

ABATE of Nebraska Inc.

Right To Ride

Spring?

Welcome to Nebraska!

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A
Brotherhood
Against
Totalitarian
Enactments

April 2026

Original art by Rogue

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Promoting Safety!
Safeguarding Rights!

ABATE of Nebraska Inc.

**To Those that Concede,
No Injustice is done. . .**

Ramblings from the Road ...

If you ride in Nebraska, you already know—weather here doesn't ease into anything. It flips the switch. One day you're cruising under blue skies, the next you're leaning into crosswinds or outrunning a storm cell. That's not bad luck—that's the Great Plains doing what it does best.

Spring and early summer are especially unpredictable. It's not uncommon to see temperature swings of 20–30 degrees in a day, sudden rain showers, or strong winds rolling across open farmland. Forecasts this week alone show everything from sunshine to thunderstorms and gusty winds within a few days. That kind of variability isn't the exception here—it's the rule.

For riders, that means preparation isn't optional—it's survival.

Layering is your first line of defense.

Start cool, finish warm. Mornings can be crisp, afternoons mild, and evenings cold again. A good base layer, windproof outer gear, and something waterproof within reach can make the difference between a great ride and a miserable one.

Wind is the silent challenge.

Nebraska's wide-open landscape leaves you exposed. Crosswinds can push your bike across a lane without warning, especially on highways and rural roads. Keep a relaxed grip, lean into the wind, and give yourself extra lane space. Gusts can be strongest near open fields, overpasses, and gaps between tree lines.

Watch the sky as much as the road.

Storms build fast here. Darkening clouds, a sudden drop in temperature, or a shift in wind direction are your early warning signs. Afternoon thunderstorms can bring heavy rain, hail, and even severe conditions. If the sky starts looking angry, it's time to think about your exit route—not your destination.

Road conditions change quickly.

Rain brings slick pavement, especially after long dry spells when oil rises to the surface. Add in spring gravel, leftover sand, and potholes from winter freeze-thaw cycles, and traction becomes unpredictable. Slow down, stay smooth, and avoid sudden inputs.

Have a plan before you ride.

Check the forecast—but don't trust it blindly. In Nebraska, conditions can change faster than updates roll in. Know where you can stop, fuel up, or take shelter if needed. Keep your phone charged, and let someone know your route if you're heading out for a long ride. In the end, riding in Nebraska teaches you something every time you throw a leg over the saddle: respect the weather, but don't fear it. Adapt to it. Work with it. Because when you do, even the most unpredictable conditions become part of the ride—and part of the story you'll tell later.

• Second Story

“Keep the shiny side up!”

Rogue Page Story

Todd C. Miller

ABATE of Ne. State Coordinator

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2026

- 1 D11 Meeting Otoe Spur Bar and Grill, Otoe 730 pm
- 4 D15 Meeting Hoskins 108 and bike blessing 2pm
- 11 D4 830 am meeting Eagles Columbus
930 Triathlon Eagles in Columbus
- 18 D6 After tax run ... tbd

May 2026

- 2 D15 Keystone Plainview bike blessing
- D12 Meeting 2pm MT Jake's place Haigler
Haigler café 1230 lunch
- 3 D6 Meeting Mo and Curlys 1pm 2946 N 108th
- 6 D11 Meeting Old Guy brew Pawnee City
- 16 D11 Appreciation day district members only
- 30 D14 Bike show Elworth's Norfolk 11am
- D4 Meeting The Greenhorn, Stanton 3pm

June 2026

- 6 D12 Meeting DJ's Grant 9 mountain time
Spring Membership run to follow
- 13 D11 Kickstands up in Humboldt
- D4 Meeting the Tavern Monroe 3pm
- 19-22 D6 River to river run
- 27 D11 homestead days Beatrice ne
Rodeo and bike show 10 am Defiance HD see flyer
- D6

July 2026

- 18 D11 Jimmy Wray Memorial
- 25 D4 Meeting Bos west Columbus



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Open position

State Legislative Officer

Open position

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Open Position - Contact Todd

State Safety and Awareness Officers

Open Position—Training and Recruitment

State Social Media Officer

Open position— contact Todd





7th Annual Motorcycle Rodeo and Bike Show at



Omaha National Cemetery



June 27st, 2026

Gates Open at 10 AM, Events begin at Noon

Concessions, 50/50 Raffle, AR-15 Raffle, Prize Raffles, Live Music by

**PRIME TIME
PICKERS
BAND**

For more information Call: Hondo 402-541-3985 or Mingo 402-740-0731

2026 Hog Raffle



Hog from
Wheeler Farm
To Table Meats

A.B.A.T.E. of NE, Inc. District 12

Tickets

1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

**available from any
District 12 ABATE member**

or

Contact Brad Dinnel 308-883-0357

**Drawing will be held 6th of June 2026.
Need not be present to win.**

Winner posted on

**ABATE of Nebraska Dist 12
Facebook Page**



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SHARE THE ROAD INSTRUCTORS

Get a hold of anyone of these great folks to get a 1 HOUR presentation set up for your group or organization.

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Damon Wallace-str_dw Wallace@yahoo.com. D15

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Instructors desperately needed

If you wish to become a Share the Road presenter, contact the State Office We need more instructors!



Nebraska Motorcycle Rider Training Sites and Info

Nebraska Motorcycle Safety Training

Sarpy County Law Enforcement Center (L.E.C.)
(N.E. corner of Hwy 370 and 84th St.)
1208 Golden Gate Drive
Papillion, NE 68005
Contacts: Pam Marek, [402-593-1564](tel:402-593-1564)
Website: www.sarpy.com/sheriff/safetyprogram/
Register on-line at <http://stop.sarpy.com>

Central Community College - Hastings Campus,

550 S. Technical Blvd
Hastings, NE 68901
Contact: [402-461-2441](tel:402-461-2441), [1-877-222-0780](tel:1-877-222-0780) Ext 2441
Email: joybronson@cccneb.edu, rlurk@cccneb.edu
Website: www.cccneb.edu/Motorcycle

Nebraska Motorcycle Rider Training Sites and Info *Cont'd*

Nebraska Safety Center

University of Nebraska - Kearney
227E West Center Building, UNK Campus
Kearney, NE 68849
Contact: [308-865-8256](tel:308-865-8256) or [1-800-854-7867](tel:1-800-854-7867) Ext. 2
Email: motorcycle@unk.edu
Website: www.unk.edu/motorcycle

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3720 Folkways Blvd Ste. 201
Lincoln, NE 68504
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Email: bprochaska@nesafetycouncil.org
Website: <https://www.nesafetycouncil.org/index.php/driving/motorcycle-training>

Southeast Community College-Lincoln Campus

8800 O St.
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North Platte, NE 69101
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Western Iowa Tech Community College

Box 5199
Sioux City, IA 51102-5199
Contact: Call [1-712-274-6449](tel:1-712-274-6449) to schedule a the Basic Motorcycle Riders Course
Website: www.witcc.com/ (Course information is only available by a phone call)

Dillon Brothers Harley-Davidson

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Omaha, NE 68116
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Website: www.dillonharley.com

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Assistant State Coordinator

Wombo's Wanderings

For us the month of February sure was busy. District 7 had their taco bar and meeting at the Legion club in Fairmont. It's always nice to buy some home baked goodies their members bring to sale. I feel like its nice to visit with the members and enjoy the comrade and the food is always good. And I would like to thank Ken & Maggie for the hospitality and great conversations after the event!

The next day we went to Lincoln for District 2 meeting in the afternoon -so we could get information on the Bike Show that's in two weeks. I was able to work the Show and brought our new to us Trike to put in show. I had it nice and cleaned up but our great Nebraska weather wasn't so nice when I turned to go south on highway 77 here came the snow! I didn't feel so bad some of bikes got a lot worst then mine. Sure glad their crew there were good with mops they had a lot of puddle's to clean up! Great show District 2!

Now on to District 15 Soup feed at Charlie's Bar in Pierce. They had a great head count thru the door. We didn't get to carried away on the auction this time. I am sure the bar staff got a good work out I didn't know that they had lost Charlie shortly after last years feed .He was always a good supporter of ABATE OF Nebraska. The hotel was booked because of construction workers and thanks to Caleb & Sarah for the great after feed gathering and putting us up for the night!

