

# FREEDOM” WHERE HAS IT GONE?



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Growing up as an American, I always knew America was unique because it was free. But today I am watching the freedoms we have slip away little by little. For 241 years, our country has been built on freedom. As I look at where our country is headed today, I believe there are some in this country who have an agenda to take away our freedoms. This is about America. It's who we are. What we stand for. It's about freedom.

We have seen great strides in this country for equality. The premise that all people are created equal is a fact that I believe our Founding Fathers believed in wholeheartedly. There have been people and certain groups who have attempted to usurp that. The passing of certain

laws to hinder the freedoms of people can be documented in every corner of this nation. One must also acknowledge that under it all, those laws crumbled when faced with the Constitution and freedom.

I have been doing an in-depth study of our Constitutional Amendments recently. I am not surprised that those in authority have done their best to whittle away at the very freedoms they have sworn an oath to support and defend. It seems to me that the only Amendment that has not been diminished by legislation is the third amendment. That's the one about quartering soldiers.

I've spoken to many of our younger generation about freedom and liberty. Some are concerned about the loss of freedom and others are resigned to the idea that there is nothing that can be done about it. It saddens me to think that we, as Americans, are losing the will to fight for freedom. In the news we see groups saying they are protesting against fascism. I want you to flip those ideas on its ear. By the very definition, protesting is to express an objection to what someone has said or done. I believe that we ought to stop reacting to things and that we must be proactive to the agenda to limit freedom. Don't be labeled as being against something, but be known for standing FOR freedom.

ABATE once stood for American Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. I have stated before that I like that acronym. While we may have evolved into A Brotherhood Aimed

Toward Education, we must not forget the beginnings of our fight for freedom. The fight against tyranny. The fight against those who want to limit our freedom. We must take the fight to them. We must stay AIMED.

You may ask yourself "how can I do that?" There are many ways. And I don't mean by physically fighting. We must be smarter than those we oppose. We must be more vigilant than them.

I have sent out several emails giving everyone an opportunity to be a part of the fight. Sending an email to your Congressional Representative is an excellent way to be a part of the fight for freedom.

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Socialist.  
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.  
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.*

Those words were penned by Martin Niemöller. Where will you be when they come for your freedoms?

Ride free and be good to one another.  
Mike

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EAST VALLEY CHAPTER meetings are held the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) 1712 W. Broadway Road, Mesa AZ 85202  
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High Country Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday at 10 a.m. at The Moose Lodge in Star Valley. Contact: azoutlaw66@hotmail.com

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Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020.  
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6888 N De Chelly Loop Tucson, AZ 85741

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The Southern Arizona Chapter will meet the third Saturday of the month. We will gather at the Kettle Restaurant meeting room, 748 W Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85713. Meeting time is 10AM October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim Butsback (520)247-3051 or abateofazsac@yahoo.com

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465 E Lianna Dr. Chino Valley, AZ 86323

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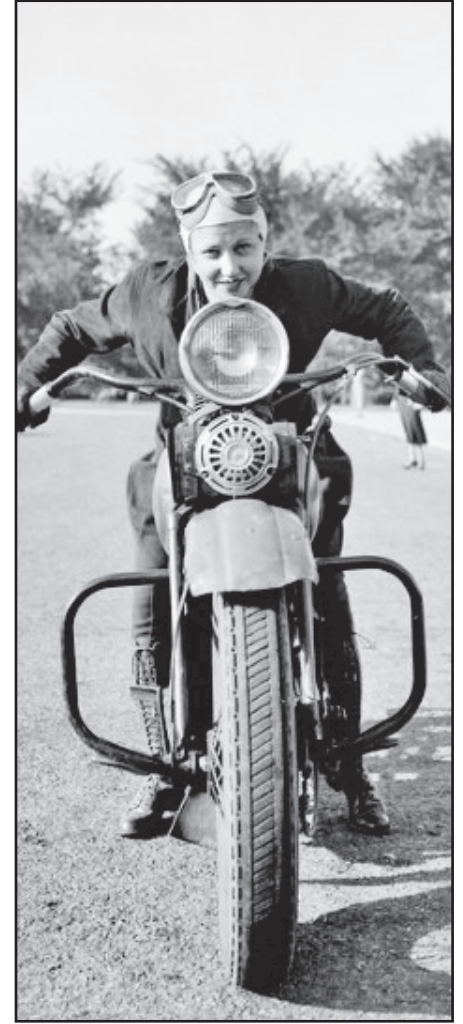
Yavapai Chapter meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave / 928-776-1125. For more information, please contact Dan Tumey @ 928-308-9911 or ycabateaz@gmail.com. See us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz/.

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11316 S. Glenwood Ave. Yuma, AZ 85367

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 Membership.....Carla Schmidt  
 Run Coordinator.....Jerry Allison  
 Safety Coordinator.....Ray "PeeWee" Grier  
 Sgt. At Arms.....Frank White  
 P.A.C.....Gilbert Hernandez  
 Communications.....David "Pastor D" Litts  
 Merchandise.....Lisala White

Yuma Chapter meets the second Tuesday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the pm. The next meeting will be held at the Omega restaurant located at 711 E 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ. For additional information contact Frank White (Hound) at 209-327-0814.



### EDITOR'S NOTE:

If any of the Officers are listed here incorrectly, please send corrections to: **TheMasterlink@abateofaz.org**  
 I will be sure everything is accurate for the next Issue and on the web site.

## Meeting of the Minds 2017

By Gynni Giebel

As I arrived to the hotel Doubletree in Williamsburg, VA with Jim Butsback, Mike Infanzon, and Mary K. Donnay. I was greeted by Anissa Thorpe-Huntington (Dragonfly) and Darron Lee Radar Huntington (Radar).

After checking in I headed over to the Hospitality Suite which was hosted by Virginia Bikers Association & Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists. It was great seeing so many familiar faces from last years conference. Kind of makes you feel at peace. Shortly after arriving it was time to gather in the Auditorium for Meet the Board/Meet the States @ 7:00.

After introducing the MRF Board. The States each got up and announced what they have accomplished in the last year. The Bills that had been passed and bills still waiting. They also announced their agendas. It was very informational.

Friday morning started at 9:00am with a General Session, Where they had Presentation of the Colors. It was a Beautiful ceremony and I'm so glad that I was able to be there for it. They then gave the MRF Financial Report with Frank Carbone - MRF Treasurer. MRF Legislative Update with Megan Ekstrom - MRF VP of Government Affairs. Her main topics were Motorcycle Profiling, AutoCycles - (Make sure our State knows Federal Government wants them separated from Motorcycle Statistics). The RPM Act - (Clarifies that modifying Motorcycles is okay obstacle need Senate Demo to support it. Ethanol - 17

bills introduced not sure if they will go anywhere. Keep pressure on EPA... Motorcyclist Advisory Council - (Make sure MAC are on the council). 1 seat AMA belongs to Mike Sayer. Need as many Bikers to join and come to hearing in Washington DC. Driverless Cars - (Requirement that they can identify a motorcycle) DOT updated guidance (make sure to send letters). Senate Motorcycle Caucus - (Make sure we get Senate to join). Her closing comment.

"YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO, NOT WHAT YOU SAY YOU'LL DO"

Then the Presentation of Federal & State Legislative Awards were given with Arizona receiving 2. 1 for SUSTAINING MOTORCYCLE CLUBS WITH THE MRF MEMBERSHIP. And for SB1082 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

FUND.

Presentation of the Young Activist Scholarship. Presentation of MRF Champions & PAC Awards "Fact or Fiction".

Then off to my first Breakout Session: ABATE of Wisconsin's Membership Retention Program: How to keep them from riding away with Marlene Bauch. Very informational session. To keep more members you have to Understand all members (We have to make it a PRI-

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### Mission Statement

We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

### FREEDOM.

We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goal.

