



Biography of Tom Umphress Vice Chair, Board of Directors American Motorcyclist Association

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Tom Umphress currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), the nation's largest and most influential motorcycling advocacy organization with over 215,000 members. In this role, he also serves on the Executive Committee and chairs the Rights and Advocacy Committee, where he provides leadership on legislative and regulatory issues impacting motorcyclists nationwide.

In addition to his AMA responsibilities, Mr. Umphress is the Government Relations Officer for the Amateur Riders Motorcycle Association (ARMA), District 23 of the AMA, in Minnesota. In this capacity, he works directly with riders, local clubs, and policymakers to promote fair access, responsible riding, and the protection of motorcycling opportunities on public and private lands.

Mr. Umphress has been a dedicated advocate for motorcyclists' rights for many years, leading efforts to engage with federal, state, and local officials on issues including land use, public access, environmental stewardship, and vehicle parity. His work emphasizes collaboration between riders and land managers to ensure that policies affecting motorcycles are equitable, practical, and supportive of responsible recreation.

Beyond his leadership roles, Mr. Umphress is an active rider himself and deeply believes in the value of motorcycling as a way for Americans to connect with the outdoors. He has testified and helped author many state level statutes related to motorcycling, as well as their unique ability to give riders an immersive experience of America's public lands and recreation areas.

Through his service at both the national and grassroots levels, Mr. Umphress has built a reputation as a respected voice for the motorcycling community. His testimony before the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 18, 2025, reflects his ongoing commitment to ensuring fair treatment of motorcyclists and expanding access to America's treasured federal lands as the nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary.