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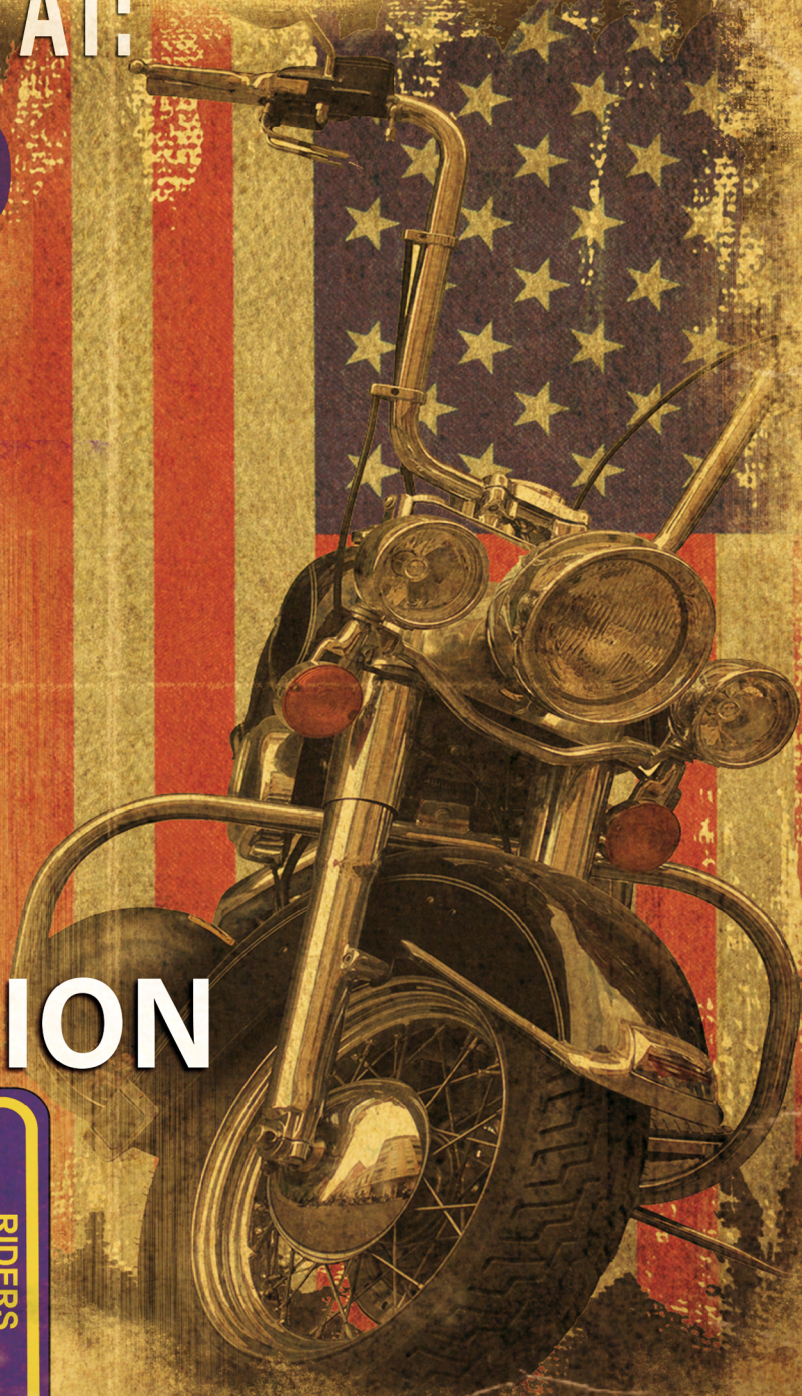
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The term freedom fighter carries weight. It conjures images of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering conviction. But in today's world, freedom fighters aren't only found in history books or on distant battlefields. They live among us—in communities, in movements, and even in everyday moments where ordinary people choose to stand up for what's right.

So what truly defines a freedom fighter? It's not just opposition to injustice; it's the spirit, character, and resilience behind that resistance. Here are the qualities that shape someone into a fighter for freedom:

## 1. Courage to Stand Up When It's Easier to Sit Down

A freedom fighter's courage doesn't come from a lack of fear—it comes from refusing to let fear dictate their actions. Whether they're challenging unfair laws, speaking out against inequality, or defending the rights of others, they step forward when silence would be the more comfortable option. They understand that progress has never been made by those who stayed quiet.

## 2. A Deep Sense of Responsibility

Freedom fighters don't wait for "someone else" to take care of a problem. They feel personally called to act. They believe, If not me, then who? If not now, then when? This sense of duty is what transforms concern into action and bystanders into leaders.

## 3. Unshakable Commitment to a Cause

A true freedom fighter isn't motivated by recognition or reward. Their commitment is rooted in purpose—protecting rights, preserving liberties, and ensuring fairness for all. This dedication pushes them forward even when the path is exhausting or when progress feels painfully slow. They stay the course because the cause matters more than personal comfort.

## 4. Willingness to Challenge Power

Freedom fighters understand that change often means confronting entrenched systems, outdated policies, or powerful institutions. This doesn't always happen through conflict—it can happen through advocacy, education, community organizing, or persistent political pressure. Whether they are fighting in the streets, in the courts, or in the halls of government, they refuse to accept that power is untouchable.

## 5. Vision for a Better Future

At the heart of every freedom fighter is hope. They imagine a future where people are treated fairly, where rights are respected, and where freedom is more than a word—it's a lived reality. This vision becomes their compass. It fuels the long hours, the difficult conversations, and the moments of frustration. A freedom fighter doesn't just react to injustice; they work toward what justice should look like.

## 6. Strength in Community

While freedom fighters often become the face of a movement, they are never alone. They gather people, inspire networks, and build communities of shared purpose. They know that real change happens when individuals unite with a common voice. Their strength comes not only from personal grit, but from the power of collective action.

## 7. The Ability to Inspire Others

Perhaps the most defining trait of a freedom fighter is their ability to spark action in others. They ignite conversations. They challenge assumptions. They motivate people to step forward, to get involved, to care. Freedom fighters multiply their impact by awakening that same fire in the people around them.

I encourage ALL of YOU to stand up and be a FREEDOM FIGHTER by engaging however you can with NHMRO and MRF. Also, by talking the talk, help us keep our lifestyle and freedoms. I know many bikers around the country that will not ride with others if they are not part of their organization.

Something to think about.

Respectfully,

Traci Beaurivage

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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) recently submitted formal public comments to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in response to the agency's request for input on the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and the Non-Traffic Surveillance (NTS) system. These systems form the backbone of how federal and state agencies track roadway fatalities and serious crashes. The MRF emphasized the importance of these systems to the motorcycling community.


In its comments, the MRF reaffirmed that FARS is an indispensable tool for understanding motorcycle fatalities and developing effective safety strategies. Because motorcycles differ significantly from passenger vehicles in terms of exposure, performance, visibility, and rider behavior, aggregated crash data often fails to capture trends that uniquely affect motorcyclists. Accurate, consistent and detailed motorcycle-specific data is essential for identifying patterns, targeting safety resources, evaluating training programs and guiding sound policymaking.

The MRF also urged NHTSA to ensure that any modernization of FARS, particularly efforts to improve the timeliness of data release, does not compromise data integrity or year-to-year consistency. For a relatively small but high-risk group such as motorcyclists, even minor changes in data definitions or collection practices can distort long-term trend analysis. Transparency and public engagement, the MRF noted, must remain central to any substantial changes in how data is collected or coded.


"FARS is not simply a database for motorcyclists, it is the yardstick by which progress is measured," the comments stated. From rider education and training to infrastructure investment and regulatory decisions, nearly every motorcycle safety initiative depends on reliable fatality data. The MRF concluded by urging NHTSA to prioritize continued funding, accuracy, consistency, and accessibility of FARS, while ensuring that the unique characteristics of motorcycle crashes remain visible in the nation's most important traffic safety dataset.

The MRF will continue to engage federal agencies to ensure that motorcyclists are fully represented in national safety data and that policies are based upon accurate information, not assumptions.


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If there was ever a doubt about the necessity for motorcycle clubs to unite for the common purpose of fighting profiling and discrimination, that doubt no longer exists. The culmination of numerous events has placed the motorcycle club community at the crossroads.

Choosing the wrong path creates the very real possibility that we will not Save The Patch, we will not successfully overcome the stigma from Waco, we will not successfully pass laws combating profiling and discrimination, and the culture of motorcycle clubs as we now know it will, for all intents and purposes, disappear.

Choosing the other path, the path of unifying the motorcycle club world for the purpose of securing our mutual right to exist free from discrimination, is the best chance the club community has of surviving and protecting the freedoms engrained in the Constitution.

The choice is simple. The Motorcycle Profiling Project embraces the path of survival and promotes the unification of the motorcycle club and motorcycle rights community based on the idea that rights of expression and association in a free society must be protected in order for a truly democratic society to exist.

Let us all choose the right path.



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Originated by Hon. Robert T. Russell, Jr., an Associate Judge for Buffalo City Court, New York state. who observed veterans and other military personnel returning from Desert Storm with many appearing in court on drug charges. Determined to provide an avenue to save these veterans, he created the first “Veterans Treatment Court”.

