

A collection of vintage motorcycles is displayed in a museum setting. In the foreground, a green Harley-Davidson motorcycle is prominent, featuring a red stripe and the brand name in red lettering. Behind it, a red Indian motorcycle is visible, with the brand name in gold script. Other motorcycles in various colors and styles are partially visible in the background.

# TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

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**12 NOON**

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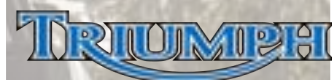
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The mission statement of Texas ABATE Confederation is to promote and defend motorcyclist's freedom, safety and awareness through education and legislation to make Texas the best place to ride.

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**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS  
FOUNDATION**  
Ride With The Leaders

**MRF National NEWS**

## **Joint Congressional Resolutions To Block CAFÉ**

Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan, the Co-Chair of the House Motorcycle Caucus, introduced a bill aimed at stopping the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from enacting new rules on "Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks for Model Years 2027-2032 and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Heavy-Duty Pickup Trucks and Vans for Model Years 2030-2035." Rep. Walberg's bill H.J. Res 199 currently has 64 cosponsors. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas also recently introduced a similar bill in the Senate, S.J. Res 104, with 29 Senators listed as cosponsors. As it currently stands, the proposed rule would set the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards to a level that is not attainable with liquid fuels alone. Despite Congress directing NHTSA not to consider electric vehicles (EV) in determining the maximum feasible standards, NHTSA includes EVs in their annual baseline. This standard will force manufacturers to transition away from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to meet the new standards. This move by NHTSA, in conjunction with emissions rules the Environment Protection Agency is enacting, is a significant step towards eliminating ICE.

If you want to help Congressman Walberg and Senator Cruz save the internal combustion engine, click the buttons below and ask your member of Congress and U.S. Senators to support the bills.

H.J. Res 199: <https://igniteadvocacy.com/.../support-h-j-res-199.../718>

S.J. Res 104: <https://igniteadvocacy.com/.../support-s-j-res-104.../719>

Join The MRF: <https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/>

## **2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released their 2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles. The 15-page report details motorcycle safety data including geographic, demographic and other factors in crashes and fatalities involving bikers.

As is often the case, how statistics are framed can shape the narrative surrounding the numbers.

NHTSA lists "Key Findings" from the report. Some of the major findings include:

In 2022 there were 6,218 motorcyclists killed, 15% of all traffic fatalities. An increase of 1% from the previous year

An estimated 82,687 motorcyclists were injured in 2022, a 3% decrease from 84,898 motorcyclists injured in 2021.

35% of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2022 were not properly licensed.

42% of motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2022 were alcohol-impaired.

On these four points, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has a strong message, too many bikers are being killed and injured on our nation's roadways! It is unacceptable that 15% of deaths on the road are motorcyclists. An easy and obvious way to help bring that number down is to ensure those on motorcycles are properly trained and licensed to operate motorcycles. Additionally, the number of alcohol-impaired deaths is disgraceful. Reducing or eliminating impaired riding would make a dramatic difference to these numbers.

However, some of the points made in the report are spun in a way we find troubling. For example, NHTSA lists as one of its key findings:

In States without universal helmet laws, based on known helmet use, 54 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2022 were not wearing helmets, as compared to 11 percent in States with universal helmet laws.



## MRF National NEWS

What is not highlighted is that 63% of all fatalities nationwide involved a rider wearing a helmet, based on known helmet use. Additionally, the lack of a mandate to wear a helmet doesn't mean a motorcyclist can't wear one. It just means that those riding are allowed to decide for themselves. This fact is spotlighted by the fact that 11 of 32 states without a mandatory helmet law (Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Wyoming), had the same number or more deaths among riders wearing helmets as without helmets.

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard quipped, "Looks like NHTSA won't stop until all bikers killed are wearing a helmet!"

Another point to note is that an estimated 4.1 billion more miles were ridden on motorcycles in 2022 than the previous year. This is a 21% increase in miles traveled while fatalities only increased by 1%, showing that while the number of fatalities increased, the rate of fatalities per mile traveled decreased. One of NHTSA's "Key Findings" for this report is that motorcycles in 2022 had a 26.16% fatality rate per mile traveled. They do not point out that in 2021 that same rate was 31.27%, giving motorcycles a reduction in fatalities of 5.11%. Meanwhile, passenger car fatalities dropped 0.07% and light trucks dropped 0.04% based on miles traveled.

