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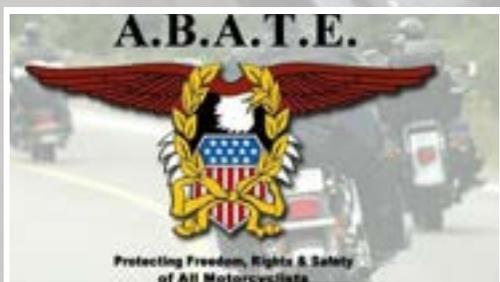
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FROM THE
STATE DIRECTOR



How's it going? Hope all is well and staying warm. This weather is more bipolar than my ex wife.

I have been watching the Florida legislature session, also been in contact with Griz, ABATE of Florida, State President on HB 429, and this bill is a true definition of profiling.

This is something we have been working on to stop in Georgia, so in saying that, we really need more involvement from the motorcycle community. We are the oldest motorcycle rights organization in Georgia. ABATE fights for your rights no matter what type of bike you ride.

A lot of motorcyclist do not know or understand their rights and everyone needs to be more informed. We will be having our first BOD in person meeting, Saturday February 7 at 11am at Old Times Country Buffet in the Macon Mall. All member of the district's are invited to attend.

Everyone be safe out there and will see you on the 7th.

Junkyard

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LEGISLATIVE



The 2025-2026 Legislature is back in session, and one might think that this could make it easier to contact our Representatives and Senators. It doesn't. I have made several calls to Representative Adesanya who has been carrying our Anti-Profiling Bill. Calls to his office, texts and calls to his cell number have yet to produce results. There is good news, however: since our bill has been through the "second readers" last session, we have more traction this session and might actually get this heard on the floor. Of course, I'm an optimist. The bill is being presented by Representatives Adesanya, McClain, and Ridley, and since it has been a while since we started this discussion, as a reminder the bill reads as follows (emphasis is my addition):

House Bill 705

By: Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, McClain of the 109th, and Ridley of the 22nd
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to identification and regulation of motor vehicles and
3 traffic, so as to prohibit a motor vehicle traffic stop on the sole basis that the person is
4 operating a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle related paraphernalia; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
SECTION 1.

8 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to identification and regulation of motor vehicles and traffic, is
10 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"A police officer may, upon reasonable articulable suspicion that a motor vehicle is being operated in violation of any provision of this title, stop or detain such vehicle. **A traffic stop based on a reasonable articulable suspicion predicated solely on the fact that a person is operating a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle related paraphernalia shall be unlawful.**"

SECTION 2.

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

I am waiting to hear from Representative Crowe, the chair of the Public Safety and Homeland Security committee, where this bill will be heard; the request for a meeting has yet to provide an appointment.

In other news, I should hear from Representative John Corbett in the first week of February; I've requested to meet with him as he is the chair of the Motor Vehicle Committee; I plan to discuss Lane Filtering with him, and to have the preliminary wording of a Lane Filtering Bill soon. The basics of that law will be as follows in the definition:

Lane filtering for motorcycles -- definition. (1) An operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may engage in lane filtering when:
(a) the operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle is on a road with lanes wide enough to pass safely;
(b) the overtaking motorcycle is not operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles an hour when overtaking the stopped or slow-moving vehicle; and
(c) conditions permit continued reasonable and prudent operation of the motorcycle while lane filtering.
(2) As used in this section, "lane filtering" means the act of overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped or traveling at a speed not in excess of 10 miles an hour in the same direction of travel and in the same lane. (END)

