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Be sure to THANK your officers for their time, hard work, and dedication!

2026 PEO-TAZ CALENDAR

Event	Date	Place	Time
Monthly Meeting	Jan 4th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm (Potluck)
Monthly Meeting	Feb 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	March 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	April 12th	TBD	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	May 3rd	TBD	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	June 7th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	July 12th	TBD	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	August 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Sept 13th	Alpha Park (TBD)	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Oct 4th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Nov 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Dec 6th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm

VFW POST 3883

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1:30PM

Members please bring a friend to a meeting.

Not a member? Please join us at a meeting we would love to meet you and answer any questions you have about ABATE of Illinois and our Peo-Taz chapter.



WHAT IS ABATE?

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Spotlight Events!

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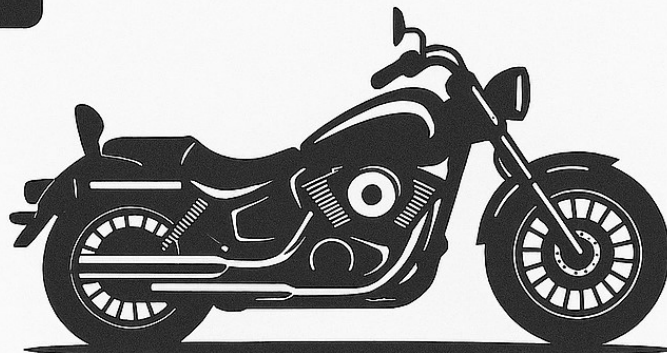
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President

DAVE SALTER

Hello again to all my biker brothers and sisters. This weather makes it tough on getting any miles down unless your riding the bike around inside your house. Lol. But who hasn't thought of doing that? This always a good time to get new riders to check us out online to get an idea of what we do and who we are, so they join the fight for motorcycle rights. Hope everyone has a great holiday season, and check out Peo-Taz on Facebook for your ABATE news and updates. Stay warm and stay safe.



Dave Salter - President

DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

"2026: A Compressed Calendar. The Critical Next 13 Months"

As the nation emerges from the longest government shutdown in history, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is preparing for a fast-paced and politically charged 13-plus months in Washington, D.C. Midterm election years always bring a compressed congressional schedule. 2026 will be no exception. On average, the U.S. House of Representatives meets just 130 days in even-numbered years. The Senate averages 142, which is roughly three weeks fewer than in non-election years.

This condensed schedule means less time for Congress to legislate, debate, negotiate and even less time for groups like ours to ensure our priorities are heard. The 2025 government shutdown further reduced the year's "work days," leaving lawmakers with a backlog of unfinished business to address in the months ahead.

With razor-thin majorities in both chambers and Republicans maintaining narrow control, the political stakes will be high. The GOP will be under growing pressure to deliver tangible results before voters head to the polls in November. Reauthorization of the highway bill will be among the top priorities. It provides one of the most direct opportunities for both parties to advance their policy goals.

That's why sustained engagement by the MRF is more critical than ever. When Congress moves quickly, there's no time to introduce ourselves or educate new staff about our priorities. Success in these moments depends on preparation, relationships, reputation, and readiness built long before the legislative rush begins.

The MRF's government relations team continues active outreach with key committees, congressional offices, and regulatory agencies to ensure the voice of motorcyclists remains part of every relevant discussion. As these 13-plus months unfold, your involvement, your outreach, your stories, and your presence will be vital to securing the victories we need.

In a compressed political environment, preparation and persistence will determine success. By staying engaged and ready, the MRF and its members can continue to protect and advance the rights of all motorcyclists when opportunity strikes.



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Safety & Education

DUSTY DRIBLER

Hello Peeps,

Hope everyone had a great turkey day. Well, it's that time of the year that we all dread, winter and winterizing our bikes. The information I give out is my opinion, I'm not a mechanic by any means, these are the things that have been handed down to me from my elders. First off get you a good battery tender and get it hooked-up. Second, park your bike on a piece of cardboard, blanket, carpet, or anything that helps keep the cold from coming up from the ground. Third put some stabilizer in your fuel tank and let it run for ten minutes, if you have a carburetor, run it out of gas or do what I do and start that bike every two weeks **NO MATTER WHAT**. Here comes the argument, remember my statement, I'm not a mechanic, some say change all the fluids and some say wait until spring. I wait until spring because I was taught that condensation occurs in your oil over the winter and that my friends is not good on lubricated parts. I'm fortunate to have a heated garage but that still doesn't stop the condensation especially when I have a party and turn up the heat more. I also add 5lbs. of air to the tires because they always seem to lose air through the winter. I do move my bikes once a month to avoid getting flat spots on the tires. I never cover my bikes because that too causes condensation, I promise that dust wipes away at the first wash job in the spring. So that's my way, is it right? I don't know but that's what I've been taught since I was in diapers so I will continue to do it that way. The last thing I do which is the most important is I walk around my bikes several times a week with a drink in my hand making sure they are comfortable plus I'm getting my steps in for the day.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

