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A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

October 2026

FALL is HERE!

The Autumnal Equinox: Late September marks the beginning of Autumn. At this exact position in Earth's orbit, the Earth's axis is **tilted sideways** relative to the Sun, meaning neither the Northern nor Southern Hemisphere tilts toward it. The Sun shines directly on the equator, resulting in roughly **12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness** in Maryland. Fall can be GREAT riding weather! Get out there and take advantage of it!

Legislative: The 2027 session is around the corner. Bills need to be pre-filed by November 20th. We have narrowed down our list of bills we can pursue:

- ♦ Helmet FREEDOM of CHOICE
- ♦ Vulnerable Individuals definition

Once the election is finalized, there will be a lot of work required in a very short amount of time to get bills pre-filed.

We are still working on researching historic / antique / built bike titling and registration in Maryland. So far, what we have is a lot of unanswered questions. This issue will require a lot of work.



THANK YOU!

We would like to shine a spotlight on two incredible individuals who have been an integral part of ABATE for many years. Please join us in giving them a HUGE thank you for their dedicated service!

Linda Wainer

Since 1996, Linda has served as our State Recording Secretary. Over her remarkable 30-year tenure with the organization, she has guided us through changing state directors and remained a steadfast, invaluable backbone of ABATE. As she steps down from her role, we want to express our deepest gratitude for her incredible dedication and hard work. We wish Linda all the best in her well-deserved retirement as State Recording Secretary!

Joel Jones

Since 2013, Joel has stepped up as our State Membership Secretary. He jumped right in, mastered our database software, and seamlessly took the reins—handling chapter reports, member calls, and keeping our records accurate. While it is often a behind-the-scenes role, Joel's work has been vital to keeping our organization running smoothly. We thank Joel for his exceptional effort and wish him the absolute best as he prepares for his professional retirement and move back to Pennsylvania!

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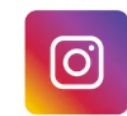
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ABATE of Maryland, Inc. Membership Application / Renewal

Please print or type your information clearly

☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Address Change

Online option: [Join or Renew](#)

Chapter: _____

Membership Type:

Annual Individual: \$25 * Annual Couple: \$45 * Annual Junior: \$15

Lifetime Individual: \$250 * Lifetime Couple: \$450 * Sustaining: \$100

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, state, Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

2nd Name (Couple): _____

Registered Voter: ☐ Election District: _____

Occupation or skills that may assist ABATE: _____

Applicant signature:

I agree to comply with ABATE rules for sanctioned motorcycle activities

Please complete and take to a Chapter Director or contact our State Membership Secretary at membership@abateofmd.org. You can also mail completed applications and a check to:

ABATE of Maryland, Inc.
Membership Secretary
210 Marlboro Ave
Ste 25 Box 274
Easton, MD 21601



Anne Arundel County Chapter

Director: **Stuart "13" MacKellar**
Meeting dates & time: 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Location: Joe's Oak Grove
1139 Thompson Avenue
Severn, MD

Baltimore County Chapter

Director: **Mark Earles**
Meetings: Nautilus Diner
2047 York Road
Timonium, MD 21093
3rd Wednesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Calvert County Chapter

Director: **Ken Sawyer**
Meeting date: 4th Tuesdays, 7pm
Location: American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206
3330 Chesapeake Beach Rd
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732, USA

Carroll County Chapter

Director: **Shelli McClane**
Meeting dates & time: TBD
Location: TBD
Are you a Carroll county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter?

Contact Shelli for more info!

Charles County Chapter

Director: **Joel Jones**
Meeting time: 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:00pm
Location:
Ledo Pizza
9375 Chesapeake Street
LaPlata, Maryland, MD 20646

Frederick County Chapter

Are you a Frederick county member and have a few friends that would be interested in reviving the chapter?
Please contact Bob Spanburgh at 410-263-9185 to discuss.

Harford County Chapter

Director: **Mark Earles—INTERIM**
Meetings: Come Visit the Baltimore County Chapter
Meetings Nautilus Diner
2047 York Road
Timonium, MD 21093

See Baltimore County Chapter

Howard County Chapter

Are you a Howard county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter?

Please contact Bob Spanburgh at 410-263-9185 to discuss.

Lower Shore Chapter

Are you a Lower Shore member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter?

Please contact Bob Spanburgh at 410-263-9185 to discuss.

Mid-Shore Chapter

Director: **Ken Eaton**
Meeting date & time: 2nd Thursdays, 7:00 PM
Meeting location: Easton VFW Post 5118
355 Glebe Road
Easton, MD 21601



Montgomery County Chapter

Are you a Montgomery county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter?

Please contact Bob Spanburgh at 410-263-9185 to discuss.

Mountain Chapter

Are you a Garrett or Allegany county member and have a few friends that would be interested in re-starting the chapter?

Please contact Bob Spanburgh at 410-263-9185 to discuss.

Northeast Chapter

Are you a Kent, or Cecil county member and have a few friends that would be interested in starting a chapter?

