

# The NMMRO Newsletter

Freedom & Independence Starts Today



NEW MEXICO MOTORCYCLISTS RIGHTS ORGANIZATION  
PO Box 27673  
Albuquerque, NM 87125-7673

Website: [www.thenmmro.org](http://www.thenmmro.org)

Volume 6, Issue 2  
Sept/Oct 2014

## Inside this issue:

Chairperson Letter	1
Chairperson Letter	2
ENMMRO-WNMMRO	3
Swap Meet Update	4
COC Update	5
New Board Members	5
No Colors Welcome	6
Calendar of Events	6
Email From a Mother	7
Dan Sorey	8
Words from fallen biker	
MRF News	9
NCOM	10
NCOM- Richard Lester	11
Advertisements	12

## THE NMMRO BOARD:

<b>Chairman</b> .....	Annette Torrez
<b>Vice Chairman</b> .....	Courtney Farris
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Stephanie Lennox
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	RockHell Thompson
<b>Sgt at Arms</b> .....	Todd Thompson
<b>Editor</b> .....	Kitti Gallegos
<b>Webmaster</b> .....	RockHell Thompson
<b>Public Relations</b> .....	Courtney Farris
<b>Org. Liaison</b> .....	Patrick Sierra
<b>CNMMRO</b> .....	Dave Covert
<b>ENMMRO</b> .....	Dorothy Jouett
<b>WNMMRO</b> .....	Jim Smith

## MEETING SCHEDULE:

### NMMRO Monthly Meetings:

American Legion Post 49  
11005 Central Ave NE Abq., NM  
Sept 20 - 12:00 pm

### COC Meetings:

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> -  
El Camino in Socorro

## Chairpersons Letter...

Great news, we purchased our first four "Look Out for Motorcycles" signs. The signs that will be placed within city limits will be purchased with private funds donated by businesses, lawyers and private citizens. The City of Bernalillo Public Works department will place them at the chosen locations at no cost to us, a savings of \$200.00 per sign. DOT has approved the sign. The cost of each of these signs range from \$180.00 to \$200.00, depending on the size of the sign. Two lane roads will require a 30X30 sign and four lane roads will require a 36X36 sign. These first four signs will be set up in front of the Thunderbird Harley Davidson Dealership; and the dealership will pay for the purchase of the signs. Public works is now doing an assessment of the area to determine the best place to install them that will be most effective. **SAFETY ALERT:** the main entrance and exit to Duke City Thunderbird Dealership is a very dangerous one; if you take the next entrance or exit closer to Rich Ford west of the store, it is much safer. We have several persons who have shown interest in purchasing signs. Please contact any of our board members if you would like to sponsor a sign. Public works has provided us with information through law enforcement of crash statics of high motorcycle crash locations from 2009 to 2011. I am helping updating the information with crash statics that I have kept records of to determine the most effective location for the safety awareness signs. Please continue to notify us of motorcycle crashes you are aware of, we need the location and the

status of the rider's injuries or if it is a fatality. Since Mid-March we have been notified of 86 motorcycle crashes. Most of these were in the Albuquerque area but some are in other counties of our state. I met a rider at the Indian Market in Santa Fe from Taos and he is going to notify us of crashes in the Taos area. I have my son helping with crashes from Santa Fe area and the WNMMRO AND SNMMRO with their counties.

Courtney Farris Lisa Van Duff NMMRO officers, Rod Owens new CNMMRO chair and Cheryl Farris from the COC and Defenders Program and myself, met with Department of Transportation officials two weeks ago to discuss motorcycle safety awareness and the "Look Out for Motorcycles" signs. We got the same information as before that they are working on these projects. While we did see some electronic signs during the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, we have not seen any progress on the "Look Out for Motorcycles" signs on state highways. We informed them that the county of Bernalillo is working with us and the steps we have taken to move this along. Franklin Garcia said he would speak to law enforcement to establish high crash areas around the state and were to put the signs. We will just have to keep contacting them and putting pressure on them until this happens.

