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The objects and purposes of the Corporation shall be to form a united motorcyclist's organization both at the individual local level and at the State level. The Members of the Corporation shall be dedicated to promoting fair motorcycle legislation and shall ensure their freedom by working to prevent enactment of, or to repeal/modify existing unfair motorcycle legislation. The Corporation's Members shall promote and maintain motorcycling safety and awareness programs in the community.

Charter**Contacts****Meeting Times**

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French Broad	Mark McCaw 309-582-4863 rooster15108@gmail.com	1st Sunday of the month @ Screwballs Bar and Grill, Sevierville, 4pm
Montgomery County	Roy West 931-627-1917 kountrycrazy@gmail.com	1st Tuesday @ 7, Jackie's Country Kitchen, 1578 Zinc Plant Rd, Clarksville
Music City	Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 wiggles1202@yahoo.com	1st Sunday @ 2, Skully's Old Hickory
Nashville	Jack Jones 615-579-4112 jdj32K@yahoo.com	3rd Wednesday @ 7, Bikini Beach Bar Antioch
Robertson County	Roland Verchota 615-533-6368 Verchotaw@bellsouth.net	1st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield
Smith-Wilson-Stones River	David Marlin 615-319-8915	1st Sunday @ 2, The Roost Lebanon
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-808-1618 jlhollis@yahoo.com	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

We are in the month of March, and winter is just about over with. Spring is already trying to make a presence. I've seen several bikes out riding around already with temperatures almost 70°. I even had my bike out for a couple of times. I'd like to take a moment and share a few of my thoughts with everyone. The size of this organization is more than one can imagine. From the single-member, to the Directors of Charter's, and the members that they have all the way to the top. There are so many gears that are moving in this organization to make it run. It's the same thing as a grandfather clock; if you ever looked behind one and seen all the gears that make that thing run and stay on time it's just a miracle how it all fits together. It's all the pieces working together to make a single unit. And that's where we are at one unit. So even though everyone has their own single duty to do, it all works for the finished product. And that's the way the corporation runs. When one of the gears break down, it causes chaos throughout the whole organization so it must be fixed quickly to prevent that chaos. It amazes me that when something does go wrong, someone's right there to jump in and fill that void to keep this gear running. The most amazing part is that everyone is a volunteer. And it's out of their beliefs and their passion for this organization that they do what they do. Now that's amazing. The time and dedication that each individual puts into this organization to make it run like it does. Something's got to be said for that and I want to thank everyone that spends their time and efforts to create this great organization; bless all of you. So everyone out there if you're not participating, jump in here you're missing out on a lot of fun. The BOD will be held at full throttle bar and grill where Scully's used to be at 1 PM central standard time. We'll see y'all there ride free and ride hard.

Scott Smith
CMT/ABATE INC
Corporate Director



Asst. Director's Column

To: All CMT/ABATE Members.
Hope everyone had a good time at Kickoff Party it was a good turnout. Since my last ramblings, I have been to the Capitol two times to meet people and learn how things work. I was totally surprised as to how everything was. I had this image in my head of closed doors and having to belong to a Good OL Boys Club. Boy was I surprised. Every door was open; if the Representative or Senator had time they welcomed you with open arms. If they were not available you could set up an appointment possibly for the same day. I had a good productive meeting with my Representative on both CMT and personal business. So all I can say if you are going to sit back and not contact these people don't complain. These people realize they are elected and work for us. Hope we have a good turnout on Feb 11th for Lobby day. We will be busy but in a good way. That's about all for now.
Ride Your Own Ride
Joel Jernigan
Assistant Corporate Director



Note: State Board Meetings are the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December

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YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



