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Words from the Chairman

We invite everyone to our 15th Annual Bike Day at the Capital on Saturday January 27th at 1 PM at our State Capitol Rotunda in Santa Fe New Mexico. With rights come responsibilities that we as motorcyclist and freedom fighters must stand to protect our freedoms and liberties. This my 8th year being a part of this event and every year I have seen it get better and stronger. For many years we only discussed anything that was occurring legislatively for that session, then a few years ago we begun to honor the fallen, survivors and families of motorcycle crashes. This year we are changing things up a bit and the concentration this year will be humanizing the image of the motorcyclist. We want people to see beyond the image and persona what is perceived of a biker, and instead to see what type of individual the person is in everyday life, their career, family and personal life. We come from all walks of life. As a motorcyclist whether you may believe it or not, you at one time or another you have been profiled; whether you are wearing a jacket or t-shirt that says Harley Davidson or a patch which identifies the organization or club you belong to. We must protect our civil rights, even though motorcycle clothing or mode of transportation is not specifically mentioned, the issue is covered by the First Amendment. The Supreme Court has constitutionally upheld this personal freedom in a court ruling Cohen V. California 403 case in 1971 as a constitutional right to wear clothing which displays writing or designs.

Throughout the years legislatively we have had our ups and downs with victories and defeats, but over the last 15 years the NMMRO and motorcycle community has made a strong presence at the capital and with our legislators and are known as a force who will stand united. Politics is one of the greatest games for this reason it is important that we do our homework and vote in those persons that are going to protect our constitution. What we can hope for is that each legislator and public official are a men or women of honesty, honor and integrity. Legislators sometimes need to be reminded they work for us and as easily as they were voted in, just as easily they can be voted out. A prior Senator who was recently voted out is a perfect example of this, he became such a powerful force that he forgot that he was a voice and representative of his constituents, not of those who were contributing to his campaign or for his personal gain as a defense attorney. Get to know your legislators talk to them about what issues that are important to you and what you stand for or against. One voice can be heard, become a advocate for motorcycle rights and for the challenges riders face on the roads. At bike day that one voice becomes the voice of hundreds who attend and united we can make real positive change that affect our rights and safety. This year our biker supported more victims and families of motorcycle crashes. In 2017 306 motorcycle crashes throughout New Mexico were reported to the NMMRO, 59 of those resulted in fatality. In 2018 we will continue to promote safety awareness on our roads and also encourage all motorcyclist to be responsible riders.

Ride Safe in 2018. Annette

Welcome our new board member



Hello my name is Brenda Newell, I have been riding for about 12 years now and involved with the motorcycle community for about 10 years. I am the President of the Vicious Vixens MC and the Vixens have helped with various things that the NMMRO needed. I am excited to be a part of the board now and look forward to helping be an instrumental part of making the NMMRO stronger and contributing to the continuing success of the organization.

2018 is going to be a great year and I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings and event.

Thank you again,

Brenda Newell, NMMRO Secretary

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NNMCOC

We hope that everyone finds the time to make it to the bike day at the Capitol. Our next meeting is Feb 3rd noon at post 49. Club dues will be collected \$100 for the year per club. Independent is \$25. This past year was a good one lots of support and hope that this next year will be even better. We will also have new COC patches for sale.

Dozer

WNMMRO

Hello NM

Just want to say thanks to all that supported WNMMRO in 2017! We had a very successful Toy for Tots campaign & distribution which is due to all our members & volunteers! Approximately 4000 toys were given out to over 1400 youth in McKinley County. Without the support of the Endless Riders M/C, Elks lodge, Gary & Cindy Sanders, Rock Wommack (Troy's Auto), Matt & Geri Hughbanks (Red Rock Security), Red Rock Balloon Rally Association, Casey Roy & staff (Speedway Towing) & the many others that took the time to support the youth in McKinley County.

Thanks to Charlene Sekiya for keeping the Motorcycle Awareness Program up & running.

WNMMRO will be striving to educate & raise awareness of motorcycle riders in our community & maintain our positive appearance, influence & involvement in the community.

We had 7 members take the time to improve their riding skills by doing the Ride like a Pro course with Richard Graves. It was a great course & for me personally helped raise my skills & awareness in crash avoidance.

Hoping to see all of WNMMRO members do the course in 2018.

We will also be recertifying our membership in CPR/1st Aid this year.