Wombo
Assistant State Coordinator



State Legislative Report

As you all know Randy has stepped down as Legislative officer and plans to retire and move to Iowa ... poor guy. This means we are short handed to vet candidates ... and honestly it should be done locally by all of you ... I'm saying I need your help to find out whom is running in your area and start feeling them out ... go to town halls, parades or any venue they are pumping for votes and chat with them .. I can easily pull up lists of names but does me no good without a stake in the game ... I can only affect the outcome of my senator, only one I can vote for anyway ... so lets all step up and be legislative officers and if someone wants to come on board and help coordinate and put all the data together ... get in touch with me asap.

Rogue

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News From Around the STATE!

District 2

March 8, 2026 ABATE minutes

Call to order 4:01 pm

Minutes from February read by Brad- Todd motions, Heather 2nd motion carries.

Financial Report read by Steph Opening balance is \$.XXX There were 2 debits, one for \$90.92 for Walmart for ink and paper, another for \$200 for bike show for spots. \$1.80 for interest deposit leaving a closing balance XXXX

CD had an interest deposit of \$101.97 and is valued at XXXX.

Heather motions, Sheri 2nd, motion carries.

Membership report read by Brad- 141 active, inactive 163.

Todd motioned, Steph 2nd motion carries.

Bike Show Report-Todd/Sheri

Loss of 55 bikes and weather but we still did well. Made around XXXX This is about \$7K more than last year. Craig motioned, Toby 2nd, motion carries.

Leg Report-No update other than working on getting in on current policy

Sheri motions, Stephanie 2nd, motion carries.

Safety and Awareness

Fatalities- 1 motorcycles, 4 ped, 0 bikes, 0 ATV, and 2 train.

Share the Road-Looking for volunteers and presenters for all our safety and awareness programs. .

Todd motions, Steph 2nd motion carries

MRF-Bikers inside the beltway in April. There is a letter sent out urging legislative to clearly define the can ams and slingshots for motorcycle definition.

STEAM will be in Alexandria MN April 26 and 27th.

Heather motion, Toby 2nd motion carries.

Old Business-

STEAM 2027 still looking for volunteers.

Supper Run to the Dint tonight

Heather motion, Toby 2nd motion carries

New Business-

Elections in July

Easter Egg Hunt April 4th, 1pm. Frontier will bring food trucks and Easter Bunny. Sheri proposes we fill eggs April 3rd Friday night 6pm at 1st Avenue. Brad proposes we spend around \$300 for candy

Heather motions, Steph 2nd Motion carries.

April 12 4pm next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.



District 3/8, 4 and 5 —No Report



News From Around the STATE!

District 6

Date: ___ March 1, 2026 ___

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.
Reminder to Sign In

Treasures Report: General \$XXXX Event \$XXXX

Membership Report: Active 185 Inactive 77 New Business 3 New members

EVENTS

- D6 April Meeting** – March 29 at Candlelight 1PM (due to Easter)
- D6 After Taxes Run** – April 18, 11am Sign Up at Candlelight 50th & Grover
- D6 May Meeting** – May 3 at Moe & Curlys 1PM 2946 N 108th
- D6 June Meeting & Elections** – June 7, 1PM TBD
- D6 River to River Run** – June 19th-22nd, Contact Rick Pace
- D6 Rodeo & Bike show Fundraiser** – Defiance HD June 27, 10AM
- D6 Pistol Shoot?**

Old Business: membership secretary. Review inactive list and call your friends.
Shirts – What we have in inventory, we have. Our vendor has disappeared.
Awareness Yard Signs – Get in touch with Stacy Petty

New Business:

Rodeo –
June 27 at Defiance, we will have Rodeo, Bike show, raffles, 50/50, sell food
Prime Time Pickers from Bellevue have been booked. \$500, band paid for by HD
AR15 raffle a .223 Radical Arms \$550, see John Kelly for tickets
Need to solicit vendors for donations regarding the raffles
Volunteers
Second Charity – voted on by membership Veterans National Cemetery

Elections – Board Elections are in June of this year. *All agreed to be retained
District Rep: Roger Ites **Ass Rep:** John Kelly **Secretary:** Michelle Pace
Treasurer: Belinda Brejnik **Membership:** Erica Dornacker **Sgt at Arms:** Terry Conant

State:
Need a state legislation coordinator. As well, District 6 needs one.

Saddlebag Account: \$40 to John Gulizia who was not present.

50/50 Raffle: \$58 won by Scott Dornacker, who donated \$28 to 200 club



District 5 —Inactive! Anyone interested in getting this district going again?

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District 9 and 10 —Inactive! Anyone interested in getting this district going again?

District 11

Abate Of Ne District 11

District 11 Meeting, March 4th, 2026 7:30PM [1Page](#)

The Rail 212 Court St. Beatrice, Ne. 402-228-9857

American Bikers Aiming Toward Education



Call to Order; (David)

Cell phones on vibrate or off

Pledge of allegiance; (Gypsy) recited by the 9 members per the sign in sheet.

Moment of Silence-Lost Brothers/Sisters

Opening Statements: (David)

Welcome

Coordinator Report: **David; No Report**

Acknowledgments: David stated thanks to Brad in all the time donated and structure he provides continual.

- **Previous monthly minutes;** Gypsy: Previous minutes Feb. 4th, 2026 Motioned to accept & carried & approved.

Reports:

Treasurer Report; (Vicki) Come to meetings to hear.

Membership Report; (David) 62 active, 46 inactive, 8 renewals due.

Merchandise Report; (Gypsy) No sales no report.

Legislative Report; (Brad) LB594 looks good to pass for, increasing penalties. MRF & DOT discussing the objective, what constitutes a motorcycle, definition of. Example a Spider or other incased three wheels etc. are they other motorized craft, not motorcycles.

Old Business; Vicki working on joining MRF. D11 Member Appreciation Da May 16th 2026 David is looking over all the suggestions for a park in our counties. Remainder tables until next meeting.

New Business; David mailed out the Welcome Letters as well as inactive members, in hopes it will trigger a reactivation of their memberships. \$600.00 approved for Band at kickstands in Humboldt, details of Flyer obtained to get ready. David suggested a Officers Chat, in which Vicki will create.

Adjourned: 8:22 PM. Motioned to adjourn, Carried & Accepted

April 1st. Otoe Spur Bar & Grill 413 Main St, Otoe, Ne. 402-265-3064

May 6th. Old Guy Brew 625 G St. Pawnee City, Ne. 402-852-4008

Abate District 11 Meetings are at 7:30 PM the first Wednesday of each Month unless Holiday/inclement weather, then would move to the next Wednesday.

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District 12

So there I was; in search of a secretary.

Heidi has done an amazing job for the last 6 years, however, she would like to retire. If you are interested in filling this position please step forward.

Joel has purchased several bikes for the Guardian of Children event April 25th in North Platte. Donated in memory of Brian McNeff. Thanx for heading this up Joel.

Our annual hog raffle begin in early March, winner will be drawn at Spring membership run June 6th. Get your tickets now, put some meat in your freezer. Help needed day of membership drive as regulars are unavailable.

Mild weather continues in the West & I am forced to go out and enjoy it HaHa.

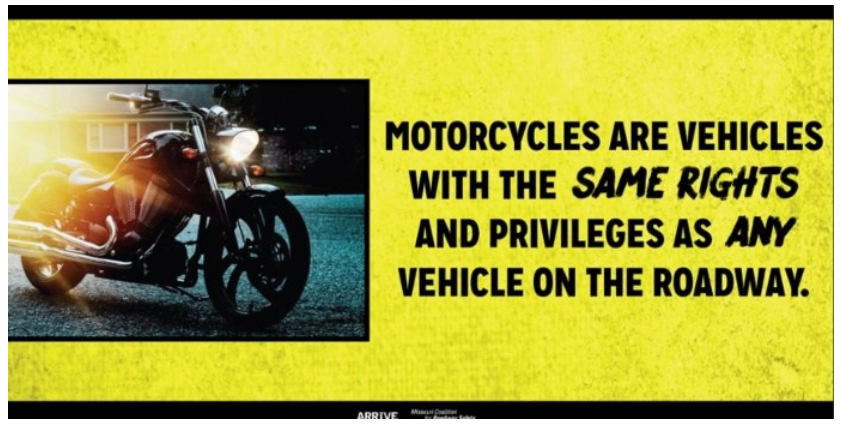
Lots of poker runs & bike shows popping up on Facebook & on bulletin boards. Mark your calendars.

