

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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ABATE OF ARIZONA 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The following are the legislative priorities for ABATE of Arizona for 2019. If you have any questions or would like the position paper for any of the priorities, feel free to email me.

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 ABATE of Arizona Legislative
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Criminal Justice and Judicial Reform

Support:
 Support legislation recognizing the impor-

tance to eliminate the profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement.

Support the restoration of innocent persons who have been erroneously charged, convicted and punished, as nearly as is reasonably possible, to the conditions and circumstances they enjoyed before being charged and that the person's record would be purged from any database.

Economic Vitality and Expansion

ABATE supports local and regional efforts to attract, grow, and retain businesses that provide jobs at all levels of the economic spectrum and needed services in the local motorcycle community.

Support:

Support economic development incentives that protect and improve Arizona's competitive position for business attraction, retention, and expansion.

Support reasonable economic development and planning efforts to create a diverse business climate that represents the diverse motorcycling community that supports businesses of all sizes across our state to make it "the place" to locate your business and be a part of the motorcycling community.

Support a change of definition to "small business" to better represent the large percentage

of businesses with under 50 employees and/or \$5 million.

Oppose:

Oppose regulatory efforts by the federal government that disparately and disproportionately impact Arizona, while supporting efforts to streamline regulations and ensure that Arizona's distinctive characteristics are reflected.

Efficient and Effective Government

Support:

Support reasonable measures that ensure proper agency implementation of law.

Support the business community's ability to engage in political speech.

Support privatizing local and state services if they can be comparably and appropriately delivered at equal or less cost.

Support a uniform state system of lobbying registration and reporting rather than multiple local systems.

Energy, Utilities and Environment

Support:

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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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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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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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 Safety Coordinator.....Andrew "AJ" Killian
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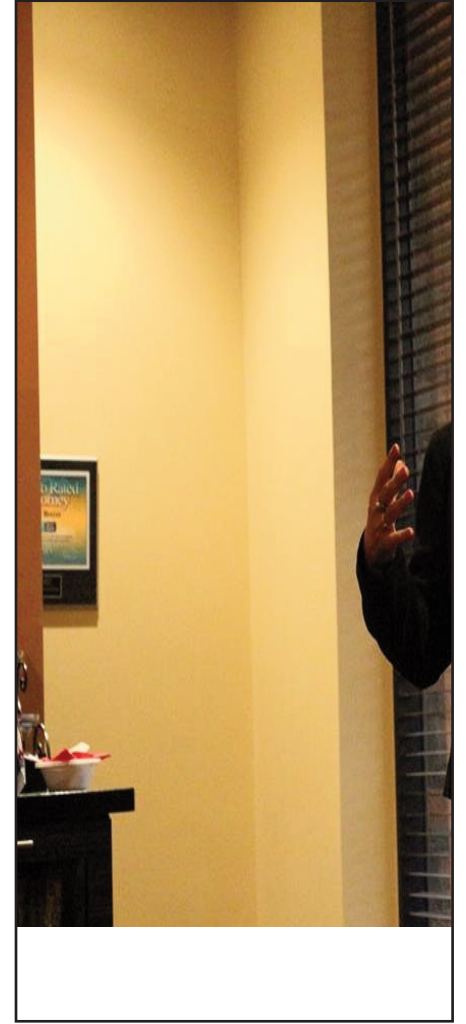
Yavapai Chapter meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott – 202 N Arizona Ave / 928-776-1125. For more information, please contact Dan Tumey @ 928-308-9911 or ycabateaz@gmail.com. See us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz/. Meet us at 5 for the VFW's very reasonably priced and tasty dinner.

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 Membership.....Carla Schmidt
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 Safety Coordinator.....Ray "PeeWee" Grier
 Sgt. At Arms.....Ray (Pee Wee) Grier
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Yuma Chapter meets the second Tuesday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the pm. We meet at the Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd 85367
 For additional information contact Frank White (Hound) at 209-327-0814.



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 I will be sure everything is accurate for the next Issue and on the web site.

News from the MRF

For Immediate Release

July 29, 2018

Motorcycles, Boats, & Lawnmowers
 Ask for Help on Ethanol

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, representatives from the marine, motorcycling, and outdoor power equipment gathered on Capitol Hill to discuss concerns over ethanol-blended gasoline and a lack of consumer education and understanding of the risks associated with ethanol. Hosted by the Congressional Motorcycle and Boating Caucuses, the breakfast briefing fea-

tured a panel of industry representatives and welcomed congressional staff and policymakers to learn about the issue from those with direct experience.

Speaking on behalf of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation was Mike Sponseller, an avid motorcyclist, professional racer and part owner of a Washington, D.C. motorcycle shop. Sponseller explained to the audience why higher ethanol blended gasoline is such a concern for riders, showing images of corroded and damaged motorcycle engine parts including fuel injectors, tank liners, fuel lines and even showing a snapshot taken directly from a Harley-Davidson owner's manual explaining the risks of using E15, E30 and E85.

He outlined riders concerns and the lack of consumer education that currently exists despite these types of fuel being

federal prohibited for use in motorcycles. "The problem with E15 isn't that motorcycles are unreliable, but it creates the perception that they are because of the damage it can cause. When in reality, it's the fuel that we are being forced to use."

