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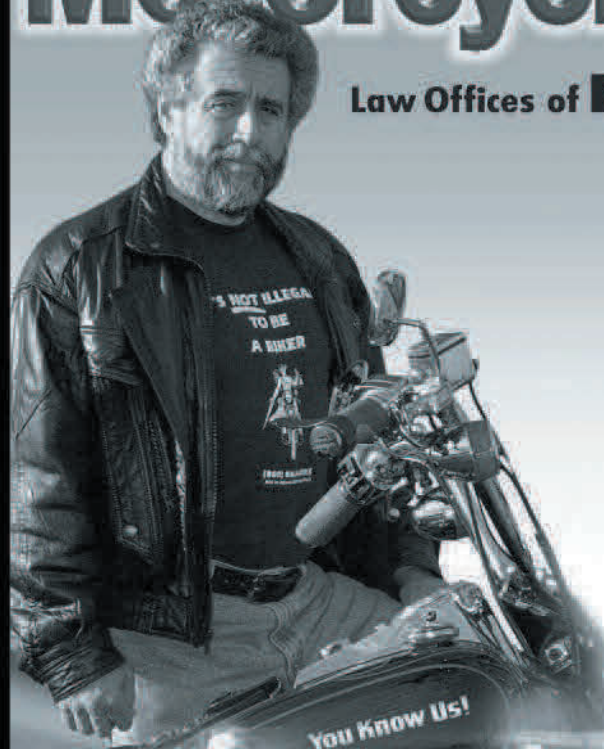


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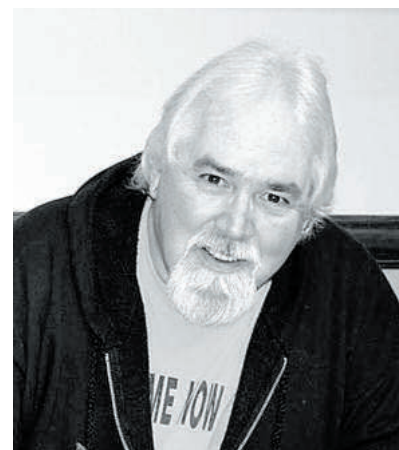
**Ambulating ahead... by Andrew W. Liuzzi**

As most of you probably already know - our Bill #'s S2509/A5407 - have been shot down by the politicians that run NY State. Our Bills were shot down because the 'powers that be' felt it was more important to ban the declawing of cats, pass the Green Light bill, and give more free stuff to illegal immigrants than to protect the lives of motorcyclists. Now, don't get me wrong, I love cats but, I'm no fan of this Green Light crap they shoved down our throats. A politician in California - I can't recall her name - said, "These people have rights! All Americans have rights!" Quite honestly, and I'm only thinking common sense-wise, if these people are not "legal citizens" of our Country... they have NO RIGHTS! Anyway, our two bill numbers are still good for another year and I can assure you we're not done with this fight.

On a lighter note - the Charter Fee discussion, at the Freedom Rally meeting, brought some good ideas to the table, and by table I'm referring to the State Board meeting for June. The Board argued and talked and argued some more and we finally voted to waive the Charter Fees and hike up the membership dues. The AMA and the MRF have both raised their annual membership fees without an issue so, ABATE of NY, Inc will do the same. The new rates will be \$30 for 'full membership' and \$25 for 'associate membership'. None of the benefits are changing and the By-Laws will be amended to remove the Charter Fee from the books.

This year has been a rough start for riders. Between the daily rain and the number of fatalities it has truly been rough. Our condolences go out to the families of anyone that's gone down or been killed on the roadways. The seven marines killed recently, all members of the Jarhead M/C, were on a fund-raiser event for an American Legion Post. The tragedy should be an eye-opener for all politicians - especially during an election campaign - that we need stiffer penalties and better laws that protect us "vulnerable users of the road". Why, just yesterday, I attended an American Legion Post Poker Run pre-ride event with ABATE of NY, Inc literature and products, and I did the pre-ride blessing of bikes and riders. Thank the Good Lord there were no incidents on that run. People need to pay attention - as well as bikers need to stay alert. Here's a little issue I have, after being a rider for so many years, that we are all guilty of as riders. I fall into my 'zone' and I find myself ambling down the road focused on the road ahead... watching for deer and idiot drivers, but nonetheless, in my 'zone'. I slouch when I'm in my zone. I focus on the peripherals of the road ahead. My mind clears as the miles tick by yet, I might've missed some good sights or a place to stop for food because all I'm seeing is the road ahead. You follow me? Being alert, with our heads on a 360\* swivel, and seeing everything and noticing important things like gas stops or food stops - that's being alert.