Speed Safety as we Move Forward-Brad



ABATE of Nebraska Dist 12

58 likes • 296 followers



District 13- No report

Members: Get on your district reps ... if they are not providing you with news ask them why?



District 15

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM with 21 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for military personnel and fallen brothers and sisters.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Fox

The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sarah

Expenditures and income from the chili feed were reviewed. The group voted unanimously to send \$5,000 to the state level. The report was approved.

Membership Report – Bruce

The chili feed resulted in three new memberships and several renewals. An application was sent to Silver Circle. Bruce is following up with other members and businesses for renewals. Spides Construction has officially renewed their business membership. The report was approved.

Inventory Report – Jo-Dee

Memorial patches are still pending delivery. Sales from the chili feed were reviewed, and there was a discussion regarding ordering "skinny cozies." The report was approved.

Public Relations – Diane

The chili feed was a success with 207 signed in guests. Diane thanked everyone for their contributions.

- Announcements: Summer FUN run is scheduled for August 29. Group rides to Western area supporters are being considered for June 27, July 18/25, or Sept 19/26. Birthday and anniversary wishes were shared. Please keep Rusty Boggs and Kat Harris in your thoughts and prayers. The report was approved.

Safety Awareness – Liz (Absent)

A report was posted to Facebook advising riders to check for gravel and inspect tires. The report was approved.

MRF Report – Dave

No new updates at this time. The report was approved.

Legislative Report – Nate

Nate provided a contact sheet for senators. The committee continues to monitor upcoming bills. The report was approved.

Assistant Coordinator Report – Nate

The plan for May Motorcycle Awareness Month was discussed. The group voted unanimously to approve a \$3,000 budget for radio advertisements running from May through June. The report was approved.

Coordinator's Report – Caleb

The Bike Blessing has been moved to the April meeting in Hoskins. Members are encouraged to post on Facebook when visiting supporting businesses. Design options for the Dennis Rogby memorial patch were discussed. Please keep Dana and his wife in your prayers. Regarding old business, the sign project is tabled while Caleb checks on locations with Love's. The report was approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.

Best regards,
Cindy Fox
Secretary, District 15

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News From Around the STATE!

Caleb's Corner

Hey all, We had another successful Chili Feed in Pierce! We signed in over 200 people. We don't officially start until 4pm but we have people eating at 2:30. With this event it's good to be early. Our crew, along with help from Districts 4,7 and 14, made enough food to feed an army. We had several chilis from mild to hot. We prepared soups from Lasagna, chicken noodle, oyster, sausage Tortellini and more. We baked Cinnamon Rolls, bars and desserts. Thank you to everyone who brought food.



Our Big Raffle gave away a Henry Rifle, a Four burner black stone (donated by Magdanz Hardware in Pierce), several local locker gift cards donated by members and even a Screaming Tiki tattoo. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets. I'm convinced, selling raffle tickets is its own talent. We have heard from some lockers that the gift cards are sometimes never brought in. I personally would make the sacrifice to accept any unwanted gift cards.

The Auction is always the most fun! All our Items are donated by members and supporting business. This event would never have grown into legend status without these folks. I don't have the typing skills to mention everyone, but I will a few. Linda Davis brings professional grade Corn hole boards every year. Ken Cool brings his famous meat cooler again and again along with Maggie's baskets. Brent locked Cindy Fox in the basement again to bring us one of her legendary Quilts. We had some Harley Davidson collections donated by Kasey Prochaska and Jeremia Flesner. Reeve Cunningham made a portable fire pit this year. Kay Hunt always finds a clever Large Item for auction. A Harley themed metal truck was this year's pick. Finally, we could not have our auction without Diane's Pie. If you know you know. I could go on and on and on. I want to give a big shout out to our Auctioneer Joe Ashoff for donating his time every year. Again, I'm sorry I couldn't list everyone. Thank you!

Last, I would like to thank the dedicated members of Nebraska's Abate. These Folks SHOW UP! The time everyone puts into these districts events is truly amazing.

Caleb Bierman

Coordinator District 15



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MRF News from the Capital

BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY

Hold The Line. Show Up. Be Counted.

The definition of a motorcycle is under pressure — and so is our patience.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is working to close a loophole that has allowed steering-wheel-equipped autocycles to operate under a motorcycle definition never meant for them. Removing a wheel from a small car doesn't make it a motorcycle.

A motorcycle is straddled.
It has handlebars.
It demands balance and skill.

When definitions drift, regulations drift. And when regulations drift, riders pay the price.

This isn't about hurting anyone's business. It's about protecting the integrity of motorcycling — and the laws written specifically for us.

Now is not the time to sit back.

- ☑ Answer the calls to action.
- ☑ Contact your Members of Congress.
- ☑☑ And most importantly — register for Bikers Inside the Beltway.

Face-to-face meetings move policy. Showing up changes outcomes.

If you've ever benefited from the work done in Washington on your behalf, this is the moment to stand up and be counted.

Hold the line.

We'll see you in D.C. May 18-19 at Bikers Inside the Beltway

What a novel idea ... I have asked for articles from all of you and generally don't see much and I wonder why. I post the ones I do get articles pictures and upcoming events. I am asking again, if you have something to say that you think is not getting to the masses send it to me I'll get it in the right to ride for publication. Make your voices heard, you want something changed and cannot get it done locally throw your idea in the right to ride.

"To those that concede, No Injustice is done"



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MRF Letter from the Exec Director

All,

You're a biker, you're an SMRO member, you're an SMRO leader, and you're a MRF member, but are you doing everything you can to maintain our rights? Are you actively reaching out to your elected officials in Washington D.C. requesting that they take action on our issues? Are you actively soliciting your SMRO membership to reach out to their legislators? Maybe you're simply ready to give up and let the government and manufacturers do what they want? It's time to take action, NOW!

Do you have and ride a completely stock motorcycle? I mean 100% stock, no changes since it left the OEM's facility. Original tires, exhaust, windshield, handgrips, floorboards, oil, and filter. If not, did you pay the dealership for all that work and the OEM parts? Guess what, the manufacturers think you, and your local aftermarket shop, are too stupid to work on your own motorcycle, and they are working to take that ability from you.

We have Right-to-Repair bill (H.R.1566) filed and assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee right now that can affect our ability work on or modify our motorcycles. We need this bill to pass to ensure we can get access to the manuals, diagnostic tools, and parts needed to repair, maintain, and modify our motorcycles without going through the OEM's dealership. If not, we are looking at a world where you will be required to have a dealer do ALL your maintenance and repair work (tires, oil changes, etc....) or risk that the electronic systems will work and render your motorcycle inoperable. As for that local shop you use for oil changes or parts, you know, the one you hang out at with other riders, will be driven out of business.

Do you know there are vehicles on the road today with a steering wheel, bucket seats, and seatbelts that are classified as a motorcycle? The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) thinks this is a good thing, because they created these products to skirt safety requirements and regulations in order to sell more vehicles. We have a bill to redefine a motorcycle (H.R. 3385) filed and assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee to narrow the motorcycle definition to things like straddling or riding astride and having handlebars. The MIC is fighting us on this issue and acts as though we shouldn't be concerned with this issue. Why does it matter?

Accident and fatality statistics, which are used to create new laws and regulations, from these vehicles roll up to the motorcycle category in the national Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). When analyzing this data to create crash avoidance strategies, the different vehicle types involved in these crashes will drive toward different solutions. Meaning, the mixed data will probably lead to incorrect root causes and ultimately incorrect solutions.

An "M" Class license is required to operate a motorcycle and training exists to instruct and test individuals on proper riding techniques to obtain such a license. There is no training course or practical riding course for these "other" types of vehicles.

Different states have different laws for these types of vehicles. Some states continue to classify them as motorcycles, others have created the auto-cycle category for them, and some have not dealt with them at all. If you cross state lines while driving one of these, how do you know you're legal? Do you need to wear a helmet, are you required to have an "M" classification?

Urgent action is needed, NOW! We must get more people to contact their legislators and push them to move these bills through the system. Click the links below to fill out the calls to action NOW!

