

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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ABATE of AZ Designated Lobbyist

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

A few months ago I sent out an email survey to the entire ABATE membership list and asked for your concerns regarding legislation here in Arizona. The top 10 concerns were:

- 1. Distracted Driving 64%**
I am working on language for a bill that can be introduced to enhance penalties for current distracted driving penalties.
- 2. Motorcycle Profiling 47%**
We have the language for a motorcycle profiling memorial for the legislature and have several from the State House who are willing to introduce this memorial. This is a huge

step in the right direction.

- 3. Lane Splitting/Filtering 34%**
I am still working on the language of a bill and a way to get the dialogue opened on this issue.

- 4. Insurance equality for motorcyclists 29%**
I have discussed this with Attorney Mark Breyer and am currently working on a way to overturn the current case law from Warfel v Cheney which I believe discriminates against motorcyclists.

- 5. Motorcycle Only Checkpoints 28%**
This is currently not an issue in Arizona but I am tracking legislation on the federal level and in other states as well.

- 6. Ethanol & Fuel Issues 28%**
I am working on a way to keep E15 fuel out of Arizona.

- 7. Requirement to be an endorsed motorcycle rider in order to register a motorcycle in Arizona 22%**
I am in discussions with MVD on this.

- 8. Motorcycle Riders course in lieu of traffic school for moving violations 21%**
I am working on the language for this and will be looking for a like-minded legislator to introduce this.

- 9. Helmet Laws & Initiatives 20%**
I continually monitor any initiative that has been introduced from around the nation and try to help other states with this issue as well.

- 10. Motorcycle Safety Fund 20%**
I will stay on top of this to make sure it continues to run smoothly and AMSAF receives the funding for the scholarships they provide.

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES
I've had a few good meetings with several state representatives about the upcoming session. I attempt to have at least 2-3 conversations with our elected leaders each week.

FEDERAL ISSUES
We are still working on getting the House and Senate Resolutions on motorcycle profiling through committee.

BIKER TOWN HALL
We have scheduled our first Biker Town Hall for September 28th at the Arizona Italian American Club in Phoenix. This should be a great opportunity to open dialogue between the motorcycle community and elected leaders, law enforcement and others who make policy that effect us. Keep an eye out. I am working on coordinating more Biker Town Halls around our state.

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ABATE OF ARIZONA LOCAL CHAPTERS

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Quarterly Board meetings are held on the first Sunday in January, April, July and October at 1:00pm @ the AZ American-Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St, Phoenix. Please make sure your Chapter has representation.

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Mailing address 7509 N. 12th St, #200, Phoenix, AZ 85020. State Officers meetings are held the 1st Sunday of every month, 10:30 am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street Phoenix, AZ.- OR in conjunction with the quarterly BOD meeting.

East Valley Chapter

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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 Jim Silk FYI 602 312 1927

High Country Chapter

605 W. Arabian Way Payson AZ 85541

Coordinator.....Wayne Slocum
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 Sgt. At Arms.....Mark Fickel
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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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P.O. Box 54041 Phoenix, AZ 85078-4041

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 Membership.....Ben Martinez
 Run Coordinator.....Jeremy Kellim
 Safety Coordinator.....Trauma Mama
 Sgt. At Arms.....Scott Gibbons
 P.A.C.....John "Johnny D" Dreyfus
 Communications.....Robb Felder
 Merchandise.....Sandy Hassinger

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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Southern Arizona Chapter

6888 N De Chelly Loop Tucson, AZ 85741

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 Secretary.....Becky Garino
 Treasurer.....Dawn Detelj
 Membership.....Bob Stewart
 Run Coordinator.....Bob Welton
 Safety Coordinator.....Robert Templeton
 Sgt. At Arms.....Ruben Soto
 P.A.C.....Annisa Huntington
 Communications.....Vacant
 Merchandise.....Ron Kool

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 Liana Dr. Chino Valley, AZ 86323

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 Vice Coordinator.....Dan Tumey
 Secretary.....Sunni Sommers
 Treasurer.....Terri Lucontro
 Membership.....Sunni Sommers
 Run Coordinator.....Vacant
 Safety Coordinator.....Reed Wilson
 Sgt. At Arms.....Reed Wilson
 P.A.C.....Vacant
 Communications.....Sunni Sommers
 Merchandise.....Vacant

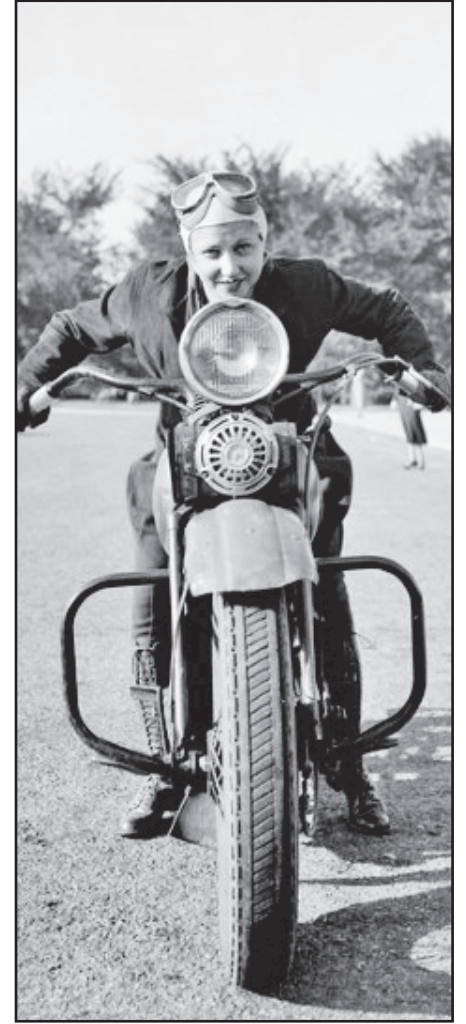
Yavapai Chapter meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave / 928-776-1125. For more information, please contact Dan Tumey @ 928-308-9911 or ycabateaz@gmail.com. See us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz/>.

Yuma Chapter

11316 S. Glenwood Ave. Yuma, AZ 85367

Coordinator.....David "Pastor D" Litts
 Vice Coordinator.....Gilbert Hernandez
 Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson
 Treasurer.....Lisala White
 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.

News from the MRF

MRF Friends and Supporters-

Today I sat in a congressional hearing that considered the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (or 'RPM' Act).

As you all know, the RPM Act is critical legislation that became necessary after the EPA attempted to sneak in

language that would make it illegal for you to make modifications to your motorcycle even if it is for the purposes of racing. Though the Agency withdrew the language, even today they still maintain they have the authority to enforce this.

We MUST get this legislation passed which would ensure our right to modify our motorcycles as we see fit and ensure the EPA can't fine us for doing what WE HAVE

ALWAYS DONE.

This legislation is broadly supported by both Republicans AND Democrats. The only thing it needs now is a chance at a vote.

PLEASE CLICK/SHARE/SEND/POST the following link that will take you to a pre-drafted letter to your elected officials asking them to consider the RPM Act for a vote.

Let's not just be SAY-ERS, let's be DO-ERS!

Take Action

www.goo.gl/8utZp5

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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

Greetings to all my Brothers & Sisters of ABATE of Arizona.