Panelists agreed, citing their own industry examples of damage, lack of consumer education and misfuelling.

The event also touched on newly introduced legislation, H.R.5855, the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018. Authored by Rep. Austin Scott (R-Ga.) and U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel (D-Fl.), the legislation would require the EPA to revise the labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15 and conduct a consumer education campaign to inform the public about the risks of improper use of E15 and the vehicles and equipment that are

prohibited from using E15.

In coordination with the panel, a letter was sent to all Members of the House and Senate signed by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the National Marine and Manufacturers Association, the American Highway Users Alliance and others conveying support for the legislation.

More information on the legislation can be found here:https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr5855

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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.

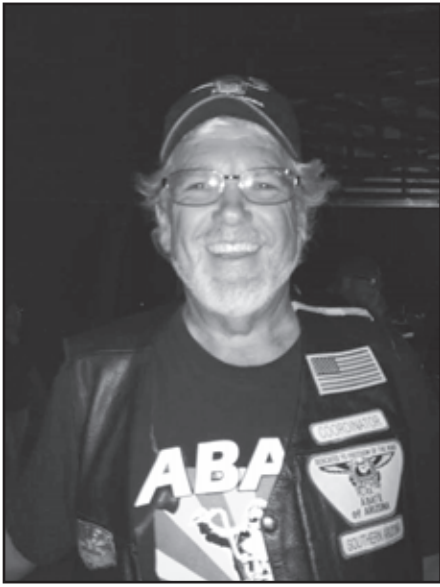
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President's Report



By Jim Butsback

Greetings Fellow supporters of Motorcycle Rights!!

When you see this it will be August and the summer will be almost half gone. It seems to go by faster every year. I hope everyone has been able to get out and see some of the beautiful areas of our wonderful state of Arizona. I know that in the hot months it can be trying to get out and ride but there are many great spots in the higher elevations that provide welcome relief to the heat. There are many events put on by various groups and this is also a great time to get up and see friends and fellow riders who live in the high country. I strongly encourage everyone to get out and enjoy our beautiful Arizona.

We are also heading into a very critical time for all of us. The election season is on us!! The candidates have hit the ground running and the primary is right around the corner. This year is the election year for our state legislators. There are many who are running for re-election and they are well known in their districts but there are many more that are trying to get elected in the other chamber or trying to unseat the current office holder.

When researching candidates pay attention to their voting records and where they stand on issues that will affect motorcyclists. If you find a candidate that you feel is deserving of your vote and who supports the issues that are important to us, please support them any way you

can. Then help spread the word that this candidate is someone motorcyclists should get behind. Tell your friends and fellow riders. This is how we can make a difference. Also remember that if there is an issue that comes up that is important to you, CALL OR WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS! They work for us and need to know where you stand. If they do not hear from the motorcycle community they will continue to be influenced by those who wish to limit our freedoms! This is also very important on the national level. ABATE works hard with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation on many issues on the Federal level. Do not forget to check where you Senate and Congressional candidates stand on various motorcycle safety and awareness issues.

Speaking of elections it is now time to start preparing for your Chapter elections. I know that it is easy to sit back and watch as others fill position in your Chapter but I ask all ABATE members to take and accounting of themselves and their talents that could be a real asset to your Chapter and to consider stepping up and becoming an officer in your Chapter. Talk to you current officers about any position you may be interested in and feel you can make a contribution to. Most officer positions are not nearly as much work as many members believe. Many of our Chapter officers have been working in various positions for many years and would really like to turn the job over to someone else but will keep stepping up because they do not want to see the Chapter struggle when a position is vacant.

The success of your Chapter depends on volunteers. We are all in this together and we all joined ABATE because motorcycle rights and safety issues are important to us. The old adage that "Many hands make easy work" is true. So lend a helping hand and make the work a little easier for everyone in your Chapter, consider being and officer.

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Once again I want to promote that in September the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is once again putting on their National Motorcyclist Conference which is known as the "Meeting of the Minds". ABATE of Arizona has come together with ABATE of Colorado, ABATE of Utah and the Nevada Soldiers for Jesus to host this event. It is a HUGE undertaking and also can be expensive to host an event of this size. The convention will be held in Denver, Colorado from September 20th through September 23rd, 2018. The location is the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec St., Denver Co. 80207.

Because ABATE of Arizona is one of the sponsor organizations we will be in real need of volunteers to help. If you have never been to an event like this, this is a real opportunity to go to one close by. There will be a lot more information coming out on this but please plan on attending and mark your calendars and get your time planned so you can be there. Many of us will be riding up and

sharing rooms to save expenses so come along and ride with us. It would be great to have a LARGE contingent of ABATE of Arizona members riding in force! I ask each Chapter to organize their members and get an idea on how many will be able to attend and if they will be riding. If you are not yet a member of the MRF, I strongly urge you to join.

As go about your daily business please remember to support those business and organizations that support ABATE and the motorcycle community. Talk to the business you support about becoming a Business Member of ABATE. Note that these businesses do not have to be bike shops or dealers, anyone who believe in the freedoms of the road and motorcycle awareness and safety is a potential ABATE Business member.

