

ABATE of Nebraska Inc.

Right To Ride

It has been a long
cold winter ...



A
Brotherhood
Against
Totalitarian
Enactments

February 2026

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February
2026



Promoting Safety!
Safeguarding Rights!

ABATE of Nebraska Inc.

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

Ramblings from the Road ...

Where do I begin ... this has been a tough month for many of us. We have lost too many too soon for in some cases reasons unknown. I am reminded however how we all carry our own burdens, we all have our own Demons we face and nobody else really knows that like you.

Historically this time of year with the cold and holidays is tough on many ... feelings of loneliness and despair creep into our brains and for most we shake it off and move on but for some too many dominos have fallen and it seems there is no way out ... **well friends there is** ... and it starts with us ... I ask you to look around you as we go through these times and take note of those friends and family that seem distant or have taken themselves out of your social circle unexpectedly ... reach out to them, make sure they know you are there for an ear a cup of coffee or whatever ... don't force a conversation ... just be there to listen ... it may take some time for them to open up to you ... but your words will ring louder than anything you could possibly have said ...

Even now with the grief we bare I wonder if someone out there just needs an ear ... My door is always open and all of you I consider family. If you need to talk or be heard give a ring, stop by whatever it takes. Nothing I can say or do will take away your pain but I do believe the more times you discuss and talk about it a piece of that burden fades away.

Let us all help each other to shoulder this and care for one another in the coming months. Be aware of that friend that suddenly is not present and reach out ...

Just my 2 cents ... lets get through till spring and we can throw our cares to the wind ... in the wind!

In this issue:

“Keep the shiny side up!”

• Advantages of a

Rogue

Todd C. Miller

ABATE of Ne. State Coordinator

402.440.8756

• Second Story

• Another Story

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2026

- 1 D6 Meeting Jack's place Elkhorn 1pm
- 4 D11 Meeting Michael J's Beatrice 730 Pm
- 12 D14 Meeting Ratsnest Cycles Norfolk 7pm
- 20-22 D2 Lincoln Bike show Sandhills global see flyer

March 2026

- 1 D12 Meeting Amateurs 2 CT
lunch 1230 CT
- 4 D11 Meeting The Rail Beatrice 730 pm

April 2026

- 1 D11 Meeting Otoe Spur Bar and Grill, Otoe 730
- 18 D6 After tax run ... tbd

May 2026

- 6 D11 Pawnee City ... ?



FEBRUARY 20TH 21ST, 22ND, 2026



WE WANT YOU
AT THE
40TH ANNUAL LINCOLN
BIKE SHOW

ABATE of Nebraska District 2

Friday 5pm to 10pm Saturday: 9:30am to 8pm Sunday: 10am to 5pm

Admission: Friday \$10, Saturday & Sunday \$15

Weekend Passes \$25 (only available Friday evening at the show during show hours)

Children 12 & under free w/paying adult

**84th & Havelock
Lincoln, NE**

For more information:

E-mail: Lincolnshowinfo@aol.com

Website: abatenedistrict2.com

Coordinator (Todd Miller) 402-440-8756

Asst. Coordinator (Sheri Miller) 402-440-2705



2026_PARTICIPANT_APPLICATION
Motorcycle Entry Form
February 20th, 21st, 22nd, 2026

*** Do not fill in boxes! For internal use only ***	
Class	
Location	

PLEASE READ ENTIRE FORM CAREFULLY

***** Form must be completely filled out and LEGIBLE! Incomplete forms will cause delays at check in!!! *****

Name: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____
(this is for internal purposes only, in case of questions/concerns about bike or placement)
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Display Height Restrictions!! No display will block the area between 4' and 7'. Banners/displays may be hung above or below this restriction unless placement is against a wall. Call for availability. Thank You!