DUSTY DIBLER - SAFETY and EDUCATION COORDINATOR



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Legislative Representative

PATRICK WOOD

Well here we go! What could go wrong with AV (AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES)? SB2009- BIG TRUCKS, 625 ILCS 5/1-136.8 (new), 625 ILCS 5/11-1433 (new). These bills amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "leader follower attenuator truck" as a driverless vehicle that is led by a human-driven vehicle that controls its position, speed, and heading data to the driverless vehicle while maintaining a set gap distance and is be equipped with sensors that can detect obstacles to stop the driverless vehicle if necessary. Allows the Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to use leader follower attenuator trucks on State highways to increase safety of workers in construction and maintenance zones. As a trucker by profession and a biker how often , has somebody come up to a construction zone and cut in front of you racing up to the barrels.....hmmm ...sounds like a plan for failure because there's to many human variables!! Just my experience!

HB3044- Sent to Rules Committee, 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, State of Illinois, 2025 and 2026. HB3044 - Introduced , by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit. SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED: 625 ILCS 5/1-105.3a (new), 625 ILCS 5/Ch. 12 Art. X heading (new), and 625 ILCS 5/12-1000 (new). Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "autonomous vehicle" as a motor vehicle that possesses the capability (enabled or not) for automated functions to control movement of the vehicle along 2 axes of direction simultaneously. Provides that, before selling or continuing to operate a new or used autonomous vehicle in this State and before updating the software or hardware of any automated driving system on such a vehicle, a manufacturer shall submit to the Department of Transportation documentation regarding the level of driving automation, along with a filing fee in an amount to be determined by the Department. Provides that the Department shall assemble an Automated Driving Systems Review Committee to evaluate submitted documentation and make determinations concerning the level of automated driving capabilities and the suitability of the vehicle for operation on public roads. Provides that an autonomous vehicle classified as having Level 2 Driving Automation may be sold to consumers and registered for use. Provides that the owner of the automated vehicle shall file an annual report with the Department of Transportation stating the number of miles driven per year, the estimated number of miles driven using equipped automated driving systems, and any collisions that occurred involving the vehicle. Prohibits the sale or operation of autonomous vehicles classified as having Level 3, 4, or 5 Driving Automation. Provides that a resident may file a request for the Automated Driving Systems Review Committee to review an existing vehicle sold or registered in this State, and that the Secretary of State shall receive and investigate complaints of a dealer selling a vehicle prohibited for sale under the new provisions. Provides that a person who operates a prohibited vehicle is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and that such a vehicle is subject to impoundment. Provides penalties for the unauthorized sale or modification of an autonomous vehicle.

SURE!! Are you really going file that report every year?

Moving on HB 1839 (referred to assignment-sent to Rules Committee). Bill Title: Creates the Safe Autonomous Vehicle Act. Provides definitions. Provides that upon notification to the Secretary of State, a Motor Vehicle Manufacturer may commence a safe autonomous vehicle project with a vehicle installed with an Automated Driving System after providing notification to the Secretary of State and after self-certification under certain conditions. Provides that the Manufacturer shall determine the geographical boundaries of the project and shall maintain incident records and provide periodic summaries to the Secretary of State and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Provides that the Participating Fleet in the program shall be insured by the Manufacturer who shall assume liability for incidents where the automated driving system technology is at fault for that incident. Provides that any person operates a vehicle with automated driving system technology without first satisfying the eligibility requirements in the Act shall be fined \$10,000 for a first violation and a second or subsequent violation is a Class A misdemeanor. Preempts home rule powers. Effective immediately. Spectrum: Partisan Bill (Democrat 1). Status: (Introduced) 2025-01-29 - Referred to Rules Committee.