Help spread the gospel of ABATE while you are out riding and supporting other groups and clubs. There is a club membership that will extend benefits to all members of a club no matter how many and this includes the Accident insurance. Individuals can join if the club does not. Always keep several membership tri-folds with you and wear your ABATE gear when attending other groups events and let them know you are an ABATE member. Very few folks will just walk up and ask to join, they need to be asked. ASK THEM!

Please remember that the Masterlink is your newsletter too! We need pictures and articles to fill the pages of our paper, PLEASE take some photos and write a short story/description of the event and submit it to the Masterlink! Everyone likes to see their picture in a paper. Take lots of photos wherever you go and submit them. We always need additional material to fill the pages and we would rather cover the happenings here in Arizona and give coverage to our fellow riders and their groups for functions and events they are having, so don't be shy and submit some photos and/or an article!

Until next month!
Ride Free!! Ride Safe!! Ride ENDORSED!!
Jim

ABATE of AZ 2019 Legislative Priorities (continued)

Support reasonable air, water quality, and energy efficiency policies that provide practical, multiple options for business and that do not exceed federal requirements.

Support efforts to educate the general public, businesses and government and their employees about environmentally friendly transportation strategies, such as an effort to increase motorcycle capacities on the roadways.

Support Arizona's Federal Delegation efforts to address environmental overreach by the federal government.

Support state primacy of carbon emissions regulation and the development of a State Implementation Plan under the EPA Clean Power Plan and the Clean Air Act.

Oppose:

Oppose air quality legislation and regulations that exceed federal requirements.

Tax and Fiscal Policy

Support:

Support a referendum suspending automatic spending increases for voter-protected funds in a fiscal year when revenues do not meet projections.

Oppose:

Oppose any increases in the state and local fuel taxes.

Oppose rollovers and sweeps of dedicated funds as a mechanism for balancing the budget.

Oppose regulatory fee increases that are used as revenue generation and not reflective of administrative cost recovery.

Tort Reform

Support:

Support appropriate legal reforms in order to eliminate inequality towards motorcyclists during personal injury litigation for complying with state statute.

Support legal reforms that allow for appropriate compensation for substantial damages and reduce frivolous litigation and costs to Arizona citizens

Transportation

Support:

Support short and long-term transportation bill funding to be placed into a restricted account to allow for proper planning of much needed infrastructure as Arizona should receive its equitable share of federal transportation dollars.

Support the option of a CDL holder to attend defensive driving school if the person was operating a noncommercial vehicle for noncommercial purposes at the time of the violation.

Support the option of a Class M endorsed rider to attend a motorcycle riders safety course in lieu of a standard traffic survival school if the violation occurred while operating a motorcycle.

Support a mandate to have a Class M endorsement to register a motorcycle.

Support better driver education for beginners about not just looking but actually seeing motorcyclists and having questions about same in the driver's manual and on the test; at least 5 questions.

Support continued changes to the infrastructure to recognize motorcycles in turn lanes and at stop lights

Support the modification to increase penalties for following too closely to a motorcycle at a safe and prudent speed.

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Chapter Reports

East Valley Chapter

I'm pretty sure as I type this the cursor is trying to melt because it is summer in AZ and it isn't holding back.

This will explain why it has been a very quiet month for the chapter. Excessive heat warnings tend to curb outdoor activities. Hell it tends to curb to curb going outside at all if you can get away with it.

At the May meeting Mike T said It's better to win the \$1 jar when you are here than when you're not. Thank you Mike for donating part of it back to the chapter.

Breyer Law honored me with putting me on 28 of their billboards all over the valley for my MVP award at TBFS. Almost as honored for that as getting the award itself. Thank you doesn't even cut it.

For those brave enough to endure the heat we had a Meet the candidates Ice cream social which was a lot of fun. All the can-

didates showed up and we had a pretty good crowd for a Thursday evening. Can not say thank you enough to Breyer Law for allowing us to hold it at the office and Rosi is a ROCKSTAR!!!

Drink water think you have drank enough drink more!!

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

NO REPORT

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT

Yavapai Chapter

Yavapai Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona lost one of our longest standing members in May. Brother Reed Wilson, Sergeant-at-Arms and Safety Officer, passed after losing a battle to the demon cancer. He was a hard core rider with old-school attitude, never one to hold his opinions to himself. As gruff as he was on the exterior, he was a generous and truly nice guy on the inside. His hospice caretaker and friend, Laura, organized a gathering at Tony's Too Bar & Grill in Prescott Valley, Arizona on June 23rd so that his friends and A.B.A.T.E. family could say farewell. Several people shared memories of Reed and enjoyed food prepared by Tony's Too Bar & Grill. His ashes will be scattered on a future date in Monument Valley.

And when Tony, owner of Tony's Too Bar & Grill, saw the turnout and the camaraderie of the Yavapai Chapter of

A.B.A.T.E., he enthusiastically signed up as a Business member of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona! Tony's Too Bar & Grill is biker-friendly and has a fabulous menu with some of the best burgers you'll find in Northern Arizona. We are planning a ride to his establishment to thank him, yet again, and let him know that when a business supports A.B.A.T.E., we support them! When you find yourself in Prescott Valley, Tony's Too Bar & Grill is located at 8172 E Long Mesa Drive. Plenty of motorcycle and car parking is available!