Well I am sitting here writing this article on the day that is due, knowing that Eric, our editor, has sent several emails reminding all who contribute to get their

stuff in on time. I can hear his voice in my mind good naturedly busting my chops for not getting it done before this.

This brings me to one of the subjects I would like to touch on this month. Looking over past issues of the Masterlink along with many other items put out by ABATE of Arizona, I am reminded of how very lucky we as an organization are to have many talented people who are willing to dedicate their time and talents to our organization. Every month Eric puts in hours to make The Masterlink the excellent paper that it is. As you look through the pages there are many others who contribute articles and photos.

There are also members and officers from every Chapter who contribute their time and efforts to plan different events such as swap meets and parties like the pool party East Valley had and I was lucky to attend. Biker Bowling is another one, as well as the events and runs each chapter hosts every year. Some of these are for fund raising and some just for fun and

camaraderie but both are important. These things do not happen by themselves. It takes time and team work and also planning. Many of our members do not have the availability to run big events but even the little things that they do are of great importance. I just want to make sure that I take the time to thank ALL of our members and officers for everything that they do. I feel we have one of the greatest groups of folks as members throughout the state of ARIZONA!

Now those of you who are on facebook may have seen the post regarding our efforts to increase membership. We have initiated a drive to increase our membership to a target of 2000. By doing this ABATE of Arizona can become a powerful organization and make ALL of your voices heard loudly across the great state of Arizona! We are asking all members to make conscious effort to promote membership in ABATE of Arizona! There are several levels of membership such as individual membership, Business membership and club membership. Each level has its own benefits. There are applica-

tions printed in the Masterlink and you can get applications from your membership officers.

We are also looking to expand into other areas of the state such as Cochise County and Casa Grande. If you know folks who may live in these areas and would be interested in helping us start and new Chapter please put them in touch with me or the State Membership officer. With your help ABATE can continue growing! Until next month PLEASE ride safe and look out for the kids who are back in school. The universities are back in session with many out of state students. Also be attentive because this time of year our winter visitors start coming back and tourism is up. These folks are not always familiar with our streets and roads and may not be very attentive so be careful out there!!!

Until next month!! RIDE FREE!!
Jim



Legislative Update (continued)

ARIZONA MOTORCYCLE VOTER PROJECT

AzMVP, our 501c3, is working on getting more motorcyclists registered to vote across our state in addition to providing basic Constitution classes. There is also the help we are providing in getting several people their voting rights restored. Educating motorcyclists on the voting

process is one of our principal goals. Financial support of AzMVP is tax deductible.

ABATEPAC

We are in the first stages of forming an ABATE exclusive PAC. This will enable our organization to support those state and federal candidates financially that

support our agenda. It will also allow us to actively use our resources to change the elected leadership to a more motorcycle friendly environment.

Keep an eye out on the State Lobbyist blog for continued updates. <https://abate-ofazlobbyist.blogspot.com/>

There is also a sign up form for email updates on the blog site as well.

Freedom is a team sport!

Mike Infanzon
ABATE of Arizona, State Lobbyist

Current State of Affairs

This is not an official ABATE position but I will stand personally by everything I write and say.

In lieu of recent events and several fringe organizations causing so much violence in our country, I want to make something very clear. VIOLENCE or the support of violence has no part in the discourse of ideas that will make our country a better place. There is a time that the only means available to stop certain actions of individuals is to meet that with all means necessary. As a reminder, I am a former Marine. I was in the infantry and have seen combat. So violence is something I am not afraid to meet head-on. But we have to remember that ABATE is not an organization that is a part of that. We are a political organization. We are NON-partisan. That means, we as an organization, do not and will not side with one party or another. We have members who are right wing and others who are left-wing leaning. I don't care which way your personal political beliefs are, the only thing I care about are if you support freedom and liberty for ALL motorcyclists and are willing to support that. Simple folks. Real simple.

I have spent the better part of the last year trying to repair bridges that some within the motorcycle community have burned within the political realm here in Arizona. I hope I have done a pretty good job at that.

Yesterday, I had lunch with a former Assistant Attorney General for Arizona who is now in our state legislature. It was a fantastic conversation that ranged from where we were both from originally to profiling of motorcyclists to safer roadways for us. At the end of it all, I received an email that said, "I appreciate your time and look forward to working to find winning solutions for ABATE." To me, as it should be for you, count this as a win. Small wins add up.

We, as an organization, need to remember to heed the warning of the past. Those who have done the most to change society have done it within the concept of civil disobedience.

Civil disobedience - the refusal to comply with certain laws or to pay taxes and fines, as a peaceful form of political protest.

Peaceful!!!! This does not mean to bow up and try to bully your way into a meeting or force an elected leader to do what you want. It means to LISTEN to all sides of an issue. It means to be civil in any discourse of ideas exchanged. We may not agree completely with another on every single issue, but there will be some form of common ground we all can agree on.

I ride a Harley. I know a supporter of ABATE rides a BMW. I am a conservative and he leans a little more liberal. We both

agree that freedom is a foundation to living the American dream. I count him as my brother from another mother. I go to him for advice and wise counsel because I know he thinks as to the well-being of this experiment called America before his own agenda. Think about that!

It's not about me. It's not about you. It's not even about us. It's about the big picture of the freedoms so many have fought and bled for.

One last thing I want to address. The whole ANTIFA/white supremacist crud going on in our country. If you fall into either side of those political ideologies, you do not embrace the Constitution of our nation. Yes, you may have a right to speak your mind, and you have a right to be an idiot as well. I fought for that right and will continue to do so. But if you think that I will stand idly by and allow any of my brothers and sisters to be accosted by either side, you have greatly misjudged this Marine.

Fascists believe that liberal democracy is obsolete, and they regard the complete mobilization of society under a totalitarian one-party state as necessary to prepare a nation for armed conflict and to respond effectively to economic difficulties.

Liberal democracy is a liberal political ideology and a form of government in which

representative democracy operates under the principles of classical liberalism. It is also called western democracy. It is characterized by fair, free, and competitive elections between multiple distinct political parties, a separation of powers into different branches of government, the rule of law in everyday life as part of an open society, and the equal protection of human rights, civil rights, civil liberties, and political freedoms for all people. To define the system in practice, liberal democracies often draw upon a constitution, either formally written or uncodified, to delineate the powers of government and enshrine the social contract.

If you want to know what a fascist is, or the present use of the term Nazi to define a person, do your research. Read about classic liberalism. Fascists are against that. And then look at the ANTIFA movement. They tend to be more of a socialist type political philosophy. Both are extremely anti-American.

The term "liberal" I am using is not the modern term of it. A classic liberal is more of Thomas Jefferson than FDR.

Thanks for letting me rant. Now let's all go and make America better today than it was yesterday. At least our little part of it.

Be good to one another.
Mike Infanzon

Chapter Reports

East Valley Chapter

Hey there would ya look at that half way thru September already. The "signs" of cooler weather are upon us even if the thermometer isn't showing it yet. The adventure calendars are filling up.