Please contact Bob Spanburgh at 410-263-9185 to discuss.

Prince George's County Chapter

Director: **Gregg Hunter**

Meeting dates & time: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Location: American Legion Post 227
13505 Cherry Tree Crossing Road
Brandywine, MD 20613

St. Mary's County Chapter

Director: **Melvin Yost**

Meeting dates & time: 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Location: Twisted Bar & Grill
23955 Mervell Dean Road
Hollywood, MD 20636

Washington County Chapter

Director: **Dan Tracey**

Meeting dates & time: 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm

Location: North American Rod & Gun Club
2108 Belvedere Rd
Hagerstown, MD

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ABATE of Maryland, Inc,



Wants YOU to get involved!

Director's Corner

Bob Spanburgh, Jr., Executive Director

Greetings everyone. As I write this, Summer is officially ending. Although I know more than a few of you ride year round, I hope all of you experienced some rides, runs and events that will carry you through the coming winter months.

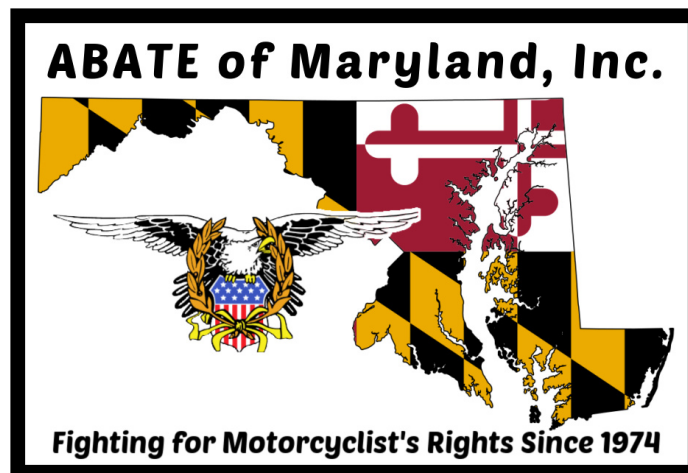
We as an organization are currently working up our 2027 organizational agenda. Beside the yearly attempt to modify current total mandatory motorcycle helmet use requirements, we are once again seeking to remove motorcyclists from the vulnerable individuals list, a classification that has absolutely no benefit to the motorcycling community. In addition, we have received troubling, albeit unsubstantiated reports of law enforcement conducting traffic stops to check motorcycle helmets in violation of [2015 Senate Bill 716](#) (checkpoints-prohibition on targeting motorcycles). We have also received reports of alleged police stops based on riders' apparel in violation of [2016 SB 0233](#) (motorcycle profiling-training). These unconfirmed incidents purportedly occurred at 2026 Delmarva Bike Week. Anyone with information or evidence (e.g. tickets or warnings) is requested to contact me at 410-231-9543.

Thank you.

Ride Safe!

Bob Spanburgh, Jr.

See YOU at an ABATE meeting or event!



Legislative Report

Ken Eaton, Legislative Representative

Here are a few important legislative dates to remember:

- ♦ **October 1:** Customary effective date for most other bills from the 2026 session to take effect
- ♦ **October 22 - October 29:** General Election Early Voting
- ♦ **November 3:** General Election Day
- ♦ **November 20:** Deadline for the General Assembly to approve drafted bills for prefile introduction
- ♦ **January 13, 2027:** The first day of the 2027 General Assembly
- ♦ **April 12, 2027:** The last day of the 2027 session of the General Assembly

Will YOU be a part of the BIKER voice in Annapolis in 2027?

Monday Night Lobbying! Make plans NOW to carve out a few Monday nights and show up to make YOUR VOICE HEARD! Meet your legislators in their Annapolis office, see how the Maryland General Assembly works, and BE ABATE!.

Political Fundraisers: From now until the beginning of the 2027 MGA Session, there will be numerous opportunities to get out and support your state legislators. Right now, they are all doing last minute events prior to the General Election.

Whatever your choice, make sure you get out and vote! Numbers matter and we really need a large percentage of BIKERS to get out there and VOTE! It is the very first step in helping to make your voice heard!

What can YOU do to protect YOUR rights?

- ♦ **Know your representatives**
 - ♦ [Find My Representatives](#) <<<<< click on the “Lookup” tab and input your address
- ♦ **Attend a political fundraiser**
 - ♦ Offer to help park cars, direct traffic, take out the trash, or serve food—whatever gets you in the door!
- ♦ **Attend a Post—Session Wrap-up**
 - ♦ Many local chamber of commerce offices hold these events to hear what happened during session. This is a great chance to see your representatives on their home turf and let them know you are involved.
- ♦ **Schedule a meeting with your Senator & Delegates**
 - ♦ Invite them to your chapter meeting
 - ♦ Go to their local office and get to know them



Membership Desk

We have a new membership secretary! Tom Kilchenstein from Baltimore County has decided to accept the position and is eager to get in and learn the ropes. Joel will be assisting with the transition and we will soon be switching over completely to the new membership management software.