As of now if you have read this so far, the facts are clear that these problems and products are ever more being pushed upon us. I don't judge these who are making their way in life in the fields of technology, however as our catch phrase for our legislative day 2yrs ago was "my life is not you test ground !". All the current legislation above basically will die in Rules Committee. But as you have seen with the helmet law attempts this past 2 legislative cycles start and are a fight to bury them. The current political climate is ever more, as we see at the federal level, as well as the state level going towards a socialistic attempt to increase the government control on our lives. Every little thing that the Illinois government can tax us with from paint recovery to increasing toll road fees to make up for spending in places we don't see or approve of but because of our lack of involvement, it happens to us anyway. And I will tell you, and be the first one to admit, sometimes my articles are rude, opinionated, and have even been called offensive. But I do not know what else I can do other than tell you the straight, blunt truth. You will often see me say "get informed-Get involved!!!!". This is what ever-increasing government looks for the holes & chinks in our armor!! And then they slip it past us, and we've lost freedom of choice!! THIS HERE IS A CALL TO ACTION!!!

THIS NEXT LEGISLATIVE CYCLE , THERE ARE GOING TO BE CHALLENGES TO OFFICES , AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP OUR FRIENDS IN LEGISLATION THAT VOTE OUR WAY AND LISTEN TO US!!!! THIS IS A WARNING , THIS IS AN ALERT!!!! THIS NEXT YEAR MORE THAN EVER! THE PEO TAZ CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE GOING TO BE CALLED OUT TO DO IT THE OLD SCHOOL WAY....POUND THE GROUND, POUND THE DOORS, TAKE IT TO THE COMMUNITY...AND OUR MEMBERS!!! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED AGAIN!!!!

PATRICK WOOD (WOODY) - PEO-TAZ LEGISLATIVE REP






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Treasurer

SUSAN SALTER

Have a great holiday and hope to see you at our Sunday Jan 4, 2026 meeting. Potluck will be immediately after meeting. Everything is ready for the state seminar with our chapter donations. Will give you feedback on how much our items motivate to get generous bids.

Happy New Year!

Susan Salter - Treasurer



DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

“Waymo Expands”

Waymo, the autonomous-vehicle subsidiary of Alphabet, continues a rapid nationwide build-out of its driverless fleet. This month, the company announced fully autonomous operations, initially for employees in Miami, Orlando, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, with public launches expected in 2026. This expansion doubles the number of cities where Waymo vehicles drive without a human behind the wheel. Below is a cheat sheet so you know where these vehicles are operating.

Where Waymo Already Operates Fully Autonomous Service:

- Phoenix, AZ – First full public deployment; 24/7 service.
- San Francisco Bay Area, CA – 24/7 service, expanded to more than 260 square miles.
- Los Angeles County, CA – 24/7 public rides across major LA neighborhoods.
- Austin, TX – Service available via the Uber app.
- Atlanta, GA – Operating via Uber across a 65-square-mile service area.

New 2025–2026 Rollouts:

- Miami, FL – Fully autonomous employee testing is underway; public access is expected in 2026.
- Orlando, FL – Employee-only rides now; public service 2026.
- Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, TX – Fully autonomous testing for employees begins now; public service expected in 2026.

Additional Announced Future Cities:

- Las Vegas, NV – Public launch is planned for summer 2026.
- San Diego, CA – Service planned for 2026.
- Detroit, MI – Autonomous operations targeted for winter 2026.
- Nashville, TN – Testing underway; public deployment expected in 2026.
- Denver, CO – Testing underway; public deployment expected in 2026.
- Seattle, WA – Testing underway; public deployment expected in 2026.
- Washington, DC – Testing now; public Waymo app rides 2026.
- London & Tokyo – International testing and phased deployment.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation remains committed to ensuring autonomous fleets can reliably detect, recognize, and safely respond to motorcycles. Federal regulators have been largely absent as the private sector and state agencies have taken the lead. Nevertheless, the MRF will fight to protect your safety and right to the road. This has been and will remain a key part of our legislative agenda in 2026 and beyond.

DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

"Motorcycle Profiling Project: 2025 Survey Approaching End Date"

One of the top recent success stories for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has been the passage of Resolutions in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, denouncing the practice of profiling motorcyclists by law enforcement. One key partner in achieving these two victories was the Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP), which conducts an annual survey of motorcyclists nationwide on this topic. The survey's data has been acknowledged directly within the federal legislation and proved invaluable to its passage.

The MPP survey is not for motorcyclists who have been profiled; it is for everyone who has an opinion on the topic of motorcyclist profiling. The survey is renewed annually with changes to the questions to keep it relevant. The MPP survey needs more than 10,000 people to participate each year, to maintain its margin of error at less than 1%. All active motorcyclists should take this simple five (5) question survey each year to help maintain our successes and help with future legislation.

