

## **AMA Chartered Club (CC) vs. Motorcycle Club (MC)**

The founders contacted ABATE Indiana back in 2008 when they were trying to decide if they wanted to become an official Motorcycle Club (MC). MC's are a very special group of riders. They have their own code of ethics and by-laws. The Iron Knights respect MC's, and do not want to offend them in any way. After discussing MC's with ABATE of Indiana, the Indiana Motorcycle Association, AMA, and "attempting" to contact the local chapter of Sons of Silence, they decided not to become an official MC.

The Iron Knights are officially an AMA Social Charter, or Chartered Club (#2839). This is prominent on our website, and any printed materials that are distributed.

The Iron Knights all current members of AMA and most wear an AMA pin(s)/patch on their vest.

The founders modeled the 3-piece patch (not colors) after the local Yamaha Star Club, and several other motorcycle groups around the area. They attempted to create several one and two patch versions, but none made it to the final round. Iron Knights is on the top rocker, the motorcycle/horse emblem is the center patch, and the charter "town" is the bottom rocker, not the "state" as MC's do.

Iron Knights do not we wear an MC square patch on their vest, or anywhere else.

Iron Knights are not 1%'ers, nor do we wear a 1% patch on their vest, or anywhere else.

Iron Knights do not "earn" their patches as they do in an MC. They purchase them when they become members. No prospect period is required.

Iron Knights allow women to become full members.

Most Iron Knights ride metrics.

So, should you be concerned about MC's? If you are smart and don't put yourself in a bad/stupid situation, you should be fine. But we can't promise anything. Nor can anyone else. We simply recommend that if you ever are confronted by a MC member, show them respect, keep your cool, do not intimidate them, and give up your patch if needed.