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HELMET BILL
#378 IS STILL ALIVE!
GET TO YOUR MEETING
AND FIND OUT HOW TO
HELP GET THIS PASSED!

Bandana Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials
- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20x20")
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial

1. Fold bandana in half.
2. Fold top-down. Fold bottom up.
3. Place rubber bands or hair ties about 6 inches apart.
4. Fold side to the middle and tuck.

May 2 Dist 3/8 meeting 1pm - R-Bar in Ravenna
May 2 Dist 12 lunch at Windy Gap - Paxton - 11:30 am MT followed by meeting at Longhorn Bar in Sutherland at 2pm CT CANCELLED
May 2 Dist 7 May Awareness Run- starts at My Bar in Crete- sign in 11:30am-12:30 pm- stops announced at sign in- Run ends with May meeting at RW's Dining and Drinks in Davenport
Dist 4 no meeting in May
May 3 Dist 6 meeting - 1pm - Grant Street
May 30 Dist 3/8 (June Meeting) - 1pm - Bosselman's Thunder Road Bar & Grill - voting for officers
Jun 3 Dist 6 meeting - Grant Street
Jun 5 Dist 3/8 family night with Smokey B and the XYZ's at 6pm
Jun 6 Dist 3/8 Poker Run - 9am at Thunder Road - Hog Roast and Bike Games at 2pm - Deja Vu playing starting at 8pm
June 6th- Dist 7 Steele City Bike Show- Steele City Park/ Salty Dog Saloon- bike sign in starts at 10:30 am- judging to begin at 1pm- June 7th- Dist 7 Meeting- 10:30 am at the campground - Steele City-note time change and place of meeting
Jun 6 Dist 12 lunch at Sweden Creme meeting 12:30 MT- 2pm MT at VFW Hall in Imperial
Jun 6 Dist 12 Benefit Ride for Harley Markee - CANCELLED
Jun 13 Dist 6 Ride In Bike Show - 10am - River West Park, West Maple Rd
Jun 27 Dist 4 meeting - 2pm - Miceks Shangri-La in Columbus, NE
Jun 28 Dist 12 (July Meeting ) Lunch 12:30 pm CT at Fuller's Restaurant in McCook, meeting at 2pm CT
Rambling’s from the Road …

Well I’d like to say we are on a backswing to “normal” but seems day to day we see more and more cases of the virus. I hope each and every one of you weather this storm and so far I’ve heard of no members being lost to this virus, “knock on wood” this trend continues. We are in dire times my friends. I see a lot of issues happening here and I’m not sure where it will lead us as a community or as an organization. We have already missed so many runs and rides with friends and family that I am sure we are all going stir crazy. I urge you to get out and ride! … Heck we bikers are great as “social distancing” we practically invented it! We just have to avoid the usual hugs and gathering in the middle, ;-{ sadly. I am hoping if any of you are having any difficulties you are reaching out to your district representatives. I have seen a few emails and participated in getting needed supplies to a few folks. We give to so many charities yearly, it’s almost expected we chip in when the chips are down.

Ok on to a better note so what can we do now … Many of you are sitting at home, some working some not. I say use this time to our advantage, while the opponents to our cause are running scared from the virus … do what we do best, Grass roots lobbying. For all intents and purposes our goal right now should have been and still is to get the right folks elected to our state legislature … guess what the elections are still going to happen. We still have candidates out there that need help. Now maybe we cannot hold events to promote them but we can still find ways to help. We just need to think outside the box a bit. We always work well to do yard signs … and this is still a great idea. I’ve already been in touch with my Senator that is up for re-election and asked for some. I can do this and still social distance. So can you! We can also get on phone trees … maybe not at their site but reach out get a list from your candidates. They may even email you a list! … Heck we still have some unknowns! We need you to call and see how these candidates vet out … We need to make sure we get some good choices past the primaries …

We will do our best from the state end to see whom we can get elected, watch our website and look for updates. At the very least, Make sure you have a way to vote! If you plant to self-isolate …. Get an absentee ballot … it’s not hard!