Motorcycles on Main has started back up after our 2 months of Holy Crap it's too hot to be out there. It was a lot of fun to see some of the faces again that ya only see down there. Thank You Jim Silk, Mike Infanzon, and others for covering the booth so I could go run amok and earn another grey hair (oh no that's right they are called silver highlights) for my birthday. Phoenix Motor Leathers had their grand opening with Unknown Associates playing great time. I even ran into to our lovely Ms. Too Broke for Sturgis Christina sporting her tiara, sash and all. It was a beautiful night.

We had our chapter meeting on Sunday August 27th. You could feel the excitement in the room as we all worked up for Biker Bowling. John Ivey ya missed out buddy your number was drawn for the Dollar jar. I won the 50/50 and opted to donate the \$7 back to the chapter.

Okay let's talk about Biker Bowling. We gathered at Mesa East Bowl and waited semi patiently for Phoenix Shadow Mountain to show up to play. Even though it was a smaller group than usual, it was on. East Valley Chapter put up a good fight but in the end Phoenix Shadow Mountain got the privilege to take home the Bowling Pin. Just wait the Pin will come home to East Valley Chapter.

Next stop Hard Ass Run on Saturday September 30th. Woo Hoo.

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
East Valley Communications Officer,
Chapter & State Secretary

High Country Chapter

NO REPORT

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter

The Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter last met on Sunday September 10th at the AAIC. Nolan opened with a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. Mike, our coordinator, led the meeting and started by greeting our newest member and candidate for the Arizona State Senate in Legislative District 15, Brian Lesinski. Brian introduced himself and spoke about his shared interest in motorcyclist rights and safety. After which we accepting Jean's minutes and Tara's treasury report. The meeting continued and we discussed the following:

SAVE THE EVENING of Saturday

October 7th for a moonlight group ride that's over 100 miles across the valley. Registration for the Phoenix Chapter's annual Moon Mullins Run is from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Bikini Bean Espresso (1420 N. Scottsdale Rd, Tempe). Kickstands up at 6:45pm, and we'll ride out to Bartlett Lake for a rest stop before continuing to our business member The Draw 10 Bar & Grill (5444 E Washington St, Phoenix). Shirts and Chapter merchandise will be for sale. Registration for single rider is \$10 and two-up is \$15. Get in on the 50/50 raffle with tickets available for \$1 and the winner will be picked at the end of the run. Must be present to win so bring some friends and join us for a great moonlight ride! All proceeds go to support the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter of ABATE of Arizona. If you can't come out that night to support the Chapter, please consider supporting our business members who are listed in the Masterlink and on our website. It's important to support those that support ABATE, and the Arizona motorcyclist community.

The Chapter will have a booth set up at the Steel Horse Saloon on Saturday October 7th in support of the Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A) event being held that day. Contact their Black Canyon Chapter for details and stop by to say hello to your friends at ABATE while you're there.

The Chapter plans to host an Accident Scene Management Class in early 2018. This has been talked about for some time, but Chapter funds are now available 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. Thank you to everyone that contributes to ABATE which makes these classes possible at a reduced price.

Phoenix Chapter was recently challenged, and won, Biker Bowling against the East Valley Chapter. These gatherings strengthen our Brotherhood/Sisterhood and we plan to reciprocate by inviting them for a similar competition. Preliminary plans are to meet at ABATE's business member Desert Rose Restaurant and Cigar Lounge for a bean-bag tournament. Tentatively planned for March, but we'll announce the final plans as they develop.

Nomination for 2018 Chapter Officers will be made at our October meeting; with voting to be conducted at our November meeting. Chapter Officer duties can be reviewed in the "Policy and Procedures Manual" (page 18-20) found on the abateofaz.org website, under the "Resource Library" tab. Join us for our next meeting to participate in the nominations for Chapter Officers.

Don't miss news about legislation and other matters affecting motorcyclist by following ABATE's designated lobbyist Michael Infanzon at www.abateofazlobbyist.blogspot.com

Keep in touch with our Chapter by joining us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/groups/shadowmountainabate

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Receive Chapter bulletins and announcements to keep updated between meetings. All are welcome to subscribe to our email list by sending a request to: abatephxshdwmtn@gmail.com

The Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter meets on the second Sunday of each month. Join us at our next meeting Sunday October 8, 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 August meeting was held on the 19th 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 APMC "Riot on the River". This event includes a weekend of camping. It is held up in Winkelman, AZ.

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. 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 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.

The State Officers elections are coming up and anyone interested in pursuing an officer on the State level please contact Jim or one of the State Officers for more information. 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 tele-

phone so you need not travel to Phoenix for the meeting.

The Annual membership meeting will be held in October instead of November. This was a decision of the BOD. The State Officers will be elected at this meeting.

As always please keep promoting our Business Memberships to those you do business with. We have been doing Great on this so let's keep up the good work.

Anyone who is not getting emails from the Chapter, please send your email address to abateofazsac@yahoo.com. There is also a group page at Yahoo Groups. All Chapter members can sign up there and receive all emails from the Chapter through the group.

It is abateofazsac@yahoogroups.com. Please make sure the State Membership Officer has all your current information as well, this includes phone numbers, email addresses, address changes etc. You can email him at membershipofficer@abateofaz.org.

Ride Free, Ride Safe!

Yavapai Chapter

Greetings!

Our joint social event at the Arrowhead Bar and Grill in Congress on September 9th was a happening. The weather threatened, but it ended up a beautiful day! Trail riders and street riders rode and met up at the Arrowhead. We all enjoyed the live band and good food, not to mention the rides themselves. The trail was a bit muddy in places, but that just added to the fun.

We are working on our Fall Motorhead Swap Meet Event, to be held October 14 at Tony Too's in Prescott Valley. See our flyer elsewhere in the Masterlink.

Lastly, we'll have a booth in Old Town Cottonwood during the Thunder Valley Rally on September 15-16. Stop by and say hi!

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.

Our next meeting will be October 11, 2017 at the VFW post.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT

The Motorcycle Safety Fund

By JohnnyD

Hello Friends.

This month's article will coincide with the reinstatement of Motorcycle Safety Fund scholarships with Motorcycle rider courses. As many of you know, the Motorcycle Safety Fund (MSF) ended in July of 2016. The bill that would have extended it and the Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Advisory Council (AMSAC) died at the end of that year's legislative session. A new bill in 2017 recreated the fund but did not recreate AMSAC. The process for dispersing the money involves the Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) and the

Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). This seems like alphabet soup to many but bear with me, it will get simpler. The MSF receives money from the extra dollar tax motorcycle lobbyists pushed to add to each mc registration in the 1990s. Alberto Gutier is the director of GOHS and for a couple of years some of us attended AMSAC meetings. A proposal was made to use the MSF money to subsidize the training courses. At opening day of the legislature 2014, Alberto came to the group of motorcycle activists and told us that he had decided to use the money for training riders. From

12/31/2013 to 12/31/2014 there was a remarkable drop in motorcycle fatalities. I

often speak with Mick Degen, the chairman of AMSAF, and we were delighted that the numbers had dropped. We could not prove causality but we were sure we were on the right track.

