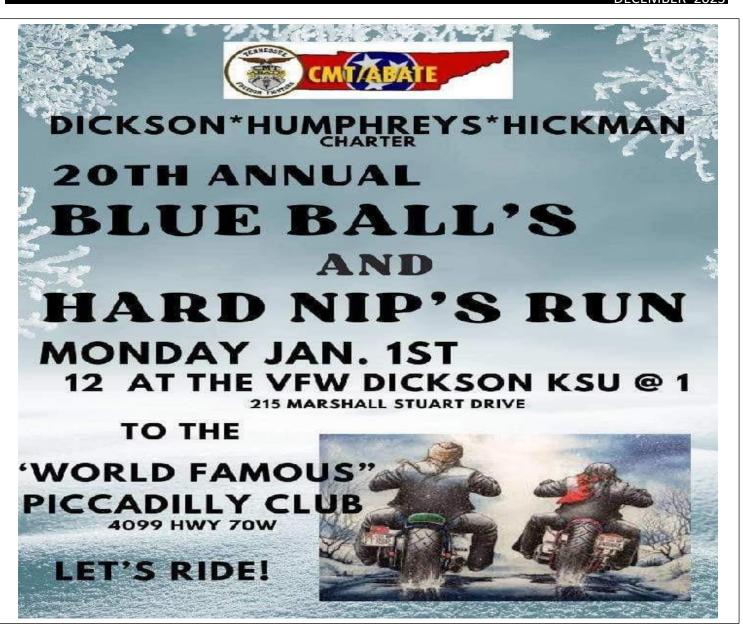
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Welcome riders, Winter is fast approaching, it's time to start thinking about winterizing our bikes. Elections time in March 2024 BOD for Director, Secretary and Legislative Directors positions are up for grabs. Those wishing to run must submit their application into the Newsletter for 2 consecutive months before elections. You can send them to the email at the end of this article. CMT/ABATE has several other positions available, as a member in good standings for a period of one (1) year you can qualify for any of these positions.

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Bret Tkacs Tackles Helmet Myths

Oooooh boy, Bret Tkacs has stirred up a hornet's nest this time! Bret's latest video digs into one of the touchiest subjects of all time, in the world of motorcycling: The dreaded helmet myths. Bret's description: "if you believed even one of these myths share this video with others".

Myth: helmets save lives, Myth: You should replace your helmet every 5 years. Myth: If you drop a helmet you need to replace it. Myth: helmets impair sight and sound. Myth: expensive helmets are safer in a crash. Talk about sacred cows of the moto establishment. A lot of riders will argue to the death over their views on helmets, whether they're opposed to moto helmet laws or if they go the other direction and think everyone needs the most expensive lid they can buy. Watch the video, and you'll see Bret's done a lot of thinking on this, with experiments to show what he's talking about. He's even cut apart some helmets so you can see what he's talking about for yourself. He does not run around crashing on a bike to make his points, but that seems like it would be a pretty extreme measure to make his point...

And here is Bret's point, applying to all these helmet myths. Don't believe something just because you heard it. The world of motorcycles is full of people who know less than they think they do. It's also full of marketeers all jostling for your hardearned money. Are you any further ahead if you spend more on a helmet and skimp on other valuable protective gear? Mavbe not.



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Holy Retro Bike, Batman! Benelli Imperiale 400 Comes To US Market



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Simple tech

The Benelli Imperiale 400 actually debuted back around 2018. It hasn't been available in the States until now, but it now appears as the only "Classic" model in Benelli's US lineup.

It's based on an air-cooled 374 cc single-cylinder engine, with SOHC/two-valve/dual spark head. Benelli says it makes just under 21 hp at 5,500 rpm and a little over 21 lb-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm. Electronic fuel injection is standard (and well-hidden away behind a guard), and a five-speed gearbox. All pretty basic and simple stuff. That theme continues on to the steel tube frame, telescopic fork and dual coil-over shocks. Up front, there's a 300 mm disc brake, and a 240 mm disc in rear. ABS comes standard. Like the rest of Benelli's motorcycles, the Imperiale 400 is designed in Italy. However, it is manufactured in China, by the Qianjiang Group. Surprisingly sleek

That Italian origin explains how Benelli managed to nail the look on this bike. In a world where so many so-called retros are just a modern engine hidden by some weirdo bodywork covered in pinstriping done from a '70s palette, the Imperiale 400 actually looks old. Or at least it does a much better job than machines like Yamaha's XSR series or Honda's SCL500, which nobody will ever mistake for a bike from the post-World War II era. The Imperiale 400 will certainly fool no vintage motorcycle enthusiast, but little details like the oddly-shaped engine covers are a throwback to the days when Europe's moto manufacturers were less concerned about ruthless production efficiency to save money (which is why most all of them have gone bust a time or three).

