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A BROTHERHOOD AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION

THE MISSION OF A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS IS TO PRESERVE THE UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO A SAFE, UNRESTRICTED MOTORCYCLING ENVIRONMENT, AND PROPOSE AND ADVOCATE ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN BY ELECTED OFFICIALS TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND ENSURE THROUGH PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT THAT SUSTAINABLE USE, RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ENJOYMENT OF THESE RESOURCES IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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

2025 PEO-TAZ CALENDAR

Event	Date	Place	Time
Monthly Meeting	Jan 5th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Feb 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	March 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
ABATE of IL Swap Meet	March 16th	Orr Building Springfield	
Legislative Day	March 19th	Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Springfield	8:00am
ABATE 3 Chapter Cookoff	March 22nd	VFW post 3883	Reg by 4:30pm
Monthly Meeting	April 6th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
ABATE Freedom Rally	May 4th	Ride to Springfield	TBD
Monthly Meeting	June 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	July 13th	North Pekin Amvets Post 169, 660 Radio City Dr	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	August 3rd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Sept 7th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Oct 5th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Nov 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm (Quarter Auction Follows)
Monthly Meeting	Dec7th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm

VFW POST 3883

4518 S Lafayette Ave, Bartonville, IL 61607

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?

A BROTHERHOOD AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION ENSURES THAT THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS ENJOYED BY MOTORCYCLISTS/OFF-ROADERS/ATV RIDERS IN ILLINOIS WILL NOT DISAPPEAR. ABATE BELIEVES THAT FREEDOM OF CHOICE IS ONE WE CAN'T LOSE AND WILL WORK WITH STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATORS TO ENSURE THAT FREEDOM IS NEVER LOST FOR MOTORCYCLISTS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ABATE WILL ENSURE THAT MOTORCYCLES ARE A PRIMARY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION IN ILLINOIS AND SEE TO IT THAT MOTORCYCLISTS ARE INCLUDED IN ALL ASPECTS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE FUTURE.

Spotlight Events!



Sundays 2pm-6pm

Sept 21: Devin C. Williams
& Eli Gaddie

Nov 9: Chris Camp
& his Blues Ambassadors

At: Oz'z Bar & Grill

216 Marquette St, Creve Coeur

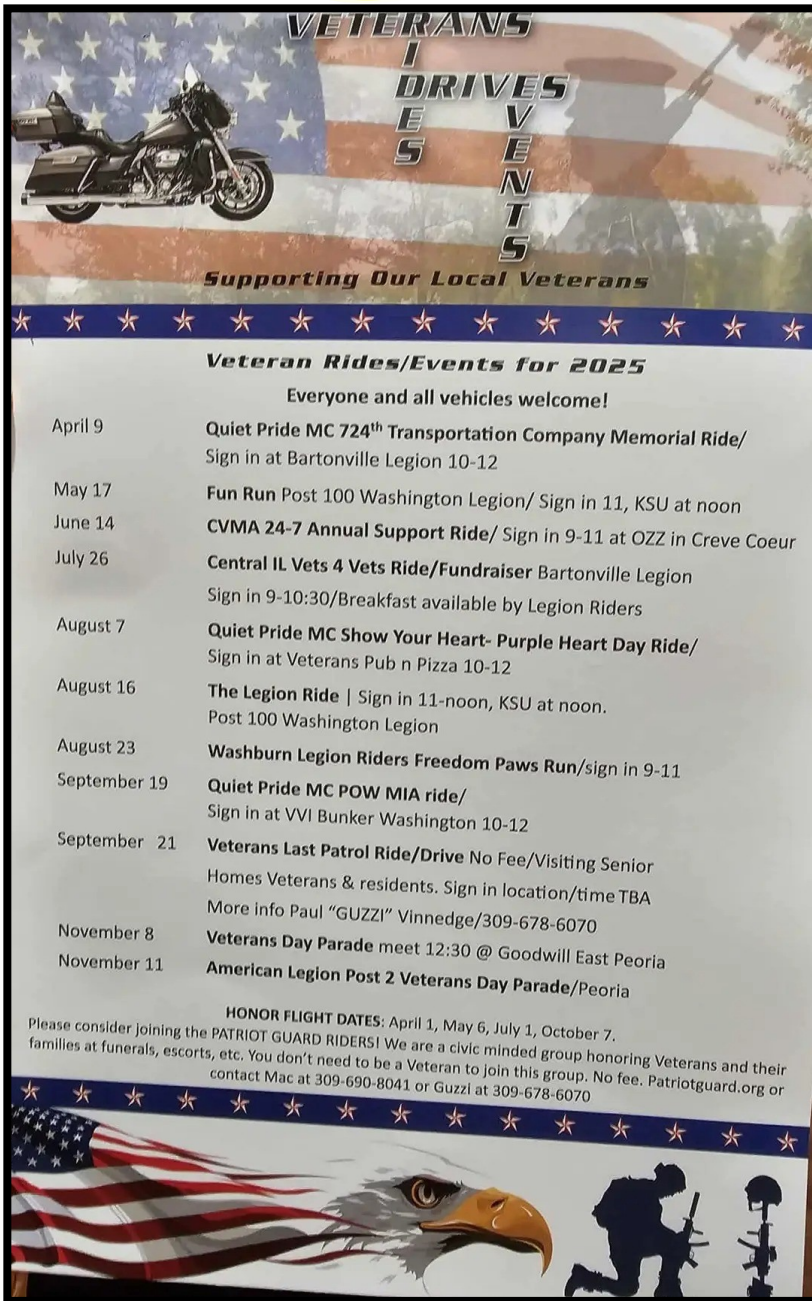
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Spotlight Events!