[Support H.R. 1566 - REPAIR Act](#)

[Support H.R. 3385 - Definition of a Motorcycle](#)

You, and as many members as possible from your SMRO, are needed at Bikers Inside the Beltway. While there, you will personally meet with your legislators and / or their staff members on these important issues. You can find all the information you need to attend by following this link. Bikers Inside the Beltway

Action is required to maintain our rights, so if not now, when can you be counted on?

Pass this message along to as many people as possible. It is imperative we get everyone to act on these issues now.

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Chrome Supporting Businesses

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St.
2	INSURANCE & INVESTMENTS	402-989-4795	120 WASHINGTON	CLATONIA	NE
2	TAB PERFORMANCE, INC	888-822-0070	4840 DORIS BAIR CIRCLE SUITE B	LINCOLN	NE
10% off our entire website: www.tabperformance.com					
6	JACK'S PLACE	402-289-3633	1818 N 203RD ST	ELKHORN	NE
\$2.75 beer M-Thur w/ ABATE card					
7	FORNEY CYCLE & FAB LLC	402-643-5400	925 DIMERY AVENUE	BEAVER CROSSING	NE
10% off labor w/ ABATE card - www.forneycycle.com					
11	THE OTOE SPUR BAR & GRILL	402-265-3064	413 MAIN STREET	OTOE	NE
10% Off final bill w/ ABATE card					
11	THE SHED WEDDING VENUE	402-540-2429	22500 S 176TH STREET	ADAMS	NE
20% discount on venue rental to ABATE members					
11	THE CHOP SHOP	402-432-1454	708 3RD STREET	HUMBOLDT	NE
10% off all retail merchandise w/ABATE card					
15	SILVER CIRCLE BAR	402-387-9951	147 N MAIN STREET	AINSWORTH	NE
50 CENTS OFF BEER WITH ABATE CARD					
15	THE MAX AGAIN	402-375-9817	109 MAIN ST	WAYNE	NE
FREE FRIES WITH SANDWICH PURCHASE (WITH ABATE CARD)					
15	SEWING BY BETH	402-371-8653	109 S 2ND ST	NORFOLK	NE
SEW ON ONE PATCH GET A 2ND FREE WITH ABATE CARD					
15	BACKROAD BAR B Q	402-254-7262	55698 898 ROAD	SAINT HELENA	NE
\$1 off beer and mixed drinks for ABATE members					

See the website if you are interested in becoming a Chrome business ... The only requirement is to be a supporting business and offer some discount or benefit to our members upon showing their ABATE membership

If You cannot

Act Now!

You Cannot

Act Surprised

When nothing

Changes!



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Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	ST
2	1ST AVENUE LOUNGE	402-560-1153	2310 N 1ST AVENUE	LINCOLN	NE
2	ACROSS THE TRAX	402-988-2141	633 MAIN STREET	ADAMS	NE
2	BOBS TRIKE SHOP	531-500-0190	3711 ADAMS STREET	LINCOLN	NE
2	BROCK LAW OFFICES PC LLO	402-467-3303	770 N COTNER BLVD #324	LINCOLN	NE
2	GREASY GARAGE	402-326-4146	3801 N 42ND STREET	LINCOLN	NE
2	OL' GLORY KETTLE CORN	402-217-4725	5408 S 62ND STREET	LINCOLN	NE
2	ONE MORE BAR	402-601-2316	836 N 70TH	LINCOLN	NE
2	THE DING	402-783-2555	14630 1ST STREET	RAYMOND	NE

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38	BANANA RAMS BAR	402-694-9363	206 MAIN STREET	HORDVILLE	NE
38	DOME LOUNGE	308-237-3404	PO BOX 1774	KEARNEY	NE
38	LUCKY DUCK BAR & LOUNGE	308-390-4098	718 HIGHWAY 30, SUITE B	GIBBON	NE
38	PEACOCK LOUNGE	402-418-4119	2430 N BROADWELL	GRAND ISLAND	NE

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4	402 CUSTOM CYCLES & POWDER COATING	402-910-7576	2319 11TH STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	AWARD AND ENGRAVING	402-910-0130	2512 13TH STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	BO'S WEST	402-564-7737	3720 23RD STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	COLUMBUS FOE #1834	402-564-3361	3205 12TH STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	J AND C AVENUE	531-230-1836	1061 26TH AVENUE	COLUMBUS	NE
4	MICEK'S BAR	402-564-3093	2506 12TH STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	MONROE TAVERN	402-495-3375	410 GERRARD AVENUE	MONROE	NE
4	SHENANIGANS	402-562-7900	3808 E 23RD ST	COLUMBUS	NE
4	THE GREENHORN	402-640-5526	919 IVY ST	STANTON	NE
4	THE PLAINVIEW NEWS	402-851-0009	508 WEST LOCUST	PLAINVIEW	NE
4	WHISKEY RIVER SALOON	402-750-2008	209 S MAIN STREET	MADISON	NE

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5	TIN LIZZY TAVERN	402-727-7677	1682 E 23RD AVE	FREMONT	NE

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6	2 GALS AND A SHOP	402-810-1548	1308 GALVIN ROAD	BELLEVUE	NE
6	A & N ENTERPRISE	402-618-4888	210 B WEST 23RD AVENUE	BELLEVUE	NE
6	CANDLELIGHT BAR AND GRILL	402-401-6779	5031 GROVER STREET	OMAHA	NE
6	DEFIANCE HARLEY DAVIDSON	402-331-0022	4940 S 72ND STREET	OMAHA	NE
6	DILLON BROTHERS HARLEY	402-289-5556	3838 CLEVELAND BLVD	OMAHA	NE
6	DORNECKER FLOORING LLC	402-558-6734	2028 N 63RD STREET	OMAHA	NE
6	GEORGE'S TAVERN	402-426-9055	114 N 16TH	BLAIR	NE
6	GRANT STREET BAR & GRILL	402-391-7090	8919 GRANT ST	OMAHA	NE
6	HAROLDS BAR	402-981-1614	8558 BLONDO	OMAHA	NE
6	HEMATOMA FIGHT WEAR	402-618-4888	8404 Q STREET	OMAHA	NE
6	J DUBS HANGOUT BAR & GRILL	402-991-6994	15408 S 2ND STREET	BENNINGTON	NE
6	KING INSURANCE INC	402-597-5224	11326 Q ST	OMAHA	NE

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6	MOE & CURLY'S	402-960-6205	2946 N 108TH	OMAHA	NE
6	ROOKIES BAR AND GRILL	402-708-6194	1702 N 120TH	OMAHA	NE
6	STEVE SLADEK INSURANCE AGENCY	402-330-8911	13818 U STREET	OMAHA	NE
6	THE FORGOT STORE INC	402-451-0291	11909 CALHOUN ROAD	OMAHA	NE
6	THE PONDEROSA	402-779-9958	12203 N 225TH ST	VALLEY	NE
6	THE RUSTIC INN	402-468-5565	116 S 14TH ST	FT CALHOUN	NE

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7	B & B CONSTRUCTION	402-366-5007	520 N YORK AVENUE	YORK	NE
7	BEAR- N- Ts HIDEAWAY	402-749-3271	316 HARBINE	ALEXANDRIA	NE
7	CHARLIES PUB	402-629-4411	524 MAIN STREET	MILLIGAN	NE
7	COMPLETE RURAL MEDICINE	308-646-2471	515 SECOND STREET	FRIEND	NE
7	CRINER'S CORNER	402-729-3571	201 W ROSCOE	ENDICOTT	NE
7	CZECH'ERD FLAG BAR	402-821-7491	207 WEST 3RD ST	WILBER	NE
7	FAIRMONT LEGION POST 21	402-268-2811	525 F STREET	FAIRMONT	NE
7	GARY'S BRICKHOUSE GRILLE	402-282-7311	255 N WASHINGTON	GRAFTON	NE
7	HAVE'S PLACE	402-433-4151	102 N WEST AVENUE	WESTERN	NE
7	KARPISEK'S MARKET	402-821-7333	119 W 3RD STREET	WILBER	NE
7	MOLCAJETE MEXICAN RESTAURANT	402-730-3071	906 G STREET	GENEVA	NE
7	MY BAR LLC	402-641-0249	915 MAIN STREET SUITE 10	CRETE	NE
7	OVERTIME GRILL AND LOUNGE	402-366-0508	842 G STREET	GENEVA	NE
7	RED ZONE	402-683-9901	311 E FILLMORE	DEWITT	NE
7	RELIABLE AUTO	785-527-5815	1433 28TH STREET	BELLEVILLE	KS
7	RJ'S BAR & GRILL	402-683-4935	402 E FILMORE	DEWITT	NE
7	ROAD RUNNER BAR AND GRILL LLC	402-446-7346	705 FRANCIS STREET	DAYKIN	NE
7	RW'S DINING & DRINKS	402-364-2319	102 S MAPLE	DAVENPORT	NE
7	SALTY DOG SALOON - M DANGELO	402-442-2233	200 WEST MAIN ST	STEELE CITY	NE
7	SIDE TREK BAR	402-754-4391	419 HANSEN ST	HARBINE	NE
7	STROKERS SALOON	402-821-9909	120 WEST 3RD STREET	WILBER	NE
7	SUTTON REPAIR	402-520-4570	323 MAIN ST	ODELL	NE
7	TOOLEYS LLC	402-418-0418	321 D STREET	FAIRBURY	NE
7	TWISTED WRENCH	402-381-8918	116 S EXETER AVE	EXETER	NE
7	WHISKY BARREL BAR & GRILL	402-793-8557	415 COMMERCIAL STREET	DILLER	NE

