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A MAN OF FEW WORDS...



There are indeed no words to express the void we have, but the blessing bestowed by his kindness, his service, his willingness to teach, his gentleness, and his odd sense of humor is something so many of us will cherish the rest of our days.

Bruce "Dad" Guffee, was as dedicated to motorcycle rights as he was to his family. He was our State Coordinator for the past two years, along with a few terms in years past, and, over the years, held various leadership positions within the Texoma Chapter.

Many thanks to all who joined in celebration of the life of such an amazing man. Ride in Peace! GBNF



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State and Chapter Info

(Click underlined text for links)

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▪ Chapter Meeting

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▪ Chapter Meeting

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Horny Toad Café & Bar
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Denton, TX 76207

LAKE CITIES:

www.facebook.com/Lake-Cities-ABATE-2021-454543498728107

▪ Chapter Meeting

2nd Sunday at 1:00 pm

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DUE TO MOTHER'S DAY ON 2ND SUN**

VFW Post 10460
501 Thompson Drive
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MAINTENANCE MATTERS

A TIRESOME TIRADE Part Two

Last time we talked about how to decipher the information on the side of your tires. In part two of our tire tirade we will discuss further information about how your tires are made and how that relates to their function on your motorcycle.

It may not seem like it, but your tires are one of the most complex parts on your motorcycle. They can be made of up to 200 different parts or ingredients. The tires we use will have fabric, steel, natural and synthetic rubbers, carbon black, and various chemical agents. Each tire is built from various layers on a drum, put in a mold to give it its final shape, and then it is cured. Each step of this process helps to determine what type of tire it is, radial vs. bias ply, what the

tread pattern will be, and its dimensions.

During the design process the end use for the tire is carefully considered. How the tire will be used will determine how it will be built. Everything from what compounds are used in the tread to what speed and load conditions are considered. Tires used for racing on a track use very different compounds than one that will be used on a Road King. There are tires made for street use that have softer compounds on outside two thirds of the tire for better cornering performance and a harder compound in the middle third of the tire for better endurance.

The different tire compounds and construction will help to determine the load rating of any given tire. The load rating will normally be a letter and a number. It looks something like 81H.

The load ratings range from a low of 33, or 254 pounds, to a high of 90 which equals 1323 pounds. The speed ratings range from a low of J which equals 62 MPH (100 KPH) to a high of Y which is 186 MPH (299 KPH). So using our example of 81H this tire is rated for 1019 pounds and a speed of up to 130 MPH. Keep in mind that you will have two tire on your bike that share the load, so if both tires are rated 81H your tires are capable of carrying 2038 pounds at speeds up to 130 MPH. Not that you should do that, but you could.

Next let's talk about tread patterns and the contact patch of the tires. The tread pattern on a motorcycle tire can vary from a racing slick with no tread to an aggressive knobby tire used on dirt bikes. Chances are most of us are looking for a tread pattern that will *(continued on pg 4)*

Legislative Report



ABATE is dedicated to preserving the rights of all motorcyclists, regardless of what you ride. As you are reading this, the Texas 87th General Legislative session will be more than half-way over! By this point during the regular session we are hopeful that our bills will advance to a hearing for a yes or no vote. Many of us have worked hard, through Covid restrictions and all, to get to this point. This 87th legislative session has been tough; however - that does not stop Texas bikers from lobbying, in unity, to protect our freedom to ride.

Texas is gifted with quite a few (motorcycle) Freedom Fighters, and it was evident on March 31st at the Capitol, in Austin. HB 1837, a House bill to prohibit motorcycle profiling in Texas, was scheduled for a bill committee hearing. I started the day early and had time to register for the hearing at a Capitol kiosk - just down the hall from the hearing room. This was the first time, in recent history,



