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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



I have a question for all members of ABATE of Ohio:

## **Is 2025 the year?**

Is 2025 the year we:

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With the talent and the commitment we have here within our great organization, any and all of these are possible. But, it's going to take a lot of work and in many cases it won't be easy. I'm asking for everyone's help to make our goals happen. No one person can do it alone, a small committed group can give it a good fight, but if we all band together we can achieve.

We have a fresh year, a new Chairman of the Board, a new Newsletter Director and a new legislature here in Ohio. Now is the time to recommit and achieve.

For those that came to Seminar, Thank you.

I don't have a lot to report on this month. 2024 was a busy year and we got a lot done with the 135<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

So I ask you again: Is 2025 The Year?

Enjoying the Ride,

Ed Schetter  
Executive Director ABATE of Ohio Inc.



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Fellow A.B.A.T.E. Region Zero Brother and Sisters,

I hope all had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a very happy New Year. May it be filled with good rides and many new adventures.

As your newly elected Region Director for 2025, I am looking forward to the adventure and excitement of the position and to be working with the other officers of our surrounding Regions and our own Officers and members, of course. I will undoubtedly need help and advice from our veteran officers and members from Region Zero. Your knowledge and wisdom will be invaluable to me. I hope, with great assistance from you all, that we can move the Region further ahead in our mission of safety, education and to protect our freedom to pursue our hobby, lifestyle, and rights of the 'Buckeye' biker. That mission can only be accomplished if we as members become more informed, more active, and more aware of the issues and concerns of our community by attending our monthly meetings and providing input and suggestions to the officers. I, for one, will gladly take all the help I can get.

In closing, I want to thank the members for their support for allowing me to lead the Region forward into the new year. We already have several events coming up including the winter Meltdown party and dance in February along with Motorcycle Memorial Foundation service in May. Please visit the Region Zero website often to be updated as to upcoming events. Our region currently has an ongoing committee that helps facilitate any member or family's request to be included on the memorial wall in Hopedale, Ohio. I look forward to working with that committee and to be a Region that is known as a strong advocate within the region and State for our Brothers and Sisters as we work toward the common good of riders everywhere. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Voicemail or by text, I will respond as soon as I can and I look forward to the adventure of leading the Region Zero gang into 2025.

LET'S RIDE TOGETHER....

T.A. Brown

Director Region Zero 2025.

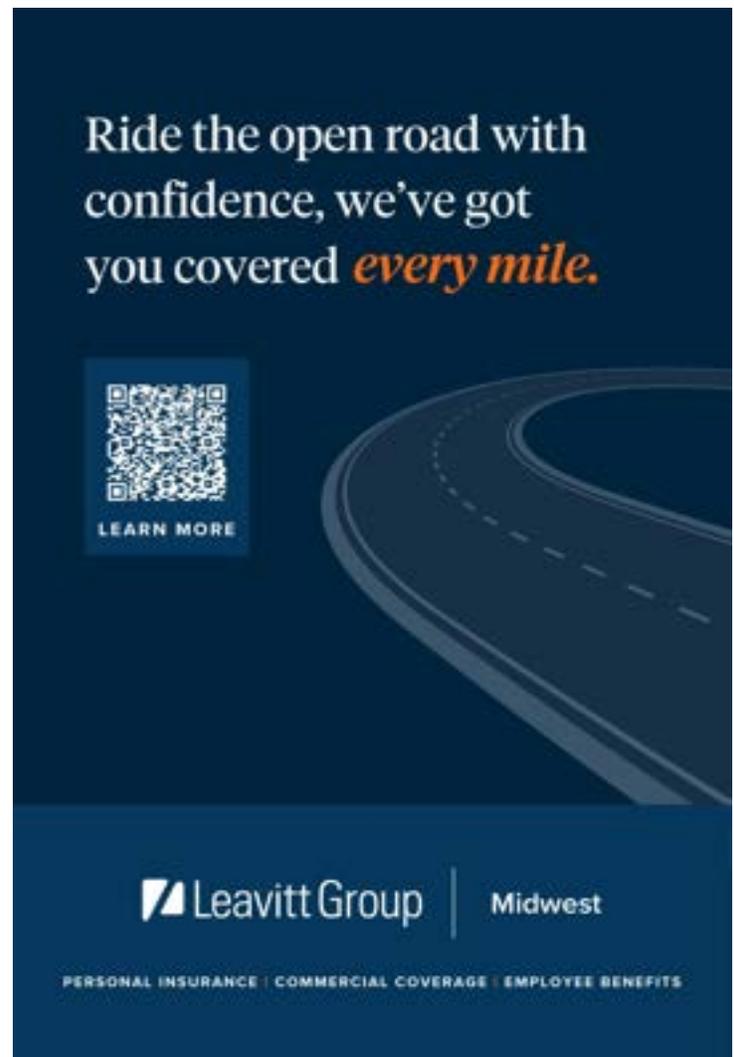
Happy New Year!

