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**International, National and Local Motorcycle Affairs**

United Nations General Assembly: Passed a resolution titled: "Improving Global Road Safety." The Ambassador Samantha Power, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, agreed to co-sponsor the resolution that "calls for laws to fight texting and driving. The resolution also contains language calling for mandatory helmet laws, and harmonization of vehicle regulations in the name of "safety". *(Editor's Note: This resolution is non-binding. The United Nations can't control Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Somalia etc. so who's going to enforce helmet laws?)*

National: **Over \$50,000.00 of funds dedicated to highway safety have been spent on motorcycle-only checkpoints. End motorcycle-only check points by visiting the American Motorcycle Association page @ <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/rights>.

****Grow America ACT, U.S. Department of Transportation:** Allows the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to lobby states in support of mandatory helmet laws. See Section 4004. Amendment to Motorcyclist Safety Grant Criteria, Section 405(f), title 23, United States Code, paragraph 5. *(Editors Note: This language was struck from the legislation which then passed June 9th, 2014.)*

****FEDS to include motorcycles** in intelligent transportation systems: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) intends to include motorcycles in the research they will be doing on vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication technology. V2V communication works like this: if a vehicle is approaching another vehicle at a greater rate of speed and a collision is imminent, the vehicle will brake itself to slow down and avoid the collision. Or, if a distracted driver is bearing down into your vehicle's space, it will automatically employ evasive actions such as hard braking or swerving.

****MOTORCYCLE THEFTS** continue downward, except for Harley-Davidson which increased by 4%, as reported by the National Crime Information Center, an electronic clearinghouse of nationwide crime data aggregated by the FBI. Last year 45,367 motorcycles were stolen, the equivalent of one stolen every nine minutes, is down 1.5%, even as bike sales increased. Honda was the most stolen motorcycle, followed by Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki and then Harley's. The thefts were highest in California, followed by Florida, Texas, North Carolina and Indiana. Thirty-seven percent of stolen motorcycles are recovered, compared to 50% of stolen cars.

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ALASKA BIKERS ADVOCATING TRAINING & EDUCATION

****SAVE THE PATCH:** The Mongols Motorcycle Club has won the Mongols Motorcycle Club case again. In a ruling issued September 21st and filed September 24th, Federal District Judge Otis D. Wright has ruled that the United States cannot seize the name and patch of the club. Judge Wright ruled that his previously issued “preliminary order of forfeiture is rendered invalid.” The issue of whether the Department of Justice and the ATF could simply steal the name and the patch of the Mongols Motorcycle Club was settled definitively in July 2009. But then Christopher Brunwin and Steven Welk, two of the prosecutors in this case, as well as the Alcohol Tobacco Firearms Agents who had created the case, just simply refused to believe they had lost and the Mongols had won. The presiding judge then, the late Florence-Marie Cooper wrote an angry decision which stated unequivocally that the government could not seize the marks. Last week Judge Wright wrote, “United States District Court Judge Florence-Marie Cooper already ruled upon the issues relevant to this proceeding.”

In short, the prosecutors in this case have argued for two years that former Mongols president Ruben “Doc” Cavazos could forfeit the Mongols name and patch as part of his “punishment.” Two federal judges have now ruled the Mongols insignia is not Cavazos’ to give away.

Last week, Judge Wright wrote: “Even if the Court were to accept the Government’s evidence that Ruben Cavazos controlled the use of the mark during his tenure as National President, there is no support for the notion that a defendant’s control of property belonging to a RICO enterprise is sufficient to establish a forfeitable ownership interest in the property. In addition, there is no evidence that Ruben Cavazos owned a majority interest or any interest in the Mongol Nation that would equate to an ownership interest in the mark. There is no evidence that Shotgun Productions, LLC ever used the mark as a collective membership mark – to indicate membership in an organization substantially similar to that of the Mongol Nation. The purported assignment to Shotgun Productions, LLC is therefore without legal effect. Moreover, the Government’s evidence demonstrates that the Mongol Nation began using the collective mark in approximately 1969, and either Mongol Nation or (MNNC) continues to use the mark to identify their members. (Guevara Decl. ¶ 6.) The Mongol Nation and (MNNC) by virtue of having used the collective membership mark since 1969, having registered the mark in 2005, and having continued use of the mark to identify members of the club, have acquired and maintained exclusive ownership in the collective membership mark at issue.”

