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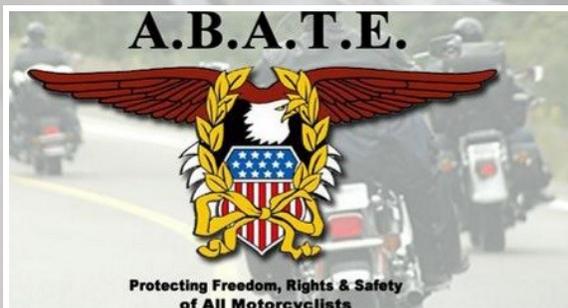
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## ABATE of ARKANSAS

### ARKANSAS BIKERS AIMING TOWARDS EDUCATION

The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, rider education and public awareness. We are trying to alleviate the very real possibility of "Big Brother Government". We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. We write letters to our elected officials and stay aware of what is going on with motorcycle legislation, and other transportation issues. We welcome interested parties to any of our activities or to join our organization.

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From The State Office

Rodney Farley  
State Office Manager



# IMPORTANT NOTICE

**With heavy hearts we are informing you that District One will be merging with district 13 or district 99 your choice in January 1, 2026.** D-13 meets at US Pizza behind McCain Mall on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:45 pm. 6:00 to eat. Bobby Sherron is the President. We have had the only four officers attend the last year and we have events and the four officers attend with a couple here and there. Most of these events couldn't happen without the help of D-13. Please let me know your desire to which district you would prefer. Thank you for your membership in ABATE of Arkansas and we are still going 41 years. This letter was sent to all D-1 members with only six responding that they would like to join D-13 and they have been added to D-13 roll. All other D-1 members have been added to D-99 unless they inform me otherwise. D-1 members are all in their 70s and 80's and most don't ride anymore even if they have a motorcycle or they live out of state or over an hour drive to a meeting. We are truly sorry that the oldest district in the state will be shutting down for the second time in 41 years. The two D-1 Facebook pages have been given notice twice to move over to Facebook ABATE of Arkansas page. See you all down the road.

## Rodney Farley

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## Upcoming Events-2026:

DATE	Event	Details
1 <sup>st</sup> Thur. Jan 8 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thur) First Thur each month Feb 5/March 5/April 2 May 7/June 4/July 2/Aug 6 Sept 3/Oct 1/Nov 5/Dec 3	ABATE District 18 Meeting 6:00 pm Eat 6:30 pm Meeting	El Charro Mexican Restaurant 301 N Lincoln Ave, Star City
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. each Month Meet at Restaurant at 11 am Jan. 3, Feb 7, March 7 April 4, May 2, June 6 July 4 / Aug 1, Sept 5 Oct 3 Nov. 7 Blue Knights Toy Ride Dec. 5 Pot Luck	Friend of ABATE (former D20) Meet for Lunch first Sat each month. Meet at Restaurants at 11:00 am	
Sun. Jan 11, 2026 (Qtrly) April 12, 2026 July 12, 2026 Oct. 11, 2026	ABATE of AR State Board Meeting	12 Noon @ Black Angus Restaurant- 5100 W Markham St LR
May	Motorcycle Awareness Month	Sign Proclamation at AR State Capital
May 1 & 2, 2026	Steel Horse Rally	Ft Smith
Thur. Sept 17, 2026- Sun. Sept 20, 2026	Mt View Mountain Music & Motorcycles	
Sat. 2026	Bill Parker Meet & Greet	10 am Cane Creek State Park, Star City Pavilion #1



### **Long timers Valentine's in ABATE**

**Pat & Mary-48 Years**  
**Charles & Rita-49 Years**  
**Cherrie & Ben-52 Years**  
**Jerry & Donna- 50 Years**  
**Danny & Bennie- 46 Years**  
**Mike & Ann- 28 years**  
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# Motorcycle Riders Foundation 2026 Legislative Priorities

## 2026 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

### Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers publicly report crash data and share incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as they relate to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.
- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for Dedicated Short Range (DSRC) vehicle to vehicle communications.
- Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

### Crash Avoidance:

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

### Data Recording:

Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer.