Hello everyone- We, CMT/ABATE Incorporated, are an advocacy group for Tennessee motorbike riders since our initial founding and our mission remains that we work as a team for the rights, safety and freedom of Tennessee motorcycle riders. Faces and names may have changed- the core mission remains the same. What a busy past month with a lot going on now the politicians are in full swing for this session. And a recent meeting with Colonel Stewart concerning profiling laws in Tennessee and the legislative meeting at CMT/ABATE kickoff party. Let me start out by discussing the meeting with Col. Stewart and a few others that sat in. The purpose was to discuss profiling and their dept. and code policy that may apply. To sum it up, Tennessee Highway Patrol (as a whole), have no issues concerning profiling because they concentrate on SAFETY, such as impaired, distracted, speeding vehicles. There is a law 62-7-111 that deters discrimination

because of methods of transportation. Grass clippings were brought up also and they agreed that's a local issue and if you have an issue concerning you may want to contact your local city council. And lastly, there are no longer Federal grants for checkpoints that were once popular in various places. For those who missed the legislative meeting at the kickoff party. The main topic was vanity license plates being sponsored by Rep. John Crawford from Kingsport. These "specialty" plates are going to be a great investment with 1000 signatures needed to start, and though the cost is between \$4,000 to \$6,000, but once the quota is reached on sales, the rest is a continuing profit for the organization. There is still a design to be made, if you have any ideas or a sketch, contact Carol Simpson.

Danny Youngs
Corporate Legislative
Director

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E) was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders.

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MRF State Rep Report –

“When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.”
 - Confucius

It's been a busy start to the year. It began with a great event at the New Year Kick-Off party. If you didn't make it to the party this year – definitely plan on being there next year!

In January, I joined a group representing CMT/ABATE to meet with the Tennessee Highway Patrol to discuss their policies regarding profiling of motorcyclists. It was encouraging to hear them state that they prohibit any type of profiling, including profiling of motorcyclists. Their official policy states: “The Department of Safety does not support bias based profiling. During assigned duties, all investigatory, enforcement or arrest actions must be based on sound principles supported by reasonable suspicion.” Based on this, we should not have an issue with profiling of motorcyclists with the Tennessee Highway Patrol. However, this policy is only as good as it is implemented by the individual officers, and applies only to the State Highway Patrol, and not to local or county law enforcement.

This is also only applicable to Tennessee. If you ride out of state, they may not have policies such as this. I encourage everyone to join us in writing to your US Representative asking them to support, and co-sponsor, H.Res.255 which encourages law enforcement to work with motorcyclists to end motorcyclist profiling nationwide. You can send a pre-written letter from the Federal Legislative Issues page at: www.mrf.org.

I would also like everyone to take a short survey (6-easy questions) regarding profiling. This is anonymous, and no personal information is collected. But it does help quantify the need for further actions regarding profiling of motorcyclists. The

survey is at:

www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com

In February, CMT/ABATE had our Lobby Day at the state capitol. There was a nice group of us there (but it would have been nicer if there were a few more). I believe we were able to introduce ourselves and CMT/ABATE to nearly every State Senator and Representative in Tennessee on that day. Several Representatives joined us in our meeting room to discuss current bills, motorcycling, or just the legislative process in general. I even had a chance to sit down for a good discussion of motorcycling and helmet laws with my State Senator (fortunately, he is on our side on many issues). This is one of the most important activities that CMT/ABATE undertakes, and is a critical part of developing communications with the Senators and Representatives.

For those of you who could not attend the Lobby Day, we laid the ground work for you by introducing our organization. Each of you should follow up with your own Senator and Representative to put a local name and face with this effort. Let them know that you live in their district, and that you are a member of CMT/ABATE. Take some time to get to know them, and more importantly let them get to know you. Believe it or not, they usually actually do care about your opinions – after all, they need you to vote for them next time around. If you want some specific talking points regarding our issues, contact myself, Danny or any other CMT/ABATE officer and we will be happy to give you some guidance.

This same lobbying effort is being done on a federal level, with the MRF's annual “Bikers Inside the Beltway” National Motorcyclists' Lobby Day in Washington DC. On May 19, motorcyclists from around the country will fill the halls of our nation's Capitol to bring our issues to the attention of our US Senators and Representatives. If you are able to participate in this, it

will be an experience to remember, and a big step forward in moving out agenda forward.

These steps of writing to Representatives, calling them on specific issues, and meeting with them to discuss your opinions or just to get acquainted is how we begin to build relationships that may benefit us when we need their vote to pass legislation that will help us continue to...