****Drivers Privacy Act, S. 1925:** Among its provision, this measure clarifies that the owner of a vehicle is also the owner of any information collected by an Event Data Recorder installed in the vehicle, and law enforcement must obtain a warrant or court order before taking the Event Data Recorder. S. 1925 is currently pending before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation for review. There is conversation that this mechanism will be installed on motorcycles. This bill was introduced in a previous session of Congress and was passed by the Senate on April 26, 2012 but was never passed by the House. Mark Begich voted for this bill and Lisa Murkowski voted against it (See Senate vote, April 26th, 2012 (112th Congress)).

LOCAL: The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), in consultation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), is conducting statewide vegetation management on state highways this summer with the primary goal of improving traveler safety. Left uncontrolled, roadside vegetation can obstruct motorists’ line of vision and limit their view of the road ahead, traffic control devices, approaching vehicles and wildlife. Abundant woody vegetation along roadsides provides winter browse and can encourage moose to spend time near roads. Moose collisions can result in serious injuries or death as well as significant damage to vehicles. The Department of Fish and Game supports effective vegetation management along roads and highways to reduce the risk of vehicle collisions with wildlife.

The two agencies collaborated to identify highway corridors that require special maintenance attention. The following tactics are being implemented to improve traveler safety on Alaska’s highways:

- ☐ Removing and disposing vegetation that attracts wildlife species to the roadside.
- ☐ Improving sight distance and visibility of signs and markers.
- ☐ Removing possible roadside hazards, such as trees.
- ☐ Decreasing shaded areas to increase the effectiveness of snow and ice maintenance efforts.
- ☐ ADOT&PF and ADFG recently formed the Wildlife and Highways Workgroup to promote traveler safety, efficient transportation, and economical ways to plan, design, and operate Alaska’s highways while reducing negative impacts to wildlife populations.

SAFETY RECALLS

HD Issues Recall on 2014 Sportster XL Motorcycle Chrome Hand Control Levers: Harley Davidson has issued a recall for certain Chrome Hand Control Lever Kits, part number 3670053, intended for use on 2014 Sportster XL motorcycles. The reason is that affected kits may have excess chrome plating on the brake lever which could prevent the front brake master cylinder piston from fully returning. This could cause front brake pressure to not be fully released and may cause the front wheel to lock up, which could lead to a crash. Harley Davidson is notifying owners of the affected levers and dealers will inspect and replace them as necessary with no charge to the owner. Owners may contact Harley Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464 and reference recall number 0156. More information and details of the recall can be found here:

http://www.harley-davidson.com/content/h-d/en_US/home/owners/maintain-your-bike/service-recalls.html

HD Issues Recall on 2014 Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles: Harley is recalling 66,421 Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles from the 2014 model year. It warns that the front wheels can lock up without warning. The recall applies to bikes with anti-lock brakes made between July 1, 2013, and May 7. The flaw has resulted in five crashes, with two minor injuries. The snafu occurs when a brake line in front is pinched between the fuel tank and the frame, causing the front brake fluid pressure to increase and increasing the risk that the front wheel could lock up while riding. Dealers will replace brake lines and install straps to keep them in place.

HD Issues Recall on 2014 Trikes: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a recall notice for certain 2014 HD trikes due to an "incorrectly machined" fork bracket stem that may contribute to "an excessive steering angle allowing the inner fairing to contact the rear brake fluid reservoir resulting in a loss of brake fluid." The issue may damage the steering damper and there are potentially 436 units affected by the recall. HD will replace the fork bracket stem free of charge. Harley's recall identification number is 0152 and owners may call 1-800-258-2464 for more information. Owners may also contact NHTSA at 1-888-327-4236 or go to www.safercar.gov. The NHTSA campaign number is 13V491000.

BMW of North America is recalling 950 2014 R1200RT motorcycles produced between November 27, 2013 and May 5, 2014 for a problem with the Dynamic Electronic Suspension Adjustment (ESA) rear shock absorber. The piston rod within the rear shock absorber can break without warning, causing loss of stability. More information and details of the recall can be found here:

motorcyclelawgroup.com/safety-recalls

http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchResults?searchType=ID&targetCategory=R&searchCriteria.nhtsa_ids=14V320000

<http://bmwmcmag.com/2014/06/2014-r1200rt-recall-is-official-2012-14-c600-sportc650gt-scooters-also-recalled/>

BMW will notify owners, and dealers will replace the Dynamic ESA shock absorber, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2014. Owners may contact BMW Customer Relations at 1-800-525-7417. Note: Owners are advised not to ride their motorcycles until they have been remedied (<http://bmwmcmag.com/2014/06/2014-bmw-r1200rt-recall-coming>).

