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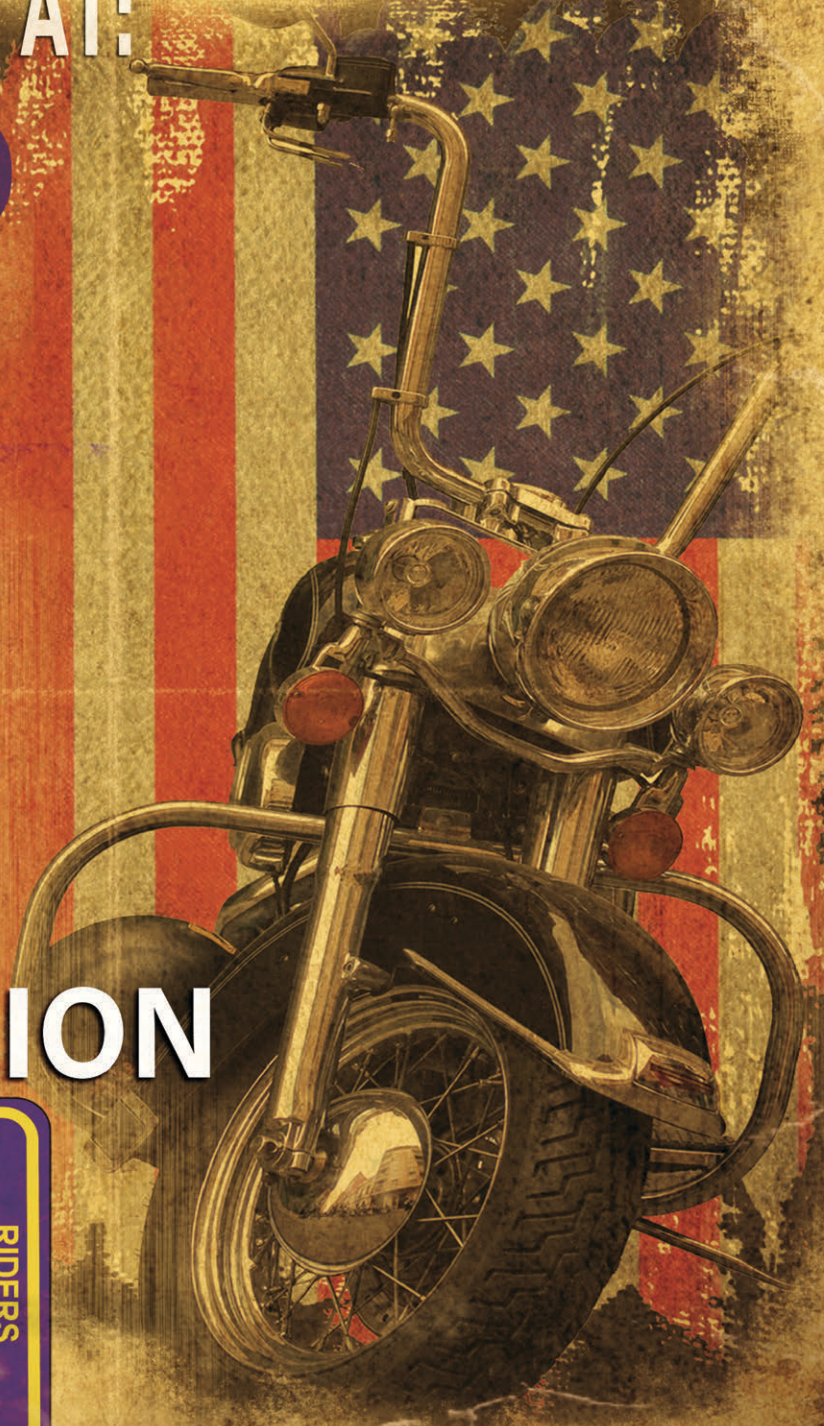
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I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself and share the reasons behind founding the National Council Of Informed Riders (National COIR). I have been a longtime advocate and lobbyist for the rights and safety of motorcyclists. I am a lifetime member of ABATE of New York and the founder and past president of Long Island ABATE Inc. I am also a sustaining member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and serve as their Assistant Representative for New York. Additionally, I am a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and sit on the Advisory Board of the Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP). I have been an invited guest at the National Council of Clubs (NCOC) meetings since 2020. I am informed about numerous issues affecting motorcyclists nationwide through my membership in organizations, as well as my involvement with various state Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs).