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11	BEATRICE IRON AND METAL	402-223-5238	300 MARKET ST	BEATRICE	NE
11	DUBOIS REPAIR & TAXIDERMY	402-335-0345	208 MARTHA STREET	DUBOIS	NE
11	INDIE'S PLACE	208-304-2915	1153 5TH STREET	BEATRICE	NE
11	LORTON LOUNGE	402-259-2545	8 CYPRESS STREET	LORTON	NE
11	OLD GUYS BREW	402-852-4008	625 G STREET	PAWNEE CITY	NE
11	PAPA B'S KENO & GRILL	402-645-8101	619 WEST BROAD	BLUE SPRINGS	NE
11	ROUND UP BAR & GRILL	402-839-3011	420 LUZERNE STREET	TABLE ROCK	NE
11	THE RAIL	402-228-9857	212 COURT	BEATRICE	NE
11	WILLARD TAVERN INC	402-869-2240	206 MAIN STREET	STEINAUER	NE

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12	AMATEURS BAR AND GRILL	308-697-4808	602 PAXTEN	CAMBRIDGE	NE
12	BROKEN ARROW CELLARS LLC	308-882-7772	73892 33RD AVE	IMPERIAL	NE
12	CROSSROADS TAVERN	308-353-0034	116 N PENNSYLVANIA AVE	VENANGO	NE
12	DJ'S BAR & GRILL	308-394-5488	323 CENTRAL AVE	GRANT	NE
12	FARKLEBERRY'S LLC	308-286-3365	100 TROTH ST	HAYES CENTER	NE
12	GOOD TIMES BAR & GRILL	308-394-5656	318 TECUMSEH	WAUNETA	NE
12	HAIGLER COUNTRY CAFÉ	308-297-3330	106 W NEBRASKA AVE	HAIGLER	NE
12	HITCHIN POST SALOON	308-584-3777	110 N MAIN STREET	BRADY	NE
12	IMPERIAL SUPER FOODS	308-882-5389	1200 BROADWAY	IMPERIAL	NE
12	J & B ENTERPRISES	308-367-7431	14418 S L 560	BRADY	NE
12	JAKES PLACE	308-297-3478	165 N PORTER AVE	HAIGLER	NE
12	LAKERS BAIT AND TACKLE LLC	308-882-4011	520 PIONEER	ENDERS	NE
12	LEWIS MOTOR SPORTS	308-345-6211	401 NORTH HWY 83	MCCOOK	NE
12	PARADISE AMMO SHACK LLC	308-414-1710	4633 ROAD 1W	BUSHNELL	NE
12	RENKEN FARMS INC	308-386-8729	1430 LOCUST STREET	SUTHERLAND	NE
12	SWEDEN CRÈME	308-882-2939	PO BOX 358	IMPERIAL	NE
12	THE WINDY GAP	308-239-4482	120 NORTH OAK ST	PAXTON	NE
12	TIDY'S SIP & SEED	308-660-2078	108 EAST ASH	MAYWOOD	NE
12	TRIANGLE OIL CO	308-882-5807	32197 742 RD	IMPERIAL	NE
12	VFW POST 4688	308-882-5083	PO BOX 622	IMPERIAL	NE

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14	CALHOON HANDYMAN SERVICE	402-860-1543	303 10TH STREET	STANTON	NE
14	COUNTY LINE BAR	402-844-5464	3900 OLD HWY 8	NORFOLK	NE
14	PUNCH HENN LLC	402-321-7876	1216 GREENLAWN DRIVE	NORFOLK	NE
14	SOUTHSIDE LOUNGE LLC	402-447-2708	517-519 HALE AVENUE	NEWMAN GROVE	NE

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15	BUBBA'S	402-340-6835	123 N 4TH ST	LYNCH	NE
15	BUZZSAW BAR	712-333-3408	309 LOGAN STREET	WATERBURY	NE
15	CHARLIE'S BAR	402-649-3380	803 W MAIN ST	PIERCE	NE
15	DUSTOFF BAR	910-548-4041	304 MAIN STREET	WAKEFIELD	NE
15	DW'S PUB	402-626-7701	111 E NEBRASKA ST	EWING	NE
15	GOOD 'NUFF BAR	402-369-6934	111 E 3RD STREET	WAYNE	NE
15	JIMMY DEAN'S BAR AND GRILL	402-857-3644	254-1 SPRUCE ST	NIOBRARA	NE
15	JOHNNIE BYRD BREWING COMPANY	402-640-1989	121 N PEARL STREET	WAYNE	NE
15	KEYSTONE BAR	402-640-3976	316 W LOCUST	PLAINVIEW	NE
15	LYLE'S BAR AND GRILL	402-241-7814	404 MAIN ST	NEWCASTLE	NE
15	MAGNET BAR	402-360-4222	203 MAIN STREET	MAGNET	NE
15	MAIN STREET ALLEY	402-748-3720	207 N STATE STREET	OSMOND	NE
15	NEBRASKA 13/20	402-671-5020	118 MAIN STREET	PLAINVIEW	NE
15	PAINT'S PUB	402-565-4334	114 S MAIN ST	HOSKINS	NE
15	PINKY'S	402-586-2630	511 E BROADWAY STREET	WAUSA	NE
15	PUB AND GRUB	402-360-4723	112 W BROADWAY	RANDOLPH	NE
15	ROYAL BAR AND GRILL	402-893-9999	3040 E HIGHWAY 20	ROYAL	NE
15	SEWING BY BETH	402-371-8653	109 S 2ND ST	NORFOLK	NE
15	SIDELINES BAR & GRILLE	402-287-2957	206 MAIN ST	WAKEFIELD	NE
15	SPIDE'S CONSTRUCTION	402-360-0859	PO BOX 201	RANDOLPH	NE
15	THE 108 BAR AND GRILL	402-340-8221	108 N MAIN STREET	HOSKINS	NE
15	THE 812 BAR	402-358-3200	812 MAIN STREET	CREIGHTON	NE
15	THE BLUE MOON RESORT	402-229-3226	89702 RAYDER SWANSON ROAD	NIOBRARA	NE
15	THE DEN	402-841-7482	211 E 2ND STREET	ORCHARD	NE
15	THE STATION	402-585-4459	604 MAIN STREET	CARROLL	NE
15	THOMSEN'S CORNER	402-360-0643	302 N STATE ST	OSMOND	NE
15	VICTOR FARMS - MIKE & MARTA	402-375-0422	57656 861 RD	WAYNE	NE
15	WAYNE EAGLES CLUB #3757	402-375-9956	119 MAIN ST	WAYNE	NE
15	WHITE DOG PUB INC	402-375-9958	102 N MAIN STREET	WAYNE	NE
15	WILDCAT BAR & GRILL	402-649-0014	414 MAIN STREET	WINSIDE	NE
15	WRAGGE REPAIR	402-750-9422	55051 857 ROAD	PIERCE	NE

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RENEWALS Due this Month

If you see any of the following people, remind them their ABATE of Nebraska membership needs renewed.

