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**28th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIDE
TO THE FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL
MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025**

Kickstands up at 9:00am Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

State Meeting Sunday April 13, 2025

Location to be determined, Florida 32344

Board Meeting 10am Delegates Meeting 12PM

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3rd Sunday

March 16, 2025

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WHO RIDE
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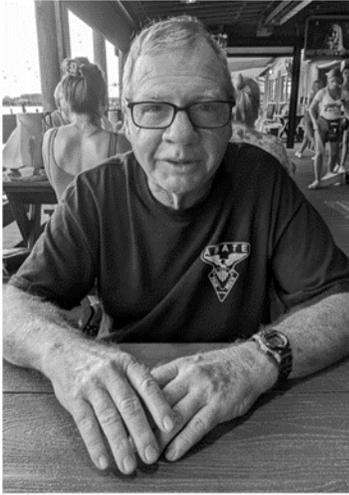
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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

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At the state level, ABATE of Florida has a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital to influence legislative action on the issues concerning the motorcycle public in Florida. This lobbyist also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support.

On a national level, we are aligned with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) along with several other motorcyclists rights organizations (MROs)

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ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter

Chapter meetings 3rd
Sunday 11 am

Eagles Aerie

West Palm Beach FL
West of I-95

East of Military Trail

Open to ALL so come
learn about us.

Meetings usually
about a hour

2025

3rd Sunday Jan 19

3rd Sunday Feb 16

3rd Sunday Mar 16

3rd Sunday Apr 20

3rd Sunday May 18

3rd Sunday Jun 15

3rd Sunday Jul 20

3rd Sunday Aug 17

3rd Sunday Sep 14

3rd Sunday Oct 19

3rd Sunday Nov 16

3rd Sunday Dec 14

2026

3rd Sunday Jan 18

3rd Sunday Feb 15

3rd Sunday Mar 15

3rd Sunday Apr 19

3rd Sunday May 17

3rd Sunday Jun 14

ABATE of FL Inc Palm Beach Chapter

General Meeting—Eagles Aerie WPB February 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00a m

PRESIDENT; Ken opened the meeting with the pledge and a moment of silence. We would like to Give thanks to the State for the safety products. We want to remind everyone of the GBNF Get together for Slo-Mo. It will be on February 23rd at the Eagles Aerie 4219 2800 N Military Trail in West Palm Beach. We will also have a safety booth at Rock-n-Roll Sunday on March 2nd at Green Acres Park on Jog Road.

VICE PRESIDENT: Deb would also like to thank The State for the safety products. .

SECRETARY: A motion to accept the minutes from the previous month.

TREASURER: The books are balanced. We have money.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: You don't have to wear a helmet. We suggest that you do.

MEMBERSHIP: We have signed six new members in January and four in February. We now have a total of 160 members. We also have had four renewals this year.

SAFETY: No report.

LEGISLATIVE: .We are supporting a stiffer penalty for cell phones in hand while driving.

DELEGATE: February Delegate Report is on page 8

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Lori is working on a slide show for the memorial.

PRODUCTS: Jeff has shirts. New safety products are available.

OLD BUSINESS: Slo-Mo memorial at the Eagles Aerie 4219 2800 N Military Trail February 23rd..

NEW BUSINESS: .Jeff has Slo-Mo memorial patches. We passed the hat for the Eagles to purchase food.\$205.00 was donated by members. Thanks to everyone who donated.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: In April we will have nominations for officers.