National Income Life Insurance Company, aka NILICO, has been good to us over the years, and will remain good to us for years to come. Here's something I found out recently with a visit to my in-laws, Larry and Judy Benner. The NILICO representative was coming to their home to discuss their green cards for coverage under ABATE of NY, Inc. I told my in-laws I wanted to be present for the meeting, you know, just to witness any and all sales pitches the representative might try. Upon her arrival we all introduced ourselves - me being the son-in-law. The woman performed her presentation, which only took a few minutes, and told my in-laws this was for \$2,000.00 coverage as referrals. I said, "But they're ABATE members." To which the representative informed me "Referrals get \$2,000.00 for being "referred" on top of the \$4,000.00 for being an active ABATE member. And because I referred them I was entitled to the additional \$2,000.00 coverage, too. That's \$6,000.00 free coverage just for being an ABATE member and referring other members.



Then the NILICO representative made one little mistake in her presentation...She said, "I have a letter to read to you from the president of your organization..." and she said Mike Giarusso. She had old paperwork. That's when I properly introduced myself as President of ABATE of NY, Inc. My mother-in-law handed her the updated letter, with my signature on it, and the NILICO representative blushed bright red. At any rate, just by allowing the NILICO people to come to your home, do their presentation, and sign your name - possibly referring a few friends - you get up to \$6,000.00 of free coverage from fine upstanding business in NY State. And they do honor the coverage - as I've been handed checks for personal delivery to the families of deceased riders.

Okay, I've rambled on enough for one newsletter. Stay safe! Stay loyal to the Cause. And as always - God bless and good health. Time to amble out to my bike and go for a ride.

Andrew W. Liuzzi - President.

**Thought for Today**

"Life is made up of desires that seem big and vital one minute, and little and absurd the next. I guess we get what's best for us in the end."

-Alice Caldwell Rice, American humorist (1870-1942)





## A RIGHT NOT EXERCISED IS A RIGHT AT RISK



**Kirk "Hardtail" Willard  
President/Chairman of the Board**

A couple weeks ago I found myself on the west coast with a six-hour drive between manufacturing facilities. When traveling I always try and find the local talking heads political opinion show on the radio, I sure found a doozy this time.

The intro to the show that immediately caught my attention started by asking the question whether citizens and/or professional lobbyists should be allowed to influence elected officials. Before I go any further, let me make it very clear, I was in the United States.

The grass roots activism and citizen lobbying under attack here is exactly what our community of bikers' rights activists has done incredibly effectively since the inception of our movement, so I buckled in and prepared myself for what would undoubtedly be a wild ride.

The discussion began by multiple people talking over each other as if in a feeding frenzy and trying to outsmart each other as to why citizens and most times professional lobbyists shouldn't be allowed to meet with and influence politicians. The only exception they seemed to conclude was that it might be okay to allow professional lobbyists to provide expert testimony or facts important to the decision, but only if they were invited to by the politicians and were thoroughly vetted as experts specific to the question at hand, I interpreted this to mean only if they agreed with the politicians and would make them look good.

I was outraged, furious, bewildered, disappointed, and depressed all at the same time. The outcome they aligned on was that citizen lobbyists don't have a clue as to what they are talking about, do nothing more than muck up the system by delaying the "obvious" decisions, stir up other people's emotions unnecessarily, and in the end may get things they probably don't deserve. Thankfully there were guardrails, or I might have driven right into the levy.

After I calmed down and decided against driving to the radio station to sort this out, I reflected some and given the current state of our country and all the silliness going on politically this kind of talk really didn't surprise me, what did though was that not once, not one time, did they mention the First Amendment, I am sure if you are reading this you know it well.

The right to petition. The right to petition government for redress of grievances is the right to make a complaint to, or seek the assistance of, one's government, without fear of punishment or reprisals, ensured by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution (1791)

Now let me leave you with one important thought,  
A right not exercised is a right at risk.



