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Chairperson Letter.....

Things are getting better, while they seem to be getting worse. As I sit to write this letter I see the faces and the families impacted by so many senseless deaths on our roads and highways. I find myself reaching out to, too many and offering condolences and prayers. This year we have seen a significant rise in accidents due to carelessness and reckless behavior on both sides of the road. We cannot hold others responsible if we don't first take an honest look at ourselves, and I am no exception. We as a community need to come together and take on some new roles in order to try to reduce the accidents on our roads. Each of us needs to reach out to one friend or family member and sit with them to share a story. Each of us will have a different story to share, how we lost a brother, a friend or family member. We need to tell them how deeply this has impacted our lives and how much we miss this person or how difficult it has been for them to live following an accident. We need to make them understand that it could be them having this conversation with someone else about you. Explain to them how easy it could be to not have these sit down conversations, by simply waiting to send that text, take that extra glance in the mirror and avoid being that careless driver or reckless rider. If we can reach one, only one person, then we will have saved one family from grieving so heavily at the loss of their loved one.

As many of you know we have developed a significant social media presence and are continuing to develop and grow its potential to reach out to our community for support, information, gatherings and fun. If you have not liked our Facebook page you could be missing so much. I keep hearing "I wish I would have known about that ride or I wish someone had told me about it". We try to post information about rides, gatherings, news and any information we feel impacts our riding community. We currently have over 2,400 likes and we seem to be getting more and more each day. This will only increase our ability to stay informed on issues impacting us all. With one of our posts we were able to inform and reach over 15,500 people through social media. This has demonstrated itself to be a very powerful and effective tool for us to keep you informed.

As we begin to look forward to the 2017 legislative session we as a community must understand, that this recent spike in motorcycle accidents will embolden our lawmakers to make further attempts to shackle us with a mandatory helmet law.



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We intend to use social media heavily at this time, to rally support and request your help and support in defeating any bills introduced during any upcoming sessions. This is going to require hard work and a team of dedicated staff to lobby and work with our lawmakers to insure we remain a free state, and a state which will recognize and defend our Right to Choose. We must fight fiercely to protect our Right to Choose (RTC).

Given recent events around the country and the increase in violence I must touch on our efforts to push for more anti-profiling legislation. The NMMRO consistently works with outside special interest groups to stay informed and offer support for those who are working on introducing legislative bills in their states. We will continue this effort in order to ensure we have reciprocated support for our state when we find an opportunity to protect our community. We have briefly discussed this with some of our current legislators and there does seem to be increasing interest in creating legislation to protect us from profiling by law enforcement agencies. Until that time. If you feel that you have been profiled or harassed, we ask that you document the incident as soon as possible and submit that to the NMMRO so we can begin building a stronger case for introducing such legislation.

At the time of the incident our advice is to stay calm and follow orders or instructions given by law enforcement, keep your hands visible at all times and do not put yourself or anyone around you in harm's way. **DO NOT ESCALATE THE SITUATION.** Your safety and the safety of those around you will always be our number one concern. Although we are not in a position to offer or provide you with legal advice or assistance, The NMMRO does work with outside agencies that can provide you with referrals for legal services if needed. As always, we will continue our efforts to fight for your rights, your safety and your freedom to ride.

Raymond Gallegos
Vice-Chairman
New Mexico Motorcyclist Rights Organization

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Distracted Driving Facts

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), a division of the U.S. Transportation Department, distracted driving is “any activity that could divert a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving.” It’s not just texting or making calls on a cell phone; any activity that diverts a driver’s attention puts that driver, and her passengers, and everyone else sharing the road at serious risk.

A partial list of what counts as a distraction would include things such as using a cell phone or smart phone, including texting, eating and drinking, smoking, attending to or disciplining child passengers, grooming, reading, including maps, using a navigation system, watching a video, adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player or adjusting temperature controls.

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Traffic safety experts classify distractions into three main types: Manual, visual and cognitive. Manual distractions are those where you move your hands away from the task of controlling the vehicle. Reaching for a soda in the drink carrier is an example of a manual distraction.