VETERANS I DRIVES EVENTS
Supporting Our Local Veterans

Veteran Rides/Events for 2025
Everyone and all vehicles welcome!

April 9	Quiet Pride MC 724 th Transportation Company Memorial Ride/ Sign in at Bartonville Legion 10-12
May 17	Fun Run Post 100 Washington Legion/ Sign in 11, KSU at noon
June 14	CVMA 24-7 Annual Support Ride/ Sign in 9-11 at OZZ in Creve Coeur
July 26	Central IL Vets 4 Vets Ride/Fundraiser Bartonville Legion Sign in 9-10:30/Breakfast available by Legion Riders
August 7	Quiet Pride MC Show Your Heart- Purple Heart Day Ride/ Sign in at Veterans Pub n Pizza 10-12
August 16	The Legion Ride Sign in 11-noon, KSU at noon. Post 100 Washington Legion
August 23	Washburn Legion Riders Freedom Paws Run/sign in 9-11
September 19	Quiet Pride MC POW MIA ride/ Sign in at VVI Bunker Washington 10-12
September 21	Veterans Last Patrol Ride/Drive No Fee/Visiting Senior Homes Veterans & residents. Sign in location/time TBA More info Paul "GUZZI" Vinnedge/309-678-6070
November 8	Veterans Day Parade meet 12:30 @ Goodwill East Peoria
November 11	American Legion Post 2 Veterans Day Parade/Peoria

HONOR FLIGHT DATES: April 1, May 6, July 1, October 7.
Please consider joining the PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS! We are a civic minded group honoring Veterans and their families at funerals, escorts, etc. You don't need to be a Veteran to join this group. No fee. Patriotguard.org or contact Mac at 309-690-8041 or Guzzi at 309-678-6070