YAMAHA: 2005 Yamaha FJR1300. SOME of the 04 and 05 models developed the infamous valve "ticking" problem at early mileage. Not a safety issue, but costly. The valve guides inside the cylinder head were improperly designed so that some didn't get enough oil supply. The valve stems wore out the inside of the guides and slopped around, banging off of the guide walls, sounding like ticking, eventually ruining the heads. Yamaha would replace the head on warranty if an owner bitched loud and long enough, but otherwise ignored it. Some guy back east I think started a consumer grass-roots movement over the internet to organize owners with problems. This collective gathered some clout and made Yamaha face up, but the corporation never officially acknowledged that it had a destructive design flaw. The 2006 model of that bike had a redesigned head, all done quietly. No press. No recall on earlier bikes. That pissed me off. This is my second and last Yamaha. My bike never developed the problem, and with the mileage it has, I'm told it would have surfaced long before now. From db

SUZUKI GSXR Brake System Recall: This is a huge recall on GSX-R models from 2004-2013. The problem is with the front brakes, leading to a spongy feeling, according to the company. Suzuki reports that moisture is being naturally absorbed by the brake fluid affecting the return spring inside the master cylinder. The issue affects numerous GSXR models including the GSX-R600, 750 and 1000. A list of models affected follows:

GSX-R600: K4, K5, K6,7,8,9, L0, L1, 2, and L3 models **GSX-R750-**K4,5,6,7,8,9, L0,1,2, 3 **GSX-R1000-**K5,6,7,8,9,L0,1,2,3

TEN THINGS TO THINK ABOUT IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

By Rod Traylor, ABATE Legal Services, abatelegal.com

1. When am I arrested?

You are arrested, or considered under arrest, when Officers deprive you of your freedom of movement in order to have you answer questions for an alleged crime.

2. They want me to answer questions. What are my rights?

You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used in court against you. You can stop answering questions at any time. You have the right to speak with your lawyer and have them there with you during questioning.

3 The cops won't let me go, but they haven't arrested me. Can they do that?

An Officer can detain you in order to obtain identification and an explanation of your presence at a particular time. You can be subjected to a limited pat-down search to ensure you have no weapons, if the Officer believes you are armed. You have the right to not answer any questions, but if you refuse to provide identification, the Officer may have grounds to arrest you. Once your temporary detention is over, the Officer must either arrest you or let you proceed on your way.

4. They want to arrest me but don't have a warrant.

Officers can make an arrest without a warrant if they see the offense being committed. They can also arrest if they have information that the suspect committed a felony and is about to escape.

5. The police hurt me.

The Officer is entitled to use reasonable force. So, the amount of force they can use depends on the situation.

6. They want to search my house. Do I have to let them in?

Officers may conduct a limited search without a warrant. If you are in your home, they may seize contraband, stolen property, or evidence of a crime in plain sight. They can check the residence for accomplices. If you are in your car, they may search for weapons that could be used against them. They may not conduct a broader search without a warrant unless they reasonably believe that the vehicle/motorcycle has evidence or contraband.

7. I've been arrested. Now what?

You are going to be taken to a detention facility where you will be able to speak to an attorney. They should also let you see the charge being alleged. You can be required to participate in a line-up, give a handwriting sample, give a blood or urine sample or perform other tasks.

