

TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION



APRIL
NEWSLETTER
2024

TEXAS TIDBITS



Texas ABATE T.A.L.E.S

Texas ABATE Legislative Education Seminar

May 4, 2024

American Legion post 447
1000 N Georgetown St
Round Rock, TX 78664



\$30 per person, includes lunch

Registration starts at 9:00 am

Lunch at 11:00am

Educational Speakers begin at 12:30 pm

Find out what is going on with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF.org) and our fight for Freedom on the Federal Level and what we need to do to help get it done.

Learn how to talk to YOUR elected officials
VOTING and running for local offices

Learn how to become the MOST effective FREEDOM FIGHTER

Discussion about our Texas Bikers Legislative Agenda for the 2025 Session

We have secured a block of rooms at
La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Round Rock North
2004 North I-35, Round Rock, Texas 78681
1-512-255-6666

Mention Texas ABATE to receive the \$78 per night rate, must reserve by April 12, 2024 to get this rate.

For more information, please call Robin at 903-624-0792 or Rick 940-210-1857



Texas ABATE T.A.L.E.S

Texas ABATE Legislative Education Seminar

May 4, 2024

American Legion post 447
1000 N Georgetown St
Round Rock, TX 78664



\$30 per person, includes lunch

Registration starts at 9:00 am

Opening Session at 10:00 am

Lunch at 11:00am

Educational Speakers begin at 12:30 pm

Find out what is going on with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF.org) and our fight for Freedom on the Federal Level and what we need to do to help get it done.

Learn how to talk to YOUR elected officials
VOTING and running for local offices

Learn how to become the MOST effective FREEDOM FIGHTER

Discussion about our Texas Bikers Legislative Agenda for the 2025 Session

We have secured a block of rooms at
La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Round Rock North
2004 North I-35, Round Rock, Texas 78681
1-512-255-6666

Mention Texas ABATE to receive the \$78 per night rate, must reserve by April 12, 2024 to get this rate.

For more information, please call Robin at 903-624-0792 or Rick 940-210-1857

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

ABATE Member	Y	N	MRF Member	Y	N
TXCOC&I Member	Y	N	National COIR Member	Y	N
Registered Voter	Y	N	Request Info	Y	N

Please mail completed form with your \$30 check or money order per person payable to Texas ABATE c/o Robin Warfield, 2364 County Road 1305, Savoy, Texas 75479 by April 30.



2ND ANNUAL BIKE AND CAR SHOW

Sherman ELks Lodge 1713 FM 1417 Sherman Texas

Saturday April 13, 2024

Registration Fee
Car \$25
Motorcycle \$15

Registration 9am to noon
** Judging begins at 1pm

Vendor spots available \$35

Unique Trophy for
People's Choice
AND
Best of Show Winners
awarded at 4pm

** Breakfast available from
Shepard Family Cafe
** Lunch available at the
Elks Kitchen

Open Mic/Jam session
** Bake Sale
Silent Auction
50/50 Drawing

Crawfish Cooker being
"crawfled" off at 4pm
tickets available for \$20 each



For more info call Josh at 940-735-0877 or to donate to the silent auction, bake sale or for a vendor spot call Cyndi 903-744-2379



MRF & IMA Meet In Daytona

On Wednesday during Bike Week in Daytona Beach, FL. representatives of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Council (IMA), with members of the motorcycling media present, met with an important group of involved motorcycle shop owners, parts distributors, dealers, bike builders, and non-OEM parts manufacturers from the motorcycle aftermarket industry.

In the third meeting between these groups the agenda was to share updates on the MRF's relevant legislative initiatives to combat threats to the aftermarket industry. Topics included Right to Repair/Right to Modify, Preservation of Internal Combustion Engines, strategies to limit the close collaboration and detrimental impacts that the EPA and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) continue to force on this industry, and the concerns around a continued ability to simply remain in business.

MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, also discussed the economic impacts to small business and this industry in particular as highlighted in the Vaughn Study the MRF Commissioned during the EPA's "Color and Chrome" only campaigns. The draconian concepts of Vehicle End of Life Directives, recent rhetoric around making it illegal to repair vehicles over 15 years old, and most recently a plan to ban chroming beyond 2024 were also hot topics.