I have always believed that it is essential for all aspects of our riding community to interact with one another and unite as a single entity when it comes to protecting our rights and advocating for our best interests. As the Director of National COIR, my goal is to foster strong relationships within our community while providing relevant information nationally that educates riders about the issues that affect us all. National COIR is not just an organization, it's a unifying force that brings us all together.

I strongly feel that it is essential for the various MROs throughout the country to network and share information. That is the premise of National COIR. We serve as a disseminator of the information supplied by multiple groups. We aren't necessarily producing the info; we are helping these organizations reach a larger audience when they publicize information. We are currently reaching thousands of riders across 48 states and Canada. But remember, the strength of our community lies in each individual's participation. That's why I ask you to register with National COIR. It's free to sign up at [www.nationalcoir.org/register](http://www.nationalcoir.org/register). If you include your optional mailing address, you will also receive a complimentary \$3,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance benefit.

National COIR is not a substitute for your local MRO. It is an addition to it. We aim to complement the work of local MROs by providing a national platform for information sharing and advocacy. If you don't already belong to your state MRO, you can find their contact info on our website at [www.nationalcoir.org/mro-contact-list-1](http://www.nationalcoir.org/mro-contact-list-1). We encourage you to join both your local MRO and National COIR to strengthen our collective voice in the motorcycle community.

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Jim Barr



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## 6 CHRISTIAN-UNITY-IN-THE-BIKER-WORLD

In the biker community, symbols like patches signify loyalty and identity. For example, particular colors on a patch (even reverse of those colors) in a region represent a family of bikers bound by loyalty. Similarly, patches displaying Christian imagery should convey a commitment to unity among believers. This unity is not only essential for respect within the community but is also mandated by the Bible.

In John 17:20-23, Jesus prays for all believers to be one, just as He and the Father are one. This unity serves a greater purpose: to demonstrate to the world that God sent Jesus and loves us profoundly. Without this unity, it becomes challenging to convince non-believers of Christ's divine origin, as they are indifferent to our divisions.

While doctrinal beliefs matter, they must be accompanied by unity. Disrespect among Christian groups undermines our message, and we must strive to eliminate any divisions that contradict Christ's will. True disciples cannot be content with religious division, regardless of their affiliations.

As Christians, we must embody a difference that reflects our faith. This transformation is evident in our actions, as faith should result in good deeds. Ephesians 2:1-10 emphasizes that we are made alive in Christ, called to live differently.

True Christian brotherhood transcends affiliations, and it includes those who may wear secular patches. We should recognize all believers as our brothers and sisters. Our unity is not just an ideal but a powerful testimony to the world. When we unite as one with the Father and love one another genuinely, we fulfill Jesus' prayer, leading to greater belief in Him and showcasing His love. Let us embrace our differences and stand united as a beacon of hope in the biker world and beyond.

R Duane Gryder  
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# **8 — AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS:**

**By Mitch Proner, Rider, Attorney, and Motorcycle Rights Advocate**

As a trial lawyer who represents injured individuals, I've spent much of my professional life fighting for justice in the courtroom. But beyond my practice, as both a rider and an advocate, I've spent over thirty years dedicating time to pro bono work for the motorcycling community - raising awareness and pushing back whenever riders' civil rights are threatened.

Today, one of the most pressing issues facing our community is the rapid spread of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) - and the quiet but dangerous erosion of privacy and freedom they bring.