Visual distractions are those where you focus your eyes away from the road. You drop your soda, and when it spills all over the floor of the car, you look down at your ruined shoes and stained slacks: that’s a visual distraction.

A cognitive distraction is when you’re mind wanders away from the task of driving. You start to consider whether you can afford to replace the clothing you just ruined, and what stores have bargains this week, and you’re no longer paying attention to the essential job of driving. Bingo: cognitive distraction.

This is why texting has such a bad reputation: it always involves all three types of distraction, all at once. How serious are the dangers? Deadly serious. Look at the facts:

Researcher David Strayer of the University of Utah found that talking on a cell phone quadruples your risk of an accident, about the same as if you were driving drunk. That risk doubles again, to eight times normal, if you are texting.

A 2009 study sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration examined commercial vehicle crashes and concluded that text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times greater than driving without distraction.

Sending or receiving a text message distracts a driver for about five seconds; at highway speeds, that represents a distance of about 300 feet in which the car is essentially out of human control, driving itself.

According to the NHTSA, over 3,331 people were killed and over 387,000 injured in motor vehicle accidents connected to distract driving. That represents 10 percent of all fatal crashes and 17 percent of all accidents that caused injuries. The National Safety Council disputes these findings, and says that at least 28 percent of vehicle crashes are caused by texting and cell phone use alone—never mind other distractions.

Cell phone, text messaging legislation news: The state unveiled a gory public service announcement that shows a body smashed against a windshield due to the vehicle driver's distracted texting. Officials said the ad was designed to get the attention of young people used to gore in horror films and TV series. Gov. Susana Martinez has said texting while behind the wheel is the leading cause of death for New Mexico teen drivers. "Distracted drivers pose a serious danger to fellow motorists on our streets, roads, and highways, especially among our youth."

Young drivers are at the greatest risk for distracted driving incidents. Some researchers speculate that this is because inexperienced drivers are the most likely to overestimate their ability to multitask. The NHTSA says that in 2009, some 16 percent of teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were reported to have been distracted. Are drivers taking this seriously enough? No. Surveys find that adults recognize that other drivers are behaving irresponsibly, but they find excuses for their own risky driving behavior.

In a survey from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, over 90 percent of drivers recognized the danger from cell phone distractions and found it "unacceptable" that drivers text or send e-mail while driving. Nevertheless, 35 percent of these same people admitted to having read or sent a text message or e-mail while driving in the previous month. Similarly, two-thirds of the survey respondents admitted to talking on a cell phone, even though 88 percent found it a threat to safety."

New Mexico: Cell phone laws Last updated: June 15, 2016

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New Mexico's ban on text messaging while driving is in full effect. Fines are \$25 for a first offense, then \$50. The distracted driving law, which became effective July 1, 2014, outlaws typing on handheld mobile devices and use of web sites. Cell phone calls remain legal. "There is no text message that is worth a person's life," Gov. Martinez said upon signing the act on March 2, 2014.

New Mexico State Police say they've written 465 texting citations during the law's first year. New Mexico became the 42nd state to ban text messaging by all drivers.

Current prohibitions:

Texting & typing on handheld mobile devices (including web site use) prohibited for all drivers.

New Mexico has a law against driving without "full time and entire attention" to operation of the vehicle.

Local ordinances restrict driving while cell phoning and/or texting in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Silver City, Gallup, Taos and Espanola.

WNMMRO

Hello NM

As I watch this amazing country of ours sink further into a socialistic style of government I truly wonder when we will once again start to realize that the government will never be able to replace our own personal responsibilities. Looking at the NM crash statistics for 2016 and wondering the percentage of these crashes come back to personal responsibility and attitude when folks but their butt in the saddle. Personal responsibility of driving your vehicle undistracted, properly maintained, securing loads and just general attitude. We as a motorcycle community tend to look at the 4 wheeled vehicles around us and readily point out the very common distracted driver, but are we willing to look in the mirror? Hopefully you are paying full attention to your riding when on your bike, but what about when you are in a cage? Do you practice what you preach by not using your electronic device and focusing on the road? There have been numerous crashes so far this year that come back to rider attitude, rider skills and style, so when do we look at ourselves and work to have the proper attitude when we swing a leg over our bike! Once again personal responsibility and attitude are 2 things that only we as individuals have total control over. So as the motorcycle community we must look at ourselves before we start to point the finger at everyone around us. By not taking responsibility for our own attitude and actions then pushes the government to supposedly take that responsibility from us by making more rules and regulations hence distracted driving laws.

