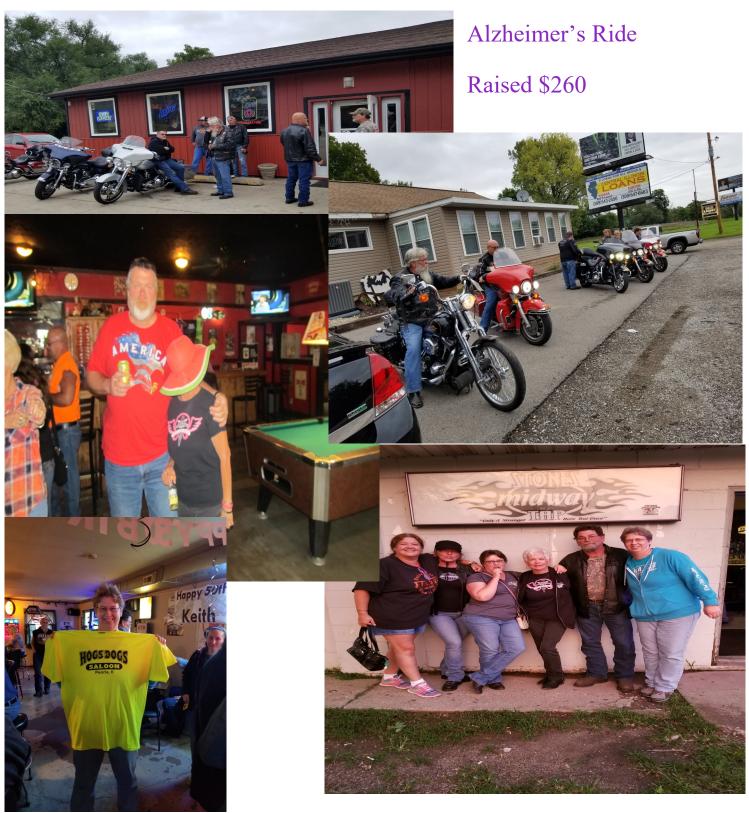


Peo-Taz News

October, 2018



Roving Reporter....

In the July newsletter article of the Roving Reporter I quote, we have now done away with it not enough participation. This is about the State-Wide Picture Poker Run. I jumped the gun since the list of cities had not been printed yet at that time. Come to find out only a couple of people had the list. So, it looks like there had been a communication problem. Now the proper people have the list and that list will be used for the Picture Poker Run for next year. Details for the payout will be worked out later. Hope this explains the circumstance as to why I believed that the Run had been cancelled.

Members, we need your help immediately! Letters of Intent need to be turned in at the beginning of the October meeting for Officers positions on the Board. We are going to have (4) four empty positions. The good folks who are holding these positions have decided not to renew their place on the Board of Directors or of Officers. If you have thought or know that you can handle these positions put your name on the Letter of Intent and bring your talent to the forefront. Check with either the President or the Vice-President as to which positions are up for grabs.

I want to thank all that were involved with the Alzheimer's Run held on September 8th. From what I remember \$300.00 was raised for this disease. We wish we could have raised more for this disabling disease, but we will be thankful for all that was raised. Again, thank you to all who participated.

It was reported by our Safety Ed. Officer that IDOT contacted him to report that at some of the road construction sites that apparently some safety cones had been moved or removed and vehicles have inadvertently drove off into the construction projects. So please pay attention when driving in the construction areas.

We are going to hold our Anniversary Party on October 20th at Spindler Marina. You do not have to camp out if you do not want to. This is a good time to get together and sit around the campfire to reminisce, BS, plan outings for the next year or just eat some great food. Come one come all and celebrate Peo-Taz's birthday of 32 years and going strong with some hiccups along the way.

Your Roving Reporter

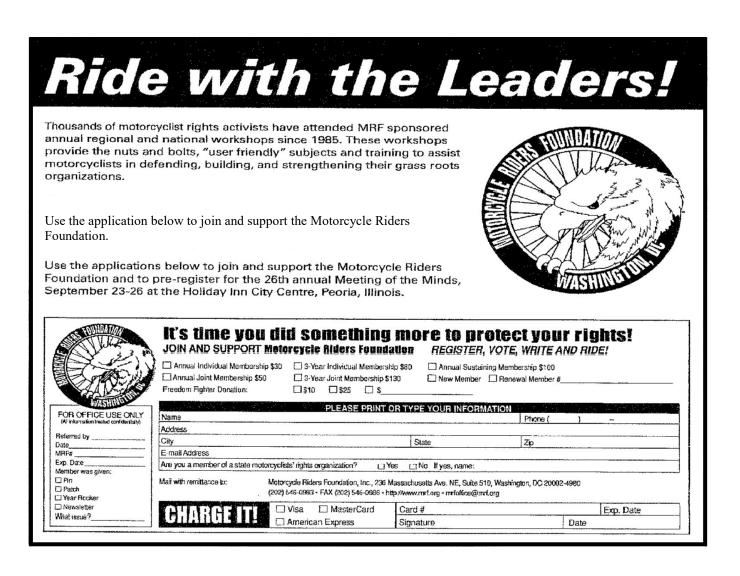
President....