## **How ALPRs Are Targeting Riders**

ALPR cameras are popping up along highways, near popular ride destinations, and around motorcycle rallies. These devices scan and store license plate data, tracking where you've been, when you were there, and even who you ride with. Law enforcement agencies use this information to build databases of movement and association - and riders, especially club members, are increasingly finding themselves targeted by this silent surveillance.

## **Why Every Rider Should Be Concerned**

Even if you're not part of a club, the impact is real. Riding to a bike night, charity event, or rally could land your plate in a database that stays around for years - shared between agencies and used to draw conclusions about who you are and what you're involved in. Motorcyclists are especially vulnerable because our plates are more visible and more easily captured than those on cars.

## **The Constitutional Problem**

ALPR use raises serious constitutional concerns. The First Amendment protects freedom of association — the right to gather and participate in groups without fear of government monitoring. The Fourth Amendment guards against unreasonable searches and surveillance. When law enforcement uses ALPR technology to track attendance at motorcycle events and club meetings, those rights are undermined.

## **How We Fight Back**

### **1. Demand Transparency Through FOIL Requests**

Motorcyclists' rights groups and individual riders can file public records requests to learn:

- Where ALPR cameras are located
- How long the data is kept
- Which agencies have access
- Whether motorcycle clubs or events are being specifically monitored



## 2. Legislative Advocacy

The most effective pushback happens in state legislatures. Riders need to band together to demand laws that:

- Limit data storage times
- Require public disclosure of camera locations
- Prohibit using ALPR data to track constitutionally protected activities

## 3. Education and Organization

Rider organizations can play a huge role by educating members and raising awareness. The more informed we are, the stronger we become in resisting these quiet invasions of privacy.

## 4. Legal Action

While legislative reform is key, lawsuits can also expose misuse of ALPR data, especially when evidence of profiling and selective enforcement is present.



## Riders' Action Checklist: Fighting ALPR Surveillance

- **File FOIL Requests:** Ask your state and local police departments for records on ALPR camera locations, retention policies, and data sharing agreements.
- **Talk to Your Legislators:** Let your representatives know this matters to you. Push for bills that limit data storage and require transparency.
- **Educate Your Club and Riding Community:** Share articles, host speakers, and include privacy discussions at club meetings.
- **Document Stops and Surveillance:** If you believe you've been profiled or targeted as a result of ALPR data, document the incident and consult an attorney.
- **Join Forces:** Connect with local and national motorcycle rights organizations - there's strength in numbers.

If you or your club are concerned about surveillance or want help filing FOIL requests or starting conversations with legislators, I'm here. This is more than just a legal fight - it's about protecting the open road and the freedoms that come with it.

Let's ride free, stay aware, and push back where it counts.

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The information collected in these surveys has been an essential part of lobbying efforts at both state and national levels, and without a doubt provides critical data points for the grassroots activist to intelligently communicate issues impacting the motorcycle community and influence change.

With over 84,000 survey participants of past survey efforts, from all walks of life, the National Motorcycle Profiling Survey has a 99% accuracy and has proven that many motorcyclists are being targeted by law enforcement based on appearance. This information has been the foundation for many legislative efforts to include Louisiana's most recent legislative victory in getting an Anti-Motorcycle Profiling bill passed.

### Notes:

**\*\*NO PERSONAL DATA IS REQUIRED. YOUR PRIVACY AND ANONYMITY ARE IMPORTANT AND RESPECTED.** By asking for no more than your zip code, which is also voluntary, there is no personal information to maintain or protect.

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As the movement to pass profiling laws accelerates, so has the time demands and workload. A project of this magnitude entails office expenses, travel, and time. So if you think the project is valuable, organize a benefit and make a contribution.

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Building on what was written in the last issue (pg. 13), we can add a little bit more to the 'Traffic Stop' information. An unfortunate reality of riding motorcycles, and belonging to any groups of likeminded individuals, a pre textual traffic stop in a near inevitability.

