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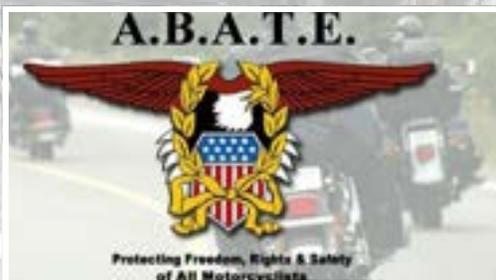
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WHAT YOU RIDE  
WE ALL RIDE FOR  
FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

We Want You



To Ride With Us!

## 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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FROM THE

# STATE DIRECTOR



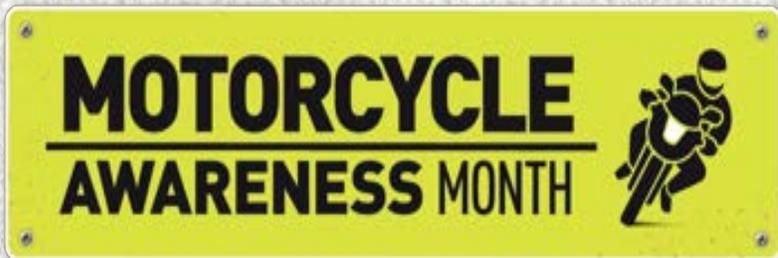
How's it going everyone. Just want to say what a progressive 6 months we have had. As of this moment we have increased our membership to over 500. Our progress in legislation is the best we have done in quite a few years. Thanks to dedication and hard work by our legislative director Alex Damon.

Abate of Georgia will have a spot at the AHDR season opener at Silver Dollar Motorsports Park. Stop by and say hello. Our state officers are working hard for all motorcyclist in Georgia. For your rights as riders. There are events coming up in D 5N and D 2 in May and June. Come out and support them in their events.

Running behind schedule on getting something in for the newsletter. So ya'll be safe out there and don't forget. May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Hope to see ya'll soon

*Junkyard*

State Director



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# THIS MEMORIAL DAY AND ALWAYS

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Editor  
Ruby Galloway



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**FEMALE**  
Ride Day

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**

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APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNOR'S  
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE IN GEORGIA



# LEGISLATIVE



MAY is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month! While I'm sure all the readers here already know this, it is still important to spread the word, especially to non-bikers! One great idea that's been around for awhile is to have drivers with children play the motorcycle game during car rides: much like the old "punch-bug" games of the past, have kids spot and count motorcycles they see; it can even be made more complex (for older kids) to get one point for cruisers, two points for sport bikes, three for adventure bikes, etc. If children get used to looking for motorcycles

when they're young, they will be more likely to spot bikes when they become old enough to drive; it'll build smart habits in how they look out for others on the road. Food for thought. Speaking of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, I petitioned (requested, actually) Governor Kemp to make his usual Proclamation to declare May as such, and the Proclamation is included here in my report. Please note: I am not single-handedly responsible for this; Governor Kemp makes such a proclamation every year, but it's important to remind him that we expect this to happen.

To the legislative side: as reported last month, the two bills we are most "attached" to (our bill: Anti-profiling, and the Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act, or Dead-red bill) did not make it to the House floor this session. We will bring them back next session (Jan. 2026) and with any luck they may be heard. If that becomes the case, I will provide talking points and information regarding how you can contact your Representatives to have your voice heard. Also, carrying-over from my last report, I did make an effort to be heard at the last Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee meeting, but since our bill hasn't been presented to Committee yet, I was not able to get a hearing. Fear not! I will continue this pursuit into the next session. As soon as I know which Representatives are appointed to the committee, I will be chasing them down to make sure they know where ABATE stands.

So, my report this month is small (as it will be over the next few months as well), but I am including the press release for anyone to use as you see fit (radio, social media, etc.) and also a copy of Governor Kemp's Proclamation.

# LEGISLATIVE



Lastly, I'll be speaking at District 5N for their Legislative Ride on May 25<sup>th</sup>; see the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter, and please come out to join us! It's a great time & a good lunch. A LawBike ® rep will be on hand also with giveaways and legal information. Hope to see you there!