The consumer should have the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

**Definition of a Motorcycle:**

Educate policymakers and ask for a change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

**Emission Regulations:**

- Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) or any other agencies or boards that endanger the future of motorcycling.

**Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates:**

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

**Internal Combustion Engines:**

Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens internal combustion engine production. Pursue similar policies for other state or federal agencies or boards as needed.

**Profiling:**

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness related to, and prohibit the practice of, the profiling of motorcyclists. Seek opportunities to include legislative language that:

- Monitors and responds to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, or any derogatory term when referring to motorcyclists.
- Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists. Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.
- Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.
- Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.

- Opposes any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.
- Protects U.S. citizen motorcyclists reentering the country from undue detainment based on their associations, apparel or lifestyle.

#### **Renewable Fuels:**

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing, blender pumps) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

#### **Right to Repair/Modify:**

Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products or allow a designee selected by the consumer to repair or modify the consumer's property.

- Promote access to parts, tools, diagnostic equipment and other technology that allows the consumer or their chosen designee the ability to repair and/or modify motorcycles.
- Advocate for the availability of reproduction parts by third party vendors, ensuring consumer choice in the selection of products.
- Monitor California Air Resource Board or any other state, agency or board's policies on parts approval process and transparency.

#### **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):**

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

- Promote Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding. (Renewed Every 5 years)
- Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.
- Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.
- Reestablish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the U.S. Department of Transportation. (Renewed Every 5 years)
- Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.

- Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.
- Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.
- Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.
- Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles.
- Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.
- Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.
- All high priority MRF Legislative priorities and emerging technologies

**Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:**

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

**2026 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES**

**Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting:**

Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering.

**Taxes:**

Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

**2026 MONITOR ITEMS**

**Distracted Driving:**

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

**End of Life Directives:**

Oppose any program that seeks to limit the like usage of motorcycles based on manufacture date.

**EV Incentives:**

Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.

**Exhaust Systems:**

Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

**International Partnerships:**

Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, Canada, India, China and other relevant global markets informing the membership of key developments.

**National Studies:**

Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

**Opponents:**

Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

**Sound Testing:**

Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states).

- Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement.

**Tariffs:**

Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

**Tolling:**

- Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.
- Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.
- Ensure that tolling technology is safe for use by motorcyclists.



