



# Peo-Taz News

## December 2025

### **A BROTHERHOOD AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION**

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***Be sure to THANK your officers for their time, hard work, and dedication!***

# 2025 PEO-TAZ CALENDAR

Event	Date	Place	Time
Monthly Meeting	Jan 5th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Feb 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	March 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
ABATE of IL Swap Meet	March 16th	Orr Building Springfield	
Legislative Day	March 19th	Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Springfield	8:00am
ABATE 3 Chapter Cookoff	March 22nd	VFW post 3883	Reg by 4:30pm
Monthly Meeting	April 6th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
ABATE Freedom Rally	May 4th	Ride to Springfield	TBD
Monthly Meeting	June 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	July 13th	North Pekin Amvets Post 169, 660 Radio City Dr	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	August 3rd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Sept 7th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Oct 5th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Nov 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm (Quarter Auction Follows)
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Dec7th</b>	<b>VFW post 3883</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>

## VFW POST 3883

**4518 S Lafayette Ave, Bartonville, IL 61607**

**1:30PM**

Members please bring a friend to a meeting.

Not a member? Please join us at a meeting we would love to meet you and answer any questions you have about ABATE of Illinois and our Peo-Taz chapter.





## WHAT IS ABATE?

A BROTHERHOOD AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION ENSURES THAT THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS ENJOYED BY MOTORCYCLISTS/OFF-ROADERS/ATV RIDERS IN ILLINOIS WILL NOT DISAPPEAR. ABATE BELIEVES THAT FREEDOM OF CHOICE IS ONE WE CAN'T LOSE AND WILL WORK WITH STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATORS TO ENSURE THAT FREEDOM IS NEVER LOST FOR MOTORCYCLISTS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ABATE WILL ENSURE THAT MOTORCYCLES ARE A PRIMARY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION IN ILLINOIS AND SEE TO IT THAT MOTORCYCLISTS ARE INCLUDED IN ALL ASPECTS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE FUTURE.



# Spotlight Events!



**Peo-Taz Chapter Christmas Party**  
**Immediately following the meeting Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**There will be a potluck**

**Pink elephant gift exchange**  
**\$15 limit participation not required**  
**TP Roll (value at least \$100) Raffle**  
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**Also on Site will be Shield**  
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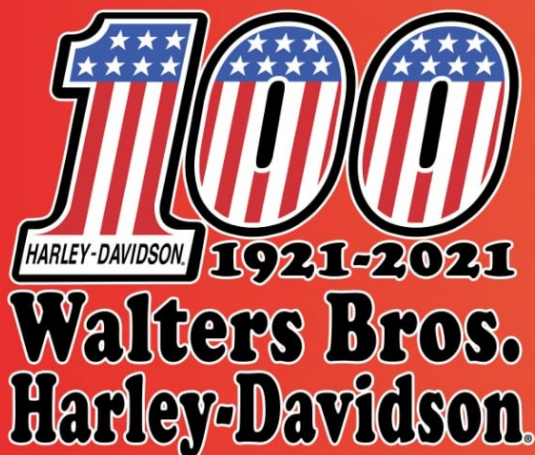
# ***St. Jude Rides 2025***

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# Safety & Education

DUSTY DRIBLER

Hello all. Let's talk batteries. What do you really know about batteries? They start your bike, and they die at the worst time. There are expensive ones and there are cheap ones. Some have high cranking amps, and some have low cranking amps. Did you know each manufacture has batteries made just for their bikes? Did you know that aftermarket batteries are multi-fit batteries, which means they fit a Harley or a Honda or an Indian. Aftermarket batteries do not have the same terminal connections that are spec'd for your bike. If you do buy an aftermarket battery, make sure it comes with the proper spacers you will need to make a good connection, without the spacers you could be causing an arc at the battery terminal and that my friends is no good with gas and gas fumes being present. Harley makes their terminals flush with the side of the battery which gives you a nice tight connection. Harley also designs their batteries to withstand the vibrations of the bike where the aftermarket batteries doesn't. Harley also has the highest cranking amps for those cold days. Next let's test your battery. All you need is a multimeter. Turn your lights and radio on for 2 minutes, to get rid of any surface volts. Turn everything off. Put your meter on 12volts or 20volts, depending on which meter you have. Put the positive lead, red or + sign on the positive terminal on the battery, put the negative lead, black or - sign on the negative terminal on the battery. The reading should be 12.4-12.6, anything less your battery is bad. With the leads still on the terminals turn the bike on, you should see the meter drop to 9.6 or above, if below 9.6volts your battery is bad. This reading happens fast so you really have to pay attention to the meter. While the bike is running your meter should go up to 14volts-14.5volts which indicates your voltage regulator is good. To help the life of your battery you should put it on a battery tender every day in the summer as well as in the winter.