2025 Peoria Area Motorcycle Event Calendar

August 2	Foundry Rats MC-Autism Run
August 7	Quiet Pride MC-Show Your Heart Purple Heart Day Ride
August 8	Masonic Riders Paul Revere Chapter-Lantern Ride
August 9	ABATE and all Bikers-Ride for your Rights
August 16	AOA-MC-TT Cook off Rib Fest
August 23	Masonic Riders Widows Sons One Five-Feed the Homeless Ride
August 24	Twisted Breed MC-Camp Big Sky
September 6	Deserted Ones-Fun Run
September 13	Black Pistons MC-Fun Run
September 20	BASH
September 21	Veterans Last Patrol Ride
September 27	Shepherders MC-BG Foust Memorial Ride
October 4	Bikers that Care Fun Run
October 11	ABATE Freedom Valley-Costume Ride
October 18	ABATE Freebird Chapter-Fun Run
October 19	Bikers That Care-Bikers and Treats
October 25	New Attitudes MC-Halloween Party
November 2	ABATE Peo-Taz-Quarter Auction
November 8	Veterans Day Parade-East Peoria
November 11	Peoria Veterans Day Parade
November 15	AOA-MC-Trivia Night
December 22	AOA-MC-Christmas for Kids

34th annual



BIKERS AGAINST STREET HUNGER

Saturday, September 20, 2025

PARADE OF MOTORCYCLES:

- Sign-in at 9:30 a.m. - Ito Hall (4909 Farmington Rd. Peoria)
- Parade leaves at 11:00 a.m. to Kingston Mines Park (Kingston Mines, IL)

HUGE AUCTION:

- 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Kingston Mines Park
- Items too numerous to list (credit cards accepted)

FREE BIKE SHOW:

- Sign-in from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (plaques awarded)

FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDS:

- Food & Beverages served at Kingston Mines Park

MUSIC: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME

Enjoy the events...with or without a motorcycle
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Spotlight Events!



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2pm to 6pm



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Bake Sale
50/50
Silent
Auction

Bike Ride
starting at
Fatman
Bishops and
ending st
Oz's. sign up
at 9 am KSU
at 11



\$5 donation at the door
Kids Welcome



Join us this riding season!

- 5/16 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 5/23 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 5/30 Bar Bag Run - Crusens Farm Rd
- 6/6 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 6/13 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 6/20 Bar Bag Run - Fat Man Bishop's!
- 6/27 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 7/6 Bar Bag Run - Refuel (SUNDAY)
- 7/11 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 7/18 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 7/25 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 8/1 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 8/8 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 8/15 Bar Bag Run - Country Saloon
- 8/22 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 8/29 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 9/5 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 9/7 Bar Bag Run - Moontower Bar & Grill (SUNDAY)
- 9/12 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 9/19 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 9/26 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 10/3 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 10/10 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 10/17 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
- 10/18 Bar Bag Run GIVEAWAY - Oz's Bar & Grill (SATURDAY)




Working together to build stronger and more effective
State Motorcyclists' Rights organizations!

MEETING OF THE MINDS

Motorcycle Riders Foundation



Shreveport, Louisiana
September 25-28, 2025

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Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612
Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 10, 2025): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)
Registration rate after Sept. 10, 2025: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)
Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.
Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

Spotlight Events!

Bikers That Care Fall Fun Run



October 4th, 2025

Sign in at

Stones Midway Tap

11:30am-1:00pm

\$10/rider



All other donations appreciated!

Helping children & families in Central Illinois

any questions facebook

Bikers That Care Illinois or

Bikersthatcare2023@gmail.com

Spotlight Events!

BLUE BUTTS MARBLE FUN RUN
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
2,3, AND 4 WHEELS WELCOME
BONUS - 2 PARTY BUSES
CHECK-IN 10:00 - 12:00
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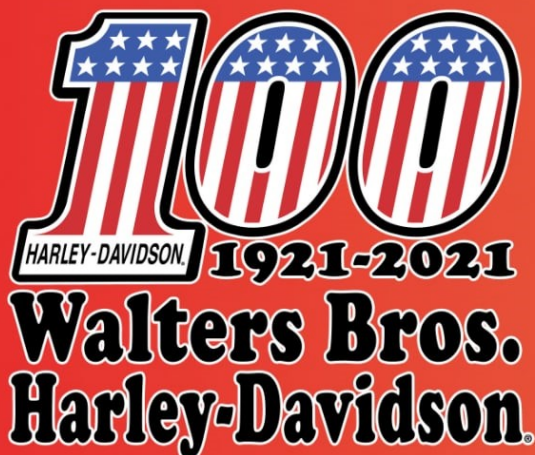
St. Jude Rides 2025

***2025 Total
\$1.4
million***



***Since 2007
\$13.2
million***

THANK YOU ST JUDE RIDERS!