Don't forget the importance of your presence at Bike Day January 27th at the Capitol!

Ride Free, Ride Safe!

Jim

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CNMMRO

The American Motorcyclist Association

The AMA is an American non profit organization that was founded in 1924. The AMA mission statement is “To promote the motorcycling lifestyle and protect future of motorcycling”.

The AMA has more than 200,000 members. Over 1200 clubs and promoters are sanctioned under the AMA and over 2500 events are sanctioned annually. For clubs and promoters it provides guidance and advice on running events and rallies. The AMA charters and supports SMRO’s (State Motorcycle Rights Organizations) at all levels with advice, legal aid and professional experience. It also has a corporate membership category for representatives from the motorcycle industry. The AMA offers over 40 different benefits to it's members including: discounts on lodging, vehicle insurance and admission to sponsored events. They also provide a road service for members. The “American Motorcyclist” is monthly magazine/newsletter that is sent to all members. This magazine has a lot of information about what is going on in our country pertaining to our rights.

The AMA is the largest motor sports organization in the world overseeing both professional and armature competition and events. It has been designated by F.I.M (Federation Internationale of Motocyclisme) ,the world governing body for competition, as the governing body for Moto sports in the U.S.

The AMA has staff members, some of which are elected politicians, that monitor and lobby issues that affect motorcyclists. Issues include land closure and bans, ethanol levels in our fuel, HAV (highly automated vehicles) technology, mandatory helmet laws and more.

I have been an AMA member since 1990 and have gained many benefits from it. I urge people to look into information about the AMA as it has proven to be a powerful organization in helping us to deal with the issues we as motorcyclists face every day.

Steve Summers, Sergeant at Arms, CNMMRO

Motorcycle Accident 101

By CJ Rodden, Law Tigers New Mexico

PART TWO

Here are a few more tips and things to think about for your ride and the unfortunate event of a crash.

4. The crash

Sometimes it happens. One theory has it that there are two kinds of riders: Those who have crashed and those who are going to. And they can be the same person. I've crashed. I've been hurt. Maybe you have also. Crashing doesn't inoculate us from future disasters. But when it happens, there are often still many things you can do.

First, don't "lay it down" if you don't have to. Motorcycles today have much more sophisticated controls than when we were kids. Many have ABS and Traction Control. Try to stay upright as long as possible. Brake hard. Downshift quickly, repeatedly. Don't panic. If you feel a wheel locking up or skidding, pump the brake hard. You'll maintain much more control with the tires on the ground than the chrome.

Next, I hate to say this, but as hard as we work to avoid a crash, if a wipeout is inevitable, make sure you hit that car. If you "lay it down" so you avoid hitting that car, and then don't actually hit that car, then that guy was not involved in an accident. Even if it was his fault for pulling in front of you or whatever the circumstances are, if there's no contact, there's no accident for him. You will have just been involved in a single vehicle crash: Yours. Then it's only your insurance that gets pulled in. That guy is off the hook (in most cases). So, best bet is total avoidance. Next best is that if you're gonna wipe out, hit the guy whose fault it is (with your bike). There's no best way to hit a car, but the slowest possible speed is better than full speed. Brake as hard as you can to scrub off speed so the impact is less serious, and hopefully less injurious.

5. Right after

First things first. Make sure you are ok. Check on your passenger. If you had a hard impact, don't move. Let the medics come and take care of you. Assess your injuries, don't worry about your bike. If you aren't seriously injured, take photos before moving any vehicles. If you're in a group, tell a group member to take tons of photos of the scene, some close up and some far away. Photograph skid marks, vehicle positions, injuries, damage to the car, license plates of vehicles involved or even witness vehicles. Get names, phone numbers, and statements from witnesses if possible. Don't make any statements of fault. Don't admit to any wrongdoing. Make sure the police are called and get the name of the officer. If you are taken by ambulance, try to get the name of the officer before you leave or ask him to meet you at the hospital. Try to remember anything the other driver says and write it down if you can. They will often blurt out an admission of fault in the immediate aftermath of a collision.

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6.... Later on...

In the days and weeks after your accident, you're going to be caught up in a whirlwind of stress and drama. You'll likely have doctor visits, therapy, visit to a tow yard, to a bike shop to assess damage, a flurry of support from friends and family. It's overwhelming. You do have an obligation to notify your own insurance as soon as possible after a crash. This is usually within 24 hours unless your medical condition prevents it. Don't make statements even to them without consulting an attorney. The adverse insurance will also try to contact you. They may even be the same company as your insurance. Don't make statements without consulting an attorney. They will often try to take advantage of your initial confusion and get you to make an admission that will reduce their liability, thus reducing your compensation. Don't do it.

