

Peo-Taz News

July , 2023

Your Roving Reporter

Things you learn the Hard Way

There are things you can learn in a class and then some you can read in a book. However the lessons you learn the Hard Way, seem to stick with you.

Years ago there were no weather apps on a phone. However in my youth I was just as willing to ignore the radio report. Had my riding buddy Casey Kennedy or I bothered to listen, we would have heard of the 50 MPH wind warnings.

It was a sunny day and with time to kill and gas in our tanks we grabbed our jackets and threw out a destination. We decided to head out to Jubilee State Park. At the time I had a Honda Shadow. I loved that old bike. It had a windshield but I had taken it off. It also had a sissy bar. This is important to the story.

So about a half way there, we got into some winds that had us riding at what felt like a 90 degree angle. We arrived at our destination with our adrenaline at the 'wow what a ride' level. We had a smoke and walked around a bit. It was time to be heading back. It had warmed up a bit. On the way back I thought I might be a little more comfortable if I didn't zip my jacket all the way up. You know, to get a little air circulation. Those of you have learned the Hard Way, know where this is heading.

So we are heading down the open road. I have just gone 5 up and my leather jacket turns into a parachute. It takes me all the way back to my (thank you God) Sissy bar. As the tips of my fingers are barely touching the grips I vow never to complain about being tall or long legged again.

*Jackets opened all the way or zipped to the top. I learned it that day.. **The Hard Way***

Chaplain.....

Riding Season is upon us! Love it! With summer or any season there are many needs that arise. It's good to hear members voice these needs at prayer time. We believe prayer is a very powerful tool! I am a product of a "praying Mother," in my wayward days. Had it not been for Mom and her prayers, i wouldn't be here today! Thanks Mom Keep those prayers coming people! "Prayers go up, blessings come down.!" Love Ben and Pam



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RIDE SAFE AND MAKE EVERYDAY AMAZING

Products Director Teresa Wood



Legislative

What does it take to get the membership excited again?

What does it take to get our membership to get engaged with the fight against the political pendulum of our country and the current state of things? All too often I hear people say "Why bother? Nothing is ever going to change! Politicians are going to do it anyway!" AND ...They will because you have left the house unattended!!!

Peo-Taz A.B.A.T.E OF ILLINOIS

We have 180 members +or- I'm your Legislative rep. How many of you have (since 2016) ever met me? How many of you (who I am thankful that you renew your membership) Have ever heard me bring back information from the state meeting to keep you up to what is going on, on the front line of a fight that you only get a part of from maybe the state newsletter.

There were many other events on the 7th of May 2023...and the Chapter of Peo-Taz A.B.A.T.E went to the capital of Illinois at Springfield. As the old saying goes..."there is strength in numbers! "

Can you imagine what we can accomplish? I coined a phrase years ago that I would like you the membership I serve to remember...."It Takes One Person to Effect Change! - It Takes a Group To Change The World! "

I'm here to effect change Peo-Taz A.B.A.T.E What will it take for you to come to help change the world?

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Legislative Representative Patrick Wood (Woody)



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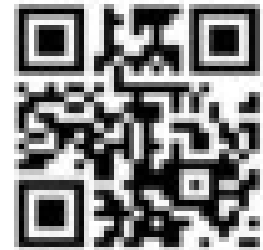
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Memorial Day - Enjoy but Remember

This Memorial Day weekend take a moment and remember the sacrifices made by many while fighting for the freedoms each of us enjoy every day. In streets across our nation traditional motorcycle events honoring those lost in military service will be held. We at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation are forever grateful to our brothers and sisters lost defending the freedoms we cherish.

As Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

As we spend time with family and friends, let's all take a moment to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country FREE. We at the MRF and A.B.A.T.E. wish you and yours a safe Memorial Day.

Baker's Dozen Fight for Biker

On Tuesday, 13 members of the House of Representatives sent a bipartisan letter to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary of Pete Buttigieg seeking the formation of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC). As you may remember, the MAC was first established by Congress in 2015 and renewed with passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in 2021. Unfortunately, despite the requirement that the MAC be established within 90 days after the law is passed, DOT has failed to act. In the past, the MAC has provided a critical forum for policy makers, roadway engineers, and motorcyclists to discuss ways roadway and barrier design, construction and maintenance practices and intelligent transportation systems can better meet the safety needs of the nearly 9 million motorcyclists in this country.

One important part of the reestablished MAC, as outlined in the text of the law, is the expansion of membership seats. The inclusion of manufacturers, motorcyclist rights organizations and safety professionals will provide for a more expansive knowledge base and information sharing on the council. As prescribed in the law, the MAC will be required to submit biennial reports on their findings.