At that time, ABATE of AZ did not have a designated Lobbyist so some members just became activists and that was sufficient to push the legislative efforts that members and the board of directors chose. One of the subjects that bikers were interested in was distracted driving and/or texting while driving. There were discussions about possible laws to deal with this issue. The board had different ideas. They decided that with laws currently on the books and the possibility of

further intrusion into privacy by law enforcement, ABATE would not support any further legislation on this issue. One of the problems cited was that any collision could lead to police opening a driver's phone to search for activity at the time of the collision, an otherwise illegal search. I was reminded that the motto of ABATE is Educate Not Legislate. That ended any further efforts on this subject.

Something I do every year is review the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) crash statistics for the previous year. These are generally published

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY WELCOMES BAN ON GAS POWERED VEHICLES

The Motorcycle Industry Association (U.K.) has welcomed reports of a ban on new fossil fuel-powered vehicles starting 2040, saying it will be a "tremendous stimulus" for bike makers.

The Government is due to announce a ban on the sale of new petrol (gasoline) and diesel vehicles from 2040 as part of an effort to tackle air pollution, according to several national newspapers. The measure is expected to include a ban on new hybrid vehicles and "could mark the beginning of the end of the prevalence of the internal combustion engine in automotive transport," reports www.BritishDealerNews.co.uk.

The announcement will be in line with a similar commitment already made by France.

Steve Kenward, CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), pointed out that no specific mention had been made of motorcycles but added: "I think there's a great opportunity."

"For all the congestion-busting abilities

of motorcycles and the abilities to make electric bikes I think it's a tremendous stimulus for the motorcycle industry," Kenward predicts. "It's a tremendous commercial trigger to push on with electric motorcycles."

Motorcycles made before 2007 are already set to be hit by a £12.50 (\$16.10 USD) daily pollution toll for entering London beginning in 2020.

INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER

India has dethroned China from a long reign as the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer, having already overtaken China to become the largest domestic motorcycle market three years ago. The growth curve is continuing, as India's growing domestic market and partnerships with English and European bike builders have put the country at the forefront of worldwide two-wheeled production.

While overall new motorcycle sales in the U.S. have been about 500,000 a year, and around 125,000 are sold in the United Kingdom, the total sales of machines made in India for the last financial year came to 17.6 million – more every three days than are sold in the UK in a year; more every 11 days than are sold annually in America.

Meanwhile, China's domestic motorcycle market has been in decline for five years as government policy has incentivized electric bicycle sales and denied motorcycles access to city centers across China.

Conversely, the relentless growth of motorcycle sales in India is beginning to reshape the global marketplace. According to New Atlas, sales within India grew 6.9% last year, thanks to a fast-growing 1.32 billion domestic population that is quickly urbanizing and emerging from poverty -- India has the fastest GDP growth of any major country. A massive India-wide road construction program is also fueling car and bike sales, just as it did in America a century ago.

Currently India's domestic motorcycle marketplace is dominated by sub-125cc scooters and motorcycles, but larger capacity "luxury" classes are taking an increasing share as the market matures. Royal Enfield, built in India for the past 62 years, sold more than 700,000 motorcycles last year, a figure nearly equal to the combined worldwide sales of Harley-Davidson, KTM, BMW, Triumph, and Ducati, and their production target for this fiscal year is 900,000.

MILLIONS OF LICENSED MOTORCYCLISTS DON'T RIDE

Nearly 8 million Americans have a motorcycle license, but don't own a bike. These phantom riders, referred to as

"Sleeping License Holders," have come to the attention of motorcycle manufacturers seeking new customers as baby boomers age out of riding; wanting to wake them up.

Many of these 'sleepers' were active motorcyclists who had things happen in their life that caused them to quit riding: marriage, kids, financial pressures, a job that demands most of their time or simply a change in interests. Others completed rider training, got their license, but never bought a bike.

All of which has led Harley-Davidson, Indian and other bike makers to devise new marketing strategies.

Harley has set a goal of attracting 2 million new U.S. riders in the next decade and says it's committed to introducing 100 new motorcycles over the next 10 years, including an electric bike, and that effort is expected to bring some sleeping license holders into bike ownership.

Indian Motorcycle Co. is also digging into why the sleepers aren't taking that next step to become motorcycle owners. "I think, collectively as an industry, we need to answer that," said Kevin Reilly, vice president of motorcycle marketing for Indian.

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- Public awareness campaigns.
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- Motorcycle Lobbyist at the State Legislature
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- 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

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The median age of U.S. motorcyclists is about 45, according to a report in Cycle World magazine, with an overwhelming number of new bike buyers over the age of 50.

'E-DUI' LAW TARGETS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ELECTRONICS

Washington state has enacted a new 'E-DUI' law that imposes stiff penalties for driving under the influence... of electronic devices. Under their new distracted driving law, referred to as "E-DUI," drivers in the Evergreen State will no longer be able to use a cell phone or any electronic device while driving, even when stopped at a traffic light. The bill was drafted in response to a 32% increase in deaths from distracted driving from 2014 to 2015.

"Put the cell phones down, preserve life," Gov. Jay Inslee said on the steps of the Capitol in Olympia, according to Q13 Fox News. Inslee says the bill is called "electronic driving while impaired" for a reason. "When you are driving with a cell phone, you are a more dangerous driver than if you are driving drunk with a .08 blood alcohol level," he said.

The first citation will cost drivers \$136, nearly doubling for a second offense within five years. Tickets issued for driving while using hand-held electronics will go on a motorist's record and reported to their insurance provider, says a website set up by the state explaining the new law.

In addition, according to the new law, drivers can also get a \$99 ticket for other types of distractions like grooming, smoking, eating or reading if it interferes with safe driving and you are pulled over for another traffic offense.

NATIONWIDE ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN TO CURB DRINKING AND RIDING

A nationwide campaign to crack down on motorcyclists driving drunk or impaired is underway until Labor Day, with local police and Highway Patrol out in force until after the holiday weekend.

The end of the summer is universally celebrated

by millions of Americans on Labor Day weekend, and for many motorcyclists the weekend is a chance to close down summer with that last long ride.

So ride aware that this high-visibility national enforcement campaign, "Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over," runs from August 18 through September 4, 2017. During this period, local law enforcement will show zero tolerance for alcohol or drug impaired riding. Increased state and national messages about the dangers of riding impaired, coupled with enforcement and increased officers on the road, aim to drastically reduce death and injuries on our nation's roadways.

Anyone caught riding impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspensions and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

STURGIS-BOUND BIKE-RIDING MUSIC EXECS BECOME HIGHWAY HEROES

A group of Music Row power brokers bound for Sturgis from Nashville helped yank 10 people from their cars and trucks Aug. 4, 2017, just before fire raced through the scene of a crash in southern Illinois.

A semi-truck had plowed full speed into cars that had stopped for construction on the highway, explains a newspaper article appearing in The Tennessean, causing a chain-reaction eight-car pileup. Just in front of that pileup: A 10-person crew of music industry executives riding bikes from Nashville to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota.

Two of the bikers, brothers from a talent agency who were paramedics for 10 years in San Diego, got in touch with 911 operators and immediately began organizing bystanders, while the amateur rescuers went quickly vehicle by vehicle pulling victims to safety: First, a family of six with children ages 6 to 11; then, a couple of guys in a pick-up truck, one with a bad head wound; finally, a woman, screaming, stuck in a car that looked like a crushed beer can.