Stay tuned to the next issue for the final section of this three part series.

Be Safe Out There.

CJ Rodden, Marketing Manager, Law Tigers New Mexico

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Profiling

In this article, I would like to touch on something which affects all riders to one degree or another. The two groups which are affected most are patch-holders and sport-bike enthusiasts. There is no doubt that on average, law enforcement officers have a tendency to write biased reports in accidents that involve both patch-holders and sport-bike riders. This is particularly ironic when you consider that police officers are patch-holders themselves. They just belong to their own clubs. This is very disturbing particularly in light of how much good clubs do in their respective communities.

This is why I fully support efforts to try to humanize bikers. I encourage club members to inform people about what efforts and activities in which their clubs participate and host. By inform, I don't mean bragging but instead highlighting the positive and meaningful impact these good-will efforts have on the community.

Most erroneous beliefs of others are predicated on dehumanizing groups of people. What I mean by this is, it requires much less effort on the part of a person to just generalize about a certain group of people rather than take into consideration that there is a true human with a good intentions truly willing to help out others.

We can encourage people to change their misconceptions by focusing on the good that bikers do in their communities. This can be accomplished by simply pointing out that bikers are productive members of the community who enjoy riding their respective motorcycles as a lifestyle.

We can never end prejudice; we can only temper it. Over time, I believe we can change many preconceptions that are falsely placed upon our bikers.

Safe riding and I will see you on the road

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Santa Fe Harley



2018 and Beyond

Annette tells me it's time for the first newsletter of the year and my article better be good:). Hard to believe we even have newsletters anymore in this crazy digital, social world we live in. I was mentioning to Deb the other day - I still enjoy flipping through the newspapers, printing articles to read - even though I can get all the news on my phone these days. There is something tangible about flipping the pages - not sure what it is.

I was at lunch with the Ole Farts group (a small group of retired riders) the other day and we got to talking about the future. With all these self-driving cars coming on line - what is an Adrenalin junky like me going to do? How will bikes play into this new game? Given the entire buzz on texting and distracted driving lately and the new buzz on self-driving cars it hit me (a little pun there). I had this vision of riding down a busy road on my Road Glide in 2025 with all the self-driving people heading to work. All of a sudden I swerved into the other lane and the car immediately moved out of my way. Then I swerved back - again another car just moved out of my way. Then, for fun, I swerved rapidly in and out of traffic. This time cars just kept moving away from me, they must of had some cool avoidance tech on those machines. It was an awesome sight to see.

Much like the newspaper, my motorcycle is tangible and has a "feel" about her. She gives feedback and responds to my touch. I can't explain it - not sure what it is. I know that in 2025 more people will be wanting bikes because they just won't have that experience in the auto-car. People will be craving for some true experiential activities. I sure hope they never make an autonomous motorcycle - what would be the point? I best get my riding in over the next few years before it gets crowded with bikes everywhere.

So, here is to the future. To 2018 and beyond. Remember all the good times, ride hard and ride often, live squarely in the moment and enjoy the view of the future. It's coming either way.

Best to you all & see you at the Ride to the Capital

David, Debby and the whole family at SFHD David Pearson

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Cool weather motorcycle riding tips: Don't dress to impress

Winter jacket

We're in December, and we're all experiencing cooler weather. That means a few different things when it comes to heading out for a ride. Not only do you need to prep the bike for cooler weather, but you need to dress appropriately, too. This isn't the time to dress to impress—unless you know someone who looks fondly upon those dressed safely and warmly.

Wearing “all the gear all the time” is the best way to ride. During these winter months, you need to add protection from the cold to our gear selection. Being cold on a motorcycle isn't just uncomfortable; it's also dangerous and can lead to health issues such as hypothermia.

Seasonal temperature fluctuations

In some regions of the country this time of year, you can experience up to a 40-degree difference from daily low temperatures to daily high temperatures. To manage this, the best dressing behavior is layering gear. This way you can easily adjust to the changing temperatures as the day—and your ride—progresses.

Layer it on

Motorcycle riding, like any winter activity, requires a little more thought regarding the choice of layers. It's not simply long pants, long-sleeve shirt, jacket, helmet, and gloves.