that a motorcycle profiling bill went to a committee hearing in Texas – and it was awesome to be part of this historic event! Texas has been fighting for a profiling bill for 10 years, and this session, we have a profiling bill that got a hearing! It certainly would not have been possible without the dedicated work of the TCOC&I – not only for securing a bill sponsor, but also for the planning and preparation that went into HB 1837! At the Capitol hearing, many got to cast their vote and several of us had an opportunity to testify FOR passing this anti-profiling bill. I testified on behalf of myself, and our Texas ABATE Confederation. To the best of my knowledge, in the several States that have passed motorcycle-profiling legislation (WA, MD, ID, LA), there have been little-or-no repercussion from eliminating unlawful profiling tactics from the police department; the police do not feel like they lost a tool out of their toolbox. I went on to tell the board about the time I got pulled over in Denison, for riding a motorcycle, and for "almost going fast enough to get a speeding ticket!" Overall, I think the hearing went as

expected. The chair told us that they wouldn't vote on this bill on that day; also, that they did not care for some of the language in the bill - and finally, they wanted to see the volumes of data that the COC&I had collected. There was some "collaboration", but hardly enough. It was great to see the large turnout of bikers inside the hearing room – as it was often standing room only!

This has been an historic session for Texas in more ways than one. Texas has six (6) motorcycle bills, and one profiling resolution. The bills include HB 1837, a House motorcycle profiling bill; HB 1838, a gang database reform bill; SB 1737, a malfunctioning red light bill; SB 1736, an autocycle bill; SB 1974, a LTC in a Street "Gang" bill; and SB 2141, a Senate motorcycle profiling bill. Check out their status on legiscan by following the link: <https://legiscan.com/reports/zbuy2gux>

Covid restrictions at the Capitol include: "no guests without an appointment"; 2 nose swabs for a sticker; limited (automated only) Capitol Grill; mandatory facemasks (in most offices), etc. Overall, I would say that this 87th Legislative session has been mostly successful for motorcyclists;

however, this session is already one-half over. We need to continue "Taking Action" - contacting our legislators and asking them to co-sponsor our bills. If one of our bills is in a committee, we need to contact the committee members – and ask them to bring the bill to the floor for a vote! By the next issue of the ABJ the general Texas Legislative session will be all but over. Remember, our rights come with responsibilities!

It's Spring - watch for motorcycles!
Ride safe – Ride free!

Skeedaddy



INDEPENDENT CORNER

May is fast approaching so we all need to try to schedule our ABATE proclamations. Please let state know so we can help support if possible.

I have sent out a couple of emails, PLEASE check your junk mail and look for communications from mimashivers2002@yahoo.com. Shoot me an email to me know if you are not receiving them.

We also have several call to actions we need everyone's support on. *Kirsten Scheideman, Ind. Rep*

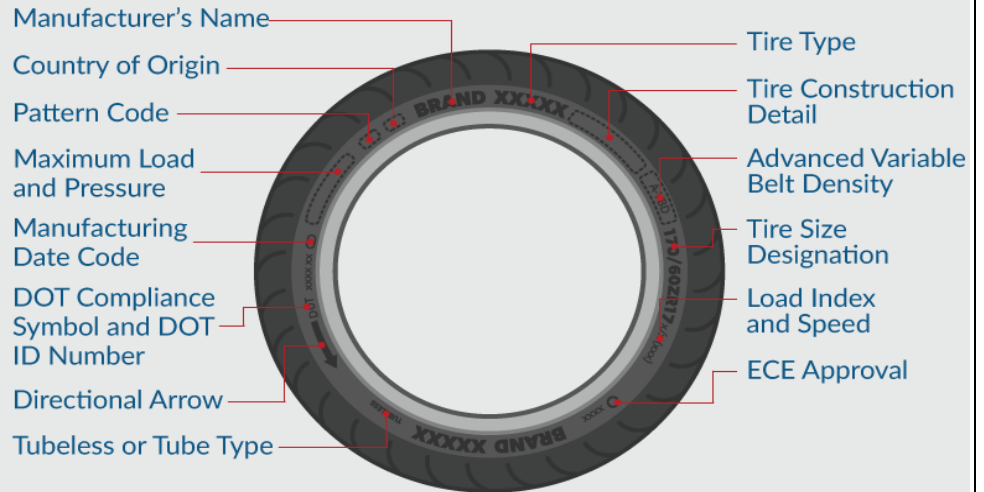
give us maximum traction under a variety of riding conditions and still give a reasonably long life. One of the primary functions of a tread design is to channel the water out of the contact patch when riding in the wet. The tread pattern will also compensate for varying road surfaces. The tread pattern is also the reason some tires have to be mounted according to the arrow on the side of the tire.