Motorcycle Info to be displayed on plaque:

Name/Nickname to be displayed: _____
(Event staff will determine Acceptance of this name! If not accepted above name will be displayed. If no names wanted write BLANK NAME in box)
Make: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Motor (cc's): _____ Mileage (if available): _____

***If you would like your club or group affiliations displayed on your plaque please list below

**** if group placement is requested ALL forms must be sent in together as a group and a form is necessary for each bike at the show ****
****** Group placement may not be available after January 15th due to space limitations, call for availability ******
No display of Club colors without prior approval - see contact information below

Fees:

Spaces are 10' x 10' - cost is \$35 per space. Up to 2 bikes may be placed in a space but must include second form stapled together. Two (2) weekend armbands are included with each space purchased. Additional armbands may be purchased at check in @ \$15 each.

Electricity is provided at a \$10 charge per participant or \$25 per group (you will need your own extension cords/power strips)

Number of spaces requested: _____ X \$35.00 = _____ (must be sent in with application, nonrefundable)

Comments or special placing needs:

Rules and Regulations:

- Entry forms need to be in ASAP! (Placement/availability is on a first come first serve basis by mailing date on envelope)
- **No display of Club colors without prior approval. Call 402-440-8756 for more information**
- Setup days and hours: Thursday February 19th 5pm to 10pm and Friday February 20th 10am to 5pm. (call with questions)
- Due to set up confusion there will be absolutely no changes of placement on set up days.
- **No bikes will be allowed to leave until 5pm Sunday! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- No Bikes may be driven or started within the event pavilion.
- Event staff will take pictures for future show advertising purposes only.
- **No Alcoholic beverages or food may be brought in from outside the building.**
- ABATE of Nebraska, Inc and its officers are not responsible for accidental injuries or property damage.
- Unruly or otherwise unsavory behavior will not be tolerated, no bad attitudes!!!
- Height restrictions on displays may apply for center room placement 4'-7' must be kept clear. Call for more details.

*** I have read and agree to all the terms of this show ... this is a binding agreement between you and ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. and it's officers.***

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mailing address/contact information: (checks payable to: ABATE BIKE SHOW)

Mail to: Abate of Nebraska, Inc., District 2 Bike Show
C/O Todd C. Miller
1740 NW 54th Street
Lincoln, NE 68528

Contact: Todd C. Miller – Coordinator 402.440.8756
Sheri Miller – Asst. Coordinator 402.440.2705

Email: Lincolnshowinfo@aol.com

2026_VENDOR_APPLICATION

Location(office use) _____

ABATE BIKE SHOW DATES: FEB 20-22, 2026 (FRI, SAT AND SUN)

Name of Business _____

Contact name _____

Email address _____

Address: _____ City: _____

St: _____ Zip: _____ Phone:(____) _____ (____) _____

Brief Description:

Requested Layout:

I need (____) 10 x 10 spaces @ \$140.00*** per for a total of (____)

Please provide any special needs for booths. ie: height restrictions, enclosed tent... etc.

110 electricity is available at a \$50.00 charge per vendor (extension cords/power strips are not provided)

220 electricity is available at a \$75.00 charge per vendor (unless paid directly to Event Center)

(Payment must be sent in with application)

Show rules & Regulations:

**Outdoor camping is available through the Sandhills Global Event Center. Call 402.441.6545 for more info*

*Two (2) Armbands Per Space (Max of 8 armbands - additional armbands available on set up day @ \$15 each) **ARBANDS MUST BE VISIBLY WORN AT ALL TIMES... NO EXCEPTIONS**

*Entries are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Space limitations may apply Call for availability

***No display of Club colors without prior approval!! Call 402-440-8756 for more information.**

*Check or Money orders accepted. \$30.00 fee will be charged for all returned checks

*There will be absolutely no changes of placement or refunds on set up day.

*ABATE of NE or any of its Officers are not responsible for accidental injury on the premises.

*You are expected to attend your display during all show hours. We will provide after-hours security.

*There is no Vending of Food or Beverages without prior approval.

*There is no early set up. Booth set up times: Thursday Feb 19th, 10am-10pm and Friday Feb 20th, 10am-5pm

***There is no early tear down of booths. Show ends at 5pm Sunday NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!!!!**

*Unruly or otherwise unsavory behavior will not be tolerated, no bad attitudes!!!!