...Ride Free,
 - - Ed



Ed Domine
 MRF State Rep
 CMT/ABATE



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October 31, Caney Fork Truck our Treat
 Oct. 31 DHH Toy Run

Nov. 7, French Broad Fall Fun Poker Run
 Nov. 14, Caney Fork Turkey Shoot

Dec. 5, Caney Fork Toy Drive & Swap Meet
 Dec. 5, Robertson County Toy Ride
 Dec. 19, Music City Christmas Party

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 Hilham, TN 931-265-1972

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 Midtennmotorcycle.com

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CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 MuCi/UpCu SWSR/FrBd	2	3 RoCo MoCo	4	5 WOT	6	7 CaFo Turkey shoot
8	9	10 Capitol Day	11	12	13	14 SWSR Poker run
15	16	17	18 Nash	19 DHH SuCo	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 CaFo	30	31				

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WOT	2	3 Frikr Poker Run
SWSR Poker MuCi/UpCu SWSR/FrBd	6 MoCo	7 MoCo	8	9	10	11 CaFo Rodeo
12	13	14	15 Nash	16 DHH SuCo	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 SuCo Swap Meet
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

MUSIC CITY

Shaun called the meeting to order at 14:00 hrs and led the Pledge.
Miss Kay led us in Prayer.
Joel gave report on our plans for Freedom of choice Bill. We will be passing out letters at the Capitol to gain support so we can run the Bill next session.
Also gave update on Specialty Plates Rep. Crawford has begun work to sponsor for us, and has begun on it.
Wayne informed us there are a couple of bill that may be of interest to us.
HB1036 Would eliminate the renewal of Sons of Confederate Veterans Plates.
HB1870 Would require Helmets for people operating Auto Cycles.
Keep Wendell in our prayers as he fights health issues.
We will be participating in Boswell's Bike night at Full Throttle starting the 3rd Thursday of March.
They have invited us to set up Membership table. We will be looking for volunteers to help.
Mavis won 50/50 and donated back.
M/JOEL S/Glenn to adjourn.
That's all for now
Ride Your Own Ride Joel

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at The Pitt in Springfield. Bull started us off with The Pledge and Johann led us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming. Samantha went over events and Treva went over the Treasury report. Thank you to everyone that attended The New Year Kick-Off Party. We had a lot of fun and good food. Please keep in your prayers for Mark Davis. Johann went over the legislative. John Dean won the 50/50 and donated back to our down biker fund. Thank you. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on March 3rd.
Connie Jones

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CANEY FORK

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SUMNER COUNTY

WHEELS OF THUNDER

UPPER CUMBERLAND

NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE CHARTER MINUTES FEBRUARY 19 2020
Opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge
Shorty made a motion, second by Allen for no smoking during the meetings. Vote was unanimous and passed.
Motion by Bette to have our next meeting at Full throttle Bar in Old Hickory for 3rd wed. Allen 2nded the motion. Passed unanimous.
Nashville charter voted to support Scott Smith for State Director at BOD in March. Next BOD is March 8th 2nd Sunday in March.
Shorty has arranged with Full Throttle Bar to set up an ABATE Table Saturday Feb 22. Next meeting March 18 at Full Throttle Bar.
Meeting adjourned

From: Representative Phil Roe <TN01PRIMA@mail.house.gov>

Date: January 23, 2020 at 3:09:48 PM EST

Subject: Reply from Representative Phil Roe

Thank you for taking the time to email me to share your thoughts and concerns, which help inform and guide me in Congress.

I want you to know that we read each and every e-mail that is sent to us in order to best understand the views of East Tennesseans. I meet with my staff regularly to discuss the issues rose in correspondence like yours and will be back in touch soon with a more complete response.

Thank you again for your email. I hope you will continue to share your thoughts with me.