We have added a new email address for membership as well. Our new email address for all membership correspondence is membership@abateofmd.org

Please send any applications that have been manually filled out to this email address (scan, take a good quality picture, etc.) and record the transaction on your monthly treasurers report. Deposit any membership money in the State account, keep a copy of the deposit slip (send with the applications), and let Tom know if you have any questions or additional information.

Membership Management

Upgrading Our Membership System – Action Needed!

We are actively transitioning our membership management software to Neon One, which integrates directly with our website. Once fully up and running, many of our processes will become automated, including email renewal reminders.

To make this transition successful, **we need your help gathering updated email addresses for all members.**

Why Email Matters:

- ♦ **Saves Money:** Sending physical mail through the USPS costs the organization significant funds in paper, envelopes, and postage.
- ♦ **Faster Communication:** Email allows us to keep you engaged and informed instantly, even if you can't make it to regular meetings and events.

Action Required for Members, Chapter Directors, and Membership Secretaries:

- ♦ **Verify Contact Information:** Please double-check that every member's name, mailing address, phone number, and email address are accurate.
- ♦ **Update Online or In Person:** Under the new system, members can log in and update their information directly online. If members prefer not to log in, please collect their updated details and forward them to us so we can update the database manually.

Communication is key to our organization—thank you for helping us stay connected and keep costs down!



Newsletter Editor Musings

Ken Eaton, Interim Newsletter Editor

State Newsletter Updates & Call for Content!

We want to hear from **every** chapter! Whether it's a quick photo from a recent meeting, a write-up on a great ride, or an upcoming event reminder, make sure your chapter is represented in the next issue. Show the rest of the state what you've been up to!

Upcoming Submission Deadline:

♦ **December 24, 2026**

Changes Are Coming You may notice a new look and feel in the upcoming editions. We are updating our software and tweaking the newsletter format to make it even better. Even with these updates, your stories, ride recaps, and chapter news remain the heart of our publication—so keep those articles coming!

Help Needed! Ken is looking for a co-editor/volunteer to help produce the newsletter. If you'd like to step up and lend a hand with layout, content, or editing, please reach out—your support would make a huge difference!

Products Updates

Our products trailer has lots of things to choose from! T-shirts, hats, patches, pins, etc. Contact Shelli for her next show or to see if you can meet with her to get some ABATE gear for your next chapter event.

Treasurers Tidbits

ALL chapters should be submitting a treasurer report EVERY month.

~ No Exceptions ~

Send your reports to Rick Dixon at treasurer@abateofmd.org

Need to make a deposit? Contact us if you do not have pre-printed deposit slips. We now have two banks you can choose from to make your deposits.

- Shore United Bank
- PNC Bank

We have pre-printed deposit slips for each bank to help make it easier. Please contact Ken Eaton to get yours!

Mid-Shore Chapter News



The Mid-Shore Chapter held a meet and greet event at the Ten Eyck Brewery, near Wye Mills, MD. It was a great event and we talked ABATE and motorcycles with a lot of people.



Also, we also got together for the 20th anniversary of the crash that took the life of Marty Schultz. We met for breakfast, rode a bit, and told a lot of stories! It was humbling to remember a great friend and BIKER!



Mid-Shore Chapter News—continued

OC Bike Week—Swap Meet—
ABATE Tent: The Mid-Shore chapter showed up to help man the tent at the swap meet! Thank you to Marianne Jackson, Tonja Thomspson-Ogden, Tammy Lenske. We had a few others assisting too: Linda Wainer, Shelli McLane, Joel Jones and MamaKat .



Greensboro Car Show Meet & Greet (Caroline): Mike & Barbi Mann, Hilton Thomas & Tom Godfrey helped man the tent and talk ABATE for the afternoon!

October 2-4 will be our chapter Retreat. We are hoping for great weather, good food, a few drinks, and some awesome friends just enjoying a relaxing weekend!

And don't forget! Mid-Shore is having a fundraiser raffle! A side of beef and a freezer to put it in! Live too far away or do not have the room for a freezer? There is a cash prize option of \$1000. Buy tickets from Mid-Shore members or you can go online and make your purchase.

[fundraiser](#) Contact a member and buy your tickets NOW before they are all sold!

ABATE of Maryland, Inc. Mid-Shore Chapter

2026 Chapter Fundraiser

QCF Angus RANCH

SIDE OF BEEF
350-425 LBS (hanging weight) OF
GRASS FED ANGUS BEEF

CHEST FREEZER
9 CF FREEZER

Alternate Cash Prize Option: \$1000

Donation: \$10 each or 3 for \$25

Gray's Gas

Drawing held December 10, 2026 @8pm
Need not be present to win



Adopt-A-Highway

We are past the halfway month on our monthly clean ups. July was another cool, comfortable month for our clean up. With all the hot days in July, we got lucky just like the month of June, and a had cool day for our morning clean up.