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## President's Report



By Jim Butsback

Wow what an amazing last month or so this has been for ABATE of Arizona. I was privileged to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's annual conference "MEETING OF THE MINDS" which was held in Williamsburg, VA with some of the most dedicated and hard working volunteers from ABATE of Arizona along with motorcycle rights activists from around the country. It was a very educational conference and being together with all these folks from around the country and hearing about all the great work being done on behalf of motorcyclist has helped to reinvigorate me and some of the other folks who attended from Arizona. There were seven members in the group representing ABATE of Arizona along with a couple representing the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona. Arizona made a strong showing and it was very gratifying to see that we are getting noticed on a national level for all the

work we are doing on your behalf here in Arizona.

I would like to congratulate the Virginia Bikers Association and the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists for hosting this great event and to all of their members for volunteering and making this a most memorable conference.

As many of you may already know, ABATE of Arizona has agreed to join with ABATE of Colorado, ABATE of Utah and the Nevada Soldiers for Jesus MC to host the 34th Annual "MEETING OF THE MINDS". This event will be held in Denver, CO. next September 20th thru 23, 2018, at the Renaissance Denver Hotel. We have agreed to work with these other organizations in order to bring this very important conference to the western part of the country so that more motorcyclists in the western states could participate. With Denver close enough to ride to and if participants share accommodations, the cost to attend this event will be much more reasonable. I ask all members of ABATE of Arizona to mark your calendars and plan on attending the MOTM next year. As one of the host organizations we will also need volunteers to work this event and to help with planning and organization. Look for more information after the first of the year.

You will also notice that our Chapters have been very busy as of late. They have been working hard hosting events and runs and promoting ABATE around the state. The East Valley Chapter held their Annual HARD ASS RUN which was a tremendous success. They covered hundreds of miles of our beautiful state and everyone had a great time. I am sure that our editor will include many photos here

in the Masterlink.

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter had their MOON MULLINS RUN which was a fun event held at night and great ride by the dark of the moon. I hope many of you got to attend these rides. Again I am sure many photos will be shared.

Our Northern Chapters also have events coming up as I write this. Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of Arizona is hosting the MOTORHEAD SWAP MEET to be held on October 14th in Prescott Valley. This will have been held by the time the Masterlink comes out but I hope it was as success. Yavapai Chapter has been working hard since they reestablished their Chapter.

High Country Chapter up in the Payson/Star Valley area had their 12th Annual CHILI COOK-OFF scheduled for October 21st! This event has been successful for that Chapter and I know everyone looks forward to it. Again I hope that they had a great turn out and everyone had a good time. I am sure we will see photos of the winners and those who attended.

Southern Arizona Chapter will be doing their Road-Clean up after their October meeting. They have been doing this for years and it shows the community that we support them through community service. SAC is also having a raffle to raise funds for their various motorcycle awareness projects and charities.

And our YUMA chapter is hosting a run on Saturday October 28th. This is Virginia's Memorial Charity Run to raise funds to benefit Hospice of Yuma. It is the honor of ABATE of Arizona, Yuma

Chapter member Virginia who was an Officer and valuable member of our organization who recently passed away. If you could attend and support this event, thank you. Please keep Virginia and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Wow like I said, it has been an amazing month or so, and that isn't even all of it. This past month we had our annual membership meeting on October 8th at the Arizona American Italian Club where our state office is located. This was held in conjunction with the state Board of Directors meeting. In keeping with the Board's process of rotating meeting locations to let the membership participate, it was held after the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meeting. Because of this, the Board of Directors voted to hold the membership meeting on the same day. Because of this the elections for State Officers, which is held at the annual membership meeting, was moved up from November when it has been traditionally held, to October.

The results of the election have been published on the web-site and on our state face book page. I am sure that they are also in this edition of the Masterlink. I wish to thank the membership of ABATE of Arizona for showing their confidence in me by re-electing me. I look to forward to continuing to serve you. I am excited by all that I see happening with ABATE of Arizona and the motorcycling community here in Arizona.

Until next month!! RIDE FREE!!

Jim

## Lobbyist Update

1. Arizona Motorcycle Voters Project. This is the ABATE owned 501c3 focused on getting motorcyclists registered to vote and assisting restoration of voting rights to those who need it. So far AzMVP has assisted 6 people in getting their voting rights restored. We are in discussions with a paralegal office to draft a form letter to submit when gun rights restoration is requested.

2. ABATE hosted the first Biker Town Hall. 47 were in attendance. Thank you to ALMA MC for showing up and supporting and for one of their members speaking out and asking great questions of the panelists. We are planning these around the state soon. I received several emails from the panelists thanking ABATE for hosting and that they learned a tremendous amount.

3. Motorcycle Day at the Dome has been scheduled for May 2. We requested a date in February but were told that none

were available. The Leg. Council stated that mid-April would be the earliest date available. We decided for May instead to get more publicity for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. The Governor has already been invited to attend and I am planning on inviting ALL 91 cities and towns in Arizona to be a part of it also.

This late in session date does not prohibit anyone from seeing their elected officials. In fact, I am in the process of trying to schedule "district" days where you can have a lunch with your state reps. Even on a Saturday.

4. Last month I reported that I had contacted a few US Representatives about co-sponsoring HR 318, the federal anti-profiling resolution. Glad to announce that Congresswoman Sinema has signed on as a cosponsor.

5. I had lunch with Representative

Jay Lawrence this past week to discuss a few items from ABATE's legislative agenda and the Representative's proposed bill ideas. He assured me that motorcyclists will not be impacted. Still monitoring.

6. We all had a great time at Meeting of the Minds in Virginia. Everyone who went took away a lot of good stuff from the breakout sessions and made some awesome contacts as well.

7. 2018 Legislative Agenda has been submitted to the Board of Directors and State Officers

8. Yarnell Hill area. Mining trucks. This is from Congressman Gosar's office: "My office plans on talking with the Department of the Interior (DOI), the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) next week to debrief on what this means in terms

of where we are at the moment"

9. The RPM Act of 2017 has been co-sponsored by BOTH of our US Senators. Win for Arizona! We still need more support on the House side.

10. Freedom is a team sport! Get in the game!!!

FYI. I have been playing email tag with so many over the past few months to schedule meetings, phone calls and events. I have a scheduler now to make it easy for anyone who needs to meet, speak or would like me to attend their event/meeting. To schedule appointments/calls, please use <https://calendly.com/infanzon>

Be good to one another.  
Mike

## November PAC Report

By JohnnyD

Hello all, welcome to November. This is the time of year when most parts of the country see leaves changing, cold rains coming, and people prepping their bikes for the winter. Here in Arizona, we are just relieved that the 100+ temperatures are generally gone. We do have some elections going on, mostly school bond overrides, city council elections, or municipal bond issues. We are also seeing people jockeying for position for the 2018 election season. Next year looks like

there will be many candidates for office as some state legislators are term limited and others are seeking higher office. Congressional District 9 is one to watch since Kyrsten Sinema is running in a primary for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Jeff Flake. There are others running as well. It is important that everyone vote in the upcoming election. Everyone should vote in every election. The United States has nearly the lowest participation rate of any other nation on earth. Arizona is a bit higher than the average state but we are still just above 50% participation.

When I think of the Revolutionary War, where people died to produce a republic that was run by democratically elected representatives, I think of how terrible the rule of a king or despot is on the people. Through the ages, people have suffered at the hands of unelected monarchs. At the end of World War II, many nations were saved from a tyrannical dictator by the sacrifices of brave people who died to keep people free. When I look at election results and see that barely half of all eligible voters are registered and only about half of those people vote, I feel like we

are spitting on the graves of those valiant warriors.

If you lost your voting rights, there is a way to get them restored. Every month except July and December, Community Legal Services sponsors set aside clinics. This November 15 there will be one at Ocotillo Library, 102 W Southern Ave, Phoenix, AZ, 85041, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. For more information you can email

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## Chapter Reports

### East Valley Chapter

The AZ riding season CRAZINESS has begun. While most states have the changing of the leaves we have the changing of the license plates. Be extra careful out there.

Since we last visited we have had some excitement.