Still in the wheelchair but rolling onward,

*Alex "Nomad" Damon*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 4, 2025**

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## **Rev Up Safety: Celebrate Motorcycle Awareness Month by Sharing the Road *Motorcyclists' Safety Is Everyone's Safety***

**Georgia:** May marks the beginning of riding season for many motorcyclists in America. It is also Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reminds all motorists that *Motorcyclists' Safety Is Everyone's Safety*. Motorcycle safety is an ongoing responsibility for all road users. By consistently following safe driving and riding practices and sharing them with others, all motorists can help reduce the number of motorcyclist fatalities on America's roads.

Each year motorcyclists are overrepresented in traffic crashes. Two leading contributors to this reality are speed and alcohol impairment. It is important to note that, while in years past, riding was seen as a leisure activity, it is now often a person's main or only mode of transportation. It is essential that riders and drivers both pay critical attention to their driving habits and to each other while out on the roads.

According to NHTSA data, there were 6,218 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes in 2022, representing 15% of total highway fatalities for that year. Speeding was a major contributing factor for motorcyclist fatalities in 2022, accounting for 35% of all motorcyclist fatalities. More than half (51%) of those fatalities were motorcyclists 21 to 24 years old. Alcohol impairment also played a significant role in motorcycle-involved crash fatalities: Forty-two percent of motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2022 were alcohol-impaired.

Like seat belts, wearing DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets can save lives and reduce injuries. After three years of declines, helmet use increased from 64.9% in 2021 to 66.5% in 2022. NHTSA data estimates that helmets saved 1,872 motorcyclists' lives in 2017 and that 749 more lives could have been saved if all motorcyclists had worn their helmets.

Vehicle drivers and motorcyclists can help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on America's roadways by:

- Observing all traffic laws and obeying the speed limit.
- Driving and riding alcohol- and drug-free.
- Avoiding distractions while driving or riding.
- Yielding to motorcyclists especially when drivers are turning at intersections.
- Wearing high-visibility protective gear and DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets while riding. Learn how to identify a safe, DOT-compliant helmet at [www.nhtsa.gov/motorcycle-safety/choose-right-motorcycle-helmet](http://www.nhtsa.gov/motorcycle-safety/choose-right-motorcycle-helmet).

One other significant step that motorcycle riders can take toward promoting road safety for all motorists is completing a rider education and training course.

For more information on motorcycle safety, visit [NHTSA.gov/Motorcycles](http://NHTSA.gov/Motorcycles). For additional statistics, please visit <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/> and search "motorcycle" under Crash Data Publications.



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Motorcycles are efficient vehicles that reduce fuel consumption and require less parking and roadway space, and are increasingly popular for transportation, tourism, and recreational purposes; and
- WHEREAS:** It is crucial that citizens remain aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased awareness and safe driving procedures by all vehicle operators can help ensure safety and reduce injuries and fatalities of motorcyclists; and
- WHEREAS:** Motorcycle organizations across this state will be conducting a variety of activities to promote Motorist Awareness and safely sharing the road with motorcycles, and will be reminding riders to be more visible to others; and
- WHEREAS:** The motorcyclists of Georgia are committed to promoting motorcycle safety, education, and awareness programs to the public and to the motorist community of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** By reminding motorists to share the road, we can all do our part to ensure the safety of those who travel on Georgia's roadways; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*  
CHIEF OF STAFF

# OPERATION LANK

## 3rd annual poker run Saturday | June 7

STARTS AT:



Fort Argyle Rd  
Savannah

REG: 10 AM

KSU: 11 AM

ENDS AT:

THE  
DOWN LOW

351 Webb Rd  
Springfield

Door Prizes  
50/50



# \$20

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**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS  
FOUNDATION**  
Ride With The Leaders

# NATIONAL NEWS



## H.R. 1566 - The REPAIR Act Right To Equitable And Professional Auto Industry Repair

April 4, 2025

Should you have the choice of where to bring your motorcycle for repairs or to do the work yourself? Should you have access to the parts, tools and service information required to maintain, service and modify your bike? Do you want to control who may access the data from your motorcycle and its use? If you answered yes to these questions, it is time to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 1566, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act", known as the "REPAIR Act."