-----Original Message-----

Sent: 1/23/2020 2:50:50 PM

Subject: End Motorcyclist Profiling! Support H.Res. 255

Scott Smith 3610 Ian Dr Johnson City, TN 37604 January 23, 2020 The Honorable Phil Roe House of Representatives 102 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-4201 Dear Representative Roe, As your constituent and a motorcycle rider in the community, I am urging you to cosponsor H. Res. 255, a bipartisan resolution that encourages the motorcycle community and law enforcement to collaborate and communicate on efforts to end motorcyclist profiling. In March of 2019, Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan, along with Congressmen Michael Burgess of Texas, Collin Peterson of Minnesota and Mark Pocan of Wisconsin, introduced the motorcyclist profiling resolution in the House of Representatives. Since then, the resolution obtained the broad-based bipartisan support of over 125 members of Congress representing 42 states and American Samoa. In December 2018, the U.S. Senate passed an identical resolution by unanimous consent to address the concerns of the targeting of the motorcycling community. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is encouraged that we have begun to address the concerns of profiling of motorcyclists and encourage you to join your colleagues to put an end to their unfair practice. The 8.6 million motorcyclists across the country are taking action by passing laws at the state level and raising this issue with the general public within their communities. Several states have already acted: Washington passed a law combating motorcycle profiling in 2011, Maryland passed similar legislation in 2016 and Louisiana just recently passed a law in 2019. The National Motorcycle Profiling Survey conducted in 2019 by the Motorcycle Profiling Project found that in the past five years, a steady increase in respondents reporting incidents of profiling in all 50 states. In fact, over thirty percent of respondents felt they had been singled out by law enforcement simply because they were riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle-related apparel despite not committing any traffic infractions. You can help raise additional public awareness of this issue by co-sponsoring House Resolution 255 and encouraging your colleagues to do the same. This is an important issue to me, and I appreciate you considering joining as a cosponsor. If your office has any questions, Austin.Walton@mail.house.gov is the staff contact in Congressman Walberg's office. Sincerely, Sincerely, Scott Smith



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When did being “put out bad” from a motorcycle club become a political tool? Out Bad was supposed to be reserved for the worst of offenses against a club.

By James “Hollywood” Macecari

Shooting up, being a rat and stealing, used to be the cause that members were put out bad. Nowadays, especially with the newer clubs, out bad is anyone who leaves the club. The newer clubs have watered down the meaning, of someone leaving in disgrace. The term has turned into a political weapon of choice, something it was never intended to be. The whole basis of brotherhood is supposed to be for life. If brotherhood is indeed for life, how can a club designate someone out bad, without meeting those criteria? It's easy actually; new clubs do not know the meaning. Just because someone hurts your feelings, or they can no longer continue, doesn't mean they committed a harsh offense to carry the designation.

Politics in clubs are never ending, something which is contradictory to what a motorcycle club, is supposed to be about. Power is a human craving, no matter what the environment, people will crave power. It's sad but it's true, when there is a gathering of people, someone will always be there jockeying for power. Sometimes I've had a hard time figuring this one out, especially when it comes to motorcycle clubs. When I think of power, it's always in the context of earning money. My first question, if you're not earning anything, why the hell do you care about power? Sure, I guess being a president of a club gives you status, but who really cares if you're a president. Being a president of a motorcycle club doesn't give you street credit, so again, why let it get to your head?

Putting brotherhood into perspective

I think one must put motorcycle club brotherhood into perspective. Motorcycle Club brotherhood was supposed to be about riding, sticking together and most importantly, being there for each other. I know, I'm naive thinking about brotherhood in such simple terms. The truth of the matter, brotherhood used to be about that. Ask some of the grey beards about this topic, see what they have to say on the matter. Today brotherhood is a shell of what it used to be. Brotherhood is no longer what the original premise used to be, now it only last until someone gets pissed at each other. If you're looking for brotherhood in the motorcycle club scene, you'll be sorely mistaken most of the time. Motorcycle clubs nowadays are not what they used to be.

Now to be honest, I've always been suspicious of so-called brotherhood. I've always found myself cringing when someone would call me that. Most of the time people use that because they can't remember your name, others use it so loose, it doesn't mean jack anyway. So knowing this, why do you think these pop up clubs don't last? It's because they don't know squat about what brotherhood is supposed to be about. This lack of knowledge leads these new clubs, into misinterpretation of what out bad, was supposed to be for. Why take a chance on a motorcycle club? I say go join a riding club, or motorcycle rights organization, like ABATE. The headaches and politics aren't worth joining a club anymore. Many people ask why I won't join a club. The answer is two-fold. The first reason is I work at Insane Throttle Biker News and Motorcycle Madhouse. The second reason is because I've been there and done it. I'm 46 now, long past my prime, all I want to do now is to share my experiences. My experiences are not only in motorcycle clubs, they are also in the streets. One of the questions I get all the time, why do you talk about street gangs a lot? The answer is simple, “it's what I grew up in.” I've only been a part of one true motorcycle club, one I loved dearly, that was the Black Pistons. The first one I was in I don't even consider a motorcycle club, sure some of us rode, but it was a gang. So when you look at my style of media, especially when talking about clubs, I'm talking about my time in the Pistons.