On Saturday Sept 16th a group of us rode up to Thunder Valley Rally for the day to show support for our Yavapai Chapter at the ABATE booth. On the way home we got to learn a lesson in patience. There was a fire in the center medium so the road was narrowed down to a crawl. We ended up jumping on the emergency shoulder just long enough to get to the Sunset Point rest area, about 3 miles at a very slow speed. There we sat and enjoyed each other's company for about 2 hours chatting with other riders as the pulled in for a break. Finally we decided it was past time to get a move on home even if it meant riding down the emergency lane. Down the road just around the curve the lanes opened back up and we were on our way.

Joe ran the Sept 24th Chapter Meeting. Shorty busted me for not listing how much was missed out on for the Dollar Jar. So at the September chapter meeting the member number drawn was #49 Chuck Green who missed out on \$444 from the dollar jar. Better luck next time. Nolan won the 50/50 for \$12 then donated it back to the chapter.

Even with the oversight of being the same day as the ACMC meeting we had a good turn out. 64 people in total signed in. Thank you to everyone who chose to spend the day with us. The High card winner was Richard. Low card winner was "Lil Hoss". 50/50 winner was Will.

A big thank you to Evil Twin for letting us start the whole adventure at their shop. The adventure this year took us to Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson, then a jaunt thru Jerome to Barefoot Bob's Billiards in Prescott a hop, skip, and a jump to Grand Canyon Harley Davidson the home stretch brought us to Gypsy's Roadhouse all of these stops are current ABATE business members. A big thank you to all of our stops. We need to say a BIG THANK YOU to the ladies at Gypsy's Roadhouse who took care of all of us so excellently. That would be Sarah, Holly, Brittney, and Mama Gypsy. We couldn't have asked for a better group of ladies. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this happen.

BACA invited ABATE to have a booth on Oct. 7th during their event at the Steel Horse, so a handful of us combined with Phoenix Shadow Mountain Chapter spent a lovely afternoon chatting with people & hanging out with Troll who was right next to us. Thank you Square peg promos for getting us the new fancy TBFS save the date cards to hand out.

Then some of us decided to grace the Phoenix Shadow Mountain Moon Mullins ride with our presence. The shirts are

freakin awesome they glow in the dark. The ride was beautiful..

On Oct. 8th Phoenix Shadow Mountain Chapter hosted the State Officers elections and the Board of Directors meeting at the Arizona American Italian Club. Nolan can give his BOD report at our meeting.

So until next month, be safe out there. Enjoy the ride and as always keep it rubber side down.

Here's To Wind Knots in my Hair,  
Dawn P Steed  
EV Communications

### High Country Chapter

NO REPORT

### Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter

The Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter last met on Sunday October 8th at the AAIC. We covered a lot of information in a short amount of time to accommodate the 2018 State Officer elections, the State Officers meeting and Board of Directors meeting that followed. Most memorable were the Chapter report given by JohnnyD, our Chapter and State PAC officer, and the lobbyist report given by Michael Infanzon, ABATE of AZ Designated Lobbyist. Both gentlemen are members of the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter and routinely attend our meetings. Anyone interested in motorcyclist rights, and all matters affecting motorcyclists, should definitely be attending to keep informed. Each month they thoroughly address what is happening in Arizona and what's trending across the nation. They are very generous with their time and patiently answer questions from our Chapter members. Please join our Chapter meetings and witness why these men are respected within the Arizona motorcyclist community, as well as the halls of the State Capitol.

Final nominations for the 2018 Chapter Officer will be accepted at our November meeting before holding the vote. If you are interested in being an Officer for the Chapter please attend this meeting to let others know you're interested and to cast your votes for those nominated.

The 2017 Moon Mullins Run was a great success and we would like to thank everyone that attended to support the Chapter with their donations and joined in on the fun. Jeremy Kellim, our Chapter Run Coordinator, did a fantastic job organizing and leading this epic moonlight ride. If you missed it, please plan on joining us in 2018.

ABATE members will be attending RIOT ON THE RIVER, hosted by the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs, on November 3rd thru 5th in Winkelman, Arizona (Winkelman Gila River Park). Details and flyer available at azcmc.org. While you're there stop by the ABATE booth and say hello.

The Chapter is still developing a plan to hold Accident Scene Management Classes in early 2018. The plan is to offer a discount to ABATE members interested in first response training specific to injuries related to motorcycle accidents. Keep in touch and we'll announce additional details soon.

Here are a couple 2018 dates to put on your calendar. Get a head start by request the time off work now. Please plan to attend Opening Day at the Legislature on January 8th and Motorcycle day at the Dome on May 2nd. Both of these events are held at the Arizona State Capitol and you are invited to attend to increase awareness of the issues that affect motorcyclists. I'm sure the Chapter will make plans to ride in together. More details to follow.

Also, save the dates for the BACK-STAGE BIKER BASH at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson. This event is benefiting ABATE of Arizona and we invite you all to attend on April 6th and 7th for the concerts and one hell of a party! We'll share more details at our Chapter meetings, on social media and to our email subscribers as the bands and activities are confirmed.

Keep in touch with our Chapter by joining us on Facebook at:  
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The Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter meets on the second Sunday of each month. Join us at our next meeting Sunday November 12, 2017 at the Arizona American Italian Club (AAIC) - 7509 North 12th Street, Phoenix. Breakfast is available for \$6.00 at 10:00 am and the meeting starts at 10:30 am.

Ride safe & live free!  
Robb "Double B" Felder  
Communications Officer  
Phoenix/Shadow Mtn. Chapter

### Southern Arizona Chapter

The September meeting was held on the 16th at the Kettle Restaurant.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer for all those in harms was and our fallen brothers.

The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as written, and the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of Nov 3rd - 5th. Our Chapter is planning on sending a good size group of us to the ACMC "Riot on the River". This event includes a weekend of camping. It is held up in Winkelman, AZ. ABATE of Arizona will have an information booth/tent at this event. If you are attending please volunteer some time at the booth and give someone a break.

The Chapter turned in their ballots for the State officer elections. Look for the results in the Masterlink.

Our road clean up will be held after the October meeting. Anyone who wants to come out and help the Chapter clean our 1 mile stretch of roadside down in Whetstone, AZ is welcome to come along. John will once again head this up and have all the supplies ready and lunch for those who work. Please join us it really is a lot of fun and helps the community.

It is that time of year! It is time to start thinking about officers for the upcoming year. Chapter elections are held in November. If you have ever thought about becoming more involved or if you might have a little extra time to help out the Chapter please consider volunteering for one of the offices.

ABATE will be initiating a motorcyclist voter registration drive. This is meant to push bikers to get registered to vote and the plan is to have chapters have the ability to register voters.

Once again, the Too Broke for Sturgis committee is starting to meet to plan for next year's event. Several of the committee members have had to step down so they looking for some good folks to fill those shoes. If you think you may be interested in working on the TBFS committee please contact one of the officers for more information. Meetings are held once a month and can be attend via telephone so you need not travel to Phoenix for the meeting. We really need to have at least one member from each chapter on this committee so please consider this.

Ride Free, Ride Safe!

### Yavapai Chapter

Greetings!

We meet at VFW Post 541 on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. The address is 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. 928-776-1125; <http://vfw541prescott.org/>

They serve a fabulous, reasonably-priced dinner, so join us early to eat and socialize.

We are seeking riders and non-riders of all 2- and 3-wheeled on or off-road vehicles to bring ideas and opinions to our monthly meetings. If you can't attend, please send us an email!

For more information, contact [yca-bateaz@gmail.com](mailto:yca-bateaz@gmail.com).

Our next meeting will be November 8, 2017 at the VFW post

Suni Sommers  
Secretary/Membership/Communications Officer  
Yavapai Chapter ABATE of Arizona

### Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT



## November PAC Report (continued)

[infocpo@clsaz.org](mailto:infocpo@clsaz.org) or call 602-258-3434. Please call ahead of time to confirm the date and time and make an appointment for yourself. When a felony conviction is set aside, you automatically have your voting and gun rights restored. Community Legal Services will provide an attorney who will represent you free of charge for that specific matter. You do not have to go to court or file any paperwork.