What is a "Pretextual Stop"? Simply put, its a interaction initiated by the police for a relatively minor traffic infraction, with the actual purpose of searching or investigating the operator of the vehicle for any other perceived crime.

Hypothetically, the police allege the operator was speeding/broken taillight/failed to signal, and initiate a traffic stop, with the actual intention of investigating the operator for their association with a Motorcycle Club or organization.

Guess this is where I should state that I am not an attorney, and I am only giving advice and stating how I would act in a given certain situation.

Are pretextual traffic stops legal? In the above situation, yes, they are. In *Whren V. United States*, the courts upheld that if the police have reasonable suspicion to initiate a traffic stop, and find probable cause to continue their investigation, the reason for the stop is legitimate and the investigation can continue legally.

So how do we avoid having this happen? Well, thats not near impossible to stop, but we can decrease the chances of it happening and blunt some of the pain that will come from a traffic stop.

I Do Not Answer Questions  
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Am I Being Detained?  
Am I Free To Go?  
Do Not Violate My Civil Liberties

If you notice the police behind you, first things first, remain calm. I always recommend to pull into a well-lit, preferably recorded area as soon as possible. The sooner you stop, the less reasons you will give the officer to initiate a traffic stop. Any police officer will tell you: "follow a person long enough, they will commit a traffic infraction." Then also follow the previous articles suggestions and we can build on them.

Even if the stop is pretextual, you do not forfeit any of your rights. You are still allowed to record the police (1st Amendment), and you do not have to answer any questions (5th Amendment). These rights are like muscles, if you do not exercise them, they will fade away. Police will often use the statement "if you have nothing to hide, there shouldn't be a problem if I just quickly search your vehicle". If you agree to a police search, you waved your 4th Amendment to be free from searches or seizures. The best course of action is to remain calm, silent, and assert your rights.

Remember, silence is consent. If you do not assert your civil rights, the government and/or police will trample all over them. Stay calm, but do not allow them to bully you into thinking you do not have rights simply based on your choice of mode of transportation.

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Riding a motorcycle can be an exhilarating experience, but it comes with its own set of risks. To ensure you ride safely and improve your skills, here are some essential tips:

### 1. Wear Proper Gear

Always wear a helmet, protective clothing, gloves, and boots. This gear protects you in case of an accident and enhances your comfort and control while riding.

### 2. Learn the Laws

Familiarize yourself with the motorcycle laws in each state you plan to ride in. Laws can vary significantly, including helmet requirements, lane splitting rules, and speed limits.

### 3. Continuous Learning

Consider taking advanced riding courses to improve your skills. Learning from experienced riders and instructors can provide valuable insights.

### 4. Regular Maintenance

Keep your motorcycle in top condition. Regularly check tire pressure, brakes, lights, and fluid levels. A well-maintained bike is crucial for safe riding.

### 5. Ride Within Your Limits

Understand your skill level and ride accordingly. Avoid pushing yourself beyond your comfort zone, especially in challenging conditions.

### 6. Stay Visible

Make sure other drivers can see you. Use your headlights, wear bright or reflective clothing, and avoid riding in blind spots.

### 7. Stay Alert

Always be aware of your surroundings. Look ahead, anticipate potential hazards, and keep both hands on the handlebars.

### 8. Ride Defensively

Assume that other drivers may not see you. Be prepared for sudden moves from other vehicles and always have an escape plan.

### Tips for Long Rides:

#### 1. Build Stamina

Gradually increase your riding distance to build stamina. Start with shorter rides and work your way up to longer distances.

#### 2. Plan Your Route

Plan your route in advance, including rest stops and fuel stations. This helps you stay organized and reduces stress during the ride.

#### 3. Stay Hydrated and Nourished

Drink plenty of water and eat nutritious meals to maintain energy levels. Avoid heavy meals that can make you feel sluggish.