****This is a family show. No drug paraphernalia/pornographic material may be displayed. ****

Questions or concerns about any of these regulations contact the event coordinator @ 402.440.8756

I have read and agree to all the terms of this show ... this is a binding agreement between you and ABATE of NE and its officers.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Mailing address/contact information: (checks payable to: ABATE BIKE SHOW)

Also check our website: abatenedistrict2.com or Find us on Facebook

Mail to: Abate of Nebraska, Inc., District 2 Bike Show
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PAC fund Coordinator

Open position

State Legislative Officer

Open position

State MRF Representative

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State Newsletter Editor / Webmaster

Open Position - Contact Todd

State Safety and Awareness Officers

Open Position—Training and Recruitment

State Social Media Officer

Open position— contact Todd



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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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Jerry Thompson-blacksheep2213@gmail.com. D3

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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

Nebraska Safety Council

3720 Folkways Blvd Ste. 201
Lincoln, NE 68504
Contact: Barb Prochaska, [402-483-2511](tel:402-483-2511) ext 113
Email: bprochaska@nesafetycouncil.org
Website: <https://www.nesafetycouncil.org/index.php/driving/motorcycle-training>

Southeast Community College-Lincoln Campus

8800 O St.
Lincoln, NE 68520
Contact: Continuing Education, [402-437-2700](tel:402-437-2700)
Email: continuinged@southeast.edu
Website: www.southeast.edu/

Frontier Harley Davidson

205 NW 40th St.
Lincoln, NE 68528
Contact: Tara, [402-466-9100](tel:402-466-9100)
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Northeast Community College

801 E. Benjamin Ave
Norfolk, NE 68702-0469
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Website: www.northeast.edu/

Mid-Plains Community College

11 Halligan Dr
North Platte, NE 69101
Contact: Kendrick Marshall, [308-535-3614](tel:308-535-3614)
Email: marshalk@mpcc.edu

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

3838 N. HWS Cleveland Blvd
Omaha, NE 68116
Contact: Mark Howie, [402-289-5556](tel:402-289-5556)
Website: www.dillonharley.com

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Assistant State Coordinator

Wombo's Wanderings

Hello all hope you had a nice Christmas and enjoyed time with family. We headed back east Just before Christmas to spend time with daughter for her birthday and before they took off to South Carolina and Georgia so Son in law could be with his grandmas For Christmas. Julia and I headed to our son's house next to spend Christmas with them .We came back on Friday. Weather was a lot better than when we went in Thanksgiving No bad snow storms.

Wouldn't you know we had nice weather so far could be riding my new trike but having rotter cuff surgery has slowed me down a bit. I Have started PT and it's going along pretty well. I am hoping it heals up good. I have been paying attention to the weather out west and I'm sure Brad Dinnel has been sneaking out for some rides enjoy while you can- I know I would be.

On the first Sunday of January we made it to District 6 chili contest and there sure was some nice tasting soup to enjoy. And they had it in a different location this year- they held it in Elkhorn. That is a little closer for us to get to as we brought brother-in-law and sister-in-law to come enjoy it with us. We still were able to make it to Shields so my in-law got a good deal on a handgun. I'm glad they move this I got to see different members from their district. There was a lady from Iowa that was a member years ago here in Nebraska went ahead and re-joined that day. She even brought some pictures she had laying around from events from years past.

We took off to Lincoln and made it to District 2 meeting on Sunday we brought Robert with us. With next month being the bike showed we were able to get some Flyers to put out around our area I even signed up putting my trike in it with the Abate District area. They're always looking for volunteers if you have the opportunity you can go to the bike show and help out It's just not District Two that does this it for the state too. I've been going there for the past few years to help out Always try to watch for people I know from my area that show up and tell him thanks. My meeting is next week I will bring that up in my meeting so people know they can.