Speaking of money: The Imperiale 400 carries a \$4,899 MSRP in the US. That's a bit more than the Royal Enfield Classic 350, which would probably be the closest equivalent. See more details here.



Beat The Snow!

Tips for Riding in

Be careful, be safe

Before Sid, aka @Wxwax, left us way too early, he wrote this howto on winter riding. There's lots of good wisdom here, so I'm sharing again, since it's That Time Of Year in much of North America and Europe—Ed.

A lot of you are veteran riders who've been through all conditions and have made your own decisions about when and how to ride in winter.

Still, it never hurts to see how other folks do it. In that spirit, here's a brief compendium of the most obvious things every rider can do to make their winter ride both safe and comfortable. If you think we've missed

Road conditions

Let it warm up before heading out. Don't ride when it's anywhere close to 32F. Any water, anywhere, can become ice. And black ice is more or less invisible.

Treat salt like it's gravel or ice. It kills grip.

Don't ride if it's sleeting.

Snow-consider studded tires on snow

Ice—avoid shaded areas and be careful on bridges and overpasses.

Riding style

Cold tires have less grip, so always ride smoothly.

Make your safety zones bigger and give yourself more reaction

If you lose traction, minimize your input. No gas, no brake, keep it straight (I even pull in the clutch.)

Show good judgment. Should you even be on the road?

Gear

Layers. A lot of thin layers are better than a couple of thick ones. Your base layer (long-sleeve top and long underwear) should be wicking. It'll start to stink but that's better than cold sweat in cold weather.

Waterproof final layer that includes gloves and boots.

Neck coverage that's windproof.

Silk helmet liner. Keep that noggin as warm as you can.

Silk glove liners. I find that keeping my fingers warm, even with heated grips, is the hardest part of ultra-cold riding.

Electrics if you like them.

Heated gloves. Some say they work better than heated grips, others use both.

Fog-free shield, something like Pinlock anti-fog inserts.

Try warming your hands in the bike's exhaust if they get really cold.

Bike setup

Windshield. Keep that wind-chill off of your core.

Hippo hands or similar. That wind chill is a killer.

Studded tires in snow.

Heated grips, if possible.

Fresh anti-freeze in water-cooled bikes.

Good tread on tires.

Tire pressure must be correct. (Warm them up by rapid acceleration and stopping–not swerving. Or just riding a distance, carefully.)

Keep the bike as light as possible. Don't overpack it.

Wash bike after riding on salt

Towing service. It helps to be prepared if the worst happens. Parting thought: sometimes it's just not smart to be out there. Better to be safe at home or laid-up in a motel-hotel than lying on the side of the road with a broken bike—or worse.

MRF State Rep Report

The federal legislature is a strange and unpredictable animal. Sometimes it seems to just sit there doing nothing for months on end. And then, all of a sudden, there's more action on bills than I can keep track of...this is one of those times! Several bills that we have been discussing have made movements in their committees and are progressing towards a vote, and there have even been a couple of new bills that we have not mentioned previously.

- H.R.906, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act" or the "REPAIR Act", ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops are not denied access to the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. The proposed law also establishes rules regarding vehicle data access. This bill passed out of the subcommittee and is coming up for a vote in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Use this link to ask your US Representative to support H.R. 906.
- H.R. 1435 & S. 2090 the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" would stop states from banning Internal Combustion Engines. HR 1435 Passed in the US House. Ask your US Senator to support S 2090 at this link.
- H.R. 4468 & S.3094, the "Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023", would prevent the US EPA from implementing rules that would mandate specific engine technologies, effectively phasing out internal combustion engines. Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan is working HR 4468 to bring it to a vote in the House in December. We need to contact both our Representatives and our Senators on these bills. To contact your Senators on S. 3094, click here. To contact your Representative regarding H.R. 4468, click here.
- And finally, although not directly a legislative issue, we are continuing to gather information on the problem of motorcyclist profiling by law enforcement. This information will be critical in moving forward with legislation on this topic both in Washington DC and here on a state level. Please be sure to take the Motorcycle Profiling Project Survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ridefree2023.

I know I'm kind of loading you up with requests right around the holidays. But none of the above actions will take more than a couple of minutes. And these are the steps we all need to take to help ensure, for ourselves and for our children, the ability to...

...Ride Free, - - Ed

Ed Domine MRF State Rep ed.d@juno.com









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Safety Group Pushes For Antilock Brakes on All New Motorcycles

November 14, 2023

Monday, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety - Highway Loss Data Institute (IIHS-HLDI) announced they filed a petition with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to open the rulemaking process and require antilock braking systems (ABS) on all new motorcycles (click here to see this petition). In 2013 the IIHS-HLDI also filed a similar petition with NHTSA on this topic.

According to the current petition, 59% of all new motorcycle models in the U.S. are equipped with ABS. Twenty years ago, in 2003, just 1% of models had ABS. The lack of a mandate in the U.S. is somewhat unique. The European Union, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand and India all require ABS on motorcycles.

While we do not believe in federal mandates like the one proposed here, we can agree on some points that the IIHS-HLDI petition raises. First and foremost, we appreciate the IIHS-HLDI goal of reducing deaths among motorcyclists. We should all be able to agree that the all-time high of over 6,000 deaths in 2021 is an unacceptable number. We also agree with their statement that "ABS obviously does not prevent every crash or death."

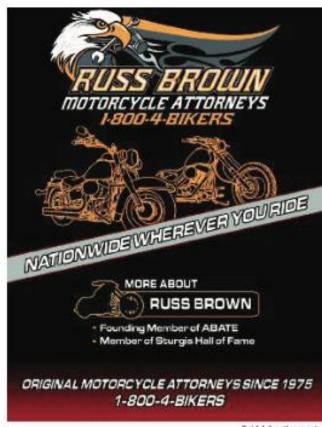
As noted in their petition, ABS can negatively affect motorcycle handling in loose surface conditions. The IIHS-HLDI proposal to allow for an off switch for ABS fits well with a fundamental principle of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, "let those who ride decide."

The best person to decide what technologies they are comfortable using while riding is an informed, licensed rider who knows their skills and the capabilities of their motorcycle. While we are not opposed to ABS, we disagree with federal directives that limit consumer choice.

(click here to see the IIHS Press Release for this petition)

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We had four (04) officers for our December meeting. Our Toy Run was a success with from twelve (12) to fourteen (14) motorbikes present and several other vehicles. The total donation of toys to Operation Elf of the Greenridge Civitan Club was possibly more than \$5,000.00 and a tremendous "thank you!" is extended to Trish and Jeff. All present were reminded of the upcoming State Board meeting.

Best Regards, J. Robert Forbus No Reports!!!!!

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Robertson Toy run results.

Upper Cumberland Charter

11/5/23 Meeting:

Ron opened the meeting, Duck led us in the Pledge of Allegiance & Vern led us in prayer. Lynn read last month's meeting minutes. Ron gave Treasurer's report \$2,451 w/o Liberty Rally deposit. Check sent in for Corporate Pledge. LD mad a motion, Duck 2nd & all voted to approve \$40 out of general fund for expenses incurred in order to attend BOD meetings. No legislative. Activities: Christmas Party at Scooter's. \$10 Dirty Santa. Fun Run sheets turned in. Membership Run scheduled for July 20th. Broomstick Tournament scheduled for February 17th. Liberty Rally scheduled for May 31st thru June 2nd. Get sponsors for Liberty Rally & Fun Run. Old & New Business – None. Membership – none.

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Meeting adjourned.



Upper Cumberland

12/3/23 Meeting:

Ron opened the meeting and Dale led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Waived reading last month's meeting minutes. Ron gave Treasurer's report. No legislative. Activities – get sponsors for Liberty Rally & Fun Run. Old & New Business – None. Membership – Curt Hill – no \$ in.