Get this done before next year so you can participate in our democratic process. This contact information will be valid next year and you can get information on the upcoming clinics in 2018. You can find information on who is running for what office.

On January 8, 2018, our legislature opens its new session. As always, I invite every-

one to come down to the capitol on 17th Avenue between Jefferson and Adams Streets. The address is 1700 W. Washington, but Washington ends just before the capitol building and the road forks. Check your maps to see this. It usually gets interesting about 10:00 am. Every group with issues before the legislature sends people down there. Bikers have been going to this event for some

years now and we always attract legislators and other government officials. Please try to make it. It really is an interesting event.

That is all I have for now. The best riding time of the year is upon us, be safe out there. Happy holidays.

# Coast to Coast

*NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES  
Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,  
National Coalition of Motorcyclists  
(NCOM)*

## BIKERS AID HURRICANE VICTIMS

Dear NCOM Board; We have spoken with Doc (NCOM Board Chairman "Doc" Reichenbach) and he has given us the go ahead to solicit relief assistance from our affiliates. After helping our friends and neighbors, we are now ready to contact the motorcycle community to assist with a storm that has contributed to the greatest property loss in our nation's history.

We have responded to an effort led by Central Harley-Davidson in Austin, Texas. They are receiving donations and then trucking them to dealerships in the affected areas, principally Houston. We asked if we could get our organization's members to ship to their store and they said yes, but make sure the boxes are marked. We see a great need with the cleanup efforts, so this is what we are proposing -

Phase 1 - Groups can order cleanup supplies from the box stores - Walmart.com, Target.com or even the Home Depots and Lowes. Package one type of item per box and then labeled (ex. attached hurricane relief - tarps, or hurricane relief - surgical masks, etc.).

Phase 2 - We are coordinating with Motorcycle Resource Teams and bike clubs to volunteer at Central H-D and delivery points to load/unload boxes so the motorcycle shops can still conduct their daily business.

Phase 3 - Once delivered we will assist with getting the supplies to the areas in most need. Getting a group to set up at the Golden Triangle H-D shop and delivering supplies to neighborhoods in the affected areas.

Following is a list of needed supplies - extension cords, box fans, work gloves, tarps, box cutters, blades, nylon rope for tarps, bug spray, antibacterial wipes, disposable surgical masks, rubber gloves, shop vacs.

If folks would rather send money donations, a Houston organization that is networked with a multitude of churches and organizations in the state who are doing the relief work and gets the supplies that are needed in a very timely manner is [www.somebodycares.org](http://www.somebodycares.org). Please check them out, and they have a donate button on their website. They also have a Houston warehouse with trucks going to affected areas daily, so we will also put them on the suggested list of recipients for Mancuso H-D.

We want to thank you in advance for the assistance offered from our awesome motorcycle community.

Serving Him with Joy,

Lou & Denise Nobs, NCOM Christian Unity

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NCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS / REGIONAL MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors will hold their bi-annual board meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, 401 S. Meridian Ave in Oklahoma City on Saturday, November 11, 2017 in conjunction with the NCOM Region II Conference.

All motorcyclists are invited to attend this free event, to learn and share with fellow bikers rights activists from around the country and across the region (NCOM Region II consists of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska).

For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK ORGANIZER ELECTED TO N.H. STATEHOUSE

Longtime motorcycle enthusiast and organizer of the annual Laconia Motorcycle Week, Charlie St. Clair has won a House Seat in a special election in

Belknap County, New Hampshire, posting a mild upset in the previously Republican-held district.

Charlie rides a Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic and has been riding cross country every year for over thirty-four years to attend Laconia's sister rally in Sturgis, South Dakota, and was inducted into the Sturgis Museum Hall of Fame in 2008. He has served as executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association since 1992, and will continue in that role.

Newly-elected State Rep. St. Clair (D-District 9) says "People know me, and I'm going down there to represent my constituents in my district. As for motorcyclists, I'll be watching out on their behalf whether they're constituents or visitors to the state."

ILLINOIS LAW MANDATES STUDENTS LEARN WHAT TO DO DURING A TRAFFIC STOP

In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, students in Illinois will now learn a possibly life-saving lesson; What to Do during a Traffic Stop.

The new state law, signed by Governor Bruce Rauner, is aimed at preventing a

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## Join A.B.A.T.E.

### ABATE IS:

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### ABATE of Arizona Serves to:

- Collaborate with other organizations to monitor and support funding for practices that do not discriminate against motorcycling.
- Encourage political involvement of its membership.
- Promote and present motorcyclists and motorcycling in a positive and safe manner.
- Help prevent motorcycle crashes and promote crash survival through rider education, and
- Public awareness campaigns.
- Encourage ongoing federal research programs such as use of E15 fuel in motorcycles, inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing transportation emerging technologies, and improvements in safer roadway design strategies.
- Promote rider skills training through ABATE's
- Rider Advantage (ARA) scholarship program and tax-deductible entity

### ABATE accomplishments:

- Motorcycle Lobbyist at the State Legislature
- 2013 Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Maricopa County
- 2007 Remove Motorcycle Safety Fund cap
- 2007 Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Pima County
- 2004 Veteran's plates for motorcycles
- 2002 Arizona Motorcycle Safety Council established
- 2001 Motorcycle Safety Fund established
- 1997 Handlebar height raised to shoulder
- 1993 Helped prevent mandatory helmet legislation in Arizona
- 1992 Opened HOV lanes to motorcycles

### Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

ABATE of Arizona has developed a program with the mission to provide motorcycle awareness training to all drivers and soon-to-be drivers on the road in Arizona. Instructors provide a one hour program to students in driver education classes throughout the state.

MAP is available to be presented to civic organizations as well as most businesses that hold safety meetings. FMI: [map@abateofaz.org](mailto:map@abateofaz.org)

### Please Tell us What Your Top Five Motorcycle Issues, Matter to You:

- Distracted Driving - Motorcycle, Bicycle, Pedestrian are Vulnerable Roadway Users
- Right of Way Violations resulting in Injury/Fatality
- Insurance Discrimination and claim denial
- SAFETEA-LU Safety/Highway Funds ~2010 MSF
- Discriminatory Profiling by Law Enforcement
- Anti-tampering Regulations - Right to Modify
- State/National Mandatory Helmet/Equipment
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- Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints
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### JOIN ABATE NOW!

ABATE Of Arizona provides a unified voice for all motorcyclists in Arizona. Add your voice to ours. Join ABATE now, for the preservation of your ability to ride a motorcycle with the freedom that's your right!!

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## Coast to Coast (continued)

situation from escalating when teens are pulled over by police, and mandates that teachers dedicate instruction time to ensuring that students learn what to do and what not to do during a traffic stop, and how not to panic and do something that may seem like a red flag to cops.

"My hope is that if we uniformly require that driver's education include the protocol and what is expected when you interact with a police officer that things will not escalate," Senator Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield), who sponsored the bill, told the local station ABC 7.

### ARKANSAS BECOMES 37TH STATE TO REVISE SLINGSHOT LICENSING

Polaris Industries reports that Arkansas no longer requires Slingshot owners to have a motorcycle operator's license, thus making the Natural State the 37th state to classify the three-wheeler as a car for licensing purposes.

"When Slingshot was introduced to the market in 2014, most consumers were required to hold a motorcycle endorsement or license to operate it," the company said in a recent press release. "Because Slingshot does not feature handlebars or straddle seating, but rather offers a unique three-wheel configuration with a steering wheel and side-by-side seating, state policymakers have recognized the need to update their operator licensing laws."

Although Slingshot resides in the motorcycle classification which has long provided for three-wheel designs, operator skills are more similar to those required for a passenger car. "Our goal is to gain a unified classification and operator licensing scheme across the country to provide more opportunities and driving freedom for consumers looking for the ultimate thrill experience that Slingshot offers," said Rachael Elia, Slingshot Marketing Manager.