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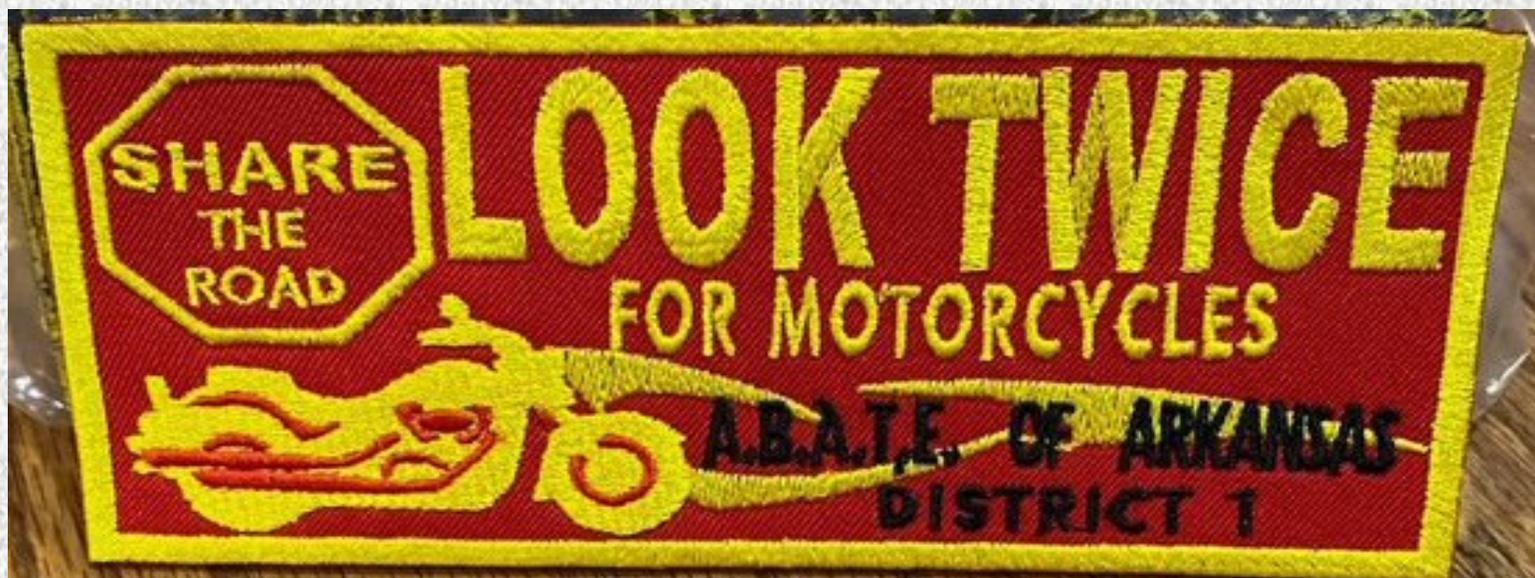


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4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.

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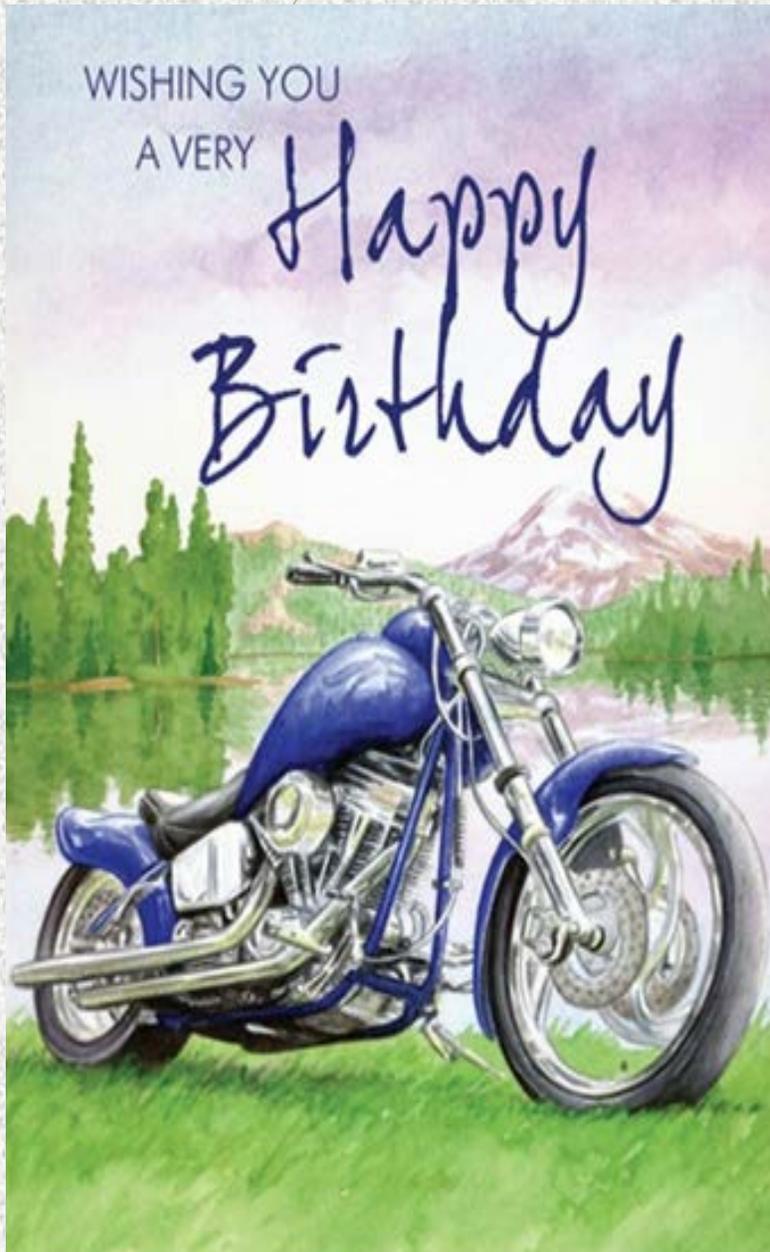