Last but not least keep yourself in the loop, I know not many are having meetings and that is understood but we are going to try holding a virtual BOD meeting and by the time you read this it will have happened. I hope it will inspire your district representatives to find ways to keep in touch locally … we will try to share any I know about through Facebook and our website. I may simply start hosting one myself … We have some challenges to overcome, financially as well as socially … but we can and will overcome this hiccup … stay safe … stay informed … stay the course …

“keep the shiny side up”

Rogue

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Almost all of our chapters had elections this year for board members. I'd like to congratulate everyone who took a position and thank the ones who have served their chapters. Without our officers and their hard work, ABATE would not survive. I can't thank you all enough for your professionalism in representing ABATE for Missouri. Huge thank you goes out to Tony Shepherd, ABATE for Missouri Lobbyist. Your tireless work on going back and forth to the capitol fighting for our rights is stellar. I thank you for your efforts! Congratulations to the Joplin ABATE chapter for forming a chapter and hitting our goals straight on! Keep up the good work and your momentum to get the southwest corner of the state on board with our organization. Overall, I think we're heading in the right direction as an organization. As a whole, we are working together with each other and other organizations to accomplish our mission in fighting for our rights. Rock on Ride on!

Lee Mansell, ABATE for Missouri State Chairman

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Get a hold of anyone of these great folks to get a presentation set up for your group or organization.

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What Virginia Tech learned about how and why we crash our motorcycles
Lance Oliver

Nov 21, 2016
Intersections are dangerous. We either need to pay better attention or work on our braking techniques, because we crash into the back of other vehicles way too often. We’re not good enough at cornering, especially right turns. And we drop our bikes a lot (probably more often than any of us imagined or were willing to admit).
The study was done for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. Of course there’s a lot more to it than those findings above, and I’ll get further into the results in a minute. But first, why do we need some men and women in lab coats to tell us why we crashed?
How Virginia Tech studied motorcycle crashes
The VTTI researchers recruited 100 riders from age 21 to 79 in California, Arizona, Florida and Virginia. They outfitted their motorcycles with video cameras showing the rider’s face and forward, rear, left and right views. GPS and data loggers captured other information, such as brake pressure, acceleration, etc. They had to gather information from crash scene clues and witnesses, including the riders themselves, when possible. In many cases, they found no evidence that riders took any action at all to avoid a crash, though riders often reported they did. The VTTI cameras and data loggers weren’t likely to change their story after the fact.

While 366,667 miles of riding sounds like a lot, this study still falls short of fulfilling the hopes we had a decade ago of a comprehensive national study. The telling statistic is that in the entire study there were 30 crashes and 122 near-crash events. There are far more than 30 ways to crash a motorcycle, so drawing conclusions from that sample size is tricky. The inclusion of near-crashes helps, however. Sometimes those events teach us just as much or more than a crash.
Where we crash
Intersections. No surprise there. VTTI created a system to calculate how much a certain scenario or riding behavior increased the odds of a crash or near-crash. An uncontrolled intersection presents nearly 41 times the risk of no intersection. A parking lot or driveway intersection is more than eight times as risky and an intersection with a signal is almost three times as risky.

A downhill grade increased the risk by a factor of four while an uphill grade doubled it. Riders were nine times as likely to crash or have a near-crash incident on gravel or dirt roads than on paved roads. And riders were twice as likely to have an incident in a righthand turn than on a straight section of road (crossing the center line is considered a near-crash scenario, even if nothing else bad happens).

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District 2

I hope this finds you all doing well. Things are so crazy, I'm not quite sure how to react or what to say so I'll keep this short. By the time this newsletter goes out, we may have a better idea of how this pandemic thing will play out in our neck of the woods. I'd like to think that the Governor's health directives will soon expire and we can all start the long road to recovery. Time will tell.