Drug Courts are active in all 50 states, and provide an avenue for those arrested or charged with drug violations to have their records cleared through a one-year program of court appearances, community service, and a regimen of regular drug screenings. Inpatient treatment, as needed, is also available.

Veterans Treatment Courts are now in all 50 states, and have been returning veterans to their communities whole and hale, and free of their drug and/or alcohol abuse. They operate as a parallel, or in conjunction with the local Drug Court. They include requirements to attend classes, attend court, complete drug screening, and community service. Veterans are also provided with a veteran mentor who is their “battle buddy”, “shipmate”, or ‘mentor” during their time in the program. It is either a prior defendant and graduate of the program, or a veteran volunteer, who stands with the veteran during his court appearances, and is a point of contact throughout his time in the program, providing contact and support to assist him, or her, to a successful completion.

Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is a one-year program consisting of monthly court appearances (which may consist of both virtual and live sessions), community service, payment of fines and other charges as applied.

Sanctions may be applied for “hiccups” - and can consist of extra community service, extension of program time, or jail time. Successful completion of the program results in the clearing of charges from the veteran’s record.

Veterans interested in volunteering as Mentors should contact their local district attorney’s office, or circuit court judge.

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Automatic emergency braking (AEB) is about to be standard on virtually every new car and light truck in the United States. That's a big safety win - but there's a catch for riders: the federal rule that requires AEB doesn't yet test whether these systems can reliably detect motorcycles. As 2026 unfolds, the question for our community isn't whether AEB is coming (it is), but whether it will “see” us when it matters most.

## WHAT CHANGED: A QUICK PRIMER ON THE AEB RULE

In 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation finalized a rule that will require AEB and pedestrian AEB on new passenger vehicles over the next several model years. Think of AEB as the last-second assist-your car hits the brakes automatically if it thinks a crash is imminent. The rule establishes performance tests for how well systems detect and respond to obstacles like cars and pedestrians.

Here's the rub: motorcycles aren't explicitly included in the required test scenarios. That omission matters because what regulators test, manufacturers tend to prioritize. If motorcycles aren't in the test suite, consistent motorcycle detection can become an afterthought across the industry.

## WHY THIS MATTERS TO RIDERS

Motorcycles present a tougher detection challenge than cars. We have a smaller frontal area, lean angles, single headlamp signatures, and dynamic motion that can confuse sensors. Many rider-involved crashes happen when a vehicle violates our right of way - turning left in front of us or changing lanes into us. In those split seconds, a car's AEB either “sees” a motorcycle and helps avoid the hit, or it doesn't.

## THE STAKES ARE HIGH

Federal data has long shown that motorcyclists are disproportionately represented in fatal crashes compared to other road users. That's precisely why we need the tech in the traffic stream around us to reliably account for powered two-wheelers. If AEB becomes universal but underperforms with motorcycles, we risk widening the safety gap.

## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR EVERYDAY RIDERS IN 2026

### 1) Keep the pressure on

Regulators listen when communities speak up. It's reasonable to call on NHTSA to add motorcycles to AEB performance testing, either through amendments, updates to test protocols, or in future rulemaking. Polite, specific comments and letters help - especially when they emphasize real-world scenarios (left-turning cars, night riding, lane changes) and request measurable outcomes.

### 2) Ask your automaker

If you or your family own newer vehicles, contact the manufacturer and ask whether their AEB is validated to recognize motorcycles and which model years include that validation. You're a customer - and customers asking about motorcycle detectability signals demand the industry can't ignore.



### 3) Report what you experience

If you witness or experience a near-miss involving AEB or driver-assist features and a motorcycle, report it. File a vehicle safety complaint with NHTSA and let your state motorcycle rights organization know. The more data points that explicitly mention powered two-wheelers, the harder they are to overlook.

### 4) Sharpen your strategy around AEB-equipped traffic

- Assume you're not always “seen.” Don't rely on the other vehicle's tech to save you.
- Favor lane positions that maximize your conspicuity in cameras and radar (clear headlamp view, predictable path).
- Use high-visibility gear and an auxiliary running light pattern if legal in your state.
- Expect late or abrupt braking from AEB vehicles in stop-and-go traffic; keep extra space and a pre-planned escape route.

## Policy path forward: What “good” looks like

A practical near-term solution is a U.S. testing roadmap that progressively adds motorcycle scenarios-similar to Europe. Start with straightforward, high-risk situations:

- Car turning left across an oncoming motorcycle's path (day and night).
- Car changing lanes into a parallel-traveling motorcycle.
- Approaching a slower motorcycle in the same lane.