The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops can access the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. This proposed commonsense law establishes rules regarding vehicle data access and will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

A similar bill was introduced during the last session of Congress and cosponsored by 56 Representatives. We need to surpass that number during this session. Help us today!

Contact your member of Congress and make a difference in D.C.

Go to: <https://www.mrf.org/federal-legislation-issues-1>

To Join Our Call To Action!

Support H.R. 1566

*Let's Do This!*



**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS  
FOUNDATION**  
Ride With The Leaders

# NATIONAL NEWS

## A BILL

To amend the Clean Air Act to ensure that tailpipe regulations do not limit the availability of new motor vehicles.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Choice in Automobile  
5 Retail Sales Act of 2025".

## Support H.R. 2165 - The Choice In Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act Of 2025

March 19, 2025

Congress is currently on a one-week recess, but before they left town, Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan introduced the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025. This bill is similar to legislation Mr. Walberg introduced in 2023, which was passed by the U.S. House. The Senate failed to move on that bill, so it died at the end of the 118th Congress. U.S. Representatives Russ Fulcher of Idaho, Gus Bilirakis of Florida and Rick Allen of Georgia have joined Mr. Walberg as lead cosponsors for the 2025 bill.

This bill focuses on protecting the internal combustion engine. It does this in two ways. First, the bill prohibits using authority under the Clean Air Act to issue regulations that mandate the use of any specific technology or would limit the availability of new motor vehicles based on the vehicle's engine type. Second, the legislation requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to update any regulations that result in the limited availability of new vehicles based on the engine.

This legislation would overturn a 2024 EPA rule, which, if not revoked, would cause about 56% of new vehicles sold between 2030 and 2032 to require electric motors.

If you want to save the internal combustion engine, ask your Representative to cosponsor H.R. 2165.

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To Join Our Call To Action!

Support H.R. 2165

*Let's Do This!*

**JUN 19** THURSDAY  
LATINO NIGHT

**JUN 20** FRIDAY  
FISH FRY  
7PM-UNTIL

**JUN 21** SATURDAY  
ANNUAL RIP RUN  
WALMART SUPERCENTER  
751 W OGLETHORPE HWY  
9AM REGISTRATION  
KSU @10  
\$10 DONATION

**MAIN EVENT**  
ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
GATES OPEN AFTER  
RIP RUN

**HOTEL INFO**  
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# SOLDIERS UNITED MC HINESVILLE CHAPTER



## 15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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### 10TH ANNUAL 50/50 RAFFLE RUN

Saturday, May 17th, 2025  
Registration at 8am  
KSU at 10am

\$25 per rider includes breakfast,  
lunch, event shirt & a chance at our  
50/50 raffle

1625 Sunset Blvd Jesup, GA 31545  
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MAY 4th, 2025  
12-4pm

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- o Camaraderie Resources
- o Food, Clothing & Personal Care Pantry Open
- o FREE LUNCH 1pm-3pm

VFW POST 660, 5115 OGLETHORPE RD, SAVANNAH

# WOMEN'S RIDE

## MAY 3, 2025



**REGISTRATION  
10AM - 11AM  
KSU 11:30AM**

1 FORT ARGYLE RD. SAVANNAH, GA 31419

**FOOD, PRIZES  
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# ACE's Angels

Fundraiser Ride for Zac Conner  
May 3rd, 2025

Entry Fee: \$20

Extra Rider: \$5

Meet at the BP Station at the intersection of Hwy 84 and Hwy 17 in Midway Ga. at 10 AM. KSU at 11 AM.

In 2018, Zac had a bad accident that he was lucky to survive. In the accident, Zac tore his Aorta and messed up his stomach. The doctors were able to place a stint to fix the Aorta and put him on a Colostomy Bag. He has since been taken off the colostomy bag and he was living a normal life with his Fiancé and their two year old little girl. That all changed in early March of this year when he had to be rushed to the hospital with signs of a stroke.