District 2

BURDINE, NANCY
 ORTHENGREN, TOBY G
 WOLLEN, JOHN

District 3/8

RIBA, DAWN
 ROEBUCK, LARRY
 THOMAS, SUSAN

District 4

402 CUSTOM CYCLES & POWDER COATING
 AMRINE, JOSALYNN
 MITCHELL, LANCE
 MITCHELL, TRACY LYNN
 ROWBAL, KEVIN

District 6

CONANT, MARY
 DEFIANCE HARLEY DAVIDSON
 DOLAN, JIM
 DORNECKER, SCOTT
 GEORGE'S TAVERN
 HIATT, JERIS
 J DUBS HANGOUT BAR & GRILL
 JACK'S PLACE
 KUDEN, ALEX
 LARSEN, FRED
 THACKER, JIM
 THE FORGOT STORE INC



District 7

HAVE'S PLACE
 HINTZ, DAVID A
 NORQUEST, CURTIS
 NOVOTNY, BRIAN
 STREIN, ZACHARY

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District 11

DUENSING, DAVID
 ROUND UP BAR & GRILL
 SAGE, ROLLIE

District 12

CLARK, MIKE
 DJ'S BAR & GRILL
 GOOD TIMES BAR & GRILL
 HEUSMAN, TIM
 IBACH, TERESA
 LEWIS MOTOR SPORTS
 LOEFFLER, CRAIG
 MORSE, DELBERT
 ROBINSON, DON
 ROWLEY, DAN
 SHARP, DARYL
 SHARP, JULIE
 SPECK, JASON
 TIDY'S SIP & SEED
 WAIDE, CORKEY

District 13

KELLEY, CHARLES R

District 14

BLUNCK, DANIEL
 DAILEY, DORI
 DOMINISSE, JEFF
 GERDES, DONALD
 LUSCHEN, BOBBIE MARIE
 LUSCHEN, JEFF
 POLLARD, LONNIE

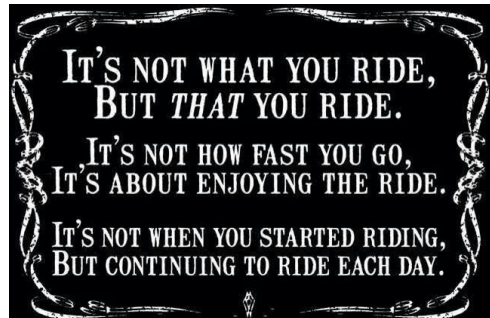
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- CONLEY, KEN
- GANDERT, AJ
- GRONE, JULIE
- HERSCHEID, TYLER
- JENSEN, ROBIN
- MAGNET BAR
- MASON, BURT
- MASON, DAVE
- MATHIASON, JAYSON
- MURRAY, PETE
- NEBRASKA 13/20
- PAINT'S PUB
- PUB AND GRUB
- ROBINSON, JEREMY
- ROYAL BAR AND GRILL
- SPIDE'S CONSTRUCTION
- SUKUP, MATTHEW
- THE STATION
- WESTCOTT, WAYNE
- WHITE DOG PUB INC
- ZIMMERER, DENNIS



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**Renew your membership online
today!**





State Coordinator Todd Miller called the January 26, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting to order at 4:05 pm at The First Avenue Social Hall in Lincoln.

He asked all to stand for a moment of silence for are fallen brothers and sisters and to remain standing to recite Pledge of Allegiance.

He reminded all to turn cell phones off or on mute.

Roll Call-

Dist.2- Brad Nelson

Dist.3/8- DJ Martinez-(absent- excused)

Dist.4- John Wombacher

Dist.5- no rep

Dist.6- Roger Ites

Dist.7- David Stuelpnagel

Dist.9- no rep

Dist.10- no rep

Dist.11- David Duensing

Dist.12- Brad Dinnel

Dist.13- Steve Benzel (absent- excused)

Dist.14- Don Gerdes

Dist.15- Caleb Bierman

Also present Todd Stellar Sargent at Arms- Sheri Miller State Membership Secretary- Maggie Cool State Recording Secretary- Brad Nelson- MRF Representative- Julia Wombacher State Treasurer arrived after meeting was called to order due to she had to go back home to get the financial reports.

Todd reminded everyone about Lobby Day the following day- asking all to meet with their Senators.

Todd spoke about the loss of our sister Summer Ahlman-and stated that you never know what demons folks are carrying- ask if you can talk with them- as you never know what's going on. we are a family and need to stick together- reach out to your people and check on them- chat with them if they want.

Thanks to District 2 for getting the venue and setting up the meal. Todd reminded all Triple A is an unfriendly business.

Todd then spoke about his cancer treatments he is undergoing -explained to the board what it involves- and that he is not available in the afternoons during his treatment or after.

Todd asked for approval of the minutes as they were e-mailed out and printed in RTR- Dist.12 1st- Dist.2-2nd all in favor- minutes approved-

He asked the Board if everyone received by law updates.

District 15 motioned to approve alcohol -

Julia reported she is en route back to Lincoln.

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State Board of Directors Meeting

Membership Report-Sheri gave the reports on membership breakdowns- 7- Associate- 105 Supporting Business-29 Lifetime Supporting Business- 203 Honorary-200 Lifetime-517 Regular

with a total of 1,061 ..She reminded all to be sure information on membership forms is correct and all info is filled out on form. Also that there needs to be 1 check from the district no personal checks and to be sure to fill out a membership reporting form and make a copy for your records- with the mail system the way it is this are important items that need to be done. Make sure also that the recruiters name if on the form.

The membership Drive cards were handed out to the District Reps. Motion to approve Membership Report- Dist.1st- Dist.7 2nd all in favor report approved

MRF Report- Brad spoke About Heartland STEAM in March Alexandria, Minnesota- and that fees are cheaper before February - He talked about renewals being a problem due to I phone- however he is going to check on this. Motion to approve MRF Report- Dist.4 1st Dist.7 2nd- all in favor report approved.

Safety & Awareness Report- Natalie is no longer working so no accident reports. Todd stated accidents were lower- 2024-31 2025-21. He spoke about most fatalities are not registered motorcyclists. He asked all to give accident data to senators tomorrow. Discussion on having to show license to get tags. Todd spoke about more Safety & Awareness officers needed. Be Responsible- Ride safe. It's your choice to wear or not wear a helmet. He does not believe the helmet law made a difference in deaths. Motion to approve Safety & Awareness Report- Dist.6 1st Dist.2 2nd- all in favor report approved.

Treasurers Report- Julia went over the reports she said the charitable donations are what the were last year and asked all to talk with senators about that tomorrow. She stated everything is looking good financially if you have any questions reach out to her. everyone up to date on reports- watch your account for discrepancies . Motion to approved Treasurers Report Dist.6 1st- Dist.2 2nd all in favor- report approved.

RTR & Web- Todd stated everything is coming in good- if you have questions and concerns to let him know. He is still not happy with web-site company. He would like more info- articles ,pictures ,flyers etc. Todd asked Julia to send charitable donations to him in Jpeg so it can be included in RTR. Asked all to send in your calendars separately including meeting times and events. Motion to approve RTR & Web- Dist.4 1st- Dist.14 2nd- all in favor report approved.

Legislative Report- The board voted to continue having Kent Rogert as a lobbyist agreed on the price. Brad set up to add Nate to the email from the state each morning. Todd asked all to reach out to him if they need him to reach out to a member.. and to look out for each other- Motion to approve Legislative Report- Dist.6 1st Dist.4 2nd- all in favor- report approved.

Old Business-Todd asked board about the who of officers should get flowers and etc. when in hospital past & current officers? Discussion was held- a motion to included past & current officers for this- Dist.4 1st Dist.6 2nd all in favor motion passed. The State Rally 2027 was tabled so we can get through Heartland STEAM 2027 which Nebraska is hosting. Recipes for cookbook on back burner.

New Business- Next meeting was discussed- it will be April 19th, 2026 at the Chicken Coop in Kearney 11:15 am- Maggie will get it set up and order lunch. Bike show coming up February 20-22 contact Brad - Steph or Nancy if you would like to help out in security, front gate, or ABATE booth. Elections Even Districts -nominations close in April- the State nominations as well take over in or July. Todd Stated he is stepping down as State Coordinator in July- Sheri will be stepping down from her duties as well. Todd appreciates all that he has worked with- Dist.7 brought up about the office manager and membership secretary pay- it was decided to wait until after elections to change by laws and etc. , with discussion being help after elections.