8. I want out and they won't let me do what I want in jail.

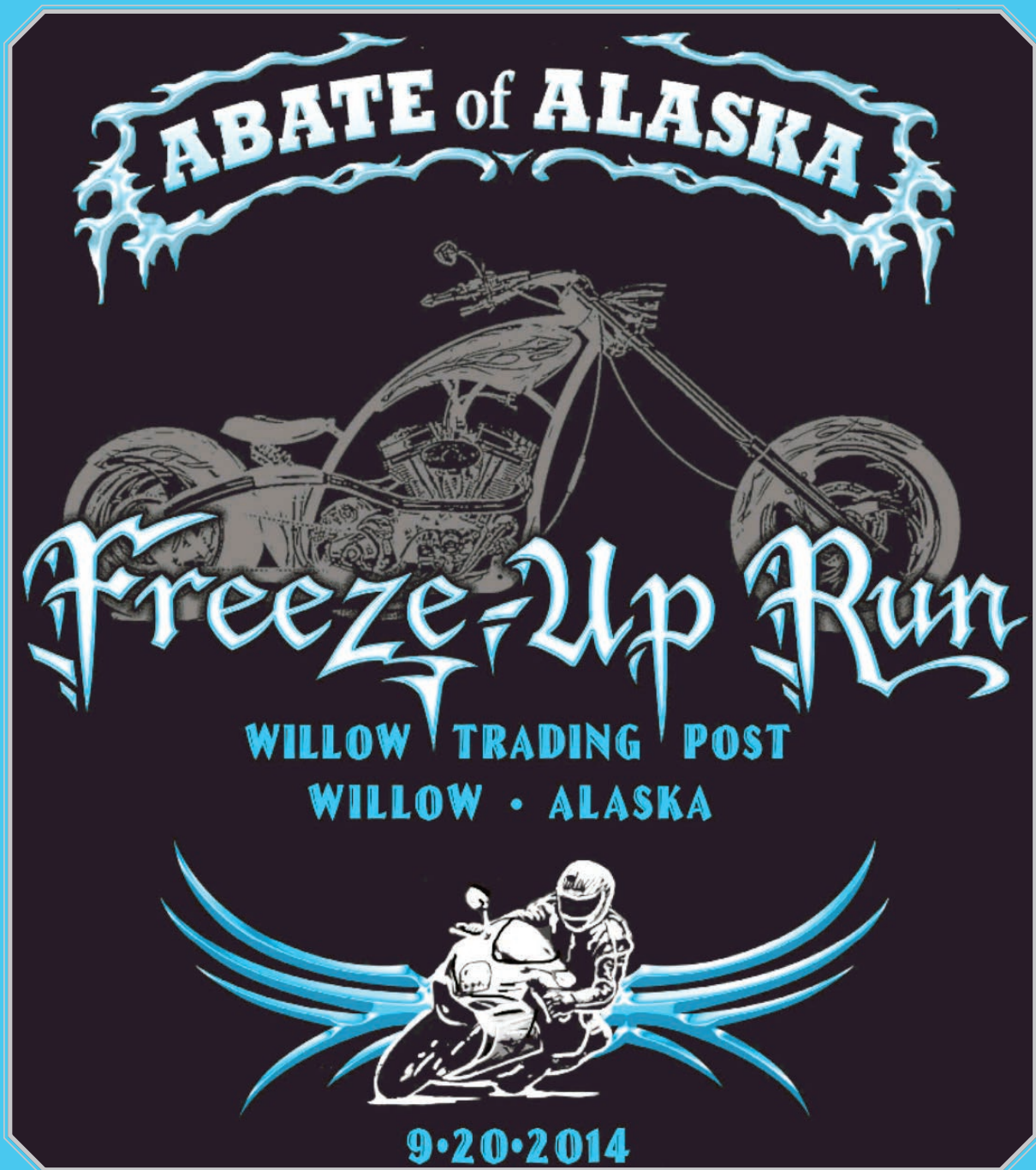
Bail may or may not be set for your case depending on the seriousness of the charge. If the charge is relatively minor, you may be released on your own recognizance. You can also petition the court to reduce the amount of bail set.

9. Do I need a lawyer?

If you don't have a lawyer, you can call your state or county bar association for a referral to criminal lawyers. If you can't afford to hire an attorney, tell the judge, who will ask you questions to determine if you qualify for a public defender.

10. My kid just called from jail. What rights do they have?

Children have the same substantive rights as adults. In addition, they have the right to have a parent with them when being questioned. The procedures in juvenile court are generally closed to the public.



**All Riders are invited to ABATE's 2014 Freeze-Up Run
Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the
Willow Trading Post in Willow, Alaska.**

**Poker Run leaves the Last Frontier Bar at 11:30 am
Live Band • All you can eat BBQ Buffet (\$20) • Bike Games
Breakfast on Sunday morning (\$15)**

ABATE OF ALASKA Demographics List For Beginners 1-1-14 to 8-26-14

Basic Riding Class:

<u>AGE</u>	<u># TRAINED</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>%</u>
Under 21	98	83	15	13
21-25	230	199	31	30.6
26-30	139	105	34	18.5
31-35	82	54	28	10.9
36-40	51	37	14	6.8
41-45	33	17	16	4.4
46-50	25	14	11	3.3
51-55	24	16	8	3.2
56-60	23	16	7	3.1
61-65	14	12	2	1.9
Over 65	8	7	1	1.1
Total	<u>727</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>167</u>	

For Experienced Riders:

<u>AGE</u>	<u># TRAINED</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>%</u>
Under 21	10	8	2	6.5
21-25	27	27	0	17.5
26-30	31	26	5	20.1
31-35	20	20	0	13.0
36-40	13	12	1	8.4
41-45	8	8	0	5.2
46-50	14	13	1	9.1
51-55	11	9	2	7.1
56-60	9	8	1	5.8
61-65	3	3	0	1.9
Over 65	4	3	1	2.6
Total	<u>150</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>13</u>	

For Third Party Testing:

<u>AGE</u>	<u># TRAINED</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>%</u>
Under 21	4	4	0	
21-25	6	4	2	17.5
26-30	5	4	1	20.1
31-35	3	3	0	13.0
36-40	5	4	1	8.4
41-45	0	0	0	5.2
46-50	6	5	1	9.1
51-55	2	2	0	7.1
56-60	1	0	1	5.8
61-65	1	1	0	1.9
Over 65	0	0	0	2.6
Total	<u>33</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>6</u>	

Editors Note: Hey Everybody!!! Well, some geese are flying overhead but we still have some riding time!!! Check the calendar inside for riding events in Sept, Oct and Nov. **DON'T FORGET THE FREEZE UP RUN, SEPT 20th!!!!** Flyer inside!!!!

Thanks to everybody for your all help with Christmas in July!!! The kids, parents and staff really appreciate the show, your work, and generosity so much!!!! Your work made it happen!!! Thank you Alaska Vets for all your support and long efforts! Your dedication is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the donors, elves, Santa, and participants! Thank you!

ABATE of AK, Inc. is actively working to return Drivers Education to the curriculum in public schools. This riding season started out as a blood bath on the highways and deeply affected the riding community with so many friends lost. Please champion the return of Drivers Education to public school. Perhaps you read the commentary in the Anchorage Daily News by Ron Polk, supporting the return of Drivers Ed in public schools, August 3rd. Ron was writing about a bicyclist killed on the street by a senseless event. It could have been yet ANOTHER motorcycle rider. Distracted, ignorant, untrained, undisciplined drivers hurt EVERYONE. If we can work together to return Drivers Ed to public schools, we will ALL benefit. If you have children, enroll them in drivers ed. If you are teaching your children to drive, please teach them smart, necessary driving skills. No texting; no phone calls; use your turn signal; don't tailgate; pay attention; don't zig-zag in and out of traffic; no roaring up to the next traffic light; don't run red lights, don't jump green lights; stop at stop signs; watch the road; wear a seatbelt; turn on your headlights. The list goes on. It takes time and experience to recognize a potentially critical situation and to learn to react intelligently, fast. Teach these skills. Teach them to THINK. FOCUS!!!! PAT ATTENTION!!!! Realize that the really cool car you are driving, cause you're so hot, and such a dude or dudette, cause you're so bad, and so far out, is a one to two ton weapon. Parents use tough love. End this slaughter. Return Drivers Education to public schools!

ABATE elections take place in November and nominations are submitted and collected in October. So you have time to think about the elections and your nominations, the nominations form is enclosed in this newsletter. ABATE needs a Run Coordinator and Gaming Products Officer. We need you. Step up and make a difference!!!

ABATE of Alaska, Inc. endorses the Alaska Moose Conservation Fund (AMF) which is a non-profit corporation organized to provide a broad range of services to Alaskan communities and state agencies. The AMF goal is to keep moose off the roads and highways thereby increasing public safety, and to build moose populations in rural areas. The AMFs intentions are moose salvage, deep snow mitigation and habitat enhancement. If you care to support the AMF, call Gary Olson @ 907 317 2300. As I say about the AMF, "WE GET THE MOOSE BEFORE THE WRECKER GETS YOUR BIKE."

Thank you everyone for all you do. Send me your thoughts, articles, ads, and photo's. Remember, current members advertise the sale of personal items for free in the newsletter. Thanks for your support of ABATE and keep the rubber on the road!

PROVERBS

Man who run in front of car get tired. Man who run in back of car get exhausted.

War does not determine who is right. War determines who is left.

It takes many nails to build a crib, but just one screw to fill it.

Crowded elevator smell different to midget.

Man who fart in church, sit in his own pew.

ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER !!!!!