We truly don't need more laws, rules and regulations in our lives, what we need are to make a habit of taking responsibility for our attitude and our actions. Let's all work together to make our roads safer by controlling our actions and attitudes!

Each number in the alphabet has a corresponding number:

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So:

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H A R D W O R K

8 1 18 4 23 15 18 11 = 98%

A T T I T U D E

1 20 20 9 20 21 4 5 = 100%

Yes it takes knowledge and hard work to make it in this world but our ATTITUDE is what truly needs to have 100% of our attention! So next time you but your butt in the saddle have you worked hard to gain knowledge but mainly what is your attitude when you hit the road! Let's all work together to not give the nanny state folks any more reasons to put helmets on our heads or control every aspect of our lives the way they want to!

As for WNMMRO we are still doing our quarterly highway cleanups and trying to be noticeable in our community, have the Rt. 66 Freedom Ride, Flight & Cruise the weekend of July 29/31 with a Christmas in July Toys for Tots event on Sunday the 31st.

Ride Free, Ride Safe but most of all RIDE!

Jim- WNMMRO Coordinator

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Los Alamos National Lab

The car that pulled up next to me had their radio blasting. Not a big deal, I was a teenager once and played Sabbath and AC/DC way too loud. I looked over and a young guy was nodding his head to the music and, of course, looking at his damn cell phone. At first I thought he was texting but he wasn't typing, we was just moving his finger really fast back and forth across the screen. When the light finally turned, I glanced over at him again and he was still aggressively waging his finger across the phone. I guess he was steering with his knees. I took off, I had no idea why he was pissed at his phone and I didn't have any desire to be near this kid.

When I got home, I was telling my son about this kid and what he was doing with his phone. My son said "Yeah, he was looking for a date." I had no idea what he was talking about so he explained that the driver was probably on Tinder, a date site application or some such nonsense. I asked my son "Whatever happened to meeting a girl at a park or at a party or cruising past her and yelling 'Wooooooooo!'" He smiled and continued killing the zombies on his video game. I told him that if I ever caught him Tinderizing while he's driving, I'd do to him what he was doing to the zombies. We actually had a pretty decent discussion about distracted driving at that point. Sometimes seeing someone doing something stupid can create an opportunity to talk about driving smart and not being distracted and definitely not trying to find a damn date...especially around motorcycles. This was one of those times.

Richard Sturgeon
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MARYLAND GOVERNOR SIGNS ANTI-PROFILING BILL INTO LAW

Hundreds of bikers descended on the State House in Annapolis on Thursday, May 19, 2016 for a historic bill signing ceremony as Governor Larry Hogan signed only the second Motorcycle Profiling measure in the country into law in Maryland. The motorcycle anti-profiling legislation passed unanimously through both chambers of the legislature, without opposition from law enforcement, and emulates anti-profiling legislation passed in the state of Washington in 2011.

Spearheaded by the Confederation of Clubs of Maryland with the help of ABATE of Maryland, and with assistance from other COCs across the country, HB785/SB233 passed through the legislative process without a single no vote; 47-0 in the Senate on 4/4 and 137-0 in the House on 4/7.

The legislation requires a specified statement condemning motorcycle profiling to be included in police policies and require training of officers on motorcycle profiling, defined in the legislation as The arbitrary use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related clothing or paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop, question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search the individual.