Include testing in daylight and darkness, at different speeds, and with varied motorcycle headlamp configurations. Tie strong performance to consumer-facing ratings (like NCAP stars) so automakers have clear incentives to deliver and advertise rider-safe systems.

## Bottom line

Standardized AEB can be a net positive for riders - if it recognizes us. Europe has shown that including motorcycles in official test protocols is not only feasible, it's impactful. In the U.S., the door is open for rider advocates, safety researchers, and conscientious automakers to get this right. Let's make sure the traffic around us is built to see and protect us, not just on paper but on the road.





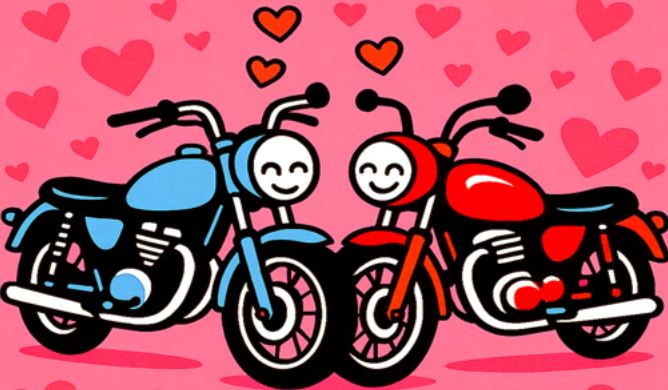
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The National Motorcycle Safety Fund is accepting applications for \$5,000 grants now through March 31 from individuals and organizations with projects that could enhance the safety of motorcyclists. Proposals can be for projects supporting specific safe-riding initiatives, projects that would help foster a safer riding environment, or for motorcycle safety - related research efforts.

Ten grants of \$5,000 each will be available.

Proposals can be more localized or widespread. The NMSF has identified three categories that can serve to focus efforts:

- 1) Motorcyclists and potential riders: Projects would help riders and would-be riders approach motorcycling with safety as a priority.
- 2) Car and truck drivers: Projects would help increase awareness of motorcycles in the traffic mix among motorists and other roadway users.
- 3) Veterans: Safety projects would benefit and support those who have served.

After the application period closes on March 31, MSF staff will review the proposals and present relevant, viable plans to the NMSF board. Applicants will be notified by May 1st.



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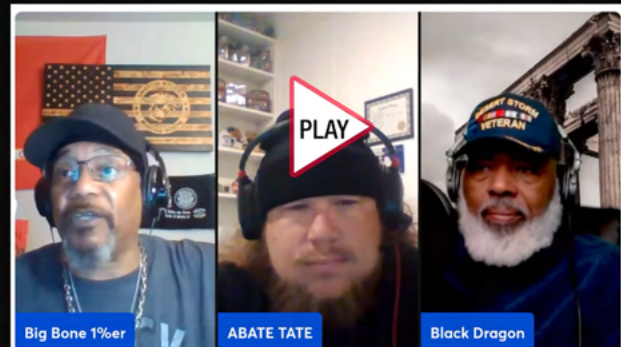
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## **Fight HB-429 and Protect Motorcycle Culture**

### **The Issue**

As Bikers, We love being part of a very special community that is often misunderstood. This misunderstanding is largely due to the intentional mischaracterization of bikers by certain media and law enforcement entities. Fortunately, the families, children, veterans, seniors and others in need throughout our communities know the truth about us.

However, the introduction of Florida's HB-429 threatens to tarnish the reputation of motorcycle clubs, motorcycle rights organizations and even Christian Motorcycle Groups. HB-429 will allow all of us to be classified as criminals. We are deeply concerned about this bill's potential to criminalize our culture, the charity work that our Men and Women do to support our communities.

MOTORCYCLE CLUBS ARE NOT GANGS. We are Not the stereotypical portrayals of 'gangs' that is often shown in the Movies. We are a tight-knit community where members are a family that support each other in times of need, raise money for local charities, and contribute positively to society. Many motorcycle clubs actively participate in charitable events, community service, and foster a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood amongst our members. These contributions go unnoticed by lawmakers when legislation like HB-429 mischaracterizes our intentions and way of life.

If passed, this proposed legislation in Florida will have far-reaching implications that extend beyond the scope of just motorcycle clubs. It threatens to erase the positive impact we make on our communities. We must band together to fight this bill. We must educate the public and lawmakers about the real work and spirit of Motorcyclist.