Aside from replacing your tires there is only one other thing most riders will ever have to worry about for their tires. Maintaining the proper tire pressure is probably the single most important thing you can do to get the best out of your tires. Tire pressure changes the size of your tire contact patch, the temperature your tires are operating at, and how they wear.

The contact patch is an oval-shaped area that makes contact with the road surface. Depending on the size of your tire it will be two to six square inches. When you consider how important this is to how your bike handles it is remarkable how well modern tires work. All of the forces of acceleration, braking, and turning are transmitted through these two small patches.

This next part is from memory, so don't take it as gospel, but the relative numbers will get the point across. The temperature of your tires changes

How To Read Your MOTORCYCLE TIRE



Source: motorcycltiresmaniac.com

with air pressure. There are other factors such as the ambient temperature, the surface temperature of the road, and the materials and thickness of your tires, but tire pressure is one of the biggest factors. As the tire pressure changes from the ideal, let's say 40 PSI, the temperature changes. A higher pressure will reduce rolling resistance. Conversely, lower pressures increase rolling resistance and work the tire harder rising the temperature. Now the part that was related by a parts rep. They found that as tire pressure

dropped the tire temperature increased rapidly. For each 2 PSI drop in pressure we see a rise in tire temperature of 10 degrees Fahrenheit. If we start at our 40 PSI tire operating at 180 F, then by the time we get to 30 PSI we can expect a tire temperature of 230 F. Another 10 PSI down to 20 PSI means our tire temperature is now 280 F. This is quickly approaching the curing temperature of our tires. If you factor a heavy bike and road and ambient temps you can easily exceed the curing temperature of your tires.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Number of New Members by Chapter & Independents			
CHAPTER	JAN 2021	FEB 2021	MAR 2021
ARLINGTON	0	0	0
DENTON	0	2	2
LAKE CITIES	3	0	2
TEXOMA	0	0	10
INDEPENDENTS	3	0	0

When that happens, a catastrophic failure is likely. If it happens at speed, your day will become unpleasant very quickly.

One tire manufacturer checked tire pressures at a rally and found more than 40% had underinflated tires. Given this information, you want to check your tire pressure on a regular basis. As we have offered before, if you are not sure how or would just like a second opinion, drop by the shop and we will be happy to give your bike the once over, including the tire pressures. For now, ride safe, ride aware, and have fun out there. Blue skies and tailwinds.

Bio: H.B. Wise operates Two Wheel World of Texas in Pantego, TX. He has been a gear head his whole life and enjoys everything that has a motor and a few things that move but don't have motors.

DECLINING MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS?

The following is an excerpt from a letter, written by Aaron Meyer, son of Indiana MRF State Rep Roberta Meyer. The letter was published in the ABATE of Indiana newsletter in July 2016 Aaron's letter is focused on ABATE of Indiana, but the points he makes are true for all of us.

"For those of you who have signed up one or more new members in the last six or seven months, THANK YOU! Please keep doing what you're doing. It's time to get down to business and stop taking 'no' for an answer." (Mark Buckner, MRF Executive Director) Same holds true for Texas ABATE (and others).

Alright, Region 13 sit down and strap in, this is going to be a long one. It might shake something up, it might ruffle some feathers, and it might even make someone mad, and that's okay. I'm going to take a line directly from a movie called Network. "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

What is "this"? I'm talking about the accelerating decline of our membership numbers. It's weighed heavy on me for a few months. I'm talking the type of heavy weight that interferes with sleep. After thinking about it, and mulling it over and over in my head, an idea started to coalesce, and the more I thought about it the clearer it became. The clearer it became, the madder I got.

You, and I, and 14 Regions worth of ABATE members "done screwed up". Somewhere between 2006 and now, we started taking "no" for an answer. Things got tough for a few years and all of a sudden excuses for not being a member of ABATE became stock-in-trade. For some damn reason, we all started to believe them. All of them, not just the earnest reasons, but the B.S. as well. It's the very same B.S. that we used to be able to cut through and gain some members.