Establishment of the MAC was one of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's priorities during the recent Bikers Inside the Beltway event in D.C. Thank you to Rep. Gallagher for leading the letter and to the 12 other lawmakers listed below for supporting our efforts to seat the MAC.

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Each month we focus on a reason to sell or give a membership. This month is the \$3000.00 Death and Dismemberment Insurance which is included in your membership. Any of you who had hail damage recently know that a little extra insurance never hurt anyone.

This is prime riding season and Matt reminded us at our last meeting, as a Peo-Taz member. You can advertise anything bike related for free in our newsletter. That's jackets, parts, do dads or yes motorcycles. Just email your ad to Matt at peotaznews@gmail.com

As of June 1st, we have 189 active members with 7 new members signing up in May they are:

Erik Willke Heidi Willke Brianna Fagerburg Gale Abernathy Patti Abernathy

Michael Turpen Kamela Leach

Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. and to your Peo-Taz chapter!

Members due in June Patrick Wood Teresa Ordaz Wood Keith Joos Greg Borum

Nancy Borum Tom Mattson Steven Hooker

If you sign up 10 new members in a calendar year you receive a single one year membership.

Hand out your forms, and the cards Susan made up with the QR codes. Wear your Peo-Taz gear. The bigger our numbers the louder our voices.

Thank you.

Have a groovy day!

Shannon



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Ride safe and make every day. Amazing!!!

T(Teresa Wood),Product-Director

Thank you!

Make Today Amazing!

Friday ABATE Night w/ Sponsors - F.A.N.S.

Come out and show support to our sponsors at the same time getting to hang out with some ultra cool folks, Peo-Taz ABATE members. These nights will be a great opportunity to engage others interest with our club.

Friday Abate Night w/ Sponsors	Important Activities
April 14 F.A.N.S. at Dizzy Deans	April 29 Peo-Taz Bikers BAZAAR
April 21 F.A.N.S. at Oz'z	May 07 Freedom Rally
May 12 F.A.N.S. at Jim Dandy's Lounge	May 13 Blue Butts
May 26 F.A.N.S. at Twisted Spoke	May 27 Bike Blessing @ Pekin Lagoon
June 09 F.A.N.S. at Country Saloon	June 23-25 State Party
June 23 F.A.N.S. at Main St. Tap	July 15 Bikers for Tata's
July 07 F.A.N.S.	July 22 Peo-Taz Dart Run
July 21 F.A.N.S.	August 05 Peo-Taz Alzheimer's Run
August 04 F.A.N.S.	August 12 ABATE 3-Chapter Ride
August 18 F.A.N.S.	August 19 Battle of the Cover Bands & Bike Show
September 15 F.A.N.S.	August 27 Peo-Taz Picnic
September 29 F.A.N.S.	September 16 BASH Ride
October 13 F.A.N.S.	September 23 Peo-Taz Bikers Ball
October 27 F.A.N.S. – TRUNK OR TREAT	October 14 Freedom Valley Costume Run
November 03 F.A.N.S.	November 05 Peo-Taz Quarter Auction
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Danger to Motorcyclists

Over the weekend a Washington Post story on Tesla's Autopilot system made national news. The story included this quote from former National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) senior safety advisor, Missy Cummings, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas."

According to the Post's research, since 2021 there have been 17 fatal crashes involving Teslas operating in Autopilot mode. Motorcycles were involved in four of the 17.

You may remember that NHTSA recently opened investigations into fatal crashes involving Tesla vehicles and motorcycles. One occurred in Utah, when a motorcyclist on interstate 15 outside Salt Lake City, was struck from behind by a Tesla in Autopilot. "The driver of the Tesla did not see the motorcyclist, and collided with the back of the motorcycle, which threw the rider from the bike, the Utah Department of Public Safety said.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in May that Autopilot is not an appropriate name "When the fine print says you need to always have your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road at all times.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has been raising this issue with federal officials for years. Just last month, MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard and Vice President Jay Jackson, met with safety officials at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on this very topic. The two MRF leaders stressed the concerns of Bikers about the deployment of this technology. Additionally, in the coming weeks, MRF senior officials will meet with leaders at NHTSA to seek answers on this troubling report.

These meetings with Biden Administration officials come on the heels of the MRF's Bikers Inside the Beltway (BITB) annual event. During BITB riders from across the country meet with members of Congress seeking action on self-driving cars as they relate to motorcyclists.

The MRF has been, and will remain, vigilant on this subject that affects ALL motorcyclists. Increased media scrutiny, along with the thousands of voices demanding action, is turning the heat up. Let's keep the pressure up and protect bikers on our nation's roadways

Inattentional Blindness

So we know that, because of the way the human brain works, drivers are literally telling the truth when they say "I never saw the motorcycle," even though we were in plain sight. We know that on top of that there is more distracted driving than ever, with drivers talking on cell phones, or even texting, not to mention using touch screens in cars. And as we've seen, we can't count on advanced driver assistance (AQDAS) in cars to save us.