Out with the old and in with the new as some say. With the new year comes new opportunities for growth and success. Seven years ago Mary K passed the Regional Director's torch to me and with the hard work and dedication of our Officers and members that torch is burning hotter and brighter than ever! During the seven years as Director I have had the extreme pleasure of getting to know our members, building relationships with the community at large, and representing Region Zero. Friendships have come full circle for me in many ways as I attend their funerals, memorials, visit gravesites, and watch as their names are placed on bricks and pavers at the Motorcyclists Memorial in Hopedale, Ohio so they are always remembered.

Region Zero has worked diligently over the years so that the Director position doesn't have to be a lifelong commitment or a drag. I am pleased to take the same Regional Director's torch that Mary K passed to me seven years ago and pass it onto T.A. Brown. Meanwhile, I'll take over as Deputy Director and support T.A. in his endeavors within Region Zero and ABATE of Ohio Inc. I am confident in T.A.'s ability to lead us so that we can continue to watch Region Zero flourish within the State and in the Motorcycle Rights scene.

I hope all have had a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year. Until next time, enjoy yourselves and be merry. Thank you all!

Randy Kibler  
Deputy Director  
Region Zero

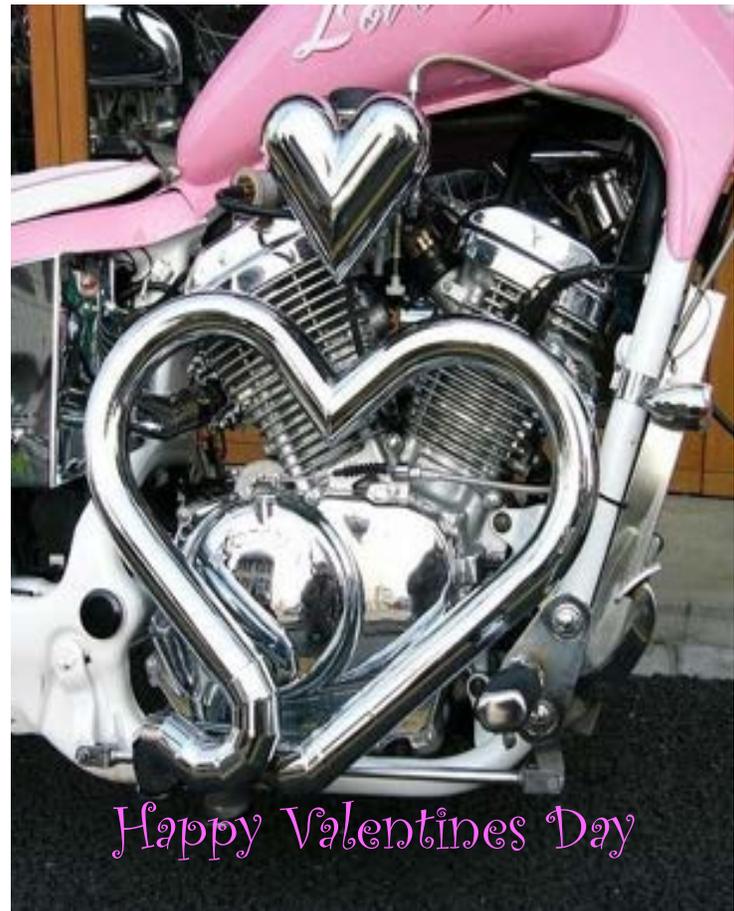


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# Editor's **NOTE**



Well, good morning, at least it is for me so that's what I'm starting with today. It's 4:03 am and I can't sleep. Once my brain wakes up, it just runs amuck and that's it for the day. Anyways.....

