclists and other vulnerable road users in people's minds. Too many times spring rolls around and automobile operators seem to forget that other vehicles also use the roads. Plenty of us know what it's like to smack the asphalt because of someone else. Hospitals, funerals, memorials, and benefits are a drag, so please keep your heads on a swivel.

In closing I will quote myself from a recent meeting, "All of our blood is the same color when it's smeared over the highway." A dark quote, but it gets the message across. Thank you all for your continued support! See you down the road.

Randy Kibler



Hello Region 7

This time of year we're looking toward Spring and a new season. Therefore it was a good decision to go to our ABATE of Ohio state seminar. It gave the chance for all areas of our state to get together on past and current concerns for our motorcycling community.

Who is in that "motorcycling community"? You, me, maybe your neighbor, friend, doctor, lawyer..... all those you see on the highway and at events. This community is who we represent, speak for and stand up for... and yes, even educate. Some of us are active in an organization like ABATE, AMA or MRF.... Or maybe in a club of some sort.... Or maybe lone wolves... or just entertained by riding once in a while.

For the welfare of our "community" we need more representation in membership numbers. Having an ABATE membership is "the thing do" if riders care about their riding freedoms. Not all gun owners are NRA members... but a lot are to preserve that freedom. People have there reasons for not following suit with them. BUT, be what it may, what are the risks of being an ABATE member? **There are more risks not being one...** namely all the threats our various areas and levels of government propose regularly.

Maybe you've heard them. Maybe the threat isn't in your state yet. Maybe you just don't know because you weren't paying attention.

ABATE is on top of it but it's much easier when we show the number of interested motorcyclists that care and show it by their memberships. ABATE is a blanket organization, not a club. Some MC rules don't allow memberships to other groups and we're not going to disrespect that. They're represented by NCOM and the COC who we work with as like the MRF and AMA. What I'm saying is if you show you support ABATE with a membership even if you're in another group, it's cool because you stand up for yourself. Wear that support patch with pride and respect. If you get the chance ask your fellow rider if they know what ABATE is showing them your support patch. Be respectful of MC's. We're not here to flex our muscles with each other, but with legislation that is set to strangle all of us. You can find at abate.com all the past and current issue ABATE is standing up for you with. We explored these things thoroughly at this year's seminar I mention earlier. Study these things and use them as discussion with those skeptics out there that shun membership to a MRO (motorcycle rights organization) like us. Mention the perks. Membership is very affordable in comparison and you can be involved at whatever level without being pestered. So to round things up, we're looking forward to spring with a new energy and springing forward for growth in all area. There is talk in region 7 to revive some past events and make new associations to make this happen. Take care of yourself and yours. Get that ride ready. Thank you for being a member!

Brain Jordan – Region 7 Director



Hello Brothers and Sisters,
I just returned from my first State Seminar, there were around 80 ABATE members there this year, I was told that was less than normal. I would like to thank everyone involved in Planning and scheduling a great seminar and all the members that attended. I want to encourage everyone to attend at least once. There was a lot of good information presented and a chance to network (that means drink) with other Brothers and Sisters from around the state.

Region 8 has several activities scheduled in the next few months:
The **Spring Fling** will be at TV Tavern, in Mineral City. March 23, doors open at 6:00pm, eat at 7:00pm, entertainment by Final Chapter at 8:00pm, covered dishes welcome and appreciated. Cover charge \$5.00 at the door.
The annual **Look Twice! Save a Life Dice Run**, will be May 18, starting and ending at Vaughan's Pub & Grill in Bolivar. Registration at 11 am, last bike out at noon, last bike in at 5:30pm. Covered dish appreciated, single rider \$15, couples \$25.

The **28th Annual Freedom Rally** is July 5--7, at Carroll County Veterans Park. \$30.00 weekend pass includes primitive camping all weekend, \$15 day pass includes one night camping. Live music all weekend, Veterans Vigil Friday night, Freedom run Saturday morning to Hopedale MMF, Bike Rodeo and show Saturday. Food and vendors will be at the Rally.
Just a reminder it's time to get your bikes ready for the coming riding season.

Be Safe,
Mike Poole
Region 8, Director

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- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



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