We had 19 members in attendance
Motion to adjourn

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 12:00 pm



ABATE of FL Palm Beach
Chapter
Past Members

GBNF

Dan "Slo-Mo" Henderson

Steve "Boo" Miller

Ed "Gunner" Bassett

Frank "Pipes" Cook

Robert "Torch" Lyle

Niurka Crespo

Phil Moore

Michael Steffy

Bill Klawsnik

Gregg Lehman

Karen Watkins

"Bones" Maurice Clark

Danny Palm

Bob "Burger" Ehrenberg

John "LB" Valiquette

Mike Scruffy

Tom "Ramblin' Man" Botticelli

David "Shadow" Moore

Budd "Strongbow" Aubey

Donald Duke "Darkside" Ferel

RT Robert Watkins

RIDE IN PEACE

STATE MEETINGS

Board Meetings start at 10am

General Meetings start at 12pm

2nd Sat of the Month

HOST CHAPTER & LOCATION

2025 State Meetings

Feb 8, 2025 Lagoon (Treasure Coast)

Apr 13, 2025 Tallahassee

Jun 14, 2025 Bone Yard

July 2025 Seminars

Aug 9, 2025 Lake County

Oct. 11, 2025 Gator Alley

Dec. 13, 2025 Forest

DELEGATE REPORT

February 2025

The Lagoon Chapter hosted our February State Meeting. Thanks for a nice lunch.

We are reminded that The April meeting will be held on Sunday April 13th in Monticello. Followed Monday by an escorted ride to the State Capitol. KSU 9:00 AM behind the Super 8 in Monticello. A reminder to notify the State of any members that have passed in the last year so they can be included in the bell ringing ceremony.

A vote was taken to have in person training seminars. A location will be decided at the next meeting

Our Lobbyist is working on a bill to increase the penalty for cell phone use while driving. We were reminded that the Chapters cannot sell Chapter items at a safety booth. There will have to be a separate booth for chapter items.

It was brought to our attention that the National coalition of informed riders (COIR) offer \$3500.00 of free AD&D insurance just for registering.

The Chapters will be selling raffle tickets to support the State. The tickets are one dollar each or six for five dollars . First prize is \$1000.00, second is \$500.00. The drawing will be at the June meeting.

MRF Meeting of the Minds is September 25th thru the 28th in Shreveport.

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MRF will be hosting Bikers Inside the Beltway May 19-20 in Washington D.C.

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*Poker Run Sat

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Okahumpka 34762 **Eagles Aerie # 4273**
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Darrell Shifflett	02/28/2026
Narelle Robbins	02/28/2026
Henry Robbins	02/28/2026
Millard Porter	02/28/2026
Rhonda (Jo) Porter	02/28/2026

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Expired Memberships

Barbara and Mario Marques	11/30/2024
Jeff Arris	11/30/2024
Randal Love	02/28/2025
Tony Smith	02/28/2025
Kathy Cook	01/31/2025

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to Celebrate Dan (Slo-Mo) With Us*









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WHO WE ARE

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To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out to vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can reenforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come.

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March 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						<p>1</p> <p>Midnight Sun Festival Car and Bike Show</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Greenacres Fire and Rescue Chili Cook off and Rock 'n Roll Sunday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Outlaws Open House</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Daytona Bike Week Ends</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Black Pistons Open House</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House Party</p>
<p>16</p> <p>PB ABATE 11 AM Chapter Meeting Eagle WPB</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Outlaws Open House</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Estero River ABATE Poker Run</p> <p>Fly-In Wheels Open House</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>					

For More information and events see Upcoming Events Schedule

April 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 1st Annual Memorial PBSO Poker Run Fly-In Wheels Open House
6	7	8	9	10 Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls	11 Outlaws Open House	12 Fly-In Wheels Open House
13 ABATE State Meet- ing 12PM Tallahas- see	14 28th Annual Free- dom Ride to the Florida State Capi- tol	15	16	17 Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls	18 Black Pistons Open House	19 Fly-In Wheels Open House Party
20 PB ABATE 11 AM Chapter Meeting Eagle WPB	21	22	23	24 Leesburg BikeFest Begins Gorilla Motors Bike Night Rack 'n Balls	25 Outlaws Open House	26 Fly-In Wheels Open House
27 Leesburg BikeFest Ends	28	29	30			

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UPCOMING Event Schedule *All events subject to change*