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—no report

District 3/8—No Report

District 4— No report

District 5—No report

District 6

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Reminder to Sign In

Treasures Report: General \$??? Event \$? Come to a meeting !

Membership Report: Active 185 Inactive 75 New Business New members 1

EVENTS

Lincoln Bike Show – Feb 20-22nd, 84th & Havelock (Old Lancaster Events Center)

BOD Meeting – January 25, 4pm at 1st Ave Bar

Lobby Day – State Capitol January 26, info pending

D6 February Meeting – Jack Place in Elkhorn 1PM, Feb 1

D6 After Taxes Run – April 18, time and location TBD

Old Business:

Get with our membership secretary. Review inactive list and call your friends. Also Sue is retiring from secretary. Erica Dornacker has agreed to take the position.

Shirts – We have shirts in inventory from rodeo

Share the Road Program – need volunteer to do the program Dan Teeters, and Rick Pace have volunteered.

Rodeo 2026 Kerry Hanson is the new go to. Dates for the event? Meeting pending in January.

New Business:

Butterfields MC Parts is now selling our awareness yard signs. Many thanks to Breeze for doing that and lets all remember to support this business. Winter is hard on a MC store.

We did get a thank you from the Food Bank of the Heartland. Its posted on D6 facebook.

We also have a thank you from OAB for our support of Spinabifida Nebraska.

State:

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

Saddlebag Account: \$20 would have gone to John Amador, who was not present

50/50 Raffle: \$96 to Terry Conant who donated half to the 200 club.



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News From Around the STATE!

District 7

David called the January 4th District 7 meeting to order at Eastside Bar and Grill in Dorchester - He asked all to stand for a moment of Silence and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the December meeting were read and approved.

Curt gave the Treasurers Report as follows- General fund- \$???- Safety and Awareness - \$???

Legislative Report- David stated the session starts January 7th-

Membership Report- Active 145- Inactive 45-

Dee Schuerman will get this year free for signing up 5 new members-

Renewals from the State --Bear N T's Hideaway-Casandra and David Stuelpnagel- B & B Construction-Side Trek Bar- Adam D'Angelo

Inventory Report- still have Look Twice Yard signs left

Safety & Awareness- Karla had a quiz for us- it was very informative- she had Riders Safety scholarship forms available

Old Business- Taco Bar - February 7th- sign up sheet going a round- meeting @1:30 pm before set up Flyers available- Letters went out to Supporting Businesses for Proposals for Toy Run Chili Feed- we will hear them and vote on them at February 7th meeting--January 25th- BOD meeting First Avenue Social Hall- 4pm in Lincoln- Lobby Day January 26th- State Capital- Heartland STEAM March 20-22 Alexandria Minnesota-

New Business- Meat Raffle- Ken motioned that we do the meat raffle again this year- 300 tickets \$10.00 per ticket-- with prizes \$300 - \$200- &

\$100- Curt motioned to add a \$50 prize as well- all were in favor of these motions- Ken will check with Den's to see if he will donate the \$100 prize again this year- Tickets will be printed up so we can start selling them March 7th-we will pay for the tickets - it was discussed that we need to make monthly deposits- and bring sold tickets and money to monthly meetings.

no 50/50 was held due to low attendance

Karla made a motion to adjourn -Lori seconded-

Submitted in Shelly Dunkin's absence

by Maggie Cool

Membership Secretary





District 11

District 11 Meeting, January 7th. 2026, 7:30PM

Papa B's 619 W. Broad St. Blue Springs, Ne. 402-645-8101

American Bikers Aiming Toward Education

Call to Order; (Jeff)

Cell phones on vibrate or off

Pledge of allegiance; (Don) recited by the 12 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 all, for suggestions and continued support.

- Previous monthly minutes; Gypsy: Previous minutes Dec. 3rd 2025 Motioned to accept & carried & approved.

Reports:

Treasurer Report; (Vicki) Reviewed at meetings.

Membership Report; (Doug) 43 active, 60 inactive, State membership 208, \$225.00 handed to membership for renewals and new supporting business, Indie's Place.