Currently, our primary election will be held on May 12th as scheduled. I encourage everyone to get out and vote. Campaigning has basically been non-existent and that scares me a bit. In any of the Lincoln races that have incumbents seeking reelection, all the incumbents have been unwavering supporters of ours. I'd like to think they'll all get through the primary but why leave it to chance? Get out and vote! With all that's going on, many will request absentee or mail-in ballots. If you'd feel more secure that way, by all means do that. Either way, VOTE!

That's all I've got for now. As things become clear in the next month or so, I should have a better idea of where things are headed. Really need some wind therapy. Miss you all. See you soon.

Randy Geer
D2 Rep

District 7

Since we cancelled the April meeting due to the virus and we also postponed the Fairmont Car Wash touch up and Banner hanging for April 18th- those were the two things that we would reported on.

Still waiting to see if we can hold the May awareness Run... We will assess the situation end of the month-it will all depend on if the bans are lifted and we can have more that 10 people and the places of business are open again. Please stay tuned to the District 7 Facebook page for info on what is happening.

As of now we are planning on the Steele City Bike Show-June 6th- hopefully this will all be behind us by then- again updates will be posted on Facebook page-

The May meeting is to be held at the end of May Awareness Run (if we can go forward with it) at RW's in Davenport-

If anyone has questions or concerns-please contact Ken- 402-759-2598 - in the meantime all stay safe and healthy -

The Cools

District 12

Please note we canceled MAY 5 MEETING. Changed the time on June 6 meeting it should read. June 6, 2020 lunch at Sweden Crème, meeting at 2:00 PM at VFW in Imperial, NE
Hey again everybody,

First off --- Watch out for deer... AND SKUNKS!!! Seems this time a year there's a bunch a dead skunks in the middle of the road... Phewww

Guess it's time for an update on what we got goin on this year. It's been a busy start so far in the Puzzle Palace called Jeff City. It being an election year they've gotta look like they're actually workin for ya... lol Some of our good folks are terming out but thankfully we still got some legislatures that believe in Freedom. We've also had a lot of people appointed by the Governor to jobs as Dept Directors. That has been good and bad also. We lost 2 really good supporters and 2 against us so I guess we're almost breakin even?? Unfortunately there's a couple hard nosed Democrats that are really problem childs and very vocal NO's on many issues still there.

But hey here's what we got this year:

So far there's Helmet bills filed in the House and Senate. Thanks to Sen Burlison, Rep Taylor and Rep Roden for those. The Senate Bill has already had a hearing and is up to #1 on the Senate Formal Calendar for debate. There's still several steps to get it passed before it gets sent to the House.

The House Bills have been assigned to Transportation Committee and hearing was held. Many big Thanks to all that showed up at the quick call. It was going to be voted on to get it out of committee but was canceled with all this virus thing goin on. Now we're shut down for cleaning the Capitol for a week or so.

Rep Hicks filed 3 Bills for us on the House side. Grass Clippings, Shoulder Road use and Failure to Yield will be working their way to and through committees soon.

Rep Taylor also filed changes to the auto-cycle description since there's supposed to be a new style/model coming soon. Being pro-active on it helping business can be a good thing. It made it through committee hearing with no problems.

Rep Lovasco is looking at changing the reader boards on the hiway to eliminate information not related to traffic conditions, weather, or emergency alerts. That takes out any Watch for Motorcycle awareness messaging so we're talking to him to pull his bill.

Rep Moon filed language on Profiling where it encourages communication between law enforcement and the motorcycling community.

He also filed a Bill requiring a driver be present in automated vehicles. The trucking industry wants to start testing of big rigs on our roads so... Nahhh... they can't get it right in cars without killin people and runnin into firetrucks so we're totally against doin it in big trucks!!

There's a Drivers Ed style Bill filed by Rep Mark Ellebracht again for first time Missouri drivers license applicants. We'll see if it gets anywhere this year.

As always there's a bunch of texting/driving distracted bills filed. We're watchin and supporting those that we can.

It's good workin with Joe Widmer FORR and double teaming these past few years. So far we've been keepin track of several Bills and keeping these Legislators on their toes.

