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ABATE of Georgia

ABATE of Georgia's mission is centered on education. We preserve the freedom of the road by protecting the rights of all motorcycle riders through fair and reasonable legislation; education and public awareness.

We promote a positive public image of the motorcycle riding community. Our members are from all areas of the state, from all walks of life, who ride all makes of bikes. ABATE is not a club, it is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit educational organization. We are affiliated with national groups like the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

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Editor's **NOTE**

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Welcome to our May edition!

May is a busy month for us all! First, we would like to mention that this month is Abate of Georgia's 45th anniversary! We are so proud to be working together toward a safer motorcycling experience in Georgia for all!

Secondly, we have our quarterly board of directors meeting in Macon on the 6th! All are welcome to attend. Please let your district coordinator know if you will be attending so that we have enough food for everyone!

Last but certainly not least, we have Bikers inside the Beltway this month, May 15th through the 17th. Stephanie Cruwys will be representing Abate of Georgia once again! Steph will be attending meetings with our legislators in Washington D.C., voicing our concerns with current bills in action and also bringing our requests for consideration for the safety of all motorcyclists in Georgia. This is a national lobby day and attended by most Abate organizations as well as the MRF.



We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Keep the Shiny Side Up!

ABATE of Georgia Editorial Staff--

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation



Biden's Full Court Press on Electric Vehicles

Media reports have surfaced regarding a planned announcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designed to ensure that all-electric cars make up as much as 67 percent of new passenger vehicles sold in the country by 2032.

According to the New York Times, "The proposed rule would not mandate that electric vehicles make up a certain number or percentage of sales. Instead, it would require that automakers make sure the total number of vehicles they sell each year did not exceed a certain emissions limit. That limit would be so strict that it would force carmakers to ensure that two thirds of the vehicles they sold were all-electric by 2032."

In 2021 roughly 6% of vehicles sold were electric. Increasing that percentage by a multiple of 10 in less than a decade presents numerous challenges. Sourcing the materials to make the batteries, building an adequate number of charging stations and ensuring the electrical grid is safe and secure to meet the increased demands are all major issues.

This potential EPA announcement comes as states around the nation are tackling the issues very differently. While California has been at the forefront of the attacks on combustion engines, other states have sought to protect such engines. This week lawmakers in Wisconsin held hearings on legislation that would protect the combustion engine. The legislative analysis of Wisconsin S.B. 212/A.B. 142 states, "Under this bill, no state agency and no local governmental unit may restrict the use or sale of motor vehicles based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle, including use for propulsion or use for powering other functions of the motor vehicle."

The federal government is also split on the issue. While the Biden Administration is pushing for increased sales of electric vehicles, Republicans in Congress last month introduced H.R. 1435 the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," that would amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines.

The MRF's 2023 legislative agenda states the MRF will, "Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines," to do that we will keep you posted on this situation as it develops and seek your help with an upcoming call to action.

Stay tuned... **MRF Press Release April 12, 2023**

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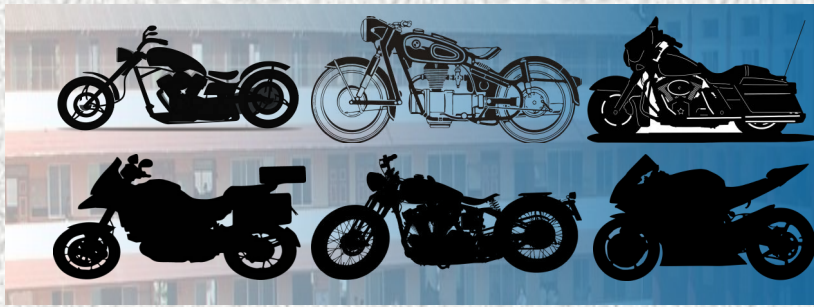
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LEGISLATIVE

May is motorcycle awareness month. Usually we think of awareness aimed toward motorists about motorcycles. I want to speak to Abate members about our awareness. we need to be aware that when we joined Abate as volunteers that we accepted the job of contacting our house and senate members about our issues. What we are for and what we oppose. why is this important. Politicians respond to organized groups that show their commitment and determination on issues. If we don't do it they will ignore us. If you want us to succeed I and our lobbyist and legislative team need you to put the pressure on our representatives. When you contact them you are giving us the ammunition to win our struggle.

