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(Click underlined text for links)

STATE

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JUNE 1st 1:00 PM

American Legion Post 81
418 East Redbird Lane
Duncanville Tx 75116

ARLINGTON

www.arlingtonabate.com

www.facebook.com/arlingtonabate

3RD SUNDAY

12 NOON

VFW Post 6111

1200 West Harris Street
Arlington, TX 76001

HEART OF TEXAS (HOT)

4TH SATURDAY

11 AM

American Legion Post 573
225 Cox Drive
Harker Heights, TX 76548

LAKE CITIES

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2ND SUNDAY

1 PM

VFW Post 10460
501 Thompson Drive
Lake Dallas, TX 75065

TEXOMA

www.facebook.com/texomaabate

3RD SUNDAY

1 PM

Sherman ELK's Lodge 2280
1313 FM 1417
Sherman, TX 75090



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STATE Board Meeting



At the April 6th State Board Meeting, the HOT Chapter was extended a 6-month probationary period to bring the chapter into compliance. Per our Bylaws, each chapter must have representation at the State Board Meetings. The HOT chapter has been without representation at both Board Meetings this year and must be remedied at the June Board meeting.



**MAY IS MOTORCYCLE
SAFETY MONTH!
RIDE SAFE.**



Ribbons of Remembrance

In honor of those bravely fighting cancer and those who we've lost



Please join us

In honoring the legacy of Lenny Cummings and cherishing the memory of Clinton Cummings, both of whom passed away due to colorectal cancer.

To celebrate Lenny's life we will be taking his final ride to the Hwy Bar in Arlington.

We will have our Sparrow's family & special guest artists for a day packed with:

- Family, Friends, Fun, & Food
- 50/50 Raffle
- Cancer Ribbon Tattoos

Come and join us!

WHEN: June 22, 2024

TIME: 2:00 PM

WHERE: Sparrows Tattoo Company

2860 FM 157 #110

Mansfield, TX 76063



— TEXAS —
HWY → BAR

— COLD BEER ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ BILLIARDS —



Part of the proceeds will go to Fight CRC in honor of Clint and Lenny.

TEXOMA CAR SHOW







Texas ABATE T.A.L.E.S

Texas ABATE Legislative Education Seminar

May 4, 2024

American Legion post 447
1000 N Georgetown St
Round Rock, TX 78664



\$30 per person, includes lunch

Registration starts at 9:00 am

Lunch at 11:00am

Educational Speakers begin at 12:30 pm

Find out what is going on with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF.org) and our fight for Freedom on the Federal Level and what we need to do to help get it done.

Learn how to talk to YOUR elected officials
VOTING and running for local offices

Learn how to become the MOST effective FREEDOM FIGHTER

Discussion about our Texas Bikers Legislative Agenda for the 2025 Session

We have secured a block of rooms at
La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Round Rock North
2004 North I-35, Round Rock, Texas 78681
1-512-255-6666

Mention Texas ABATE to receive the \$78 per night rate, must reserve by April 12, 2024 to get this rate.

For more information, please call Robin at 903-624-0792 or Rick 940-210-1857



2022 Crash Statistics

NHTSA Report Mixed News For Bikers

This week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released its final 2022 Fatality Analysis Reporting System traffic crash data. NHTSA reported 42,514 total fatalities in the U.S. in 2022. That is a 1.7% decrease from the previous year.

However, the final numbers show mixed results for motorcyclists. Sadly, overall rider deaths on our nation's roadways increased by 1.2%. The official number of motorcyclists killed in 2022 was 6,218, an increase of 75 deaths compared to 2021.

Biker deaths now account for 15% of all fatalities on the road, up 1% from 2021. Large truck, bus and pedestrian deaths also saw increases, while passenger car occupants saw a decrease. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) remains concerned that these numbers may justify lawmakers taking a closer look at motorcyclists and our place in the transportation network. We surely do not need to be singled out for further scrutiny and have our freedoms limited.