Motion to adjourn meeting Dist.2 1st Dist.4 2nd all in favor meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Maggie Cool

ABATE of Nebraska

State Recording Secretary



RIGHT TO RIDE

Motorcycle riding tips for the open road

Springtime brings warmer weather and the irresistible urge to hit the open road on your motorcycle. However, before you rev up your engine and head out, it's crucial to prioritize safety. Here are some essential tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable riding experience this spring:

1. **Inspect Your Motorcycle**: Before every ride, conduct a thorough inspection of your motorcycle. Check the tires for proper inflation and tread wear, ensure all lights are working correctly, and examine the brakes, fluids, and controls. Address any issues promptly to avoid complications on the road.
2. **Wear Appropriate Gear**: Dressing for the ride is essential, especially during the unpredictable weather of spring. Wear protective eyewear, gloves, a sturdy jacket, long pants, and over-the-ankle boots to safeguard yourself against potential hazards. Nebraska recently changed our helmet law so you get to choose whether to wear a helmet or not as an adult ...
3. **Refresh Your Skills**: If it's been a while since your last ride, consider taking a refresher course or practicing your skills in a safe environment. Brushing up on your riding techniques and knowledge of road rules and regulations will help you navigate springtime conditions with confidence.
4. **Be Weather-Wise**: Spring weather can be unpredictable, with sudden changes in temperature, rain showers, and gusty winds. Stay informed about the weather forecast for your route and be prepared to adjust your plans accordingly. Invest in proper rain gear and consider postponing your ride if conditions become unsafe.
5. **Watch for Road Hazards**: Springtime brings new challenges on the road, such as potholes, gravel, and debris left over from winter. Stay vigilant and scan the road ahead for potential hazards. Slow down when approaching unfamiliar or uneven surfaces to maintain control of your motorcycle.
6. **Share the Road**: With warmer weather, more motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians will be out and about. Stay alert and mindful of your surroundings, especially at intersections and in congested areas. Use your signals, obey traffic laws, and maintain a safe following Distance from other vehicles.
7. **Stay Visible**: Make yourself visible to other road users by wearing brightly colored or reflective clothing and keeping your motorcycle's headlights on, even during the daytime. Use hand signals and maintain eye contact with drivers to communicate your intentions clearly.
8. **Take Breaks**: Long rides can be physically and mentally taxing, so be sure to take regular breaks to rest, hydrate, and refuel. Fatigue can impair your reaction time and decision-making abilities, increasing the risk of accidents. Listen to your body and pull over if you feel tired or Distracted.
9. **Avoid Distractions**: Riding a motorcycle requires your full attention and focus. Minimize Distractions by refraining from using electronic devices, adjusting your gear, or engaging in other activities while riding. Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the handlebars at all times.
10. **Ride Sober**: Never operate your motorcycle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Riding impaired significantly impairs your judgment, coordination, and reaction time, putting yourself and others at risk. If you plan to drink, designate a sober rider or arrange for alternative transportation.

By following these safety tips, you can make the most of your springtime motorcycle adventures while minimizing the risk of accidents or injuries. Ride safe, stay alert, and enjoy the freedom of the open road responsibly.

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Safety article — Trauma Kits

Motorcycling is not just a mode of transportation; it's a passion and a way of life for many. The exhilaration of the open road, the feeling of freedom, and the connection to the world around you are all part of the appeal. However, as much as we love the thrill of riding, it's important to remember that motorcycles can also be inherently risky. Crashes can happen, and when they do, being prepared is crucial. This is where trauma kits for motorcycles come into play.

The Importance of Trauma Kits

A trauma kit for motorcycles is a specially designed medical kit that contains essential supplies to address injuries and provide immediate first aid in case of an accident. These kits are indispensable for several reasons:

1. **Rapid Response:** Motorcycle accidents can lead to various types of injuries, from minor scrapes to severe trauma. When you have a trauma kit readily available, you can provide immediate assistance to the injured rider or passenger until professional help arrives.
2. **Minimizing Blood Loss:** Severe bleeding is one of the most life-threatening consequences of motorcycle accidents. Trauma kits often contain tourniquets, hemostatic agents, and pressure dressings to help control bleeding and prevent excessive blood loss.
3. **Airway Management:** Maintaining an open airway is vital for an injured person's survival. Motorcycle trauma kits may include tools like pocket masks or airway adjuncts to help you manage an injured individual's airway.
4. **Fracture Management:** Motorcycle accidents can lead to fractures and dislocations. Trauma kits typically contain items like splints and bandages that can be used to immobilize and support fractured limbs, reducing the risk of further injury.
5. **Personal Safety:** These kits are not just for the injured; they can also protect the person providing aid. By having the necessary supplies in a trauma kit, you can minimize the risk of infection and ensure a safer environment for both the injured person and yourself.
6. **Remote Locations:** Motorcyclists often venture into remote and less populated areas where professional medical help may be some Distance away. Having a trauma kit can make a significant difference in these situations.

What to Include in a Motorcycle Trauma Kit

While the specific contents of a trauma kit can vary, here are some essential items to include:

1. Sterile gauze pads and bandages for wound dressing.
2. Adhesive tape.
3. Tourniquets or compression bandages.
4. Hemostatic agents to control severe bleeding.
5. Pocket masks or other airway management tools.
6. Splints for immobilizing fractures or dislocations.
7. Scissors and tweezers.
8. Disposable gloves.
9. Antiseptic wipes or solution.
10. Emergency blanket for maintaining body temperature.
11. Small flashlight or headlamp for visibility during nighttime accidents.



Keep in mind that you should customize your trauma kit to your specific needs and level of training. Additionally, regularly check and restock the supplies to ensure that they are in good condition and ready for use.

Conclusion

Motorcycle riding can be an incredible and thrilling experience, but it's essential to recognize and prepare for the inherent risks involved. Accidents can happen, and when they do, a well-equipped trauma kit can be the difference between life and death. By carrying a trauma kit on your motorcycle and knowing how to use it, you can contribute to your safety and the safety of your fellow riders. Riding safe isn't just about the thrill of the journey; it's about being prepared for the unexpected and ensuring that you can continue to enjoy the open road for years to come.

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TEN WAYS TO KILL ABATE



- 1. Don't come to meetings.**
- 2. If you do come—come late.**
- 3. If the weather doesn't suit you—don't come.**
- 4. If you do attend a meeting—find fault with the work of the officers and other members.**
- 5. Never accept an office—it's easier to criticize than to do things.**
- 6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee or certain function: but if you are appointed—do not attend the committee meeting or function.**
- 7. If asked by an officer to give your opinion on an important matter, tell him you have nothing to say—after the meeting tell everyone how things are done.**
- 8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary; but when other members roll up their sleeves, willingly and unselfishly using their ability to help matters along—howl that the organization is being run by a clique.**
- 9. If your area is struggling financially and is in need of support—be sure to muster all the help you can to vote against any action requiring more money.**
- 10. Don't bother about new members—let the other fellow do it.**

“Achievers are successful because they form the habit of doing those things that average people don't like to do. Building a team is building a Habit!”

By Frank Conard, ABATE of CA, FL and OH,

I was given permission to reprint this from Michael Infanzon, Frank's son. I do not know how old the print is but it rings very true and should be a warning to all of us ... I have seen this more often than not in my tenure with ABATE at nearly every meeting or event ... there is always one ... Don't let the one ruin it for the rest.... And for F's sake Don't be the One!

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SHARE THE ROAD is a motorcycle awareness program that promotes driver awareness and increases understanding of how motorcycles behave in traffic. ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. provides trained volunteers to present this program to the public. We believe that education and training are the best ways to prevent, and thereby reduce, motorcycle/automobile accidents.

Research shows that three fourths of crashes involving a motorcycle also involves another motor vehicle, which is usually at fault. Considering crash statistics and the increasing number of motorcyclists, the key to a safer riding mix is learning to **SHARE THE ROAD**.

Motorcycles are very different from automobiles - they are much smaller in size & are harder to see than automobiles. The failure of motorists to see motorcyclists in traffic is the most common cause of crashes. Car drivers who are involved in an accident with a motorcycle often do not see the motorcycle prior to the crash, or until it is too late to avoid having the crash.