The Nashvillians couldn't get her out of

the car, so they got about 10 guys together and dragged the entire car, 3 feet at a time, across the highway into a grassy median away from the fire. And like in the movies they did so just before flames ripped through three vehicles that already had been emptied of passengers.

"It was a trip. I'm still tripped out by it," one of the highway saints was quoted as saying in USA Today. "There's no doubt, had we not sprung into action like we did, there would've been fatalities."

ROLLING ADS PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS ACROSS NEBRASKA

Eight delivery trucks will carry a motorcycle awareness message for 10 weeks this summer while traversing the Cornhusker State as part of a Nebraska Highway Safety Council campaign.

Signs on the delivery trucks' panels warn motorists to "watch for motorcycles everywhere," by checking mirrors and looking both ways when at intersections and changing lanes.

The state Department of Transportation, law enforcement and motorcycle safety groups created the campaign to counter a spate of fatal accidents.

Nebraska Highway Safety Administrator Fred Zwonechek said similar campaigns funded by federal motorcycle safety grants have been used in the past to push awareness. "You want to reach drivers, and this is a way to do it," Zwonechek told the Journal Star newspaper.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON POLLUTION FINE REDUCEDThe U.S. Justice Department has rescinded a requirement that Harley-Davidson Inc spend \$3 million on a project to reduce air pollution as part of a \$15 million fine the Obama administration levied last year for selling illegal tuning kits that cause its vehicles to emit too much pollution.

Under direction from the Trump administration, however, the Justice Dept. has determined that the \$3 million to retrofit wood-fired stoves was not appropriate, saying: "The original consent decree would have required defendants to pay a non-governmental third-party organization to carry out the mitigation project. Questions exist as to whether this mitigation project is consistent with the new policy."

The move followed a recent decision by Attorney General Jeff Sessions to halt a longstanding practice under which polluters could be compelled to pay for environmental or community projects, in addition to fines and direct compensation to victims.

Now, a bill working its way through Congress could make AG Sessions's policy law. The bill, sponsored by Representative Robert W. Goodlatte (R-VA) would prevent the government from using settlement money from civil cases for purposes other than direct victim compensation or remediation, like cleanups of environmental disasters.

OVER A QUARTER OF DRIVERS FEEL "BIKER ENVY"

If you've ever come across one of those drivers who seem determined to prevent you from passing on your bike, you may feel a sense of satisfaction in knowing that they're probably just jealous... and it's going to take them some time to calm down after they arrive late for work.

A recent survey has found that 27.8% of drivers experienced 'biker envy' when motorcyclists passed them in traffic and it took them an average of 34.2 minutes to feel calm and in control again after getting to work late.

The survey of 2,000 commuters by British motorcycle insurer Devitt Insurance also found that employees lose on average 29.6 minutes of work a week because of heavy traffic, costing the U.K. economy £203,846,153 (\$261,351,152 USD).

Almost 13% had missed a job interview while stuck in traffic, while 32.3% said they would try to sneak into work unnoticed on arriving late. Here's a better idea: get a bike!

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

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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 Buttsback (520)247-3051 or abateofazsac@yahoo.com

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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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The Motorcycle Safety Fund (continued)

around June of each year. The website for these records is

<https://www.azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/Statistics/arizona-motor-vehicle-crash-facts> .

Each year I notice that one of the biggest factors is lack of training. In 2016 there were 23 fatalities due to overturning, and 28 to collision with fixed objects. That is about 35% of total fatalities. The vast majority of fatal accidents occurred in broad daylight on dry roads. Of the 144 fatalities, 43 were under the influence of alcohol and 12 were suspected of being under the influence of drugs.

When we were lobbying Alberto Gutier

to subsidize training courses, I spoke about people who moved here and saw that we could ride 365 days a year. Many buy a motorcycle with more power than they ever felt and soon find themselves in a position they were not prepared for. I talked about military veterans who were returning from the wars and found the motorcycle community welcoming and supportive. They were getting hurt and killed by situations that a couple of days of training would have prevented. I believe our focus should be to expand motorcycle training scholarships, not legislate use of telephones. We can't prevent people from driving distracted. We can prepare ourselves to deal with the stupidity of drivers who are incapable of focusing on the road. We have more than

203,000 registered motorcycles in Arizona. In 2013 there were 180,000. The crash and fatality rates have dropped noticeably since 2013. I believe we are doing something right. I also believe that if there is an auto-motorcycle collision, the police will not only search the car driver's phone, they will more than likely search the biker's phone as well in the interest of fully investigating the incident. We must decide if we want to leave that door open. We also should decide if we want to be classified as vulnerable road users. I believe that would give more ammunition to the helmet law proponents. My old idea of rubber baby buggy bumpers on motorcycles has resurfaced. It is up to the ABATE membership what direction our legislative efforts

should go. The next session begins on Monday, January 8, 2018. We have time to decide. As you all know, Motorcycle Day at the Dome will be on Wednesday May 2, 2018. At that point, it will be too late to affect any pending legislation. The session may have already ended by that day. Please let your chapter officers know what your thoughts are on this matter.

Our members should try to attend opening day in January. That day is interesting. Many groups with legislation or issues pending at the legislature are in attendance. It has a circus-like atmosphere and many interesting people



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Saturday, October 14th – Nomaden MC – XMAS Toy Drive, 9:00 am - 11:30 pm, Huachuca City, AZ- Live Music, Family Games, Family Activities, Vendors, Food, on site

October 14 @ 11:00 am - 11:30 pm , Tucson, AZ- Please join the Viet Nam Vets / Legacy Vets MC for our annual Vet-Oberfest at the Wooden Nickel Tavern. Proceeds will go to various Homeless Vets Charities in Tucson. There will be Food, Fun, Drinks, Live Music, Bike Show, 50/50 raffle and much more!! Entry

cost for Bike Show is \$10.00. Admission is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per couple.

9/15-17 Thunder Valley Rally 2017 in Cottonwood, presented by Law Tigers. FMI: 928-639-3200, <http://thundervalleyrallyaz.com>

9/16 {Sat} Accident Scene Management Basic Class, 9a-4pm at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, 85260. Learn what to do in the first 5-30 minutes after a crash until professional help arrives. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/azasm1> | www.accidentscene.org

9/21 {Sat} Loners MC NV 11th Annual Old School Bike Show/Rat Rod Show & Motorcycle Swap Meet, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

9/21 {Sat} 4th Annual Halloween Bash, October 21 @ 7:00 pm - 11:30 pm

Phoenix, AZ- Food, Music by Feel Good Factor, Dancing, Costume Contest, Raffles & a Hell of a Time! 21 & over! New River, AZ- Swap Meet starts at 7:00 AM Live Band, Food & Drink Specials, Chicken Shit

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9/23 {Sat} Accident Scene Management Advanced Class, 9a-4pm at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, 85260. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/azasm1> | www.accidentscene.org

9/23 {Sat} HAMC Halloween, Tucson, AZ

9/30 {Sat} 15th annual ABATE of Arizona East Valley Chapter’s Hard Ass Run. Sign-in 7:30-9am at Evil Twin Custom Cycle 58 N Country Club, Mesa, 85201. All Bikes Welcome. Last bike out 9:30a. United We Ride, Divided We Fall. This is a mystery poker run of ≈ 300 miles. \$20/pp, \$30/2-up. 1st 75 receive a collectible t shirt at the end stop (wherever that may be). Poker hand included & passenger gets own card. Replacement poker cards may be purchased for \$1 each at end stop only. Raffle prizes & 50/50 drawing (must be present to win). Benefiting ABATE’s ability to fight for your rights & safety. FMI: Jim 602-312-1927 <http://tinyurl.com/yalhggzt>

From Your State Lobbyist

I begin every morning culling through every speech, every comment, or public utterance they make. I read through so many speeches and news program comments I can almost predict what will be said. I then work through the day, tracking and defining every vote they make and translating the confusing language they intentionally use so that any citizen can understand what has been done to them or for them. Between the reading, writing, and meeting with our elected leaders, I do get a little wind therapy in.

