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Letter from the Chair

Happy NMMRO New Year!

July marks the start of the new fiscal year for our organization. As we enter 2019-2020, we can look back at some amazing accomplishments. We ensured that New Mexico remained a rider choice state, we successfully tackled incidents of rider profiling with the Bernalillo county Sheriff's Department, we were honored to receive the Bernalillo County proclamation for motorcycle safety awareness in May, and countless other milestones through out the year. Although our careless driving bill was defeated in the legislative session, we have not given up. Our community continues suffer great losses due to careless and irresponsible driving and we will of course continue to work with our legislators to improve safety on our roads. Statistically our numbers for 2018-2019 for motorcycle related crashes, injuries and deaths, did not improve. We have a difficult road ahead and we will need your support to continue the fight.

We are also working closely with our fellow COC organizations, not only in New Mexico but we have developed what we hope to be a successful and long lasting partnership with the Texas COC, to defend civil rights violations in both states.

I realize that these are some uncertain times we find ourselves in, but I reassure you that we have not lost our path, we have not changed course and we will not falter in our mission to protect motorcyclists in our state. We are and have been, a very close and supportive community. If we allow ourselves to lose sight of our goals we will certainly open ourselves up to more restrictive laws and discrimination by law enforcement. Our way of life will slowly fade away into the same history books as Wyatt Earp and the countless riders that came before us. The barbwire fences of today are business who restrict our access, state city and local laws that suppress and hinder our freedoms to associate. Judges and politicians that would rather run us out of town than to defend our civil liberties. This is why it is so important that you stay involved, that we support each other and that we don't give up. The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing ~ Edmund Burke. So do something, get involved, have a voice, today it's a sign saying keep out of our restaurant, tomorrow it could be a sign and a badge saying you don't belong here or anywhere.

Let's make 2019-2020 the year that you have a voice, the year that you stood up and fought the year that history will say "that's when they made a stand"

Raymond "Wraith" Gallegos

Chairman

The New México Motorcyclists Rights Organization

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GATHERING DOCUMENTS AFTER A CRASH—HOW TO HELP YOUR ATTORNEY

HOW TO HIRE A LAWYER

By Heather K. Hansen, Esq., Roadrunner Law Firm

When people are hurt in motorcycle crash, they often wonder how to find a good lawyer. There are lots of lawyers who advertise on TV or on billboards, and even more who are just listed in the yellow pages. Many, if not most, of these folks are good lawyers who would do an adequate job of handling your case. But how can you be sure you have hired the best lawyer for your motorcycle crash?

When you look for an attorney, you should treat it like a job interview, and you're the one hiring. Anyone who has passed the bar could, in theory, handle your case (although personal injury cases are very specialized and require expertise beyond just holding a law diploma). But more than anything, you need to feel like the lawyer you hire has you in mind. Consider asking these questions when you are looking to hire a lawyer to handle your motorcycle crash case:

Will you be the one handling my case from beginning to end, or will an associate attorney, paralegal or assistant be handling my case?

Will I be able to reach you on the weekends or after hours if I have an emergency?

Will you help with my property damage claim, or will I be expected to negotiate that part of my case on my own?

If there is limited insurance money available to compensate me for my injuries, will you take more as your fee than I get in my pocket?

How many cases have you personally handled successfully in the last year?

What is your current caseload? Do you have time to personally handle my case?

In our experience, the best way to hire an attorney to represent you in your personal injury case is to combine your research—utilizing Google searches, word of mouth referrals, yelp reviews, etc.—with a free in-person consultation with each of the law firms you are considering. Almost all personal injury law firms in New Mexico offer a free in-person consultation. We strongly suggest you take them up on the offer! Hiring an attorney to handle your personal injury case is much like hiring a counselor or therapist: it is a trust relationship, and if you don't feel comfortable with the person handling your case, it doesn't matter how high in the Google results that lawyer was—you will not be happy with how you are represented.