One thing to keep in mind is the need to be warm at riding speeds—not just when standing around—yet flexible enough to safely operate motorcycle controls.

Let's take a basic look at layering, starting closest to the skin and moving outward:

- **Base layer:** This is the closest layer to your skin. Think socks, long johns, glove liners, and a head covering. The main goal with this layer is retaining the body's warmth, yet allowing moisture to wick away from the skin. Even in very low temperatures, when dressed for high wind-chill factors, you can sweat, and this will make you even colder if not managed properly.
- **Street layer:** When you peel off all the riding gear at rest stops, this is the layer where you can express our style. Lined or insulated jeans can add some warmth and some fashion sense. Turtlenecks are great to seal out cold air at the wrists and neck. If turtlenecks are more for your grandparents, consider adding a thin version under your favorite riding shirt.
- **Additional insulating layers:** Between your outer layer of protective riding gear and street clothes is the place to add some insulating layers. These are the layers easiest to adjust as conditions change.
- **Outer layer:** This is where your protective riding gear comes into play. As an experienced rider, you should already have your outer layer ready for every ride.

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Electric riding gear

For those who opt for electrical gear, it should be worn on top of the street layer—close enough to your skin to receive some heat benefits. The insulating layers on top of the electric gear will hold in that heat. Wearing the layers in this order improves performance and allows you to conserve power on the bike by using lower settings.

Boots, gloves, and the ability to move

As you know, heavy socks and glove liners can make boots and gloves a tight fit. The same applies when adding more clothes under your riding jacket. If your gear fits too tight, you defeat the purpose of insulation that requires air space to be effective. Tight gear also restricts your movement, thus reducing your ability to safely control the motorcycle.

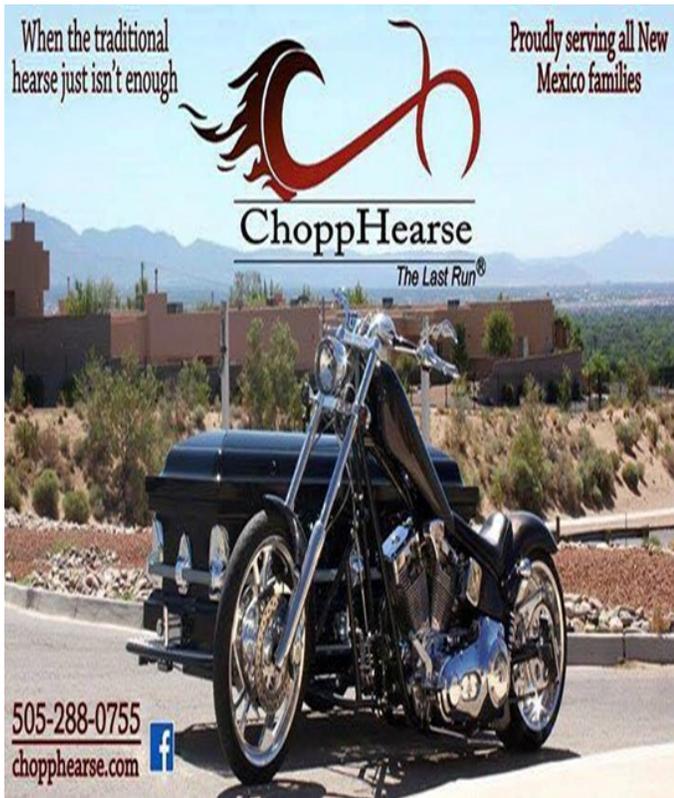
What to do? While it might not be a form-fitting fashion statement, try on larger sizes to accommodate more layers.

Cooler weather shouldn't keep you off your bike. With some planning and proper gear, you can enjoy the unique riding experience this time of year brings, and keep the joy of riding going year-round.

Till next time, ride safe!

Kitti Gallegos Newsletter Editor

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In the event of a crash, a motorcyclist is more vulnerable and in much greater danger physically than a driver. Because I'm an attorney and rider too, I have an intimate understanding of the road, its challenges and how to help.

Stay safe on the road.
The next time you go out...

- wear proper protective gear
- add reflectors & brighten your headlights
- Always use running lights
- make the front, back and sides of your bike bright!

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1/27	NMMRO Ride to the Capital	See attached Flyer
2/3 1:00pm	NNMCOC	Post 49-Central –ABQ

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