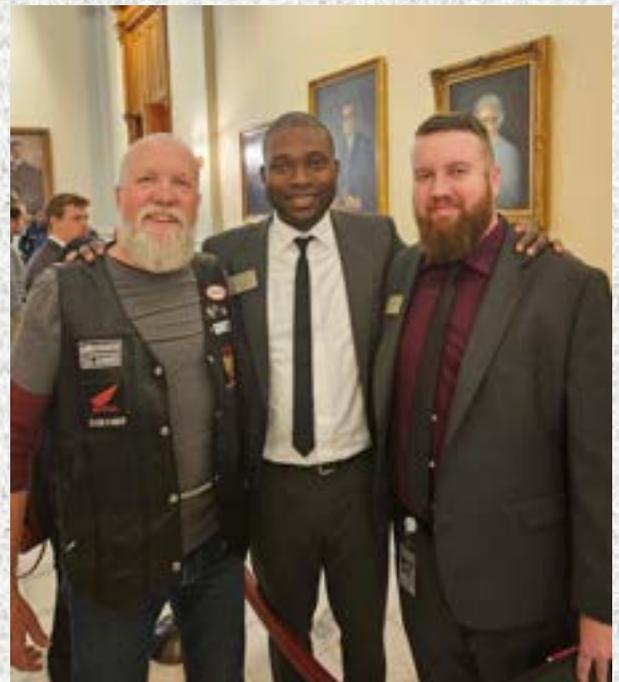
The details that will be argued in this bill will be the speeds mentioned: some will insist on only filtering when other traffic is completely stopped only; some will want the speed limit of the motorcycle to be 15 mph, etc. All the arguments are fine, as long as we get the conversation started. Much of our task will be to educate bikers, drivers, and legislators of the difference between lane filtering and lane splitting. An advantage we have is the Motor Vehicle Committee includes Representatives McClain, Ridley, and Powell, all of whom have been helpful and supportive of ABATE. As we've learned, this will be a LONG process before any bill is actually enacted. Lastly, I'll be back at the Capitol soon, and then I'll have new photos for the next newsletter!

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4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.

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PULLING OUT - Before pulling out from a parked position, **CHECK TWICE** by turning your head and **LOOKING** for oncoming motorcycles. Motorcycles need more room and space to stop suddenly than a car or truck.

CHANGING LANES - Motorcycles can easily fit in the blind spots of your mirrors. Put your blinker on and **CHECK TWICE**, turn your head to **LOOK** to ensure there is no motorcycle in your blind spot!

SHARING A LANE - Don't share a traffic lane with a motorcycle. Even though a motorcycle is smaller than a car or truck, they are entitled to their entire lane.

DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSE behind a motorcycle - a motorcycle needs more room than a car or truck to stop. Keep a good distance behind a motorcycle, leaving enough room for you to stop.

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Hello All,

Hopefully the previous year was a good one and the current year will be even better! 2025 was a good year for D1W. We had several rides around the state as well as enjoying rides to the Rattlesnake Saloon in Alabama, Rock Island State Park in Tennessee and the world-famous Wheels Through Time Motorcycle Museum in beautiful Maggie Valley, North Carolina. Personally, I would have loved to have won the museum raffle for the 1939 HD Knucklehead...sweet!

In October we held a celebration in honor of D1W's 20th year of formation! A cook-out was held at the LaFayette City Park with lots of good food and fellowship. October would not have been complete without the annual Halloween Scare on the Square in downtown LaFayette. The children and adults were a site to see in their costumes. We had a fun time handing out several wash tubs full of candy and apples.

We closed out 2025 with our annual Christmas dinner catered by and held at the Dari-Dip Restaurant. Santa Frank spoiled us all with the gifts of fruit baskets, ham and homemade fudge. Several of our members were recognized for their individual community service and a plan was made to support them as a group on their next endeavor.

2026 is off and rolling. We met on New Year's Day for our annual Frozen Nose to Toes Ride (and everything in between). Beautiful sunny day, albeit a bit nippy, but a great way to start out the year!

On January 17th we met to carry out our plan of group support which will be forever an annual event, retiring the wreaths at the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Several of our members have been working with Wreaths Across Chattanooga to see that every veteran and family gravesite has a wreath placed upon it in December. The need existed to remove the wreaths approximately 30 days later. That is where D1W came together alongside other community-minded volunteers to help to remove over 42,000 wreaths.

The veterans and their loved ones interred there have our full gratitude and respect. Our own Linda Chaney and other member's family counted among them. We meet every fourth Monday of the month at 6 PM at the Dari-Dip in LaFayette and invite any and all to attend. Thanks for reading, stay wheels down and looking up!

Kim Thomas



September Ride to Maggie Valley



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The MPP survey is not for motorcyclists who have been profiled; it is for everyone who has an opinion on the topic of motorcyclist profiling. The survey is renewed annually with changes to the questions to keep it relevant. The MPP survey needs more than 10,000 people to participate each year, to maintain its margin of error at less than 1%. All active motorcyclists should take this simple five (5) question survey each year to help maintain our successes and help with future legislation. The resolutions passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate were intended to advise states to address the issue of motorcyclist profiling. So far, five (5) states have passed laws making it illegal to initiate a stop simply because someone is on a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle attire. Several other states have bills pending or awaiting introduction in upcoming legislative sessions. You can support these efforts by taking the MPP survey each and every year.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY & COMMERCE**

MRF Priorities Center Stage

Just two weeks into 2026, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is already seeing key priorities move into the spotlight on Capitol Hill. On Tuesday, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade will hold a hearing titled "American Automotive Safety, Affordability, and Leadership." This is a critically important venue for addressing issues that impact motorcyclists, as it brings together lawmakers who shape federal policy on vehicle standards, consumer protections, and emerging transportation technologies.

Sixteen bills are listed for possible discussion during the hearing. While it is unlikely that each proposal will receive the in-depth attention it deserves, the sheer number of measures under consideration signals that this powerful committee is paying close attention to the future of American mobility. Of particular interest to riders is H.R. 3385, legislation to update the federal definition of a motorcycle, along with H.R. 1566, the REPAIR Act, which focuses on the right of consumers to repair and modify their vehicles. Also included are informal legislative drafts addressing autonomous vehicle policy, an area the MRF continues to monitor closely as these technologies increasingly share the road with motorcyclists.

The MRF has been in active contact with our champions on Capitol Hill, as well as congressional committee staff, regarding the hearing and the bills under review. These conversations are essential to ensure the unique needs and safety concerns of America's motorcyclists are understood as lawmakers debate affordability, safety, and innovation in the automotive space.

The message is clear: even at the very start of the year, MRF priorities are at the forefront in the halls of Congress. We will closely track the hearing and keep our members informed about the discussions, outcomes, and next steps as they unfold.



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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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Congressional Committee Discusses Key Biker Issues

Earlier this week, the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade convened a hearing focused on America's automotive future, including the deployment of autonomous vehicles, the federal definition of a motorcycle, and pending right to repair legislation.

A major theme of the hearing was the urgent need for clear, consistent national standards for autonomous vehicle technology. Committee Chairman Brett Guthrie of Kentucky emphasized the importance of federal leadership, stating, *"We need a national standard that is robust, safe and gives people assurances on the technology. We cannot have 50 different patchwork standards."* This concern mirrors long-standing warnings from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) that motorcyclists cannot be an afterthought in the design and regulation of emerging vehicle technologies.

The hearing also addressed the outdated federal definition of a motorcycle, particularly as new vehicle types such as autocycles enter the marketplace. The MRF, joined by ABATE of Wisconsin, submitted letters for the record in support of modernizing the federal definition and urging passage of H.R. 3385, legislation intended to ensure that motorcycles are accurately defined and treated consistently across all states.

Right to repair legislation was another focal point, with discussion of the REPAIR Act, H.R. 1566. Bill Hanvey, President and CEO of the Auto Care Association, testified in strong support of the bill, saying, *"The REPAIR Act simply allows the consumer to be able to choose where, when and how their vehicle is repaired."* Hanvey also noted that more than 235,000 independent repair shops operate nationwide, providing consumers with reliable and affordable repair options that are increasingly threatened by restricted access to vehicle data and tools. The MRF supports the REPAIR Act and believes that the right to modify is also a key part of this discussion.

The MRF remains committed to ensuring that federal lawmakers understand the unique needs of motorcyclists, whether that means being properly recognized in vehicle definitions, accounted for in the deployment of autonomous technology, or empowered to maintain, repair and modify their own machines. This week's hearing demonstrated growing momentum in Congress to address these critical issues.