Merchandise Report; (Gypsy) No sales no report, 21 State T-shirts tally given to David and Team.

Legislative Report; (Brad) Legislation started on 01-06-2026, No report yet. Brad supplied the American Bikers Journal 2026 for each member.

Old Business;

Check written for MRF (Motorcycles Riders Foundation) Membership \$100.00. year. Motioned & carried & accepted.

D11 events for 2026: **1.** District Appreciation Day (for district Members) 5-16-2026, **2.** Kickstands up in Humboldt 6-13-2026. **3.** Homestead Days Parade 6-27-2026. **4.** Jimmy Wray Memorial Poker Run 7-18-2026, **5.** Chili Feed 10-10-2026. Indie's Place?

New Business; Sending mail to members, motioned to accept & carried & approved. Abate of Nebraska BOD Meeting is Jan 25th, 2026 & Abate of Nebraska Lobby Day is Jan 26th Monday at Nebraska State Capital @ 9:00 AM.

Adjourned: 8:12 PM. Motioned to adjourn, Carried & Accepted.

Feb. 4th Michael J's 831 W. Court St. Beatrice, Ne. 402-230-3065

March 4th The Rail 212 Court St. Beatrice, Ne. 402-228-9857

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

May 6th- Possibly Pawnee City (Still waiting on Confirmation)

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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News From Around the STATE!

District 12

So there I was; riding around SW Neb in a T-shirt 1st part of January. UN-BELIEVABLE. Mild weather made it possible to get in a ride before our annual after Christmas/New Year party. Some were able to ride to the party from 2,20 & 170 miles away. As of this writing, the amazing weather continues out West. I will definitely have to go for a ride today.

During our time of sharing stories during our meeting, we heard of many others also being able to get out and enjoy riding in this great weather.

Bart shared his story of living in Chihuahua Mexico as missionary support. Riding daily as a means of transportation as well as enjoyment. He has attended many large rallies in the desert and mountains of Mexico. Bart patched in as a CMA member Mexico in May.

Poppy & Cindy joined us as our newest dist. 12 members & Chris signed up for lifetime after a 1 year membership. We welcome you.

A big Thanx to the VFW post 4688 for hosting us for our party.

A big Thanx to the VFW auxiliary ladies for the delicious meal.

A big Thanx to the Specks for helping set up & tear down for the meal, as well as taking charge of the Christmas gift games.

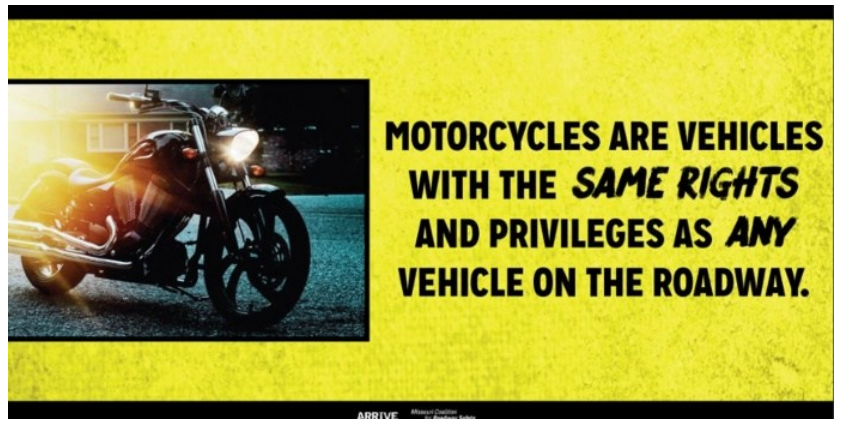
Y'all must be getting old, party was over & everyone gone shortly after 9. The V decided to close at 10. That left Bart & I driving around talking, spent some time in the local Kwik stop getting our fill of munchies & catching up. It's been a year since we've seen one another in person. We ended up staying out into the wee hours of the morning.