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Here I am thinking back over the last few months. Seems like the summer goes by in flash. We have had fun with old friends and made new ones, but it's not over yet. There's still time before winter rears its head and we all go into hibernation. So, get outside and enjoy the time we have left, there are still ABATE and riding events to go.

Bike maintenance is important. A periodic check is just as important as a full service project. Keep up on the little things like tire pressure. It's not only a safety issue but will also extend the life of the tires. Be safe and we'll see you on the road!

Mark



MRF—Motorcycle Riders Foundation Fact or Fiction

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Incomplete Data When the authors of a report put forth only some of the data available them, while ignoring additional important data on the subject of the report, it calls into question the integrity of the results of that report. None of these facts are intended to argue against motorcycle helmet use, but rather to demonstrate that a mandatory motorcycle helmet law is not the quintessential solution to motorcycle safety.

Fact While many point to the recent rise in motorcycle fatalities as proof that the U.S. needs stricter motorcycle helmet laws, there is no evidence to support this premise. For the past two years, traffic fatalities as a whole have been on the rise. According to NHTSA, motorcycle fatalities rose 5.1% between 2015 and 2016. However, their same data shows that motor vehicle fatalities as a whole rose by 5.6%. Like motorcyclists, passenger car occupant fatalities rose 5.1% between 2015 and 2016. SUV occupant fatalities rose by 5.2%, and van occupant fatalities rose by 8.4%. Despite this rise in fatalities for car, SUV, and van occupants, no one is suggesting that that we implement helmet laws for the operators and occupants of cars, SUVs and vans. Why are such suggestions being made with regard to motorcyclists?

Pact Despite assertions to the contrary, there is no evidence to suggest that the presence or absence of mandatory motorcycle helmet laws had any discernible impact on motorcycle fatalities in 2016. In its latest publication concerning motorcycle crashes, NHTSA analyzed motorcycle traffic fatalities for the year 2016. There were 5,286 motorcycle related fatalities in 2016. 2,102 of those fatalities occurred in the 19 states that have a mandatory motorcycle helmet law, as well as in the District of Columbia. 3,184 fatalities took place in the 31 states that either allow adults to choose whether or not to wear a motorcycle helmet, or simply have no law whatsoever on the matter. When we factor in motorcycle registrations we get a more accurate depiction of what those numbers mean. Of the 8,679,380 motorcycles registered in the United States in 2016, 5,199,042 were registered in states that allow adults to make their own choice when it comes to wearing helmets. The other 3,480,338 motorcycles were registered in states that have a mandatory helmet law. That means that the fatality rate per 100,000 registered motorcycles was 60.39 in states with mandatory motorcycle helmet laws, while the fatality rate per 100,000 registered motorcyclists in the states that allow adults to make their own choice was 61.24. That is a less than one percent difference in motorcycle fatality rates between the two groups of states.

Fact There is reason to doubt the veracity of the numbers cited in the latest NHTSA report on motorcycle traffic fatalities, at least when it comes to motorcyclists using the roads and highways on a regular basis. The report starts off by stating that "[F]or the purposes of this fact sheet, motorcycles include two- or three-wheeled motorcycles, off-road motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, mini bikes, and pocket bikes." Data from accidents involving off-road motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, mini bikes, and pocket bikes, should not be used in any serious study of motorcycle fatalities, nor should such data be cited in any serious discussion on ways to reduce motorcycle traffic fatalities; doing so would be comparable to using data from fatalities involving four-wheelers and go-carts to formulate safety strategies for our nation's highways.

Fact Historically, NHTSA has published data on motorcycle crashes and fatalities in a subtly but importantly different way than it has on data concerning motor vehicle crashes and fatalities as a whole. For instance, in its overview of fatal motor vehicle crashes published in October of 2017, NHTSA reported that there were 37,461 people killed in crashes on U.S. roadways during 2016, which was an increase from 35,485 in 2015. They went on to point out that the 5.6-percent increase in motor vehicle fatalities in 2016 is lower than the 8.4-percent increase in motorcycle fatalities, despite the fact that the 5.1% increase in motorcycle fatalities in 2016 is lower than the 8% increase in motorcycle fatalities from 2014 to 2015.