I attended the second quarterly MADD Public Advisory board meeting. I have

been asked to sit on the board and represent the motorcycling community. One of the lawyers on the committee, Bert Parnall has agreed to purchase one of the "Look Out for Motorcycles" signs. Attorneys Dan Sorey and Gene Chavez has also agreed to purchase signs. Manny Gonzales who is running for sheriff, addressed the committee. While the NMMRO cannot indorse a specific candidate I was impressed with his presentation on holding persons accountable for their actions which he said would include law enforcement officers of wrong doings. But, as we know politicians promise one things and produce another after they are elected. That is why it is so important we inform ourselves on candidates running for offices and please get out and vote. Manny Gonzales said he would contact me and we could meet with him and voice our concerns as a motorcycle community and safety awareness. I did voice a concern, I don't think officers report effectively at crash scenes, which sometimes can make the difference in when little or no citation is given or can be the determining factor for time served on crashes with severe circumstances. The rest of the committee consisting of lawyers and victims and MADD representatives agreed. Being a part of this committee can only help the NMMRO because all of these people are involved in promoting safety awareness on our roads, which is one of our goals through our organization. They also are looking at me being a lobbyist for MADD which will open doors for us with legislation and with our bills. We are also going to reach out to Senator Michael Sanchez as a committee, he has always tables our bills. Our hope is to try to get him to work with us instead of against us.

As earlier reported we are at 86 motorcycle crashes, which is very disheartening. Some of the crash victims are friends, but many of these crashes victims and families become friends or part of our family after the fact. It is very heart breaking as we go to visit the injured in their hospital beds, many unresponsive and fighting for their lives. In the last few months the Hellfighters MM and members of the community have met at the UNM Hospital chapel too many times for prayer vigils. Thank you to the Hellfighters MM for always coming to support and pray with motorcycle crash victims

and their families. We so appreciate your support and prayer.

Please don't be the next crash statistic. Keep learning about riding and keep practicing your riding skills. Keep your eyes up and scan 20 seconds ahead of you to prevent surprises and give you time to respond to all hazards. Ride sober and unimpaired that is 100% within your control. Take responsibility for your ride. Help us promote road safety awareness to your community. Ride safe all and return home safely to your loved ones on each journey your take.

Annette

**NMMRO Membership**

- **Single Membership**                 **\$20.00**
- **Couples Membership**             **\$30.00**
- **Corporate Membership**         **\$100.00**
- **Renewals: Single**                 **\$15.00**
- **Couple**                 **\$20.00**

**Please send info & checks to:  
NMMRO  
PO Box 27673  
Albuquerque NM 87125-7673**

-----  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

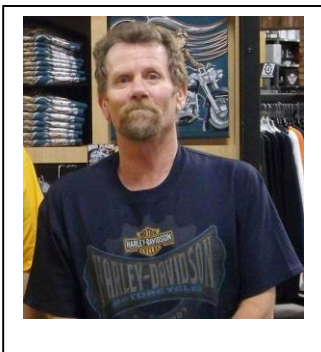
**Important Links:**

- CNMMRO Email Address:** [cnmmro@bikerider.com](mailto:cnmmro@bikerider.com)
- NMMRO Website:** [www.thenmmro.org](http://www.thenmmro.org)
- NM Confederation of Clubs Website:** [www.nmcoc.org](http://www.nmcoc.org)
- MRF Website:** [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org)
- AMA Website:** [www.amadirectlink.com](http://www.amadirectlink.com)
- NCOM Website:** [www.aimncom.com/news/news.htm](http://www.aimncom.com/news/news.htm)

## ENMMRO...

AWESOME!!!!!!! Last year the New Mexico American Legion Riders Chapter 2, hosted an International Ride for Bully Awareness, here in Clovis New Mexico. They had the most bikes out for this ride in 2013, (150 bikes). Which gave them the honor of being this years "Ground Zero" Ride, for the International Ride For Bully Awareness. This year the last count I heard was approx. 260 bikes out on this ride. Congratulations to the New Mexico American Legion Riders Chapter 2, for a job well done. So proud of my home town Clovis New Mexico... Unity at its Best. On August 20th the motorcycle community lost a brother, Steve Burns a long time employee of High Plains Harley Davidson passed away from heart complications he had been battling with for a while. Steve always had a smile on his face, and a "How ya doing today" greeting when you came into the store. He was well liked by his fellow employees and his customers, Steve you will be greatly missed by many, Rest in Peace Steve. Please keep his family in your prayers High Plains Harley Davidson is planning a memorial ride for Steve more details will be posted on their site

Ride Safe and always Ride Free



## WNMMRO...

Hello NM

Larrieston Charlie the DWI driver that killed Jonathan Yazzie pleaded guilty to Homicide by Vehicle, DWI and Driving on a Revoked License. He was sentenced to 18 years total. 6 for the Homicide by Vehicle and 4 for each DWI of which he had 2 prior. It will allow the family a small bit of closure and healing, but no matter the sentence it will never bring Jonathan back.