What an awesome group to be part of. We missed those that were unable to attend for various reasons & remember those that have gone on before us. We will Never Forget as we Move Forward-Brad



ABATE of Nebraska Dist 12

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District 13- No report

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

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News From Around the STATE!

District 14

MEETING MINUTES	
ABATE of Nebraska District 14	
Location:	County Line Bar
Date:	Saturday, January 11 th
Time:	Noon

Call to order 12:27 pm (7 people in attendance)
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Moment of silence for lost brothers or sisters and our military
 Opening remarks, welcome visitors

Reports
Secretary – Jenna Hatfield, copies provided
Treasurer – Joslynn Cronin, account balance update
Membership – Jenna Hatfield
 As of December 1st, 47 active members, 68 inactive
 Up for renewal: Bruce Mills, The Mint Bar
 Continue to get birthdays for demographic purposes
Legislative – Summer Ahlman
 BOD meeting is January 25th and Lobby Day is January 26th
Assistant Coordinator – Cyrus Ahlman
 Bike show date and location discussion

Closing Remarks
 Thanks to the County Line Bar for hosting
 Future Meetings
 Thursday, February 12th, Ratsnest Cycles in Norfolk, 7:00 pm
 Thursday, March 12th, The Mint Bar, 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned 1:11 pm

District 14 Officers
 Coordinator – Don Gerdes Inventory – Brandon Fulsaa
 Asst. Coordinator – Cyrus Ahlman Public Relations – open
 Secretary – Jenna Hatfield Safety & Awareness – Adam Cronin
 Treasurer – Joslynn Cronin MRF – open Membership – open Legislative – open



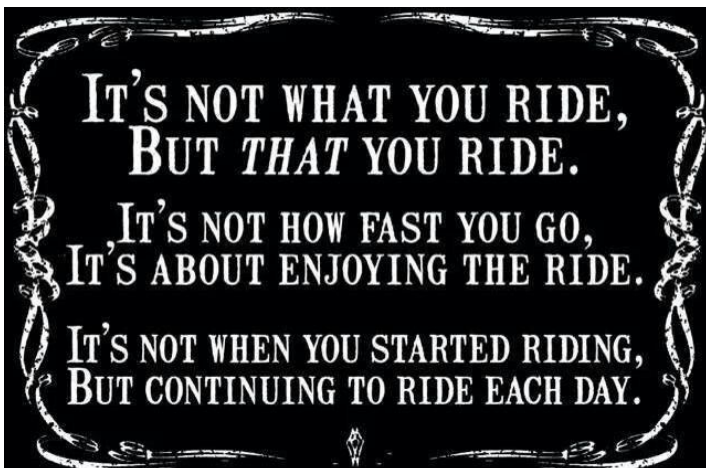
District 15– No report

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The law has changed but the powers that be have not changed the signs ... or responded to repeated questions as to why ... please help to inform the public ... this just creates confusion when we say the law has changed but the government keeps sending another message ... And contact your senators and ask them Why? - Rogue

Anyone have one of these they would part with? I sure would like one ...





MRF News from the Capital

MRF President Represents Riders At AIMExpo

Earlier this week, Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard attended the American International Motorcycle Expo (AIMExpo) in Anaheim, CA, the premier powersports trade show in North America that brings together manufacturers, dealers, distributors, and aftermarket leaders from across the motorcycle industry. AIMExpo serves as a central hub for showcasing new products, building business relationships, and discussing the future of motorcycling.

A key highlight of the event was the continued partnership with respected industry figures such as Bob Kay and other leaders in the aftermarket parts community. These relationships are not symbolic; they are working alliances that allow the MRF to coordinate strategy, share intelligence and build coalitions around issues that directly affect riders nationwide.

By being present and engaged, the MRF reinforced its commitment to issues including the Right to Repair and the preservation of the internal combustion engine. These priorities are increasingly under pressure from regulatory trends and shifting technology mandates, and success will only come through cooperation between rider advocates and the businesses that serve them.