Once at the hospital, the doctors did tests and found out that the stint they placed in 2018 had failed and he has now become Anemic. They gave Zac two units of blood before air lifting him to Memorial Hospital in Savannah. Once in Savannah, numerous tests have been performed and they determined that along with the failed stint, Zac has

Ulcers in his stomach and he is losing blood somewhere, but they are unsure where. Zac is currently in between jobs and has no Health Insurance. His Fiancé is a stay at home Mom to their 2 year old. ACE's Angels is hosting this ride in support of this family that is going through these hard times and we hope to see you all out in support! If you are not able to make it, but would still like to donate, you can scan the CashApp icon on the right, or donate on CashApp to

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5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Wingmen MC Beaufort County

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# HONOR RIDE

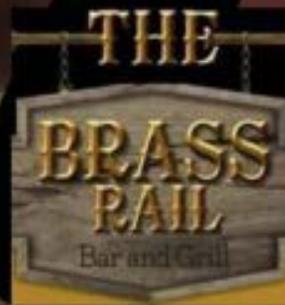
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## Dedication Ceremony

### May 26

GROUP RIDE BEGINS @ FOOD LION  
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REGISTRATION @ 10 AM-11 AM  
BREIFING @ 11 AM  
KSU @ 11:15 AM  
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LED BY: EFFINGHAM COUNTY WINGMEN

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JULY 5TH 2025

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**BEST/WORST HAND • FOOD • RAFFLE • 50/50**

**REGISTRATION 10AM**

**KSU 11AM**

**LAST BIKE IN 3PM**

**\$20 PER HAND**

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**CVMA • GA 25-7 MEMORIAL DICE RUN  
JULY 19, 2025**

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Registration: 9:30 AM  
First Bike Out: 11:00 AM  
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4:00 PM**



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 &

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**2-3 May 2025**

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**Friday**

**Friday & Saturday Night**

**Saturday**

**Night**

**Night**

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16TH ANNUAL  
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# Bikers Inside the Beltway

NATIONAL ★★★  
MOTORCYCLISTS'  
LOBBY DAY ★★

***Flexible & Moving Forward!***

May 19 & 20, 2025

Since 1987, the MRF has been the only national motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to on-street riders with full-time representation in Washington, DC! — *Ride with the Leaders!*

Pre-event briefing: May 19, 2025 • Event: May 20, 2025  
Pre-register (FREE) at [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) (cut-off May 14)

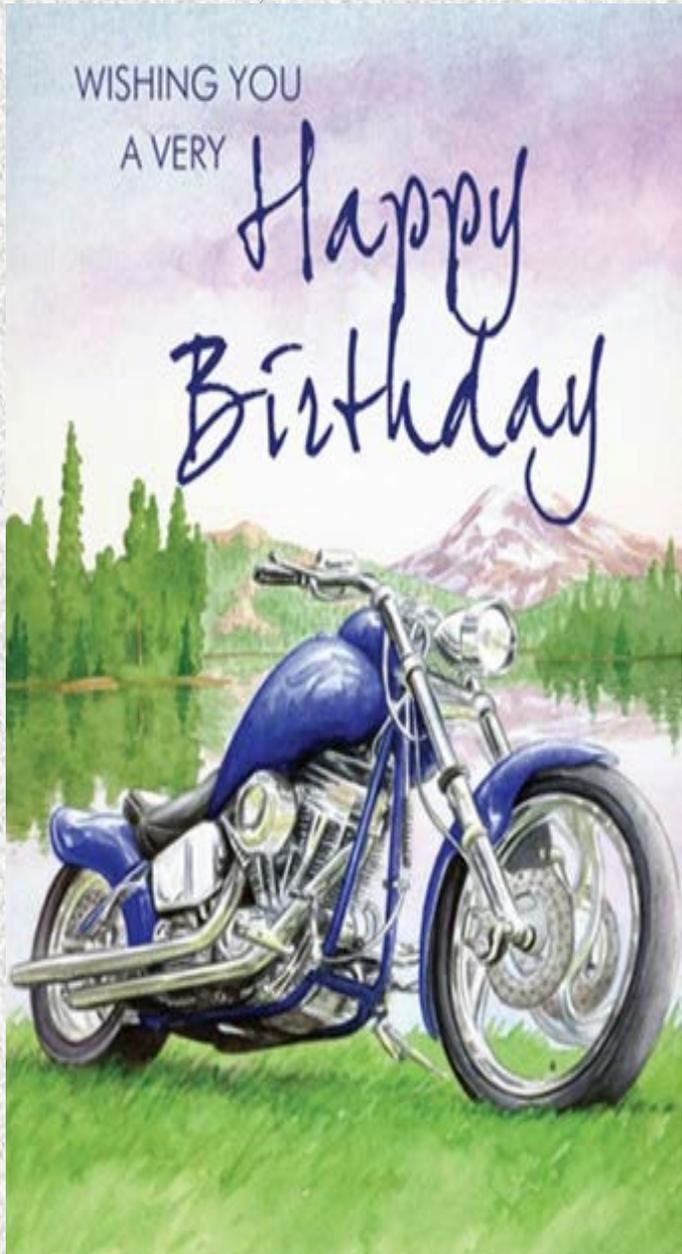
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# HOMECOMING