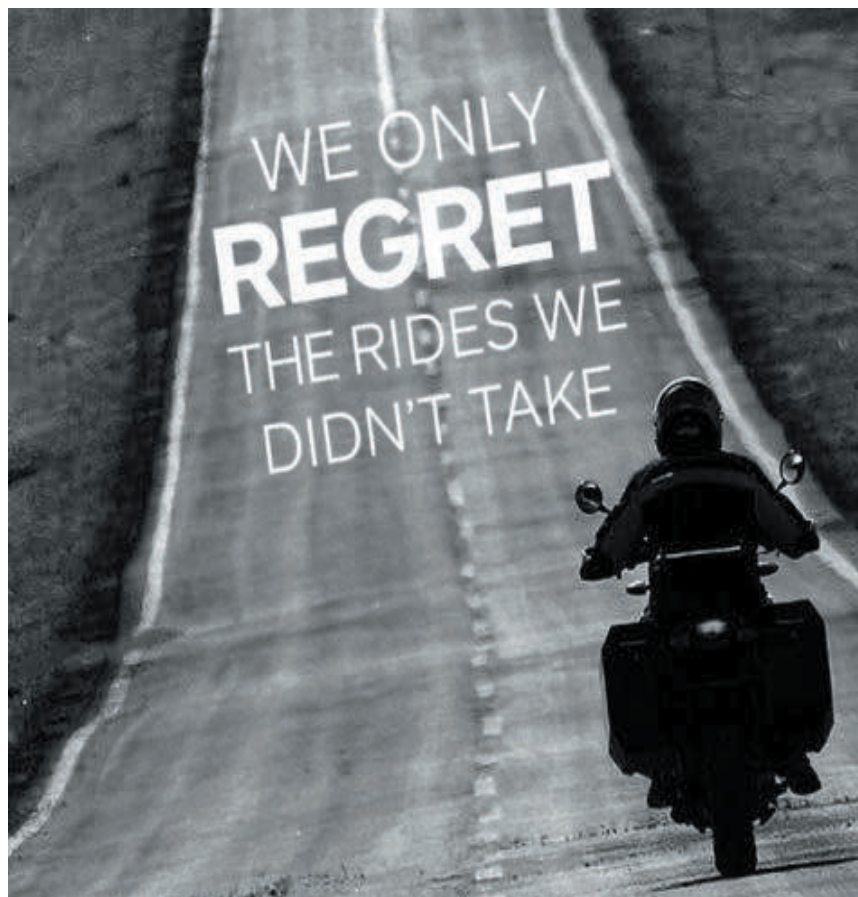
### FREEDOM RALLY 2019

Once again motorcyclists from across New York state converged on the Capital in Albany and let their Legislators know we RIDE and we VOTE! We had a Bill in both the Senate and Assembly that would hold individuals accountable in a collision with a "Vulnerable User"; Pedestrian, Bicyclist and Motorcyclist. Unfortunately, the Senate did NOT pass our bill! Even though they'd passed the same bill the last two years!

We need to get our friends and family to become MEMBERS of ABATE on NY. We all should be in contact with our Legislators, even when they're not in session! We should help the campaigns of those who've support our legislation. We also need to support new politicians running against an incumbent that opposed ABATE of NY!

Live to Ride, Ride to Live.  
President of Rensselaer Chapter  
Robert "BAR" Porter





## 2019 State Meetings

\*State Board and Chapter meetings are held at:  
American Legion Post 92  
8083 Rt 20, Waterville, NY 13480\*

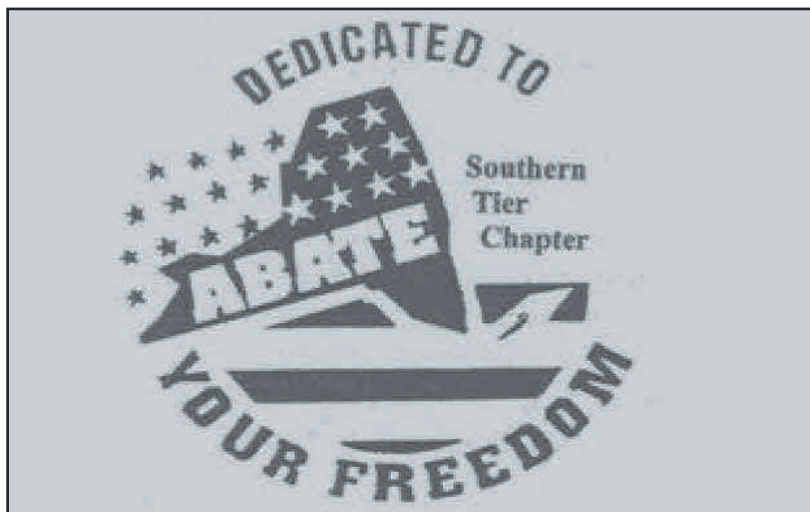
### 2019 ABATE STATE MEETINGS

Saturday, AUG 17 1 PM Board 12  
Saturday, NOV 16 1 PM Board at 12

### BOARD MEETINGS

Sunday, SEP 15 11 AM  
Sunday, DEC 15 11 AM

\*Except May meetings and Freedom Rally Regional meetings shall convene on the third week of every third month located in the specific region.



# HardTales

## MAGAZINE

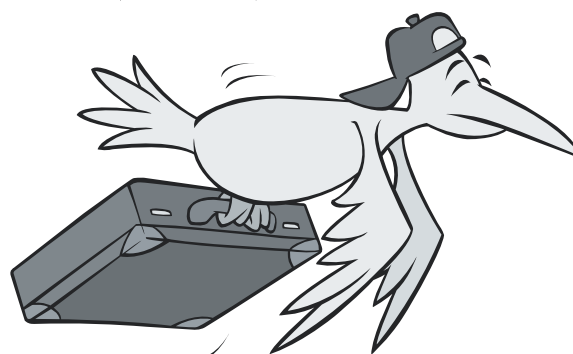
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# AMA News and Notes



## NEW YORK

The AMA is supporting an effort by Harley-Davidson to expand the state's Drive Clean Rebate program for electric vehicles to include motorcycles. Current-ly, the program is limited to four-wheeled vehicles. The rebates available through the program range up to \$2,000.