It has been an extraordinary undertaking and it has been going on since I took over as the State Lobbyist last fall. In the coming months, ABATE of Arizona will announce several new items in our arsenal to fight for freedom.

AzMVP (Arizona Motorcycle Voter

Project).

This 501c3 non-profit was formed to allow us to register voters and help those who have lost their voting rights to get them restored. We do have a separate Paypal and bank account set up for this project. The website will be up and running by Monday if all goes well.

ABATEPAC

We are in the first stages of forming our own state AND national PAC. This will allow us to have a greater impact on keeping those elected leaders in their positions or support those who are attempting to unseat those who oppose us. This will be a nonpartisan PAC and who is financially supported will be discussed as a team, not one individual making the choice.

Unknown to almost all ABATE members,

AMSAF

Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) has been in existence since 2011. In that time we have raised close to \$1 Million dollars to help the communities in motorcycle safety and awareness and helping to reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities. As the Governor's Office of Highway Safety said "We're saving lives".

We feel the best thing we can do to help the community is through education and getting folks into motorcycle training here in the State. Many folks can't afford to do motorcycle training or are on tight budgets or its not a priority The money we have been able to raise through Grants, Sponsorship, Riding for the Long Haul event and donations goes to helping the community in those areas. We have been able to help so many families and individuals here in Arizona with our

Motorcycle Training Scholarships and for that we are so appreciate of those that have financially helped us.

Check out our survey results from those that have received Scholarships and how we have helped them and their family's. <https://www.amsaf.org/website/files/Scholarship-followup%202016%20-%202017-06-20.pdf> Some great comments from these individuals.

AMSAF recently received another \$100,000.00 Grant from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety and this week a Grant from the Arizona Trauma Association for \$10,000.00. Arizona Trauma Association's Mission: To improve the delivery of health care to injured patients throughout the state of Arizona. Those dollars from both Grants are committed to Motorcycle Safety,

a group of our quiet leaders who I trust for guidance, Republican, and Democrat, conservative and liberal, have quietly worked to help and advise me on the direction of the political arm of our organization. They are truly unsung heroes of freedom.

I ask you to support the defense of every motorcyclist's right to freedom of the road. We have a lot of road to travel here in Arizona. We still have a lot of bridges to rebuild. We can and will do it.

Please consider financially supporting AzMVP and ABATEPAC through your chapters and individual donations. Freedom is a team sport and we need YOU on the team.

Be good to one another. Mike

Awareness and education.

AMSAF's goal is to work close with the Community to help reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities here in Arizona. We want to thank the State, Healthcare, Police and a number of other business's who have come forward to help us financially to make it a safer place in our State and community. AMSAF is a 501c3 non profit. If you can help us financially to get more folks into Motorcycle Training, please don't hesitate to contact me on how you can help. Together we can reduce our crash and fatality numbers in our State.

On an average our Hospitals see 3-4 motorcycle crashes a week and just last

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)

was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders.

OUR MISSION:

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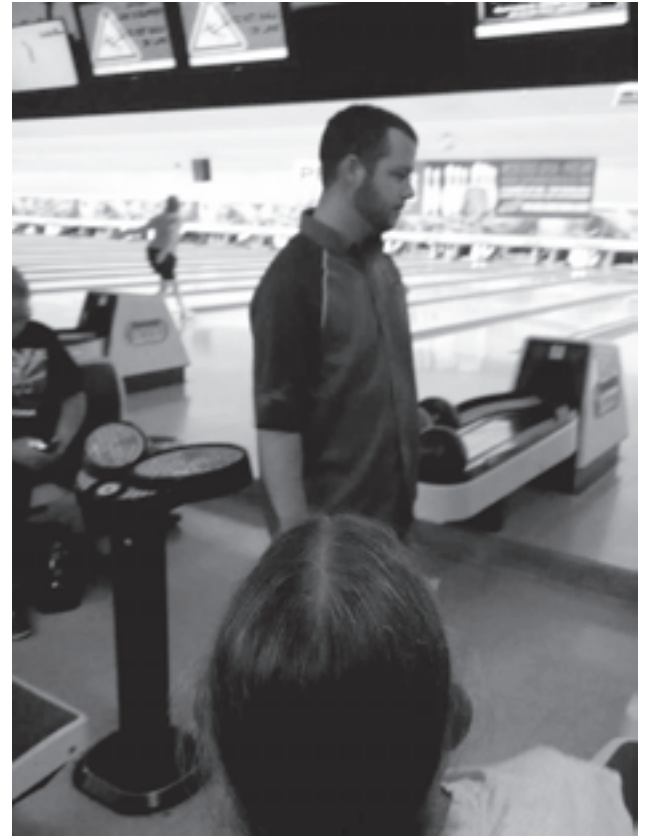
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BIKER BOWLING



Biker Bowling

On the afternoon of August 27th after the East Valley Chapter meeting there was a gathering. Time for the annual Biker Bowling. East met "West" or otherwise known as Phoenix Shadow Mountain Chapter at Mesa East Bowl for a showdown. Who would get to take home the precious Bowling pin trophy and bragging rights.

As Phoenix Shadow Mountain Chapter members started to straggle in we heard whining are you sure we aren't in Texas, this is so far out here. Oh and I'm tired just from getting here, well that was all part of the East Valley master plan since the word had got out to stay away from the beer refill secret weapon.

It was a smaller group than the last time,

but everyone that was there had a blast. It was a wonderful way to get out of the heat and spend some time with some of the best people around. There was plenty of laughter, Oohs and awws, everyone cheered for each other no matter which team you were on.

Although East Valley Chapter bowled their hearts out, we must admit that

Phoenix Shadow Mountain Chapter won the right to hoist the trophy High and proud. Enjoy it until next time when the Bowling Pin will come home.


Dawn P Steed
East Valley Chapter Secretary & Communications

BIKER BOWLING





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2018 ABATE State Officers Ballot



A. B. A. T. E. of Arizona, Inc. Officer State Officer Election Ballot

Election date: October 8, 2017

Membership# _____ verified by: _____

Vote for one person in each category by marking an X through your circle with only one person running will not be counted unless there is an

OFFICER POSITION	CURRENT OFFICER	NOMINATION	NOMINATION
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We ask that if you are unable to attend the meeting to turn in your ballot please send the ballots with your Chapter Board of Directors representative.