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Newsletter

NICK CHRISTIAN

Hello all! This is the same message I had last month, but I want to repeat my thoughts, so here goes....

First off, I've enjoyed taking over the Newsletter since January this year for several reasons. I think the thing I've enjoyed most is that it has gotten me more involved in Peo-Taz ABATE and working closer with our amazing officers who put in a TON of time and effort, all volunteering their time to keep this chapter and everything ABATE stands for going. The first couple of months were a total team effort as we navigated a new way of printing, folding, enveloping, labeling, stamping, and finally mailing out all the paper copies of the Newsletter. We explored several options and frankly the cost of having them done by any of the local printing options was outrageously high. After a few months of ideas and a bit of trial and error, we have a pretty good process down to get this Newsletter out to you all each month in a timely way. I want to personally thank and recognize Susan Salter, Shannon Johnson, and Linda Head for the efforts they still put in every month in helping to print, package, and deliver the Newsletters to our members and sponsors. Several others helped those first couple of months as well.

Along with getting to know and work closer with our great officers, my wife Tami Christian has not only been a big help in the printing of the Newsletters but also elected to join as our Public Relations Officer. My point being, this has helped us get more involved and it has been very fulfilling for us both. I felt compelled to tell this story not to flaunt what we've done, but to encourage each of you to become more involved. As stands true in many organizations, 5-10% of the people do 90% of the work to keep things going and I'd just like to encourage you to reach out and become more involved in our chapter. We have openings for an Activities Director and Sargeant at Arms, along with elections coming up for Vice President, Secretary, Products, Membership, State Rep/Legislative, Public Relations, and Attendance. Those who currently hold those positions do a great job and I hope they continue to serve, but one can't help but wonder, how much longer will these great folks be willing AND able to continue? We really need to work to get more involvement, more energy, more excitement, and frankly more "give-a-darn" to keep all the great things ABATE has worked for all these years going.

If you aren't sure what those officer responsibilities are, don't worry, Tami and I didn't either when we decided to jump in and help! I'm telling you there are great people here to help guide anyone along the way with helping in any way you are willing to. If you are willing, we will make you able! Please consider helping out. Walk up to an officer at a meeting and express your desire to help out, you'll likely get a big hug and thank you!

I also want to take a chance to thank everyone who has elected to receive the Newsletter via email instead of paper. This has SIGNIFICANTLY reduced the amount the chapter has to spend on ink, paper, printer wear, envelopes, and stamps each month. If you are reading a paper copy of this and are willing to receive it via PDF in an email, please email me at PeoTazNews@gmail.com. I always send them via BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) so no one will see your email address and it will never be shared in any way without your consent. Of course, we are more than happy to still send you a paper copy if you prefer. That said, thank you all who have elected to get the electronic copy. Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to Matt Bernstein for his efforts in reaching out to each of our members to see if they would like to receive the Newsletter via email. That was a lot of effort, and we appreciate it, Matt!

In closing, we hope to see you at a meeting and/or event soon. A big thank you to all our great sponsors and, if you need one of their services, please patronize these great businesses and thank them for helping to support Peo-Taz ABATE and motorcycle rights!

Until next time, keep the wind in your face and the rubber side down!

- Nick





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Treasurer

SUSAN SALTER

Great News from the Chapter! Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated members, we've made incredible progress this year! Between securing new sponsors and driving raffle ticket sales, we're officially in the BLACK—meaning our income has exceeded our expenses!

This is a huge achievement, especially considering the extra costs we faced with newsletter printing. It's proof that when we pull together, we can overcome challenges and come out stronger.

Let's take a moment to celebrate this win—and keep the momentum going!

Your support makes all the difference.

Susan



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

"NHTSA Advances Rules For Autonomous Vehicles"

Last week, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is launching three new rulemakings to modernize the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for vehicles equipped with automated driving systems (ADS).