Brooklyn Tom
Legislative Director



An Educational Minute

Janet Heaney...Editorial Staff

May will bring some beautiful weather for riding those twisties! Whether you are new to riding or an experienced rider, we all need some safety reminders. Let's discuss some do's and don'ts:

- Always ride within your skill set! If your riding buddies are ripping it up around the mountain, **don't** try to keep up. You may find yourself in a compromising position.
- Look through the curve! You can only ride as far as you can see into a turn, so maintain your focus and ride through the curve.
- Counter steering will make your ride safer and more enjoyable! At higher speeds, push right to go right. There is a lot of reading you can do on this subject. Take some time to get yourself familiar.
- Watch out for wet leaves! Hitting debris while you're in a curve could cause you to lose contact with the road. Be vigilant.
- Dress for the ride! Make sure that you are dressed for the ride as temperatures can fluctuate by ten degrees or more once you get into higher elevations. Being cold will rob you of your concentration and make the ride less enjoyable.

Enjoy the ride.....be prepared and educate yourself!

ABATE of Georgia, State Treasurer
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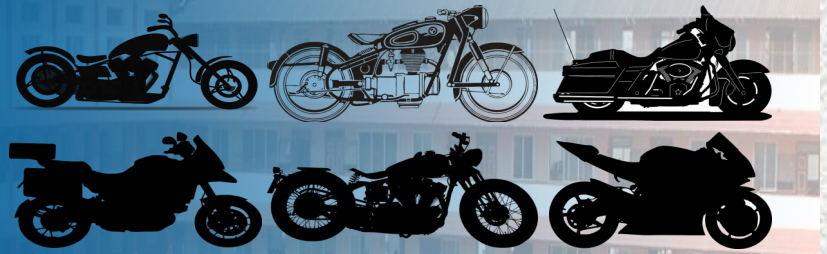
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STATE SGT AT ARMS



Hello people, welcome to the month of May.

It's Motorcycle Awareness Month, it's our quarterly board meeting month, it's.... May!!!!

It's going to be exciting. D-5N is having their annual legislative ride and have invited me to present information regarding our legislative activities, goals and progress.

The flyer is posted in this newsletter. The post ride gathering is at Sandy Creek Park in Athens. I'm excited for the opportunity to ride in the mountains a bit before the gathering and racing back to the coast to get ready for the work week. (Sunday May 7)

On Saturday, the 6th, we have our state board meeting and will be going over some of the great plans we have for the upcoming year.

One of our new "things" is doing more outreach through SurveyMonkey. We recently put together an informal survey about people's view of the motorcycle passenger age limit, and got 326 responses. 86% said they have had a passenger under the age of 16. 76% said there should NOT be an age limit. There was quite a range of responses to the question regarding one's opinion of what age is too young. The question regarding personal knowledge of child passenger being injured identified 3 reasons why children under 16 were hurt. A total of 9 people expressed personal knowledge of injury. In the comments section, one respondent said the accident occurred on a gravel road, and 4 respondents said the accidents were due to another vehicle. The three reasons identified were 1) child was too small, 2) the driver of the motorcycle was a novice and 3) child inattention. People were asked to provide comments on what criteria they feel should be in place for children under 16 to ride as passengers. 251 people responded and the over-arching themes were that the child should have appropriate safety attire, have a back rest on the motorcycle, and the child should be able to reach the foot pegs. Behavior and maturity was identified, that the child should be able to remain attentive, be calm, and be able to understand how they are supposed to behave on the motorcycle. Parental consent was also mentioned several times. Finally, driver skills were emphasized. Some basic respondent demographics were obtained as well. The majority of respondents had 10 or more years of riding experience, 62% said they always wear a helmet, regardless of the state helmet laws, and 45% said they'd taken a rider education course. 40% of the respondents were between 55 and 65, 27% over 65 and 18% 45 to 64. 74% of the respondents were male and 25% were female.

It was really interesting to review the results, and we've decided to use the digital survey system for other legislative issues, activity issues, post event feedback collection, elections, etc. We are asking for people to let us know what they think the best way to promote the surveys is. We can be messaged through the two facebook pages (ABATE of Georgia friends and family, Abate of Georgia) or email a state officer (published in this newsletter)

Finally, May is also the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Bikers inside the Beltway. I've got my hotel reservation set, taking a leisurely two day ride up and a burn-up-the-fires ride back. This week will be spent making my appointments with various representatives and senators. I'm excited to see some of the many friends I've made during my travels and meeting up with other Freedom Fighters.