Until next month, stay hydrated and ride safe!

Carolyn Carver
Communications Officer
Yavapai Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT

ABATE of AZ 2019 Legislative Priorities (continued)

Support the modification of classifications and penalties for moving traffic violations resulting in serious physical injury or death of another person.

Support increased penalties for crashes

involving motorcyclists, bicycles and pedestrians when distracted driving is involved.

Support increased penalties for crashes involving motorcyclists, bicycles and

pedestrians when red light running is involved.

Oppose:

Oppose sweeps from the Highway User Revenue Fund, Motorcycle Safety Fund,

and other dedicated funds into the general fund.

Oppose noise level legislation and regulations that exceed state requirements when motorcycles are targeted.

August 28, 2108 is Election Day.



By JohnnyD

August 28, 2108 is election day. In Arizona all state legislators, the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and many other state offices are up for grabs. For the most part, whoever wins the primary election in many legislative districts will win the general election. This is due to how the districts are apportioned. The governor's race is interesting because the current governor is under fire for education spending.

There are some propositions that may be on the ballot in November. One is Red for ED. It would increase taxes on individuals earning more than \$250,000 or couple making more than \$500,000 to fund education. There are two election related issues. One would prohibit candidates from donating funds they receive from the Clean Elections

Commission to any other candidate or organization that influences elections.

Another would mandate that all campaign donations to support a candidate be open to examine the sources of money. At present, committees are allowed to spend unlimited amounts of money to influence elections without divulging the sources of that money. An investigation of the last election showed that APS spent millions of dollars to support Corporation Commission candidates who would be favorable to APS activities.

One interesting initiative would stop tax increases on services. The present taxes would remain, but if this initiative passes. No state or local taxes could be added to any service. This is good news for manure prices and labor on bike repairs. A proposition would require that 50% of energy in Arizona be from renewable sources by 2030 and increase by 12% each year thereafter. Renewables would include solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, hydropower, and landfill gases. APS is adamantly opposed to this.

The primary election is important in deciding who will make laws in the next two years. I hope you vote. I hope you

get on the early voting list so that you don't have to take time off work to stand in line for your ballot. Our elections in Arizona have not been smooth in the last two cycles. A big part of the problem has been the Secretary of State office basically bungling basic tasks. Failure to send out voter pamphlets to hundreds of thousands of voters, Sending out the wrong election dates to many voters. Not giving complete information on ballot initiatives.

Maricopa County saw five-hour lines in the presidential preference elections because the County Recorder eliminated most of the polling places in the county. Her plan was approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors as a cost cutting initiative along with a property tax increase and other measures to fund the anticipated \$150 million cost of implementing court ordered changes to policies and procedures at the county jails after a federal lawsuit found Maricopa County to be in violation of human and civil rights.

One thing I believe deeply is that people need to know what the government is doing in their name. Our various levels of government were not inflicted on us by an alien race. We choose who writes our laws and appoints our judges. Everyone

needs to get involved in making decisions and letting these elected officials know what we think of how they are representing us. In the last election, only about 50% of Arizona's eligible voters turned out to vote. If you are able to vote, please vote. If you have a problem with your civil rights, contact me and I can connect you with people who can help you regain your voting rights. Community Legal Services provides free legal representation to people seeking to regain their civil rights. They are at 305 S. 2nd Ave in Phoenix. (602) 258-3434. I get so tired of hearing about some burden that was inflicted by "the government" on someone. I first ask who the person voted for in the last election. You need to participate to feel invested in this society.

By my next article, we will know who the candidates will be in November and what initiatives will be on the ballot. Opening Day at the legislature will be on January 14, 2019. As I do each year, I invite all of you to join me there to welcome our new elected officials, greet returning ones, and participate in a traditional rousing of the rabble for the purpose of creating a better Arizona. Until next time, stay hydrated, be safe.

Effectively Reaching Your Elected Officials

Mike Infanzon
ABATE of AZ Designated Lobbyist

In the Gettysburg Address, President Lincoln described our democracy as a "government of the people, by the people," but what does that mean? In a day and age when people are growing ever more cynical and distrustful of our elected officials, it is imperative that we get back to understanding what government is, what it is not and how we, as everyday citizens can make government work.

A 2014 study by the Annenberg Public Policy Center found that an alarmingly number of Americans knew very little about government. Many Americans could not name the branches of government nor did they even know who their representative in Congress was. I am sure that number is even worse when it comes to knowing your local elected officials. As an advocate for motorcycle rights and freedoms, I am still shocked at the lack of engagement of citizens on issues that

directly affect their everyday lives. We still have lots of family, friends, and neighbors who do not exercise their right to vote but even when people vote, they fail to engage their elected officials once they get in office.

Education is the key to keeping citizens engaged and getting us back to that democracy Abraham Lincoln was talking about, and this guide is designed to help you with that. The ABATE of Arizona Guide to Effectively Reaching Your

Elected Official is a one of a kind guide to help you understand how to engage with your elected officials. This Guide will teach you practical ways to advocate for what you want and to build meaningful ways to stay engaged.