I don't know exactly how it happened, but I have a couple of guesses. One of those guesses involves that party in July. The Boogie used to draw a whole bunch of our members. We expected that to continue and we got complacent. Well, now almost nobody shows up to The Boogie. Expenditures are high and returns are low to non-existent. So, there's a debate about the how's and why and the how-to-fix's of that event. All that debate is, is a Band-Aid on a gunshot. Motorcycling can live without a Boogie, but it can't survive without ABATE of Indiana. Some party isn't going to recruit a worthwhile number of members anymore. Those days are over.

It's on us to stop laying down and taking it. It's time for us to get out there and recruit. If we aren't recruiting, we're paying the way for other motorcyclists. We're shouldering the work. We're doing more than our monetary share. They're riding on our dime. Doesn't that piss you off? It should piss you off. It pisses me off!

Well guess what? It's time to let the non-members know that you're working hard for them, they aren't working at all for themselves, and that it's time for them to contribute to their own freedom. To do that, you have to know the issues. You have to know what you've been paying for. You have to know the freedoms that they should be paying for. Otherwise, you're going to come across like a dogmatic lunatic. I'm going to make it easy for you. I'm going to spell this out. This is the list of motorcycle freedoms you have thanks to ABATE of Indiana. It's going allow you to get straight to the point. "If you've ever done X, you've been riding on my dime, here's your membership application."

- Ridden without a helmet
- Ridden without eye protection
- Ridden without a reflective vest
- Ridden in a group larger than three
- Ridden a bike with ape hangers
- Modified your engine in any way
- Modified your drive train in any way
- Modified your transmission in any way
- Modified your exhaust in any way
- Modified your suspension in any way
- Put non-OEM tires on your bike
- Worked on your own motorcycle
- Had someone who wasn't an authorized dealer/service provider work on your motorcycle
- Purchased, considered purchasing, or gone for a ride in a Polaris Slingshot or other autocycle
- Turned left at a poorly calibrated red light
- Ridden in HOV lanes in any state
- Enjoyed the same road rights as other motor vehicles
- Have motorcycle insurance through State Farm
- Never dealt with motorcycle only checkpoints
- Enjoyed the protections of "moped" registration
- Enjoyed having to pay for a motorcycle endorsement once for life instead of with every license renewal
- Ridden dirt bikes on state land with a friend from out of state

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DECLINING MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS? (continued from pg. 6)

There's the list. When we encounter a non-member motorcyclist that has done just one of those things (and there are a few that they have to have done, just by riding a motorcycle) they're indebted to ABATE and should be joining.

Then we're going to encounter some B.S. regarding reasons not to join. Don't get distracted by issues that are vaguely related to actual motorcycling and stop taking no for an answer. We're to the point where taking no for an answer is now unacceptable.

The two things you're going to hear most from those reluctant to join are the cost and the time commitment. Membership is \$0.07 per day. Disgusting convenience store coffee starts at \$0.79, over ten times the daily membership cost. A Netflix subscription runs \$0.29 cents per day. Membership dues can be paid by being on the clock for about 5 minutes a day, and that's accounting for weekends off, while being paid minimum wage. Stop taking no for an answer.

"I work a bunch of weekends, so I'll never make it to events" is something that I've heard before. The same goes for nights, swing shift, and 24-hour shifts. ABATE of Indiana isn't an events organization. We're a rights organization. The rights of the motorcyclist are enjoyed every time a leg is swung over a saddle, no matter the day of the week, or hour of the day. Stop taking no for an answer...

...Many people think that we're living in a more politically correct world than we were not that long ago, and many people have a problem with that. This letter and its blunt stance are about 15% less P.C. than I usually am. Maybe our recruitment tactics could stand to be more blunt and 15% less P.C. Maybe that will shake somebody out of their hubris enough that they won't even offer "no" as an answer. Maybe we should start handing out the list of rights I covered with membership applications. Whatever we have to do, we should all get mad as hell, and none of us should take this anymore. Till next issue, Aaron Meyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-------------|---|
| 05/01 | Bikers Ball |
| 05/08 | Poker Tournament |
| 05/17-05/18 | Bikers Inside the Beltway |
| 9/11 | 22 Kill Event at Maverick |
| 10/22-10/24 | MID-SOUTH M.I.L.E |
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