Never in a million did I think that I'd be writing something for the OutSpokin'. I'm just a girl from Western New York (GO BILLS) who saw the Beatles in person in 1964, a teenager who got on a bus and went to Canada. I even remember what I was wearing that day. Boy, I wish I had kept the ticket to that concert. Anyways, started riding in 1971 and bought a Honda 350. Started a family, moved to Ohio and now we ride and make quilts (Norm too). I've moved up to a '16 Softail, love the bike. Joined ABATE in March of '19 and thought it would be fun to get involved, so this is me, getting involved. Currently, I try to keep the membership up from Region Zero.

So just like all of you who hold a title, and even if you don't, everyone has to start somewhere, so get involved. I'm pretty stoked to hold this title. If there's any idea that you have that you'd like to see implemented, fire away. We'd love to hear from you, articles, pics, whatever you've got from your regions, whatever ideas you have. This is going to be fun and thank you, thank you very much. You read that in your Elvis voice, didn't you?

*Donna Sam*

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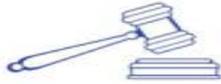
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Hello from the Safety & Ed Director Desk,

This month is going to be short because we've got so much going on the end of January and beginning of February, that will have to wait till the March issue. Our first actual meeting for the Motorcycle Safety Working Group was January 30<sup>th</sup> at the ODPS in Columbus. I will report what happened in March.

Then we had our annual Seminar at Embassy Suites in Dublin. I love this hotel and I just know everyone had a great time and hopefully learned a lot. Again I will report what happened in March.

If you have elbow room in your garage now is the best time to slowly go over your bike. Front to back and make sure she is ready when this snow goes away.

Lastly Motorcycle Ohio's 2025 training season is on the horizon. January 23, 2025 at 8am! Cost for the BRS (Basic) is \$75 and you can register online!

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Sherry Hill, Safety & Ed Director

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# LEGISLATIVE NEWS



As I write this article, 2024 is still visible in my rear view mirror. I can't see much of 2025 ahead of me because of all the snow falling. But watching 2024 fade away, I want to thank everyone who has spent time fighting for our motorcycle rights. Starting with those on the front lines with our officers, to those who have attended meetings. But while this is so important, so are those who have supported the cause by obtaining and renewing their membership. When we go to Columbus or Washington to discuss our issues with our elected officials, the more members we can say we are representing helps the cause. So, keep renewing, and talking to others you meet on the road and at events, and ask them to join ABATE of Ohio Inc. Remember you don't have to own a motorcycle to be a member. For \$20 a year they can protect their rights, and come on, that is money well spent if you want to ride what you wish, when you wish and where you wish! That's around the cost of a tank of gas. And if ABATE wasn't here, you wouldn't need a tank of gas, because you would be waiting for your motorcycle to recharge so you can continue down the road.

If you are tired of facing death every time you get on the road because of someone not paying attention and pulling out in front of you, ABATE of Ohio Inc. has a bill introduced to increase penalties for drivers whose inattentiveness causes death or seriousness injury. We have tried to educate drivers to pay more attention through several different forums. We have educated motorcyclists to watch out for "those people", because if you're dead or broken, it doesn't matter who was at fault. So, we want to increase penalties for "Those People" to hopefully make them take a few extra seconds to look twice!

Many people have been pulled over by police officers just to be checked out. Any excuse the police make up will work, even if it was minor and/or you didn't really do it. We are always happy when we get to pull away, but it shouldn't happen in the first place. In fact, it is illegal! Following the lead of several other states, we are working on introducing a bill stating that this practice, called "profiling", is not condoned in Ohio, and we want to increase awareness training for police officers so they know that they cannot do this.

If you live in the northern part of Ohio, you have most likely had an occasion to use the Ohio Turnpike. If so, you know they have increased tolls again. Motorcycles are counted the same as any four wheeled vehicle and pay just as much even though our bikes weigh a quarter or more less than all other four wheeled vehicles. We are trying to reduce tolls for motorcycles. The turnpike also offers an EZ-Pass system to allow you to save up to 33% on your tolls. But they have no safe way to attach these transponders to your bike. We are trying to change that.

Other issues we are working on are, stopping the future ban on Internal Combustion Engines, continuing your right to repair your own vehicle, repealing handlebar height limits, and alternatives to filling road cracks with the stuff currently being used, that we call "tar snakes", that make roads dangerous for motorcyclists.