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**TREATY OAK REVIVAL**

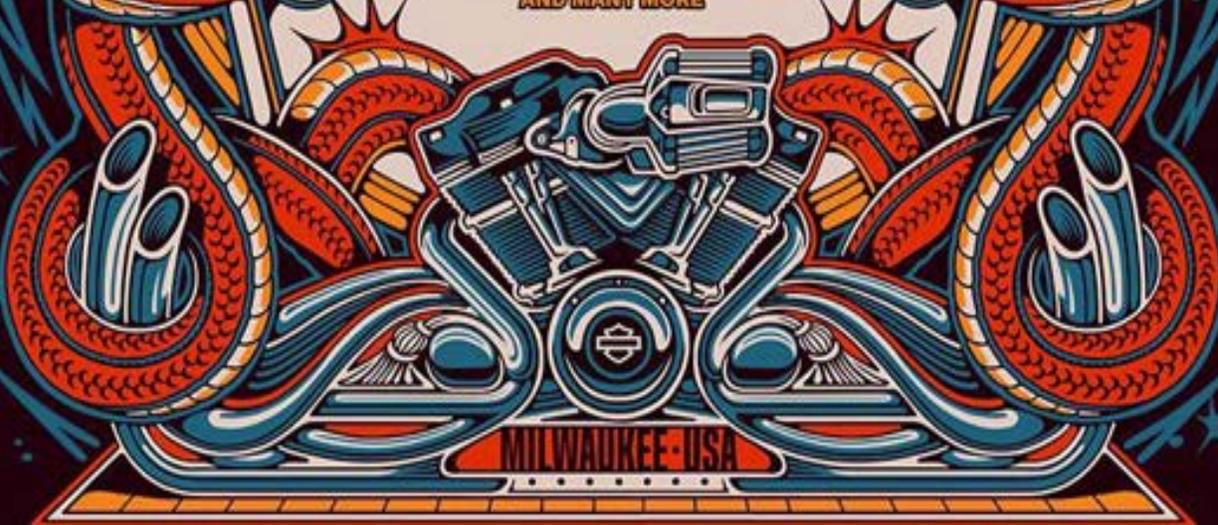
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THE DROPTINES • KENDALL MARVEL

AND MANY MORE



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**JULY 10-13, 2025**

# STATE CHARTER GOAL

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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# news