Requirements copied from the current ABATE of Arizona Bylaws

NUMBER; TITLE; ELECTION;
TERM:

(a) ENUMERATION: The Corporation shall have a President (designated as the "President"), one Vice President (designated as the "Vice President"), one Sergeant-At Arms, a Secretary (as that term is described in Arizona Revised Statutes 10-1002 (24)), a Treasurer, a Political Action Coordinator, a Membership Coordinator, and such other officers and agents as the Board of Directors may deem desirable.

(b) ELECTION; QUALIFICATIONS; TERM: (1) Each officer shall be a member of the Corporation and shall have served for a period of at least (1) year as an officer of a chapter. Each officer shall hold office for the term for which he is elected or appointed and until his successor has been elected or qualified and appointed. The members of the Corporation shall elect officers at their annual meeting. State officers, with the exception of the State Treasurer, who is appointed by the Board, shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. All State officers and the Board of Directors shall maintain a membership with the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) through the duration of their term of office, to ensure the Corporation's Charter Status with A.M.A. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except that the President and the Treasurer shall not be the same person. With the exception of the State Treasurer, members of the Corporation may submit to the Corporation candidates who are members of the Corporation for its consideration to elect as an officer of the Corporation. No member of the Corporation shall hold a position as State Officer and member of the Board of Directors concurrently.

ABATE of Arizona State Officer Nominations and Elections

Well now would you look at that. Has it really been 2 years already? Yes, it is time to nominate and elect our state officers.

The Board of Directors requested that we move up the election to coincide with the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday October 8, 2017 at the Arizona American Italian Club.

Although several officers are willing to stay in their offices, ALL offices are up

for nomination. We will send out a ballot thru the ABATE of Arizona membership email list.

We will also make sure that all of the Chapter Coordinators have ballots to get to those who do not use email.



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Safety Starts With YOU



Teresa "Trauma Mama" McClelland
MSN RN
A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona State Safety
Officer

This month's article on safety and how it really needs to start with you. In this case it started with me.

I recently bought a brand-new HD Street Glide Special. I named him Olaf as he is Crushed White Ice Pearl. He glistens like snow in the sun light. Olaf is from the Disney Movie Frozen- so if you haven't seen it yet... He is a goofy Snow man that loves everything hot and everything about summer.

Ok back to Safety- Despite me having

30 years on motorcycles and dirt bikes, this new bike is twice the weight and twice the power of my previous bike- A 2006 Honda Shadow 750cc. Greater than 30 % of MC accident are operator error or could have been avoided if a rider riding skill were more proficient. I'm partaking in a few different course in efforts to avoid all the crazies out there.

Last Sunday I participated in a 2-hour practice skill day at Turf Paradise sponsored by the GWR. There had to be about 50 bikes of all kinds that showed up of all makes and models as well as all ages and both men and women. I was happy to see so much interest in the mc world to focus on their own riding skills. These classes take place every month the second Sunday from 8am - 10am. There are coaches on site available to answer questions and offer tips but it is really open game to 17 or so different obstacle courses. Best part is it is free and you really meet a lot of cool people with great riding skills

After hitting a few cones, I did brush up on my U turns and weaving. Some of the courses were difficult and I'll be back to practice. Make sure if you are new to these skill dates you bring your M endorsement and insurance, helmet, gloves water and sun screen.

I did invite several riding friend and some did not go in fear of dumping their bikes and being embarrassed... common now folks... this is the place to practice! The next thing I did is register for the 6-week AZ Precision Drill Team Skill Course. This is also free of charge and will take place every Thursday from 7pm-9pm down town at 38th ST and Washington. This group focuses on 2 skills a week in efforts to get proficient in advanced riding skills.

The AMSAF Scholarship Program will be starting up again and not only do they offer beginner courses but they also are sponsoring scholarships for the BRC2 or Confident Riders Course. The scholarship programs can be found at www.AMSAF.org

The completion cards can decrease your insurance rates and more importantly make you a safer rider. WE have all ridden with "that GUY" who thinks he knows how to ride and really is more of a danger in the group- Don't be that Guy... get proficient on your riding skills as it may save your life one day. I encourage all of you to brush up on your riding skills and make yourself a safer rider.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Responsible and Ride Endorsed
Teresa "Trauma Mama" McClelland
MSN RN
AZ State Safety Officer



Save the Evening

Saturday October 7th for a moonlight group ride that's over 100 miles across the valley. Registration for the Phoenix Chapter's annual MOON MULLINS RUN is from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Bikini Bean Espresso (1420 N. Scottsdale Rd, Tempe). Kickstands up at 6:45pm, and we'll ride out to Bartlett Lake for a rest stop before continuing to our business member The Draw 10 Bar & Grill (5444 E Washington St, Phoenix). Shirts and Chapter merchandise will be for sale. Registration for single rider is \$10 and two-up is \$15. Get in on the 50/50 raffle with tickets available for \$1 and the winner will be picked at the end of the run. Must be present to win so bring some friends and join us for a great moonlight ride! All

proceeds go to support the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter of ABATE of Arizona. If you can't come out that night to support the Chapter, please consider supporting our business members who are listed in the Masterlink and on our website. It's important to support those that support ABATE, and the Arizona motorcyclist community.

FMI: abatephxshdwmtn@gmail.com

Ride safe & live free!

Robb "Double B" Felder
Communications Officer
Phoenix/Shadow Mtn. Chapter

AMSAF (continued)

year we averaged close to 3 deaths on motorcycle's a week. One is to many for us and AMSAF wants to help and will continue to help the communities.

Thank you again to Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety and Arizona Trauma Association.

Starting October 1, 2017 AMSAF will have scholarships available again throughout the State by going to <https://www.amsaf.org/scholarships/>.

Mick Degn
Executive Director
Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF)
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Bill of Rights in Simple Language

AMENDMENT 1

Congress can't make any law that:
1 Favors one religion over another religion, or no religion at all, or opposes any religion;
1 Stops you from practicing your religion as you see fit;
1 Keeps you from saying whatever you want, even if you are criticizing the President of the United States;
1 Prevents newspapers, magazines, books, movies, radio, television or the internet from presenting any news, ideas, and opinions that they choose;
1 Stops you from meeting peacefully for a demonstration or protest to ask the government to change something.

AMENDMENT 2

Congress can't stop people from having and carrying weapons.

AMENDMENT 3

You don't have to let soldiers live in your house, except if there is a war, and even then Congress needs to pass a law and set the rules.

AMENDMENT 4

Nobody can search your body, or your house, or your papers and things, unless they can prove to a judge that they have a good reason for the search.

AMENDMENT 5

Except during times of war or if you are in the military:

1 You can't be tried for any serious crime without a Grand Jury meeting first to decide whether there's enough evidence against you for a trial;
1 If at the end of a trial, the jury decides you are innocent, the government can't try you again for the same crime with another jury;
1 You cannot be forced to admit you are guilty of a crime and if you choose not to, you don't have to say anything at your trial at all;
1 You can't be killed, or put in jail, or fined, unless you were convicted of a crime by a jury and all of the proper legal steps during your arrest and trial were followed; and
1 The government can't take your house or your farm or anything that is yours, unless the government pays for it at a fair price.