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Repair Act Takes a Step Forward

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Fundamentally, this act helps preserve motorcyclists' choices and a fair marketplace. It allows consumers to work on their bikes themselves or to obtain service at the shop of their choice. Otherwise, they could have no choice but to receive service from a dealer or manufacturer.

This move by the subcommittee is a key step toward the passage of this much-needed bill. Next, the full House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has authority over this issue, will consider the bill. The subcommittee and committee processes allow lawmakers the opportunity to discuss, debate, and amend bills before they head to the House floor for final passage.

Concerns, including public safety, data ownership and cyber security, were raised during the subcommittee hearing. The lead author of the bill, Representative Neal Dunn of Florida, has pledged to collaborate with his colleagues to address these concerns.

This committee was a crucial legislative process in the long road to the final passage. H.R. 906 now has forty-six (46) bipartisan cosponsors. It is not too late to contact your Representative and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 906. <u>Click here</u> and tell Congress to support the Repair Act.

Call To Action - The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Acts

November 17, 2023

Tell Lawmakers to Stop the Environmental Protection Agency's Attack on Internal Combustion Engines

Bills in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House are taking direct aim at the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) attack on the internal combustion engine. Over the next decade, the EPA is preparing to institute regulations that would compel over two-thirds of new vehicles to be electric by 2032.

The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Acts (S. 3094 & H.R. 4468) attempt to block the EPA from mandating the use of specific technology in new motor vehicles or issuing rules that result in limited availability of vehicles based upon the engine.

In the brief time since these bills were introduced, 33 U.S. Senators and 34 U.S. Representatives have signed on as cosponsors. Now is the time to act! To save the internal combustion engine, motorcyclists need to speak up to the folks in D.C.

Remember, these bills are like the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Acts (H.R. 1435 & S. 2090) but are focused instead on the federal government. While H.R. 1435 and S. 2090 are targeting states like California, which are trying to restrict internal combustion engines.

Even if you have answered the call to action on the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act, you can and should support these two bills!

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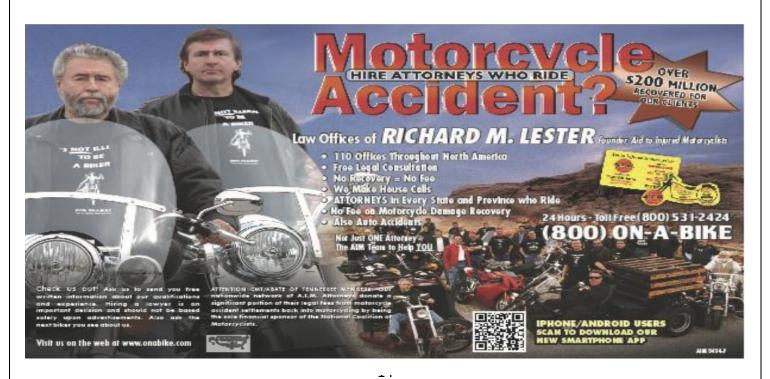
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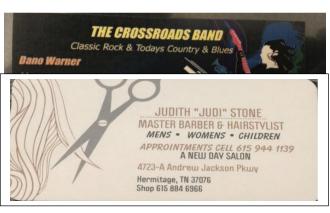
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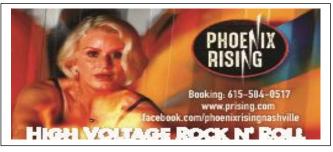
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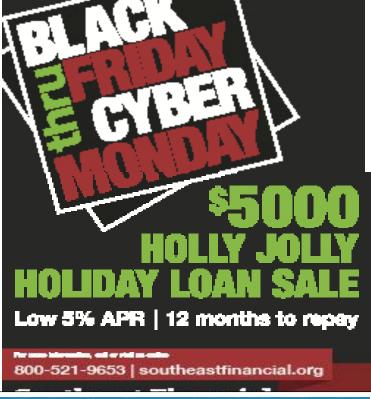
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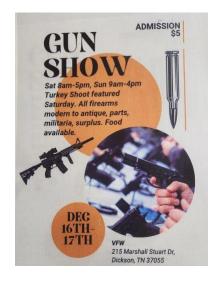
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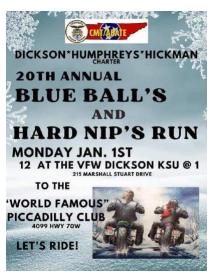


















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