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Send check or money order to: MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612 before Sept. 10. After Sept. 10 registration fee increases \$10 per person.  
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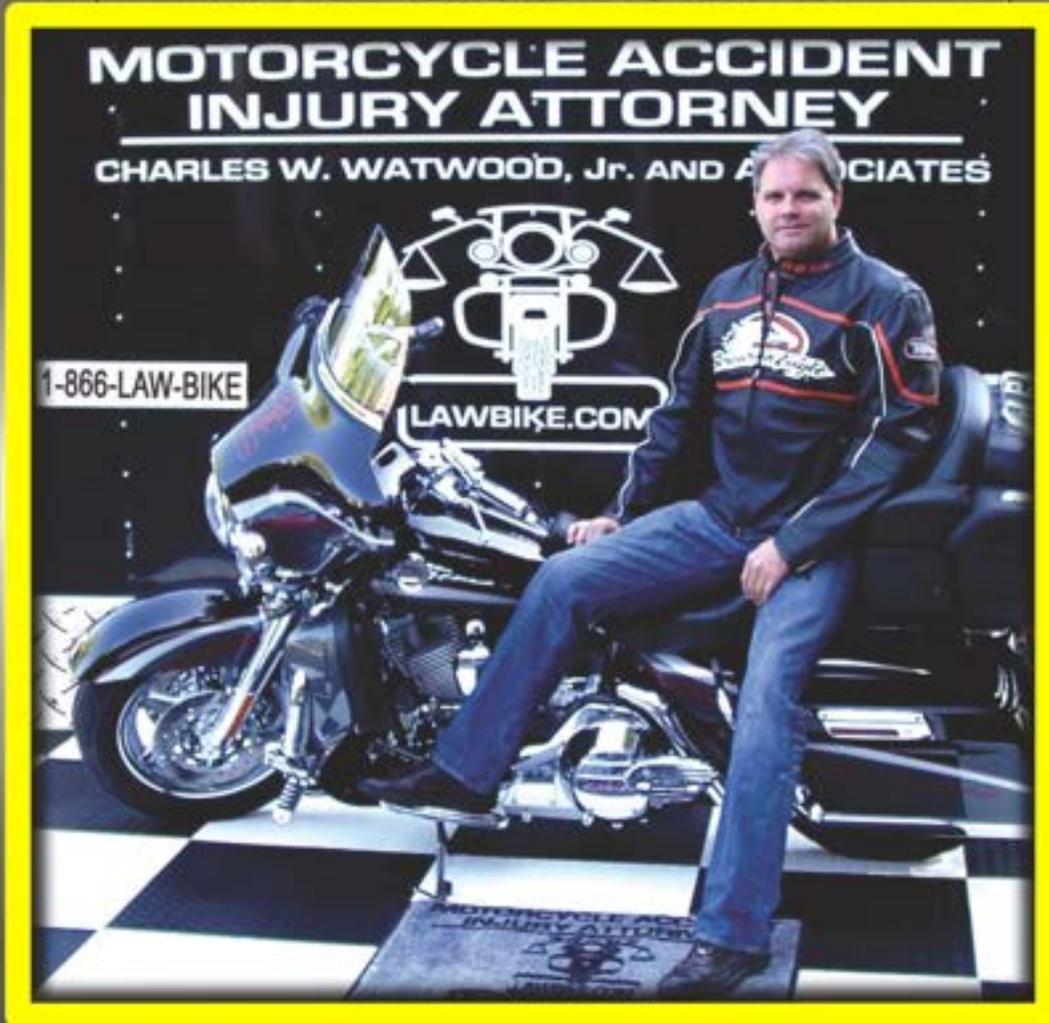
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The MRF's primary goals include:

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- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burdensome federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



## WHO WE ARE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

**JOIN THE MRF TODAY!**

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# RIDE SAFE



## DISTRICT 2

District Two covers the Counties of: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White are the counties in our Northeast Georgia district.

District 2 meets the 1st Sunday of each month at Pitts Park in Clarkesville, Ga at 2pm. In case of bad weather we meet at Alabaster's in Clarkesville. 2pm.

We also do a 3rd Sunday ride each month. Our starting point is Your Pie on the square in Clarkesville (usually at 11am) Follow our District 2 Facebook page for current info and any updates.

**Contact Us:** Facebook or Cynthia Love at 706-239-1055 if you have any questions.

Cynthia Love  
Abate D2 Treasurer  
706.239.1055



## DISTRICT 1 WEST

District One-West covers the Counties of: Calhoun, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, Pickens, Walker, and Whitfield. Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month at the Dari Dip on Villanow Street in Lafayette, GA. Meeting starts at 6:30pm For more information contact Frank 706-694-8626 or email

[sgt.baldy@windstream.net](mailto:sgt.baldy@windstream.net)

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## DISTRICT 2 UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May** Motorcycle Awareness event TBD  
**June** 27-29th Wheels Thru Time legislative ride to Maggie Valley (flier coming soon)

**August** 3rd (1st Sunday) Anthony's b-day party at Pitts Park 2pm

**Poker Run** TBD

**Scavenger Hunt** TBD

**Membership Drive** TBD

## DISTRICT 5 NORTH

**District Five North** includes Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Lincoln, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, Wilkes, Rockdale, Walton, Morgan, and Newton counties.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/ABATEGA.D5N/>

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

We are a sustaining member of The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, aka MRF.