## NORTH CAROLINA

A state House committee has approved a mandatory-helmet repeal bill, H.B. 267.

The bill would require helmets for riders younger than 21, but would allow those 21 and older the option of riding without a helmet.

In a story in the Raleigh News & Observer, the bill sponsor-state Rep. John Torbett (R-Gaston) said, "It's not a matter of wearing a helmet or not wearing a helmet. It's just a matter of, 'Does a state tell you to wear it?'"

## PENNSYLVANIA

An abandoned mine at the Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area-known to the locals as "the caves"-is one of seven projects selected by the state Department of Environmental Protection for cleanup of a hazardous water-filled pit and spoil piles.

The project on 88 acres in the Bear Valley Southwest portion of the western reserve of the AOM will expand the OHV trails to include about 6,600 feet of extreme rock crawling, will reestablish or build about 4,370 feet of off-road/ATV/dirt bike trails and will create a new recreational attraction that officials hope will boost the local economy.

The state agency announced the approval of \$25 million in funding for seven environmental cleanup and revitalization projects at abandoned mine land locations across Pennsylvania.

The AOM, which caters to off-road motorized vehicles, hunters, hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts, is located along Route 125 on 6,500 acres of forest and re-claimed coal land in Coal, East Cameron, Mount Carmel, West Cameron and Zerbe townships. The park is owned by Northumberland County and managed by the AOM Authority. More than 26,000 passes were sold last year compared to 19,000 in 2017, and the park generated \$535,000 in total business in 2018 compared to \$525,000 in 2017.

## From the State Office Manager:

Please return completed NILICO Beneficiary Cards to NILICO in the postage paid envelopes provided

## WISCONSIN

The Sauk County Board voted 20-7 to open several miles of public highways to off-road recreational vehicles, following a year of effort by local ATV enthusiasts. The new county routes will allow clubs to connect an existing network of town, village and city roads that local governments have approved, according to WiscNews.com .

### New York AMA Coming Events

#### GRAND TOUR

July 3: New York City: AABMC Events LLC, (937) 234-7320, [www.acrossamericabymotorcycle.com](http://www.acrossamericabymotorcycle.com)

#### ROAD RUN

July 13: Congers: 2 Day Event, Ramapo Motorcycle Club, (914) 42.2-1806, [www.ramapomc.org/events](http://www.ramapomc.org/events)

July 14= Pomona: Blue Knights NY Chapter XVIII, (845) 598-1843

July 21: Utica: Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, (800) 253-6530, [www.curethekids.org](http://www.curethekids.org)

July 28: Staten Island: Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 New York, (646) 373-4503, [www.rollingthunderzny.com](http://www.rollingthunderzny.com)

#### TRAIL RIDE - RECREATIONAL

July 14= Pavilion: Niagara Trials Riders, (716) 930- 0766, [www.ntrclub.org](http://www.ntrclub.org)

#### HARE SCRAMBLES

July 20: Andover: 2 Day Event, Arcadia Bark Buster, (315) 359-3435, [www.arcadiabarkbuster.com](http://www.arcadiabarkbuster.com)

#### MOTOCROSS

July 6: (Includes ATVs) Caroga Lake: Royal Mountain Ski Area, (518) 835-6445, [v.www.royalmountain.com](http://v.www.royalmountain.com)

July 7: (Includes ATVs) Caroga Lake: Royal Mountain Ski Area, (518) 835-6445, [www.royalmountain.com](http://www.royalmountain.com)

July 14= Richford: Broome Tioga Sports Center Inc., (607) 849-4438, [www.broome-tioga.com](http://www.broome-tioga.com)

July 14= (Includes ATVs) Granville: Paradox MX, (2.03) 597-7136, [v.www.paradoxmx.com](http://v.www.paradoxmx.com)

July 21: (Includes ATVs) Fort Plain: SX Motorsports LLC, (518) 441-7299, [www.rwistervalley.com](http://www.rwistervalley.com)

#### OBSERVED TRIALS

July 7: Beaver Dam: District 4 Trials Committee, (607) 742-6648, [www.district4trials.com](http://www.district4trials.com)

July 28: Cuba: District 4 Trials Committee, (716) 968-3025, [www.district4trials.com](http://www.district4trials.com)



**RIDING FREE FROM DC:**

*Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway*

*Your Motorcycle Riders Foundation team in Washington, D.C. is pleased to provide our members with the latest information and updates on issues that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. Count on your MRF to keep you informed about a range of matters that are critical to the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle.*

*Published weekly when the U.S. Congress is in session.*

**Rules, Rules, Rules...**

Just past midnight on Wednesday night, in a committee room inside the U.S. Capitol the issue of motorcycle profiling received a brief debate and roll call vote before the Rules Committee. How did that happen? Well Congressman Mike Burgess (R-TX) and Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) used the appropriations amendment process to force Congress to vote on the issue of motorcycle profiling.