We have it up on the ABATE of Arizona webpage (www.abateofaz.org) under the Legislative tab.

Freedom is a team sport.
Mike

Coast to Coast

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(NCOM)*

HAWAII APPROVES SHOULDER SURFING

Some places allow lane splitting, riding between lanes of slow moving traffic, and others allow lane filtering where riders can filter through traffic at stop lights and proceed ahead of other vehicles when it turns green, but as an alternative Hawaii will now allow motorcycles to ride on the shoulder of the roadway.

Authorities have been debating allowing riders to practice lane filtering, as opposed to lane splitting, but after much deliberation Hawaiian riders will get neither, and instead will be the first state to get shoulder surfing: House Bill 2589 will allow two-wheel motorcycles to travel on the shoulder in designated areas of state roads, when there is congestion.

In Hawaii, the lanes are narrow, which makes lane splitting and filtering a greater concern. The motion was approved, however, Governor David Ige (D) was initially against the idea, stating that the shoulder lane was reserved for stopped vehicles and emergency services. He considered that allowing motorcyclists to surf the shoulder would equate to higher risks of accidents.

Despite the Governor's initial intention to veto the motion, on July 12th, 2018, it was passed by default, without the Governor's signature. In Hawaii, any bill left unsigned and un-vetoed automatically becomes a law. Effective January 1, 2019 riders will be allowed on the shoulder on roads of at least two lanes in each direction and with a shoulder lane wide enough for a vehicle to circulate safely.

This experiment will also serve as an indication of whether this kind of measure concretely helps the flow of traffic or not.

LANE SPLITTING MAY BE ALLOWABLE IN MORE PLACES

Although practiced by motorcyclists around the globe, lane splitting is legal in only one American state; California, though theoretically the practice could be permissible in 12 other states and Washington, D.C., reports RideApart.com; "California is the only state where lane splitting has any sort of official legal status, but that has only been the case since 1 January 2017. Before then, the commonly practiced riding technique was something of a gray area -- not specifically legal, but equally not specifically illegal. According to attorney Michael Padway, lane splitting exists in the same legal gray space in the following states: Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina,

Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia."

So, perhaps the only reason people think it's against the rules in the states mentioned is precedent, but since lane splitting is not necessarily protected it would be up to an officer's discretion to determine whether the practice is safe.

MICHIGAN MODIFIES HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW

Michigan recently became the latest state to modify or repeal their antiquated handlebar height law, which many states enacted decades ago to give police a reason to pull over bikers. Currently, Michigan law prohibits anything with a handlebar height over 15 inches (measured from the lowest point on the saddle to the highest point on the handlebars), but Senate Bill 568, signed into law by Governor Rick Snyder (R) increases the maximum allowable height of handlebars on motorcycles and mopeds from 15 inches to 30 inches.

"Motorcycles have changed drastically over the years and customization is very popular among riders," said Senator Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) who sponsored the legislation. "One area where they are often doing so is with the height of the handlebars to offer a more enjoyable ride...by allowing for additional rider customization that does not expose a safety hazard."

Additionally, many motorcycles on the road today may not even be compliant with current state law.

In recent years, states like Wisconsin and Ohio have eased their restrictions; "I look forward to the governor putting Michigan on par with some of our neighbors concerning handlebar restrictions," commented Sen. Jones, adding that some states have no height restriction at all.

Jones said the bill was brought to him by the group American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) after a member of the riding community proposed the idea.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT PROMOTES POWERSPORTS

A new U.S. Department of the Interior summer video posted on YouTube and other social media sites features exciting scenes of off-road motorcycling on public lands, and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) is calling on all riders to applaud the efforts of the department and the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR).

The Interior Dept. video, "Recreation's New Look," is the latest result of combined Interior and industry efforts to give

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- Promote rider skills training through ABATE's
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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

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Coast to Coast (continued)

outdoor recreation a new look for the 21st century, and one that clearly includes powersports.

"Along with Interior and the ORR, the Motorcycle Industry Council, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) and the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) have worked hard to make powersports an even more recognized outdoor activity on public lands and this new video really showcases that effort," said Tim Buche, MIC president and CEO.

The ORR works to promote policy and legislative reforms needed to enhance the outdoor recreation economy, which accounts for \$673 billion in annual economic output. Since early 2017, the MIC, SVIA, ROHVA and other outdoor industries have been meeting with Secretary Ryan Zinke and officials from Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to discuss ways to improve visitor experiences on America's public lands and waters, including providing more and better access to trails.

H-d SHIFTS OVERSEAS CITING TARIFFS, TRUMP LURES OTHER BIKE-MAKERS TO U.S.

A few weeks ago, Harley-Davidson announced that it was moving some production offshore claiming it was due to President Trump's trade war tariffs, stating in prepared remarks; "Increasing international production to alleviate the EU tariff burden is not the company's preference, but represents the only sustainable option to make its motorcycles accessible to customers in the EU and maintain a viable business in Europe. Europe is a critical market for Harley-Davidson."