Some other facts from the report:

35% of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2022 were speeding.

66% of fatalities occurred in urban areas.

36% of fatal crashes occurred at an intersection.

58% of deaths happened during daylight hours.

92% occurred on non-interstate roads.

It is also important to note that according to NHTSA, "For the purposes of this fact sheet, motorcycles include 2- and 3-wheeled motorcycles, off-road motorcycles, mopeds, motor scooters, minibikes, and pocket bikes." However, in a move the MRF applauds, motorized bicycles (previously included in these numbers), have been removed from the motorcycle category and will now be categorized as bicycles.

These are just a few of the things that are important for you to know. Please join the MRF now and help us continue the fight. We need all riders to be part of this movement, because it affects all riders!

### Lastly,

If you want to know more and really see what is happening around the country that DOES affect us here in NH, come to the Meeting of the Minds Set 26-29 in St. Louis MO. It is an awakening and will get the fire lit under you to be more concerned and aware. OUR lifestyle is under attack, still!!!!!!



# 2024 STATE OFFICE OPENINGS

## **LOOK WHO HAS STEPPED UP! –**

Below is a slate of nominees for the open State officer positions at (The) Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc:

### **Assistant Coordinator (Executive Office)**

**Allen “Ace” Ryant** (Lake Cities ABATE Chapter)

### **Treasurer (Executive Office)**

**Angela Wagoner-Daffern** (Texoma ABATE Chapter)

**Donna Aguilar Guyton** (Lake Cities ABATE Chapter)

### **Membership (Administrative Office)**

**Marvin Williams** (Lake Cities ABATE Chapter)

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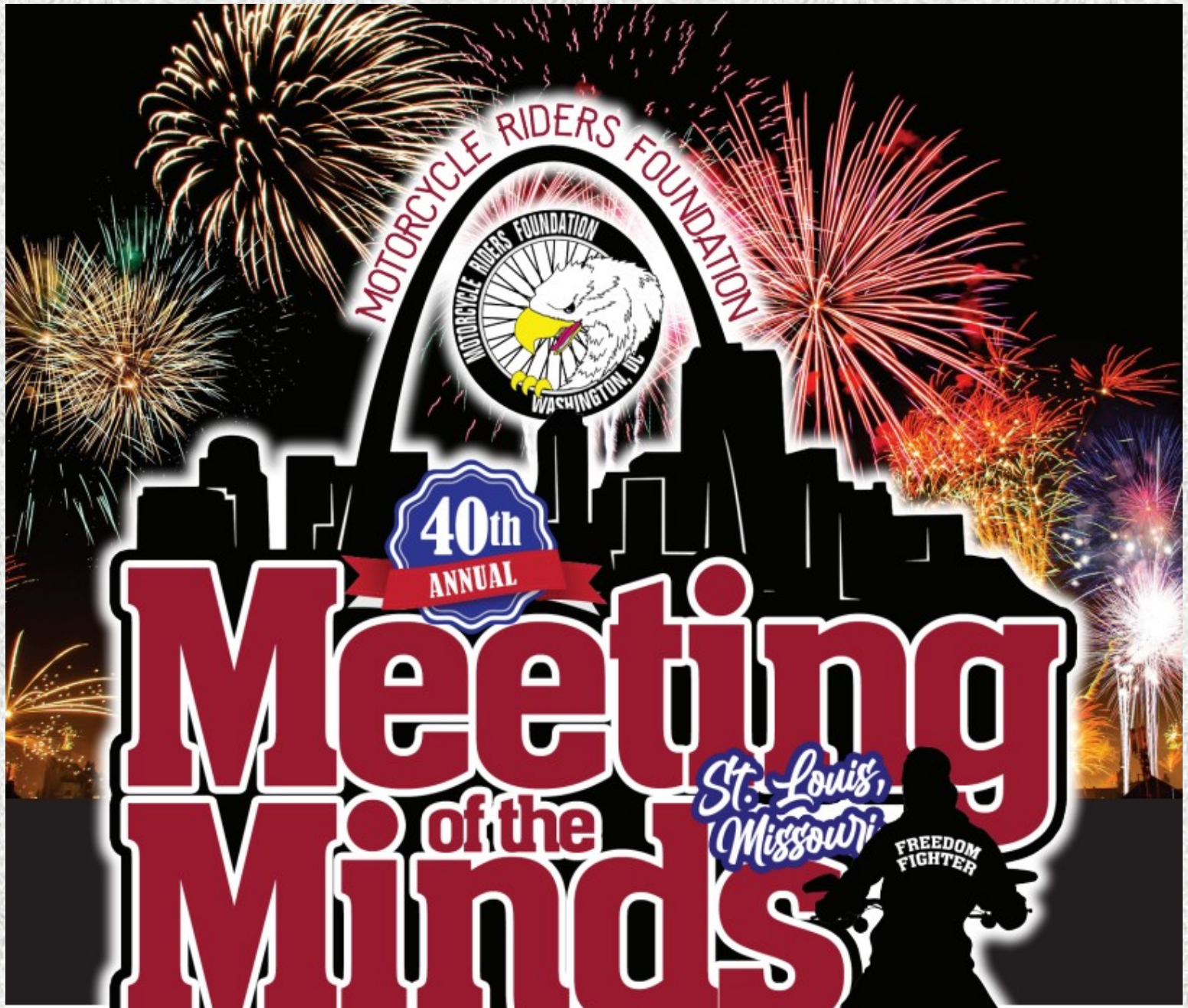
### **Newsletter (Administrative Office)**