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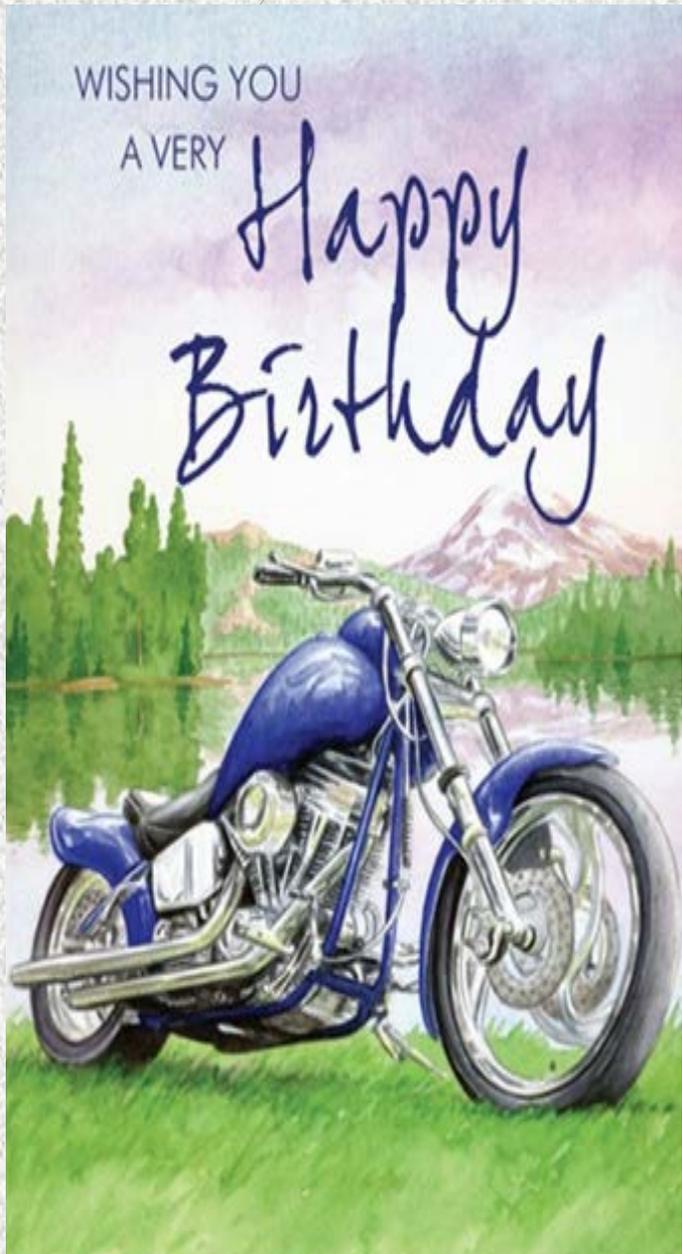
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2025 Day after Bikers Inside Beltway, Senate acts on HJ Resolutions resulting in revocation of waivers to California Air Resources Board (CARB)

2024 MRF leads Congressional Motorcycle Caucus "Ride To Work" on the streets of Washington DC to promote Motorcycle Awareness.

2024 MRF representatives officially appointed to the Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC)

2023 Six MRF members selected to the "Community of Practice" groups, updating federal motorcycle safety guidelines.

2023 MRF meets with NTSB officials, discussing concerns over Autonomous Vehicles (AV) not recognizing motorcycles.

2022 U.S. House Passes H. Res 366 Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

2022 Government funding bill includes language directing NHTSA to report back to Congress on activities and policies related to the profiling of bikers

2022 27 Members of Congress send letter to NHTSA seeking answers on recent crashes involving autonomous vehicles and motorcycles

2022 Inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

2018 By unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate Passes S. Res 154 – Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

2012 National Transportation Safety Board drops motorcyclists from "Top Ten" list

2012 Established the MRF Industry Council allowing aftermarket manufacturers to be more involved with the bikers' rights movement

2009 Held the first national motorcycle lobby day event in Washington, DC



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THE 12 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)

- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.
- **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.
- **Data Recording:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.
- **Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
- **Emission Regulations:** Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- **Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates.
- **Internal Combustion Engines:** Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.
- **Profiling:** Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness and the prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.
- **Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
- **Right to Repair/Modify:** Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their motorcycles.
- **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):** Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire in 2026).
- **Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:** Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

GEORGIA DISTRICTS 2026



DISTRICT 1 WEST

District One-West covers the Counties of: Calhoun, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, Pickens, Walker, and Whitfield. Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month at the Dari Dip on Villanow Street in Lafayette, GA.

Meeting starts at 6:30pm For more information contact Frank 706-694-8626 or email

sgt.baldy@windstream.net

or visit us on FACEBOOK

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DISTRICT 2

District Two covers 14 Counties...

Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White are the counties in our Northeast Georgia district. District 2 meets the 1st Sunday of each month at Fresco's in Clarkesville, Ga at 2pm. Check out FACEBOOK page for updates.

We also do a 3rd Sunday ride each month. Our starting point is Your Pie on the square in Clarkesville (usually at 11am) Follow our District 2 Facebook page for current info and any updates.

Contact Us: Facebook or Cynthia Love at 706-239-1055 if you have any questions.