To combat this unjust bill, we need to take a multi-faceted approach. Legislative lobbying is critical; engaging with policymakers to ensure they understand the community-focused nature of our motorcycle clubs. This can change perceptions and influence policy. Additionally, public education campaigns are essential to dismantling misconceptions about motorcyclists. Raising awareness through media outlets, workshops, and public speaking engagements can shine a light on our charitable contributions and community involvement.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please email any of the below representatives:

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Cold weather doesn't have to mean parked bikes-but it does mean smarter riding. Winter roads bring reduced traction, longer stopping distances, and hidden hazards that can catch even experienced riders off guard. A few small adjustments in how you ride, what you wear, and what you watch for can make a big difference between a controlled ride and a close call.

Before you head out in cold conditions, keep these 10 simple winter motorcycle riding tips in mind to stay safer and rubberside down.

## 10 Winter Motorcycle Riding Tips

- 1) Slow down – Cold tires and cold pavement offer less grip.
- 2) Warm tires gently – Ride easy for the first few miles.
- 3) Watch for ice – Look for it in shaded areas, on bridges, and pot holes.
- 4) Increase following distance – Braking distances are longer in the cold.
- 5) Be smooth – Avoid sudden throttle, braking, or steering inputs.
- 6) Dress in layers – Staying warm helps you stay alert.
- 7) Keep your visor clear – Use antifog or crack it slightly if safe.
- 8) Mind road treatments – Salt, sand, and brine reduce traction.
- 9) Check tire pressure often – Cold temperatures lower PSI.
- 10) Trust your judgment – If conditions feel sketchy, don't ride.



Winter riding rewards patience, preparation, and respect for conditions. Ride smart, ride smooth, and know when to leave the bike parked.

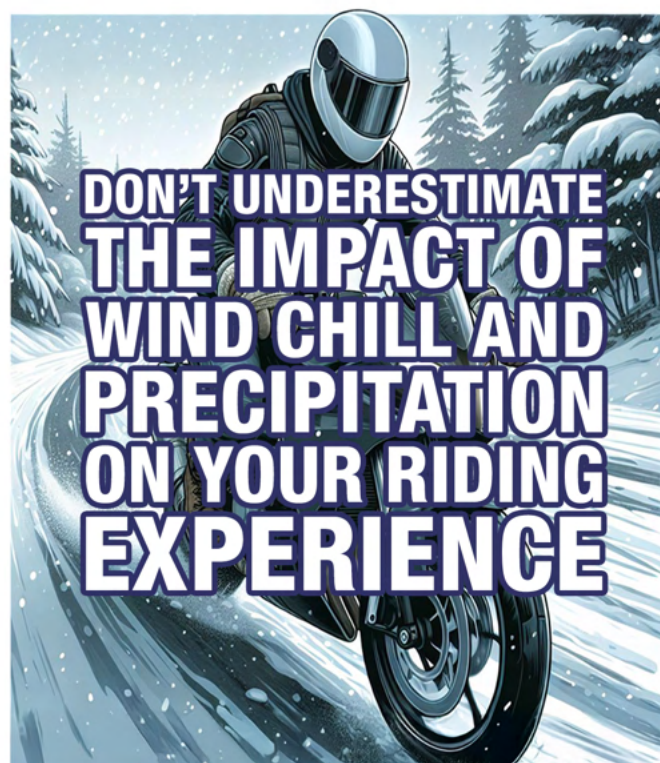
## Motorcycle Windchill Chart

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# A GUIDE TO THE UPCOMING 2026 MOTORCYCLE LEGISLATION

## HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Riders want the freedom of the road and the confidence to get home safe. That takes clear, up to date information about motorcycle legislation and practical safety practices. Recent federal actions on vehicle technology, fuel policy changes rolling out in 2025, and ongoing state debates about lane filtering and equipment rules all affect how we ride. National Council Of Informed Riders (National COIR) brings riders and allies balanced, current information so we can protect our rights and improve safety together.

Motorcycle rights and safety rise and fall with policy choices. Debates over lane filtering or splitting, roadway design, and fair enforcement shape whether riders move efficiently and safely or face unnecessary risk. Anti profiling protections and fair road access help ensure riders are treated equitably, while infrastructure maintenance (like fixing potholes and avoiding wheel trap grates) reduces crashes. State practices differ and change, so always check local law before you ride.

On the safety and technology side, new vehicle rules and ratings increasingly determine whether cars and trucks can reliably detect and avoid motorcycles. In 2024, federal safety officials finalized a rule that will require Automatic Emergency Braking on new passenger vehicles, a step that can reduce rear end and intersection crashes if systems perform well around riders ([NHTSA AEB final rule](#)). Federal new car ratings are also being modernized to evaluate driver assist tech, with ongoing work to reflect real world performance around vulnerable road users like motorcyclists ([NHTSA NCAP](#)). And crash reporting requirements for automated and driver assist systems continue to inform policy and enforcement ([NHTSA ADS/L2 reporting](#)).