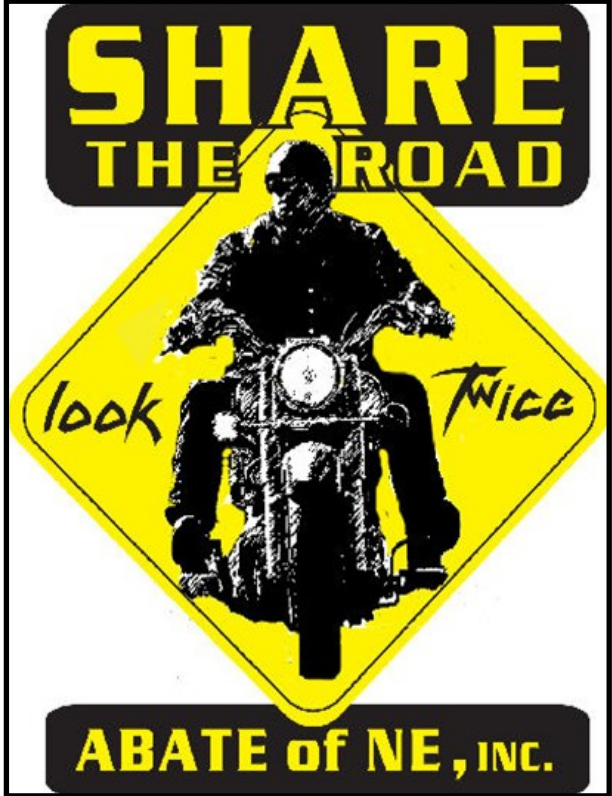
The greatest risk area for a conflict between a motorcycle and a automobile is at an intersection...whether it is in the middle of an urban area, a driveway on a residential street, or anywhere where traffic may cross your path of travel. Over one half of motorcycle/car crashes are caused by drivers entering a rider's right-of-way. Cars that turn left in front of motorcyclists, including cars turning left from the lane to the right, and cars on side streets that pull into the motorcyclists lane are the biggest dangers.

The fact remains.....the best way to prevent any accident is through Education, Safety, and Motorcycle Awareness Programs like **SHARE THE ROAD**.

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Want to know what you can do to SAVE A LIFE?

Do you know someone at a radio station, TV, or any Media outlet?

Get the message out May was Motorcycle Awareness month but every month should be! You can get these to stations in your area, the more it is broadcast the more likely someone will take a second look.

The life you save may be your own!

(30 sec)

The question isn't can you hear me now.... the question is can you SEE me now?!!!

Do you watch for motorcycles? Motorcyclists are watching for you. When sharing the roadways with other vehicles, including motorcycles, please take a moment to LOOK TWICE before making a left turn or pulling out onto a roadway. LOOK TWICE Save a life!

Let's make 2023 a record-breaking year!! Let us bring the number of accidents down for motorcycles and vehicles! This message is brought to you by A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska, Inc.

(30 sec)

The question is not can you hear me now... the question is can you SEE me now?!

How many times can one honestly say?

They didn't see the motorcycle coming their way.

The highways and roads are for us all to share

STOP, look TWICE, please take a moment to be aware.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Please join A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska in making 2023 safe and enjoyable for everyone traveling our busy roads and streets.

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Automobile drivers please Look twice before turning as motorcycles are smaller and harder to see. Be aware. Save a LIFE.

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Motorist should never try and share a lane with motorcycles. Please don't share be aware. May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

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Poor road conditions and bad weather are unsafe for motorcycles compared to an Automobile. Please Look twice and be aware.

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When you talk to them ask them to put them on all summer ... Motorcycles run all year in Nebraska no reason to stop this campaign in May!

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I understand by signing my name to this application, I am seeking membership into a motorcycle rights organization.

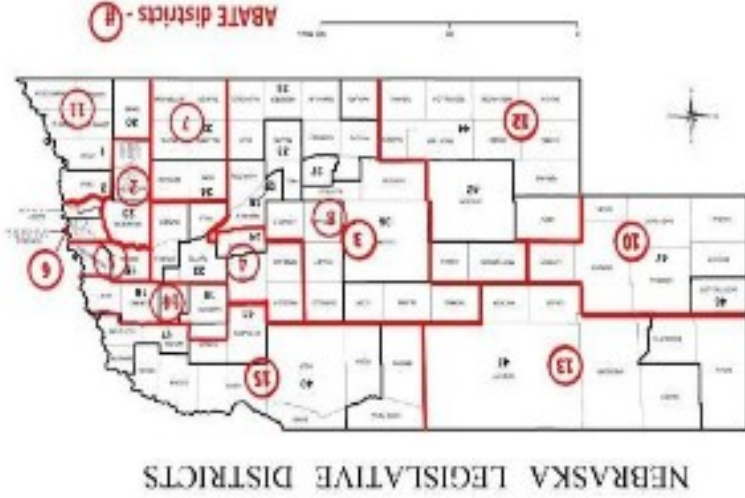
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What is ABATE?

ABATE stands for "American Bikers Aiming Towards Education".

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. works for you, the motorcycle enthusiast.

ABATE is a rights organization consisting of motorcycle enthusiasts throughout the State of Nebraska. Our goals and purposes are to encourage favorable legislation for motorcyclists. These are accomplished through a monthly newsletter, a website, promotion of safety education programs (designed to help prevent fatal and personal injury accidents), lobbying at the State Legislature and voter registration programs.

A great many restrictive laws pertaining to motorcycles and riders have been enacted by uninformed or misdirected legislative bodies. ABATE of Nebraska, Inc.'s goal is to keep our legislature informed of our feelings as motorcyclists, about such proposed legislation. Preventing unfair legislation is much easier than struggling to get an unfair law repealed. ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. also works with motorcycle rights organizations across the county to stop unfair legislation aimed at motorcyclists.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. does not advocate that you ride without a helmet, but we feel that as a responsible adult, you should have the right to decide whether or not to wear one.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. provides the neutral ground which allows us to stand beside and support each other in unity, with respect to safeguarding our rights and to be individuals with different views. A concept that we are united with a common interest and now a common ground on which to stand.

RIDING FREE!

Who is ABATE and Why Join?

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. members are motorcyclists who share the same ideas about freedom of the road, a free lifestyle and have a strong desire to keep it that way.

But ANY motorcyclist who cares enough about his or her personal freedom should join. Any motorcyclist who does not become involved is guilty of complacency, which can be deadly in this day and age. The motorcyclist who does not become involved then loses his or her right to complain when laws are passed that are an infringement on their personal freedoms.

The 'RIGHT TO RIDE' is a publication of ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. that is available on our website to all active members. It contains legislative and other motorcycle related news as well as a calendar of events.

The ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. website (www.abateofne.com) is a FREE online source for ANYONE, regardless of membership.

When you join ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. you have the distinction of working with and being a member of the primary biker rights group in the state.

ABATE also offers an Accidental Life Insurance Policy of \$2000 free of charge as an active member.

Most insurance companies also give discounts for being a member of ABATE and also give an added discount for completing our 'Share the Road' program.

So, join ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. today and become involved. Together our voices mean something and have the weight and strength of numbers.

REMEMBER - United we stand, divided we fall.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. Supports:

ABATE Organizations Nationwide
Motorcycle Rider's Foundation
American Motorcyclists Association
National Coalition of Motorcyclists
Nebraska Motorcyclists Association
Midwest Motorcycle Training

There are five (5) types of memberships:

FULL MEMBERSHIP: This entitles you to the monthly newsletter, membership card, membership patch, discounts to many of our events as well as other rights group's events, full voting privileges and can hold an office.

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SUPPORTING BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP: This membership entitles you to everything in the Full Membership package - along with a "Supporting Business Membership Certificate" for display in your business along with a FREE mention of your business in every monthly issue of the 'RIGHT TO RIDE' newsletter. ***ABATE also has a CHROME Business Membership. See our website for details***

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: This is a one-time fee, which entitles you to everything in the Full Membership package - along with a "Lifetime Member Patch", a "Lifetime Membership Card" and lifetime access to the 'Right to Ride', the monthly state newsletter.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Once a FULL member achieves twenty (20) consecutive years as a member, that member will receive an "Honorary Lifetime Membership Patch", "Honorary Lifetime Membership Card", and lifetime access to the 'Right to Ride' along with not being required to send in yearly dues any longer.

Don't put it off! Become a member TODAY!
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