### BANNED KNIVES NOW LEGAL IN TEXAS

A bipartisan House bill repealing the Lone Star State's 1871 ban on Bowie

knives and other large blades has been signed by Governor Greg Abbott, dropping the carry of illegal knives such as "Bowie knives, daggers, dirks, stilettos, poniards, swords, and spears" from the Texas penal code on weapons, a crime which currently carries fines of up to a year in jail, a fine of up to \$4,000, or both.

Still off limits for knives with blades over 5.5 inches will be places such as schools, correctional facilities, houses of worship, and bars that derive more than half their income from alcohol sales. Minors, under 18, will not be able to buy or carry a location-restricted knife.

New Hampshire passed the nation's first repeal of a switchblade (automatic) knife ban in 2010, and since then such knife restrictions have been repealed in Alaska, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

### FACING BACKLASH, CONFEDERATE MOTORS CHANGES ITS NAME

When Matt Chambers created his company in 1991 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he chose to name it Confederate Motors "in a salute to good Southern principles," but in today's politically charged climate that associates the Southern Confederacy with racism and white supremacy, Chambers has decided to retire the name.

"The Confederate brand was no longer viable. I think we lost a lot a business with that name," Chambers told the Los Angeles Times, adding "We've missed out on branding opportunities. So, it's time to retire it."

The company is now the Curtiss Motorcycle Co., named after the father of American aviation, Glenn Curtiss, who gained fame competing with the Wright Brothers to dominate the skies, but who also famously built and raced motorcycles.

Their first model will be called the Hercules, the name originally used for Curtiss' motorcycles, and will be an electric sportbike.

### BRITISH MOTORCYCLISTS RIDE ON PARLIAMENT TO PROTEST BIKE CRIME

Hundreds of concerned motorcyclists rode through London on Saturday, Sept 9th to protest a staggering increase in bike thefts, bike-jackings and brutal attacks on motorcyclists in the U.K.

The protest comes after acid was sprayed at six scooter riders in a 90 minute period in a series of attacks in London in July, with one victim suffering "life-changing injuries" according to police. Due to these vicious assaults, acid attackers now face life in prison, and prosecutors have been advised to impose sentences of up to four years just for carrying acid.

Other riders have had their bikes stolen from them by armed thieves. Recent crime figures have shown that vehicle theft has risen 18.6% nationwide in the last year and 25.9% in London, which is a trend that has been plain to see for bike owners. The thieves are more brazen than ever, posting pictures of bikes they've stolen on social media.

As the police struggle with motorcycle theft, the army may be called in to address the situation.

Protest organizers '#BikersUnited' say 65 bikes are stolen a day in the capital, while riders increasingly face "violence, knives, acid and even death from the thieves."

Formed of a number of biking groups including MAG (Motorcycle Action Group), #BikersUnited says on its Facebook page: "We represent the 1,000s of riders of motorcycles and scooters in Britain and are protesting about the outrageous escalation of bike theft and bike jackings in our country."

### PHILIPPINES CALLS FOR BIGGER LICENSE PLATES TO DETER CRIMES

The Philippine Senate has unanimously approved a bill requiring the Land Transportation Office to provide bigger and reflectorized license plates for motorcycles and scooters to deter crimes.

Voting 21-0, the upper chamber approved on final reading Senate Bill 1397, or the proposed "Motorcycle Crime Prevention Act of 2017", which would require significantly larger license plates for the front and rear of all motorcycles and scooters for easy identification to deter motorcycle-riding criminals from easily getting away.

"Motorcycles have become crime machines. With their small plate numbers, criminals perpetrating crimes

while on board motorcycles easily flee from the scene of the crime, and usually there are no witnesses who can read or identify plate numbers so that the authorities can go after the criminals," Senator Richard Gordon, the bill's author, said.

### STUDY SHOWS CAR DRIVERS ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN TEXT AND DRIVE SAFELY

A recent study by Progressive Insurance reveals that about one third of car drivers feel confident in their own ability to text and drive, yet the majority believe distracted driving is the biggest cause of auto accidents and more than 90% say it should be illegal.

The report showed a sharp difference in attitudes between younger and older drivers, with more than 60% of 18-34 year olds being confident in their ability to safely text while driving, compared to less than 6% of those 55 and older.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 3,477 people were killed, and 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in the United States in 2015. Teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

The study further showed that men think they are better at texting and driving, with twice as many men (21%) as women (11%) saying they are "very confident" in their ability to text while driving. Despite that confidence in their own abilities, some 88% of men and 97% of women think texting should not be allowed.

Among all drivers, more than 65% of individuals polled believe that texting/looking at one's phone while driving is the most common cause of traffic accidents in the United States. And 83% of individuals believe police should be able to pull over drivers for texting alone. Yet at the same time, 34% of respondents said they were somewhat or very confident in their ability to text while driving.

Meanwhile, the study said the most common feelings evoked when seeing another driver texting is concern (62%) followed by irritation (50%), and these feelings didn't vary by age or gender.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "A society that gets rid of all its troublemakers goes downhill."

~ Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988) science-fiction author

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EAST VALLEY CHAPTER meetings are held the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) 1712 W. Broadway Road, Mesa AZ 85202  
FMI contact Joe Ferrucci at 480-295-9488

### High Country Chapter

High Country Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at The Moose Lodge in Star Valley. Contact: chickbone@live.com or 928-970-1134

### Phoenix / Shadow Mountain Chapter

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020. FMI: Chapter Coordinator Mike Schneider, 602-549-1044, mike@squarepegpromos.com

### Southern Arizona Chapter

The Southern Arizona Chapter will meet the third Saturday of the month. We will gather at the Kettle Restaurant meeting room. 748 W Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85713. Meeting time is 10AM October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim Butsbach (520)247-3051 or abateofazsac@yahoo.com

### Yavapai Chapter

Yavapai Chapter meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave / 928-776-1125. For more information, please contact Dan Tumey @ 928-308-9911 or ycabateaz@gmail.com. See us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz/>.

### Yuma Chapter

The Yuma ABATE chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on August 8th, 2017 at the Omega restaurant located at 711 E 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ. We would love to see you there.

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## Harley-Davidson Dealer Bans Motorcycle Colors at Bike Night

Reprinted from <http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

A Harley Davidson dealership located in California (Quaid HD) agreed to a "no motorcycle colors" policy as a condition of a SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT application provided by the City of Loma Linda. The application was signed by Selene Hinckley of Quaid Harley-Davidson. It is well established that motorcycle club colors are protected by the First Amendment from government discrimination. Loma Linda's permit requirement is a blatant infringement on the protected rights of expression and association. And Harley Davidson, by being complicit, is arguably in collusion with the local PD and may therefore be liable under the state actor doctrine. Maybe more important, Harley-Davidson is discriminating against the very foundations that their brand rests upon. Can you

imagine the economic impact if motorcycle clubs, their members, their friends, and their families refused to buy motorcycles or apparel from Harley-Davidson

The National Council of Clubs (NCOC), a group of motorcycle clubs dedicated to advancing the legal, legislative, and political interests of motorcyclists nationwide, has reported to the MPP that they will be sending an official complaint to the City of Loma Linda requesting that the discriminatory "no colors or cuts allowed" condition be removed from all policies, permits or procedures. Additionally, the NCOC intends to send a complaint to Harley-Davidson, Quaid and Corporate, reminding them that they are a complicit party to unconstitutional behavior and that abandoning the club community is a potential economic disaster for an iconic brand.

The MPP will keep close tabs on any new developments in the story. Until then, the MPP encourages motorcyclists and their supporters to contact Quaid Harley-Davidson, Harley-Davidson Corporate, and the City of Loma Linda to voice their condemnation of blatant discrimination.

Harley-Davidson Dealer Blames "No Colors or Cuts" Policy on City

Loma Linda (CA)- Brandon Quaid, Owner/Sales Director at Quaid Harley-Davidson in Loma Linda, emailed the MPP in response to a recent article relating to "no colors or cuts" at a recent Bike Night event. (see Harley-Davidson Dealer Bans Motorcycle Colors at Bike Night, September 21, 2017 )

Quaid feels that the City of Loma Linda imposed the permit conditions without warning. Quaid HD maintains that they refused to enforce the policy, colors and cuts were present for bike night, and that they even contacted local clubs to warn them of the city's position.