Fuel policy matters too. Beginning in 2025, certain Midwestern states now allow year round sales of E15 gasoline. E15 is not approved for motorcycles; using the wrong fuel can damage engines. Riders should read pump labels carefully and choose the fuel their owner's manual specifies ([EPA E15 rule](#); [EPA E15 Waivers List](#)).

At the state level, legislatures continue to update helmet rules, license training requirements, and whether lane filtering is allowed at low speeds. Several states now allow some form of filtering or lane splitting, while others prohibit it; conditions and definitions vary widely ([NCSL lane filtering overview](#)). Helmet requirements also vary by state, age, and insurance status ([IIHS Helmet Laws List](#)). States also receive federal grants for rider training and awareness, which can expand access to quality courses and campaigns in your community ([NHTSA 2026 grants awarded by state](#)).

The federal infrastructure law continues to direct resources to safer roads and modernized design. From surface repair to protected intersections and smarter work zones, how those dollars are spent can make riding smoother and safer if motorcycles are part of the planning ([FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)). In December of 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All ([SS4A](#)) grant programs were also distributed.

Finally, ongoing "Right to Repair" work helps ensure riders and independent shops can access data and tools to maintain modern motorcycles. [The Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket \(IMA\)](#) was created to help get information to these shops and rally shop owners to fight to stop this from happening. Federal consumer protection policy supports fair access to repair, and many state efforts are active ([FTC policy on repair restrictions](#)).





## WHAT RIDERS CAN DO TODAY

- Know your state's current rules on lane filtering, helmet use, and equipment. Policies vary by state and can change, so check official state websites before you ride.
- Fuel smart: Avoid E15. Read pump labels, and use the fuel recommended in your owner's manual to protect your engine and emissions systems.
- Train and refresh skills. Consider a course through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation ([MSF](#)) or your state program. Practicing braking, cornering, and risk scanning improves safety in traffic.
- Ride ATGATT (All The Gear, All The Time): a quality helmet, eye protection, abrasion resistant jacket and pants, gloves, and boots. Choose bright colors or reflective elements to increase visibility.
- Use defensive strategies such as SIPDE (Scan, Identify, Predict, Decide, Execute). Create space, cover your brakes in traffic, and assume others may not see you.
- Document and report hazards. Use your city or state reporting tools to flag potholes, metal plates, broken signal loops, or dangerous work zones that affect motorcycles.
- Be respectful and prepared at traffic stops. If you experience bias or profiling, stay calm, comply with lawful orders, and document details afterward. Work with rider advocacy groups to raise concerns constructively.

## TECHNOLOGY AND THE ROAD AHEAD

Advanced driver assistance systems are becoming standard. Federal rules requiring Automatic Emergency Braking and updates to new car ratings mean more vehicles will use sensors and software to avoid collisions. These systems must correctly detect motorcycles in a wide range of conditions; testing and real world data will continue to shape performance expectations ([AEB rule](#); [NCAP modernization](#)).

Automated vehicle and Level 2 driver assist crash reporting helps identify patterns and improve safety, including for riders ([NHTSA reporting order](#)). Infrastructure investments under the federal law can also deliver smoother surfaces, better lighting, and work zones designed with two wheels in mind ([FHWA infrastructure law](#)).

On the maintenance side, the REPAIR ACT policy aims to keep diagnostic data and tools available to owners and independent shops as vehicles add software and connectivity. This supports affordability and safe upkeep for riders and small businesses Text - [H.R.1566 - 119th Congress \(2025-2026\)](#)

## GET INVOLVED

Rider voices matter. Share this update with your club, your family, and your local officials. Register at National COIR to stay ahead of motorcycle legislation, contribute to safety campaigns, and connect with respectful, solutions focused advocacy. Small actions you can take: report a hazard, send a note to a lawmaker, volunteer at a training event- all adds up to safer, fairer roads for everyone.