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As you can see, your ABATE officers are very busy. As I stated above, we need members. Also current members need to come out to one of the local meetings and provide some new input. Your freedoms to ride will cease to exist without your continued efforts.

*Lion Man*





## Hello MRF Members & Future Members!

Not too much going on right now due to the new administration getting sworn in January 20<sup>th</sup>. So I thought I would go back a bit and give you the History of the MRF:

The first words of the street rider's first voice in Washington were uttered in 1985 in St. Louis, Missouri. There, the very founders of the motorcyclists' rights movement in America gathered for a meeting of the minds. Leaders of State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), wanted to catapult to the national scene the clout and effectiveness of SMROs — the strong, effective grassroots of state-based motorcyclists' rights.

They knew it had to be done. Riders' rights had to go national because the threat was national. Our founders at this meeting of the minds shared a keen sense that danger was not just on the horizon but dead ahead, as freedom's foes had just attacked with a ban on motorcycles in the United States Congress.

They knew it had to be done right. The founders wanted a staff that was all muscle and no fat, supported not by casual members but driven by a team of dedicated volunteers, with each volunteer committed to shouldering his or her share of the demands of liberty. They envisioned a team committed to core values like respect for riders' diverse lifestyles and opinions, integrity in conduct, excellence and boldness in facing challenges head-on, and, above all, leadership — leadership in the unrelenting struggle for the safety and freedom of American motorcyclists.

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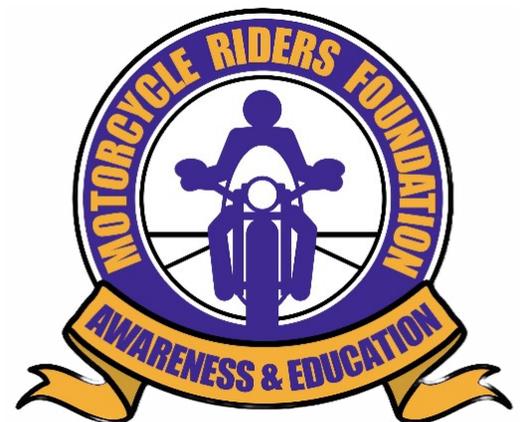
Throughout the USA and across the world, the torch of freedom burns in the hearts of motorcyclists. One by one, they recognize the need to become volunteers as co-partners in an organization committed to integrity, respect, leadership, teamwork, and excellence.

One by one, in every continent and culture, motorcyclists are deciding to Ride with the Leaders™.

Please take the time to follow my MRF page on Facebook, I post all the latest news from the MRF as well as articles I think are pertinent to what is going on in the world today relating to all of us bikers. I'm also trying to post more on X, Instagram, and YouTube as well. So, follow me on those social media channels!

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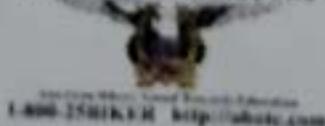
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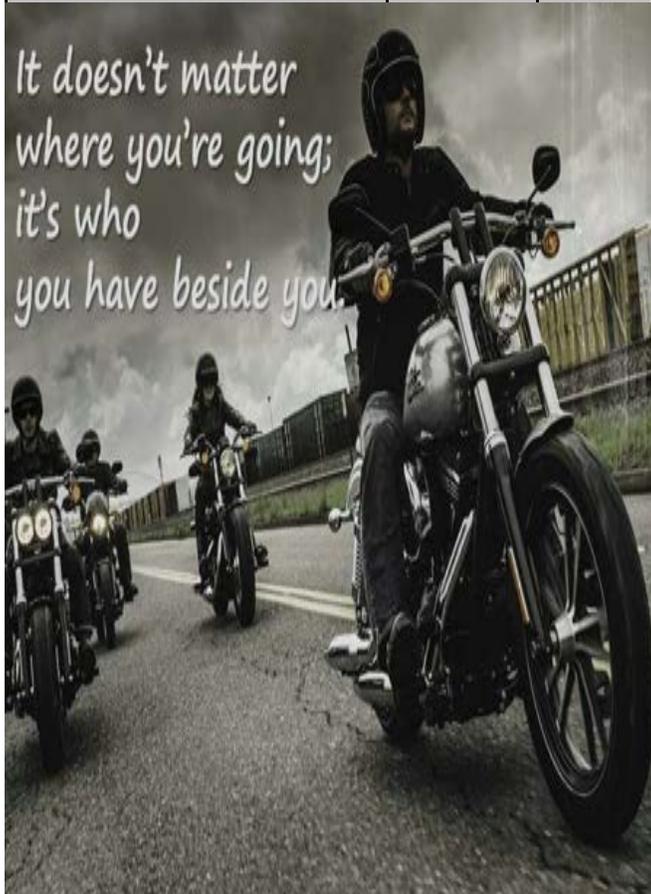


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## Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

### ROD'S SIDECAR RULES

Rule #1. Always remember - the dynamics of a sidecar are different from a motorcycle.