As always ride safe, it's that time of the year for deer to be running.

Dusty Dibler - Safety & Education  
Coordinator



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# Treasurer

SUSAN SALTER

I would like to thank everyone for making a successful quarter auction. The pre-sale live auction was a hit with allowing people to claim their favorite donation items.

We have a potluck after both Dec and Jan meetings. After the Dec 7 meeting, we will have our Christmas party. We will be hosting an optional white elephant exchange.

Hope to see you soon and enjoy some great grub.

- Susan Salter



## DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

### **“NHTSA Launches New Tesla Investigation”**

This month, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opened a new investigation into Tesla following reports that vehicles equipped with the company’s “Full Self-Driving” (FSD) system violated traffic laws while operating under partial automation. According to NHTSA, the agency is aware of 58 separate incidents, including cases where Teslas drove through red lights, traveled the wrong way on roads, and were involved in crashes and injuries.

The preliminary evaluation encompasses approximately 2.9 million vehicles equipped with the FSD system. While no fatalities have been linked to these incidents, NHTSA identified at least six crashes in which Teslas continued through red lights and collided with other vehicles. Several of these incidents reportedly occurred at the same Maryland intersection, where Tesla has since taken corrective measures.

This new probe adds to NHTSA’s growing list of investigations into Tesla’s driver-assistance technology, which includes inquiries into its Autopilot features, vehicle doors, and crash reporting practices. Federal regulators have also questioned the system’s ability to handle poor visibility and other real-world driving challenges.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) continues to closely monitor these developments, as autonomous technology remains a key issue within the recently approved 2026 MRF Legislative Agenda. Ensuring that emerging vehicle technologies are safely deployed and properly regulated is essential to protecting all road users, especially motorcyclists.

The MRF will continue to advocate for transparency, accountability, and rigorous oversight in the rollout of self-driving vehicle systems.



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# Membership

SHANNON JOHNSON

Howdy all! As the holiday season is about to hit us like a June bug in the face on the interstate, Let us rejoice at the extended riding weather.

We want to thank everyone who came out, donated, shared the news or just wished us well on our 8th annual Quarter Auction. We out did last year, with a total group effort.

Hope to see a lot of you at our next meeting (check out the flyer in this issue of the newsletter).

As of November 1st we have 139 active members, with 1 new member signing up in October, Kelcy Gorrell. Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. and to your Peo-Taz Chapter!

## Members due in December:

Robert Gibson, Jackie Cooper, Mike Branchfield, Debbie Harms, Theresa Cochran, William Cochran, Dena Gorrell

Thank you and have a Groovy Day! - Shannon



## DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

### **“MRF Watching User Fees Ensuring Fairness For Motorcycles”**

As Congress prepares to take up a major highway and transportation reauthorization bill in 2026, proposals to impose new federal registration fees on electric and hybrid vehicles are expected to resurface. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO) this week stated that user fees on EVs and hybrids will likely be included in the bipartisan legislation, emphasizing that “If you are using our roads and bridges, you should be paying into that process.”

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) continues to monitor these discussions closely to ensure that motorcycles are treated fairly in any user fee system used to fund road and infrastructure construction. The MRF supports the principle that all roadway users contribute to the upkeep of the nation’s highways, but we will strongly oppose any proposal that unfairly singles out or penalizes motorcyclists.

A key part of this debate centers on the federal gas tax, which has remained unchanged at 18.4 cents per gallon since 1993. With inflation and improved vehicle fuel efficiency reducing revenues, the Highway Trust Fund, which is funded through the federal fuel tax, faces a growing deficit, prompting lawmakers to explore new funding mechanisms.

With Congress under pressure to stabilize the Trust Fund, there will be increased focus on identifying new and fair sources of revenue. The MRF is committed to ensuring that motorcyclists’ voices are part of this conversation and that policymakers understand the important role motorcycles play in reducing congestion, fuel consumption, and roadway wear. As work on the 2026 highway bill moves forward, the MRF will remain vigilant in protecting the rights and interests of America’s riders.