Thank you very much for all who have served at any level! **THANK YOU.** Also a time to thank those who are stepping up and saying: "It's my turn to take the reins as an Officer." This is your chance to make a difference and get things the way **YOU** want!!! Go for it!!! Run for Office! The nominations forms will be sent out in October, so send them in! Remember to **VOTE!!! RUN FOR OFFICE!!!**

The nominated persons must be a member of ABATE in good standing

ABATE Nomination Form

President:

Vice Pres.:

Treasure:

Secretary:

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Rider Education Coordinator:

Membership Coordinator:

Run Coordinator:

Gaming / Fundraising:

Products Officer:

Newsletter Editor:

Sgt. At Arms:

Web Master:

Public Relations:

Board Members: (6)

ALASKA BIKERS ADVOCATING TRAINING & EDUCATION

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAMC Event TBA. Poker Run or Pot Luck etc	2 When: TBA Where: Anch. City Church Who: Black sheep Event: Ride	3 When: 6PM every Wednesday all month Where: HOH Who: HOG Event: ride	4 When: 6pm Where NLights professional bldg Who: Random (not a sanctioned group) Event: open ride	5	6 Who Dawgs of the North What: Freeze up run When 930am kickstands up at 10am Where Chevron on Muldoon Ride to Talkeetna When: all day Where: all three harley houses Who: HOG Event: Military appreciation day.
7	8	9 When: TBA Where: Anch. City Church Who: Black sheep Event: Ride	10	11 When: 6pm Where NLights professional bldg Who: Random (not a sanctioned group) Event: open ride	12	13 who COC What: COC/Alliance meeting When 1:00pm Where: North Pole
14	15	16	17	18 Sea Galley: Abate General membership meeting @7pm Open to membership	19	20 who: Abate What: Freeze up /poker run When 11:30 kickstand up at 12 Where Last Frontier on Muldoon 10.00 first hand 5.00 second hand all you can eat 20.00 Destination willow trading post Open to all
21 Abate breakfast buffet at willow trading post	22	23	24	25 Last Thursday Ascendants ride Weather permitting.	26	27 Ascendants 3 rd annul End of the season party @ Al's Alaskan Inn at 6pm open to all and then some
28	29	30				

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October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 When: all day Where: all three harley houses Who: HOG Event: Military appreciation day.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 When: 12-4pm Where: HOH Who: HOG Event: Biketoberfest
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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November

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23	24	25	26	27	28 When: all day Where: all three harley houses Who: hog Event:Black friday	29 When: all day Where: all three harley houses Who: hog Event:Black Saturday
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You can find everything at the Alaska Combined Run Schedule:
www.akbikerruns.com

Check out:

Google+: www.plus.google.com/101925305012399236263

Twitter: www.twitter.com/AbateofAlaska

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/abateofalaska

Facebook: www.facebook.com/abateofalaska

Also: www.abateofalaska.com/ for class schedules, photos and all kinds of information.

Send your contact information to: Big Dave, www.bigdavegrizzly.com

Harley's Electric Prototype! LIVEWIRE™

The First Electric Harley-Davidson Motorcycle, NEW YORK, (June 19, 2014)

Harley-Davidson invites Customers to ride, react, and shape the future of this new bike. Starting in June, select customers across the country will be able to ride and provide feedback on the first electric HD motorcycle. It's not for sale and Project LiveWire is specifically designed to receive insight into rider expectations of an electric HD motorcycle. "America at its best has always been about reinvention said Matt Levatich, President and Chief Operating Officer, Harley-Davidson Motor Company. "And, like America, Harley-Davidson has reinvented itself many times in our history, with customers leading every step of the way. Project LiveWire is another exciting, customer-led moment in our history." Jumpstart, a simulated riding experience, will conduct a 2014 tour down Route 66 and visit more than 30 Harley-Davidson dealerships through the end of the year. In 2015, Project LiveWire Experience will continue into more of the US, Canada, and Europe.



The ride blends styling heritage with the latest technology to deliver a new expression of the HD look, sound and feel. "Project LiveWire is more like the first electric guitar-not an electric car," said Mark-Hans Richer, Senior Vice-President and Chief Marketing Officer, HD Motor Co. "Its an expression of individuality and iconic style that just happens to be electric." The bike offers a visceral riding experience with tire-shredding acceleration and an unmistakable new sound. "The sound is a distinct part of the thrill," said Richer. "Think fighter jet on an aircraft carrier." Project LiveWire's unique sound was designed to differentiate it from internal combustion and other electric motorcycles on the market."

You can learn more about Project LiveWire as well as specific dates and location at projectlivewire.com. Harley also invites anyone interested in the possibilities to follow and engage with the company on its social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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ABATE of Alaska, Inc is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the rights and promoting the safe riding practices of Alaskan motorcycle enthusiasts.

