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Jeannie stops to say, "Thank you for your Service" and for taking a picture with me!

The Rolling Thunder 25th Annual Nationwide Ride for Freedom was held on May 28, 2023. The purpose of the ride is to remind the government to keep searching for our **82,000+** missing service men and women that are still listed as Missing in Action.

In addition to the Illinois Chapters of Rolling Thunder, (Chapter 1, Chapter 2, and Chapter 3) motorcyclists from all over Chicagoland joined in the 54-mile ride which began at James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, traveled to Hines VA Hospital, and concluded at Cantigny Park. A Prisoner of War/Missing In Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor presentation was made at the end of the ride at the 1st Infantry Division Museum at Cantigny.

Motorcycle Safety Lawyers® would like to thank Wayne Kirkpatrick and all the Rolling Thunder chapter members that helped put on this successful ride.



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Bricks of Hope™ Delivers Miles of Smiles!

There's no greater accomplishment than putting a smile on the face of a child. Especially when that child is sick in the hospital and their days are filled with nothing but doctor visits and tests.

Bricks of Hope™ (BOH) is trying to change that. BOH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit aiming to be a catalyst in a sick child's recovery. BOH wants to create play, to spark connections and most of all – to build hope – simply by giving the gift of **LEGO®**. BOH is helping sick kids one LEGO® set at a time.

Adam Petraglia, the Executive Director/Founder of Bricks of Hope™, knows what it's like to be a sick child in the hospital. He was diagnosed with cancer on his 11th birthday and spent 6 months in the hospital receiving treatment. Adam believes that he survived to start **Bricks of Hope™**. His goal is to make sure other kids get every joy in life they deserve, starting with the joy of LEGO®. BOH wants to build hope wherever they can.

Adam started Bricks of Hope™ in December of 2021. To date, BOH has donated over **4500 LEGO®** Sets to sick children in hospitals all around the Chicagoland area. Adam believes when a child is facing a life-threatening diagnosis – play is a crucial component in the recovery process. Play lets a child express their feelings and concerns and it allows a sick child the opportunity to make choices and maintain a sense of control even as decisions are being made all around them. Play is therapeutic.

Bricks of Hope™ recently delivered **200 New LEGO® Sets** to the kids at Advocate Children's Hospital in Park Ridge, IL. **Motorcycle Safety Lawyers®** was on hand to help with the delivery and provide any assistance that might be needed. In addition, the **PONO Lady Riders**, a motorcycle riding group out of McHenry County, organized a motorcycle parade that ran around the perimeter of the hospital so the children could watch from their windows.

The **PONO Lade Riders** have also organized the first **Bricks of Hope™ Ride for Kids!** The ride takes place on August 26th leaving from Woodstock Harley Davidson and concluding at Niko's Grill & Pub in Marengo, IL. For more information on the ride and to sign up, visit <https://www.classy.org/event/bricks-of-hope-ride-for-kids/e464799>

Motorcycle Safety Lawyers® (MSL) is proud to sponsor the **Bricks of Hope™ Ride for Kids** and this great organization. It was an honor to accompany Adam and his crew to the hospital where he gives the gift of LEGO® to the sick children and helps them build **HOPE!**

To learn more about **Bricks of Hope™** and how you can assist them with their mission, visit BricksofHope.org.



Adam makes another successful delivery at Advocate Children's Hospital



Delivery at Lurie Children's Hospital brings "miles of smiles"



Motorcycle Safety Lawyers® and PONO Lady Riders Supporting Bricks of Hope™ in delivering 200 LEGO sets!



PONO Lady Riders Motorcycle Parade

Topless Tour - ABATE



David "Vegas" Shuman with Daisy Perez



It's not what you think! The Topless Tour is about when **ABATE** successfully fought against the mandatory helmet law. This ride pays tribute to the victory to let those who ride decide. In other words, you ride in a way that is most comfortable to you, with respect to the law.

ABATE of Illinois organized this event to help the motorcycle community understand and appreciate the rights that motorcyclists have and be able to exercise their freedom of choice.

The 100-mile ride, along rural roads in Will and Kankakee counties, began and ended at the New Lenox American Legion Post 1977. At the end of the ride there was a party complete with food, 50/50 raffle, and live entertainment by Block Party!

Motorcycle Safety Lawyers® was on hand to support the event. David had a chance to sit down with Daisy Perez, President, South Suburban Chapter ABATE of Illinois, and find out more about ABATE and what they stand for. You can watch the entire podcast at <https://youtu.be/V-TT9x8PGWk>

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- Sponsored Accident Scene Management classes (you save \$115)

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BOBSTOCK 2023



21st Annual BOBSTOCK Biker Bash at Rocky's American Grill

The 21st Annual **BOBSTOCK** took place on Sunday, June 11, 2023. The ride started at Korner House Bar and Grill in Elk Grove Village, IL at 11:00 am, rode out to Donkey Inn in Palatine, and headed back to Rocky's American Grill in Prospect Heights, IL for the after party at 3:00 pm.

Known as Chicagoland's Best Biker Bash of the Summer, **Live Music, Live Women, Dead Pig** was again the theme. The party included **live music** by multiple bands throughout the day. **Live women**, The Vixen Crew, provided visual entertainment. The **dead pig** was provided by Rocky's.

Motorcycle Safety Lawyers® joined in the fun and passed out their **FREE Swag** at the event which was hosted by Suicide Machines Clothing.

David "Vegas"Shuman hosts the "because, bikers matter!"® Podcast

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Daisy Perez: President of South Suburban Chapter
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Motorcycle Safety Tips

According to Travelers Insurance, here are 5 **Motorcycle Safety Tips** motorcyclists can take to help them travel more safely:

Take a Motorcycle Safety Course

Riding a motorcycle is very different from driving a car. A motorcycle safety course will help you learn the new skills that are necessary and sharpen your existing skills. Most classes are a mixture of on-bike learning mixed with online courses to sharpen or refresh safe riding habits.

Wear the Right Motorcycle Gear

Be aware of helmet laws in the states you are riding in. Use proper eye protection, to protect against any debris that may come your way from other vehicles on the road. Carry rain gear on longer rides and wear protective clothing and boots to help with road rash and injury in case of a spill.

Inspect Your Bike

Thoroughly inspect your bike before every ride. This should include tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis and stands, otherwise known as TCLOCS¹

Obeys the Traffic Rules

A motorcyclist has much more exposure than a person in a car and that makes it more important to observe the rules of the road including coming to a full stop, slowing down at yellow lights, riding the speed limit to name a few.

Stay Observant and Visible

“Can You See Me Now” is a common phrase in the motorcycle world. That’s because one of the most common reasons for motorcycle collisions is that drivers fail to see bikes on the road. Make yourself visible. Make sure all your lights are working, wear highly visible clothing during the day and use reflective materials on your clothes and your bike frame at night.

Always be scanning the road for any possible hazards. And a motorcyclist should always assume that the other driver cannot see them and ride accordingly, including maintaining a safe braking distance from other vehicles.

T-CLOCSSM Inspection Checklist



T-CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK-OFF	
T-TIRES & WHEELS				
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load.	Front	Rear
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke.	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
Brakes	Function	Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.	Front	Rear
	Condition	Check pads and discs for wear.	Front	Rear
C-CONTROLS				
Handlebars	Condition	Bars are straight, turn freely, handgrips and bar ends are secure.		
Levers and Pedal	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.		
	Pivots	Lubricated.		
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.		
L-LIGHTS & ELECTRICS				
Battery	Condition	Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		
Tail lamp/brake lamp	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight.		
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.		
Turn signals	Operation	Flashes correctly.	Front left	Front right
			Rear left	Rear right
Switches	Operation	All switches function correctly: engine cut-off, hi/low beam, turn signal.		
Mirrors	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.		
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike.		
Lenses & Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		
O-OIL & OTHER FLUIDS				
Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.		
	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
Leaks	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valve, carbs.		
C-CHASSIS				
Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	Swingarm Bushings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.		
Suspension	Front Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.	Left	Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.	Left	Right
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted		
Fasteners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips & Cotter Pins	Broken, missing.		
S-STANDS				
Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent.		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		
Side stand	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		

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¹https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/t-clocs_inspection_checklist.pdf

Come and See Motorcycle Safety Lawyers® At The Chip

Are you ready? The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is only a month away. And Motorcycle Safety Lawyers® is looking forward to seeing everyone again this year!

It's the hottest ticket in town! Be at the **Crossroads At The Buffalo Chip** for the **6th Annual School's Out Chopper Show** presented by **Motorcycle Safety Lawyers®**. This epic event takes place on Saturday, August 5th starting with registration from 11:00 – 1:00, judging at 2:00, and cash awards (including \$2500 for Best in Show) to be presented at 3:00.