**Marina Gutierrez** (Arlington ABATE Chapter)

Remember, the deadline to submit nominations for open State officer positions is September 30, 2024 and these 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.

Terri Davison  
Assistant Coordinator





# Meeting of the Minds

September 26-29, 2024

Hosted by Freedom Of Road Riders Missouri



## SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024 ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, MO 63134-3307

Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).

Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612

Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 4, 2024): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2024: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)

Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at [fred@mrf.org](mailto:fred@mrf.org).

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# 40th Annual Meeting of the Minds

September 26 - 29, 2024

## ENHANCING YOUR SKILLS TO KEEP THE NIGHTMARES AT BAY

In the real world, few people wake up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat thinking about the future of motorcycling. The future of motorcycling is under attack today and a few of us do wake up in the middle of the night with the future of motorcycling on our minds.

In the early days of motorcyclists' rights activism – fifty years ago for some – mandatory helmet laws at the federal (and later the state) level did not keep us awake or stop us from riding. It was always a matter of choice and there were no attempts (then) to restrict us from riding or to kill motorcycling and related businesses. Then came federal legislation to outlaw sports bikes, along with insurance company “blacklists” of the “super bike” genre, and the nightmares of over-regulation began. The MRF moved rapidly to turn back the federal legislation and the super bike blacklists, and we slept easy – for a while.

**Motorcycling is under attack.** The attacks are more subtle than late-night bans of motorcycles riding through neighborhood parks, more subtle than profiling motorcyclists on the side of the road, and more subtle than a deliberate omission from the Road to Zero Coalition.

But not as subtle as “end of life directives,” not as subtle as trying to run a successful aftermarket business without the “right to repair,” not as subtle as legislation to eliminate the internal combustion engine, and not as subtle as driverless or autonomous vehicles killing motorcyclists.

Now, every motorcycle owner should be losing sleep or waking up in a cold sweat wondering just how long we will be able to ride if we do nothing to stop the legislation and regulation that exacerbate our nightmares. How long will we be able to ride if the calls to action go unanswered? How long will we be able to ride if the lessons and tools made available at the Meeting of the Minds conferences go unused?

**The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is working on the lesson plans and will bring the tools needed to enhance motorcyclists' rights advocacy to the 40th Annual Meeting of the Minds in September 2024!**

A Meeting of the Minds general session panel discussion — with industry leaders and influencers— will certainly keep you awake during the presentation. The panel, aptly titled “*What about the future of motorcycling that keeps you awake at night,*” may even keep you awake in the middle of the night as it does us. However, the panel will give you something to consider, more tools to turn back the attack against motorcycling, and, with action, help stop the nightmares.

The nightmares are real, motorcycling is under attack. Your attendance at the Meeting of the Minds may not end the nightmares. However, your attendance and taking the lessons home to your riding partners will help keep the nightmares at bay.