Our participation at AIMExpo is a reminder that advocacy does not occur solely in legislative offices. It happens on the show floor, in side meetings, and in ongoing conversations with our partners. The MRF will continue to join forces with industry allies to defend rider freedom and ensure the future of motorcycling remains strong for generations to come.



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Winter Riding Tips

For many riders, the arrival of winter doesn't signal the end of the season—it simply marks a shift in strategy. Riding in cold weather can be exhilarating, but it also introduces a unique set of hazards: reduced traction, unpredictable weather, mechanical stress, and visibility challenges. With the right preparation and mindset, you can continue enjoying your bike year-round while staying safe. Here are essential winter motorcycle riding tips to keep you upright and protected.

1. Dress for the Weather: Layer Like a Pro

Cold temperatures can sap your concentration, slow your reaction time, and stiffen your muscles. Proper gear is one of the most important safety factors.

What to wear:

- Base layer:** moisture-wicking thermal underwear
- Insulating layer:** fleece or wool for warmth
- Outer layer:** a windproof, waterproof jacket and pants
- Gloves:** insulated, windproof, and preferably with heated liners
- Boots:** waterproof with good insulation and grip
- Helmet:** full-face with a fog-resistant visor or Pinlock insert

Tip: Consider *heated gear* (jacket liner, gloves, grips, socks). It's a game-changer for comfort and safety.

2. Prep Your Bike for Cold Weather

Winter puts additional strain on your motorcycle. Make sure it's ready to handle it.

Check these items:

- Tires:** Choose winter-appropriate rubber if possible. Ensure tread depth is well above minimum and check tire pressure often—cold temperatures lower PSI.
- Battery:** Cold weakens batteries. Keep it fully charged and consider a trickle charger at home.
- Fluids:** Use winter-grade oil if your manufacturer specifies. Ensure coolant is appropriate for freezing temps.
- Lights:** Shorter days mean more night riding—verify all lights are bright and functional.
- Chain & lubrication:** Cold weather thickens and stiffens lube, so keep the chain well maintained.

3. Ride Smoothly and Predictably

Winter riding is all about traction management.

Key habits:

- Accelerate gently** to avoid spinning the rear tire.
- Brake smoothly and early.** Use both brakes with lighter pressure.
- Lean less in corners.** Keep the bike more upright and reduce speed.
- Increase following distance.** Aim for 4–6 seconds, more if roads are wet or icy.

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Winter Riding Tips

4. Watch for Invisible Hazards

The biggest winter danger is what you *don't* see until it's too late.

High-risk areas:

- **Shaded corners** where ice lingers all day
- **Bridge decks** that freeze sooner
- **Leaves** that become slippery when damp
- **Black ice**, which often looks like wet pavement
- **Sand and gravel** used by road crews

Rule of thumb: If the temperature is below 40°F (4°C) and the pavement looks “wet,” assume it may be ice.

5. Improve Your Visibility

Drivers already struggle to see motorcycles—winter conditions make it worse.

Make yourself stand out:

- Wear bright or reflective gear.
 - Add reflective tape to your helmet or panniers.
 - Use auxiliary lights or fog lights when possible.
 - Keep your visor clean inside and out to reduce glare and fog.
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6. Stay Warm to Stay Sharp

Cold reduces mental clarity, and that can lead to mistakes.

Stay alert by:

- Taking breaks to warm up on long rides
- Keeping a small thermos of hot drink in your luggage
- Using heated grips or bar muffs
- Avoiding prolonged exposure if windchill becomes extreme

Remember: Numb hands mean slower reactions.

7. Know When Not to Ride

One of the smartest winter-riding skills is recognizing when conditions are too dangerous.

Avoid riding if:

- Snow is actively falling
- Roads have not yet been plowed or salted
- Temperatures drop rapidly after rain (flash freeze risk)
- Strong crosswinds make control difficult
- Visibility is poor due to fog or blowing snow

Your safety is worth more than any ride.