3rd Sunday March 16th Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL, INC. 11am Eagles Aerie 2800 N. Military Suite #105 West Palm Beach, FL (Westchester Plaza south of Community)

Friday Feb 28-Mar 9 Daytona Bike Week 2025, Daytona Beach, FL

Saturday March 1st Midnight Sun Festival Car & Bike Show, 1-5pm, Bryant Park, Lake Worth

Sunday March 2nd Greenacres Fire and Rescue Chili Cook-Off and Rock N' Roll Sunday 12-5PM, Samuel J. Ferreri Community Park, 2905 Jog Rd, Greenacres, FL 33467

Saturday March 29th Estero River's Legendary Poker Run. Starting at 10AM Last bike in at 3 PM. Register and first card at The Corkscrew Country Store, 19990 Corkscrew Rd, Estero FL 33928

Sunday April 5th 1st Annual Memorial PBSO Poker Run to benefit the three fallen PBSO Deputies, 8am-9pm. Starts at Rack N Balls Pub/Ink Link Tattoos, 691 Military Trail, WPB 33415

Sunday April 13th ABATE State Meeting—Delegates !2 PM Tallahassee

Monday April 14 ABATE of Florida 28th Annual Freedom Ride to the Florida State Capitol. 140 Pafford Rd, Monticello, FL 32336

Thursday April 24-27 Lake County Chapter's Campground hosts the Leesburg BikeFest™ Celebrating 23 Years of Camping! Live bands, Tiki Bar, Poker Run on Saturday. 27159 Haywood Worm Farm Road, Okahumpka, FL 34762

WEEKLY EVENTS

3rd Sunday ABATE Palm Beach meeting Eagles Riders 2800 N. Military #105 West Palm Beach FL (Westchester Plaza)

2nd Fri Outlaws Open House

3rd Fri Black Pistons Open House

4th Fri Outlaws Open House

3rd Sat Fly-In Wheels Party

1st, 2nd, 4th Sat Fly-In Wheels Open House

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Duffy Memo To Help Protect Internal Combustion Engine

Just hours after being confirmed as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Secretary Sean Duffy issued a memo phrased to protect the internal combustion engine.

The memo directs the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to immediately review and reconsider all existing fuel economy standards for vehicles produced from the 2022 model year forward.

The memo states, “These fuel economy standards are set at such aggressive levels that automakers cannot, as a practical matter, satisfy the standards without rapidly shifting production away from internal combustion engine vehicles to alternative electric technologies.”

The Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards under review were enacted during the previous administration. CAFE standards are one of the three objectives being used in the effort to eliminate Internal Combustion Engines (ICE). The second objective is tailpipe emission standards issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many presume that the Trump Administration will order the EPA to conduct a similar review of those standards, which compel carmakers to sell more electric models. The final objective in the effort to eliminate ICE is the EPA’s waiver process, which allows California to enact its own rules under the Clean Air Act and is also under scrutiny.

Rewriting rules and regulations like the one mentioned will take time. Outside of actions by the executive branch, legislation and court cases may also shape the future of this debate. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will remain engaged on this issue and fight to allow you to choose the type of engine you want in your vehicle

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CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS

February 14, 2025

The week of February 10th, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation participated in a reception for the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus. The event played host to several lawmakers, including the Co-Chairs of the House Motorcycle Caucus: Rep. Tim Walberg (Michigan), Rep. Troy Balderson (Ohio) and Rep. Derrick Van Orden (Wisconsin). The Chair of the Senate Motorcycle Caucus, Senator Gary Peters

(Michigan) also attended. Additional legislators present included newly elected Representatives Dave Taylor (Ohio) and John McGuire (Virginia).

These two caucuses are made of legislators from both parties who have an interest in supporting motorcyclists and the motorcycling lifestyle. The event also included several Capitol Hill staffers and other motorcycling groups, including the American Motorcyclist Association, Harley-Davidson Motor Company and the Motorcycle Industry Council.