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When you consult with law firms about your personal injury case, take note of who handles your initial consultation. Are you meeting with the attorney who will be handling your case, or are you meeting with a paralegal or associate? If you meet with a managing partner, ask if the partner is the one who will be handling your case, or if your case will instead be assigned to an associate attorney or paralegal, and if the answer is “yes,” make sure you ask to meet the person who will actually be handling your case from beginning to end. You’ll also want to know if you will be expected to handle any portion of the negotiation of your case on your own (like the property damage portion of your claim), and if the attorney working on your case will be accessible after hours in case you have an urgent situation that needs attention.

You should also ask how many cases the attorney assigned to your case has on his or her plate. Make sure that the lawyer has plenty of time to handle your concerns promptly and personally. An overwhelmed attorney might let things slip through the cracks, and you need to know before you hire a lawyer that they have room on their calendar to take your case on.

As always, Roadrunner Law Firm offers a free consultation to NMMRO members. Call us today to see how we can help you if you’ve been injured in a motorcycle crash. (505) 444-4321.



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Our Youngest Buyer Ever

Do you ever have those cool moments in your life and career that you think will just stick with you? In this business we have the fortune of so many cool moments and memories. We sometimes forget the gravity of it all... and how it can often be life changing. This one is going to stick for me. I had the good fortune to meet this 5 year old gentlemen, let's say his name is "Jake" (customer privacy and all). His dad has been a customer for a long time and they were in checking out our KTM 50 SX motocross bike. It turned out "Jake" had an older Yamaha PW 50 and was ready for the big upgrade. I am pretty sure they put the PW in the trunk of the car and headed over. "Jake" was a tough nut to crack. He would struggle not to smile and had an all business look when checking out his new ride. And yet he was engaging and fun. He sat on it - bounced it a few times. Then looked over to Dad and gave the old man a nod.

Then we sat down - we pulled up the book values on his bike. He gave me that look, you all know that one - that look of..."this is my baby you're talking about..". After a better look at his bike, we stepped up and we shook hands. That's when we saw the first real smile. Then he took the dealership tour - he got to meet Tristan, our KTM technician, who set up his bike. They talked carb and suspension and (I think) tuning. That put another smile on his face. Then he rang that bell.....it was all he could do to not hold back. Then the smile would just not come off.

His Dad was awesome during the whole process. We look forward to seeing "Jake" grow up on two wheels. "Jake" and I talked a little about the CVO Street Glide as his next bike - I think he was going to hold off for 15-20 years before pulling that trigger. His Dad may do it in less time.

Please keep up the fight and speak up for our right to ride.

Enjoy the rest of summer - now get out and go for a ride,

David Pearson

Chief Cook & Bottle Washer

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Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway

Your Motorcycle Riders Foundation team in Washington, D.C. is pleased to provide our members with the latest information and updates on issues that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. Count on your MRF to keep you informed about a range of matters that are critical to the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle. Published weekly when the U.S. Congress is in session. **Capitol Hill Update**

Paying Dividends

After a week away from Washington, Congress returned to town this week, and the hard work of MRF members during Bikers Inside the Beltway is starting to pay off.

In just the last two weeks, 17 Congressional offices have signed on as cosponsors to H. Res 255, the anti-motorcyclist profiling resolution. We have now brought the total number of cosponsors to 40 since the resolution was introduced at the end of March. We have surpassed the 38 cosponsors garnered in the 18 months that we worked on the previous anti-profiling resolution during the 115th Congress.

The most recent cosponsors are:

Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)

Congressman David Schweikert (R-AZ)

Congressman Ralph Abraham (R-LA)

Congressman Mike Johnson (R-LA)

Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-MD)

Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-SD)

Congressman Kevin Brady (R-TX)

Congressman Ron Kind (D-WI)

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Additionally, in the last two weeks, five new lawmakers joined the House Motorcycle Caucus bringing the total membership up to 27.