Members of the WNMMRO assisted another crash victim recently. 2 riders from out of state had pulled off I-40 on the west side of Gallup and were heading for fuel when the 1<sup>st</sup> bike apparently did not see an oncoming car and pulled in front of it. The rider lost his left foot on scene and was transported to a local hospital. One of our members came up on the crash and sent the word out about it. Ra and I went to the hospital to see if we could be of any assistance were we met the victims riding partner. He was pretty much in a state of shock. After talking to him for quite some time and hearing his explanation of the crash, it really brought something to mind that I feel we all need to do. He had explained about seeing the crash and getting off his bike to help his riding partner, but when he got to him and realizing his foot had been amputated just wasn't sure what to do. It really proved to me as an EMT and CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid instructor just how important some very basic skills are. So take the time to get some basic 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training and carry a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid kit on your bike because you might be able to make a difference when first on scene. Also want to thank Charlene for making contact with the victim's family and assisting them while here in Gallup. She even brought the victim's wife and brother to our Saturday meeting.

Well with school starting we are back to scheduling our days to present the Motorcycle Awareness Program to incoming students with Charlene taking care of the planning.

WNMMRO is now listed as Official Toys for Tots local community organization and Gerald Valdez is the coordinator. We had a Christmas in July Toy Run and now have a good start on the bank account getting ready for the holiday season.

We also did a fund raising run for the local Community Pantry our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual. Thanks to Robert and Monica for heading this event and to everyone else for helping. We gave the Pantry around \$500.00 after the event.

RIDE FREE/RIDE SAFE but most of all RIDE!

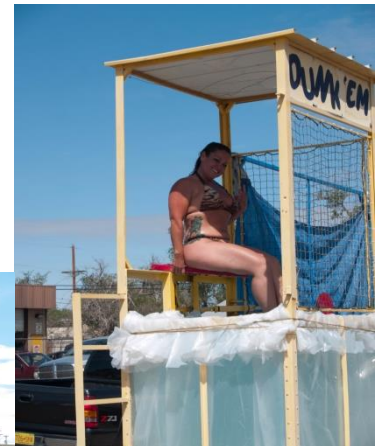
Just Jim



## First Annual Duke City Motorcycle Swap Meet

I want to thank everyone that helped make The First Annual COC Swap Meet possible and a success. First and foremost Todd Lohmann, owner of the Caravan and Lohmann's Motorcycles, for allowing us his property to have the event. A special thank you to the following clubs and individuals.....Bandido Tom Tom, Bandido Rodney and the Bandido's MC, Dozer and the Legacy Riders MC, Annette and the Shadow Riders MC, Raymond and the Posse RC, Brotherhood MC, Malditos MC, Onagers MC, Frank and the Guardian of the Children RC, NM Vet MC, the COC, NMMRO, Spaniard and Street Kings MC, War Hippies MC, Gina Felix, Desiree Gillette-Narvaez, Kristie Tepper-Erdmann, Jennifer Koteen, Tyna Jackson-Koetter, Teresa Sanchez, Tzotsy Ballesteros, EmmaRae Moreno, Sydney and Ezra Newell and my Vicious Vixen RC ladies. Thank you to the various vendors that participated. Look forward to next year.

Trouble President Vicious Vixens RC



## COC of Northern New Mexico ...

I want to thank everyone who helped organize, participated and supported the First Annual Duke City Motorcycle Swap Meet to make it a success. The ladies of Vicious Vixens RC, COC board members along with Annette Torrez, Raymond Gallegos and many others who put their personal time and efforts to pull this day off. The committee met several times to discuss and organize the event. They helped get the flyers made and handed out to promote the event; they helped get vendors, and food and supplies needed for the event. Again a special thank you for all the work you all have put in to this. Thank you to all the motorcycle clubs who came out on the day of the event to help park cars, set up, provided security and attended in support

We did put out it as a call to action for this event and encouraged you all to participate. This event was for a good cause and it was good to see many come out in support. The funds generated will go to the "Save the Patch Fund". If some of you don't know we are fighting for our rights as bikers and Americans to wear our patch without the government telling us what we can or can't wear. This is not to support one club this is to support and defend all clubs and patches out there to be worn. It is very important that we help in any way we can. The state of NM has already donated money from both the Southern and Northern COC's but the fight continues. Many states have put together runs to raise money for this defense and have been very successful. Ride safe and see you all out on the road.