The IMA spoke about the costly and extremely arduous process to certify aftermarket parts, an inability to submit multiple components together, a lack of clarity or availability of the standards to meet for certification. There was a consensus that the history and heritage of motorcycling demands transparency around these standards so innovators can work to meet them. There was also frustration around the fact that a well-tuned and well-built motorcycle could get better fuel mileage and produce less emissions is either being ignored or not recognized by bureaucrats bent on regulating this industry out of existence.

IMA Chair, Bob Kay, then brought up what was on everyone's minds at the meeting. What is going to happen with requirements to sign waivers certifying race use only to have access to performance parts, potentially providing VIN numbers on bikes with parts installed, or a check the box program to acknowledge the end use of parts. This is seen as a method to transfer liability to small shop owners that would legally put them at significant risk and the IMA does not recommend doing this without checking with an attorney.

Bob Kay went on to say in his closing statement, "The IMA is happening and will be there along with the MRF to protect the right to repair and modify motorcycles for independent shops in the aftermarket industry."

Chris Callen of Cycle Source Magazine had this to say while encouraging anyone with an interest in the motorcycle aftermarket industry to join the IMA, "The animated conquest for freedom requires many small and sustained efforts over time to be successful."

The time is now to join the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Council and get involved in saving the motorcycle aftermarket industry and end users from extinction.



What Is The Chevron Deference Why Does It Matter

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in a case that could up-end the current regulatory framework in Washington, D.C. The current case is questioning a 40-year-old precedent that impacts all three branches of the federal government.

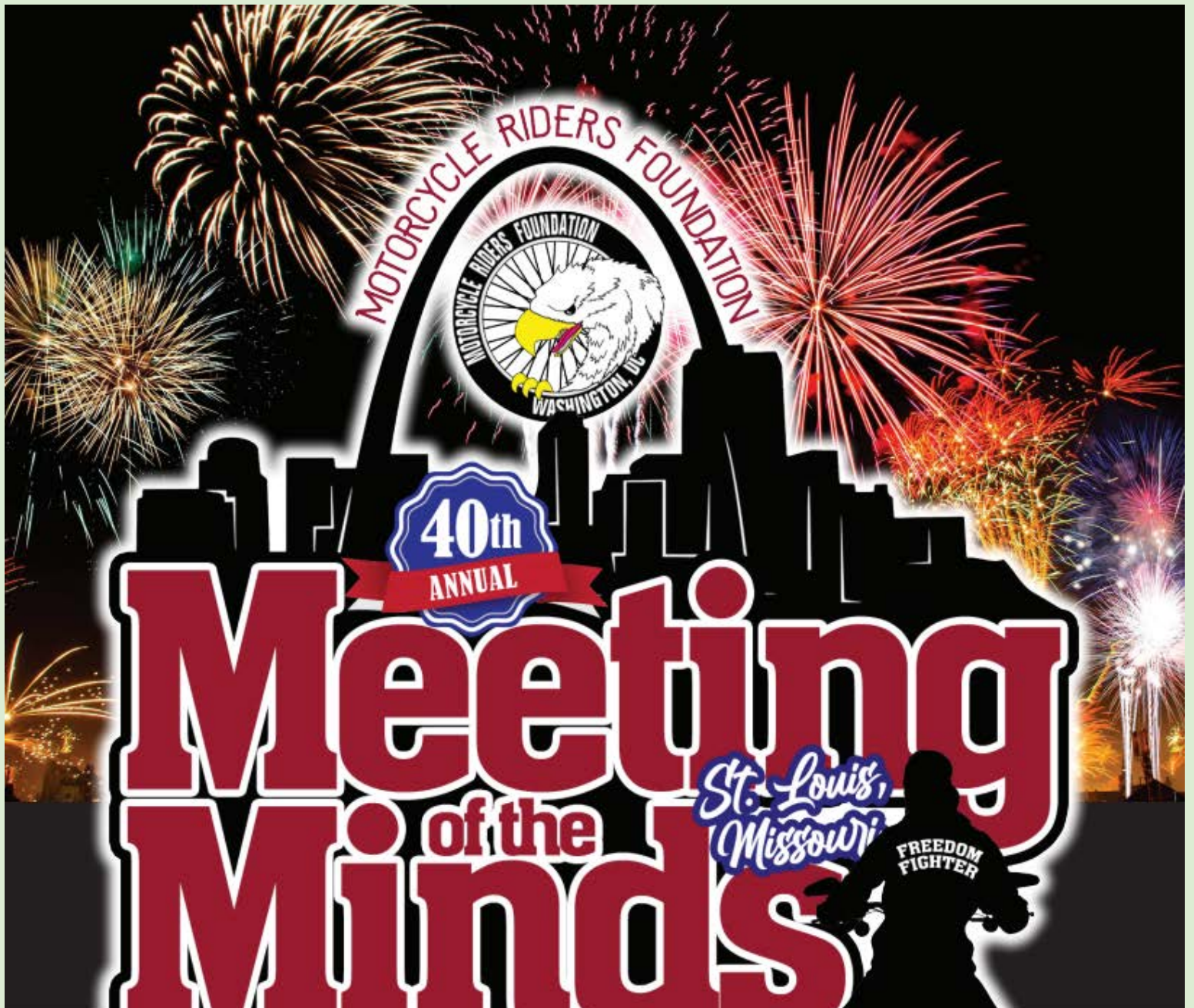
A 1984 court case involving Chevron and the National Resources Defense Council created a legal principle known as Chevron deference. Chevron deference compels federal courts to defer to a federal agency's interpretation of an ambiguous or unclear statute that Congress delegated to the agency to administer. In other words, they give executive agencies like the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wide latitude to shape policy on issues that Congress has not explicitly mandated, and the court system is limited in stopping them.

**Chevron deference has been used
in more than 19,000 cases
- Center for American Progress**

Why does this matter to bikers? In recent years we have observed officials at the EPA and NHTSA use the regulatory process to achieve policy goals that impact us. One obvious case is the use of rulemaking to make the internal combustion engine (ICE) extinct. The EPA, through emission standards, and NHTSA, through fuel efficiency benchmarks, have tried to shape transportation policy that favors electric vehicles over those powered by fossil fuels. In this case, the House of Representatives has attempted to push back on this overreach by passing legislation to block the proposed rules. However, the immense and growing power of unelected bureaucrats remains a threat.

The system of checks and balances that the Founding Fathers established must be preserved. Limiting which court cases can be heard and deferring to the decisions of the Executive Branch allows the agency to be the ultimate decision maker. This policy could dramatically alter the action away from the original intent and circumvent congressional control. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will monitor this case and await the Supreme Court ruling. This decision could have a lasting impact on how we fight for our priorities as motorcyclists.

Ride Safe and Ride Free



September 26-29, 2024

Hosted by Freedom Of Road Riders Missouri

**SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024
ST LOUIS, MISSOURI**

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, MO 63134-3307

Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).

Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612

Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 4, 2024): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2024: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)

Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

mrf120623



!! Illinois Fighting Helmet Bill !!



Stay Vigilant!

Regarding motorcycle safety equipment, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has long advocated that the government should “Let Those Who Ride Decide.” That is why recent news out of Illinois should make all bikers take notice.

A new bill, HB5620, would require all motorcyclists riding in the state to wear helmets. Illinois is one of thirty-three (33) states that allow some level of choice in the use of motorcycle helmets. In fact, Illinois, along with Iowa and New Hampshire, is one of only three (3) states that do not have a law regarding the use of motorcycle helmets. While states like Missouri and Nebraska have moved to allow more options for riders, this proposed plan in Illinois would be a step backward for those who believe in freedom of choice.

ABATE of Illinois is a powerful and effective organization for riders in the Land of Lincoln. They have engaged state lawmakers and are pushing back against this proposed legislation. But it should be a warning to all state motorcyclist rights organizations that if they can try it in Illinois, they can try it anywhere. Illinois has a long and proud tradition of allowing those who ride to decide what they wear. The MRF applauds their vigilance, and we will help them however we can.