Previously, the COC and ABATE worked effectively against motorcycle profiling and discrimination by passing legislation prohibiting motorcycle-only checkpoints, which also passed the Maryland legislature with unanimous approval, and next on the political agenda will be an equal access bill to prevent anti-biker discrimination in public accommodations, such as No Colors policies by businesses open to the public.

NMCOC

We would like invite and encourage all the clubs to attend our next NMCOC meeting on August 6 at noon at the Post 49 on Central and Elizabeth. This is an important meeting to prepare for our 3rd Annual Swap Meeting. We ask that each club to bring raffle items to the meeting to raffle at the event.

The 3rd Annual NMCOC Swap Meet will be held on August 20th from 10-4 at the Post 49. The location announced at the prior meeting was the Caravan East. Note new location change to Post 49 on Central and Elizabeth. Commercial booths are \$50 and individual booths are \$25. You can set up a table for \$25 and get rid of motorcycle parts, clothes, or things you like. Food specials will be available through the Post. The only food items we will be able to sell will be things such as snow cones, popcorn and baked goods. There will also be a bike and car show or anyone wanting to display their nice ride free of charge. Contact Dozer at 681-8107 or Marty at 506-6678 for a spot or more information. Thank you to Law Tigers for printing of the flyers.

A recent fire in the East mountain affected many from our community along with members of the COC and their families. The NMCOC and the NMMRO donated funds to buy supplies to help the fire fighters and those displaced from the fire. The NMCOC was featured on KOAT Channel 7 news for their donation. Thank you to all the clubs who stepped up with supplies for those in need. The NMCOC and NMMRO also donated funds to the Silver Horizons Low Income Senior Citizens for our community.

Thank you for your continued support and we encourage all to support our community in their events throughout the year.

The NCOM Four Corners Meeting will be held in Durango on the Saturday September 5th Labor Day weekend. We encourage all to attend. More information to come.

Dozer
NMCOC Chair



New MRF Lobbyist

Hi All,

Just wanted to drop you a note to introduce myself. I had the pleasure of meeting some of you at our Bikers Inside the Beltway Event which was very successful. However, for those of you who did not attend, I am pleased to meet your acquaintance electronically for now!

I've been in DC for almost 15 years now with most of that spent either inside Congress or lobbying Congress on a variety of different issues. Most recently I came from another Association and though the subject matter was different, I certainly focused on the environment and transportation spaces which will come in handy as the Department of Transportation begins implementation of the highway bill and Congress continues to consider issues affecting motorcyclists across the country.

I have to say I am excited to be a part of the MRF team and I look forward to getting down to business here in D.C. We had a great kick off last week and I am diligently following up with many of the offices to go back in and reiterate our positions. Of course, the more touches the better so if you happen across your elected official in your home state, please urge his or her support for the MRF in Washington, DC.

Of course if I can be of any assistance, I hope you won't hesitate to contact me.

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Target fixation is a major problem when you first start riding. The single most important thing you can learn about piloting that bike is this: you'll go wherever you're looking. So if you're looking at the ground up ahead, that's where you're going to go. Look far into the distance and observe what going on around you, and you'll keep goes that way.

This is an especially important thing to think about when you're approaching corners. Look through the corner, not down at the ground somewhere in the middle. Is there a median separating the two directions of traffic? Are there potholes? Any other road hazards to avoid, such as pieces of someone's Junker that have fallen off in the road? Small animals, children, or other pedestrians? A huge part of riding is just looking ahead and anticipating what you'll do in any given situation. Play "what if?" games with yourself often and you'll keep the shiny side up to ride another day.

In addition, you can use turning your head as another signal to drivers around you that you're going to be moving or turning. Anything that will make other people see or pay attention to you is a good thing, even it's just as subtle as turning your helmet to the left.