The next COC meeting will be held on Oct 11th, the Southern and Northern COC will have a combined meeting at El Camino in Socorro.

Dozer - COC Chairman 505-681-8107

Welcome Rod Owens as the new New Mexico Motorcyclist Rights Organization Chairman. Rod has served as treasurer and secretary for the CNMMRO in the past. He is motivated to increase membership and promote safety and awareness. Rod recently attended the meeting held with DOT several weeks ago. Rod has been a member of the chapter since it first began and a member of ABATE prior to that.

We also thank Dave Covert outgoing CNMMRO Chairman. Dave has been a part of the NMMRO since it first began about fifteen years ago and served as CNMMRO Chairman. Dave has been a lobbyist and has helped with all the bills the NMMRO has helped sponsor. Dave is still a member of the NMMRO and CNMMRO and has assured us he will continue to assist with legislation and safety awareness. The knowledge that Dave has acquired, shared and projects he has worked on over his years as a freedom fighter has benefited all motorcyclist in New Mexico. He is a person we always turn to for advice. Thank you to both gentleman for you passion and drive.



Hello, I am the new Newsletter Editor,

My name is Kitti Gallegos and I am the VP of the Vicious Vixens RC. I am very excited to have this opportunity to be a part of the NMMRO and to Working with the current members of the board as well as the other organizations that work with the NMMRO. I started riding dirt bikes and the age of 8 and moved thru the years to a sport bike and then to my cruiser I have today. In the last 5 years that I have been in the Motorcycle community I have made great friends who are now my family and I am excited about making many more!

I do work a full time job and also have a wedding business where I am an ordained minister and perform wedding ceremonies as well as wedding planning. My husband and I also have a photography business.

My email address is [Mzscarlet7@gmail.com](mailto:Mzscarlet7@gmail.com) please feel free to send me any articles or any upcoming events you would like to see in the newsletter.

God bless you all and keep you safe out there!








Thank you,  
Kitti Gallegos-Scarlet VP Vicious Vixens RC



















## NO-COLORS Welcome ...

Establishments as reported by NMMRO members who:

 Welcome Bikers and provide friendly service or  Do not allow Colors or have refused service to a Motorcyclist.

- |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
|  <b><u>High Noon Restaurant</u></b>    |  <b><u>Leo's Nightclub</u></b>            |  <b><u>Rt 66 Casino</u></b>                         |  <b><u>Cazuela's</u></b> |
|  <b><u>American Legion Post 49</u></b> |  <b><u>Twin Peaks Bar &amp; Grill</u></b> |  <b><u>Boston's Restaurant &amp; Sports Bar</u></b> |   |

- 
- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
|  Billy's Long Bar<br>Bernalillo |  Santa Ana Casino          |  Burt's Tikki Lounge     |  Silva's in     |
|  Cottonwood Mall<br>Tavern      |  Slate Street – Rio Rancho |  Hard Rock Casino        |  Stone Face     |
|  Horse & Angel Tavern           |  T.D.'s Showclub           |  The Library Bar & Grill |  Los Ojos Locos |
|  Malarkeys                      |  Ned's on the Rio Grande   |  Uptown Sports Bar       |  Sandia Casino  |

This list will be updated and published in every newsletter.  
Please email Annette Torrez with new submissions or resolutions

[atorrez2@msn.com](mailto:atorrez2@msn.com)

### Calendar of Events...

Sept 13	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Duke City Motorcycle Swap Meet	Caravan East Night Club
Sept 20- 12 pm	NMMRO Meeting	American Legion Post 49 - 11005 Central Ave NE
Oct 4-9:00 am	America Legion Riders Benefit Run	American Legion Post 72-5107 Central Ave NW
Oct 5-9:30 am	High Heels for High Hopes Poker Run March of Dimes	Duke City Harley- 8603 Lomas NE
Oct 7-7:00 pm	CNMMRO Meeting	Cazuela's Mexican Grill in Rio Rancho 4501 Sara Road SE Rio Rancho, NM 87124
Oct 11- 1:00pm	COC Meeting (This is a combined Northern and Southern Meeting.)	El Camino Restaurant and Lounge 707 N California St, Socorro, NM 87801