The new caucus members:

Congressman Bill Posey (R-FL)

Congresswoman Angie Craig (D-MN)

Congressman Pete Stauber (R-MN)

Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC)

Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-SD)

These new cosponsors and caucus members are a direct result of MRF members meeting with Congressional offices and asking them to stand with the motorcycle community. Our growing numbers demonstrate two things, first that our message is starting to gain traction on Capitol Hill and second that MRF members meeting with, sending letters or calling their elected officials is the most effective way to change public policy. Thank you to everyone that has answered the call.

State News - 3 and Counting...

This week the Louisiana State Senate joined their House colleagues and UNANIMOUSLY passed HB 141; a bill that requires mandatory motorcycle profiling training be included in the police training curriculum. The measure is expected to be signed into law by Governor John Bel Edwards (D) in the coming weeks. HB 141 has two key provisions:

(1) The council shall include motorcyclist profiling awareness training in the current bias recognition policing curriculum. The training shall consist of at least one-half hour of classroom or internet instruction, or a combination of classroom and internet instruction. This training shall address issues related to motorcyclist profiling and shall be provided to peace officers as defined in R.S. 40:2402(3) (a).

(2) For purposes of this Subsection, “motorcyclist profiling” shall mean 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 or his motorcycle or motor vehicle.

The MRF would like to congratulate all those involved in this victory for the motorcycle community. When the bill is signed into law, Louisiana will join Washington State and Maryland as the three states with laws against the profiling of motorcyclist. Great work, Louisiana!

Your Team in D.C. Tiffany & Rocky

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Five Most Common Beginner Mistakes in Motorcycling

#1: Going Out of Your League

Going all the way and buying a massive, powerful motorcycle might sound tempting, but you will become a better rider if you start with something small, experts say. You can still get your cruiser if that's what you want, but make sure not to buy 'too much motorcycle' or at least, don't buy more than you can handle.

#2: Being in Over Your Head

Many beginners fail to resist the urge to ride everywhere the same moment they get their motorcycle license. But, it's a jungle out there. You've just started riding, and you need to focus on the ride itself, and there is no way to practice what you've learned if you ride challenging roads.

Tight traffic brings many hazards you are not ready to deal with yet, and so do hectic intersections. Remember, you are on a motorcycle and far less protected than when driving a car. You need to master the art of riding first and then bring it to the busy, more complex roads.

Take the roads less travelled at first and give yourself time to focus on perfecting your riding without worrying about any distractions or dangers.

#3: Not Having a Proper Mental Image of Traffic

When you're riding a motorcycle, there's so much to watch out for when you're in traffic. Is that guy going to open the door of that parked car you're about to ride by and possibly launch you over the street? Is the person in front of you aware that you're behind them or are they talking on their phone?

We live in the age of crazy driver distraction, and you must keep a 360-degree image of traffic at all times when you're on a motorcycle. Once you can reach that level of awareness, you will not be surprised by the unexpected.

Scan your surroundings well ahead, always check side to side and don't forget to check your mirrors occasionally.

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#4: Not Remembering to Always Assume You're Invisible

Many riders who've put many miles behind them have one crucial piece of advice for all beginners: Always assume you're invisible!

You can stay visible on your bike with the help of various gear, but it is very helpful to think of the car drivers around you as blind to your existence. No matter how flashy your vest might be, or how neon bright your entire bike might be painted – assume the drivers around you cannot see you. Always.

Make sure to keep a finger over the brake lever at all times in case you need to make an emergency maneuver. Always stay alert for car driver's sudden moves.

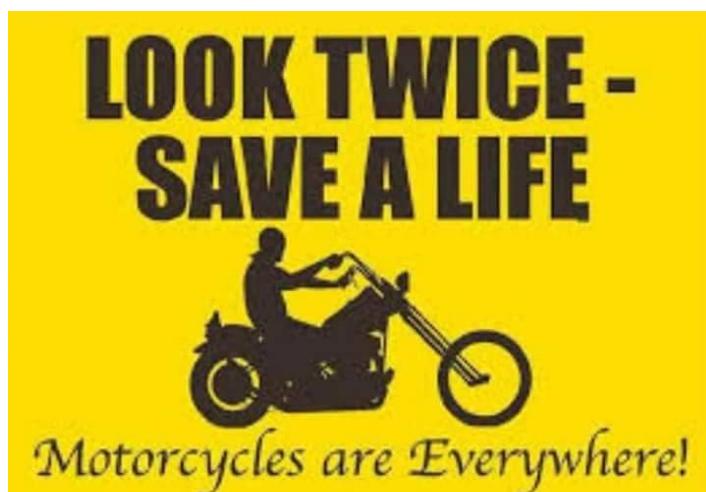
#5: Riding with a Passenger or Joining a Group Ride Too Soon