My outlook on motorcycle clubs have nothing to do with 1% clubs, it has everything to do with the pop-up clubs, something many people cannot separate. Pop-up clubs have spread like a virus; something I believe has really damaged the scene. Again, if you can back up your patch, great, but I find most cannot. This above everything else, is the reason, I talk ill most of the time of clubs. I should put a separation between legit clubs and those I'm actually talking about. That's my bad on my part, it's also probably the reason people get confused so much on my stances. Admittedly, I should've been clearer on the clubs I talk about. So from here on out, I'm talking about pop-up clubs.

So with pop-up clubs in mind, forget them, join a riding club instead. There is just too many headaches with clubs who've got no experience. If you're going to look into a club, go with an established one.

Taking advice from a legit out bad motorcycle club member

In short, don't fucking do it! If someone is out bad from a legit motorcycle club, you're playing with a hornet nest, something I learned the hard way once. Once I learned from my mistake I apologized, then went forward. I'm the one who always believed in admitting mistakes and learning from them, unlike many people who refuse to stand up and say, “I messed up.”

Out bad members from established clubs are always looking to get back at their old club. These people will do and say the most outlandish shit, in order to get back at them. Be mindful of this when listening to these types of people. 9 times out of 10, they will be leading you down the wrong path.

So what are your thoughts, on how clubs, now use the term “out bad?” Do you think the use of the term, as I do, has been misused by pop up clubs? Leave your thoughts in the comment section; don't forget to visit the YouTube channel and Motorcycle Madhouse Radio.

Note from the editor;

We generally do not post stories dealing with Motorcycle Clubs, Ministries, or Riding Groups. There has been some talk lately about members, not just this organization, but others and I was asked, not just for advice, but information.

I am just one person with my own experience and views.

If anyone has problems with someone, please talk to them. You probably have no idea what they are going through and could use some help!

Your editor, Shannon R. Gregory AKA “Keebler”

36th Annual Meeting of the Minds



February 11, 2020

Meeting of the Minds Registration is Open
"There's always plenty of time..."

That's what everyone says when the deadline is four, five, six months away. Riding season is rapidly approaching. You have a garden to plant. The garage needs cleaning. There's always plenty of time... The MRF's Bikers inside the Beltway is a knocking hard on three months. The 2020 Meeting of the Minds is just a little over seven months away and time is going to blaze by; "There's always time..." Yeah right.

If you've been following what the MRF is lining up for the 2020 Meeting of the Minds, you know that this year is going to be a lot different than the past 35. We're lining up topical workshops that take you back to the days when your head would spin from the shared information. Workshops were standing room only, and you spent long hours after the workshops

picking the brains of people who were willing to share even more information with you.

Seven months will go by in a flash; and I promise you, there's going to be more demand for the 36th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference than there has been for anything the MRF has ever presented. On top of nine workshops, a handful of presentations and a weekend to remember, the MRF is offering for the first time an all-inclusive registration pack package. That's right, workshops, presentations and all meals for only \$145.00 per person! There's never been an MRF conference that offered this before. Once more... That's the Meeting of the Minds Conference registration and nine meals for \$145.00 per person. That's less than \$7.00 a meal! Plus, the MRF has contracted with "Chef Bill" from ABATE of Indiana and he specializes in keeping ABATE of Indiana mem-

bers well-fed and happy. Special meal requirements? Got it covered. Selection variety? Got it covered. Long lines waiting for your order at a fast food restaurant? It ain't gonna happen!

Why is it that there's always time to do it over but never time to do it right the first time? Here it is a three-step plan to move forward on attending the 36th Annual Meeting of the Minds.

