

What is the MRF?

The MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

is a national lobbyist organization dedicated to those who ride. It is based in Washington D.C. to have easy access to our nation's lawmakers for legislation to protect and defend our rights, safety and welfare concerns for Motorcyclists.

I am your Arizona MRF Representative, Dale 'Animal' Dedrick. Here I will give you a brief History of what we do, why we do it, and some of the greatest Achievements of the MRF.

In 1985, in ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, hundreds of riders gathered for a very important meeting. The Reason? The United States Congress was rumored to be considering a ban on Motorcycles. The Attendees knew danger was ahead - not just on the Horizon, but an immediate and direct threat. They knew that even if they defeated this piece of legislation (which they eventually did in 1987) many more like it would surface.

And so, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation was born.

The MRF is the first and only motorcycle rights advocacy organization exclusively dedicated to on-street riders, with a full-time political presence in our Nation's Capitol.

Since its beginning, the MRF has grown to become a network of over 250,000 motorcyclists through affiliated state motorcycle rights organizations, motorcycle and riding clubs, and independent riders.

The organization has succeeded in shaping public policies to ensure riders opinions, concerns, and safety are paramount in national discussions.



Today the MRF is recognized and respected by lawmakers as the voice of the American street motorcyclist. This recognition would not be possible without the tireless efforts and hours of service its members have given over the last thirty years. They RIDE, they VOTE, they CONTRIBUTE.

JOIN US TODAY and
RIDE WITH THE LEADERS.

The MRF meets yearly in September to discuss the Legislative Agenda Items that are important to the riders of America. Through direct Lobbying, Calls to Action, Congressional Outreach, an annual Lobby Day in D.C., and events like Meeting of the Minds; all members are kept up to date via a weekly newsletter, a bi-monthly magazine, and legislative alerts.

The battles fought for riders are ongoing. A few examples are EPA wanting to control my pipe modifications and dictate what fuel I can use, and the Dept. of Transportation not doing enough for motorcycle safety in regard to autonomous vehicles.

The ACHIEVEMENTS of the MRF are many, but here are a few that not many riders know.

- ◆ Killed legislation Banning Motorcycles with engines bigger than 650c.c.
- ◆ Lobbied Congress to remove financial incentives for mandatory HELMET LAWS, allowing the States to have freedom of choice;
- ◆ Ensured that Healthcare Legislation did not single out and exclude Motorcyclists from Insurance Coverage;
- ◆ Removed all references to Motorcyclists in National Gang Legislation;
- ◆ Established the Nation's first Motorcycle Advisory Council - a direct dialogue between Riders and the Federal Government;
- ◆ Introduced Bipartisan and Bicameral legislation raising awareness of Motorcycle Profiling;
- ◆ Increased the amount of Federal Funding for State Rider Training and Safety Programs; and
- ◆ Eliminated Federal Money for Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints.

I am very proud to be a part of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and I invite you to join me in keeping our Rights, Safety, and Lifestyle intact.

The State Motorcycle Rights Organizations in Arizona that the MRF works with are ABATE-AZ, the AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs, MMA-AZ, and MMAA. I report the legislative accomplishments and other issues and concerns of our riding community bi-monthly to the MRF, so all the States are aware of our activity. Please join one of these organizations to help protect your rights and freedom of the road.

*Dale 'Animal' Dedrick
Arizona MRF
Representative
{photo left of Animal in
Washington DC with
AZ Representative
Greg Stanton}*