Cynthia Love
Abate D2 Treasurer
706.239.1055



DISTRICT 5 NORTH

District Five North includes Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Lincoln, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, Wilkes, Rockdale, Walton, Morgan, and Newton counties.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the customer lounge at Cycle World of Athens, 4225 Atlanta Hwy, Athens, GA.

<https://www.facebook.com/ABATEGA.D5N/>

District Five North is also known as **District 5 North, D5N** and **District Five**.

We are a sustaining member of The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, aka MRF.

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DISTRICT 6

DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Coordinator & Treasurer

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585-370-4624

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Forrest Smith
770-634-8100

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Jonathan Eberhard
920-422-0239

Secretary

Phillip Story
678-814-9152

Sgt at Arms

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District 6 meets the **first Thursday of the month at Art & Jakes Sports Bar, 510**

Newnan Crossing Bypass, Newnan, GA

30265. Our meetings begin at 7pm

prompt and will usually end by 8pm. We encourage folks to come early to grab some food and have some social time.

Folks start arriving as early as 6 to get the

DISTRICT 7

District 7 covers the following counties: Bibb, Jones, Twiggs, Houston, Peach, Macon, Crawford, Monroe, Jasper, Putnam, Hancock, Baldwin, Glascock, Washington and Wilkinson.

D-7 Meets on the first Saturday of each month at AP'S Hidden Hideaway at 2pm. If a state event falls on the first Saturday of the month the meeting will be held on the second Saturday.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Come out and support Middle Georgia's only Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) and see what D-7 has to offer. You can also keep up with D-7 on Facebook @ ABATE of Ga District 7

DISTRICT 9

District 9 meets on the 3rd Tuesday
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Dodge, Emanuel, Jeff Davis, Johnson,
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Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wheeler, and
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DISTRICT 11

District 11 meets.. 2nd Sunday..2PM
VFW Post 660 5115 Ogeechee Rd
Savannah, GA

District Coordinator

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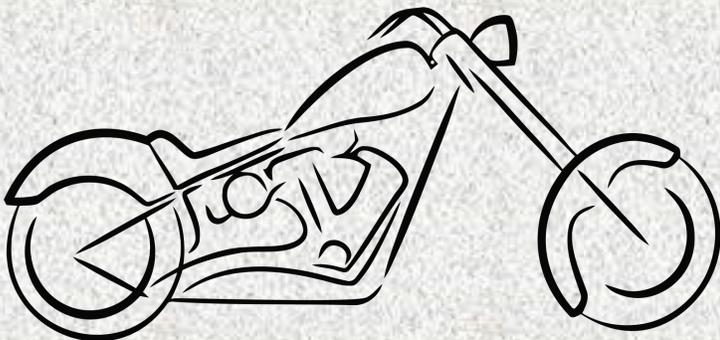
Has it been cold enough? It's been a
bit chilly that is for sure, you better lay-
er up that's all I can say,

We had to postpone our Frosty Balls
Poker Run and Membership Drive until
February 1, due to rain and such, but,
looks like the 1st will be cold but beauti-
ful day to ride. We hope to see lots of
people turn out and enjoy the 130-mile
ride (approx.), which will start at Sa-
vannah Harley Davidson and end at
the VFW Post 660, where we will have
raffles, auctions, live entertainment by
Ray Tomisino and of course great food
and fellowship. Hope to see everyone
there!

We also have our Annual Wing Wars coming up in April, that is always fun, I mean where can you go and sample so many delicious wings, and be able to judge who has the best wings, shop vendors, win raffle prizes and listen to great entertainment! Keep an eye out for the flyer which will end up in the next newsletter, posted on our Bikers of the Coastal Empire and Low Country FB page, on the ABATE of Georgia FB page, and if you want to join us and cook your famous wings or just come hang out and eat and have a great time, please come on!

Legislative is back on, so please keep up with the updates, and call to actions, get involved as that is the only way we can help make a difference. Be safe in your travels, stay warm, keep the rubber side down and your head on a swivel! See you out there somewhere!

William "Billy Bob" Galloway
District 11 DC



DISTRICT 13

District 13 covers the following Counties: Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth. Meetings are on the first Sunday of each month at 2PM at the Wiregrass Farmer on Gordon Ave in Ashburn, GA. See

<https://www.facebook.com/AbateofGaDistrict13/>

Dennis at 229-924-7449 or
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for more information

DISTRICT 15

MEETING

3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm
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