It's exciting to go out for a ride, but it's even more amazing to take your girlfriend for a spin on your new motorcycle, right? As tempting it is to bring a friend or a love interest on a ride with you and head for the hills, you need to be really good at handling your bike before you take a passenger because it changes the motorcycle's handling dynamics significantly.

Also, we all know you'll be trying to impress the person you're bringing and push harder, so don't do that either.

When it comes to group rides, as wonderful as they can be, such rides come with their own set of challenges. You need to adjust to the group ride and rhythm, and you will need an extra layer of space awareness because of all the motorcycles riding next to you.

A beginner should spend their early riding time solo, so they get in tune with their own pace and find their own way of handling the bike. Soon enough, you will be ready to share the experience.



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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
7/20 noon	NMMRO MEETING	POST 49– Albuquerque
8/6 7:00 pm	CNMMRO Meeting	1933 Brewing Company 3755 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124
9/21 noon	5th Annual GOC Rio Grande Fundraiser	Thunderbird Harley-Davidson
9/28 7:45 am	The Ride to Remember	Thunderbird Harley-Davidson

If you are a member of the NMMRO and have an event you want in the newsletter.

Please send your information or Flyer to Kitti.Gallegos@NMMRO.org

(Must be a jpeg image)

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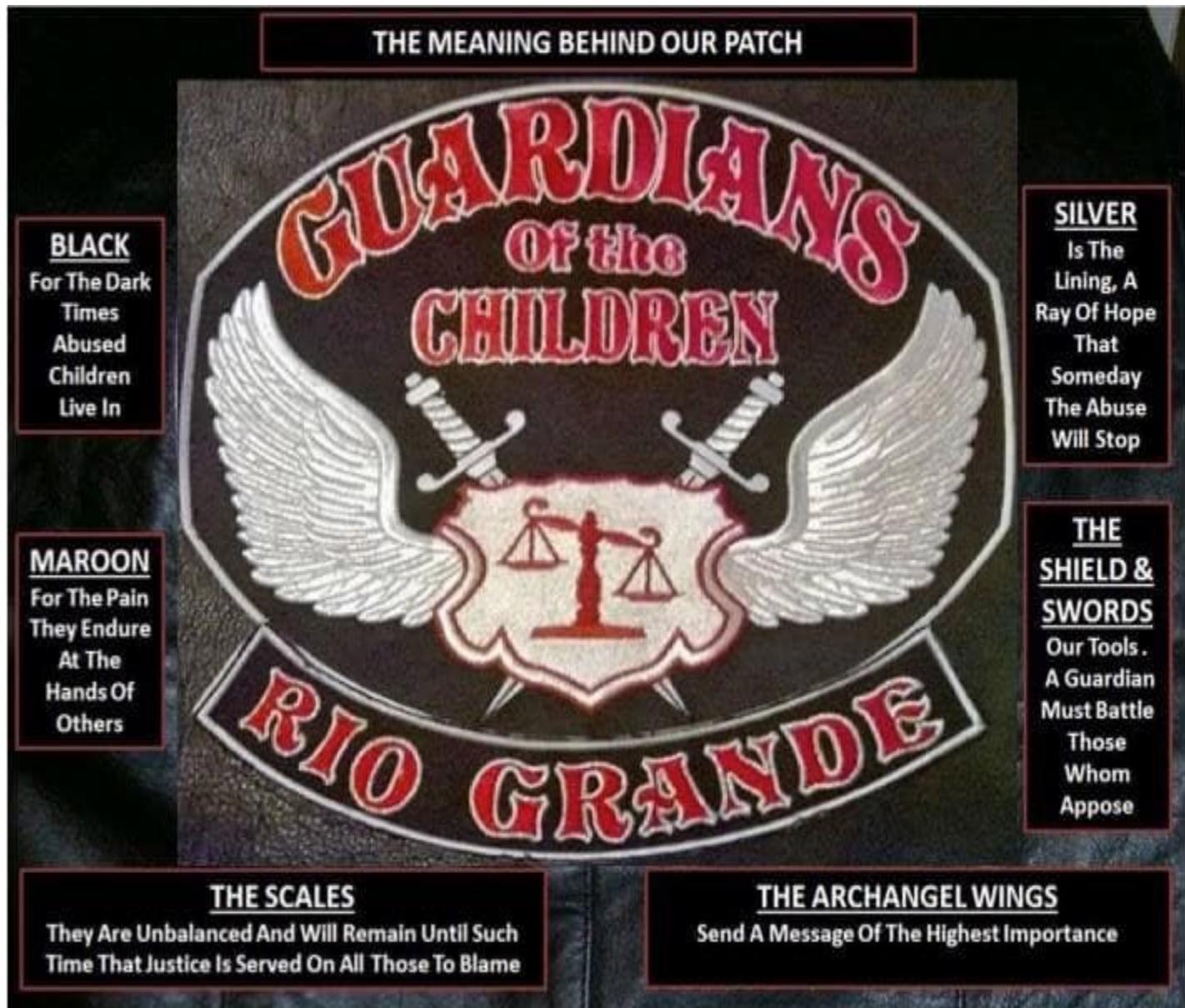
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Aug 3rd