Rule #2. When you brake, you turn away from the sidecar.

Rule #3. With acceleration, the drag of the sidecar turns you into it.

Rule #4. Turn into the sidecar, and it tries to lift. Turn hard enough and it will flip over onto you. But you can turn away from the sidecar as hard as you want and be Evel Knievel, but hold on. Embarrassing watching your sidehack traveling down the road without you.

Rule #5. Turning requires more steering force than a two-wheeler. So, when you have to swerve in an emergency, a sidecar is a handful. Panic braking requires you to muscle the steering to stay straight. Since you are not as skinny as a motorcycle, a sidecar's width limits escape options.

P.S. Some sidehack drivers have a 50# sack of lead in the nose of the sidecar. I know why.

### AFTER A THOUSAND PATS ON THE BACK - DON'T LET THAT ONE A-- HOLE RUN YOU OUT OF ABATE - THE FARABAUGH GOSPEL

Years ago, George Tinkham and I rode to Carlisle Pennsylvania to attend one of the first Meeting of the Minds. I remember a speech at that meeting that has stuck with me all these years. The founder of the MRF - Michael Farabaugh claimed that we all work hard as volunteers. Our free time is given for the cause of motorcyclist rights. Our pay is the thanks we get from fellow ABATE volunteers. We appreciate being appreciated.

For most, pats on the back are enough. But as Farabaugh pointed out occasionally there is one A--HOLE who does not love you and is your worst critic. A common reaction is "hell with it, or I do not need this." The bad types have an agenda that is not ABATE's. They sneak among us pretending they are with us, but they are not. Farabaugh's point was do not let these types run you out of ABATE. Ignore them for they know exactly what they do. Point out these types as disclosure stops them.

### CHASERS AND BITERS

**Q.** Everybody in my family loves motorcycles, including our dog. Sadly, she isn't with us anymore because the other day she was chasing a motorcycle. The bike hit her, and the rider was tossed over the handlebars. Both the rider and the bike were pretty messed up. Now the rider is suing me. What should I do?

**A.** Call your homeowners insurance agent asap. The number of riders injured by "chasers" has increased dramatically. Most riders cannot appreciate the devastating effect of a "dog strike." According to the motorcycle safety professionals, there are usually one of two results. The first result is that you are traveling fast enough, and the dog is small enough that you ride over the top of the dog. Hopefully, you can keep it shiny side up after contact. The other scenario is not so good for you (both are bad for the dog). Let's say you hit "Mongo the Ox-Dog." Your front wheel will instantly snap to full left or full right, and you and your bike will go head over wheels down the road. This type of incident is responsible for many serious injuries.

The ABATE Motorcycle Safety course teaches us to maintain a scan and watch for dogs. Dogs usually attack in a straight line. Riders wary of dogs should anticipate that line, slow down and then, when the dogs get near, gear down and speed away. This only works if we have picked up the dog in our rider scan.

Dogs are many things to many people, but to all owners, dogs are also a legal responsibility. Many localities have ordinances that require that pets be kept under control, and the common law of most states have holdings like this one: "The keeper of an animal has a duty to provide for the restraining and confinement of that animal, ... and may become liable for damages the animal causes when the keeper is otherwise negligent in the manner of its keeping and control. In such cases, the person in control of the animal is bound to take note of the natural propensities of the type and breed of the animal in question." *Vetor by Weesner v. Vetor*, 634 N.E.2d 513 (Ind. Ct. App. 1994).

If your dog is a known "chaser," then you have a duty to protect motorcyclists from the dangers of a "dog-strike." That means that you are responsible for what your dog does, especially if you are aware of the "natural propensities" of the dog, like chasing motorcycles.