Fatalities due to alcohol impairment are an overall traffic safety problem, not just a motorcycle problem. Because NHTSA issues a yearly report which focuses only on motorcycle fatalities and injuries, it is easy for people to point to that yearly report and conclude that certain factors which contribute to traffic fatalities are unique to motorcyclists. Nothing could be further from the truth. For instance, in its latest report on motorcycle traffic fatalities, NHTSA reports that 25% of motorcyclists involved in a fatality in 2016 were alcohol impaired. They claim that it is the highest percentage of any other vehicle classification. Yet in its overview of fatal motor vehicle crashes published in October of 2017, NHTSA reported that 28% of overall motor vehicle traffic fatalities in 2016 were due to alcohol impairment. That is a 5.6% increase from 2015 according to NHTSA. Passenger cars saw a 3.1% increase from 2015 in fatalities due to alcohol impaired drivers. Light utility trucks saw a 3.6% increase. Vans saw a 23.3% increase, while large trucks saw a 50.9% increase. However, between 2015 and 2016, there was only a 0.1% increase in motorcycle fatalities due to alcohol impaired drivers. The MRF believes that any traffic fatality due to alcohol impairment is one too many. However, it is important to point out that alcohol impaired driving is not a problem unique to motorcyclists.

Chapter Photographer....

This is my second year on the Alzheimer's ride.

I had a lot of fun and got to see beautiful scenery. The weather was great, no rain.

We had four cars and 10 bikes on the way.

I enjoy taking pictures at our A.B.A.T.E. events and hope you enjoy them too.

I won a T-shirt from Hogs & Dogs.

Marie





Membership....

Howdy all!

As the brisk weather is coming upon us a reminder to check them saddlebags. Your bags should have forms of course but don't forget an extra layer of clothes and gloves. When that sun goes down and the temperature drops you will be glad you have them.

We had fun on the Alzheimer's run. We trucked it. Which Ma and I firmly believe is the reason it did not rain. I was so happy to see members of Freedom Valley and Spoon River join us. Supporting each other is what A.B.A.T.E. is about.

We have 188 active members as of September 1, 2018.

You still have time to sign up 10 new members to any chapter in a calendar year and earn a free one-year membership. We always have gift cards available. And a membership makes for a wonderful gift that lasts the whole year through.

On Dec 2nd after our meeting we will be holding a quarter auction. This is to raise money for our chapter. Please join us for some fun and great way to win some cool stuff. If you know of a vendor that would like to participate in this event, please contact me. There will be a flyer in the next newsletter with all the info.

Hope to see you all there.

Have a groovy day

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Just a few things that A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois has accomplished or is holding at bay. No need to say thank you. Thank us by joining us & being a part of the Best Motorcycle Rights Organization in the country!

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Chaplain....

I've met so many wonderful people since I started riding a motorcycle some 50 years ago. My wife, Pam, for one. 1968 was the year. My uncle and I went for a ride on my Yamaha 80cc looking for girls. Going down N Perry St. in Peoria, we spotted a couple of girls walking down the street. I asked the cuter one (Pam) if she wanted a ride. She turned me down. That was the beginning of a wonderful life with a wonderful woman. Now we're blessed with 2 grown sons, 2 wonderful daughters-in-law, and 4 healthy grandchildren. Three girls and one boy, 10, 6, 6, & 3. We are truly blessed. God is good. It's been a great life and the best is yet to come!!

I bet some of you our there have a story of how you and your spouse or partner met. Let's hear it. I challenge you to share your story too.

Love you all, Ben and Pam





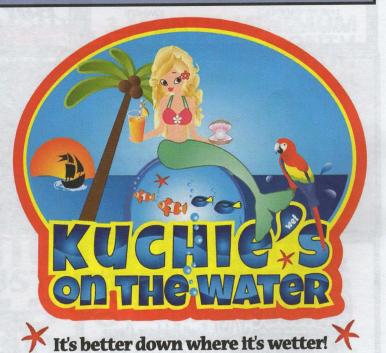


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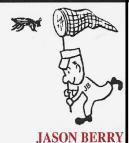


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November

4 Membership Meeting 1 PM

December

2 Membership Meeting 1 PM

January

6 Membership Meeting 1 PM



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Event Schedule

<u>September</u>

- 22 Quiet Pride MC POW-MIA
- 22 Sheepherders MC B.J. Foust Memorial run for kids
- 23 Peoria Motorcycle Club Bruce Walters Turkey Run

October

- 06 Riders with Heart Fall Run
- 13 Spoon River Riders A.B.A.T.E. Costume Run
- 20 Peo-Taz A.B.A.T.E Anniversary Party
- 20 American Legion Post 100 Fun Run
- 21 Wolfhounds MC Fallen Soldiers Cruise-In

<u>December</u>

02 - Quarter Auction - VFW Creve Coeur - After Chapter Meeting

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