Not complying is better than complying, it is the opinion of the MPP that not signing the permit in the first place would have sent a clear signal and eliminated much misperception and would also preserve standing for Quaid HD to take action against the city.

Although Quaid doesn't deny that an employee of Quaid HD signed the agreement, he strongly maintains that the dealership was not in collusion or agreement with the city's conditions requiring a ban on colors or cuts.

ABATE of Arizona

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### November 2017

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11/3 Riot on the River, @ 8:00 pm - 11:30 pm, Winkleman, AZ

11/4 Next ACMC Meeting at Riot on the River, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

11/4 6th Annual Bob's Biker

Blast, from 9a-10pm at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale. All proceeds benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. Includes live concert by 3 Doors Down & more. Free admission w/ motorcycle endorsement. FMI: 480-905-1903, [http://hdofscottsdale.com/bobs\\_biker\\_blast](http://hdofscottsdale.com/bobs_biker_blast)

11/25 {Sat} Annual Marines Toys for Tots to benefit Maricopa Marine's Toys for Tots Program - monies raised in Maricopa County stay in Maricopa County. Register 9-11 at H-D of Scottsdale - 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85260 Last bike out @ 11a. \$15/pp with toy, \$20/pp without toy. End Party @ Lucie's Sage & Sand Bar & Grill 13831 West

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## Iron Sharpens Iron

Meeting of the Minds 2017 took place in Williamsburg, Virginia this past weekend. It really was a great experience. Our state president, Jim Butsback, and I roomed together at the hotel to save a few dollars. It was a great idea because we were able to download to each other on several occasions from what we gleaned from the breakout sessions and conversations we were involved in throughout the conference.

We talked about how rejuvenating the conference is. Jim said it "fires him up" for freedom fighting for another year. After experiencing it myself for the first time, I completely agree with his assessment. I am ready to charge the gates of hell with a water pistol.

I learned a lot in the breakout sessions and talking with so many other freedom fighters from around the country. Some of those I was able to share time with have been advocating for motorcyclist rights for over 15 or 20 years. A few for over 30 years. One thing I re-learned while at MOTM is that I need to be able to talk out issues and obstacles. Brainstorming is what some peo-

ple call it but it may be as light as a mind shower at times. I remembered that I work best when I am walking out the solutions in this type of setting.

Speaking in the hallways, in the lobby and up in the hospitality suite over a beer was extremely productive in coming up with ideas to overcome challenges that we all face in this endeavor. The ideas may come, and others input on their experiences, successes, and failures can refine the whole process.

I'm telling you this because not one person in ABATE of Arizona has all the answers to all the questions. Especially myself. I need you and your ideas much more than you'll ever need mine. I think of the phrase "iron sharpens iron" when I ask to hang out and talk.

The phrase "iron sharpens iron" is found in Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." There is mutual benefit in the rubbing of two iron blades together; the edges become sharper, making the knives more efficient in their task to cut and slice.

If a knife is blunt, it still continues to be a knife, although it is less effective, less useful in service. We should be encouraged to spend more time together, encouraging, challenging and debating with one another so that we become sharper, more effective in our places within ABATE. Too often what passes as "iron sharpening" is centered on food and fun, not on sharpening one another. In far too many instances, the only knives being sharpened are the ones used at potlucks.

Finally, a knife that has been sharpened will also shine more because all the dullness has been rubbed off its surface. We are the best weapon against those who are set on limiting our freedoms. A shiny sharp knife is always desired over a dull, blunt one. Let's do some knife sharpening...

Freedom is a team sport.

Mike

## AMSAF Continues To Help the Motorcycle Community

AMSAF is excited to announce that effective October 1, 2017 we have Motorcycle training Scholarships available again due to Grants we received from Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety and Arizona Trauma Association. In the last two years and this year is no exception, we're seeing Motorcycle fatalities increase and we want to help change this statistic.

Are you an individual who wants to learn how to ride a motorcycle, been riding for a period of time without a motorcycle endorsement of just need to refresh your motorcycle riding skills? Here's your opportunity. Please take advantage of it.

Each month that we have money avail-

able we will give out a certain allotment of Scholarships at the beginning of the month. Once those are given out, the Scholarship will close and will reopen the 1st of the next month as long as we have funds. The process is easy, all you have to do is go to <https://www.amsaf.org/scholarships/> and fill out the application if it is open. You will then give a \$100.00 donation to AMSAF which is tax deductible and within a few hours you will receive your Scholarship instructions along with your promo code. You can then call the school you selected or go on line at their web site and sign up for a class. AMSAF takes care of the rest.

There is one exception and that is TEAM

Arizona will charge you a \$30.00 fee at the time of registration with them. This is the only school doing this.

Since starting the Scholarship process we have been able to give out over 2500 Scholarships throughout the State. That is over 2500 individuals and families we've helped. It's also important for you to fill out the survey that we send out to you so we know how your experience with the motorcycle training helped you and how we might be able to help the motorcycle community more. Here are some examples of the surveys we've received back and we appreciate this very much.

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### Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)

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## Meeting of the Minds 2017 (continued)

ORITY to respect the members at all levels of involvement). A strong Membership is a DIVERSE membership. She says there are Six levels of Membership - 1. Mailboxers, 2. Relevant Participants, 3. Status Conscious, 4. Shapers, 5. The Thinker, 6. Genetics. When getting new members mentor them make them feel as they belong. Being a new member ABATE can be pretty confusing, Making them feel welcome. Inclusion \* Always remember that ABATE Members are a DIVERSE group. \* As an officer, to many YOU are the FACE OF ABATE What you Say, what you DO reflects their view of ABATE. There was so much information given and taken in that it would take me all day to write.

"A STRONG MEMBERSHIP IS A DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP"

Then off to my Second Breakout Session: Women in Motorcycling with Sandra Clark. She talked about the History of Women and Motorcycling. The first two Sisters Augusta and Adeline Van Buren, Theresa Wallach, and Bessie Stringfield as the front-runners in what was then, and would be today, considered remarkable riding in some circles. They was not recognized by the AMA until long after they passed away in 2002 The 100th Anniversary gathering, the AMA/FMA motorcycle club did meet and

gather in 2016. They were the 2nd and 3rd females to have been recorded on a Transcontinental motorcycle ride. With 5500 miles in 60 days. Avis and Effie Hotchkiss were 1st with 9000 miles from NY to CA and back in 5 months.

Then there is Theresa Wallach - Adventure motorcyclist, author and mechanic. Puts a highlight on lady motorcyclists - still helps in image and rights. Women's International Motorcycle Association - not rights oriented, but adventure oriented. And Bessie Stringfield - The "Motorcycle Queen of Miami", First recorded African-American woman to ride across America. Same initiative as the Van Buren Sisters - woman riding in war. Success - Women in war ere recruited to motorcycle messenger positions for WWII. Started riding Indian Motorcycles at the age of 16 and performed as a stunt rider. She was confronted not just with prejudices of being a female rider but also for race. Later chose Harleys as her motorcycle of choice. Karen Bolin (RIP) MRF President 2003 - 2006 Appointed to MRF position and served till her health failed and resigned in 2006. She embraced her own local Senator Pam Roach. Senator Roach declared that the 3rd Thursday in January is "BlackThursday" and supports motorcycling and tributes to Karen Bolin and Freedom. Making grass roots friendships and relationships.

"WELL BEHAVED WOMEN RARELY MAKE HISTORY"

Saturday morning 9:00 General Session. State of the MRF Kirk "Hardtail" Willard spoke. Then Presentation of the President's Award. Presentation of the Membership Awards. Presentation of the Deb Butitta Rep of the Year. Congratulations Deb Butitta great job. SMSA: Why Crashes Happen" with Sunshine Beer. Presentation of the Ron Shepard Safety Award.