AMENDMENT 6

If you are arrested and charged with a crime:
1 You have a right to have your trial soon and in public, so everyone knows what is happening;
1 The case has to be decided by a jury of ordinary people from where you are, if

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High Country Chapter
meets 10:00 AM every 3rd Sunday of every month at the Moose Lodge #852 16 Star Valley 4201 E. Hwy 266 Scottsdale, AZ (480) 344-1944

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain
meets 10:30 AM every 2nd Sunday of the month at the AZ American Italian Club, 7709 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020 (602) 549-1944

Southern AZ Chapter
meets at 10:00 AM (NOV-FEB) 4:00 AM (MAR-OCT) every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 West Starr Pass Boulevard, Tucson, AZ 85713 (520) 247-3051

Yavapai Chapter
meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Additions Bar and Grill, 1790 Swenson Street, Prescott, AZ (936) 308-0136

Tuma Chapter
meets 6:00 PM every 2nd Tuesday evening monthly at the Country Kitchen-Cafe located at 1141 S Foothills Blvd, Tuma, AZ 85354 (905) 317-0814

Bill of Rights in Simple Language (continued)

you wish;
 I You have the right to know what you are accused of doing wrong and to see and hear and cross-examine the people who are witnesses against you;
 I You have the right to a lawyer to help you. If you cannot afford to pay the lawyer, the government will.

AMENDMENT 7
 You also have the right to a jury when it is a civil case (a law case between two people rather than between you and the government).

AMENDMENT 8
 The government can't make you pay

more than is reasonable in bail or in fines, and the government can't inflict cruel or unusual punishments (like torture) even if you are convicted of a crime.

AMENDMENT 9
 Just because these rights are listed in the

Constitution doesn't mean that you don't have other rights too.

AMENDMENT 10
 Anything that the Constitution doesn't say that Congress can do, is left up to the states and to the people.

AzMVP: Vote like an Arizona motorcyclist!

Are you registered to vote?

Are you registered to vote at your current address?

Arizona Motorcycle Voters Project is a nonpartisan 501c3 dedicated to breaking down the barriers and getting as many of the 200,000 motorcyclists in Arizona to make their voice heard at the polls.

Arizona Motorcycle Voter Project (AzMVP) is focused on enhancing politi-

cal awareness and political participation among ALL motorcycle riders in Arizona.

Civic participation – the active engagement of people in the decision-making processes that shape their communities, their government, and their lives – is critical to a healthy society. In fact, we only realize the full promise of democracy when people participate; when all segments of a community have fair and equal access to institutions of government and meaningful opportunities to voice

their 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:

Are you registered to vote?

Are you registered to vote at your current

address?

Go to <http://servicearizona.com/> and you can either register or update your address.

If you need help getting your voting rights restored, contact us and we can help walk you through the process.

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Harley-Davidson Kills the Dyna Line and V-Rods

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Three New CVO Models Feature Largest-Ever Stock Engine Displacement

The 2018 Harley-Davidson motorcycle lineup introduces the most robust array of custom Touring bikes the company has ever produced, boasting show-stopping style and plush comfort ready to attack rough city streets or winding country roads. Three new completely restyled Touring models enter the limited-edition Custom Vehicle Operations™ family with the largest-ever stock engine from Harley-Davidson, while new Street Glide® Special and Road Glide® Special models get sinister, blacked-out styling.

“Our new Touring motorcycles will be some of our most sought-after bikes in 2018,” said Harley-Davidson Vice President of Product Planning and Portfolio Management, Dave Foley. “For CVO, we’ve rebooted the styling tone of the overall lineup and added some exclusive performance enhancements. And our two new custom baggers are the most aggressive, on-trend Touring bikes in the market. I can’t wait for riders to throw a leg over and experience the new rides for themselves.”

2018 Custom Vehicle Operations Motorcycles

The CVO tradition of giving customers the

ultimate in Harley-Davidson styling, innovation and performance continues in 2018 with the CVO Limited, the CVO Street Glide and the CVO Road Glide models. Each model offers its owners a fully customized, limited-edition motorcycle straight from the factory with a two-year unlimited warranty.

Starting with the largest stock engine displacement ever offered by the Motor Company, and available only in CVO models, all three bikes have upgraded Screamin’ Eagle® power and exclusive bragging rights with the Milwaukee-Eight® engine in a new 117-cubic-inch displacement, rated at up to 125 ft. lbs. of torque.

CVO models are limited in number and this year’s models feature some of the most distinctively crafted paint offerings the company has ever designed and produced. Also new for all three CVO models is an advanced integrated communication technology that features a wireless headset interface module. Customers can use the included Bluetooth® headset to communicate with the motorcycle Infotainment system, their passenger and other riders.

“The level of fit, finish and performance of CVO has never been higher,” added Foley. “CVO owners will appreciate the intricate details like the new color trim on the rocker box lowers that marks the CVO engine’s exclusivity. It features a deep orange finish specially developed for placement on the engine that is unique in the motorcycle industry.”

“The new direction our Styling department took with the design formula on the bikes is truly seismic,” added Harley-Davidson Vice President of Styling and Design, Brad Richards. “Take a look at the level of finish on any of the nine CVO paint sets, but especially the Fade on the CVO Limited, the depth of the paint layers and how it glows in the sunlight is just stunning.”

2018 CVO Street Glide

Custom touring loaded up with Harley-Davidson’s most powerful engine and sound system ever offered straight from the factory.

- Powered by the new Milwaukee-Eight® 117 (1923cc) engine and given the full-on custom treatment fender to fender with three new premium paint schemes and matching Talon wheels and rotors.
- Top-of-the-line 6.5 BOOM!™ Box Infotainment System with Stage II speakers provides superior audio performance. To achieve the rich 900 watts of Boom!™ Audio sound there are three 4-channel amplifiers powering six bi-amped speakers in the fairing, fairing lower and saddlebag lids.

2018 CVO Road Glide

Sinister bagger with swagger that epitomizes CVO’s new look and performance.

- Powered by the new Milwaukee-Eight® 117 (1923cc) engine, with aggressive shark-nose fairing, three premium paint options, custom wheels and a new sleek front fender.
- Features the first factory-installed new 21-inch Knockout™ front wheel for Touring

models from Harley-Davidson. Engineered to deliver optimal performance, handling, and ride quality without compromising fitment of accessories.

- High output audio from the BOOM!™ Box 6.5GT Infotainment System features Stage II speakers in saddlebag lids and fairing for 600 watts of pure audio bliss.

2018 CVO Limited

A premium touring machine loaded with best-in-class power, infotainment, show-winning paint and premium rider and passenger comfort.

- Powered by the all-new Twin-Cooled™ Milwaukee-Eight® 117 (1923cc) engine, dual bend-ing valve front suspension and emulsion rear suspension with hand-adjustable pre-load, the ride across country will be smooth, comfortable and brisk.
- The two-up seat is suspended and heated with a custom seat cover, insert and stitching unique to CVO models and not available anywhere else, also it comes with matching adjustable rider and passenger backrests.
- For added safety and convenience, top it off with a power-locking key fob, Reflex™ linked Brembo brakes with ABS and the Harley-Davidson® Smart Security System.
- Two luxurious color options are Burgundy Cherry Sunglo Fade and Black Earth Fade. See them in person to confirm the paint depth through its layers and how front-to-back the execution is seamless.

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