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## FEBRUARY



Feb 7 - Fri, Feb 9, 2026 Anaheim, CA

**AIMExpo** - The purpose of American International Motorcycle Expo is to serve as the catalyst to bring together industry, press, dealers and consumers in a single arena that creates a grand stage for motorcycling and powersports in the U.S. and North America. [aimexpousa.com](http://aimexpousa.com)

Feb 13- Feb 15, 2026 - Sarasota FL

**Thunder By The Bay Music & Motors Festival 2026** - A three-day event held Feb 13-15, 2026 at the Sarasota Fairgrounds to benefit Suncoast Charities for Children. [Thunderbythebay.org](http://Thunderbythebay.org)

Feb 13- Feb 15, 2026 - Lake Havasu City, AZ

**The Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion 2026** - The largest Rockabilly Music Festival and Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show in Arizona [Therockabillyreunion.com](http://Therockabillyreunion.com)

Feb 20- Mar 01, 2026 - Indianapolis, IN

**Indiana Motorcycle & Powersports Expo 2026** - A Giant Motorcycle & Powersports Expo bringing together enthusiasts, manufacturers, major dealers and bike-related exhibitors from across the country showcasing the very latest motorcycles and a full array of related motorcycle lifestyle products and services. [Indianamotorcycleexpo.com](http://Indianamotorcycleexpo.com)

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Feb 21- Feb 22, 2026 - Milwaukee, WI

**Mama Tried Motorcycle Show 2026** - This show is an indoor invitational that connects motorcycles and builders to fans and riders alike. Keeping the fire stoked all winter long. The show features over 100 motorcycles from builders of all calibers - flat-tracker, hill climber, chopper, and bar hopper. [MamaTriedShow.com](http://MamaTriedShow.com)

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## MARCH

Mar 27- Mar 29, 2026 - Cleveland, OH

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Apr 18- Apr 26, 2026 - Harbinger, NC

**Outer Banks Bike Week** has something for everyone with Daily Guided Rides, Live Music, Entertainment, Bike Show, Big Money Poker Run and a Whole Lot More! [Outerbankshd.com](http://Outerbankshd.com)





## APRIL

Apr 22- Apr 25, 2026 - Bullhead City, AZ

Bullhead River Run will have Live Music All Weekend, Bike Show, Contests, Burn-Outs, Poker Runs, Biker Games, Beer Garden, Food & Retail Vendors, Raffles and More. [Mayheminfo.com](http://Mayheminfo.com)

Apr 24- Apr 26, 2026 - Leesburg, FL

On April 24-26 Downtown Leesburg will transform its streets and businesses into a celebration of music and bikes, as it has since 1997. [Leesburgbikefest.com](http://Leesburgbikefest.com)

Apr 29- May 03, 2026 - Panama City Beach, FL

The Thunder Beach Spring Rally is known as the most Biker-Friendly FREE Motorcycle Rally in the USA. [Thunderbeachproductions.com](http://Thunderbeachproductions.com)

## MAY

May 01- May 02, 2026 - Fort Smith, AR

The Steel Horse Motorcycle Rally is a charity event that honors all who serve and helps local charities.

[Thesteelhorserally.com](http://Thesteelhorserally.com)

May 08- Aug 17, 2026 - Myrtle Beach, SC

Myrtle Beach Bike Week Spring Rally "The Carolinas Largest Motorcycle Event" All roads on the Grand Strand & surrounding counties lead to the Grand Strand of SC & to Myrtle Beach Bike Week. [Myrtlebeachbikeweek.com](http://Myrtlebeachbikeweek.com)

May 14- May 17, 2026 - Hurricane Mills, TN

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## *“Communication works for those who work at it”. John Powell*

National COIR regularly updates our communications database. We use trusted third party software to send important state and national updates by email, and we only email people who have chosen to receive them.

Calls to Action (CTA's), petitions, local and nationwide meetings pertaining to legislation, and motorcycle rights and anything else that is important to the rights and freedom of motorcyclists are the essence to these emails. It has provided a wealth of information to all motorcyclists, with the hopes of being shared with others in our community.

If you are an independent rider, or belong to a Motorcycle or Riding 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 your state legislatively, please share this link with them to register at [Nationalcoir.org/register](https://Nationalcoir.org/register) at no cost. It is important to remember that there are no hidden fees to receive National COIR updates.

As our database grows daily, it is a great reflection of the trust and loyalty that you all have with National COIR to keep you up to date with important information concerning your rights as a motorcyclist.

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

### **This is our most recent list of Calls to Action that were sent out February 2025 to January 2026:**

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 H.B. 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

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

March 19, 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation (The MRF) Call to Action H. R. 2165 To Save the Combustion Engine

April 4, 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation (The MRF) Call to Action H. R. 1566 The REPAIR Act – Right to Equitable And Professional Auto Industry Repair.