#### 4. Take Breaks

Take regular breaks to stretch and rest. This helps prevent fatigue and keeps you alert.

#### 5. Pack Smart

Pack essential items like a first-aid kit, tools, and spare parts. Ensure your luggage is securely fastened and balanced.







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## WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROTECT OURSELVES?

Ever since I got into motorcycling 50 plus years ago (I wish I could say I started at 2 years old, but that's not the case), the one thing I've heard from other riders that has always resonated with me is that you always have to watch out for "the other guy."

I was always told that they were the reason for most of the accidents. This was a factor for much of my riding awareness for decades. It wasn't until I got into rider safety and education plus reviewing the statistics that I recognized things to be different.

The numbers may have changed a bit over the years and the number of crashes and/or fatalities may have risen or decreased at points over time, but there have been a couple of factors that haven't changed much in years. Nearly half of all motorcycle crashes are single vehicle, which indicates that the rider was at fault for various reasons. The remaining 50 percent of crashes typically involve one or more other vehicles (that infamous other guy), but crash investigations reveal nearly half of those incidents put the motorcyclist at partial fault and sometimes full fault for the overall outcome. Reasons include incorrect actions, inexperience, speed, impairments and more. So now if we step back and look at these numbers, we'll see that nearly 75 percent of motorcycle crashes are either fully or partially the fault of the biker, and that may be on the low side of the overall percentage; never the less, those are alarming numbers and should be noticed with a lot of concern.

Granted numbers vary from region to region; urban to rural, etc., but it is still something we need to honestly consider. Perhaps we need to look at our actions or inactions more than those of the other guy. As scary as those numbers are, we'll put them aside and concentrate on things we can do to prevent the mishaps that may be caused by our road-sharing nemesis of lore because no matter what, we still have to watch out for other them and other users of the road.

As many of you may know, the number one location for potential conflict with a car is intersections. Typically, this is where the oncoming vehicle makes a left turn into our path of travel. How can we prevent this? Well, there are a few key points to mull over. First, we must keep in mind that even though we may be riding a big bike, it's still a lot smaller visually than the smallest car. Drivers aren't adept or trained to recognize us, and our minimal profile makes it easier for them to see right past us or not see us at all. Also because of our size and profile, it might be hard for them to distinguish and judge our speed. Just about every car/motorcycle collision winds up with the driver saying, "I didn't see him/her." This statement more than likely is 100% true. We need to exercise extreme caution at intersections. Keep in mind that drivers are probably looking/concentrating where they want to turn, and since they "can't or didn't see you", they very well might turn directly in front of you - never a good scenario.

A lot of us have heard that we should ride like we're invisible; that's a good thought process but we should always increase our awareness of probable situations and have ready an action plan, plus do what we can to be as visible as possible. This could include lane position adjustments for better response action on your end or to become more visible, covering our controls for faster response, slowing down, yet keeping in mind the conditions and/or traffic around you. There's not one simple answer for each circumstance, so we need to take into account any possibilities and be prepared with the skills to address whatever action we might need to take.





Remember that intersections are a plethora of conditions that can result in a bad day for us. Multiple lanes, traffic, lights, pedestrians, just to name a few; now add in road conditions, weather, sun glare, etc. and then top it off with whatever condition your bike is in (tires, brakes, etc.) plus the cherry on top would be yourself – how well skilled are you really? Were you paying attention? Will you panic and make improper actions? And on and on. Yes indeed there is a lot to consider and this is just one intersection or situation, they change as quick as your rolling so you need to be vigilant and keep that awareness at peak condition at all times.

Another dangerous setting would be turns, twisties, and radiuses. We need to always think about our setup for cornering, especially when we make right-hand turns. There have been past studies that show drivers tend to cross the dividing line when they make left turns. A lot of this has to do with the physical properties of being a left-side driving vehicle, vision, and any possible obstructions that may arise from the car. If the turn you're planning to sweep through has limited vision to see fully from beginning to end, you may want to consider your setup and approach. It's always better to err by going too slow into a turn; you can always throttle up out of it: but if your line is too wide and speed too fast, it could cause a calamity - again, not a good scenario.