According to Secretary Duffy, these changes are designed to "eliminate redundant requirements and bring us closer to a single national standard that spurs innovation and prioritizes safety." NHTSA officials echoed this sentiment, stating that the current standards were written for human-driven vehicles and "need to be updated for autonomous vehicles."

The three specific standards under review include: Transmission shift position sequence, starter interlock, and transmission braking effect
Windshield defrosting, defogging, wiping, and washing systems, lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment

While the MRF supports modernization where appropriate, we remain concerned about the rapid push to greenlight fully driverless vehicles, particularly when motorcycles and other road users are often excluded from the conversation. NHTSA's Automated Vehicle Framework prioritizes "unleashing innovation" and "enabling commercial deployment," but riders know all too well that safety must come first, not as an afterthought.

The push for automated driving systems comes as the auto industry itself is wrestling with challenges in both electric and autonomous vehicle markets. Tesla is now pivoting away from its original EV mission and placing its bets on AI-driven ventures like robotaxis.

Tesla and other companies have yet to prove that autonomous vehicles can operate safely and consistently in the real world, especially when it comes to detecting and responding to motorcycles.

The MRF has long warned that autonomous vehicle developers must demonstrate that their systems can safely interact with motorcyclists before deployment. A vehicle that fails to "see" a rider is not a safety innovation, it's a deadly hazard.

As the rulemaking process moves forward, the MRF will remain engaged to ensure that riders are heard in Washington. The future of transportation should not come at the expense of motorcyclist safety.

We urge our members to stay alert, stay informed, and be ready to speak out. Innovation is welcome, but only when it comes with accountability.



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Membership

SHANNON JOHNSON

Howdy all! It's that time of year again. Leathers on leathers off. As I type this, the St. Jude riders will be heading off to Memphis tomorrow. For all who contribute, ride and support Thank You!

Our gun/\$ raffle was won by Christina McGee. Congratulations! She chose the money and therefore we will be doing the drawing again. Your choice of a Taurus 38 revolver with a box of ammo or \$500 cash. Only 100 chances are sold. They are \$10 a square. Come to a meeting or contact me for your chance to win. Thank you to Pinnacle Gun and Ammo for your help.

As of September 1st we have 143 active with 2 new members signing up in August. Cooper Reese and Monica Reese, welcome to A.B.A.T.E. and your Peo-Taz chapter!

After the November meeting we will be having our yearly quarter auction. Some amazing donations are already coming in. This year we will have a live auction at the start. There will be a table to choose from if there is an item you wish to bid on, you will move it to the live auction table. Bids will start at \$10. If you are a vendor and wish to participate, a half table is, as from the beginning, only \$5. You get 3 items for quarter auction and you donate one for fundraiser. Please contact me by call or text.

Members due in October:

Marie Jibben, Marlene Kahoun, Dean Trotter, Jeff Lower, Lynda Sharp Lower

Thank you and have a Groovy Day! - Shannon



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

"The Right To Decide"

As riders, we know that freedom is more than just a word; it's a way of life. It's also something we must constantly defend. One of the most important, and often misunderstood, freedoms we've fought for in the motorcyclists' rights movement is the freedom of choice when it comes to wearing a helmet.

Many riders today may not realize that our movement was born out of resistance to helmet mandates. In the 1970s, the federal government attempted to coerce states into enacting mandatory helmet laws by threatening to withhold highway funding. That sparked outrage and mobilized riders across the country. Grassroots organizations emerged, fueled by passion and a deep commitment to personal liberty. Through years of lobbying, protests, and legislative action, riders reclaimed the freedom of choice state by state. But victories are never permanent. As President Ronald Reagan so wisely warned, "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."

We are now seeing the truth of that warning. A new generation of riders, many of whom have never known a time without the option of helmet choice, may not feel the urgency that once united us. This year, a bill was introduced in Pennsylvania to establish a new helmet mandate. Last year, bikers in Illinois fought back against a similar proposal and likely will continue to face comparable legislation. The question now is, will we act to defend our freedom of choice? And if we don't do it, who will?