Rio Bravo Brewing
2pm - 6pm

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5th Annual GOC Rio Grande Fundraiser

Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 12 PM

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The 7th Annual Albuquerque Film & Music Experience turns its attention to the open roads of New Mexico. The ride will include a once-in-a-lifetime celebrity bike run from ABQ to Taos along routes where the movie was filmed and to Dennis Hopper's burial site.

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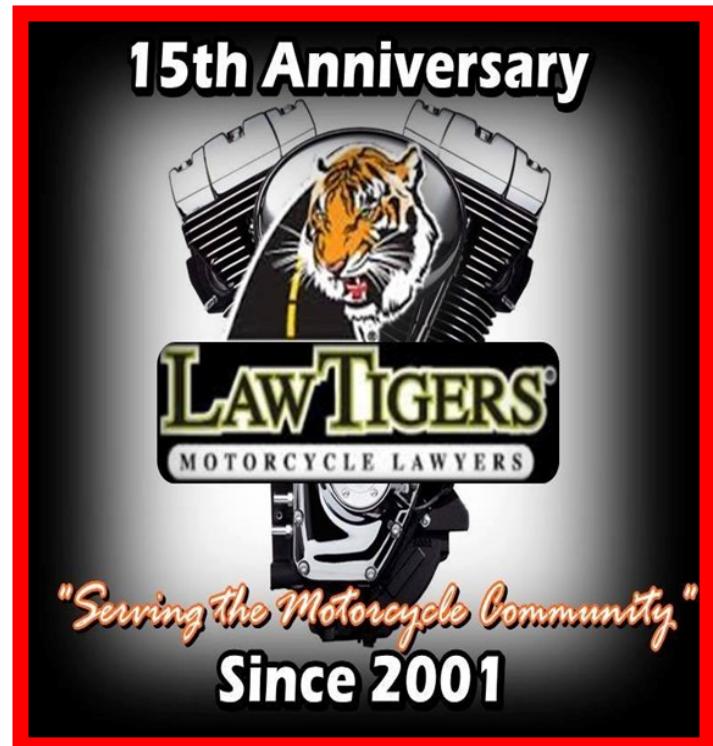


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