There are plenty of other situations where the other guy can cause disastrous outcomes, but we need to start with the reminder that we are responsible for our safety. We all know that distracted driving is a constant issue to deal with. Use that knowledge as another step to protect yourself. Living in the world of “what if?” is not being paranoid, but a tool for us to use to contemplate everything around us and what could possibly happen. Pessimistic assumption is not a bad thing to practice as a method to protect ourselves. Setting up for the worst and being ready with a plan is a great step and if nothing actually happens – yahoo for us! Yet still do not let your guard down. This may sound like a lot of effort to commit to, but the more you do to increase your situational awareness and readiness, the more it becomes part of your normal riding procedure.

As much as there might be times that no matter what we do, a crash with another vehicle may not be avoidable; though we should always do whatever we can to avoid becoming a statistic. There are endless situations where we must consider not only with the other guy, but everything else that is part of the scenario. This could start with, continuing your rider education and constantly practicing your skills plus increasing your awareness for impending situations. We need to be the first line of defense to protect ourselves. Also, take steps to support motorcycle rights organizations that do what they can to promote motorcycle awareness and education to drivers to become better aware of us. There is a lot we can do to better protect ourselves and YES, always watch out for the other guy - They're constantly going to be there.

*Don Gomo is the Founder of Empire State Motorcycle Safety Education Program (a not-for-profit organization that promotes rider education for free). He was also the Safety/Skills Editor for American Iron Magazine and a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) RiderCoach for two decades. Don has also received multiple awards for his efforts in rider education, including the 2020 AMA Volunteer for Riding. His personal website: [www.gomotorcycling.org](http://www.gomotorcycling.org)*



## Mark Buckner: A Champion for Motorcyclists' Rights



Mark Buckner was a prominent figure in the motorcycling community, known for his tireless advocacy for motorcyclists' rights. His journey began in the 1980s when he took over as the state coordinator for ABATE of Colorado. Under his leadership, the organization saw significant growth, expanding its membership from 200 to 2,000 members.

Buckner's efforts were instrumental in establishing a rider education program in Colorado, ensuring that motorcyclists received proper training and safety information. In 1992, Buckner joined the board of directors of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), where he continued to champion motorcyclists' rights at local, state, and federal levels.

His dedication and leadership led to his appointment as the president and chairman of the MRF in 1994. During his tenure, Buckner worked closely with the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and various state motorcyclist rights organizations to advocate for legislation that benefited riders across the country. Buckner's contributions to the motorcycling community were widely recognized. He was inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2019, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame, and the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame. His legacy as a freedom fighter for motorcyclists' rights continues to inspire riders and advocates alike.

Mark passed away on March 15, 2025. As we remember Mark, we celebrate his legacy of freedom, passion, and commitment to making the roads safer for all riders. His spirit will continue to guide those who strive for justice and equality in the motorcycling world. Rest in peace, Mark Buckner. Your contributions will never be forgotten.