The gridlock that grips Congress means that few stand-alone bills pass both the Senate and the House. However, appropriations bills, which fund the government have to pass, if they don't a government shutdown ensues. These must pass appropriations bills become a key tool for lawmakers to press legislative priorities. If they can attach an amendment to a bill that has to pass, the legislative priority becomes law. However, the amendment offered must be related to the appropriations bill in some way. Congressman Walberg and Congressman Burgess drafted the following amendment to the appropriations bill that funds the Department of Transportation:

**AMENDMENT TO DIVISION E OF RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-18 OFFERED BY MR. WALBERG OF MICHIGAN**

SEC. II. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration for activities intended to encourage states to adopt legislation, regulations, policies, directives or guidance to profile motorcycle riders, nor shall such funds be used by States to implement any activity with the primary intent of profiling motorcycle riders.

Before the full House of Representatives votes on the appropriations bill and the amendments the Rules Committee holds a hearing to decide what will go to the floor for a full vote. Unfortunately, the Rules Committee is the most partisan committee in the House and because our two main champions are Republicans the chances of the Rules Committee allowing this amendment to proceed were slim. On a strict party line vote the amendment was defeated 8 to 4.

While it's disappointing that the full House of Representatives was not allowed to vote on this amendment it was a solid step forward in the debate about motorcycle profiling. Additionally, this does not stop our campaign to have H. Res 255 passed by the House of Representatives. In truth this should further energize us. The full House of Representatives should be allowed to vote on H. Res 255 and the issue of motorcycle profiling should not be blocked by the vote of just 8 lawmakers.

**Ride to Work Day**

Monday, June 17th was the 28th annual "Ride to Work Day." While we at the MRF don't need a special day to ride our motorcycles it was nice to get an email from Congressman Troy Balderson (R-OH) with the following message, "I am a lifelong motorcycle rider and a big advocate for motorcycle awareness and safety. This national ride to work, let's celebrate our biker community and keep the roads safe."

Congressman Balderson sent us this picture of him on his bike Monday headed to his congressional district office in Worthington, Ohio. Thanks to Congressman Balderson for being a true champion of the motorcycle community.

Your Team in D.C. Rocky & Tiffany

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

**About Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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## MotoAmerica Superbikes To Air On FOX Sports

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Sun, July 14: Laguna Seca Superbikes (Race 2) 6 p.m.

Sat, August 10: Sonoma Superbikes (Race 2), 9 p.m.

Sun, August 11: Sonoma Superbikes (Race 2) 11 p.m.

Sat, August 24: Pittsburgh Superbikes (Race 1), 7 p.m.

Sun, August 25: Pittsburgh Superbikes (Race 2), 9:30 p.m.

Sat, September 7: New Jersey Superbikes (Race 1), 6:30 p.m. Sun,

September 8: New Jersey Superbikes (Race 2), 6:30 p.m. Sat,

September 21: Barber Motorsports Superbikes (Race 1),  
6:30 p.m.

Sun, September 22: Barber Motorsports Superbikes (Race 2),  
9 p.m.



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West Seneca, NY

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Sun., Sept. 8th – 29th Annual "Toy Ride" (Cash  
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Sat., Oct., 5th – 29th Annual Fall Foliage Ride





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8/4	Meeting	11/30	Christmas Party
8/25	Memorial Ride	12/1	Meeting
9/8	Meeting		
10/6	Meeting		



# STAYIN' SAFE

## Steering Oppositely

Grasping countersteering—the way motorcycles actually steer.



This exaggerated static demonstration illustrates the countersteering effect. The rider presses forward on the right end of the handlebar to make the bike lean right and go right. He presses left to make the bike lean and turn to the left.

**CONVERSATIONS ABOUT** steering a motorcycle inevitably come around to “countersteering.” You may have even taken a rider course where they taught, “press left, go left” and “press right, go right.” Even so, you may be among the population of riders who still don’t quite get the left and right of it all. Countersteering remains, well, counterintuitive.

Without getting into a physics lesson, the thing to know is when a motorcycle travels at any speed above a walking pace, if the handlebar is turned, the chassis will react with a counter response. In other words, the handle-bars, fork and front wheel will be pointed slightly “coun-ter” to the direction the bike is leaning and turning.