1. Make your travel arrangements
2. Make your hotel arrangements: Waterfront Hotel & conference Center 317-299-8400 (mention MRF for the \$84.00 nightly rate); cut-off date Sept.1, 2020
3. Register for the Meeting of the Minds You have until September 1, 2020, to take advantage of the MOTM pre-registration price of \$145.00 for MRF members. Use this link to register: Meeting of the Minds 2020.

Yeah, you still have a little time before the pre-registration deadline ends for the 36th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference!!! However, this time there won't be time to do it over when you don't make the deadline.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you in September at the Waterfront Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 36th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference!!! Yours in Freedom,
Fredric Harrell

Director, Conferences & Events
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PS. A 2020 Meeting of the Minds t-shirt on your list? They go fast at the conference; to guarantee you'll get your size, go to Meeting of the Minds 2020 and reserve your shirt now.

January 24, 2020

Let Riders Speak! Support H.R. 5234, MAC Reauthorization Act

We depend on motorcyclist advocates like you to advance our 2020 legislative priorities on Capitol Hill and we still have more work to do. With your help, we can make sure that Congress takes steps to ensure that motorcyclist organizations regain membership seats on the Motorcyclist Advisory Council.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), along with our state motorcyclist rights organizations (SMROs) want to ensure the future Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) is representative of the motorcycling community. We need your help in urging your member of Congress to cosponsor H.R. 5234, the Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act.

The bipartisan legislation introduced by Congressmen Mike Gallagher (WI-R) along with Reps. Chris Pappas (NH-D), Harley Rouda (CA-D), and Troy Balderson (OH-R) will reauthorize the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) for six years and make sure national motorcycle organizations regain seats on the council.

In 2016, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or the FAST Act, was signed into law. This comprehensive legislation aims to upgrade our nation's surface transportation infrastructure, enhance roadway safety, and address general highway, roadway and safety-related issues. In addition, the legislation re-established the Motorcyclist Advisory Council or "MAC." The council represents the motorcycle community and have a direct line of communication with the Administrator of the

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Regrettably, all but one individual selected were to represent the technical aspects of the Council, including engineering, construction and traffic safety systems as well as roadway data. Only one seat out of ten was designated for a national motorcycle riders' association and speak for the 8.5 million motorcyclists in the U.S.

Let's restore the MAC membership to be more representative of the motorcycling community across the country. Support H.R. 5234.
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Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act Introduced in the Senate

February 4, 2020

Yesterday, Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) introduced S. 3249, the Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act. The bipartisan legislation aims to define the membership seats of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC), ensure more national motorcycle organizations are represented and authorizes the council for six years.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) would like to thank the U.S. Senate for joining their colleagues in the House of Representatives for continuing to support the issues that are important to the motorcyclists of this country. The legislation is the companion bill to H.R. 5234 introduced in late November in the House of Representatives by Reps. Mike Gallagher (WI-R), Chris Pappas (NH-D), Harley Rouda (CA-D), and Troy Balderson (OH-R).

“It is critical that motorcyclists be considered in infrastructure planning,” said MRF Vice President Jay Jackson. “The Motorcyclist Advisory Council provides this forum. The MRF is excited to have the opportunity to present to the MAC, the issues of concern from riders across the country.”

This legislation clarifies the membership of the MAC which now will include five highway engineering experts from state or local governments, one state or local traffic safety engineer who is a motorcyclist, one roadway safety data expert on crash testing and analysis, and one representative from each of the following groups: a national association of state transportation officials, a national motorcyclist foundation, a national motorcyclist association, a national motorcycle manufacturing association, and a national safety organization.

“Wisconsin has a rich history with motorcycles and we know it’s crucial to get input from the motorcycle community about how to keep roads safe and enjoyable for all,” said Sen. Johnson. “Government needs to be responsive, efficient and effective. Making sure motorcyclists have a voice and a seat at the table is beneficial for everyone.”

The MAC will advise the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists, including barrier design; road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

“There’s no better way to see all that Michigan has to offer than by riding a motorcycle,” said Senator Peters., co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Motorcycle Caucus. “As a motorcycle owner and rider, I’m proud to introduce bipartisan legislation to better give riders and manufacturers a voice on decisions impacting them.”



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