General Session 2 "Taking a Page from the NRA's Playbook: How to Stand Out in Today's Politics" Dr. Todd Adkins. Presentation of the Ron Shepard Safety Award.

Then off to my Third Breakout Session: "How to Approach Congressional Staffers & Get Your Issues Heard." With Megan Ekstrom. Congressional staffers run the show. They tell their boss how to vote and what they should care about. They are the ones that research, craft and write legislation. We need to leave the right impression that gets our issues moving. How do we do this? Be up front, know the upsides of your ask and any potential downsides. Direct is the way to go. Be considerate, just because our issue is important to us, it's probably not to them. Be considerate of their time. Connect the

Impact to their District. Be prepared to give numbers. Be a subject matter expert on your issue. Be honest - even if you don't know the answer. If you mislead the staffer, they may never trust you again. Don't Forget Committee Staffers! Committee Staffers are specialist by nature, whereas staffers in members' offices tend to be generalists. Relevant Committees for Riders - \*House \*Transportation & Infrastructure (General rider issues, safety issues) \*Energy & Commerce (RPM Act, anything with EPA) \*Judiciary (Profiling). \*Senate \*Commerce, Science and Transportation. \*Environment & Public Works. \*Judiciary. Do's - Email. Set up a meeting, Relax they're people too. Follow up in timely manner. Stay out of the weeds. Ask how you can help the elected official or their staff. Make issue Relevant. Be on time. Connect. Be professional transparent and genuine. Don'ts - Don't try and have protracted discussions about policy. Mix up the staffer or member's political party. Don't continue to call when an email will work. Mention the campaign or donations. Bring up the issue if you meet the Congress/staffer out in public. Drag on and on about your issue. Take an issue to a member's office if they've never supported that issue. Go to a meeting without doing your homework. Wine and dine a staffer to buy his or her time. Refer to the legislator by his or her name. Don't intentionally misled

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## Meeting of the Minds 2017 (continued)

the staffer - explicitly or implicitly. So much helpful information.

Then off to my Fourth Breakout Session: "Understanding Volunteers: How to Keep'em, and When to Send Them Packing." With Marlene Bautch. This was a very short session. Every SMRO relies on volunteers to exist. And getting along with everyone is a key to holding the group together. You have the ones that are there for every meeting,

event, fundraiser and willing to go the extra mile to keep things on track and together. Then you have the ones that are there sometimes and want to complain or cause drama in the group. We are a STATE ABATE family and even though we have different chapters throughout the State. We all represent our State as one. Having drama in a group like ABATE does not look good at all. So in closing of this session lets work together as one. Maybe if we can do this we will have

better turn outs with Volunteers. Happy Volunteers make a more successful SMRO.

Then of to the KILTS vs BIBS Tug of War. Kilts Win.

I want to thank ABATE of AZ for sending me to the Meetings of the Minds. It has been so inspirational and such a wonderful experience to be able to go to the Meetings of the Minds the past 2 years.

And has inspired me even more to continue to fight for Motorcycle rights. And to stay motivated. I have met so many wonderful people and continue to keep in touch with them all. Thank You Again ABATE of AZ for sponsoring me.

Gynni Giebel  
ABATE of AZ East Valley Chapter PAC

## 2018 ABATE of AZ State Officer Election Results

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## 2017 MRF AWARDS

The **Thomas Paine Award** was created by the MRF with a purpose to honor an individual who uses the written word in a creative or unique way to further the cause of freedom and rights for motorcyclists.

The 2017 Thomas Paine Award recipient is Jim Barr, President, Long Island ABATE.

The **MRF Founders Award**, also known as the "old timers" award was created in 2006 by MRF Co-Founder and our first Chairman, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, to recognize the significant contributions individuals made to the MRF and on behalf of the motorcyclists of our nation while serving as MRF Board of Director Members.

In 1994 Deb Butitta joined the MRF and soon became the AZ MRF State Representative, a position she held for 14 years and lead to the Annual Deb Butitta Outstanding MRF State Representative of the Year Award presented each year at the Meeting of the Minds. In 1997 she joined the MRF Board of Directors where

she held 3 different positions including Corporate Secretary for 8 years. She currently sits on the MRF Board of Directors as an Ex-Officio, is the founding Chairperson for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E) Board of Directors, and an ABATE of AZ Board of Director Member.

**The Lifetime Membership for Outstanding Achievement** is granted to individuals who have demonstrated a total dedication to the MRF and its goals. These individuals are to be nominated by current MRF Board Members and must be affirmed by a 2/3 vote of the sitting board.

Dave Dwyer was the Legislative Director for ABATE of Wisconsin for over two decades. He was in the position during a time when ABATE of WI led the nation in being recognized by the MRF for outstanding State and Federal Legislative efforts. He was also in the position at the time the most comprehensive piece of motorcyclist legislation in the nation

passed in Wisconsin known as the Roadway Users Responsibility Act authored by State Senator David Zien. He was a long time MRF State Representative and a two term MRF Board of Director Member representing the Sustaining State Motorcyclist Rights Organizations. He is credited with significantly stream lining the MRF Board Meetings by bringing the Committee Process to the MRF.

**The John "Farmer" Eggars Award.** Each year at the Meeting of the Minds, the MRF recognizes individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to our movement and to the MRF in particular. The most prestigious of these awards is the John "Farmer" Eggars Award.

This award was created in the memory of John Eggars of Ohio, better known as "Farmer", who worked tirelessly on behalf of the MRF. Although Farmer was the Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio prior to his passing, he was not a member of the MRF Board of Directors. In fact, in order to be considered for the

Farmer Award, a person cannot be a current or former MRF Board member. Farmer never wanted to be in the lime light. He was much more comfortable working for what he believed in from the sidelines and the award that was created in his honor holds true to this ideal. Each person who has been presented with this award in the past has gone above and beyond in their support of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Each has done so not as a member of the MRF Board, but as a concerned motorcyclist who believed in the MRF, and made a significant contribution to the organization.

This year's recipient is a long time and very active MRF State Representative. He re-tooled the MRF Assistant Rep. program in his state to very effectively increase membership and communication throughout his state and between his SMRO and the MRF. He is a key driver in the Motorcyclist Anti-Profiling issue and has a tremendous working relationship with the motorcycle clubs and organizations in his State. He is Thomas "Jinx" Rahn of Michigan.

## AMSAF (continued)

<https://www.amsaf.org/website/files/Scholarship-followup%202016%20-%202017-06-20.pdf>

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We have a newsletter that comes out every month and have a lot of good information on this. Sign up for the newsletter. <https://www.amsaf.org/subscribe-to-the-newsletter/>

AMSAF is concerned about the number of motorcycle crashes and fatalities here in Arizona and we want to do everything we can to help reduce these numbers. We want to be your go to business that can help you from Motorcycle safety and awareness. Please check us out and check out our web site. A lot of good

information on there to help you and someone you might know who rides. [www.amsaf.org](http://www.amsaf.org)

Here's where we need your help. Are you an individual, a business, a family or part of a community? We are seeing an increase in Motorcycle fatalities and there are a number of reasons and we can't do it alone. We work hard to raise money to get folks into motorcycle training because you've told us you want to go and you see the importance of it but can't afford the class. Well now we have Scholarships available so there is no excuse for you not going. So here is where we need you help:

We have Scholarships available, please take advantage of them and take a class.

We need funds to help us grow and help the motorcycle community. We are a 501c3 nonprofit Foundation so all the funds we receive goes to helping promote motorcycle safety and awareness and get folks into motorcycle courses.

Are you a business that can help us with a Grant, Sponsorship or a donation? Are you an individual or family that received a scholarship, how about doing a "Riding it Forward donation" and helping to get someone else into a course. Any donation helps.

<https://www.amsaf.org/donations/>

We just received a \$10,000.00 Grant from the Arizona Trauma Association

which is made up of Trauma Doctors from around the State who want to help reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities. They see individuals in the hospital on weekly basis and totally understand the importance of what we're doing.