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**The VFW post 3883**

**And to all our Vendors!!!**



## **DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION**

### **“2026 Legislative Agenda”**

In September, at the 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s (MRF) 41st Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Shreveport, LA, a legislative strategy session was hosted by the MRF’s Legislative Committee. The purpose of the session was to establish and prioritize the MRF’s 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda. Legislative issues fall into one of three priority categories: high, medium and monitor. This list remains fluid and may be adapted depending on the issue or political environment.

Below is a brief description of just the top 12 issues on the MRF’s 2026 agenda listed as “High Priority.” The January 2026 issue of the American Biker Journal will have more details on each of these High Priority issues, as well as the full list of an additional 12 priorities that fall in the “Medium” or “Monitor” classification. As a reminder, all MRF members receive a copy of the American Biker Journal with their membership. If you’re not a member of the MRF, click the button below to join and support our work in Washington, D.C. toward freedom and safety for street motorcyclists. The 2026 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative High Priorities List includes:

- **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.

Remember, a full list of all 24 items on the legislative agenda with further details will be included in your January issue of the American Biker Journal. Thank you for supporting the MRF. It’s time to get to work!

# Chaplain

BEN MADIGAN

Fall is here! Then Winter! Can't complain, we've had a great summer with a lot of unseasonably warm temps late in the season. Bundle up everyone. Layer keeps me warm. I look forward to getting my Christmas music out and practicing it as we'll be celebrating Jesus's birth soon! I love the season! Pam has had 2 good doctor visits and we're thanking God for healing and better days ahead! Praise His Name! There's power in prayer! Hope all is well with everyone! Until we meet again!

Love you all! Be safe! Ben and Pam



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**“MRF PAC Gears Up To Support Biker-Friendly Candidates”**

In just a little over a year, voters across the country will head to the polls for the 2026 midterm elections. While it may seem far off, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the MRF Political Action Committee (PAC) are already preparing for this critical election cycle. The MRF PAC, while a separate entity from the MRF, is affiliated and plays a vital role in advancing the priorities of motorcyclists in Washington, D.C. Through donations from riders and supporters, the MRF PAC works to elect and support candidates, regardless of party, who stand up for the rights and freedoms of America’s motorcyclists. As a bipartisan organization, the MRF PAC’s guiding principle is simple: We support those who support motorcyclists. To ensure that candidates truly share our values, the MRF PAC has developed a candidate questionnaire used to screen individuals seeking elected office. This tool helps identify those who understand and are committed to issues important to the motorcycling community.

While the questionnaire includes ten key questions, here are a few examples of what candidates are asked to consider—each with a simple “Support” or “Oppose” checkbox:

- Would you support or oppose legislation preserving the consumer’s ability to choose a vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine?
- Would you support or oppose autonomous vehicle legislation ensuring motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures—and that manufacturers disclose how their vehicles detect motorcycles?
- Would you support or oppose legislation to end the practice of profiling motorcyclists through better education and training of law enforcement agencies?
- Would you support or oppose legislation guaranteeing states the right to determine their own motorcycle safety equipment requirements, without interference from Congress or federal agencies?

These questions help ensure that those who receive MRF PAC support are genuinely aligned with the interests of riders nationwide, whether it’s defending consumer choice, promoting safety through awareness, or protecting states’ rights to set their own standards. As the 2026 elections approach, the MRF PAC will continue to identify, support, and promote candidates who respect motorcyclists and our way of life.



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# Monthly Drawing

To Qualify:

You must be an active Peo-Taz member and you must be at the meeting.  
Board members are included.

The November 2025 drawing was held on Nov 2nd at the monthly meeting. Troy Hinthorn won the \$140!! Congratulations Troy! The December pot will reset back to \$50!



*Remember you must be present to win.*

## ***Ride with the Leaders!***

Thousands of motorcyclist rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grass roots organizations.

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## **A.B.A.T.E. needs YOU!**

### **Call to Action**

There are more owners of motorcycles, atv's and dirt bikes than ever before. However, our membership state wide is lower than it has been in a decade.

### **WHO WILL FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS?**

When Trailer plate prices were raised by 555% A.B.A.T.E. was the only organization that addressed it. A.B.A.T.E. is ever vigilant on keeping Illinois a helmet by choice state. ( Illinois vs Freis )