

From the desk of the ABATE of Wisconsin PR Guy

May officially kicked off the riding season and was "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month". All over the State, and the Nation for that matter, there are signs and announcements telling drivers to "Be Aware". I think we've done a good job this year with many regions ordering billboard paper and banners to go along with the yard signs and placemats that we've handed out for the last several years. I hope they're all prominently displayed for maximum exposure to motorists. New this year was our coordinated awareness rally effort and I think it was a great success. In most regions there was significant positive press coverage and I'd like to thank everyone who has put in an effort to get our safety message out. Many thanks go out to Milwaukee County executive Scott Walker for actually putting out an awareness proclamation rather than the governors safety proclamation that gave us many tips for motorcyclists to stay safe but few to make drivers aware of us which is really what the proclamation was intended to do. Also, we had a lot of help in the Milwaukee area from attorneys Mike Hupy and Joe Weigel who made sure the awareness message got air time in Southeast Wisconsin. Hopefully next year we'll be able to use what we've learned and make an even larger impact regarding awareness throughout the state.



Early last month we finally saw the end of a case in Milwaukee where a severely intoxicated driver ran down a biker from Michigan during HD's 105th anniversary celebration. With no small effort from Region 1A members, this case garnered much media attention and let everyone get the message "kill a biker, go to jail". From letter writing to attendance at sentencing, ABATE members in Milwaukee did all they could to see that Mike Flemings killer received a maximum ten year prison sentence with five years probation. Although there are no winners in a case like this, I would like to commend all those that took the time to see this case to the end.

After attending several region meetings last month I'm glad to see the amount of effort regions are putting toward bringing back expired members and trying to get meeting attendance up. This is what brotherhood is all about. Sometimes all you have to do is ask. I can't tell you how many times I ask a new member that's been riding for years why it took so long to join and the reply is "nobody ever asked me". ABATE has a lot to offer besides grassroots activism, and I bet we have more fun than any other political rights organization. So consider this an invitation from me, if you read this publication it's more than likely that you are a biker. ABATE needs you. Please join. For more information or to join online please go to www.abatewis.org.

Even though Act 466 allows us to legally run a vehicle actuated red light when the light doesn't recognize your bike, I'd like to remind everyone that that is only one fifth of this relatively new law. To me, the most important part is the increased right of way violation penalties although I also think even though the increase shows forward progress; penalties are still not nearly severe enough. Especially if we continue to have problems getting law enforcement to act on the enhancements and the judicial system to make those responsible attend an awareness class. We've attempted several avenues to get these enhancements enforced and we're not giving up on finding a solution outside the legislature. Also, getting motorcycle awareness into all drivers' education classrooms throughout the state gives us the best chance at staying safe on the road. Education-Safety-Awareness, see a theme? Please let all bikers know what ABATE of WI has accomplished for them. New Act 466 cards with the statute numbers on them are available from region reps or me to give to all motorcyclists.

So, with all that said lets go out and enjoy the summer. Take in a few events, put some much needed miles on the scooter, and remember why we love this life so much.

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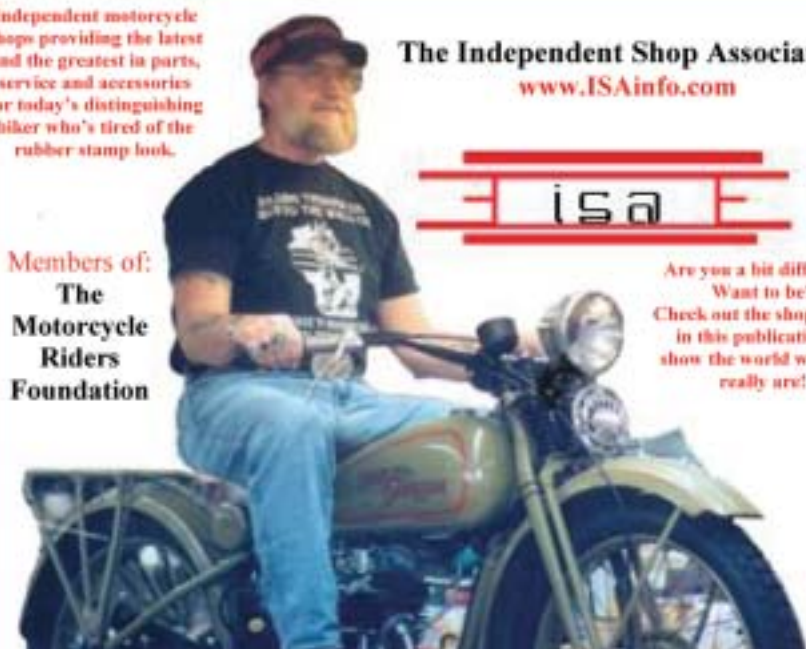
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