The resolutions passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate were intended to advise states to address the issue of motorcyclist profiling. So far, five (5) states have passed laws making it illegal to initiate a stop simply because someone is on a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle attire. Several other states have bills pending or awaiting introduction in upcoming legislative sessions. You can support these efforts by taking the MPP survey each and every year using the button below.

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Membership

SHANNON JOHNSON

Howdy all! Well I am late typing this article as with most of us, December is a crazy month. We try to get these out right after our meeting and get you the next month's newsletter ahead of time. This time of year I feel like a fart in a hot skillet.

Our December meeting was also our Christmas party. We had a great turn out. The Gift/steal exchange was a huge success. The potluck was enjoyed by all. Thank you so much for all who brought food to share. And for Dusty & Amy Dibler who provided the chicken. Those who participated in the games had fun and gave us all some entertainment. Ava did a wonderful job taking pictures of the festivities. Susan Salter won the TP money roll donated by Blue Butts. She immediately used some of those winnings and bought some chances on our gun/cash raffle. Which we will sell spots until all 100 chances are full. We will have them at our next meeting in January which is our normal annual pot luck. If this month's meeting was any indication there will be great food to be had by all.

January's meeting is also when we draw for the free membership by the chapter. All year, at every meeting you attended you could write your name on a piece of paper, put in box and be entered into the drawing. Board members that year are NOT eligible.

I'd like to take this time to thank Kay Bernstein for being our secretary for so many years. She has done a wonderful job and is always there early and helpful at board and membership meetings. Randy Pugh was very kind to reup as VP. To all those who have stuck around in their positions we thank you!

To Jo Hoffman, who's only position she ever put letter intent for all these years and yet ended up serving several others, thank you for being our next secretary.

The seminar is January 16th and 17th in Springfield, IL. Rooms as of this article are still available. Get your tickets early on the A.B.A.T.E. website and save yourself some money. As of this typing I have not received totals from state but will report on the same bat time and same bat channel as they become available.

Happy New Year my A.B.A.T.E. brothers and sisters! Thank you and have a Groovy day! - Shannon



DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

"CAFE Rollback Reopens Door For Internal Combustion Choice"

This week, President Trump announced a major rewrite of the federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. The proposal rolls back the fuel-economy targets established during the previous administration, targets that automakers argued could not be met without a rapid shift toward electric vehicles. The administration framed the change as a return to the original purpose of CAFÉ, focusing on fuel efficiency, rather than forced electrification.

The move fits into a broader regulatory shift. Earlier this year, lawmakers revoked California's EPA waiver, which allowed the state to impose stricter emissions rules and effectively push zero-emission vehicle mandates. That waiver had become one of the most powerful national drivers of EV adoption, as many other states follow California's standards. Removing it, combined with the newly proposed CAFE reset, amounts to a coordinated effort to ease regulatory pressure that had been steering manufacturers away from internal-combustion engines.

For the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), this moment is significant. While the proposal directly affects cars and trucks, rules of this kind are frequently expanded over time to include motorcycles, making this development especially relevant to the riding community. For the MRF, preservation of the internal-combustion engine is a core legislative priority, and the proposed standards may help maintain space in the marketplace for ICE technology. By lowering regulatory pressure on automakers, these changes could strengthen consumer access to gas-powered vehicles and slow the trend toward policy-driven electrification. For riders, that translates into a greater likelihood that motorcycles powered by traditional engines remain affordable, viable, and widely available.

While the proposal will face public comment and probable legal challenges, the shift signals a meaningful change in federal regulatory direction. For motorcyclists who value mechanical choice and the performance characteristics of internal-combustion engines, the administration's actions may mark a favorable step toward preserving the freedom to choose how they ride.

Chaplain

BEN MADIGAN

From this writing; Christmas is only 12 days away. So, let me say a little something about Christmas. Let's not forget that we can have Christmas everyday if we choose. 1. God gave His Son, Jesus. That was the greatest act of giving and love. Let's be givers daily. Let's love others. The one who hates his brother or sister is in darkness. 1 John 2:9,11. And, also out of fellowship with God. And is blind and doesn't know where he is going. And in closing, Jesus said the two greatest commandments are to love God and your neighbor. Matt 22:36-40. If love has a fresh ongoing effect in our lives; all the other commandments will fall into place!!! Let's all start our New Year on the right foot.

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Remember you must be present to win.

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