**Letter from a Mother and State Capital employee:**

From: Goldbogen, Judy  
To: atorrez2@msn.com  
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 7:36 AM  
Subject: Fatal Accident

Good morning, Annette: I'm not a rider but my son is, and this scares the heck out of me because Santa Fe drivers are generally distracted and bad drivers. I'm very concerned about what seems to be the lack of investigation of accidents involving motorcycles. I read about another fatal accident yesterday - information by the SF New Mexican is sketchy, but it would appear that the driver of the car turned in front of the bike, and there was no time for him to stop. The motorcyclist was killed, driver of the car pretty much uninjured. According to the article, no citations were issued. You may remember about five years ago this same thing happened, involved a lady driving a state vehicle, she admitted to having a few drinks prior, but it was the same scenario. She walked away without even a reprimand, the motorcyclist was "investigated" posthumously and it turned out he had also had a drink or two and was made to appear the guilty one, even though he had the right of way. But when she made a left turn in front of him and he couldn't stop, she walked away uninjured and he died. Please let me know if there is someone else I should contact..

Judy Goldbogen  
Constituent Services  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
NM House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building, Suite 100

From: ANNETTE  
To: Goldbogen, Judy  
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 8:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Fatal Accident

Judy thank you for the information. As of mid-March I have been notified of 84 motorcycle crashes throughout the state about 10 of those are in Santa Fe area. On Sunday I was riding to the Indian Market and got cut off by a vehicle and almost got hit on St Francis passed San Mateo. The elderly lady driving never saw me and cut in front of me and the rider in front of me, she was shocked when I honked at her she never saw me.

We have been trying to pass a Careless Driving Bill to increase penalties to careless driver by ten from a 30 dollar fine to a 1000 dollars fine and from 30 days in jail to a year in jail. We have sponsored this bill in the House and Senate only to run out of time or be blocked by Senator Michael Sanchez who blocks or votes against all bills which increase penalties. We started with the failure to yield bill and then changed it to careless driving bill. This last year the NMMRO assisted MADD with several bills which increase penalties and jail time to DWI repeat offenders again only to be blocked. We meet with DOT last week to discuss safety awareness on our roads

It is very sad to see so many motorcycle crashes on our roads that could have been avoided. Our organization deals with allot of victims and families of victims of motorcycle crashes and many times the person who cuts them off or hits them with their vehicle only get a slap on the wrist and a small fine or if any fine at all. We have several times gone with victims to court to so many times the police writing the report don't take the time to get the whole story and put the blame on the motorcycle or do not get a good eye witness report. I would love to meet with you and talk about ideas on what we can do to change the way motorcycle crashes are addressed, investigated and reported. I am going to add to contacts from MADD in this email. Please contact my number is 505 730 0435. If I cannot answer at the time I will return you call, I would like to discuss this further. I am going to include Representative Rick Miera in this email who has helped us with our careless driving bill in the past. Thank you.

Annette Torrez New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Chair



**Words from Motorcycle crash victim Keely (Glitter) Gilmour**

Keely a friend to our motorcycle community was involved a motorcycle crash on July 23, 2014 as a Corvette pulled out in front of her at the intersection of San Mateo and Menual. Keely was in ICU for several weeks with life threatening injuries and in the hospital for approximately 35 days. Below are a few quotes on Facebook which Keely has allowed me to post. Her words are more powerful than anyone one else in telling her story of recovery. We are blessed that Keely is still with us, her injuries were severe and she still has a long road of recovery. But, anyone that knows her knows this won't keep her down, her love for life will have her riding with us soon again. She has told me she will help us promote safety awareness. She is already arguing with me because I am asking her slow down and take time to heal so she can annoy us in her usual lovingly bratty self lol  
Annette.