Stephanie Cruwys
State Sgt at Arms.
Freedom Fighter

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(If you don't wish to fish, you can still purchase meals for \$5.00.)

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Feel free to bring your own pole and/or your own bait if you like.

We will have a few extra poles and some bait on hand.

We will also have a water slide!!! Please bring a bathing suit and towel for some extra fun!!!

Questions? Abate Jr. Directors Tricia & Jeff Cantaline @ 748-5266 or 507-1516





ABATE joined forces with the Effingham Wingman, and Low Country Trykes to build custom trykes for 3 young children







INTERNATIONAL FEMALE RIDE DAY

On the first Saturday in May, International Female Ride Day celebrates women motorcycle riders. The day also encourages and empowers other women to get involved in powersports.

In 1970, there were 5 million registered motorcycles in the United States. Most of these motorcyclists were male. As a result, it became quite common for men to operate a motorcycle with a woman going along for the ride. Eventually, however, more and more females began buying and riding their own motorcycles. In 2009, 10 percent of all motorcycle owners were female. In 2018, that number increased to 19 percent. This statistic translates to 1 in 5 motorcycle owners being a woman.

There are many reasons motorcycles are beginning to become more popular for women. Riding a motorcycle is a great way to help women conquer their fears and increase their confidence. Women also enjoy the fact that riding a motorcycle helps them burn calories and stay physically fit. Getting together with other female riders also provides a way to build friendships and connect with others.

HOW TO OBSERVE #FemaleRideDay

Participate in Female Ride Day by taking a ride and encourage other women to join you. Just ride! Other ways to participate include:

Learn about famous women motorcyclists, such as Effie and Avis Hotchkiss, Augusta and Adeline Van Buren, Dorothy "Dot" Robinson, and Bessie Stringfield.

Check out the [Itchy Boots](#) YouTube channel, which highlights the worldwide travels of a female biker named Noraly.

Go to your local motorcycle dealership and look at the different kinds of motorcycles. Plan to go to a motorcycle rally.

May is also [National Motorcycle Safety Month](#). Take a refresher safety course, spread the word about motorcycle safety, and encourage motorists and other riders to be on the lookout for motorcycles. Use #FemaleRideDay or #IFRD to spread awareness for this fun day on social media.

INTERNATIONAL FEMALE RIDE DAY HISTORY

Vicki Gray, a lifetime motorcycle advocate and road and race instructor, created International Female Ride Day in 2007. Her purpose is to profile and highlight women who enjoy motorcycling. In addition, her mission is to build awareness of female motorcyclists and encourage women to take up the sport. Today, women in more than 120 countries participate. Motoress, a motorcycling lifestyle community and motorcycle resource, oversees International Female Ride Day.



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2023 Legislative Priorities

2023 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Profiling:

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling. Seek opportunities including, but not limited to H. Res 366, with language that:

- Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists.
- Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.
- Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.
- Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.

Renewable Fuels:

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 (H.R. 1024) or similar legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment. This legislation:
- Revises current EPA rule to include warning label requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15.
- Requires the EPA to create a public education campaign about the risks of unauthorized use of E15, as well as the vehicles, engines and equipment prohibited from using E15.
- Defines multi-dispensing nozzle and requires an additional warning label on multi-dispensing nozzles to warn consumers of the residual fuel left in gasoline pump hoses from the previous individual dispensing.

Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.
- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.
- Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

Emission Regulations:

- Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT, H.R. 3281, S. 2736 or similar legislation.
- Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endangers the future of motorcycling.
- Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products.

Definition of a Motorcycle:

Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

Crash Avoidance:

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

Helmet Laws:

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity standards. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

Black Box / Data Recording:

Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Internal Combustion Engines:

Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens combustion engine production.

2023 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

- Preserve the Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding. · Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.
- Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies. · Preserve the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA.
- Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access. · Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.
- Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.
- Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.
- Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles. · Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.
- Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.
- All high priority issues and emerging technologies

Roadway Design:

Pursue safer roadway design strategies in federal infrastructure legislation or discussions (i.e., MAC).

Discriminatory Legislation:

Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

Gang, Club and Other Language:

Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, and associate when referring to motorcyclists.

Taxes:

Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

2023 MONITOR ITEMS

Distracted Driving:

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

Sound Testing:

- Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states).
- Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement

International Partnerships:

Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada informing the membership of key developments.