Rod Owens CNMMRO Chair

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ROCKFEST RESCINDS "NO COLORS" BAN

When Rockfest announced on their website that no motorcycle club colors would be allowed in the Kansas City music festival, members of the motorcycle club community and the Kansas Confederation of Clubs (www.kscoc.net) reacted promptly, and within 24 hours event promoters rescinded the policy. "This ban is tantamount to profiling motorcycle club members based on how they look and prevents them from exercising their rights of free association and expression guaranteed under the First Amendment to the US Constitution," wrote spokesperson Brian Cohoon in an open e-mail to Rockfest promoters, sponsors and every club in the Kansas COC condemning "in the strongest terms this outrageous ban on Motorcycle Clubs wearing their colors to Rockfest. News of this ban and our reaction to it is being disseminated by the most expeditious means possible to every Motorcycle Club in this region. We strongly encourage you to reconsider this ban and allow Motorcycle Club members to attend in whatever attire they deem appropriate in their individual judgment."

In addition to many individual clubs and representatives also voicing their disapproval to the radio station promoting "North America's largest one-day music festival," the Chairman of the neighboring Missouri Confederation of Clubs e-mailed Rockfest promoter KQRC-FM 98.9 The Rock in protest of the policy, and the Kansas A.I.M. Attorney (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) was tasked with sending a letter condemning the ban. As a result of their coordinated activism, online language referring to the colors ban was immediately taken down and the show went on as usual May 14 without incident, just as it has since 1992.

CLUB COLORS BARRED FROM HEADSTONE

Before biker Richard Cody died on Sept. 5, 2013, he told his family and friends he wanted the logo of his beloved South Madison Motorcycle Club on his headstone, but nearly two years later his son Jeremy was forced to file a lawsuit against the city of Painesville, Ohio to make sure his father gets his last wish.

Representing the family and club, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Ralph C. Buss filed a motion for preliminary and permanent injunction to prevent city officials from removing, defacing, touching or changing the headstone of the Vietnam veteran buried in Riverside Cemetery, after officials informed the Plaintiff that the club colors engraved into the back of his father's grave marker, "is not deemed appropriate" and ordered the S.M.M.C. artwork to be removed within 60 days at their own expense. Buss told The News-Herald in a May 10 interview with the newspaper that "the headstone's logo is not vulgar or offensive in any way, and it complies with the requirements that were in place in 2014 when it was installed" and further charged that new regulations "conveniently" passed afterwards violate the First Amendment and "are nothing more than a license allowing city employees or agents to judge a person's expression and deny it without any reasoning."

All the media attention and ensuing barrage of publicity, including a 3,500-signature petition asking city council to allow the headstone to remain unaltered, and accompanying legal actions, resulted in the desired effect.

"When I first got the letter from the City of Painesville telling me that after two years I had to remove my father's headstone due to it being "offensive", I was outraged," Cody recently told Ridin' On Motorcycle Magazine (www.RidinOn.com). "My only thoughts were 'I don't think so!' For two months I pleaded with the city to change their minds and they were not budging. So I then got social media involved and contacted my attorney Ralph C. Buss, who just happens to be known for helping other motorcycle enthusiasts when in need. Within three days the City of Painesville decided it was in their best interest to let the stone be left there. It was my father's wishes to have his club patch engraved on his headstone and I was not about to let that wish be taken from him."

NEW IMPROVED LANE SPLITTING BILL AMENDED IN CALIFORNIA

Motorcyclists in California are allowed to travel between lanes of traffic because unlike the other 49 states there is no law against such maneuvering, creating a legal grey area, so AB 51 was introduced last year to codify the act of lane splitting and provide legal guidelines (no faster than 50mph, and no more than 15mph faster than traffic).

But if it isn't defined, it isn't breaking the law, so motorcyclists generally opposed regulating "lane splitting", preferring to leave well enough alone and not create another new crime, and so AB 51 was pulled by its sponsor, Assemblyman Bill Quirk (D-Hayward), because "Lane splitting is a very complex issue and the author feels he needs more time to work out the details so that it's more likely to be signed." At the time, the bill had passed the state Assembly and was on its way to the California Senate floor.