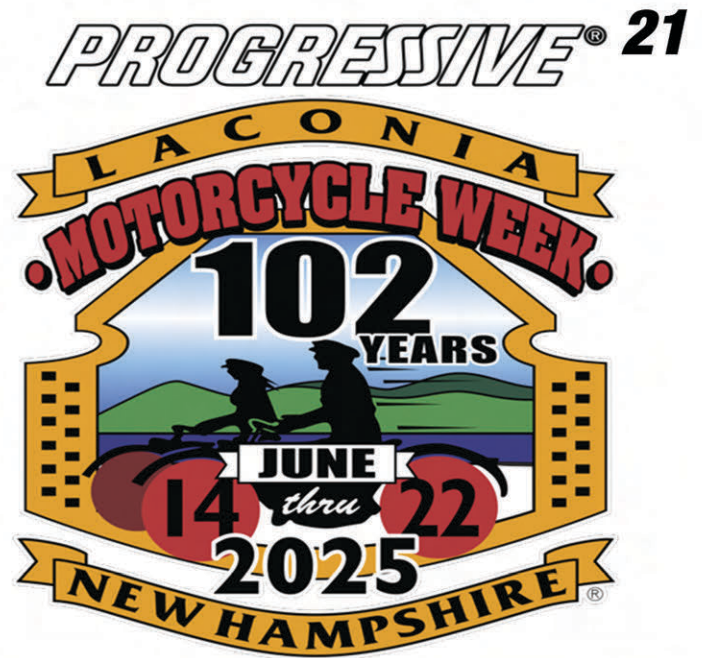
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## Sign-up One!

We're pretty sure that each of you has riding friends who are not MRF members. We're asking you to talk to those friends, and explain just how important the MRF is to the future of motorcycling. Let them know how the MRF has been working to protect the rights of bikers for more than 30 years, and that we need them now! [mrf.org/join-the-mrf](https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf)







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Bill Gates is totally right.

One such tool that is used to keep you informed is called Mailchimp. Mailchimp is National COIRs email database. As the database grows daily, it is an outstanding reflection of the trust, and loyalty that you have in your state's MRO's, as well as National COIR, to keep you up to date with important information concerning your rights as a motorcyclist. There are folks from 48 different states, so far, listed on the database!!

When National COIR gets notified of important legislative information regarding your state, (such as Calls to Action), emails are generated as Calls to Action along with the bill number to your specific state with all of the information you need to contact the proper folks to get the bill passed. (or not passed in some cases).

Listed below are the 2025 Calls to Action that were sent out, from February, to now.

**February 7, 2025** State of California Call to Action Motorcycling Profiling (unbacked bill) RN 25 05628

**February 18, 2025** State of Iowa Call to Action HF46-An act relating to law enforcement training; concerning motorcyclist profiling.

**February 25, 2025** State of Texas Call to Action H.B. No. 1108 ~ An Act Relating to Motorcycle Profiling by Peace Officers.

**March 6, 2025** State of Kansas Call to Action H.B. No. 2288~Motor Vehicle Right to Repair ACT.

**March 11, 2025** State of Maryland Call to Action SB397-Motorcycles-Protective Headgear Requirement-Exception (In Remembrance of Gary "Pappy" Boward)

**March 11, 2025** State of Maryland Call to Action HB 0361 - Reckless and Negligent Driving - Death of Another - Must-Appear Violation (Sherry and Christian's Law)

**March 12, 2025** State of Illinois Call to Action Witness Slips Needed - HB2980 Cycle Rider Safety Training Bill Advances to Committee

**March 17, 2025** State of Wisconsin Call to Action AB135-Right to Repair

**March 19, 2025** Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) H. R. 2165-The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales(CARS) ACT

**April 4, 2025** Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) H.R. 1566 - Right To Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act

If you have a Call to Action, please reach out to National COIR at [director@nationalcoir.org](mailto:director@nationalcoir.org) and we will gladly forward your information to your states' motorcyclists listed on our database.

Besides the Calls to Actions and other legislative matters, there is a quarterly online newsletter that gets published, which you are reading right now. The link to the newsletter gets emailed to every member, as well as welcome letters to new folks that join National COIR.

If you are an independent rider, or belong to a Club or an MRO, and would like your friends and/or brothers, sisters and members, to take part in receiving emails and being informed as to what is going on in their states legislatively, please share the link below for them to join at no cost. By joining, and adding a mailing address, they will also receive a \$3500 Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance policy, again at no cost. <https://www.nationalcoir.org/register>

Until next time!

Stay loud and proud

Nancy Greenseich



# RIDE WITH THE LEADERS!



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