April 10, 2025, State of Illinois Call to Action H. B. 2264 Autonomous Robo Taxis

April 10, 2025 State of Minnesota Call to Action Say No to Delaying Motorcycle Lane Splitting

April 17, 2025 State of Louisiana Call to Action H. B. 519 Wireless Device while Operating a Motor Vehicle

May 3, 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation (The MRF) Call to Action H.J. Resolution 87 and H.J. Resolution 88 to protect the Internal Combustion Engine

May 11, 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation (The MRF) Call to Action H.R. 2218 & S 1072 The Stop CARBS Act (Stop California from Advancing Regulatory Burden)

May 20, 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation (The MRF) Call to Action S 995 CARS Act (Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act)

May 23, 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation (The MRF) Call to Action H.R. 3385 Definition of a Motorcycle

December 7, 2025/ December 16, 2025 ABATE Of Florida Call to Action / Petition H.B. 429 Classifying Motorcyclists as “Criminal Gang Members” Please note, to date there are over 10,000 signatures on this petition!!

January 15, 2026 ABATE of Maryland Call to Action S.B. 195 Helmet Bill

January 19, 2026 The Kentucky Motorcyclist Association/KBA State Call to Action S.B. 28 Handsfree Bill

January 19, 2026 ABATE of Wisconsin Call to Action A.B. 135 AND S.B. 129 Right to Repair Bill

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 in our database.



Until next time!

Stay loud and proud

Nancy Greenseich



## Preparing for the 90th Legislative Session

The Texas 90th Legislative Session convenes in January 2027, with bill pre-filing beginning November 9, 2026. Preparation for this session began well before the conclusion of the 89th Legislative Session in 2025. While Texas meets legislatively every other year, advocacy for motorcyclist rights is continuous. The mission never ceases. In Texas alone, nearly 500,000 motorcyclists rely on effective representation, joining more than 10 million riders nationwide who depend on sustained, vigilant advocacy.

## Aligning Texas Strategy with National Priorities

For 2026, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has established a comprehensive national legislative agenda. Texas COCI, working across all 11 regions in partnership with Texas ABATE, will align state-level strategy with these national priorities to effectively engage during the 90th Legislative Session.

The MRF's twelve high-priority legislative issues include:

- Autonomous Vehicles
- Crash Avoidance
- Data Recording
- Definition of a Motorcycle
- Emission Regulations
- Helmet Laws and Equipment Mandates
- Internal Combustion Engine Protection
- Profiling
- Renewable Fuels
- Right to Repair and Modify
- The Highway Bill
- Vulnerable Roadway User Technology

These priorities form the backbone of the coordinated national and state advocacy strategy for the coming cycle.

## A Critical Opportunity: The Federal Highway Bill

A significant opportunity exists at the national level with the upcoming Federal Highway Bill. This legislation is reconsidered every five years, and the current cycle presents a realistic chance to incorporate nearly half of the MRF's legislative priorities. Achieving this would represent a major advancement for motorcyclist rights nationwide.

To seize this opportunity, Texas and allied states are mobilizing now in anticipation of forthcoming Calls to Action. Grassroots engagement will be essential. If there has ever been a moment to activate the movement's most dedicated advocates—our freedom fighters—this is that moment.

## Boots on the Ground Across Texas

Texas benefits from a robust grassroots infrastructure. Motorcycle Riders Foundation Assistant Representatives are positioned throughout all 11 regions, supported by committed Texas Defenders. These advocates are actively disseminating legislative updates and Calls to Action within their local communities.

Rather than waiting for legislators to return to Austin, teams are delivering the legislative agenda directly to district offices across the state—well ahead of the January 2027 session. This proactive, localized approach ensures lawmakers understand motorcyclist priorities before the legislative calendar becomes crowded.

## National Leadership and Unified Support

At the national level, the MRF provides both strategic direction and experienced leadership. The organization is supported by premier lobbyist Rocky Fox, Managing Principal at HB Strategies, who was named one of the "Top Lobbyists of 2025." With decades of experience on Capitol Hill, his expertise significantly strengthens the effectiveness of the advocacy effort.

In collaboration with the MRF, organizations including the National Council of Informed Riders (NCOIR), Nation's ABATE, NCOC, NCOM, and MPP collectively represent a formidable alliance of motorcycle rights advocates, legal experts, and grassroots activists.

## A Call for Engagement and Growth

Sustaining and expanding this movement requires active participation. Riders are encouraged to join every state motorcycle rights organization they can support, engage directly with elected officials at both the state and national levels, and participate in key events such as Bikers Inside the Beltway in May.

Membership growth, organizational support, and individual involvement have never been more critical. The future of motorcyclist rights depends on collective action. Without it, hard-earned freedoms risk being steadily eroded. The time to engage is now.

Steve "Pops" Wiehe

Texas COCI – Legislative Director  
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Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2026: \$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](mailto:fred@mrf.org).

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# RIDE WITH THE LEADERS! <sup>27</sup>



Thousands of motorcyclists' 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 grassroots organizations.

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