National Studies:

Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

Exhaust Systems:

Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

Opponents:

Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

Tolling:

- Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.
- Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.

Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting:

Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering.

Emissions:

Monitor and report on any litigation related to motorcycle emissions violations.

Tariffs:

Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

Incentives:

Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.



1)... To initiate, endorse and sponsor educational programs such as rider safety, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action and, individual freedoms and rights.

2)... To create and promote a positive public image of motorcyclists and motorcycle groups and to dispel and disprove media hype, unfounded propaganda and the "Hollywood" image.

3)... To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel and the general public.

4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.

5)... To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational, legislative, educational, and charitable activities



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What's Happening

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MAY 30th - JUNE 4th 2023
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RALLYS & SHOWS 2023

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AUGUST 4th - AUGUST 13th 2023

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is the largest motorcycle rally in the world. It is held annually in The Black Hills and in Sturgis, South Dakota for 10 days during the first week of August. It was started by local Indian dealer Pappy Hoel in 1938. Since its beginning, private area businesses throwing events such as races, concerts, and rides have made, and continue to make, the Sturgis Rally what it is today. 2023 will mark the 83rd annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

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Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 6, 2023): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 6, 2023: \$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.

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.

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Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the **39th Annual Meeting of the Minds, September 21-24, 2023.**



MRF MEETING OF THE MINDS 2023 PRE-REGISTRATION

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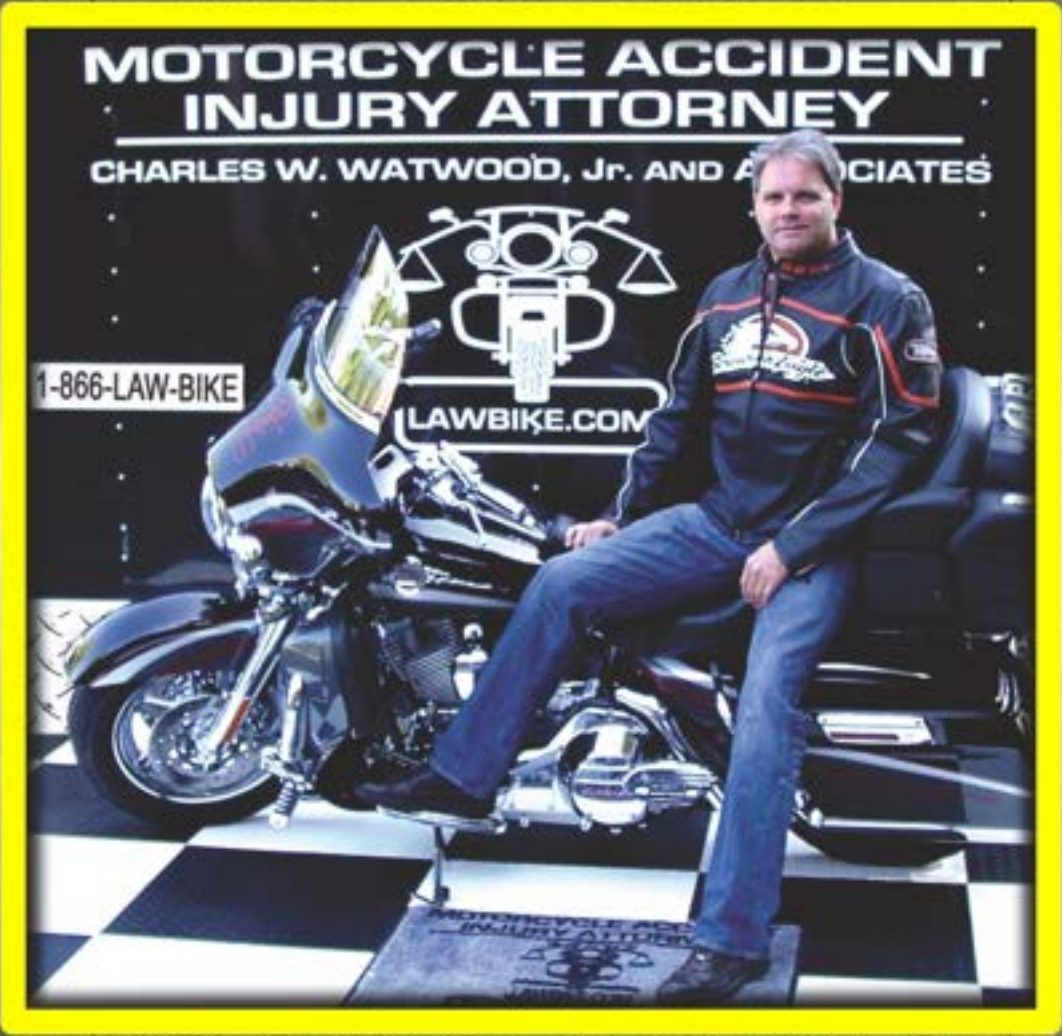
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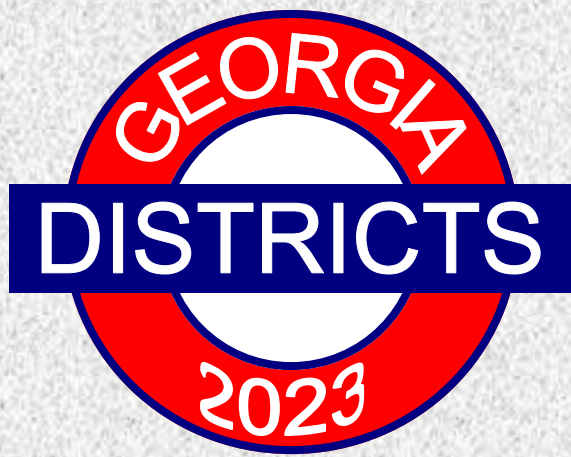
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Our meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the customer lounge at Cycle World of Athens, 4225 Atlanta Hwy, Athens, GA.