At the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), we continue to closely monitor state and federal legislation, but we cannot do it alone. We need every biker, young and old, to understand what's at stake and to get involved. Talk to your fellow riders. Educate new motorcyclists about our history. Support your state motorcyclists' rights organizations (SMROs). And above all, stay alert to legislative threats that seek to erode the freedoms we've fought so hard to preserve.

Let's not be the generation that lets our freedom slip away.




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DUSTY DRIBLER

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

How was your summer? I hope you got all the riding in that you wanted, but now's the best time to ride with the trees changing colors and the fall weather. I know I'm happy to be out riding again after four months of being laid up. I did do a lot of driving around while I was off work and noticed what motorcycle riders are wearing or not wearing.

I'm going to give some old school biker to new school biker.

OLD SCHOOL— wear blue jeans, boots, black cut off shirt, leather or blue jean vest, chain wallet, your knife and your boot pistol.

NEW SCHOOL—shorts, tennis shoes or sandals, jewelry, cologne and a shirt from the dry cleaners.

OLD SCHOOL— work on your own bike, fabricate parts for your bike and maybe chop it out.

NEW SCHOOL— have as much chrome put on their bike, get a loud stereo to let everyone you have a small wiener, put lights on it and not know how to even change oil.

OLD SCHOOL— bars didn't want you at their establishment.

NEW SCHOOL— WELCOME BIKERS.

OLD SCHOOL— let's ride 15mins. pull over and work on our bikes.

NEW SCHOOL— let's ride bar to bar as fast as we can.

That's my rant, point being think about the fall when dressing to go for a ride.

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DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

“Florida Jury: Tesla Partially Liable”

A Florida jury’s decision this month to hold Tesla partially liable for a fatal crash involving its Autopilot system has sent shockwaves through the auto industry. It also has motorcyclists’ rights groups reminding people of our concerns.

A jury found that Tesla bore partial responsibility for a 2019 crash in Key Largo, FL, that claimed the life of a woman and seriously injured her boyfriend. The driver had engaged Tesla’s Autopilot system and trusted that the car would see what the driver could not. It didn’t. The vehicle plowed into a parked car at over 60 miles per hour.

“I trusted the technology too much,” the driver told the court. “I believed that if the car saw something in front of it, it would provide a warning and apply the brakes.” A jury agreed that it wasn’t just the driver at fault but also the automaker, for not designing limits on how the technology could be used and failing to adequately educate their customers.

This is an example of the public’s flawed understanding of what self-driving systems can do. As motorcyclists, we understand how important it is to ALWAYS be aware of your surroundings. However, it is unfortunate that marketing around these vehicles and their systems often promises ease, comfort, and advanced safety. The reality has shown repeatedly that those promises can quickly become deadly illusions.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) have long pressed for stronger oversight, increased transparency and public awareness of what this technology can do and more importantly, what it cannot do. Motorcyclists must be included in the development and testing of automated systems; we are road users too. All too often, we are treated as an afterthought. Now more than ever, it is time to support groups like the MRF and NCOM, who are on the front lines of this battle.

“...Not That Line Of Fire”

Pay attention. It doesn’t matter if you’ve ridden everything from a “rat rod” chopper to the latest model rolling off your dealer’s showroom. You ride is what matters and you’re in the line of fire.

Fact: Right now, in statehouses and on Capitol Hill, there are people writing laws to control how you ride, what you wear, what you breathe, and what you build. NHTSA just declared war on bikers. Ignoring Congress, this bureaucracy started tearing down the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) – and is trying to silence one of our voices in D.C. This is the same agency that’s targeted motorcycling for years. We won’t let them silence us. Stand up. Fight back.

- Helmet mandates are creeping back – ask ABATE of Pennsylvania! -- regardless of what you believe about freedom of choice.
- The EPA wants to kill performance mods, crack down on aftermarket parts, and criminalize tuning your ride.
- Profiling laws are stalled in Congress, while cops coast-to-coast are still pulling over bikers just for wearing patches.
- Autonomous vehicle developers? They’re building cars that can’t even detect police motorcycles, EMTs, much less what you’re riding -- and they don’t care.