### District Five North Officers

**Mary Ann Callahan**

District Coordinator

Activities Director

**Tammy Gray**

Secretary

**Glenn "Doc" Hurley**

Treasurer & Safety Director

**Cam McCallister**

Membership Director

Legislative Director

**Elden Kasmier**

Road Captain

**Cindy Tatkovsky**

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**Harry Jones**

Sargent of Arms

**John "Cowboy" Craig**

Photographer

## DISTRICT 6

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

#### District Coordinator & Treasurer

Karen Andross

585-370-4624

#### Legislative

Forrest Smith

770-634-8100

#### Membership

Jonathan Eberhard

920-422-0239

#### Secretary

Phillip Story

678-814-9152

#### Sgt at Arms

Vacant at this time

#### Activities

Vacant at this time

District 6 meets the **first Thursday of the month at Art & Jakes Sports Bar, 510**

**Newnan Crossing Bypass, Newnan, GA**

**30265. Our meetings begin at 7pm**

**prompt and will usually end by 8pm.** We

encourage folks to come early to grab

some food and have some social time.

Folks start arriving as early as 6 to get the

## DISTRICT 7

District 7 covers the following counties:

Bibb, Jones, Twiggs, Houston, Peach,

Macon, Crawford, Monroe, Jasper, Put-

nam, Hancock, Baldwin, Glascock,

Washington and Wilkinson.

D-7 Meets on the first Saturday of each

month at AP'S Hidden Hideaway at

2pm. If a state event falls on the

first Saturday of the month the meeting

will be held on the second Saturday.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Come out and support Middle Geor-

gia's only Motorcycle Rights Organiza-

tion (MRO) and see what D-7 has to of-

fer. You can also keep up with D-7 on

Facebook @ ABATE of Ga District 7

# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH



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## DISTRICT 9

District Coordinator... Wayne Hubbard  
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## DISTRICT 11

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

### District Coordinator

William "Billy Bob" Galloway

### Membership Director

Dale Hamblin

### Secretary

Ruby Galloway

### Treasurer

Elaine Demas

edmas2013@gmail.com

### Sargent at Arms

Anthony Demas

### Legislative Director

Shannon McDonald

### Activity Directors

Jimmy & Susie Criswell

### Activity Associates

Ruby Galloway, Bobby Jones, Amber Pitts

Hey everyone!

We had a great D11 meeting this month, we talked about upcoming events, and planning for Big Roy's and all the fun stuff like that. But, Legislation was a huge topic, which caused a good bit on interest and opinions. It is really great to see a room of 30+ wanting to be involved and active in what we all in ABATE are here to do.

Unfortunately, we have had 3 brothers down in less than a month, with very life changing injuries, both physically and emotionally. Please, I can't stress enough how important it is to always pay attention of your surroundings when you are riding. So many people drive while looking at their phone, putting on makeup, or whatever else they feel they must do in a car! This distracting driving is a HUGE problem, a problem that sometimes causes death.

We need to focus on being the solution and strive to not be the problem. Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be going to Reynolds to have impromptu BOB meeting and afterwards attend the All Harley Drag event....If you can come, do so! The more ABATE members that come, the better it will be.

In the meantime, get out there and ride, participate in events, support your local groups, organizations, and clubs...or just ride to ride! Either way, be safe in your journeys.... Pay attention to your surroundings and make it to your destination and back home safely.

I think that is all I have for now!

As always, thank you for being the best part of ABATE, we will see you on the road somewhere!

William "Billy Bob" Galloway  
District 11 DC





## 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

<https://www.facebook.com/AbateofGaDistrict13/>

Dennis at 229-924-7449 or [DC-13-ABATEGA@hotmail.com](mailto:DC-13-ABATEGA@hotmail.com) for more information

## DISTRICT 15

### MEETING

3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm  
SUNRISE DINER  
5031 New Jessup Hwy  
Brunswick, GA 31520

D15 was again present during Downtown Brunswick's First Friday event - it was also the same weekend as Brunswick's Elvis Festival - we had numerous Elvis' stop by our tent to say Hi, and we got to discuss the various legislative issues with folks from the area. We also continue to hold our monthly district meetings every Third Thursday at Sunrise Diner in Brunswick (eat at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm). We are planning another Free Ride in the near future (further details to



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# MAY

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