We are definitely making a difference in our new area. This month we only collected two bags of trash, compared to the 8 – 10 bags for the previous month and 2025 when we started our new section. We are still looking for helpers, just show up at Huyett Crossroads Sheetz at Routes 40 and 63 by 7:45 a.m. on the 3rd (third) Sunday of the month from April to October. We have everything you need to clean up, we just need YOU!

THANK YOU to our Adopt-A-Highway Crew for...

July – Tuck Koontz, Lewis Spigler, Dan Tracey, Ronnie Seal, Roger Shank, Donny McCoy, and Devin Fishel

Mother Nature provided much needed rain for August and September, and we hope to see you in October.



25th Annual “Millie Run” Poker Ride

In Memory of Mildred Von Sternberg

November 7, 2026

Rain Date, November 14, 2026

Begins / Ends at

Break Away II Sports Lounge

13726 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD

\$20 for first hand, \$10 additional hands

Registration—10:00 a.m. / Last Departure—11:30 a.m.



Poker Hand Stops

Start—Break Away II

2nd—Jimmy Joy's

3rd—Ed's Third Base

4th—Yellow House

Ends—Break Away II

1st Prize, 2nd Prize, and 3rd Prize for best hands and lowest hand

Food (for purchase) , 50/50s, Raffle and Basket Table

All winners will be announced on the last stop (Break Away II)

Proceeds will benefit



Proceeds from this event will NOT go towards
ABATE of Maryland, Inc.



Questions and/or information about the ride, please contact Danny Tracey (301-676-5763)

Ride organized and supported by members and friends of ABATE of Maryland, Inc., Washington County Chapter

All street legal vehicles welcomed!!!!



Words from the Chairman of the Board

Ken Eaton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

My time as State Director was great! We accomplished a lot together. However, we really need to get some fresh blood with new ideas in our organizational structure. For now, Bob has stepped up and has returned as Executive Director. We do these things because we believe in what this organization stands for and are proud of what we have accomplished over the years. It is time for others to step forward and learn the ropes. Be a part of this organization while we have a great depth of knowledge and experience to share. Take a leadership position or just volunteer to help in some way.

We have a new membership secretary & that is a great start. One of the most important roles in our organization is membership. Keeping our membership data current, reminding chapters of expiring members, and making sure we have the most accurate contact information is the foundation of what we do. Communication is key. We need to be able to contact our members quickly and let them know what is going on.

We also have another friendly face, returning to our executive board. Annie Sanford has decided to accept the position as the State Recording Secretary. We welcome Annie back to the Board and look forward to seeing her at meetings again.

Members: We all need to be ambassadors of ABATE. We represent ALL motorcyclists when we show up in Annapolis. We need more motorcyclists to be a part of that voice. Riding groups, clubs, lone wolf riders, etc. They all need to be a part of ABATE. Reach out to them, offer to attend one of their events or meetings. If you make the connection and would like someone from the Board to go along with you, let us know and we will see what we can do to make it happen.



Meeting of the Minds 2026:

By the time this newsletter goes out, four representatives from ABATE of Maryland, Inc. will have participated in the 2026 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Annual Meeting of the Minds.

What is the Meeting of the Minds?

The **Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds** is the premier national political leadership conference and legislative summit for street motorcyclists' rights advocates in the United States.

Held annually, it brings together grassroots activists, leaders of State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), legislative directors, and rider advocates to discuss, strategize, and shape national policy surrounding motorcycling freedom, safety, and legislative action.

Legislative Priorities Moving Forward (decided at the 2026 MOTM)

High Priority

- ◆ Autonomous Vehicles
- ◆ Crash Avoidance
- ◆ Data Recording
- ◆ Definition of a motorcycle
- ◆ Emission regulations
- ◆ Helmets & Safety Equipment
- ◆ Internal Combustion Engines
- ◆ Motorcyclist profiling
- ◆ Renewable Fuels
- ◆ Right to repair / modify
- ◆ Surface Transportation Re-authorization (Highway Bill)
- ◆ Vulnerable Road User Definition

Medium Priority

- ◆ Lane Filtering / Lane Splitting
- ◆ Taxes—Vehicle Miles Traveled—Fair Treatment for motorcycles
- ◆ Distracted Driving

Monitor

- ◆ End of life directive
- ◆ EV Incentive by Government—not fair to motorcycles
- ◆ Exhaust systems

Other Items of interest

- ◆ International Partners
- ◆ National Studies
- ◆ Opponents to the mission of the MRF
- ◆ Sound Testing / Noise Abatement
- ◆ Tariffs affecting motorcycles / motorcycle parts
- ◆ Tolls (federal & federal monies)
- ◆ E-bikes
- ◆ Flock Cameras

* All of these items are in no particular order other than grouped by priority.



The Motorcycle Riders Foundation & ABATE of Maryland, Inc.

ABATE of Maryland, Inc. as an organization is a sustaining member of the MRF. Several chapters are also sustaining members of the MRF. We encourage ALL of our chapters and members to consider being a member of the MRF. This is one more tool in the toolbox. The connections and friendships made at the annual MOTM is worth the membership fee.