Now, AB 51 was recently resurrected and amended to its purest form, simply riding between cars, with no limiting language in the current wording of the bill, retaining the spirit of lane splitting and let the rider decide what's safe. Even under current statutes, a rider can be cited with other violations for unsafe maneuvering. The new improved AB 51 strikes all references to miles per hour conditions, and simply defines "lane splitting" as "driving a motorcycle between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane, including both divided and undivided streets, roads, or highways." Quirk's office said the current bill has the expressed support of more than a dozen key organizations, among them motorcycle organizations such as ABATE of California, as well as multiple law enforcement agencies.

AB 51 was swiftly approved by the State Assembly on May 28, 2016 by a vote of 58-14 and sent to the Senate where it passed Transportation and Housing Committee unanimously 11-0 on June 14 then re-referred to Appropriations Committee before coming up for a floor vote. Although lane "filtering" is common throughout Europe and Asia and many other countries, California is the only state where it is not expressly illegal. A bill to legalize lane-splitting in Nevada was voted down in 2013. A similar bill in Oregon was defeated in 2015. Other bills have surfaced and died in Arizona and Texas.

MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES UP IN 2015

Following two consecutive years of decreasing motorcycle fatalities nationwide, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) reports that more than 5,000 motorcyclists were killed in the U.S. in 2015, which represents an estimated 10% increase over 2014. The annual study attributes the increase mainly to increased travel nationwide and better weather leading to a longer riding season in many states. Low fuel prices also contributed to a 3.5% rise in motor vehicle miles traveled last year over 2014, according to federal data.

This crash data -- based on an early look at current data, trends, and developing issues -- reports that this is more than 450 motorcycle fatalities over 2014. GHSA says it projects the final motorcyclist fatality total for 2015 will be 5,010 -- only the third year in U.S. history, and the first time since 2008, in which the fatality number topped 5,000. The increase is consistent with preliminary numbers from the government that show traffic deaths overall rising an estimated 8% last year after trending downward for the past decade, marking the largest year-to-year percentage increase in a half-century and making 2015 the deadliest driving year since 2008.

The report takes data from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and compared to 2014, motorcycle deaths by state increased in 31 states, decreased in 16, and remained the same in three others along with the District of Columbia. While acknowledging contributing crash factors such as alcohol and drug use, increased speed limits, and a record number of vehicles on U.S. roads, the GHSA calls for restoring helmet laws in the 31 states that don't mandate helmets, and requiring DOT standards.

TRUMP STUMPS AT ROLLING THUNDER MOTORCYCLE RUN IN D.C.

Throngs of bikers listened on Sunday, May 29, as presumptive Presidential GOP nominee Donald J. Trump delivered remarks to a crowd at the Lincoln Memorial during the 29th annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle run over Memorial Day weekend that is dedicated to accounting for military members taken as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action (POW/MIA).

For the blunt-spoken real estate mogul and television celebrity, who stresses his desire to strengthen the military and improve how veterans are treated, the gathering provided a receptive audience. "Look at all these bikers," Trump said with admiration. "Do we love the bikers? Yes. We love the bikers." Wearing a red "Make America Great Again" hat and forgoing a necktie, Trump told the crowd of seeing large numbers of bikers at his campaign events. "I said, 'What are they all doing here?' and my people would say, 'They're here to protect you, Mr. Trump,'" he said. "It's an amazing thing. And I want to tell you, some of these people are tough," but added when he shakes their hands, "there is love, and it's an incredible feeling, and that's why I wanted to be with you today."

Trump's supporters include a group called "Bikers for Trump," which boasts more than 61,000 "likes" on Facebook. "I'm not a huge biker, I have to be honest with you, O.K.?" lamented Trump to the motorcycle gathering, "I always liked the limo better." Nancy Regg, a spokeswoman for Rolling Thunder, told the New York Times that the group had invited Mr. Trump to appear. The group did not extend an invitation to Hillary Clinton or Senator Bernie Sanders, she said.

AIM/NCOM WEBPAGE UPDATES

"To best serve the motorcycle community, it is always our aim to keep our Aid to Injured Motorcyclists / National Coalition of Motorcyclists (AIM/NCOM) webpage at www.onabike.com up-to-date, convenient, and useful," wrote AIM/NCOM Executive Coordinator Sarge in an open letter to the motorcycle community. "To do this, we are in the process of revamping a few pages including providing some important NCOM links to and from other WebPages. We have a list of the NCOM Members at www.onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/members.htm available, but would like to expand it to include all of our NCOM Member Groups, Confederations of Clubs plus more clubs and associations."