# RIDE WITH THE LEADERS!



Thousands of motorcyclist rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grass roots organizations.

**Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to present their annual conference for politically motivated motorcyclists! Spend the weekend with some of motorcycling's most educated and dedicated activists. Learn what issues will impact bikers today and in the future!**

Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the **40th Annual Meeting of the Minds, September 26-29, 2024.**



## MRF MEETING OF THE MINDS 2024 PRE-REGISTRATION

(Must be received by September 4, 2024 to qualify for discounted rate)



PRE-REGISTRATION RATE:  \$100.00 Current individual MRF member (before Sept. 4)  \$120.00 Non-MRF member (before Sept. 4)  
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Send check or money order to: MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612 before Sept. 4. After Sept. 4 registration fee increases \$10 per person.  
 For room reservations call 314-429-1100 (mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates)

## PRE-PURCHASE YOUR MRF MEETING OF THE MINDS 2024 T-SHIRT NOW!

40th Annual Meeting of the Minds T-shirts can be pre-ordered now with your registration. Guarantee your shirt size, color, and style now, by ordering today!

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[www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org)

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Take action now to attend the 40th Annual Meeting of the Minds conference, September 26-29, rest easier and make your reservations now!

**ALL ROOMS NEED TO BE BOOKED BY  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024.**

## **OTHER INFO**

Pre-Register: MRF

PO Box 9090

Peoria, IL 61612

Members: \$100 | Non-Members: \$120

Registration Includes: All Workshops, All Workshop Materials and Saturday Banquet

**Pre-Order T-Shirts cutoff date is September 4, 2024**

## **HOTEL**

RENAISSANCE

St. Louis - Airport

9801 Natural Bridge Rd

St. Louis, MO 63134

314-429-1100

***MENTION Motorcycle Riders Foundation***

**\$129 Base Rate**





## NEW ABATE MEMBERS

*Total Number of New Members  
by Chapter & Independents*

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>MAY</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>JUN</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>YTD</u>
ARLINGTON	0	0	5
HEART OF TEXAS	0	1	1
LAKE CITIES	2	3	9
TEXOMA	4	11	38
INDEPENDENTS	1	0	13

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# 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



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September 6 - 8, 2024 - Dad's Dads Farm

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate>

*Joe R. Morris*

**Independant Rep & Board Member**



## **Texas ABATE Membership**

As you know, membership is one of the key ingredients to sustaining Texas ABATE and without our members we would cease to exist. According to Merriam-Webster, the definition of membership is: 1) the state or status of being a member; 2) or the body of members. ABATE members are not only a state, status, or body of numbers; we are Texas constituents, voices and votes.

Help increase our Texas ABATE membership by signing up and sponsoring new members to join our organization. Use the recipe below to encourage individuals to join.

**S** – *Sustainability*...Assist in the growth of Texas ABATE membership

**U** – *Understanding*...Knowledge of what Texas ABATE stands for and our mission

**C** – *Communications* ...Maintain open communications

**C** – *Cooperation*...Cooperation is vital to achieving ideals and goals

**E** – *Education*...Promote compliance with the laws of Texas public roads & highways

**S** – *Safety*...Promote safety of both motorcyclists and motorists

**S** – *SUCCESS*...ACHIEVE favorable and desired outcome(s)

**Rober Crowdis**  
**Membership Officer**

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# What's Happening

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## 2024 RUMBLE ON THE RIVER

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BIKE SHOW  
BIKER GAMES  
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SEPT. 27th-29th, 2024

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September 27th-29th 2024

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# Oct. 11-13, 2024



# East Texas Burn Run

## Jefferson, Texas

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## Another Bad Report Card?

A recent email distribution from the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) titled, "2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles", highlighted findings of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) recently-published 2022 *Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles* (DOT HS 813 589) that should give us pause.

The annual publication from NHTSA, available at <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/#!/PublicationList/82>, is part of an extensive collection of documentation on all things traffic-related. It's not only of particular interest to the motorcycling community, but also reviewed closely by law and policy makers at all levels of government, and law enforcement. Even non-governmental agencies and corporations, such as insurance companies, use the statistics and analysis to make business decisions related to motorcyclists and motorcycles.