Below are messages from Keely

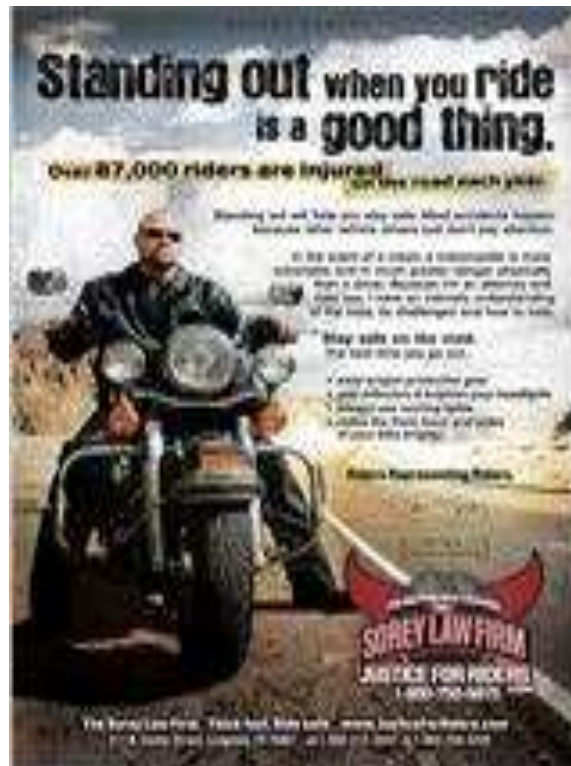
August 5 - It's hard to believe that I actually almost didn't make it. This entire situation has me at a loss for words. I'm so grateful for the family and friends that I have. I will pull through I promise. I LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

August 24 - days later all my tubes have been removed and I get discharged tomorrow.

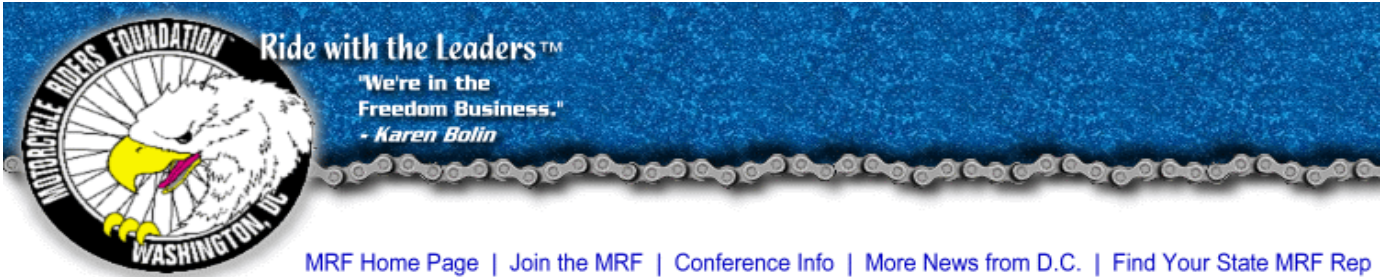
August 27 - I'm home, finally. I'm blessed and so very lucky to be walking around. Please let me be a prime example that it doesn't matter how safe you ride ANYTHING can happen at any time. My injuries were high grade liver laceration (I only have 25% of my liver left), laceration of my kidney, laceration and removal of my spleen, right clavicle fracture, 3 fractured ribs, a collapsed lung, neck ligament injuries and not to mention the removal of my breast implants. Please ride safe and thank you all for the love and support through all this bullshit. I'll be back.

August 29 - another day gone by and I still feel like crap. This shit is no joke. Ride safe friends.

September 1 - I'm soo ready to feel normal again. <3







**MRF E-MAIL NEWS Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

1325 G Street NW Suite 500 | Washington, DC 20005  
 202-546-0983 (voice) | 202-546-0986 (fax) | <http://www.mrf.org>

**14NR36 - EPA Sends Ethanol Regulations to White House**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**27 August 2014**

Contact: [Jeff Hennie](#), Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

**EPA Sends Ethanol Regulations to White House**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent its final regulations to the White House for Presidential approval, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports. This is the final step in the approval process before the mandate can be revealed.

Last year, the EPA proposed that the amount of ethanol to be produced by refiners actually be reduced over previous years. This plan to reduce the amount of ethanol being produced sent shockwaves through the energy community. Petroleum users lauded the proposal as a step in the right direction. The MRF testified at a hearing on the proposal in favor of lowering the amount of ethanol and in favor of doing away with the sale E-15. The MRF is also actively supporting legislation to halt the sale of E-15 fuels until further testing can be done.

The proposal was by far one the most controversial ever put forth by the EPA and received over 340,000 public comments.

While the EPA announced the White House review, they did not release whether any changes were made to last year's proposal to lower the amount of ethanol to be produced. The EPA will release the final rule after the White House and other federal agencies weigh in. The White House has 90 days to review the proposal and issue a response.



