

Money, Politics and Michigan Motorcyclists

During this last election cycle, you probably heard of "Political Action Committees" or PACs being used to help candidates or political parties. These PACs are run by labor unions, business association, insurance companies or any group of people who have a stake in the political process, like **MOTORCYCLE RIDERS!** But did you know that Michigan motorcyclists have their own PAC?

The Michigan Motorcycle Riders Political Action Committee (MMRPAC) was established in 1996 on a state level to support candidates who support motorcycle riders in this state. Motorcycle riders join organizations like ABATE of Michigan, American Motorcyclist Association or Motorcycle Riders Foundation to become more aware of what is happening politically with motorcycling. These organizations motivate members to vote, write letters, visit legislators and even work on their election campaigns. But another way to help candidates is with **MONEY**. The truth is that it is incredibly expensive to run a successful election campaign and Michigan riders are needed to support candidates who support motorcyclist's issues.

Why should you give money to a PAC instead of giving it directly to a candidate? There is "**POWER IN NUMBERS**". A PAC can receive many smaller contributions and donate a larger check to a targeted candidate under the name of **Michigan Motorcycle Riders**.

A political action committee receives money from any U.S. citizen, in check or money order, and documents that money with the state election officials. That money is then donated to any state candidate. Again, all donations are documented. All of these records are open to the public for viewing. This was established so the public could follow the money trail of any candidate.

Your contribution of \$20 or \$50 or \$100 will go to support legislators who are working on laws in Michigan that may affect what you ride and how you ride in the future. Your support is needed; all it takes is your check.

If you have any questions about the MMRPAC, our e-mail address is MMRPAC@aol.com, or write to us at the address below. Thanks much, Wayne E. Rogalski, Treasurer, MMRPAC.

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