To briefly recap: Trump enacted tariffs on imported steel and aluminum earlier this year, prompting the European Union to place tariffs on a broad range of American imports, including motorcycles. That, in turn, prompted Harley, already facing headwinds, to move some of its jobs overseas, announcing plans to open a motorcycle assembly plant in Thailand this year.

In response, according to a report by Business Insider, the President is now

looking to foster foreign manufacturers in the US, tweeting; "Now that Harley-Davidson is moving part of its operation out of the U.S., my Administration is working with other Motor Cycle companies who want to move into the U.S. Harley customers are not happy with their move - sales are down 7% in 2017. The U.S. is where the Action is!"

SCOTUS SIDES WITH MOTORCYCLE THIEF

It's not often that a motorcycle-related legal case ends up in the U.S. Supreme Court, but as the result of a dispute over a stolen bike in Virginia, the case of *Collins v. Virginia*, 16-1027 focused on the Fourth Amendment, and whether or not police violated the defendant's Constitutional right against unreasonable searches and seizures during a 2014 investigation.

Now, several years after the initial incident, the highest court in the land has concluded that the defendant's fourth amendment rights were indeed violated when a Albemarle County, Virginia, police officer strolled onto the defendant's (or rather his girlfriend's) property, lifting a cover to reveal a stolen motorcycle.

In this particular case, the Supreme Court Justices voted 8-1 in favor of Collins, with Justice Sonia Sotomayor asserting the search was an "invasion of the sanctity" of Collins' curtilage (basically the land/area surrounding one's house).

Regarding the "automobile exception" which allows certain types of searches to be conducted on vehicles without a warrant since, unlike a house, cars can be moved at a moment's notice, Sotomayor contended it "does not justify an intrusion on a person's separate and substantial Fourth Amendment interest in his home and curtilage".

So in the end, Collins' "receiving stolen property" conviction previously handed down by the Virginia Supreme Court was overturned, though the U.S. Supreme Court has yet to close the book on the potential for Collin's convictions to be upheld on different grounds.

Of particular importance to the motorcycling community, irrespective of guilt or innocence, ownership of a motorcycle does not invite an unwarranted search.

WORLD'S FIRST MOTORCYCLE-THEMED AMUSEMENT PARK BREAKS GROUND

What could be more exciting than a theme park dedicated to motorcycle-riding, including a high-speed head-to-head roller coaster race?

To be identified as "Ducati World", Ducati laid the first stone to the world's first theme park dedicated to all the motorcyclists, young or old, that will include a showroom, children's attractions, virtual reality and many more indulging experiences fully showcasing the Ducati brand in a larger than life format.

Located at Mirabilandia, the "Ducati World" will be the world's first entertainment arena themed after a motorcycle brand. It will become a part of the Mirabilandia leisure park which is in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy, the birthplace of Ducati.

It will be spread across 35,000 square-meters and feature a unique new-gen roller coaster that will "turn each visitor into a Ducati rider" as a major attraction. It will also be home to motorcycle simulators allowing visitors to have the feel of the road on superbikes and track machines going at full throttle.

The highlight of the amusement park would be a racing-inspired interactive roller coaster, which simulates a ride on a Panigale V4 with the power to control the acceleration and braking; "An authentic head-to-head between bikes roaring along parallel rails."

A museum will showcase the rich history of the iconic brand, and of course you'll have fine multi-cuisine Ducati and Ducati Scrambler-themed restaurants and Michelin-starred kitchens cooking delicious meals. The Ducati shop will give the visitors the opportunity to buy all sorts of official Ducati and Ducati Scrambler apparel and merchandise.

Gates to the "most engaging and innovative experience for motorcycling fans" will open to the public in 2019.

SOA BLAMED FOR RISING 'BIKER GANG' NUMBERS

We blame a lot on television shows and on movies...violence, sexuality, food – but we can apparently now add fictional dramas to the long list of things that are bad for us on TV, as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recently released a statement that blamed the FX series "Sons of Anarchy" for the rise in "outlaw biker gangs' numbers" in the province of Nova Scotia. The show ended four years ago, but it apparently keeps inspiring edgy riders to jump in the saddle and seek out their peers.

According to RCMP Constable Scott Morrison, the spirit of camaraderie is the big selling point. "They think the camaraderie is there based on the television show and they're joining up," he told CBC News.

DUTCH JUDGES BAN 'HOME-GROWN BIKER'S GANG'

In The Hague on June 18, Dutch judges banned a national motorcycle club and seized all its assets, ruling members had spread a culture of violence and criminal activities in the Netherlands: "The court in The Hague has decided today that the motorcycle club Satudarah is banned with immediate effect," the judges said in their ruling.

The judges also ordered that the club should lose all its assets including access to its clubhouse.

The case had been brought by the Dutch prosecution service, as part of an ongoing clampdown on gang violence. Last year prosecutors successfully shut down the Bandidos MC when a court in Utrecht ordered all the club's chapters to close, saying it posed a public threat. Dutch justices have also tried in vain several times to outlaw the Hells Angels as a criminal organization, but a new case against the club is due to be heard soon.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error."

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- In traffic, unnecessary.

There are, however, times when not wav-

ing is just down-right rude. So if you're not a jackass, you should, if at all possible, reciprocate when another biker waves to you.