To the lawmakers, the bureaucrats, and the corporate enforcers, you’re not a citizen. You’re a problem. They don’t care how long you’ve been riding, how safe you are, or how many charity runs you’ve done. You wear leather, you ride loud, you don’t fit the mold -- they want you gone.

That’s why the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is on the front line. We don’t ask for permission. We fight like hell -- in every state, on every issue. We write the bills. We kill the bad ones. We walk into every one of the 535 offices in Congress and drop the hammer: You will NOT legislate riders into a corner. You will NOT profile us. And you damn sure will NOT erase motorcycle culture one law at a time. And you will never silence us.

Public Relations

TAMI CHRISTIAN

I can't believe the riding season is quickly coming to an end!
I hope yours has been an enjoyable one.

With the craziness in our world, it is good to be able to get together with good people and share our enjoyment of riding, so make sure to invite a friend to the next meeting. It may bring them the connection to something positive that many need at this time.

As stated before, share your electronic version of the newsletter on social media and if yours is printed, don't throw it away. Share it with someone else.

- Tami (Skittles)



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Chaplain

BEN MADIGAN

As we begin to wind down the season, may I encourage us all to finish strong! Let's keep up the "fight for motorcyclists rights!". Jesus said Luke 9:23 "If anyone wants to come after me; he must take up his cross daily and deny himself and follow Me." It's called putting Him first, others second and ourselves last. JOY Jesus, Others, Yourself! Nice formula for now and hereafter. See you all Soon!

Love you all! Be safe ! Ben and Pam



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The Roving Reporter

Well, I see where you folks are relying on the written word for your news instead of hearing it first hand. Let's see if I can do this justice for you.

First of all, we thank all who have donated to BASH, we met our goal of \$500.00 for sponsorship. Now don't forget that on September 20th is BASH and that it will leave at the ITOO Hall and end up in Kingston Mines Park for the Auction. I'd like to mention if you have items for the BASH Auction, contact Ben Madigan.

Another Auction will be coming quickly on November 5th after our meeting. It's our yearly Quarter Auction time and we are looking for Donations. If you have anything to donate please contact Shannon Johnson!

If that is not enough for you to do, Dusty Dibler of Safety & Ed is having the Blue Butt Marble Run to the Trolley on September 27th. It starts at the Moon Tower in Chillicothe, to Washburn American Legion, onto Fatman's Bishop in East Peoria, the next stop is the Get Away in West Peoria and ends at the Trolley in Peoria. We hope to see you all there whether you drive, ride a motorcycle or come by Party Bus, come one come all.

You all do realize that the Helmet Law is alive for the next session. The Representatives from the Chicago Area are the ones introducing this legislation. As most of you know, our membership State Wide is DOWN! Luckily your Chapter has a membership of 141. Hopefully it is on the rise.

Did you know that the Gun Raffle has been drawn, well the winner took the money! We will have the another raffle for the gun shortly, stay tuned. Larry Layer one of members sold the winning Bike Raffle ticket to a friend of his. The new bike raffle tickets will be available in October. Be sure to stop by at our meeting and pick up a few books to sell or purchase. You just might be the next winner.

Elections are coming up in your Chapter in November and your Letter of Intent is due at the October meeting. If you have the inkling to step up and participate as an Officer of this great Chapter, I urge you to look into this participation.

- Your Roving Reporter

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AUG 2025

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Contact Matt Bernstein 309-363-3434 bernsteinc31@gmail.com



Monthly Drawing

To Qualify:

You must be an active Peo-Taz member and you must be at the meeting.
Board members are included.

The September 2025 drawing was held on Sept 7th at the monthly meeting. **Pam Madigan**, we drew your name and you weren't here. Sorry Pam you missed out on \$120 dollars. The October pot will be worth **\$130!**



Remember you must be present to win.

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