Final Thoughts

Winter motorcycle riding can be rewarding—quiet roads, crisp air, stunning landscapes—but only if approached with caution and preparation. With the right gear, a properly maintained bike, and mindful riding techniques, you can enjoy the colder months safely.

Stay warm, stay visible, and above all, stay safe out there.

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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.

“keep the shiny side up!” - Rogue



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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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RIGHT TO RIDE

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!

Rogue

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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.

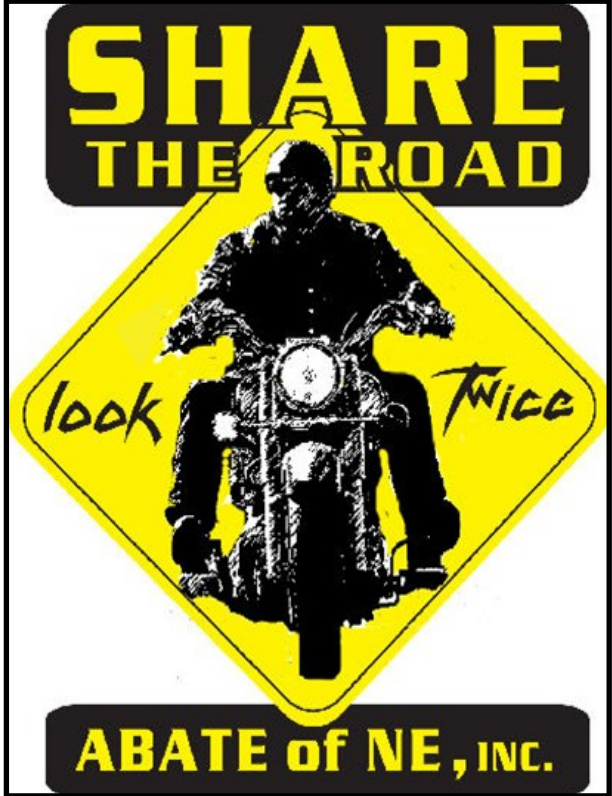
The greatest risk area for a conflict between a motorcycle and a automobile is at an intersection...whether it is in the middle of an urban area, a driveway on a residential street, or anywhere where traffic may cross your path of travel. Over one half of motorcycle/car crashes are caused by drivers 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**.

Safety and Awareness Programs

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.

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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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ABATE of Nebraska, Inc
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- I am a registered voter in Nebraska
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I understand by signing my name to this application, I am seeking membership into a motorcycle rights organization.

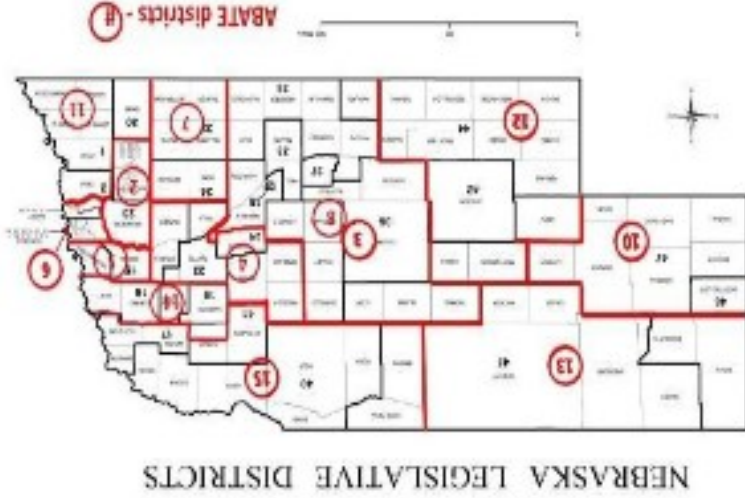
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*No Matter What You Ride,
 We All Share the Road!*

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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.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: This is for our younger freedom fighters 18 years of age or younger and **MUST** be sponsored by an adult. It includes a membership card, membership patch and discounts to events. It does NOT include the monthly newsletter and Associate Members cannot vote or hold an office.

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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