It was good seein some of ya at the Bike n Car show this year. Thanks to many for helpin out and also signin up as members. Thanks Dennis for lettin us share space at the table. Lots of damn good lookin bikes in the show too!!

Keep your calendar open for an ABATE Spring time Scenic River Rally June 12-14 in Jadwin MO this year.

St Joe Jesse James ABATE has their dirt drags goin on June 26-28 this year too. Yea it's tons a fun!!

KC ABATE MO Chapters have the 2nd Bike Blessing Apr 18th -- So far it's still on.

Warrensburg ABATE Freedom Guardians has a few things coming up but no info right now. Added -- charity ride for Camp Valor Outdoors on June 7th. Needing sponsors still so help out n find a few more please.

Tri-County and Gateway STL have events and bike nights in planning this Spring/Summer but no solid dates yet.

KC Northland Chapter has an Autism Charity ride Apr 11th. That's been postponed till Sept 12

And Hey -- We got a Joplin ABATE Chapter too!! Welcome to Mother Road of Abate!!

Ck out the ABATE for Missouri Facebook page for update on ours and other folks events n stuff.

Same thing folks... It's your rights we're workin for and we need YOUR help.

SIGN UP OR SHUT UP!!

Tony Shepherd
ABATEMO, Lobbyist
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Lorence & Associates

District38
The April meeting was canceled due to the covid-19 crisis. So I just wanted to get in touch with everyone and make sure all of our members are doing okay. State officers wanted us to pass along a few messages. As I stated on Facebook we need to remain strong as a brotherhood, if anybody needs anything please feel free to contact your district rep or any of your officers and they can be in contact with me, we will do whatever we can to help folks out. Mostly remember that we as a group have always done great for other people, so please help your fellow man if they need anything. I want to remind everybody that the elections are in June. The June meeting will be held May 30th. Nominations were supposed to be in May 2nd. If we are not able to hold meetings obviously the election will have to be pushed back, but I would still like nominations to come in. So if you would either by Facebook, email, or phone send your nominations in to Rob Jaeger, Jason Antle, Jerry Thompson, or Carol Johnson. Positions up for election are district rep, recording secretary, treasurer, and legislative rep.

We need to remember to keep in contact with our senators, guys I have pushed and pushed over the last few years to get people to call their senators and be on a first-name basis with the people you vote for. It's alot easier for a senator to say y'all help you and then not if they don't have a personal relationship with you. Take 20 minutes out of your month to call your local senator talk to them about the bills that they are sponsoring. This is the only way we are going to get this bill passed. You know the old saying goes it takes a village to raise a child and it's the same thing with our bill, the state and district officers can't do everything we need the help of our members!! You guys make the difference!! If you truly want to ride free in Nebraska this is the year to make it happen. If we had one year where every single member district 3 - 8 got involved just in talking to their senator we would make so much forward progress it would be dizzying. We need to help folks!! Our districts combined cover a huge area, we have the opportunity in the next couple years to be an absolute powerhouse in the legislature with the senators in our districts, but we need YOU to be involved!! Otherwise spring is here, everybody remember cagers aren't looking out for us so be very aware as we all start to get out there on the road. Ride hard, ride safe, and call your senator!!

Rob

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Eastern Nebraska's Annual Ride In Bike Show
and Rally

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Bikers and Non-Bikers Welcome for this Fun Summer Event

FRIDAY
Movies on our big outdoor screen
4 p.m. Check in Begins
9:15 p.m. Movie “World’s Fastest Indian”
11 p.m. Movie “On Any Sunday”

SATURDAY
9 a.m. Bike Show Registration/Entry
10 a.m. Bug Run starts
Noon Dyno Tuning unitl 4 p.m
12:30 p.m. Bike Entry Closes
1 p.m. Judging Starts
4:30 p.m. Kali Indiana Band
6:30 p.m. Bike Winners Announced
6:45 p.m. Over the River Band
9 p.m. Byron James Gang
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We complain all the time about other people on the road trying to kill us, especially cars pulling into our path. The VTTI study partially backs that up. Of the 99 crashes and near-crashes involving another vehicle, the three categories of other vehicles crossing the rider’s path add up to 19.