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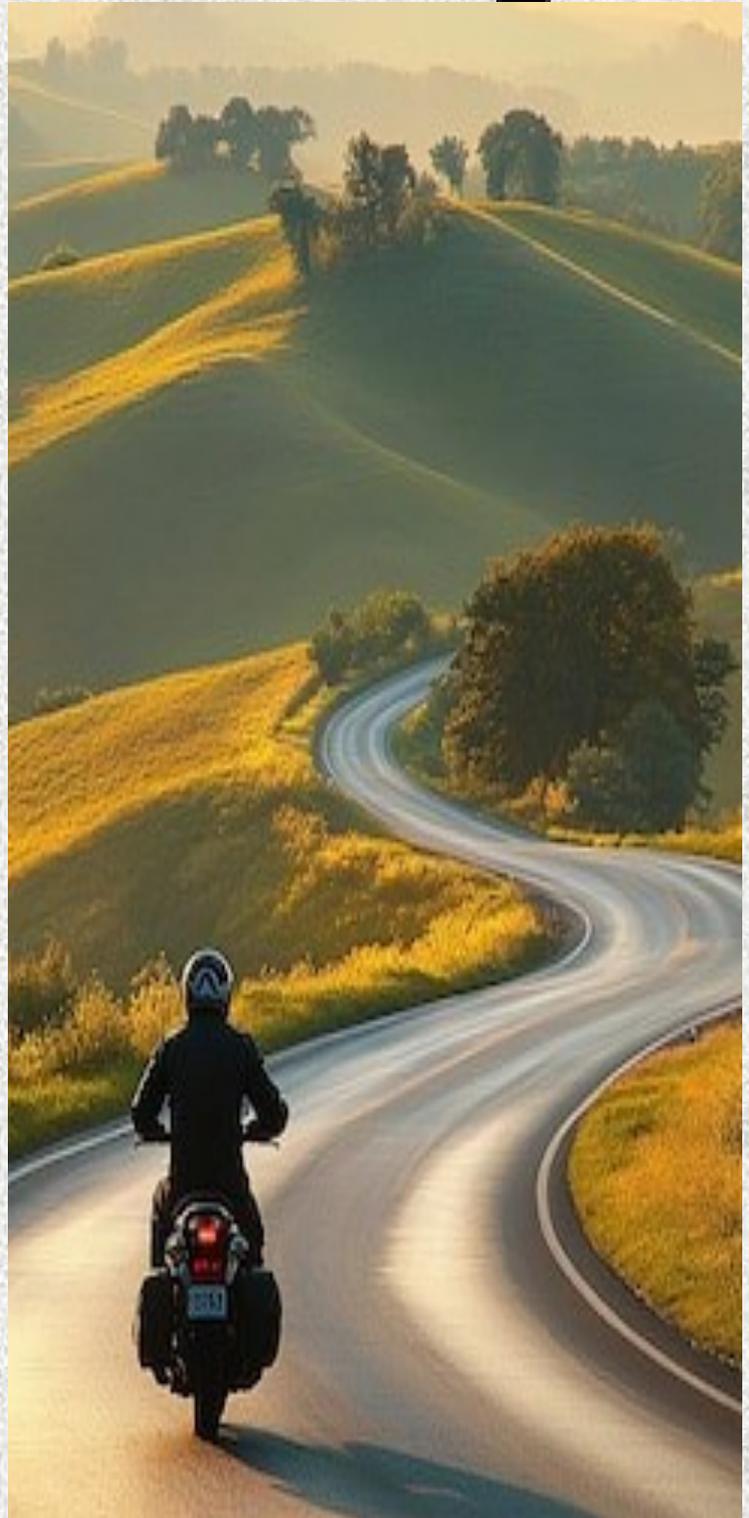
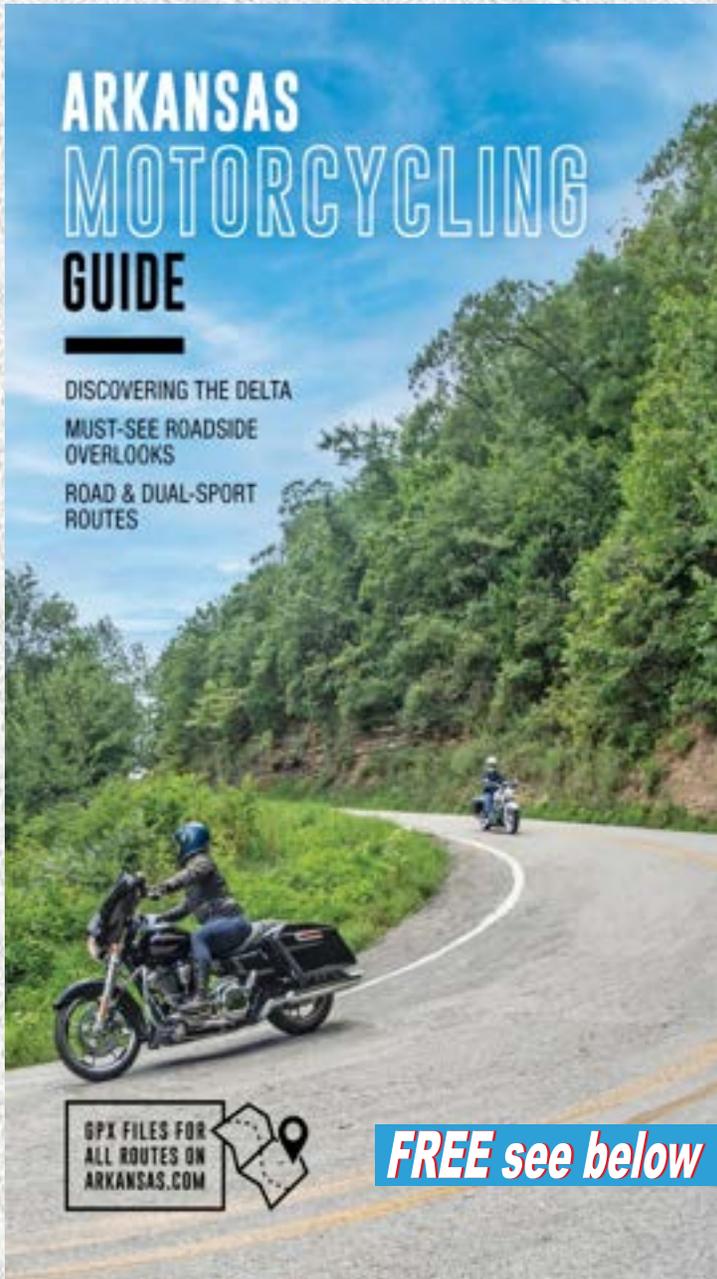
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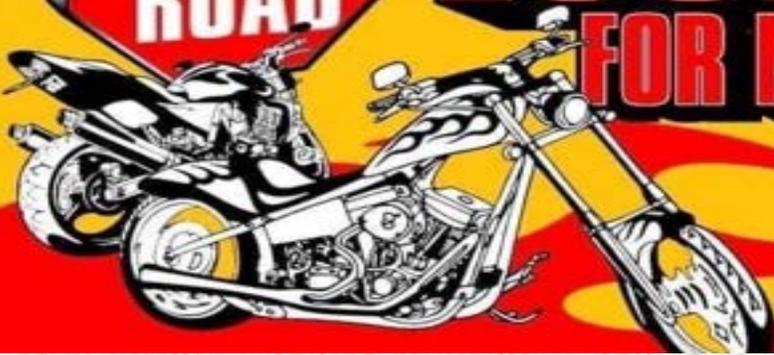