ABATE of Alaska is a freedom of choice organization. We embrace the maxim "Let Those Who Ride Decide." We believe that the rider is best able to decide the type of motorcycle to ride, and the type and extent of safety gear worn. Our objectives include monitoring motorcycle related legislation locally and nationally; offering affordable rider safety courses as prescribed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation; and demonstrating our commitment to civic affairs through charitable measures.

ABATE of Alaska offers activities and the brotherhood of fellow motorcyclists. We stand for the rights of ALL motorcyclists to ensure that we and our children will be able to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear. Membership is open to everyone interested in preserving personal freedoms.

ATTENTION

All business members:

Send your business cards so you are represented in the newsletters!!!

All members:

You can advertise non-business sale items for free in the newsletter!!!

All members:

Send your thoughts to the editor; write an article; send pictures!!!

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ABATE
General Membership Meeting
Sea Galley, C St.
3rd Thursday
of every month,
7:00 PM

Dial 511 to get the latest on road information from the State of Alaska. Topics include public transit, the Alaska Marine Highway System, national weather service reports, and highway reports for specific highways throughout Alaska to the Canadian border. Highway reports include information such as, incidents, road conditions, weather reports for the specific highways and a number for border information.

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Visit our websites at www.ABATElegal.com and www.roadhazard.org



ABATE of Alaska

Business Membership Application

Business Membership Policy

A business membership will be established to benefit both the members of ABATE and our business partner.

Business membership will cost \$60.00 per year.

The benefits to ABATE members will be a discount on all merchandise and services from the participating business if they choose to provide a discount. The discounts that are offered by a participating business would be listed in the business member section of the newsletter.

The benefit to the business member will be:

- A free monthly business card ad in the newsletter and 25% off on all additional ads placed in the newsletter.
- ABATE will also list the business members in a section of the newsletter identifying them as a business member.
- ABATE will provide a certificate for the business to hang in their store identifying them as a business member.
- ABATE will provide Tri-Folds and holders to the businesses for displaying ABATE information on their countertops (if requested).
- ABATE will provide at least 10 copies of the newsletter and a holder to the businesses for countertop display (if requested).
- ABATE will display the business's logo identifying them as a business member on the ABATE web page, and provide a link to their web page (if applicable).

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Advocacy needed to reduce moose collisions with motorcycles.

By Gary Olson, Executive Director of the Alaska Moose Federation

It's bad enough watching out for distracted drivers, gravel and other anticipated hazards on Alaska's summer roads but please keep a sharp eye out for moose as well. Moose vs. vehicle collisions are on the rise and unfortunately motorcycle collisions have led recent wildlife caused fatalities. There have been five fatalities in 2012 & 2013 and they follow:

1. May 20th, 2012. 25 year old in Wasilla,
2. July 15th, 2012. 57 year old in Delta Junction,
3. August 8th, 2012. 29 year old in Wasilla,
4. June 19th, 2013. 29 year old at MP 92.5 Glenn Highway.
5. July 3rd, 2013. 44 year old at MP 147 Parks Highway.

We know that sometimes there is nothing you can do when wildlife darts out in front of you from out of nowhere. After all, they're moose and most of the time they're going to do what they want to. However, A.B.A.T.E. has been asked to help champion some easy, needed changes that deal with highways and moose.

The Alaska Moose Federation (AMF), ABATE and many others have been working with Department of Transportation (DOT), since 2007, to help create the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). This lists safety initiatives for Alaska's next 30 years. Some of the strategies, such as right-of-way clearing, lighting the Glenn Highway, and recently the fencing of the Minnesota Extension are clear examples that progress is being made. However, AMF asked for ABATE's help to make sure two remaining problems are dealt with.

Problem #1: All planting along roads and in roundabouts MUST be non-attractive to moose. All highway planners, regardless of what agency they are involved with, need a strong directive that willow, mountain ash, and other tasty trees and shrubs can no longer be planted in areas that will lead to moose on roads. Past plantings should be removed for safety. Period!

Problem #2: When cow moose are killed on roads, their orphaned calves tend to stay near-by. Fundamentally, the presence of moose in a highway right-of-way needs to be a DOT safety issue. Currently, this is overseen by Alaska Fish & Game (ADF&G). ADF&G is not nor will ever be a safety agency. DOT now needs to assume the decision of what is to be done with lingering moose on our highways.

The state and local governments need to do a better job with these two items. Motorcycles are replicating current car trends. Fifty-four and a half gallons by 2025 are the new fuel standards which are going to bring more 'SMART' cars to Alaska. The vehicles are getting smaller but the moose are not. If agencies continue to plant 'moose food' and disregard wildlife on roads, they need to tell ABATE and other stake holders. Thank you.