Here’s the surprise, however. What’s the most common scenario? Riders hitting (or nearly hitting) another vehicle from behind. There were 35 of those incidents. Are we really almost twice as likely to plow into a stopped car in front of us as to have someone pull into our path? Or should we write this off as the result of a small sample size? Maybe there are clues in the risk section. Researchers tried to break down rider behavior in crashes and near-crash incidents into two categories: aggressive riding or rider inattention or lack of skills. The cameras and other data helped determine, for example, if the rider ran the red light because of inattention or aggressive riding.

The study found that aggressive riding increased risk by a factor of 18 while inattention or lack of skill increased it by a factor of nine. Combine the two, and odds of an incident increased by 30.

Now here’s one of the less dramatic findings, but an interesting one, just the same. It seems we drop our bikes a lot. Or at least the riders in the study did. More than half the crashes were incidents some riders wouldn’t define as a crash — not a dramatic collision but an incident defined as a case where the "vehicle falls from the bike with low or no speed (even if in gear)" not caused by another outside factor. Rider inattention or poor execution are to blame. The study finds "These low-speed 'crashes' appear to be relatively typical among everyday riding," but they are incidents that would never be included in a different kind of study of motorcycle crashes. The cameras, however, capture it all, even our mundane but embarrassing moments.

What we can learn

Here’s one thing I know I personally need to work on constantly, and I suspect many of you do, too. We need to look further ahead. It applies on the street, on the track, everywhere. One of the other risk factors the VTTI researchers found that I haven’t mentioned yet is that maneuvering to avoid an object, whether a pedestrian, an animal or something lying in the road, increases the risk factor by 12. Combine that with the high number of riders hitting another vehicle from behind and I get the feeling we’re just not paying close enough attention. We’re not keeping our eyes up and looking far down the road, to see the developing situation that is going to cause the driver in front of us to slam on his brakes, or to spot the hunk of exploded truck tire lying in our lane. Those things are taking us by surprise and we’re not giving ourselves enough time to react.

One thing professional riding coaches teach at the track is to keep your eyes up and look farther ahead. That essentially slows down the action, because you have more time to react to what you see if you’re looking further ahead. If you’re looking at what’s right in front of you on the track (or street), you’re looking at the past, not the future. It’s already too late for you to do anything about what’s 20 feet ahead of your front tire.

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Central Community College-Hastings Campus,
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Frontier Harley-Davidson/Buell,
402-466-9100, www.frontierharley-davidson.com

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Southeast Community College-Lincoln campus,
1-800-828-0072 ext 2710 or 402-437-2710

Email: mailto:raft@scc.cc.ne.us?subject=Motorcycle%20Safety%20Course

Norfolk Area:
Northeast Community College,
402-844-7265 or 402-844-7266

Email: mailto:lylek@northeastcollege.com
We motorcycle riders often feel that drivers are out to get us, but we are nearly twice as likely to plow into the back of another vehicle than we are to have one pull out into our path.

**TOP 3 RISK FACTORS**

- **INTERSECTIONS**
  - 4x - Unmarked Intersections
  - 8x - Driveways/Parking Lots
  - 3x - Traffic Signals

- **AGGRESSIVE RIDING**
  - 10x - Aggression
  - 5x - Instantiation

- **ROAD HAZARDS**
  - 12x - Evasive Maneuvers

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**3 TIPS TO REDUCE RISK**

1. **LOOK FURTHER AHEAD**
   - Keep your eyes focused further up the road to detect potential hazards with more time to react.

2. **SCAN FOR ESCAPE ROUTES**
   - As you survey the road ahead for danger, actively visualize your hypothetical escape route.

3. **RIDE DEFENSIVELY**
   - Don’t ride your line of sight, don’t get impatient or angry, and look out for #1—no one else will.

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