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opinions about important issues that shape public policies. Our democracy demands the attention and engagement of all people.

"If you are not at the table; you are on the menu." - Michael Enzi

So I will ask again:

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# Harley-Davidson Is Trying to Cultivate Millennials While Catering to Loyalists

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Ever wanted to hop on a Harley-Davidson Iron 883 motorcycle and weave through gridlocked Manhattan streets? How about hitting the expanse of historic Route 66 while feeling your tires on the asphalt and the wind against your skin? Turns out you can—at least virtually.

Those scenarios are just two of the many available to players of the upcoming Ubisoft video game *The Crew 2*, an open-road racing adventure set to debut in March 2018. The game is one of the unconventional ways that Harley-Davidson, a 114-year-old legacy brand, is reaching out to millennials and women as it looks to broaden its consumer base beyond its core baby boomers.

*The Crew 2* is “gender agnostic,” and like its hit predecessor, *The Crew*—which has amassed 12 million players—is expected to appeal to young male and female gamers and potentially anyone with a passion for motor sports, said Stephane Jankowski, producer at Ubisoft’s Ivory Tower Studio, which created the franchise.

“We used a lot of feedback from the community in developing the new game,” Jankowski said. “We’ve taken a sandbox approach where players can create their own stories and ask themselves, ‘What do I want to do today?’”

That tactic could help expand the global player pool for Ubisoft and increase the exposure and age range for Harley, which plans to integrate more models into the game’s upgrades next year. And since the franchise earned a PG-13 rating for its first installment, on par with Disney’s live-action flicks, it provides a kid-friendly antidote to the hyper-violent *Grand Theft Autos* of the world. (*The Crew 2* hasn’t been rated yet.)

Many children, by the time they’re 8 or 9 years old, have had “a motorcycle moment,” according to Harley’s research, meaning that they’ve been exposed to riding through someone they know or via a piece of pop culture and want to experience it for themselves, said Heather Malenshek, the brand’s vp, global marketing.

“This is a no-risk environment for them to try out riding and have fun with it,”

she said of *The Crew 2*, which offers a realistic virtual jaunt with no road rash. “And it links to our long-term goals of planting the seed with kids and young adults who can become the next generation of riders.”

The game is a solid marketing match for Harley because it allows for customization and embraces a “thrill-seeking, adventure-loving” psychographic looking for “freedom on two wheels,” execs said.

Developers completely remodeled the U.S. cities and highways in *The Crew 2* which, for the first time, lets players switch from road vehicles like Harleys, Ferraris and Porsches to boats and planes to amp up the stakes and challenge gamers’ skills.

This isn’t the iconic brand’s first link to video games, having embedded its motorcycles in Atari’s *Test Drive Unlimited 2* and Sega’s *King of the Road*. Two Harley-branded games of its own, *Race Around the World* and *Race Across America*, came from Wizard Works.

In another millennial-skewing move, Harley also re-signed a deal with the Ultimate Fighting Championship last year. The partnership, which began in 2007, includes viewing parties at local dealerships, “UFC Fight for the Troops” events on U.S. military bases and hiring MMA talent like Cain Velasquez and Paige VanZant as spokespeople for the brand.

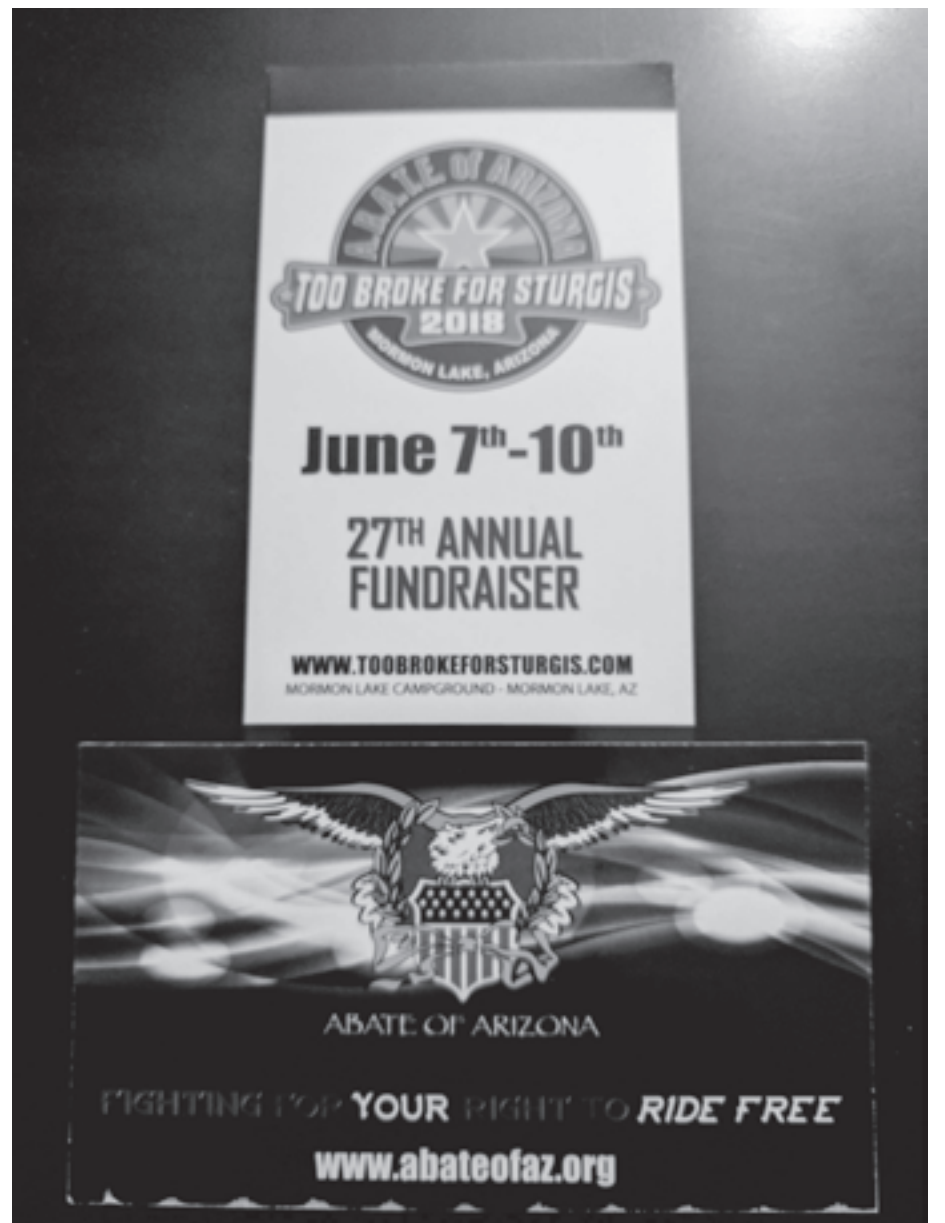
Much of Harley’s recent outreach has happened on digital and mobile, with live video and branded content, contributing to a 6 percent sales bump between 2010 and 2016 among young demos, women, Latinos and African Americans, accounting for 40 percent of the company’s U.S. sales, execs said.

Digging in further, Harley recently rolled out its 2018 model year products with a group of social influencers, including actor Jason Momoa, who posted a hero shot on Instagram.

With its goal of 2 million U.S. riders by 2027, Harley is also focused on understanding “consumer life stages, cultural shifts and where people are in their riding journey, despite age or gender,” Malenshek said.

A new TV ad campaign with the tagline “All for freedom, freedom for all” aims to cultivate new audiences while still catering to the loyalists. The spots come from Team Ignite, a new IPG division that won the Harley creative, media and digital business last year after a global review.

The work, using Primal Scream’s *Movin’ on Up* as a soundtrack, features riders of all stripes, including women, youngsters, weekend warriors, professional racers and a pug wearing goggles and a Harley hoodie. The goal, Malenshek said, is inviting “riders and nonriders across the globe to embrace their individuality.”



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