Reprint from the American Bikers Journal—September / October 2026:

American Bikers Journal – September/October 2026



Strength In Numbers

The motorcycle rights world is driven by membership; we can't do anything without members. We have different levels of membership, and I am not referring to 1 year, 3 years, singles, couples, sustaining in etc. We have levels that don't show up on the brochures or on the web-site when we sign up or renew. The levels are decided by the individual members and they can change periodically. The highest level are individuals that live and breathe motorcycle rights; their lives revolve around meetings, rallies, conferences, political involvement, recruiting, they burn up PTO time and miss out on family time so they can fight the fight. Then there is the most basic level often referred to as paper members. They sign up and pay dues and that's the end of it. There are several levels between the paper member and the highest level and the

bottom line is we need all of the them and we are grateful for every member that we have.

I want too specifically address the paper members. No, this is not going to be some guilt trip or sermon, I am sincere when I say thank you to these members, you help pay the bills and you do more than the 8 million riders who do nothing to support our cause. I do have one ask, please consider taking your involvement to the next step by recruiting one paper member. Just cover the basics, share with them why you are member and help them understand their money will be a huge contribution to our cause. Explain to them that just because they signed up doesn't mean they have to be over the top involved, just share the numbers above about 8 million riders that do nothing to support motorcycle rights and safety. It's all about strength in numbers.

Total Vigilance,



Todd Riba
Member Representative



I AM THE MRF

Kris Cook

Riding Since: 2008
MRF Member Since: 2012
Occupation: Administration
Manager for Insurance
Agency
Quote: "I'd rather Be Here
Now."

Since 1987 the MRF has been the only national motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to on-street riders with full time representation in Washington, D.C.!

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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence Washington, DC – from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization (WHO).



- ☐ Annual Individual Membership \$35
- ☐ Annual Joint Membership \$60
- ☐ Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- ☐ Annual Industry Council Membership \$100



- ☐ 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
- ☐ 3-Year Joint Membership \$140
- ☐ Sustaining Membership Club \$100
- ☐ Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$_____

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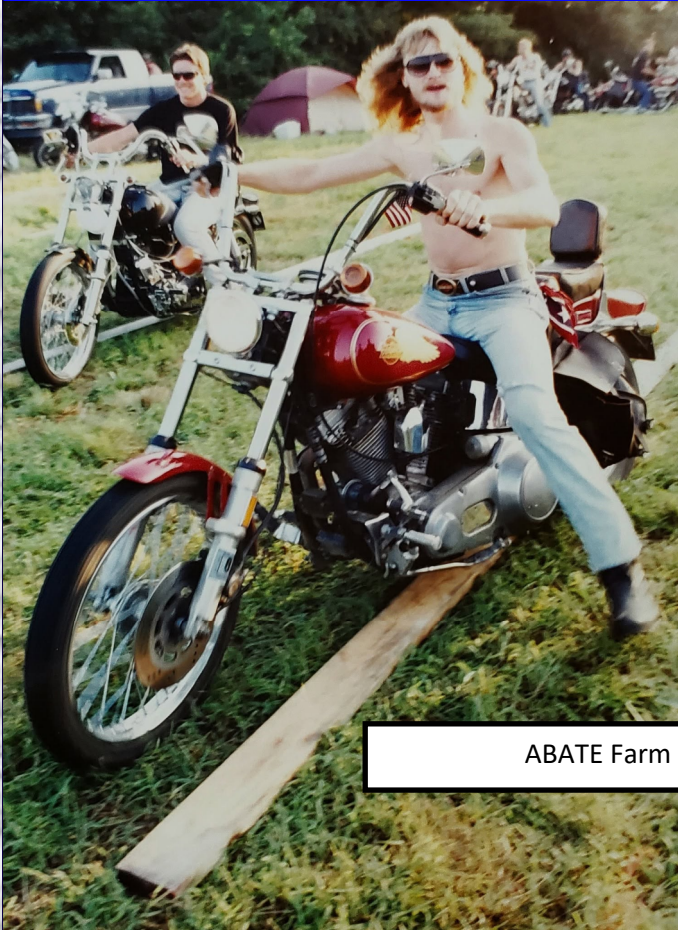
It's time you did something more to protect your rights!
Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation

- ☐ New
- ☐ Renewal
- Referred by Mananne Jackson
- ☐ 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)