**It's time you did something more to protect your rights!**

**JOIN AND SUPPORT Motorcycle Riders Foundation REGISTER, VOTE, WRITE AND RIDE!**

- Annual Individual Membership \$30
- 3-Year Individual Membership \$80
- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Joint Membership \$50
- 3-Year Joint Membership \$130
- New Member
- Renewal Member # \_\_\_\_\_
- Freedom Fighter Donation:  \$10  \$25  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**  
(All information treated confidentially)

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 MRF# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member was given:  
 Pin  
 Patch  
 Year Rocker  
 Newsletter  
 What issue? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you a member of a state motorcyclists' rights organization?  Yes  No If yes, name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with remittance to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc., 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20002-4980  
 (202) 546-0983 • FAX (202) 546-0986 • <http://www.mrf.org> • [mrfoffice@mrf.org](mailto:mrfoffice@mrf.org)

1st Notice

**CHARGE IT!**  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS SERVICE is brought to you by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and is sponsored by the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. For more information, call us at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE or visit us on our website at [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com). NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

### **CONGRESS EXTENDS HIGHWAY TRUST FUND**

Acting hours before the government was set to cut payments to states for highway and mass-transit projects, Congress engineered a \$10.8 billion short-term funding patch to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent through next May.

Following several delays, the Senate approved a House-drafted highway bill just ahead of a midnight August 1st deadline to keep federal money flowing even though the HTF has nearly exhausted its reserves because fuel taxes haven't kept up with spending. The federal gas tax of 18.4 cents a gallon, which helps finance the trust fund, has remained unchanged since 1993, and drivers have increasingly turned to more fuel-efficient cars and higher-mileage motorcycles.

But the issue is far from resolved, as lawmakers failed to reach a long-term solution to pay for federally funded transportation projects and gives President Barack Obama occasion to promote his ideal transportation measure; the "GROW AMERICA Act"; a \$302 billion four-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal which happens to include a push for mandatory motorcycle helmet laws nationwide:

space between lanes when traffic is slow or has stopped. Though not "legal," neither is the "Title IV — Highway And Motor Vehicle Safety," SEC. 4004: Amendment to Motorcyclist Safety Grant Criteria, the GROW AMERICA Act would amend Section 405(f) of title 23, United States Code by inserting the following: "SUPPORT ACTIVITY — The (Transportation) Secretary or the Secretary's designee may engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet use laws."

While the temporary fix will kick the debate into next year, after the November elections and the swearing in of a new Congress don't wait to contact your Senators and Representatives to let them know where you stand!

### **SPLITTING CONTROVERSY**

California is the only state in the nation that does not outlaw the practice of lane-splitting, in which motorcyclists use the practice illegal, and until now the California Department of Motor Vehicles and the California Highway Patrol were encouraging riders to do it safely and recently even published online guidelines for safe tactics to minimize the risk of accident.

But now the CHP has come under fire from a state employee who charged the police agency had exceeded its authority by recommending lane splitting. The Office of Administrative Law agreed, and told the CHP to take down the guidelines, now removed since July 7th.

Since the CHP's decision to remove the guidelines, motorcycle safety experts and motorcycling organizations have stepped up to voice their concerns about the future of lane-splitting, which supporters contend decreases traffic and helps motorcyclists' avoid overheating, and increases rider safety by reducing the number of accidents involving motorcycles hit from behind while stuck in traffic jams.

### **AUSTRALIAN "BIKIES" SCORE TAXPAYER-FUNDED WAR CHEST**

Queensland 'bikies' will have nearly \$180,000 in taxpayer money to fight the state's tough criminal motorcycle gang laws after a landmark High Court decision ordering the South Australian government to pay the Mongols MC \$178,000 in legal costs after losing a high-profile court battle four years ago to banish gangs from its borders.

Bikie sources told the Gold Coast Bulletin that the money would be tipped straight into the bid to challenge the Vicious and Lawless Association Disestablishment laws pushed through by the Newman Gov't. After covering legal bills, any remainder would go into a "fighting fund" to challenge similar laws being used in Queensland and NSW. In 2010, SA's so-called "bikie gangs" -- including the Finks, who later became the Mongols -- formed a united front to challenge the state's anti-association laws in the High Court. The High Court ruled the laws obliged the state's courts to impose control orders on bikies at the request of the Attorney-General and police, without any evidence. It dubbed the legislation "constitutionally repugnant" and said it undermined the independence of judges and forced them to find guilt "based on assumptions."