Next is the **Biker Belles Women's Bike Show** on Tuesday, August 8th. Registration for this event is from 11:00-1:00, the show is from 1:00-4:00 and the awards presentation will be at 4:00pm.

And that's not all, there's more action on Wednesday, August 9th at the **Evo Entanglement Bike Show**. Registration for this event is from 11:00-1:00, the show is from 1:00-4:00 and the awards presentation will be at 4:00pm.

Stop by and see **Motorcycle Safety Lawyers®** at the Crossroads. We will be there with **FREE Swag** for everyone! Don't miss it!



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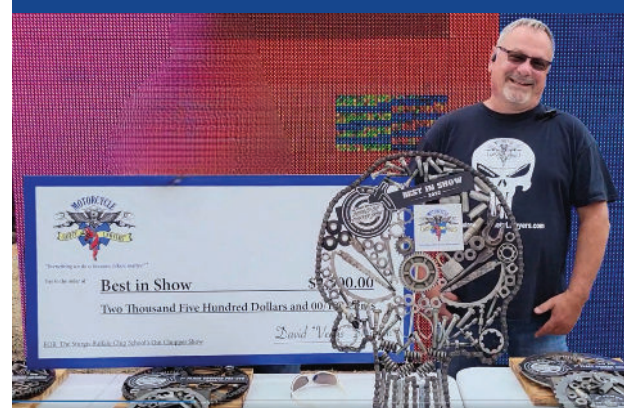
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2022 School's Out Chopper Show Highlights



David "Vegas" Shuman awarding the 2022 Best in Show Check and Trophy



2022 Winners of the Schools Out Chopper Show
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Your Motorcycle Is Ready To Ride, How About You?

You've gone through the checklist to prepare your bike for riding season, but how about you? Are you fully prepared in the case of an emergency? No one "plans" to have a breakdown, or worse yet an accident, but if that happens there are a few things you can do to minimize your exposure and provide you and your family with the coverage that you need.

First is **Motorcycle Safety Lawyers® (MSL) National Biker VIP Card™**. This roadside assistance program provides certified motorcycle tows, jumps and up to 3 gallons gas delivery (pays up to \$300 per disablement) per year. Plus, the VIP card provides many additional benefits that can be found at <https://motorcyclesafetylawyers.com/product/national-biker-vip-card/>. All this is yours for the low price of \$59.95 per year per bike. And, to add a second bike is only \$5.00! Compare that to your current roadside assistance program and you'll see *there is no comparison!*



Second, we would like the opportunity to provide you with a **FREE Insurance Policy Review**. We are NOT an insurance company, nor do we sell insurance. This FREE service is 100% about making sure that you have the right amount of coverage to provide for you and your loved ones in the event of an accident.

We encourage you to get your **FREE insurance policy review now**, before riding season begins. It's easy to do, just email a copy of your **insurance policy declaration page** to **David@MotorcycleSafetyLawyers.com** or call **David at 224-392-1600** if you have any questions. David will be happy to review your policy and respond with recommendations for changes to request

from your agent. For additional information visit <https://motorcyclesafetylawyers.com/free-insurance-policy-review/>

Third, purchase the **MSL Advanced Trauma Pack** and carry it on your motorcycle every time you ride. Visit <https://motorcyclesafetylawyers.com/shop/> to get yours today.



MSL TRAUMA PACK CONTENTS

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MSL Pen & Small Note Pad	1	3" Sterile Gauze Roll	1
CPR Mask	1	4" x 4" Sterile Gauze Pads	2
Saline Solution	2	2" Wide Adhesive Roll Bandage	1
1-3 Ply Face Mask	1	Triangular Bandage	1
Nitrile Gloves	4	Emergency Blanket	1
Paramedic Shear	1	Safety Green Glow Stick	1
Hand Sanitizer Packet	2	LED Flashlight with Batteries	1
Burn Gel Packet	1	MSL Bumper Sticker	1
Eye Drops	1	MSL Helmet Sticker	1

Fourth, Take an **MSL sponsored Accident Scene Management Class** so that you are prepared to act if you unfortunately come upon, witness or are involved in an accident. Call **Larry "Bear" Stotts at 847-997-8403** or email him at **Larry@motorcyclesafetylawyers.com** to find out more about ASM classes and how you can sign up.



Fifth, request an **MSL "Watch Out for Motorcycles" Bumper Sticker** and **"Do NOT Remove My Helmet" Sticker** by sending an email to **Brenae@motorcyclesafetylawyers.com**. You will also find these valuable items tucked into the **MSL FREE Swag** that is available at all **MSL events!**



Upcoming Events

July

July 9: [Peotone Motorcycle Swap Meet & Bike Rodeo](#), Will County Fairgrounds, 710 S. West Rd., Peotone, IL 60468. 10:00am – 4:00pm.

July 13-16: [Harley-Davidson Homecoming 120th Anniversary](#), Festivals taking place at Veterans Park, H-D Museum, H-D Powertrain Operations, and concluding with an Epic Motorcycle Parade. Milwaukee, WI.

July 22: [LAMA Elgin, IL 8th Anniversary Party](#), taking place at 820 N. Liberty St., Elgin, IL. 7:00pm – 12am.

July 23: [Walneck's](#) Motorcycle Swap Meet, at the Morgan Co. Fairgrounds, 1749 Hospital Rd., Martinsville, IN 46151. State Rd. and Hospital Rd. 21 miles S. of I-465 by Indianapolis. Turn Rt. In Martinsville – Fairgrounds is 400 ft. on your left. 8:00am – 2:00pm.

August

August 4-13: [Sturgis Motorcycle Rally](#), Sturgis, South Dakota.

August 5: [School's Out Chopper Show](#), 11am-3pm. Crossroads At The Buffalo Chip

August 8: [Biker Belles Women's Bike Show](#), 11am-4:00pm. Crossroads At The Buffalo Chip

August 9: [Evo Entanglement Bike Show](#), 11am-4pm. Crossroads At The Buffalo Chip

August 6: [Walneck's](#) Motorcycle Swap Meet, in Springfield, OH. 20 miles east of Dayton. Three connected buildings. 4401 S. Charleston Pike (Exit Mile Marker 59), Springfield, OH 45502 8:00am – 2:00pm.

August 7: [Motorcycle Mondays](#) – O'Donovan's, 2100 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL. 6pm-9pm

August 13: [Walneck's](#) Motorcycle Swap Meet, in Shepherdsville, KY. A few miles South of Louisville to Bullitt County Fairgrounds, 964 Clermont Rd, Exit 112 (Rt 245) off I-65, Shepherdsville, KY 40165. 8:00am – 2:00pm.

August 16: [Pints & Pistons](#) – Montrose Saloon, 2933 W. Montrose Ave, Chicago. 6pm-10pm

August 19: [4th Annual Legion Riders and BTB Northern Illinois Vets and First Responders Motorcycle Rally](#), registration from 8:00-10:15 at Elgin American Legion Post #57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street, Elgin IL 60120. Kickstands up at 10:30 am, after party from 12:00-3:00 at American Legion Post #57.

August 20: [Walneck's](#) Motorcycle Swap Meet, Woodstock, IL at the McHenry Co. Fairgrounds, 11900 Country Club Rd., Woodstock, IL. 8:00am – 2:00pm.

August 26: [Bricks of Hope Ride for Kids](#), registration from 9:00-10:00 at Woodstock Harley-Davidson. Kickstands up at 10:30 am, after party from 12:00-3:00 at Niko's Grill & Pub 7509 S. Grant Hwy, Marengo, IL 60152.



**4th Annual American Legion Riders
Back the Blue Northern Illinois Veterans
and First Responders Motorcycle Rally**
Saturday, August 19, 2023
Elgin American Legion Post #57
820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL 60120



Cost: \$20 per Rider, \$10 for passenger
includes: Door Prize Ticket
Registration 8:00 -10:15 am KSU at 10:30 - Escorted Ride
50/50 Raffle, Gift Baskets, Food, Drinks, Door Prizes,
The Wind Gypsies playing from 12:00 to 3:00PM
Proceeds go to support Veterans and First Responders

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Bricks of Hope Ride for Kids!



Join the 1st Annual Bricks of Hope Ride for Kids! on August 26th in Woodstock, IL to help build hope in sick kids during their hospital stays with the gift of LEGO®!
Registration 9am-10am (Woodstock HD) | KSU 10:30am
After-Ride Party 12pm-3pm (Niko's Grill & Pub in Marengo, IL)



Led by the PONO Lady Riders



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Scan the QR code to learn more about the event, register, or sponsor!