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### D-13 2026 Calendar

Feb 10, D-13 meeting

Feb 21, dinner ride

March 10, D-13 meeting

March 21, dinner ride

April 12, State meeting

April 14, D-13 meeting

April 18, dinner ride

May 1-2, Steel Horse Rally

May 12, D-13 meeting

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Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. The New Year can bring change and times are a changing. As most of you know D-1 has closed. Some have migrated over to D-13. So I say, WELCOME! You are joining a great group of folks. While we may not burn up the highways like we use too, we still enjoy good food and good company. So welcome and be a part of the group, Beverly- welcome back home other new membership transfers are Rodney, Carla, Claude and Robert & Vicki Donley. As most know we have started working on our ride/drive schedule for 2026. I have added the Steel Horse Rally to our schedule for a 1-day ride on May 2nd. So, if you have a place in mind let us know. We can take short rides, like just 1 day and we can take some longer rides like the weekend. Of course, if you have a restaurant in mind let's add it to the list. Again, your participation is what makes these outings great. The pictures are of a monthly dinner in Dec. Always a good turn out!

**\*\*Be weather aware in Feb & March especially on our district meeting nights. We will cancel if roads are bad. We will post updates on Facebook.**

Bobby, D-13 President & ABATE SGT at ARMS

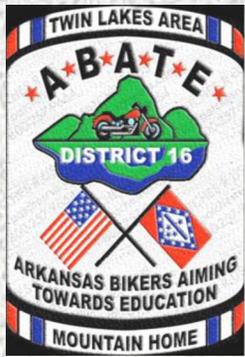
New quote of the month: "Someday is the one day that will never come"! Good lesson for us all. Get out there and enjoy life don't put off the "someday" too long!



**Bike Night**  
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1st THURSDAY of MONTH  
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Owning a motorcycle  
is not a matter  
of life or death.  
It is much more  
important than that.

## **CHECK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE** **MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE!!!**

*Common causes of motor vehicle  
vs. motorcycle accidents include:*

**MAKING LEFT TURNS** - Before turning  
**LEFT, CHECK TWICE** to ensure no motor-  
cycle is coming. You're conditioned to look  
for cars and trucks, and it is easy to 'overlook'  
an oncoming motorcycle if you're not looking  
for one.

**PULLING OUT** - Before pulling out from a  
parked position, **CHECK TWICE** by turning  
your head and **LOOKING** for oncoming motor-  
cycles. Motorcycles need more room and  
space to stop suddenly than a car or truck.

**CHANGING LANES** - Motorcycles can  
easily fit in the blind spots of your mirrors.  
Put your blinker on and **CHECK TWICE**,  
turn your head to **LOOK** to ensure there is  
no motorcycle in your blind spot!

**SHARING A LANE** - Don't share a traffic  
lane with a motorcycle. Even though a motor-  
cycle is smaller than a car or truck, they are  
entitled to their entire lane.

**DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSE** behind a  
motorcycle - a motorcycle needs more room  
than a car or truck to stop. Keep a good  
distance behind a motorcycle, leaving enough  
room for you to stop.

*Help reduce accidents and injuries . . .*

## **CHECK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE** **MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE!!!**

DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING



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Abate D-18

### DISTRICT 18 Southeast Arkansas

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### 2026-Officers



Rep: Steven, Marie & Helen  
Alt: Manda, Micheal & Elaine

### District 18 Monthly Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each Month/Eat 6 pm Meeting 6:30 pm  
El Charro Mexican Restaurant-301 N Lincoln Ave  
Star City AR



Remember, T-shirts, caps and other products are available at meetings or from Helen Wesson

# February 2026

## Upcoming Events:

Thur. Feb. 5, 2026: District 18 Monthly Meeting  
Eat 6 pm Meeting 6:30 pm at El Charro Mexican Restaurant-301 N. Lincoln Ave, Star City

Sat. Feb. 14, 2026: Valentine's Day

Sat. April 11, 2026: Rummage Sale McGehee

\*Spring Cleaning workday to repair/clean up Look Twice Signs around town.



We have some long timers Valentine's in ABATE: Karen & Keith= 33 Years

Don & Helen= 24 Years

Jeff & Karon= 39 Years

Marie & Tommy= 29 Years

Steve & Wenoka= 30 Years

Steven & Tammy= 27 Years

Zahn & Tamara= 34 Years

Jesus got another Angel this year, Ms. Karen King went to be with Jesus in January after a car accident after Christmas. Karen was a unique member, a former Missionary in Tanzania a retired Priest from Illinois. Karen, you will be missed.



Don, Penny, David, Jeff, Karon & Karen King



EVERY SATURDAY



We meet weekly at Hardees on Race St. and leave by 10am. We all meet discuss all that is going on in the area and mutually to ride in the same direction.

## DISTRICT 19 White County/Searcy

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**ABATE Constitutional Changes were adopted by the State Board Reps at our recent meeting.**

### MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS SIGNS

We have several available to put up around the county. Working with two locations now.

**All are welcome to attend our meetings.**

We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at .....

**4081 AR-36W Searcy, AR**  
2<sup>ND</sup> driveway past Tanners  
One Stop

**Meet & Greet 6:30PM**  
**Meeting 7:00PM**

### D19 NEWSLETTER EDITOR

John Butler  
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If you have any articles you'd like to see in the Newsletter you can send them to me and I will gladly work them into the next Newsletter submission.

**LOOK TWICE**  
for motorcycles

*The lure of the open road  
never goes out of style*



# Friends of ABATE

**(Former ABATE District 20 Pine Bluff/Sheridan)**

**Lunch Ride Fellowship for 2026**

**First Saturday of each month**

**Meet at the restaurant at 11:00 am**

DATE	RESTAURANT	LOCATION/ADDRESS
Sat. Jan. 3, 2026	Dairy Queen	7810 Sheridan Rd White Hall
Sat. Feb. 7, 2026	Granny's Kitchen	8500 Dollarway Rd White Hall
Sat. March 7, 2026	Wright's BBQ	6220 Dollarway Rd White Hall
Sat. April 4, 2026	Highway 270 Grill	14223 Hwy 270 W Poyen
Sat. May 2, 2026	Moe's Southwest Grill	7750 Sheridan Rd White Hall
Sat. June 6, 2026	Open Season Sports Grill	2307 S Main Stuttgart
Sat. July 4, 2026	Grill Burgers & Hot Dogs	Harmony Baptist Assoc Office 8869 Hwy 79 S Pine Bluff
Sat. Aug. 1, 2026	Big Banjo Pizza	4208 W 28 <sup>th</sup> Pine Bluff
Sat. Sept. 5, 2026	Charlotte's Eats & Sweets	290 Main St Keo
Sat. Oct. 3, 2026	Hoot's BBQ	2008 Hwy 65 N McGehee
Sat. Nov. 7, 2026	Blue Knights Toy Ride	11 am Meet White Hall High School 12 KSU
Sat. Dec. 5, 2026	HBA Office-Chili/Soup Potluck	8869 Hwy 79 South, PB