So if we can't count on others, we have to count on ourselves. What can we do? I think some of answers are safety and riding techniques.

First, take the attitude that if a crash happens, it's our fault for not avoiding it. Regardless of who is to blame legally, we're the ones likely to suffer the most, so we should assume responsibility. Instead, most riders look for someone else to blame.

While not every crash is avoidable, almost all are. We should ride as if they are avoidable. Its about constantly scanning, identifying and anticipating threats. You can take your safety into your own hands, realize you're not being vigilant as you could be, and find enjoyment in challenging yourself to ride better, not turning off your mind and relaxing while riding

Next we need to leverage the advantages we have, and they may not what you first think of. Yes, our motorcycles generally can accelerate faster than all the cars around us, but only rarely is that the way out of a dangerous situation. No, we can't brake faster than cars. The big advantage we have is the ability to adjust lane position in response to threats. On the rare occasion I'm driving a car, I notice how many motorcyclists on a two lane road are hugging the center line, and I can't help imagine how easily I could drift two feet left and kill that rider if I were a distracted driver poking at a touch screen or a phone. Yes, traditionally the left wheel track is the default track position, but also important to switch back and forth, depending on whether the biggest threat is a potential car emerging from a blind driveway on the right or a distracted driver drifting across the center line. Personally, I've adjusted my thinking on lane position as distracted driving has increased .

Intersections are were most car-motorcycle crashes occur. No matter haw competent we think we are, no matter how aware we believe we are when riding, there are higher levels to be attained and improvements that can be made.

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PEO-TAZ 2023 CALENDAR

July 2023

02nd Membership Meeting

Aug 2023

6th Membership Meeting



**Not a member, join us at a meeting and see what we are about. Meetings held at Bartonville VFW Post 3883
4518 S. Lafayette Ave, Bartonville IL.**



Event Schedule

June

17 Combat Vets Motorcycle Assoc Annual Support Ride

24 North Pekin AMVETS Riders 169 : Agent Orange Ride

July

01 New Attitudes MC Party @ The Clubhouse (bike games @2pm)

02 Peo Taz Membership Meeting

08 Black Piston MC– Fun Run

08 Bikers 4 Ta-Tas

22 Union Brotherhood MC Charity Ride for Allens House

29 Central Illinois Vets for Vets Ride

29 PMC /AOA TT Cook Off





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July 2nd 1:30pm

August 6th 1:30pm

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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation listens. Culminating 18 months of planning and fulfillment, the MRF ended Meeting of the Minds 2022 by reviewing input from over three hundred attendees.

Meeting of the Minds 2023 will reflect that the MRF listens and what we heard will make a difference in building the MRF and strong partner state motorcyclist rights organizations.

Bikers inside the Beltway 2023 was a total success because of the work the MRF does at the Meeting of the Minds addressing the needs of members and our partner SMROs. The feedback we received from MOTM 2022 put us on track with new workshops, more workshops, and new presentations.

This year we added four workshop for total of sixteen! Although some workshops are updates of annual presentations, we've added ten new presenters and a slew of new topics.

*If you or your SMRO is social media challenged, meet Joy Mack. She's a Twenty-First Century wizard who understands the challenges individuals and SMRO's face when delving into social media. Her workshop—**The Power of Social Media: A Catalyst for Recruitment**—is tailored to putting the “social media challenged” into a comfort zone— and because we know her workshop will have high demand; we're offering it twice.*

Wondering why the MRF and our partner SMRO's have such a high success rate on Capital Hill and state legislatures? Meet Steve Panten, he and Dave Dwyer will provide attendees a few hundred ways on Building Effective Legislative Lobbying Efforts, another key to positive advocacy for motorcycle rights.

The Meeting of the Minds - September 21-24. Red Lions Hotel ,4751 Lindie Road Harrisburg PA 17111 call 717-939-0720 to register and make reservations and mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation 2023 Meeting of the Minds.

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Peo-Taz membership meetings are held at the VFW, 4518 S Lafayette Ave
Bartonville, IL ——— 1st Sunday Each Month.

A.B.A.T.E. needs YOU!

Call to Action

There are more owners of motorcycles, atv's and dirt bikes than ever before. However, our membership state wide is lower than it has been in a decade.

WHO WILL FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS?

When Trailer plate prices were raised by 555% A.B.A.T.E. was the only organization that addressed it. A.B.A.T.E. is ever vigilant on keeping Illinois a helmet by choice state. (Illinois vs Freis)