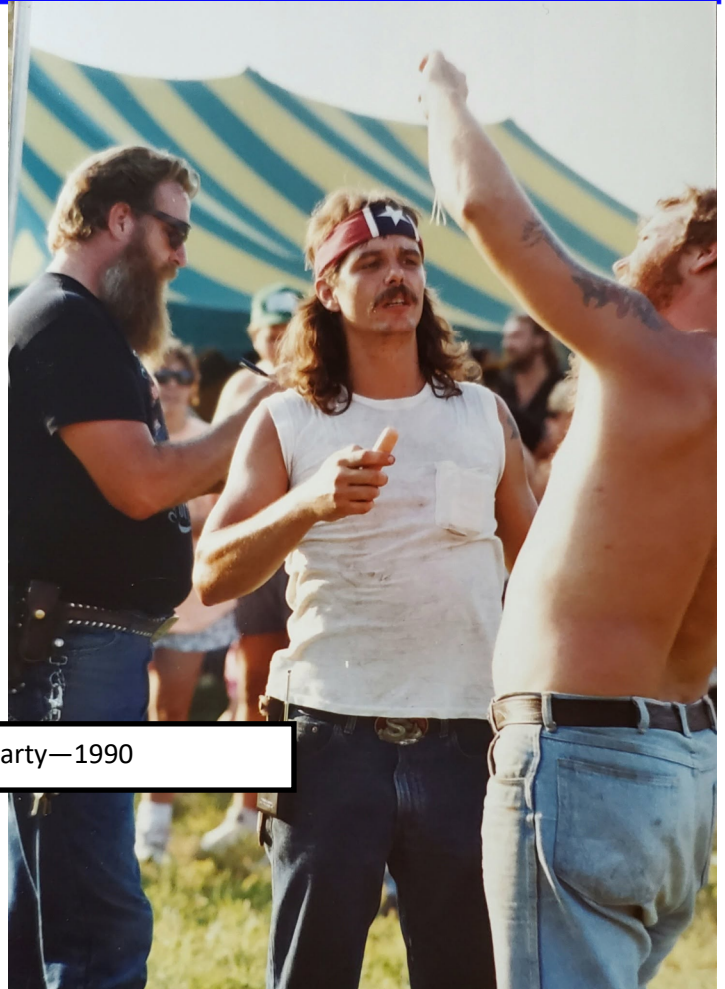


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The Wayback Machine



ABATE Farm Party—1990



ABATE Farm Party—1991

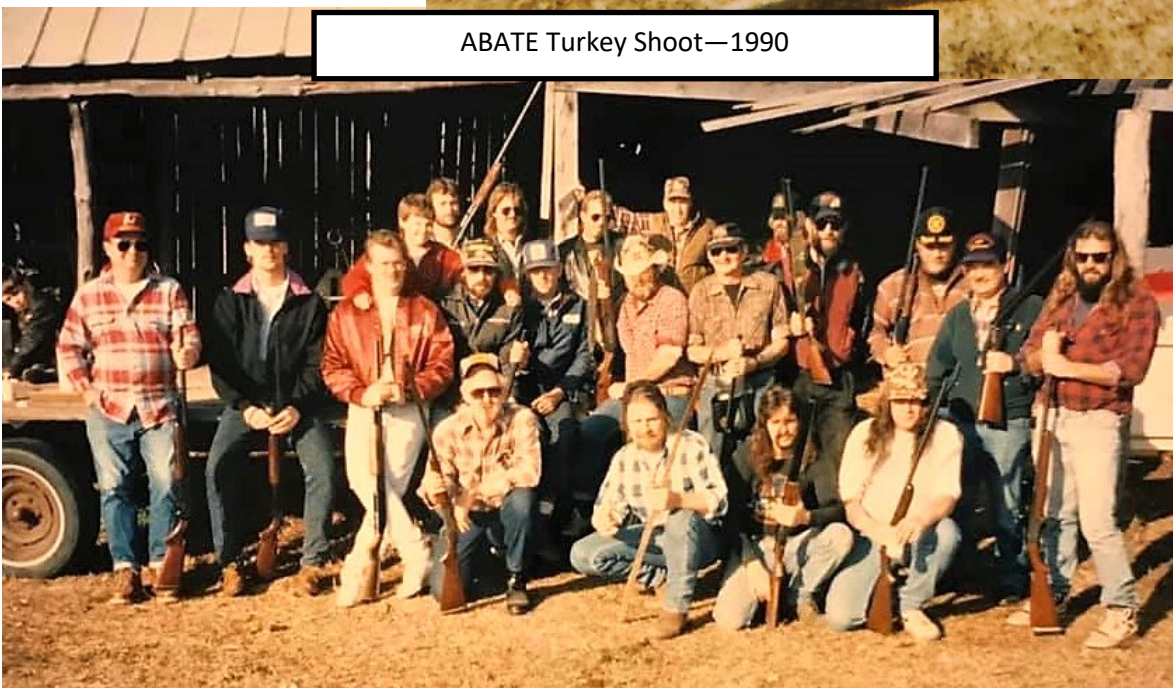
Let us know if you have any old pics you would like to share!