I find that riders get a better understanding of how countersteering works when they try a throttle-hand-only exercise. In an open parking lot, establish a straight line and steady speed of about 15 mph. Remove your left hand from the handlebar while keeping your right hand on

the throttle. With throttle steady, press forward and pull back slightly a few times. Notice how the bike responds. Press forward and the bike immediately leans and turns to the right. Pull back on that throttle side (equivalent to pressing forward on the left end of the handlebar with your other hand) and the bike leans and turns left. Experiment with different amounts of pressure. Got it?

Now repeat the same straight-line exercise with both hands lightly on the handlebars. Take turns pressing forward on each end of the bar independently with the palm or heel of your hand. The bike will always lean and turn toward the side that you pressed. The more firmly you press, the more pronounced the turn will be.

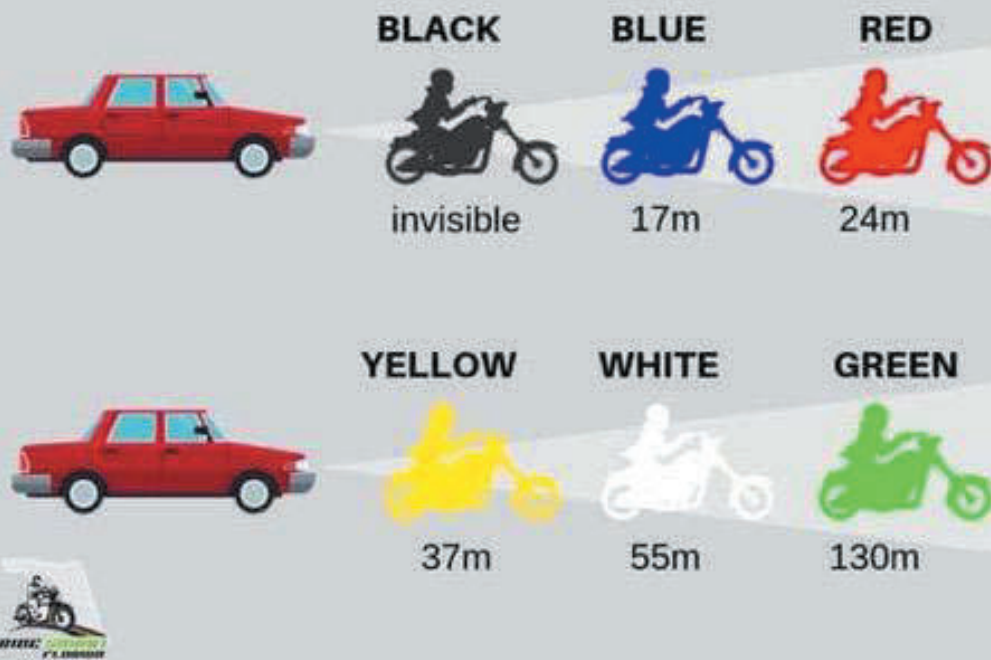
Continue to practice until the behavior becomes comfortable and you can execute it with confidence, knowing exactly how the bike will respond. You’ll soon join the riders who’ve come to view countersteering as something they count on during every ride. —**ERIC TROW**

### ATTENTION ALL ABATE OF NEW YORK CHAPTERS:

The Board of Directors have voted to not charge chapter charter fees for 2019. All chapter that paid fees for 2019 will have those fees returned.



# MOTORCYCLIST VISIBILITY ON THE ROAD



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 Legislative Coordinator: Bryte (917) 446-6550  
 Public Relations: Nauty (347) 546-0543  
 Membership Coordinator: LB (646) 276-8775

**Location 966 Rufland Road, Bklyn, NY**  
 (Location is Subject to Change Periodically)

ABATE of NY Website: [www.ABATENY.org](http://www.ABATENY.org) Facebook: [abateny5boroughs](https://www.facebook.com/abateny5boroughs)

**For PAWED PATRIOTS PRESENTS:**  
**A Private Mountain Dance Party**  
**"SHAKE YOUR BUTTS FOR THE MUTTS"**

**SAT 21<sup>st</sup> SEPT 2019**  
**1:00PM – 5:00PM**  
**Doors open at Noon**

FUNDRAISER FOR OUR VETERANS' & FIRST RESPONDERS' CANINES at Plattekill Mountain, Roxbury, NY

Cheer on our Veterans, First Responders, college students, yourself and others for first place in the dance contests. Cash prizes!

Get your pre-sale tickets at [www.forpawedpatriots.org](http://www.forpawedpatriots.org)  
**\$25.00 pre-sale donation/\$30 day of event includes:**

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**"SHAKE YOUR BUTTS FOR THE MUTTS!"**

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Saturday, September 21, 2019 1:00PM – 5:00PM Doors open at Noon

Cheer on our Senior Veterans, college students, yourself and others for first place in one of the many dance contests. Cash prizes!

Get your tickets now at [www.forpawedpatriots.org](http://www.forpawedpatriots.org)

Pre-sale tickets only! NO tickets will be sold at the door!