Here's what you're asked to do if your MRO / COC / Club / Association is on the NCOM Member Groups list: If you have a link, verify that it is still correct. If not, please provide NCOM with the updated information. If you do not have a link and one is available, please provide us with the appropriate link.

If your motorcycle organization is not on the NCOM Members List and would like to be added, please send information and e-mail address to Sarge at ncompms@aol.com.

"Finally, the last part of our update is to ask each MRO / COC / Club / Association to put a link to NCOM on their webpage. To this end, please add www.onabike.com. Graphics can be provided at your request, THANK YOU!"



NO-COLORS Welcome ...

Establishments as reported by NMMRO members who:



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Please email Kitti Gallegos with new submissions or resolutions
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Distracted Driving Awareness highlights

We are at 117 motorcycle crashes reported to the NMMRO in 2016 with 25 fatalities. At this time last year there were only 81 crashes reported to us. Below is a story KOB featured on the Onagers MC Distracted Driving Run on July 9th and Biker blessing by local motorcycle ministries.

<http://www.kob.com/albuquerque-news/motorcycle-ride-highlights-distracted-driving-awareness/4194658/#.V4K3sEi6Qg1.email>

Bikers from several motorcycle groups trekked across the city Saturday to draw attention to distracted driving.

More than 200 motorcycle riders rode from the Duke City Harley Davidson store at 8603 Lomas Blvd. to Thunderbird Harley Davidson at 5000 Alameda Blvd.

Motorcycles are at particular risk when other drivers are not paying attention to the road, said Jonathan "Blinker" Cannon, a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. He said three CVMA members crashed as a result of distracted drivers.

"The first member to crash was actually a hit-and-run," Cannon said. "We are out there and we are being killed by distracted drivers."

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
July 16 th Noon	NMMRO Meeting	Post 49, Albuquerque
July 26 th 5-8 pm	Cycle Gear to benefit GOC	Cycle Gear (see attached flyer)
July 29-30	Rally in the Weeds The Guerreros	Artesia, NM (see attached flyer)
July 30 th 1:00pm	Run for Freddie (see attached flyer)	Cattleman's 3375 Bataan Memorial Las Cruces, NM
July 31	Motorcycle Show Fundraiser Sons of Liberty riders	9311 4 th St NW , Albuquerque (see attached flyer)
Aug 6 th Noon	NNMCOC Meeting	Post 49, Albuquerque
Aug 6 th	Twisted Pistons 2016 Scholarship Registration: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	NM VFW Post 3221 1408 Johnson St. Grants, (see attached flyer)
Aug 20 th 10am-4pm	3 rd Annual NMCOC Swap Meet	Post 49, Albuquerque (see attached flyer)
Aug 20 th KSU Noon	Disciple's School Supply Run	Duke City HD, Albuquerque (see attached flyer)
Aug 23 5-8 pm	Cycle Gear Bike Night	Cycle Gear
Labor Day Weekend	Four Corners Rally	See attached flyer
Sept 1	Gary Wetzel , Vietnam Medal of Honor Recipient	Meet & Greet Post 49
Sept 10 th	War Hippies MC PTSD Run	Duke City HD to Bubbas 33
Sept 10 th	Chopperhearse 9/11 Memorial bike run	(see attached flyer)

2016 Becoming Deadly Year for Motorcyclist

Posted: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:30 pm | Updated: 11:17 pm, Mon Jun 20, 2016.
2016 becoming deadly year for motorcyclists

By Andrew Oxford
The New Mexican the Santa Fe New Mexican

Annette Torrez sometimes receives complaints that her Facebook posts are too gloomy. As chairwoman of the New Mexico Motorcyclist Rights Organization, she posts a report about each crash involving a motorcyclist around the state. The posts have added up quickly this year. The death of a 69-year-old Los Alamos man in a crash south of Santa Fe last weekend comes amid a spike in the number of motorcyclists killed on roads around New Mexico so far this year.