There will be a committee hearing on Wednesday, March 6th, regarding HB5620. To learn more about the battle in Illinois and help ABATE of Illinois with their coming efforts, go to [ABATE of Illinois, Inc - Stop Helmet Bills \(abate-il.org\)](http://ABATEofIllinois,Inc-StopHelmetBills(abate-il.org)).

Now more than ever, ride safe and ride free!

JULY 21, 2024



ARLINGTON ABATE BIKERS GIVING BACK

Benefiting:

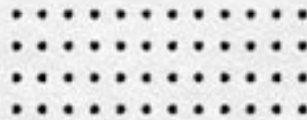
ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER

IT'S TIME
TO...



**BE
SOMEBODY'S
HERO**

VFW POST 6111
1200 W. Harris Road
Arlington, TX 76001
Chapter Meeting at 12 noon
KSU immediately following



CRITICAL NEED ITEMS:

- TOILET PAPER
- TRIFOLD PAPER TOWELS
- PAPER TOWEL ROLLS
- LYSOL/CLOROX WIPES
- DISINFECTANT SPRAY
- VARIETY BOXES OF CEREAL

*****PLEASE... NO CLOTHING*****

EARLY DROP OFF LOCATIONS

VFW Post 6111
1200 W. Harris Rd.
Arlington, 76001
OR
Sparrows Tattoo
2860 FM 157, Ste 110
Mansfield 76063





www.arlingtonabate.com

BIKERS GIVING BACK

Benefiting the Arlington Fire Dept.

**SPONSOR A CUB FOR
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN...**

Kinsey Rhea Conceal

Carry Giftset 

(over \$200 value)

Join us for a **RIDE** to deliver on

Sunday, 11/17/24,

Kick Stands Up (KSU) @

1:30pm

VFW Post 6111

1200 W. Harris Road

Arlington 76001

Call Bearpup for more information

(817) 819-7146



CUB sponsorships \$10

(Cash, Check, Zelle, CashApp)

*Community Unity Bears (CUBs)
are packed to be stored on fire
trucks to comfort children
when the need arises.*

*Looking for volunteers to help
prepare CUBs in October.*



LAW TIGERS

MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS



TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION
State Membership
ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION

Texas Abate Confederation Membership Dues & Renewal Fees		
Membership Type	Donation	Duration
Individual Membership	\$20	12 Months
Couples Membership	\$30	12 Months
Life Membership	\$200	LIFE



CLICK to APPLY or RENEW on OUR WEBSITE BELOW

<https://www.texasabate.com/>



**Join
Now**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$20

YEAR Individual

Q&A ...What are the membership rewards ?

★ **FREE** ★

- ★ **Monthly Digital Newsletter**
- ★ **\$3000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance**
- ★ **Monthly Meetings**
- ★ **Discounts & Rewards at Events & Biker Related Establishments**

A friendly entrance into the biker community

**ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF
MEMBERSHIP**



Join the cause & become a member today !

TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

P.O. BOX 416.....Lake Dallas , TX 75065

Name: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Add: (Name for Couple membership) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Registered TEXAS Voter? YES NO TEXAS State District #'s: SEN _____ REP _____

Is This A New Membership? YES NO

Sponsors Name _____ Sponsors Member Number: _____

Do you prefer to be a Chapter member? YES Which Chapter ? _____

NO I would like to be an independent member

TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

Annual Membership Fee

NEW MEMBERSHIP Individual Couple 1 YEAR LIFE

RENEWAL Change of Address Member # _____

SINGLE \$20.00 COUPLE \$30.00 LIFE \$200 Per Person

CHECK or MONEY ORDER (NO CASH)

Payable to: TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

MAIL TO

Texas ABATE Membership Office
P.O. BOX 416
Lake Dallas, Texas 75065





www.arlingtonabate.com

Name (1): _____
(please print)

Name (2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registered Texas Voter? Y N Motorcycle Owner? Y N

Nearest ABATE Chapter

Signature

Date ____/____/____ Sponsor _____ No. _____

Method of Payment: Cash Check _____ M.O.

Visa MC Discover exp. _____ # _____

Payment received by: _____ No. _____

Single - \$20 Family - \$30 Life (per person) - \$200.00

New Renewal (member #)