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District Five North is also known as **District 5 North**, **D5N** and **District Five**.

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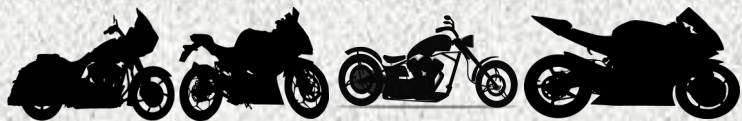
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902-805-1778

District 10 covers the following Coun-
ties: Appling, Bleckley, Candler,
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To all members having a Birthday in MAY

DISTRICT 11

District 11 meets on the 2nd Sunday
of each month at 2PM.
The Brass Rail..GUYTON

We had a great April meeting, we did-
n't have as many attendees as we
normally do, as there were rides on the
same day as the meeting...but, re-
gardless, we did have a good crowd
and a successful meeting.

We discussed legislative updates, up-
coming rides, brainstormed on how to
keep people or groups from piling
rides/events on top of rides/events...
This has been an ongoing problem,
and we are constantly trying to work
on changing that problem.

May's meeting will be moved to May
21st, due to Mother's Day is on May
14th.

**The weather is wonderful as Spring is
upon us...**yes, we have had a great
deal of rain, but fortunately we have
had some very beautiful days to ride.

DISTRICT 11 continued

We . So, whatever it is you are planning to do, be safe, be mindful of your surroundings, and enjoy...

We were so fortunate and blessed to have been able to join forces with the Effingham Wingmen and Low Country Trykes, which raise money to purchase custom made trykes for children with special needs or disabilities, so they can get out and enjoy the day with their family, and ride their tryke alongside of their siblings. The joy that comes into your heart, when you are able to witness a child get on their tryke for the first time, and go on a test run, and see the smile on their face, is so overwhelming, you can't help but shed tears of joy....We were so blessed to be a small part of this mission.

Another event that we supported and was a part of was the JC Ranch Fundraiser, Fishing Derby, and poker run. This event was to help raise money for the JC (Jesus Christ) Ranch, who's mission is to meet the needs of people who are struggling in society, economically, emotionally – Where Second Chances are Possible. The turn out for this ride/event was outstanding, and to have been a part of promoting, supporting and watching what God is doing, was amazing and humbling.



We are looking forward to all the rides and events that are happening this summer, and hope to see many of you there. As you go and do your events in your districts, please be safe, be humbled, and be grateful as we are not promised tomorrow, share your joy with others and be blessed in a mighty way.

See you on the road,
William "Billy Bob" Galloway
District 11 Coordinator.

DISTRICT 13

District 13 covers the following Counties: Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth. Meetings are on the first Sunday of each month at 2PM at the Wiregrass Farmer on Gordon Ave in Ashburn, GA. See

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Dennis at 229-924-7449 or
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DISTRICT 15

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