ABATE Turkey Shoot—1990

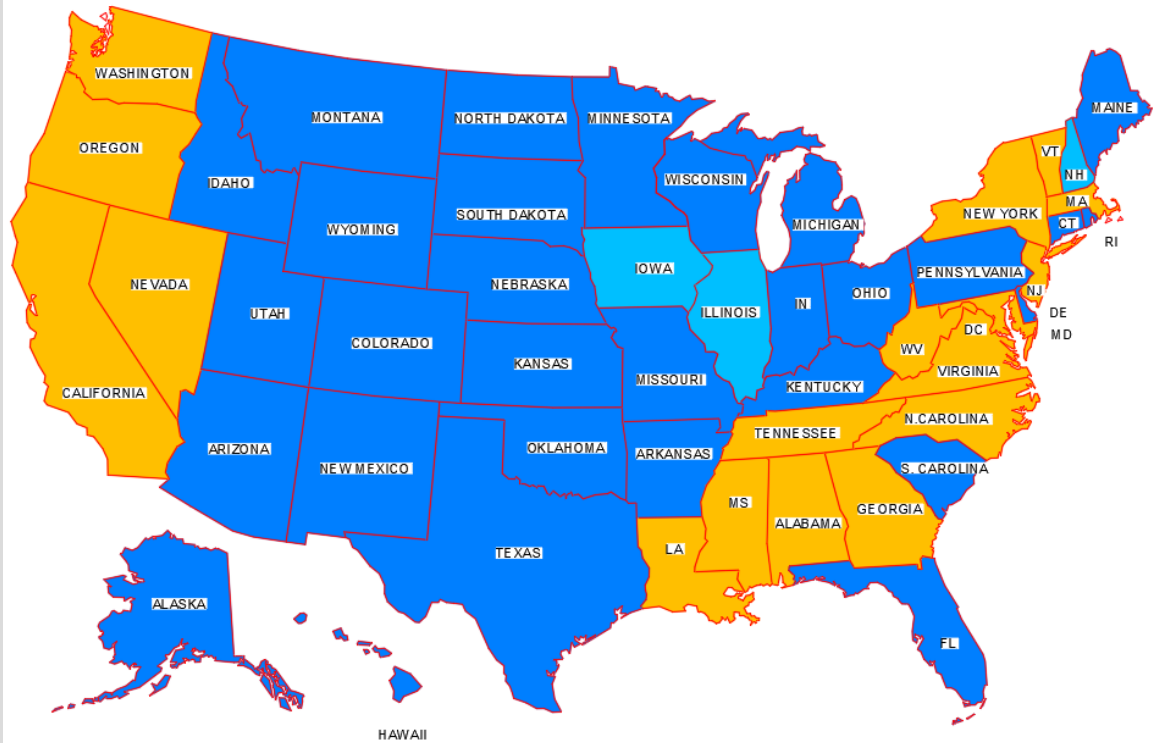


ABATE Turkey Shoot—1990



Freedom of Choice Updates:

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
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Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
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Oklahoma
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Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming



100% Freedom of Choice (3 states)



Freedom of Choice - Age Restricted (30 states)



Helmet Mandate (18 states / DC)

33 states either have no helmet or allow Freedom of Choice for adult / experienced riders

Only 18 states are helmet mandated (including the District of Columbia)

IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER
TALK TO OUR LEGISLATORS
SHOW UP IN ANNAPOLIS
AND PUT IN THE WORK

WE HAVE A MUCH BETTER CHANCE OF MAKING MARYLAND
A FREEDOM OF CHOICE STATE.

Maryland Motorcycle Riders PAC (MMR-PAC)



What is PAC? Well, the MMR-PAC is the Maryland Motorcycle Riders Political Action Committee. PAC helps by supporting state legislators that support our legislative goals. PAC has been successful in the past in opening new doors and strengthening our relationships. By supporting PAC, you become an active participant in the political process. PAC helps our voice to be heard in the halls of the Maryland General Assembly.

MMR-PAC NEEDS YOU! The political fundraisers are starting up and we need to send ABATE members to them! We cannot do that without donations! These fundraisers cost money and ALL funds raised by MMR-PAC go towards fundraisers for political campaigns.

To make a donation to MMR-PAC, please make a check (no cash donations please) payable to “**MMR-PAC**” and send it directly to:

Jay Block – MMR-PAC Treasurer
Law Office of Jay Irwin Block, LLC
10451 Mill Run Cir – Suite 400
Owings Mills, MD 21117
Phone (410) 356-6555, (410) 363-0770
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Email jblock@jayirwinblock.com

Even though most political fundraisers are not happening during the legislative session, we ALWAYS accept donations to MMR PAC. We always need to collect monies to enable us to go and support elected politicians and support the next up and coming candidate that may be ABATE friendly! Contact us about making a donation TODAY!

New MMR-PAC patches are available NOW! For a \$25 or more donation to MMR-PAC, you will receive a patch and be placed on our contact list. Contact Ken Eaton at 410-924-3374 for more information.



Motorcycles for Sale

This space is provided as a courtesy to our members and friends. ABATE of Maryland, Inc. does not warranty or guarantee any information provided here. Please contact the sellers directly as we do not have any additional information, nor are we involved in any portions of the sale.

Do YOU have a motorcycle
for sale?

List it here!

Send your information to
info@abateofmd.org



Sponsors

Would YOU like to show your support for ABATE of Maryland, Inc?
Be a sponsor! We have several options available.