Fortunately, the final number of motorcyclists injured dropped by 2.6% in 2022. Two years ago, there were 82,687 biker injuries in crashes, down 2,211 from 84,898 the previous year.

While every crash is unique, there are some disturbing trends. Alcohol-impaired fatal crashes account for 29% of all motorcyclist deaths. Across the nation, 7.8% of fatal crashes involved a "distracted driver." Personal responsibility is a core value of the MRF. We must ensure we are all making the right decisions to protect ourselves and others on the road. If we don't, who will?



Right To Repair Must Be Protected

Bob Kay - IMA Chairman

The Right to Repair affects all of us whether we work on our own bikes or have a shop work on them. The information and tools necessary to make repairs must be available to independent dealers and individuals. Not everyone who owns a newer motorcycle (under ten years old), wants to go to a franchise dealer (regardless of the brand), to get their bike serviced or repaired. We should not be penalized with the threat of losing our warranty for taking our bikes to our favorite independent dealer, whom we have trusted and supported for years. Furthermore, if your bike is over ten years old, most franchise dealers will not even work on that bike.

Most bikers I've met enjoy working on their bikes as much as riding them. It is part of our culture to hang out with our buddies and help each other. Most franchise dealers would prefer to eliminate independent dealers and then charge us outrageous prices for parts and labor. Franchise dealers and manufacturers work hard to restrict parts and updated information from the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket. Even worse than the high prices is the ridiculous amount of time they want to tie your bike up for service in the middle of riding season. The existence of independent dealers is essential for the survival of our culture, riding lifestyle and the future of motorcycling.

Harley stopped the production of carbureted bikes in 2007 and will not work on your carbureted bike because it is over ten years old. Few have the technicians on staff with experience to work on older bikes. If you own a 2007 – 2013 Harley, where do you go for an electronic fuel injection tune? Harley no longer supplies programable ECUs for these bikes and the EPA has restricted the Aftermarket from selling the current generation of modules to street bike owners. There is even a campaign to penalize any dealer willing to tune your fuel-injected bike. All this is supposedly to help create a clean climate. However, the EPA will not even publish emission standards/limits that are acceptable for the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket so that it can manufacture the components that will be environmentally compliant. It may seem like motorcycle manufacturers would like to sell you a new bike, service it twice a year and sell you another new bike in five years, but End-of-Life Directives for motorcycles are another issue for discussion at another time.

The MRF has been fighting for our Right to Repair and has pledged its full support to the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket to continue this battle. We cannot do it alone. We need your support by joining the IMA today so that we may continue fighting this attack on our rights and lifestyle. I will address our Right to Modify and build custom bikes in your next issue of the American Biker Journal.



Join Our TEAM

2025 STATE OFFICE OPENINGS

Calling all ABATE Members- it is time to demonstrate your dedication and passion in fighting for motorcyclists' rights by stepping up and volunteering to hold one of the open officer's positions at Texas ABATE. Below are the Executive & Administrative officer positions open: **NOMINATIONS JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024**

Assistant Coordinator (Executive Office)

Treasurer (Executive Office)

Membership (Administrative Office)

Newsletter (Administrative Office)

Remember, State positions are 2-year terms. For more detailed information regarding the duties of these offices see pages 12-14 of (The) Texas ABATE Confederation Bylaws.

Thanks,
Terri Davison
Assistant Coordinator.....Texas ABATE Confederation





A Treasure Hunt Search

(Are You Ready to Ride?)

by Jenie Miller

The weather has finally warmed up, you finished a rough day and have been dreaming of taking your bike

out all day. First ride of the Year! Time to hop on and go!

The bike has been sitting all winter in the garage just waiting. You remember that last ride of last year like it was yesterday. Surely it's ready to go. But hold on a second! Let's take just a moment though to consider what has happened to your bike since you last rode. Time to slow down as I've found over the years. Part of good training is developing a consistent practice to ensure that you and your bike are truly ready to ride.

One of the first things I like to do in the spring is give my bike a wash before that first ride. Putting my hands on all the parts/pieces of the bike as I wash it often leads to me finding an issue. Kind of an "accidental" on purpose, bike inspection. We've all heard of the items to inspect that should be done before each ride.

Who has time for that? But seriously, we all should. Yesterday I found a loose body panel part, held on by only a single plastic grommet, on the Hypermotard and that would have cost me \$\$\$ to replace had it fallen off. Another time I found a rear brake that wasn't functioning due to air in the line, after sitting through the winter. Easily fixed by re-bleeding the brakes, but without the check only the front brakes would have functioned. Can you imagine what might have happened if full braking had been required?

Let's just address our tires that sat waiting for this first ride: [Did you know that it is natural for your motorcycle tire to lose about 1-3 psi of air pressure within a month?](#)

This is what happens to a normal tire, not even one with a leak or another problem. If you parked the bike in September and it's now April, **your tire pressure may have dropped somewhere between 6-18 psi**. Are you really going to chance it, riding on tires that are low? Go too low, your tire could potentially come off the bead causing to crash.

The same goes for the other areas of inspection. You get the idea. One other key point, once your inspection is done, develop a good pre-ride process. One instructor I know always turns left out of his driveway so that he rides into his neighborhoods cul-de-sac, does a tight turn or two, and once the bike is traveling straight, he does several stops, to warm up the tires and more importantly, himself before hitting the road.

Now get out there! Enjoy that first ride this spring.

10 TIPS FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH



For Riders

1

Never assume that drivers can or do see you.

2

Use extra caution when riding through construction areas.

3

Avoid riding in poor weather conditions.

4

Position yourself out of a driver's blind spots.

5

Use your headlights at night and wear reflective tape.

For Motorists

6

Reduce your speed and increase stopping distance.

7

Exercise extra caution while at intersections.

8

Check your blind spots before making any lane changes.

9

Have passengers alert you of a motorcycle rider's presence.

10

Stay alert and always be willing to share the road.

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**MOTORCYCLISTS
IMPROVING
LEGISLATIVE
EFFECTIVENESS**

WORKING
TOGETHER TO IMPROVE
MOTORCYCLE
LEGISLATION



**FRIDAY - SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25 -27, 2024
REGISTRATION BEGINS
FRIDAY @ 4:00 P.M.**

**SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE
WORKSHOPS WITH
INFORMATION GEARED
TOWARD PROTECTING
MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS
AND GENERAL
INFORMATION FOR ALL
RIDERS.**

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WWW.MIDSOUTHMILE.ORG**

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JULY 21, 2024



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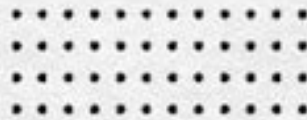
ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER

IT'S TIME
TO...



**BE
SOMEBODY'S
HERO**

VFW POST 6111
1200 W. Harris Road
Arlington, TX 76001
Chapter Meeting at 12 noon
KSU immediately following



CRITICAL NEED ITEMS:

- TOILET PAPER
- TRIFOLD PAPER TOWELS
- PAPER TOWEL ROLLS
- LYSOL/CLOROX WIPES
- DISINFECTANT SPRAY
- VARIETY BOXES OF CEREAL

*****PLEASE... NO CLOTHING*****

EARLY DROP OFF LOCATIONS

VFW Post 6111
1200 W. Harris Rd.
Arlington, 76001
OR
Sparrows Tattoo
2860 FM 157, Ste 110
Mansfield 76063





www.arlingtonabate.com

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VFW Post 6111

1200 W. Harris Road

Arlington 76001

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(817) 819-7146



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*Community Unity Bears (CUBs)
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trucks to comfort children
when the need arises.*

*Looking for volunteers to help
prepare CUBs in October.*



LAW TIGERS

MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS

