



**MONTANA STATE SENATE  
2005 LEGISLATURE**

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**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

DATE Feb 2-2005 BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY SB 293  
SB 131

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NAME	PHONE	REPRESENTING	BILL #	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Rich Clowson	406-2079	Self	293	✓	
John Maxness	442-2190	MATA	293		✓
BARBARA BROBERG	949-8800	MONTANA WOMEN INVOLVED IN FARM ECONOMICS	293	x	
Bob Gilbert	439-1939	M.A.T.A.	293		x
Barbara Rant	442-2405	Mt. Chamber	293		x
Myma Jamison	442-5581	GM	293	✓	
Chris Christiansen	868-6906	MCFLU	293 & 131	✓	
Nancy Schweg	570-4105	Montana Farm Bureau	293-131	✓	
Tom Edzevy	441-7531	EXXONMOBIL	293		x
CHRIS DOBBS	307 638 0067	EXXONMOBIL	293		x
KEITH SCHOTT	406-867-2242	MCGA	131	x	
ALEX SMITH	838-3318	MCGA	131	x	
Jim Brown	891-2042	DLI	131		
DEREK GOLDMAN	370-6491	Self	131	✓	

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NAME	PHONE	REPRESENTING	BILL #	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
HAROLD OLSON	278-3700	PONDERA E.D.C.	293 & 131	✓	
Ken Wheeler Jr	279-3484	Pondera E.D.C.	131 & 293	✓	
Mike Araban	850-2440	ConocoPhillips Transportation	293		✓
DAN HUSTIS	453-2137	AGRI TECH	293	✓	
Rochiel Edwards	390-1637	MAGA	293	✓	
KEITH SCHOTT	467-2242	MAGA	293	✓	
DON FAST	367-9321	MWABC	293	✓	EXPERIMENTATION
Ken Michel	627-2346	Self	293	✓	
DAN KIDA	378-3129	SELF			
TONY ZINNE	568-2506	MAGA	293	✓	
TIM BARDCOCK	449-7261	AGRICULTURE	293	✓	
Mike Ferguson	250-5912	ADPA	293		X
TOM WROBEL	799-5300	EAA	293		X
ALEX SMITH	538-3318	MAGA	293	✓	
Bret Conover	667-2185	MAGA	293	✓	
Courtney Herzog	663-2247	MAGA	293	✓	
NEIL SALMI	266-5400	MAAA	293		X
LANCE PEARMAN	442-8459	EAA - SGFC	293		X
Bob Hamm	891-1374	Self	293		X
Jon Stoner	265-2193	MAGA			
Chris Bergant	721-6763	self			
Art Green	444-6754	DLO	131	✓	

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Jerry Spencer	442-3434	Intelligent Funding	293	✓	
Mike Allen	594-5119	EPAC	293	✓	
Mike Allen	594-2114	EPAC	131	✓	
Don Brasford	586-7272	BRASFORD ENGINEERING	293	✓	
Gail Abbricrombie	442-7582	MT Petroleum Ass'n	293		✓
Lou Moore	811-5280	MT DEQ	131/293	✓	
Matt Flickner	388-4931	MCGA	131/293	✓	
Bob Johnson		MCGA	131/293	✓	
Charles Elged	494-4836		293		✓
SHUCK FLYNN	457-9179	CAA	239		✓
Kanna Alexander	440-4133	MT Petroleum Assoc.	293		X
Robert Suckby	761-4100	Mont. Refining Co	293		X
Richard Owen	761-4596	MT Grain Growers	293	✓	✓
Jim Lewis	350-9739	Myself - Mt. Flying Falls	293	✓	✓
Joe Roberts	442-8891	Mt. Pilots Ass'n	293	amend	

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January 24, 2005

The Honorable Sen. Gerald Pease  
Senate Highways & Transportation Committee  
PO Box 200500  
Helena, MT 59620-0500

Dear Senator Pease:

I am writing to you today in regard to Senate Bill No. ~~292~~<sup>293</sup> regarding the proposal to add ethanol to 100% of motor vehicle gasoline sold in Montana by July 1, 2007.

My company holds Supplemental Type Certificates (STC) issued by the FAA for the use of automotive fuel in General Aviation airplanes. Unfortunately, fuel containing ethanol is not approved for use under the STC's. There are many technical reasons for this, but depending on the way the legislation is written, it need not be a safety issue for Montana pilots.

My database of STC's sold shows that there are 419 airplanes in Montana which have an auto fuel STC from my company. There will also be a substantial number of other Montana based airplanes using STC's sold by the EAA and a number of homebuilts which also use automotive gasoline. No doubt some of these airplanes have since been sold out of state but regardless, there are large numbers of Montana pilots currently using automotive gasoline in their airplanes. Removing this source of fuel will create a hardship for them given the price of the aviation fuel that they would be forced to use if ethanol is placed in 100% of the automotive fuel in your state.

I applaud the inclusion of Section 2, Paragraph 2 which allows an exemption for use in aircraft. This exemption does not go quite far enough however. Providing a means for aircraft owners to actually obtain that fuel is also necessary. Creating an exemption such as this is a start but it will not assure a ready supply of non-ethanol fuel in and of itself.

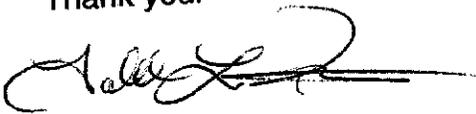
Very few individuals are able to purchase fuel in bulk for their airplanes. Most airports prefer to sell aviation fuel because their profit margin is so very much higher. Obtaining a supply of non ethanol fuel is therefore problematic for most pilots. So as not to eliminate this source of fuel it is important that individuals be able to obtain fuel

from any standard service station. If it were possible to exempt one grade of automotive fuel from the ethanol requirement, then the problem would be solved. In the case of aircraft, if the 91 octane fuel sold in Montana could be exempt, then all of the airplanes that are approved by the FAA to use automotive fuel could safely do so simply by purchasing this premium grade. Without a provision such as this it will be next to impossible for aircraft owners to obtain non-ethanol fuel in your state unless they have enough storage to meet the distributors minimums and of course very few individuals do.

I would also encourage you to include verbiage in this legislation that will require fuel pumps to be labeled in respect to fuel containing ethanol. This simple provision would greatly reduce the risk of introducing ethanol based fuel into an airplane or any other machine that is not suited for it.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Bill 144. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you.



Todd L. Petersen  
President

Montana Farmers Union supports SB131 and thanks Senator Black for bringing this bill to you that will restrict the use of MTBE as a gasoline additive. Because MTBE can contaminate water and prohibiting its use will lower costs for remediation that can occur with MTBE.

There have been results reported in California that refining costs using ethanol blended gasoline have dropped 3 cents less on average on average than gas blended with MTBE. The cost reductions come about as a result of ethanol blend needing less hydrocarbons per gallon produced than the other alternatives. A ban on the use of MTBE in fuel will have Montana join 20 states including New York and California that have banned it from being used as a octane enhancer in fuel. At the moment at least 6 other states are also dealing with legislation that will do th4e same. These include Delaware, Mississippi, New Jersey, Pennsylvania , Vermont and Rhode Island. The majority of states require the passing out of the use of MTBE.

All of these states report that the phase out is intended to assure clean fuel is produced and used in the sate. This will assure that Montana cities maintain air quality standards.

For these and the other reasons others have so eloquently shared with you, we urge you to support this bill. Thanks for your attention.

*"Chris" Christensen*

## Study finds more deaths, injuries linked to ATVs

WASHINGTON (AP) — More people than ever are being killed and injured on all-terrain vehicles as the number of riders increases, according to government statistics.

New estimates from the Consumer Product Safety Commission show that 621 people were killed in 2002, the most ever. Figures for 2003 are incomplete.

The report, posted late Wednesday on the agency's Web site, also estimates that 125,500 people suffered injuries serious enough to send them to emergency rooms in 2003, a 10 percent jump from the previous year.

Safety groups seized on the data as evidence not enough is being done to promote ATV safety, particularly among children. About one-third of the dead and injured since 1982 have been children under 16.

"Young children don't have the cognitive skills, size or strength to safely drive these vehicles," said Dr. Jeffrey Upperman, a pediatric trauma surgeon at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



**MONTANA TRAIL VEHICLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
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Sunday, January 30, 2005

Senate Highways & Transportation Committee:  
Senator Rick Laible, Sponsor

re. SB 194

Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association has played an integral part in the development and implementation of Montana's OHV Safety Education Program. MTVRA also helped create and co-sponsor the "Stay on the Right Trail" program and the nations first OHV youth curriculum.

Safety does matter to our organization and we support the proposed requirements in SB 194 for the operation of quadricycles by minors 15 and under. OHV operators have the option of taking either an eight-hour safety education class or a home study class available in hard copy from Fish, Wildlife & Parks or from their web page.

We ask that you reconsider including the language as proposed in the draft (#4 c) referring to a 'rider under 15 years of age' accompanied by a licensed driver. With over 33,000+ OHVs registered in 2004, OHV recreation is currently the fastest growing family sport. MTVRA encourages you to put Montana in the forefront for safety by requiring children to ride under the supervision of a licensed operator.

We thank you for your consideration of our requests and appreciate your willingness to work with MTVRA and recreationists across Montana to keep our children safe.

Joyce Thompson  
President, MTVRA

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WIFE supports SB 293  
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