For those who have never read a copy of *Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles*, perhaps an introduction is appropriate at this point.

State agencies, such as the New Hampshire Department of Safety, collect traffic crash information from state and local law enforcement agencies using electronic or paper forms. The submitted information is compiled into datasets that are reviewed, analyzed, and distributed for statistical analysis, law and policy making, and public information campaigns. These datasets, particularly those involving fatalities, are shared with the NHTSA.

Each year, the NHTSA creates its own collection of datasets used in the analysis of trends, based on the submitted state data. There is an approximately 1.5 year lag in release of the NHTSA reports, as evidenced by the 2022 *Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles* stamped with a July 2024 date.

The document is data overload for many readers, so they usually head straight to the *Key Findings* and *Overview* sections for the executive summary. These sections usually highlight what NHTSA considers the most relevant information for trend watchers, including the media.

Sections titled *Crash Characteristics* and *Crash Involvement* start the deep dive into details of fatal traffic crashes.

The real meat and potatoes are contained in the section titled *Motorcyclists*, where age, motorcycle engine size, speeding, licensing and previous driving records, and alcohol are presented in written and tabular forms.

As one would expect from NHTSA, there is a significant focus on helmet use by riders and passengers involved in fatal crashes, and alcohol involvement.

Finally, the document concludes with *Important Safety Reminders* and links to additional NHTSA resources, such as the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), Crash Report Sampling System (CRSS), and others related to both motorcycle and other vehicle body types.

The 2022 *Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles* document will never make anyone's "best reading" list, but the riding community should at least be familiar with it, as it and others in the series are cited as gospel by some of those who seek to curtail or eliminate the freedoms we enjoy. Where do you think bureaucrats and safety 'experts' get their ammunition when they propose changes that could have a detrimental impact on rider choice, the types of vehicles manufacturers produce, and the costs of ownership?

New Hampshire is a small state, but still suffers from too many fatal traffic crashes involving motorcyclists. A look for possible underlying causes reveals excessive speed, impairment, and lack of training and/or skill set for the type of vehicle ridden.

Several recent New Hampshire media reports of motorcyclists arrested for operation of a motorcycle at speeds exceeding 120 mph do nothing to reduce the cry for a crackdown on all motorcyclists. Excessive speed appears to be a major contributing factor in motorcyclist fatalities nationwide, but seems to receive more attention here for unknown reasons.

Impaired operation, especially involving alcohol, continues to focus an unwelcomed light on the entire riding community. For those who don't ride, it's not unusual for them to call for stricter limits on BAC (blood alcohol content or concentration) for two- and three-wheeled vehicle operators because our community's representation in fatal crashes involving alcohol is higher than theirs, percentage wise. And the cry for stricter enforcement and penalties for impaired riders grows louder when an unfortunate multiple fatality occurs.

Another continuing area of concern is the number of fatally-injured motorcyclists who were riding without a valid motorcycle license. Whether riding without a license or motorcycle endorsement, or riding with a suspended or revoked license, the fact that the operator wasn't permitted to be on a motorcycle on a public roadway reflects poorly on that person's regard for themselves and others.

Successful completion of a Basic RiderCourse (BRC) through the New Hampshire Motorcycle Rider Training (MRT) Program (<https://www.dmv.nh.gov/drivers-licensenon-driver-ids/motorcycle-rider-training-program>) provides the student with a New Hampshire Motorcycle Rider Training Program completion card. The card allows the rider to obtain a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license without taking the NH Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) motorcycle skills test.

Everyone in the riding community wants to return home safely at the end of a ride, whether it's just a run around the block or an extended road trip. Ensuring one's responsibility for their own safety starts with understanding the risks, ensuring the rider and machine are in proper working order, and riding within the limits of the rider's skill set, the machine's capabilities, and the limits imposed by the environment.

Riding impaired, riding excessively fast for conditions, and riding untrained can all be avoided if the rider understands the consequences for each one of these failures. There are other contributing factors that can quickly turn a joy ride into a nightmare – recognize the dangers and resolve to avoid them.

Take some time to read *2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles* – you never know what you'll take away from the information it provides.

“Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.” – Anonymous

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Imre Szauter  
Director, Ride S.M.A.R.T.



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