



# Press Release

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## **ABATE of PA Motorcyclist Rights Rally Harrisburg, PA – Monday, May 19 31 Years Protecting Motorcyclists' Rights**

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) will hold its 31st Annual Motorcyclist Rights Rally on Monday, May 19, at 1:00 pm, at the state capitol in Harrisburg. The event will kick off the 2008 riding season with a proclamation by the governor, designating May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

Addressing the hundreds of motorcyclists from across the state will be Kevin Snyder, State Coordinator of ABATE of PA. Mr. Snyder is a long-time advocate for motorcyclists' rights and safety. He will be speaking on the legislative challenges facing PA's motorcyclists in 2008, one of which includes a proposal to reinstate a mandatory helmet requirement for ALL Pennsylvania motorcyclists. Supporting Mr. Snyder will be Assistant State Coordinator, Mark Schultz, and ABATE's Legislative Coordinator, Tom Christofes.

Also attending the Rally will be elected members of the PA House and Senate, along with speakers on motorcycle safety and freedom of choice. Invited guests include Governor Ed Rendell, Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll, and members of the Pennsylvania House and Senate. Special Recognition will be given to those members of the PA House and Senate that are active motorcyclists.

Representative Harry Readshaw will be giving an update on his Readshaw's Raiders project, and thanking ABATE for its continued support of the Ride to Gettysburg. To date, ABATE has raised \$65,000 for the restoration of Gettysburg's monuments, and the Historic Daniel Lady Farm.

Following the introduction of speakers will be the presentation of ABATE of PA's prestigious Clarence D. Bell Scholarship awards. The recipients of the awards are selected based on essays and good standing in ABATE of PA. The scholarships are given in the late Senator's honor to keep his memory alive and to encourage our younger members to further their education.

The Rights Rally is a Rain Or Shine event. All motorcyclists are invited and encouraged to participate!

A commemorative patch will be given to the first 1,000 bikers on Rally Day.

For information on ABATE of PA or the Rights Rally, visit [www.abatepa.org](http://www.abatepa.org), or call 717-731-8955.

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*A.B.A.T.E. is the "Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education". It is an organization of motorcyclists dedicated to the protection of the individual rights of motorcyclists through political change, public education, and charitable works. ABATE is active in the elimination of unfair legislation as it concerns motorcyclists; promoting motorcycle safety through both motorist and rider education; and improving the image of motorcyclists to the general public.*

*ABATE's goal and purpose is to keep motorcyclists, members, and the public informed, to promote safe riding habits, and to encourage favorable legislation for motorcyclists. This is accomplished through a monthly newsletter, e-mail alerts, safety & education programs, working with the state and federal legislators, and voter registration promotion.*

*Since 1983, A.B.A.T.E. has represented the interests of motorcyclists riding Pennsylvania's roads. Through a variety of programs, A.B.A.T.E. is working to protect and preserve the rights of over 800,000 licensed motorcyclists.*