#### BOOBYTRAPS FOUND ON OFF-ROAD TRAILS

Federal authorities in Arizona are warning off-highway-vehicle riders to be wary of trails in the Coconino National Forest near Happy Jack, Ariz., where trail riders have reported the tires of their all-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles were punctured by rebar spikes, sharpened and partially buried in trails heavily used by responsible enthusiasts and their families. No injuries have been reported, but the sabotage endangers riders, hikers and even animals.

In related news, vandals have placed spiked strips along trails in Colorado in the Pike National Forest, burying the devices along trails used by off-road enthusiasts to cause flat tires and immobilize off-highway vehicles. Anyone with information is urged to call the Forest Service Law Enforcement Tip Line at (303) 275-5266.

#### STURGIS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2014

The Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals or groups who have made a long term positive impact on the motorcycle community, and The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment and sacrifices individuals across the nation, and world, have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists. For 2014, Deb "Tiger" Chandler was recently inducted into the Freedom Fighters HoF in ceremonies held August 6th at The Lodge in Deadwood during Sturgis Bike Week: "In partnership with the Colorado Confederation of Clubs (CCOC), she assumed the role of Colorado Commander of the Coalition of Independent Riders -- a registration of independent riders. Tiger has worked tirelessly through the state legislature to address issues of importance to motorcyclists in Colorado including funding for beginning rider training and alcohol interlocking devices for motorcycles. She has also been instrumental in implementing a Biker Day at the Capital in Colorado as a means of opening dialog between bikers and legislators."

In addition, six others were named to the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame: Clyde Fessler of Harley-Davidson, Jesse Jurens of Legend Suspensions, daredevil Jay "Lightnin'" Bentley, bike-builder Keith Terry of Baggster LLC, drag racer Bonnie Truett of Truett and Osborn, and custom builder Paul Yaffe of Bagger Nation.

**NMMRO SUPPORTS NCOM**

**Motorcycle Accident?**  
HIRE ATTORNEYS WHO RIDE

OVER \$200 MILLION RECOVERED FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

Law Offices of **RICHARD M. LESTER** (800) 531-2424

- Affiliated Offices To Serve You
- 110 Offices Throughout North America
- No Fee on Motorcycle Damage Recovery
- Free Legal Consultation
- No Recovery - No Fee
- We Make House Calls
- Also Auto Accidents

24 Hours - Toll Free (800) 531-2424  
**(800) ON-A-BIKE**

We are endorsed by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists and more than 1,000 motorcycle groups throughout the United States and Canada, and serve as Legal Counsel for the Confederation of Clubs.

ATTENTION NMMRO MEMBERS: Our nationwide network of A.L.E. attorneys devote a significant portion of their legal fees to help motorcycle accident victims back into motorcycling by being the only national program of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists.

Call for your new ID card with lost key-reminder

Visit us on the web at [www.comf.com](http://www.comf.com)



# Advertisements

**TJ's Motorcycle Taxi Service LLC**

**Ride Safe Ride Hard**

24/7 Emergency Roadside Service  
Albuquerque & N.M.

**<STORAGE>**  
(Out of State Shipping)

Phone # **505-833-0322**  
1-877-780-TAXI or Fax 505-833-2201  
Call to schedule your time for pick up

**www.motorcycletaxiservice.com**

Pick up & drop off service for your  
Motorcycle or Trike anytime.  
Go on-line to see the motorcycles for sale

Towing and Shipping Service



**A PREMIER INSURANCE SOLUTION**  
Motorcycle Home & Auto

apremierins@yahoo.com

**505-804-0898**

LISA J VANDRUFF  
Owner



**RENEGADE CLASSICS** OUTLET STORE

ALBUQUERQUE

LEATHER • CLOTHING • BOOTS • ACCESSORIES

*for the biker community*

Ph: (505) 823-0846 4300 Paseo Del Norte NE Suite A  
Fx: (505) 856-9530 Albuquerque, NM 87113  
[www.renegadenewmexico.com](http://www.renegadenewmexico.com)



**Newell Construction**  
Complete Construction Services  
GB98/Owners Rep/Facility Maintenance

Tom Newell  
Owner

505.401.4639  
GB98\* 82567  
teuton87@gmail.com

6218 Flor Del Sol  
Albuquerque, NM 87120



**NM POST 49**  
11005 Central Ave NE Albuquerque, NM 87123

5000 ALAMEDA BLVD. NE | ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87113 | 505-856-1600

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON THUNDERBIRD**  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON®

A SCOTT FISCHER EXPERIENCE™

WORK HARD. RIDE HARD.®

