



# TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

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**2024**

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May 4, 2024

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Round Rock, TX 78664



**\$30 per person, includes lunch**

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La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Round Rock North  
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1-512-255-6666

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#### 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.

Lake Cities  
ABATE  
Fundraiser

**WIN**

**2017 Harley Davidson  
Iron 883 Motorcycle**

- Need not be present to win -

Must be 18  
or older to  
win drawing



**\$25**  
Donation  
per ticket  
or  
5 for \$100

Drawing: June 22, 2024 @ 9pm  
VFW Post 10460  
501 Thompson Dr  
Lake Dallas, TX 75065

For more Info:  
Talk to your local  
ABATE member



214 862-4291



# 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.

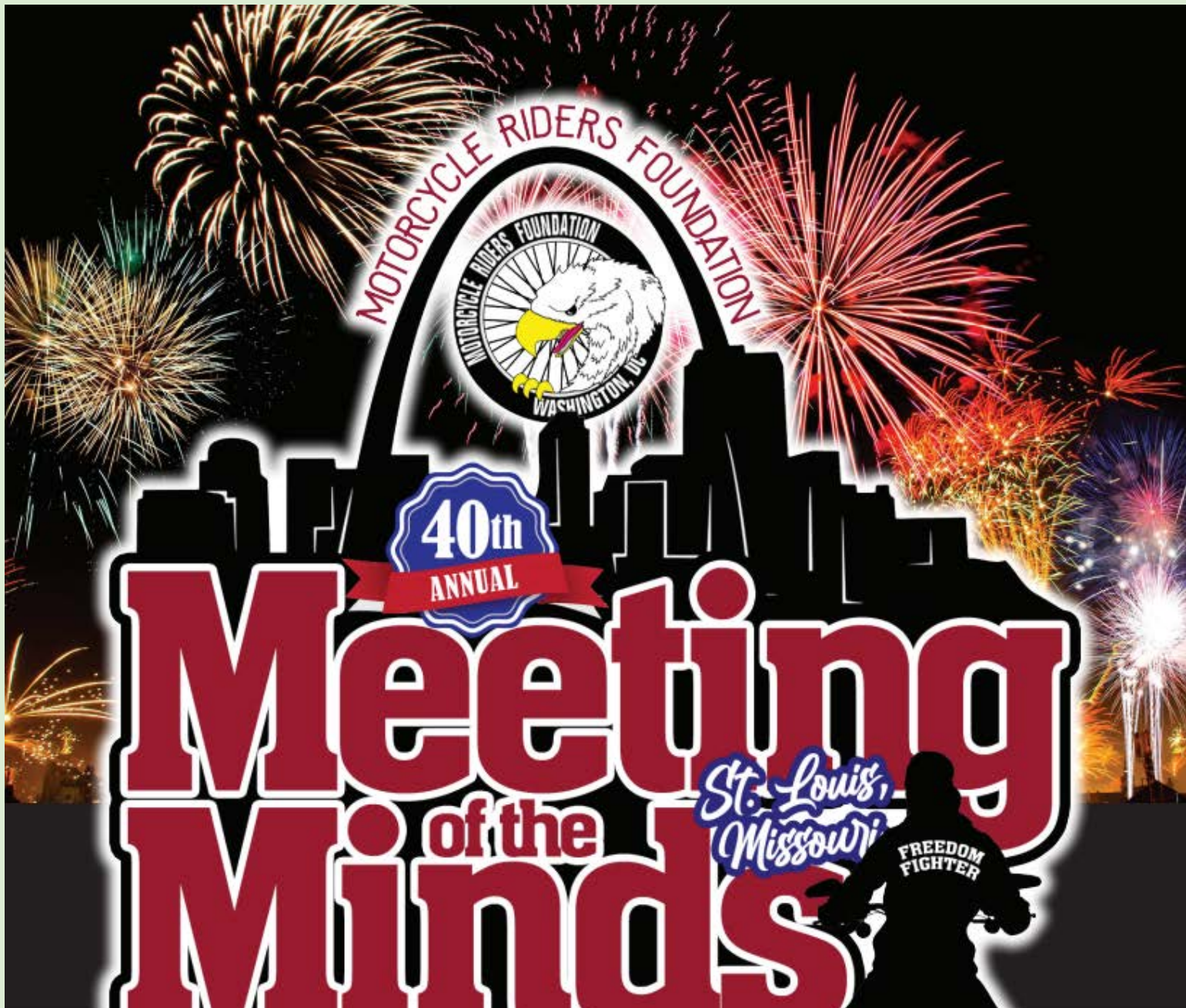
**Chevron deference has been used  
in more than 19,000 cases  
- Center for American Progress**

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





# Meeting of the Minds

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](mailto:fred@mrf.org).

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# !! 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:

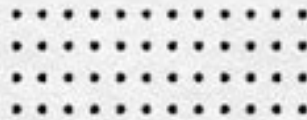
ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER

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](http://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





# What's Happening

**NOTE:** All dates are subject to be changed/postponed/cancelled. Please reach out to the organization regarding their event.

PRE-ORDER PRICING LIVE FOR A LIMITED TIME

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## HAND + BUILT Motorcycle SHOW

AUSTIN TEXAS

PRESENTED BY 

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, & 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN - 305 S. CONGRESS AVENUE - AUSTIN, TEXAS

## THE CRATER RALLY

Live Music - Bike Games - Camping  
May 16, - 19, 2024



Stage Games - Vendors - Bike Show  
After Party & More!

PRE-REGISTRATION STARTS JAN 15 TH  
[www.thecraterally.com](http://www.thecraterally.com)  
21+ Recommended

Vendors and Bookings call Barbara 832-768-4349

Welch Park - Lake Somerville, TX

EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY

JOIN US FROM 7PM-10PM



## TEXAS 2 STEP BIKE NIGHT

AUGUST 16 | SEPTEMBER 20  
OCTOBER 18

LOVE & WAR IN TEXAS PLANO



MUSIC RAFFLES FOOD  
COLD BEVERAGES & GOOD FRIENDS!

RIDE SAFE. RIDE SOBER.  RIDE SAFE. RIDE SOBER.

ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE AN EXTRA FREE TICKET FOR OUR STREET BOB GIVEAWAY IN OCTOBER!

LOVE AND WAR IN TEXAS PLANO - 601 E. PLANO PARKWAY PLANO, TX 75074

Some restrictions may apply. One extra entry per person for Street Bob Giveaway Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Gift cards cannot be used towards motorcycle purchase. See dealer for details.

# SUPPORT YOUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS





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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 #)