Your responsibilities don't end at the property line. One of the most prevalent claims arising from dog ownership involves dog bites. Most claims involving dogs are covered by your homeowner's policy. Insurance companies report that dog-bite claims are rising. Because of that, some insurance companies are canceling policies for homeowners whose dog has a biting history. Some have canceled policies for owners of specific breeds of dogs. While few insurance companies admit that they blacklist certain dog breeds, some breeds may cause insurers to scrutinize your insurability.

Responsible dog ownership of all breeds is the key to claim prevention. Factors such as whether the dog is spayed or neutered, properly socialized, supervised, humanely trained, and safely confined, play significantly greater roles than the breed of the dog alone.

## **I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH!**

If you have been to the ABATE State Seminar in Illinois, Indiana, or Ohio, you have heard me discuss the need for carrying adequate **Uninsured/Underinsured** (otherwise known as **UM/UIM**) Coverage. Unfortunately, this subject matter is once again in need of repeating.

This past month we received a phone call from a member who was run over on his motorcycle. The first words he said to me were, "Rod, it's okay! I listened to you at the State Seminar and got the maximum insurance coverage I could get!" The problem is, while he did get the maximum insurance coverage he could carry for the other guy, he obtained the minimum **Uninsured/Underinsured** Coverage for himself, which is 25k. Now he is left with \$25k in coverage for his losses.

What he should have done is sign up for as much uninsured/underinsured coverage he could get - he did not. Instead, he opted to cover the other guy for 500k and leave himself with minimal coverage in the event of an un/underinsured driver. In decades of representing bikers I have yet to see a serious injury to the person in the F-150 pursuing a claim against a motorcyclist. It just doesn't happen. (When have you ever heard of the driver of the Mack truck suing a motorcyclist for personal injuries?) So the rule is to take care of yourself with decent limits of **Uninsured/Underinsured** Coverage. That is the insurance motorcyclists need most as it protects us when someone injures us, carrying the state minimum, or worse yet, no insurance whatsoever. Most states only allow the motorcyclist to buy insurance for themselves that is equal to or less than your coverage for the Mack truck guy. Minimal limits are inadequate, and just enough to cause financial grief. Give Hilary or myself a call if you would like to discuss what best fits your needs.

## UNEMPLOYED WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH

**Q.** My employer is letting me go. I have been there several years and feel that I have done a great job. This has taken me by surprise, and I do not feel he has given me a fair chance. He has offered me severance pay for a few months and basically says take it or leave it. Can the company do this to me?

- ABATE member.

**A.** If you do not have an employment contract or union protection, you are basically screwed. Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are right to work states, meaning that if your employer comes in one day and does not like the color of your shoes, he can fire you. The law will protect you from the various types of discrimination that are prohibited i.e., race, sex, age, religion, etc., and I understand that you have no complaints in those areas. Accordingly, your employer's offer to give you severance pay for a few months is a gift horse. Take the money and run. Do not forget to investigate your rights regarding your health insurance.

## MOTORCYCLE VS. TRACTOR - WHO WINS?

**Q:** My friend and I were involved in a crash. We were slightly injured, but I'm not sure we want to hire a lawyer at this point. What can I do to protect myself while I decide what we need to do?

**A:** There are a number of things you should, or should not do.

- \* Don't give a recorded statement to the adverse insurance company.
- \* Report the crash to your insurance company - a requirement of your policy.
- \* Obtain a copy of the police report. It names witnesses and gives the officer's version of what the witnesses say.
- \* Get contact information of those witnesses.
- \* Take photos of the accident scene (skid marks, sight obstructions, "No Passing" signs or stripes, traffic signs, etc.). Note posted speed limits.
- \* Take photos of property damage – both parties.
- \* Take photos of personal injuries.
- \* Keep a journal (some use a calendar) of medical care: prescriptions, therapy, X-rays, doctor visits.
- \* Include physical symptoms in your journal.
- \* Keep track of missed work and social opportunities.
- \* If you are not at fault and received a traffic citation, fight it. Hire a lawyer if you must.
- \* If the other party or their insurer refuses to pay your damages, consider hiring a lawyer to prosecute your claim.

Call us at ABATE Legal Services if you have any questions.

**Ride Safe.**

**Rod Taylor**

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

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- Representing street motorcyclists by participating in federal research and advisory committees
- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burdensome federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- 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



## WHO WE ARE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

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