Growing these motorcycle-focused organizations is a priority for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Events like this one and the annual “Ride to Work Day” on Capitol Hill are great ways to connect with elected officials and their staff in a less formal setting and build relationships that can help impact our legislative agenda. With your help, we can continue to grow these groups and spread the word about motorcycling priorities to the folks in our nation’s capital.



DUNN REINTRODUCING REPAIR ACT



February 26, 2025 - Washington DC

Tuesday, Congressman Neal Dunn of Florida announced the introduction of the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act or the “REPAIR Act,” a bill that would ensure vehicle owners have access to important repair and diagnostic data. Congressman Dunn introduced a previous version of this bill during the 118th Congress that garnered the support of 56 bipartisan cosponsors.

With this introduction, Congressman Dun said, “American consumers deserve full control over their vehicle repair and maintenance data to ensure they can find the best service for their vehicle at a reasonable price. Unfortunately, vehicle manufacturers are standing in the way of American consumers accessing their own data to use the repair shop of their choosing, limiting consumer choice.”

He further added “Your vehicle belongs to you, not the manufacturer. I am introducing the REPAIR Act to provide a binding, workable solution to anti-competitive behavior in the auto repair industry to reaffirm consumer control over their vehicle maintenance data and empower them to work with repair shops big and small.”

The right to repair and modify your motorcycle is an important part of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) 2025 Legislative Agenda. The MRF looks forward to seeing the text of this latest bill. As we review this bill and others that may impact the Right to Repair, we will be mindful that this is a priority for bikers. Access to the parts, tools and technical information required to work on products you own is something all bikers should support. Our partners in the aftermarket and independent shop industries are key parts of the entire motorcycle ecosystem and their survival is crucial.

Stay tuned for potential calls to action at the federal level on the Right to Repair/Modify. Stay engaged back home, as state legislatures begin to examine Right to Repair/Modify laws across the country.

Stay vigilant!

Ride Safe and Ride Free!

THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATIONS MEETING OF THE MINDS

WHAT IS MEETING OF THE MINDS? WHAT IS THE OUTCOME OF THIS CONFERENCE? AND WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Every year, an impressive number of groups attend the conference, including dozens of state motorcyclist rights organizations, the American Motorcyclist Association, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, the National Council of Clubs, the National Council of Informed Riders, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, and hundreds of freedom fighters who all have a shared passion for defending our lifestyle..

These partners participate in developing and strengthening our federal legislative agenda for 2025. This agenda ensures that we are fighting for the priorities that matter to you in Washington, D.C. See Discussion for registration information.

This year ABATE of Louisiana will be hosting the 41st Annual Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) in Shreveport, LA September 25-28, 2025.

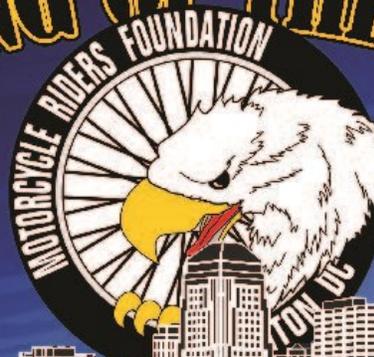
The objective of the meeting is to set the Legislative Agenda for the following year. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation 2025 Legislative & Regulatory Priorities were set at the 40th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference in St. Louis, MO.

By participating in this conference you can help influence the Legislative and Regulatory Priorities by providing input on what's important to you. Here's what MRF says: "Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to present their annual conference for politically motivated motorcyclists! Spend the weekend with some of motorcycling's most educated and dedicated activists." Here's the important part. Even if the rest of this doesn't peak your interest their last sentence might be enough to make you think about the conference and why you might consider going. "Learn what issues will impact bikers today and in the future."

The next pages lay out the Legislative Agenda and Regulatory Priorities for 2025. Some of the areas we have been following like Right to Repair/Modify and the fate of the Internal Combustion Engine are on the list.