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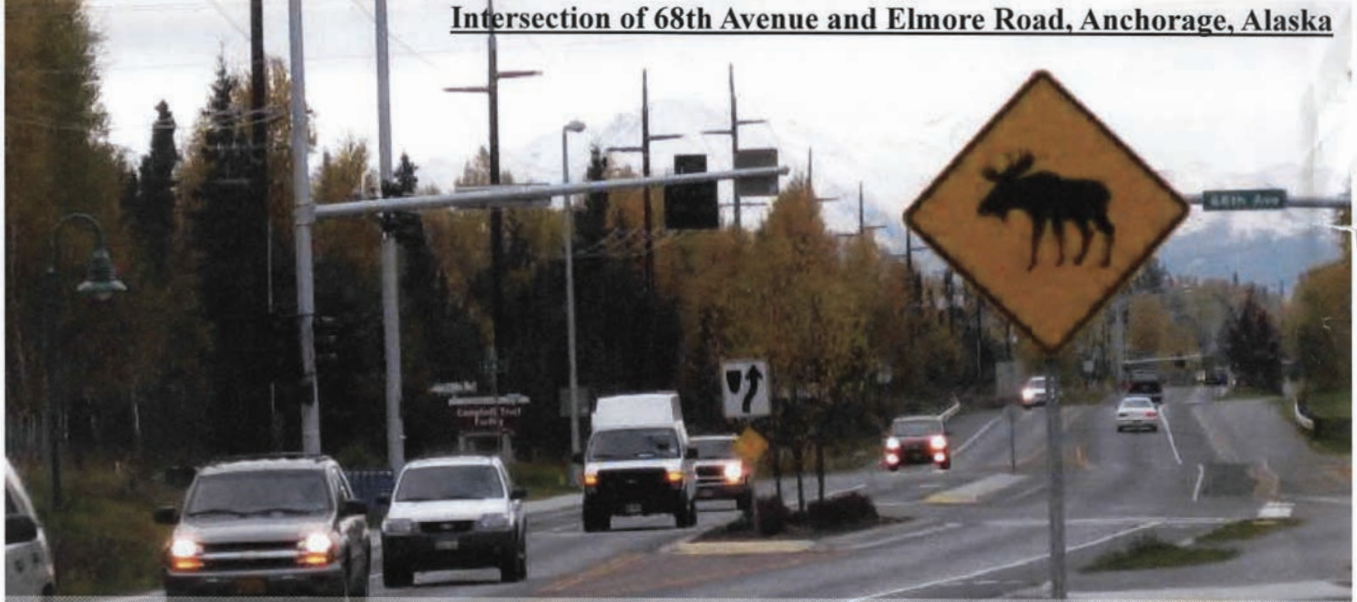
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Please encourage state and municipal highway designers to cease the planting of moose attracting trees in all road right of ways!

Intersection of 68th Avenue and Elmore Road, Anchorage, Alaska



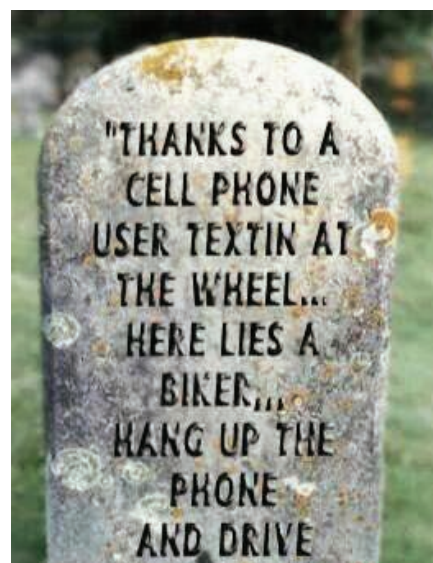
These trees were planted in the new Elmore Extension. Imagine if if goose food was planted along Alaska airports! How can transportation agencies warn motorists about moose on highways while these trees directly contribute to this hazard?

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Electrician's Truck: "Let us remove your shorts."

Tire Shop: "Invite us to your next blowout."

Maternity Room Door: "Push. Push. Push!!"

Septic Tank Truck: "Yesterday's Meals on Wheels."

Plumbers Truck: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

Propane Filling Station: "Thank heaven for little grills."

Veterinarian's Waiting Room: "Be back in five minutes. Sit. Stay."

Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet-Miss a car payment."

Muffler Shop: No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

Electric Co.: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."

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Another Septic Tank Truck: "Caution: Vehicle may be transporting political promises."



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