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## Louisiana Unanimously Passes Anti-Motorcycle Profiling Law

On June 3, 2019 Louisiana became the third state in America to unanimously pass legislation addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling when the Louisiana House voted 103-0 in favor of HB 141, and concurred with the Louisiana Senate's 38-0 approval with amendments the day before. Following similar laws in Washington State (2011) and Maryland (2016), HB 141 requires motorcyclist profiling training to be integrated into current training on biased policing. Notably, Louisiana is the first state to pass a law following the US Senate's unanimous approval on December 11, 2018 of a resolution directing every state to follow Washington and Maryland's lead.



Louisiana's victory, a result of Representative Howard sponsoring ABATE of Louisiana Inc.'s grassroots driven efforts- with the support of the Louisiana Confederation of Clubs, the National Council of Clubs and the MPP- are important for a number of reasons. HB 141 will reduce incidents of profiling in the short and long-term. Also, HB 141 demonstrates that motorcycle profiling is a non-partisan issue impacting motorcyclists in blue and red states alike, regardless of party affiliation. This, in turn, will likely make things a bit easier for the next state, and even the federal government, to address the issue.

### Reducing incidents of profiling.

Mandatory motorcycle profiling training will bring a greater awareness of the issue to law enforcement in Louisiana. This will, in turn, reduce incidents of motorcycle profiling. But even before the first officer is trained, the increase in awareness of the issue as a result of legislative action will likely have a more short-term impact.

Using Washington State as the example with the most data, based on the reduction in reports to the WA State Council of Clubs, integrating motorcycle profiling training into current training on profiling noticeably reduced incidents of profiling in the state. The impact was immediate and, the MPP believes, most likely the result of an immediate increase in awareness.

Although some profiling incidents do still occur, reported incidents are nowhere near pre-2011 levels. Importantly, when challenged in court, most incidents that do occur result in dismissals. But the key to maintaining a reduction has been continued diligence from the same community that pushed for a new law in the first place.

### Unanimous Consent

Notably, laws addressing motorcycle profiling have been the result of legislation passed without a single no vote, in any committee or on the floor, in Washington State and Maryland. Louisiana proudly continues this trend with HB 141, also passing all legislative stages unanimously.

Laws addressing motorcycle profiling are nonpartisan, speaking to a broad base of legislators on both sides of the aisle. Louisiana is far more conservative than Washington State or Maryland. HB 141 demonstrates that discriminatory policing is equally condemnable by the left and the right, particularly the targeting of an entire community defined by the 1st Amendment. Motorcycle profiling is an issue providing the opportunity for collaboration and cooperation unbound by party affiliation that every legislator should openly support.

### A Word of Caution

Passing a law addressing motorcycle profiling is a noticeable accomplishment that should not be undersold. ABATE of Louisiana has driven a grassroots effort into the end zone. Although nowhere near pre-2011 levels- the year the law passed- motorcycle profiling incidents still do occur in Washington State. Maintaining a grassroots infrastructure in the form of the Washington State Council of Clubs and Washington State ABATE provides a place for victims of profiling to report their incidents and receive advice and in some cases legal assistance.



Many dismissals have been granted since 2011. Many of these individuals received advice or assistance from the COC. The MPP believes maintaining a grassroots infrastructure in Louisiana will be directly connected to the new law's ultimate effectiveness.

There are considerations beyond dismissals as well. For example, motorcycle profiling sensitivity training will be official law enforcement policy in Louisiana providing a tangible basis for official complaints filed against offending officers. An efficient organizational response to incidents that do occur will help insure the new law addressing motorcycle profiling is as effective as possible.

## May the dominoes fall

Every state that passes laws addressing motorcycle profiling makes the next state considering the issue more likely to act. This is particularly true when, in the legislative efforts that have seen success, there has not been a single vote of opposition by an elected official at the state or federal level.

Every successful effort addressing motorcycle profiling has also been centered around a grassroots movement consisting of collaboration between independent motorcyclists and the motorcycle club community. Indeed, Louisiana is the most recent living example of why the MPP was founded and proof of the results that can be obtained, without opposition, by implementing the best practices and principles developed at the state and national level.