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The AMSAF Rider

AMSAF Executive Director
Mick Degn, AMSAF Advisory Board Member

Temperature's rising and the blacktop is getting a little slick at times. Please be safe out there and watch your surroundings along with making sure you're taking care of yourself.

On July 1st, AMSAF announced that we were able to get another Grant for \$100,000.00 for Motorcycle training assistance. We want to thank the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for this grant along with Governor Ducey and Director Gutier. It's been through their support we continue to help the Motorcycle Community. Since AMSAF's beginning, we have been able to give out over \$700,000.00 in Motorcycle Training Assistance throughout the State. That's a huge accomplishment by anyone's standards.

AMSAF's goal since the beginning has been to promote motorcycle safety and awareness and help reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities here in Arizona. We believe we are helping to save lives through our Motorcycle Training Scholarship Assistance Program and our other safety initiatives. We feel education is important and especially when you're riding a motorcycle. We offer financial assistance to you for the Basic Rider Course (BRC) and the Basic Rider Course 2 (BRC2). Both courses are good and the schools we work with are Motorcycle Safety Fund (MSF) and MVD certified. We have been able to give out courses throughout the State.

The beginning of September we will be rolling out Scholarship Assistance again. At that time, you can go to <https://www.amsaf.org/scholarships/>. As we get closer to September we will have updates on our Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/AMSAF.ORG>

We've been fortunate to get a good

response from those who have received Scholarship Assistance. If you're thinking about taking a course, take a look at the survey and see what others have said.

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You won't be disappointed in taking a course and think about it from the standpoint that it's an INVESTMENT in you and your family.

Thank you again for your support for AMSAF and for motorcycle safety and awareness.

AMSAF and Community Outreach by Terry Cooper, AMSAF Advisory Board Member

This month, we as Americans celebrate our independence and freedom. What better way to feel the freedom than heading into the wind. Maybe take a ride up north to some cooler air. Just remember where ever you ride this month Arizona is headed into its so-called monsoon season. Now, this isn't like those monsoons you might experience in another country. But in Arizona any rain is welcome. You might run into a microburst, haboob (Arizona dust storm), or just plain rain. Stay prepared in any case. Check the weather where your headed and back home. Drink lots of water to stay hydrated.

Now about those haboobs. I have lived in Arizona all my life. I never heard the word haboob until the military got involved in the middle east. We just called it a dust storm. One that could come up with little or no notice with high winds and so much dust you can't see your hand in front of your face. This means that those pesky car drivers can't see you even more than usual. Your best bet is to get off the road until it passes. I mean way off the road as far as possible.

You won't get involved in an accident with another vehicle whose driver is too stubborn to pull over. Wait for the dust to pass.

The dust usually passes quickly. Sometimes it is followed by a heavy downpour of rain. As most riders will recommend it is safer to ride a little slower in the rain. But then there are those pesky automobile drivers again. They think that it is fun or at least safe to drive a little faster in the rain. Stay aware of these drivers. With rain on their windshields, your bike is even harder to see.

I'm not trying to keep anyone from riding. Just stay alert and aware of your surroundings. You have a better chance of surviving an accident or even avoiding it if you keep a sharp eye on other vehicles around you. Enjoy our state. There are some amazing places to ride things to see and do.

By the way. In case you weren't aware or maybe forgot. AMSAF offers scholarship money so riders can get training allowing for driver's license motorcycle endorsement for you. Endorsement for riding a motorcycle does come in handy if you happen to be stopped by law enforcement. It will save you time and money. But you say you have the endorsement and you dd receive basic training. Try one of the qualified schools for advanced rider training. It's fun and helps sharpen your riding skills. Even if you have been riding for years. Keep in mind that in the fall and winter Chandler Police Department and the Peoria Police Department offer civilian rider classes for those who are licensed and have their own bike. You can find out more about these classes by checking the police websites and staying connected to AMSAF.org.

Remember to "Ride to Live, Live to Ride." And live to ride another day. Stay safe and enjoy the ride.



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Local Politics Is More Important Than Federal And Here's Why

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The more I study our Constitution and the Supreme Court of the United States rulings, the more I believe that our federal government oversteps its boundaries by enacting legislation that impact the individual states. By passing certain laws in Washington DC, the states are dictated to by the federal government. I don't believe this was the concept of our founding fathers. I lean towards an "originalist" view of our Constitution, and by doing so an individual must come to understand the "why" a certain part of the document was included.

The one legal ruling that had the most influence that most Americans do not know about is *Barron v Baltimore*. Barron was co-owner of a once profitable wharf in Baltimore Harbor. Street repairs washed silt into the wharf, making it unusable. He sued the city for taking his property without just compensation, as specified by the Fifth Amendment. The

case reached the Supreme Court which ruled that the Bill of Rights applied only to the Federal Government.

The reasoning was that Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution forbids the Federal government from passing ex post facto laws and bills of attainder. Article 10 forbids the States from doing certain things, including passing ex post facto laws and bills of attainder. Why the duplication? It was held that the intent was not to prohibit the States from doing things unless the Constitution specifically prohibited it.

Note that the Chief Justice was John Marshall, who had been involved in ratifying the Constitution, so this is about as "originalist" as a doctrine can get.

