

# Tell Us What You Think!

Every two years, the AMA's Government Relations Department surveys the Association's members to assist in establishing government relations policies and priorities. Last month, we surveyed members on off-highway issues. This month, we're asking road riders to share their views about highway issues. Knowing how you ride and what you consider important in motorcycling enables us to do a better job of setting AMA government relations priorities. We hope you'll take a few minutes to complete and return this survey by August 31. (If you don't want to deface your copy of American Motorcyclist, feel free to make a photocopy of the survey.)

1. Please enter five-digit ZIP code here:

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1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5

2. What is your age?

\_\_\_\_\_  
2.1

3. What is the last grade or class you completed in school?

(Check one box below.)

- 3.1  Grade 8 or less  
3.2  Some high school  
3.3  High school graduate  
3.4  Some college  
3.5  College graduate  
3.6  Post graduate

4. What was your total household income last year?

(Check one box below.)

- 4.1  Under \$20,000  
4.2  \$20,000-\$24,999  
4.3  \$25,000-\$34,999  
4.4  \$35,000-\$49,999  
4.5  \$50,000-\$74,999  
4.6  \$75,000-\$99,999  
4.7  More than \$100,000

5. How many of the following motorized vehicles do you currently own?

- 5.1  Street motorcycles  
5.2  Off-highway motorcycles  
5.3  ATVs  
5.4  Dual-sport motorcycles

6. How many street miles did you ride in the last 12 months?

- 6.1  0 - 1,999  
6.2  2,000 - 4,999  
6.3  5,000 - 9,999  
6.4  10,000 - 14,999  
6.5  15,000 or more

7. In the column on the left below, check the displacement of the street motorcycle you ride the most. (Check one only.)

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| 7.1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 349cc         | <input type="checkbox"/> 8.1 |
| 7.2 <input type="checkbox"/> 350 - 449cc       | <input type="checkbox"/> 8.2 |
| 7.3 <input type="checkbox"/> 450 - 649cc       | <input type="checkbox"/> 8.3 |
| 7.4 <input type="checkbox"/> 650 - 749cc       | <input type="checkbox"/> 8.4 |
| 7.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 750 - 899cc       | <input type="checkbox"/> 8.5 |
| 7.6 <input type="checkbox"/> 900 - 999cc       | <input type="checkbox"/> 8.6 |
| 7.7 <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000 - 1,300cc   | <input type="checkbox"/> 8.7 |
| 7.8 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 1,300cc | <input type="checkbox"/> 8.8 |

8. In question 7 above, in the column at the right, indicate the displacement of the next bike you plan to buy as your main street or road bike.

9. If your state doesn't require you to wear a helmet, please check the answer that accurately describes how often you wear a helmet. (If your state requires you to wear a helmet, go on to question 10.)

- 9.1  100% of the time  
9.2  More than 90% of the time  
9.3  75% to 90% of the time

9.4  50% to 74% of the time

9.5  25% to 49% of the time

9.6  0% to 24% of the time

10. What percentage of your total riding does each of the following activities represent? (Your answers should total 100%)

- 10.1  % Commuting less than 50 miles per round trip  
10.2  % Commuting more than 50 miles per round trip  
10.3  % Pleasure riding, less than 50 miles per round trip  
10.4  % Pleasure riding, more than 50 miles per round trip  
10.5  % Organized events such as tours, poker runs, etc.  
10.6  % Long distance, touring 100 miles or more

11. What is an acceptable annual fee (distributed across motorcycle registration, operator license/permit fees and operator license renewals) to fund rider education in your state? (Check one only.)

- 11.1  \$0  
11.2  \$1 - \$3  
11.3  \$4 - \$6  
11.4  \$7 - \$10  
11.5  \$11 - \$20

12. Check the box for each response that applies to you:

- 12.1  I have completed the MSF "Riding and Street Skills" or "Basic RiderCourse"  
12.2  I have completed the MSF "Experienced RiderCourse"  
12.3  I have other formal rider training  
12.4  I have no formal rider training

13. Check all of the advocacy activities in which you participated during the past year.

- 13.1  Testified at a public hearing  
13.2  Attended a public hearing but did not testify  
13.3  Sent a letter to a politician or a government agency  
13.4  Made a phone call to a politician or government agency  
13.5  Wrote a letter to an editor or otherwise commented through the press  
13.6  Used e-mail to communicate with other riders or to send messages to a politician or a government agency  
13.7  Participated in party politics or a campaign  
13.8  Did not participate in any of these activities

14. Other than your AMA membership, which of the following motorcycle groups do you support or belong to? (Check all that apply.)

- 14.1  "Marque Club" (BMWMOA, H.O.G., GWRRA, etc.)  
14.2  ABATE \_\_\_\_\_ (which state?)  
14.3  Politically active state organizations  
14.4  AMA-chartered club or district  
14.5  Attorney-sponsored rider group (NCOM, AIM, etc.)  
14.6  Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)

15. How do you feel about mandatory helmet laws for all riders? (Check one only.)

- 15.1  Strongly favor  
15.2  Favor  
15.3  No opinion  
15.4  Oppose  
15.5  Strongly oppose

16. How do you feel about the allocation of AMA resources to preserve voluntary helmet use for adult motorcyclists?

- 16.1  Strongly favor  
16.2  Favor  
16.3  No opinion  
16.4  Oppose  
16.5  Strongly oppose

17. How do you feel about incorporating economic conditions, such as requirements for additional insurance, into laws that would permit voluntary helmet use for adult riders? (Check one only.)

- 17.1  Strongly favor  
17.2  Favor  
17.3  No opinion  
17.4  Oppose  
17.5  Strongly oppose

18. Of the following issues, check the box on the left of the one you feel was the most important issue that motorcyclists faced over the last two years. (Check one only.)

- 18.1  Inadequate sentences in serious traffic crashes  19.1  
18.2  State mandatory helmet laws  19.2  
18.3  Local threats to privately owned OHV riding areas  19.3  
18.4  Global harmonization of manufacturing and safety standards  19.4  
18.5  Excessive motorcycle noise  19.5  
18.6  Motorcycle insurance cancellations/premium increases  19.6  
18.7  Health-insurance benefits discrimination  19.7  
18.8  Supporting rider education  19.8  
18.9  EPA emissions regulations  19.9

19. In question 18 above, please check the box to the right for each issue with which you are not familiar.

20. Of the following issues, check the box on the left of the one on which you think the AMA spent the most time. (Check one only.)

- 20.1  Inadequate sentences in serious traffic crashes  21.1  
20.2  State mandatory helmet laws  21.2  
20.3  Local threats to privately owned OHV riding areas  21.3  
20.4  Global harmonization of manufacturing and safety standards  21.4  
20.5  Excessive motorcycle noise  21.5  
20.6  Motorcycle insurance cancellations/premium increases  21.6  
20.7  Health-insurance benefits discrimination  21.7  
20.8  Supporting rider education  21.8  
20.9  EPA emissions regulations  21.9

21. In question 20 above, please check the box to the right for the one issue on which you feel the AMA should have spent the most time. (Check one only.)

22. Would you support mandatory rider education for:

- YES NO  
22.1   22.2 All first-time applicants regardless of age  
22.3   22.4 Riders under age 18  
22.5   22.6 Riders under age 21  
22.7   22.8 All riders  
22.9   22.9 I don't support mandatory rider education

23. Do you believe that excessive motorcycle noise creates a problem for motorcycling? (Check one only.)

- 23.1  Yes  
23.2  No  
23.3  Don't know/no opinion

24. Which of the following terms best describes your opinion of the AMA's Government Relations Department? (Check one only.)

- 24.1  Highly effective  
24.2  Moderately effective  
24.3  Not very effective  
24.4  Ineffective

25. What is your party affiliation? (Check one.)

- 25.1  Democrat  
25.2  Republican  
25.3  Independent  
25.4  Other  
25.5  Not registered to vote

26. How do you feel about the following statement: "Drinking and riding is a major problem facing motorcyclists today." (Check one only.)

- 26.1  Strongly agree  
26.2  Somewhat agree  
26.3  Neither agree nor disagree  
26.4  Somewhat disagree  
26.5  Strongly disagree  
26.6  No opinion

27. How often have you ridden within two hours of drinking any alcohol in the last 30 days? (Check one only.)

- 27.1  Never  
27.2  1 - 2 times  
27.3  3 - 4 times  
27.4  5 or more times  
27.5  Don't drink and ride

28. If you drink, where did you drink on the last occasion before riding your motorcycle?

- 28.1  Restaurant/tavern/bar  
28.2  Motorcycling event/rally/meeting  
28.3  Home  
28.4  Someone else's home/party  
28.5  Other \_\_\_\_\_

29. Have you ever prevented a friend from riding if you believed it was unsafe for him/her to ride after drinking?

- 29.1  Yes  
29.2  No  
If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_ 29.3

30. What are the best methods for reducing alcohol-related crashes?

(Check all that apply.)

- 30.1  Brochures and similar materials to educate motorcyclists  
30.2  Policies to limit alcohol service at meetings, events, rallies, etc  
30.3  Peer intervention training  
30.4  Rider education and training courses  
30.5  Articles in national motorcycling publications  
30.6  Television/radio public service announcements  
30.7  Programs that safely transport both the rider and bike home  
30.8  Increased law enforcement  
30.9  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Completed surveys should be mailed to:

American Motorcyclist Association, Attn: Highway Survey  
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Pickerington, OH 43147

Optional

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