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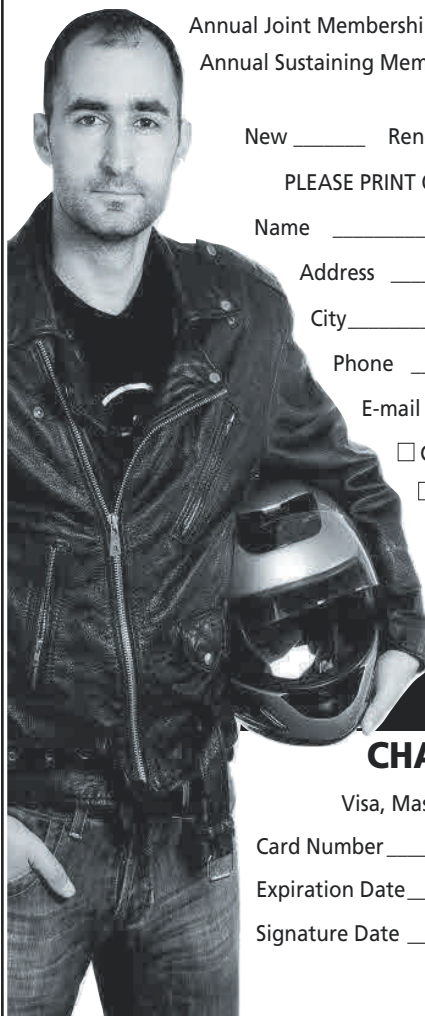
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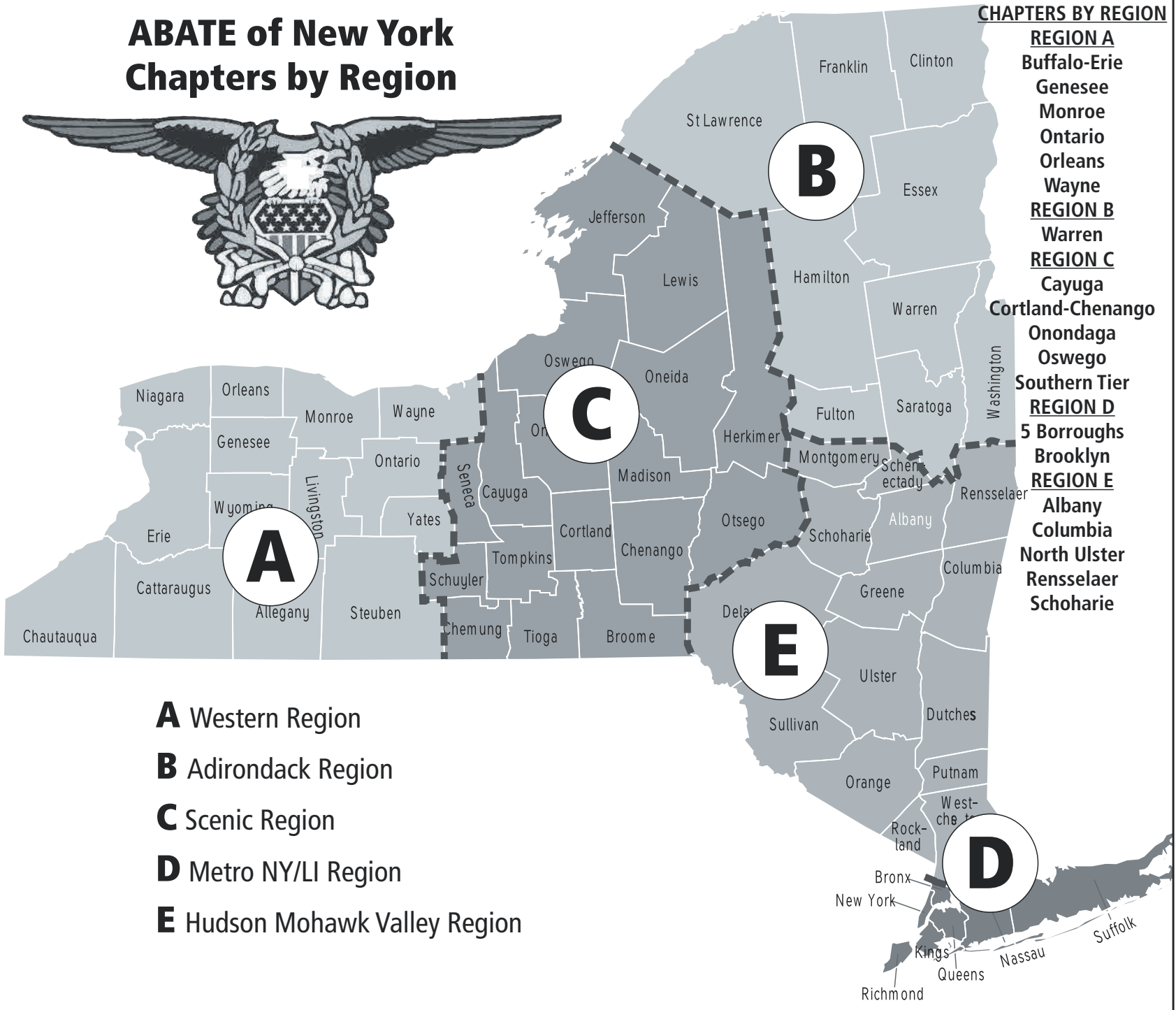
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