Every sponsor will receive a certificate and a window sticker to show their support plus the items listed below:

Platinum Star Supporters: \$500

- ◆ Full page color ad in newsletter for 1 year
 - ◆ Minimum of 4 newsletters per year
- ◆ Large color ad on website for 1 year
 - ◆ One of two in a row
- ◆ 1 sustaining membership
- ◆ 2 individual annual memberships
 - ◆ May be used by sponsor or gifted to anyone they wish

Gold Star Supporters: \$350

- ◆ 1/2-page color ad in newsletter for 1 year
 - ◆ Minimum of 4 newsletters per year
- ◆ Color ad on website for 1 year
 - ◆ One of 3 in a row
- ◆ 2 individual annual memberships
 - ◆ May be used by sponsor or gifted to anyone they wish

Silver Star Supporters: \$150

- ◆ 1/4-page color ad in newsletter for 1 year
 - ◆ Minimum of 4 newsletters per year
- ◆ Color ad on website for 1 year (one of 4 in a row)
- ◆ 1 single annual membership
 - ◆ May be used by sponsor or gifted to anyone they wish

Bronze Star Supporters: \$50

- ◆ Business card size ad in the newsletter for 1 year
- ◆ Minimum of 4 newsletters per year
- ◆ Color ad on website for 1 year (1 of 5 in a row)

Contact Ken Eaton for more information at
410-924-3374 or director@abateofmd.org





ABATE of Maryland, Inc.

Covered Bridges of Lancaster Ride

October 10 2026

Meet at Royal Farms

in Queen Anne

@ 10:00

KSU @ 10:30

Rest stops planned

Lunch @ Funck's

Bar & Grill

In memory of our friend and fellow rider Audrey Romahn

Car Riders are welcome
Invite your friends!
Not an ABATE ONLY event



ABATE of MARYLAND, INC. MID-SHORE CHAPTER

OVERNIGHT RETREAT

JOIN US ON

October 2-4, 2026



**FOR AN OVERNIGHT GATHERING AT
QAC 4-H PARK**



**CHAPTER MEETING ON SATURDAY
FOLLOWED BY A POT LUCK DINNER!**

\$10/person and a covered dish to share!

RV HOOKUPS AVAILABLE BY RESERVATION - \$50/NIGHT
TENT CAMPING IN OUR AREA FOR FREE

RSVP to Marianne

(Must have 10 people minimum for event to happen.)



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT MARIANNE 410-829-2321**



NO BONFIRES ALLOWED!

ABATE of MARYLAND, Inc.

All proceeds from this event will be used to assist ABATE of Maryland, Inc.
in its efforts on behalf of motorcyclists

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Jam-On Productions started from a couple of brothers who just enjoyed riding their bikes. One day Paul, in a car, and Andrew, on a bike, went to the gas station and Andrew asked Paul to watch his bike while he went inside to pay. Paul leaned on the bike seat and an officer rolled up and gave him a ticket for not having a helmet. Then a couple of days later Paul was reading Easyriders Magazine and saw a new group looking for members called A.B.A.T.E. Paul went to the meeting and was voted the representative for his county. Paul jokes "I was the only one from PG county to show up so it was a landslide victory". A.B.A.T.E needed funds to repeal the helmet law so young kids went around asking motorcycle shops for donations but instead of money they shops gave them parts....The 1st Jam-On Swap-meet was born & the rest is History!!

<https://motorcycleswapmeets.com/about/>

Become an ABATE Gold
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Take a Ride - R G Spanburgh, Jr., M. Fricia
Friday Night - Tsamoutales, Frey
Lonesome Boy from Dixie - T. Crain
The Send Off - R G Spanburgh, Jr.
PBR - R G Spanburgh, Jr.
Sanctified - E K Reynolds, R G Spanburgh, Jr.
Goin' Back to Kentucky (Wayne-o's Song) - R G Spanburgh, Jr.
Fuzzy Side Up - Tsamoutales
Rainin' in My Heart - J Moore
Two Hits - R G Spanburgh
Two Wheels - R G Spanburgh, Jr., E K Reynolds



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For
Hillbilly

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Become an ABATE Bronze Sponsor and your business card sized ad could be here!



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3 Wheelers



JETSKIS



Trikes

This A.R. Moto Sponsor spot is a one time shout-out!. These guys showed up at the OC Swap Meet & ran the Burn Out Pit & Competition! Thank you Arie & Miguel!



Elation Boutique



Become a SPONSOR or SUPPORTER

We are always looking for sponsors for events, raffles, etc. Please contact our office at 410-263-9185 or email us at info@abateofmd.org

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Dates of Interest:

10/2-10/4: Mid-Shore Weekend Retreat
10/10—10-11: Mid-Shore: Covered Bridges of Lancaster Ride
11/7: Friends of ABATE (Washington County): Millie Run
11/8: Board of Directors Meeting
12/10: Mid-Shore Raffle

Members are invited to attend Board meetings, but seating is limited!

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Ride Safe, Ride Often & Be ABATE!