Twenty-two people died in motorcycle crashes around the state between the beginning of January and end of May, according to The University of New Mexico Traffic Research Unit. Fifteen people died in motorcycle crashes during the same periods in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The death of Brent Burtschell in a wreck on N.M. 14 Saturday was the third so far this month, according to independent reports received by Torrez. Burtschell was wearing a helmet. Two other motorcyclists died after crashes around Memorial Day weekend, she notes, including a hit-and-run north of Española that mortally wounded a former police officer who had just attended a popular motorcycle rally in Red River. Fatalities fluctuate from year to year, increasing from 47 in 2011 to 64 in 2012 and falling to 37 in 2015.

The year is proving deadly on the state's highways, with a total of 157 fatalities in motor vehicle crashes, including motorcycles, during the first five months of 2016. One hundred fatalities were reported during the same period last year and 141 in 2014. Torrez and other observers say a combination of factors can drive those numbers up and down from year to year. "It's difficult to tell at this point why there would be an uptick in the number of motorcycle fatalities," said Matt Kennecott, a spokesman for the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

He said warmer weather results in more motorcyclists out on the road. And relatively low gas prices are also prompting more riders and motorists to take to the highway, the Governors Highway Safety Association stated in a national report issued last month. According to the report, preliminary data from the states shows a 10 percent increase in fatalities around the country from 2014 to 2015. New Mexico bucked that trend with a 16 percent decline in deaths, but the organization found that the number of fatalities nationwide is relatively high compared to the mid-1990s.

The report also found that the number of registered motorcycles has increased sharply around the country and called for a series of safety measures, including better helmet laws. Thirteen of the 22 people killed in motorcycle crashes during the first five months of the year were not wearing helmets, according to the UNM Traffic Research Unit. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have universal helmet laws. New Mexico only requires helmets for riders younger than 18 years of age.

Lawmakers mulled legislation this year that would have required all motorcyclists to wear a helmet, but the law died in the Senate Public Affairs Committee on a 4-3 vote. The New Mexico Motorcyclist Rights Organization remains staunchly opposed to such a law. "We still think it should be a choice," Torrez said. "Pushing safety awareness is more important," Torrez added. "It has to be an overall effort to promote safety on the road. I don't think that's happening right now." Torrez said a younger generation of motorcyclists is embracing faster sport bikes, but not participating in educational programs. While some dealers encourage buyers to take classes whenever they sell a bike, others do not, she said. "It's hard for us to promote safety when a lot of riders aren't following the rules," Torrez said. Meanwhile, Torrez said reckless and distracted driving is too common and carries too light a penalty.

The Governors Highway Safety Association report found that the most common type of collision occurs when a motorist turns left while an unseen motorcyclist is proceeding straight, passing or overtaking other vehicles.

While a universal helmet law will likely face opposition if introduced again in 2017, the report from the Governors Highway Safety Association says "a more realistic hope" is for an increase in motorcycles with anti-lock brakes, which have been shown to decrease fatal motorcycle crashes by preventing a motorcycle's wheels from locking during braking and assisting with maintaining the stability of the bike. Whatever happens during the riding season to come, Torrez will keep sharing reports of each crash. It stays in people's minds," she said. "Hopefully, when they see a motorcyclist, they'll think twice."

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Vendor spaces available for \$15 (size of 2 parking spaces)

Bikes must be entered no later than 9am. Judging begins at 10.

Set up begins at 8:00 am

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Please Contact Nikki "Red" with questions, or to be a vendor, at 505-550-0902



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When: Saturday, August 6, 2016

**Where: VFW Post 3221
1408 Johnson St. Grants, NM**

Registration: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

\$20.00 Donation per Hand

First bike out at 11:00 a.m. and Last Bike in at 2:00 p.m.

**Ride will be in the Grants/Milan surrounding area
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