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Instead of telling someone who rides a motorcycle how dangerous it is ... Look twice before switching lanes, making turns, or pulling out of a drive way ... Stay on your side of the road, especially in corners ... Don't follow too closely ... Keep your eyes on the road and off your cell phones ...this truly is life or death!! If you care about someone who rides a motorcycle, please re-post ...  
**I HOPE TO SEE ALL MY FRIENDS RE-POST THIS**

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**MOTORCYCLE**  
**Roadside Assistance**

If you would like to be a part of this  
**IMPORTANT PROGRAM**  
**TO HELP FELLOW RIDERS**  
 please contact  
 Rodney Farley

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**ROADSIDE**  
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**of All Motorcyclists**

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**2025** Day after Bikers Inside Beltway, Senate acts on HJ Resolutions resulting in revocation of waivers to California Air Resources Board (CARB)

**2024** MRF leads Congressional Motorcycle Caucus "Ride To Work" on the streets of Washington DC to promote Motorcycle Awareness.

**2024** MRF representatives officially appointed to the Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC)

**2023** Six MRF members selected to the "Community of Practice" groups, updating federal motorcycle safety guidelines.

**2023** MRF meets with NTSB officials, discussing concerns over Autonomous Vehicles (AV) not recognizing motorcycles.

**2022** U.S. House Passes H. Res 366 Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

**2022** Government funding bill includes language directing NHTSA to report back to Congress on activities and policies related to the profiling of bikers

**2022** 27 Members of Congress send letter to NHTSA seeking answers on recent crashes involving autonomous vehicles and motorcycles

**2022** Inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

**2018** By unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate Passes S. Res 154 – Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

**2012** National Transportation Safety Board drops motorcyclists from "Top Ten" list

**2012** Established the MRF Industry Council allowing aftermarket manufacturers to be more involved with the bikers' rights movement

**2009** Held the first national motorcycle lobby day event in Washington, DC



THE ONLY NATIONAL  
MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION  
DEDICATED TO ON-STREET RIDERS



**This just scratches the surface!  
For more MRF history, visit [MRF.org](http://MRF.org)**



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- Annual Individual Membership \$35
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- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Membership \$100
- Individual Auto-Renewal Membership \$35
- Joint Auto-Renewal Membership \$60
- Sustaining Individual Auto-Renewal Membership \$100
- 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
- 3-Year Joint Membership \$140
- Sustaining Membership Club \$100
- Freedom Fighter Donation  \$10  \$25  \$50

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[mrfoffice@mrf.org](mailto:mrfoffice@mrf.org)

**It's time you did something more to protect your rights! Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

- New
- Renewal

Referred by **ABATE of Arkansas**

- Please check if you are a US Citizen
- Check here to NOT receive patches and pins
- Check here to NOT receive MRF Email alerts
- Check here to receive MRF Newsletter electronically (email)



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## THE 12 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)

- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.
- **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.
- **Data Recording:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.
- **Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
- **Emission Regulations:** Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- **Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates.
- **Internal Combustion Engines:** Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.
- **Profiling:** Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness and the prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.
- **Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
- **Right to Repair/Modify:** Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their motorcycles.
- **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):** Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire in 2026).
- **Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:** Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 DISTRICT 20 11 AM LUNCH RIDES DISTRICT 4 MEETING 5PM
8 DISTRICT 2 MEETING 1PM	9	10 DISTRICT 19 MEETING 7PM	11	12 DISTRICT 7 MEETING 7PM DISTRICT 16 MEETING 6:30PM DISTRICT 18 MEETING 6PM	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
15	16	17 DISTRICT 13 MEETING 6:45PM	18	19 DISTRICT 1 MEETING 6PM	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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