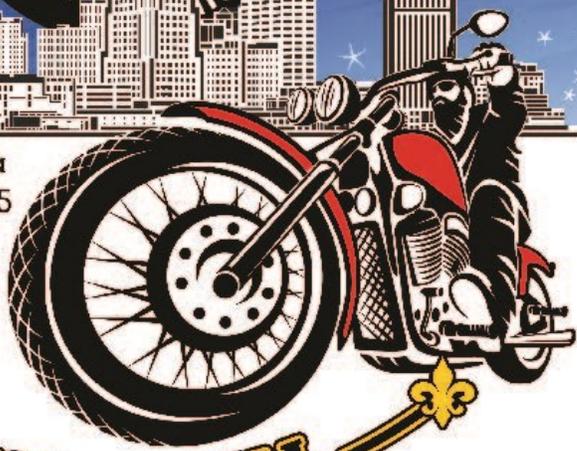
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Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.
*See registration form for details.

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MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2025 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between AVs
- and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.

- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.
- Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).\

Crash Avoidance:

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

Data Recording:

Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Definition of a Motorcycle:

Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

Emission Regulations:

- Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT or similar legislation.
- Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endangers the future of motorcycling.

Helmet Laws:

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity requirements. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

Internal Combustion Engines:

Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens combustion engine production.

Profiling:

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling. Seek opportunities to include legislative language that:

- Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists. Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.
- Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.
- Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.
- Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

Renewable Fuels:

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing, blender pumps) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

Right to Repair/Modify:

Protect and advocate for “Right to Repair” provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products.

- Promote access to parts, tools, diagnostic equipment and other technology that allows the consumer or their chosen designee the ability to repair and modify motorcycles.
- Advocate for the availability of reproduction parts by third party vendors, ensuring consumer choice in the selection of products.
- Monitor California Air Resource Board policies on part approval process and transparency.

Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

2025 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES**Gang, Club and Other Language:**

Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, associate or any derogatory term when referring to motorcyclists.

Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting:

Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

- Promote Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding. (Renewed Every 5 years)
- Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.
- Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.

- Reestablish the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA. (Renewed Every 5 years)
- Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.
- Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.
- Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.
- Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.
- Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles.
- Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.
- Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.
- All high priority issues and emerging technologies

Taxes:

Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

2025 MONITOR ITEMS**Distracted Driving:**

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

EV Incentives:

Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.

Exhaust Systems:

Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

International Partnerships:

Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, Canada, India, China and other relevant global markets informing the membership of key developments.

National Studies:

Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

Opponents:

Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

Sound Testing:

- Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states).
- Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement.

Tariffs:

Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

Tolling:

- Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.
- Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.
- Ensure that tolling technology is safe for use by motorcyclists.

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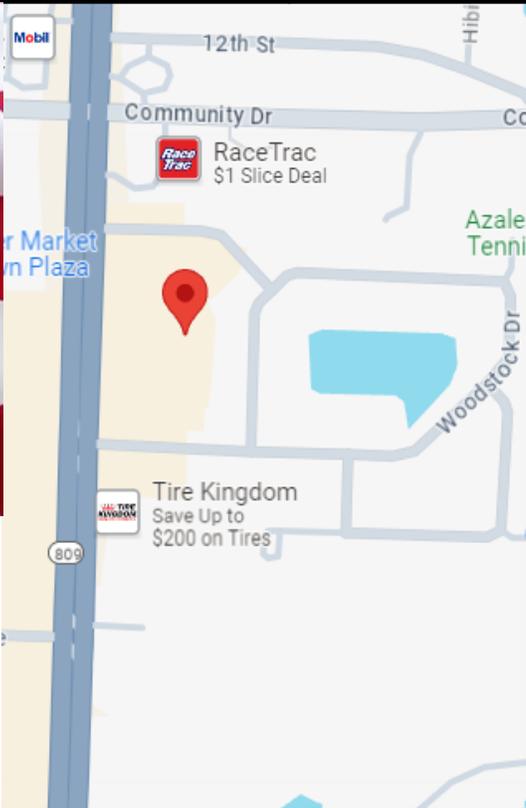
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