The case was particularly important in terms of American government because it stated that the Bill of Rights did not restrict the state governments.

The decision was initially ignored by the growing abolitionist movement, some of

whom maintained that Congress could constitutionally abolish slavery, under the Bill of Rights. The case was largely unknown in the 1860s; during a debate in Congress on the Fourteenth Amendment, Congressman John Bingham had to read part of Marshall's opinion out loud to the Senate.

Later Supreme Court rulings would return to Barron to reaffirm its central holding, most notably in *United States v. Cruikshank*. However, since the early 20th century, the Supreme Court has used the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which was interpreted to have the same meaning as the Fifth Amendment, to apply most of the Bill of Rights to the states by selective incorporation. Therefore, as to most of the Bill of Rights, Barron and its progeny have been circumvented, if not actually overruled.

You hardly hear about any civil liberties cases in the 19th century and this is why. States could, and did, support religious denominations, impose religious tests,

impose segregation and so on. It wasn't until 1925 that the Court was persuaded that the 14th Amendment's guarantee of due process extended certain Bill of Rights protections within the States: *Gitlow v. New York*.

Gitlow v. New York was a decision by the Supreme Court of the United States holding that the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution had extended the reach of certain limitations on federal government

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Outlaw Dirty Money Initiative

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Nonprofits that spend money to influence elections but are not required to disclose donors to the public — called “dark money” groups by critics — no longer need to share their donors’ names or addresses in their tax filings under a new Treasury rule announced Monday.

This is a good thing and could ultimately impact a ballot measure here in Arizona.

In case you did not know, there is a ballot initiative named “Outlaw Dirty Money”. The supporters of this initiative (Terry Goddard) want non-profits like ABATE to disclose ALL donors and members information to the public. “We believe Arizona voters have the right to know

who is paying for political ads”.

Do you remember Terry Goddard? He is an American attorney and politician. A member of the Democratic Party, he served as the Mayor of Phoenix from 1984 to 1990, on the Central Arizona Water Conservation District from 2001 to 2003 and as the 24th Attorney General of Arizona from 2003 to 2011. He has twice been the Democratic nominee for Governor of Arizona, in 1990 and in 2010. He declined to run for governor for a third time in 2014 and was instead the Democratic nominee for Secretary of State of Arizona in the 2014 elections, losing to Republican State Senator Michele Reagan. Goddard is a potential candidate for Governor in 2018.

The constitutional amendment states that

its main purpose is, “...to secure the right of the People of Arizona to know who is making major contributions to influence the result of Arizona elections...” It then goes on to state, “To secure this right, this Constitutional Amendment requires public disclosure of all contributors ...”

Do **YOU** really want your name and address open to the public because you want to fight for motorcycle rights? The only way that we could not disclose donors is to not fulfill our mission.

To me, this is a way to silence organizations like ABATE from making a difference in our state.

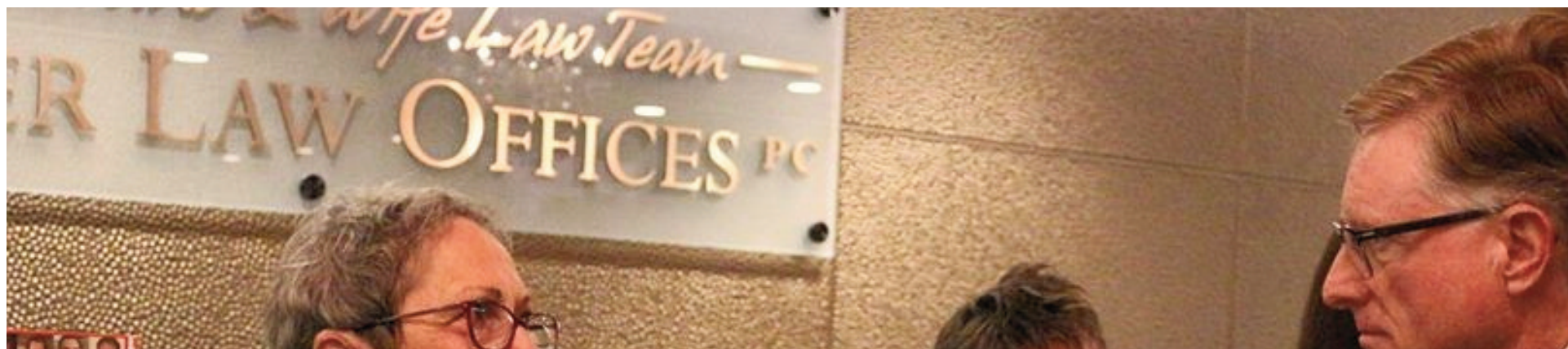
Check it out for yourself.

Personally, I am glad the Department of

the Treasury made this rule announcement.

Stay free!
Mike Infanzon

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Harley-Davidson Reports \$150 million Tariff loss

By Bikernet

MILWAUKEE – Swept up in President Donald Trump's trade war, Harley-Davidson said Tuesday it faces up to \$100 million in European Union tariff costs in 2019.

That's in addition to about \$50 million this year as the company calculates the damages from recently imposed tariffs.

The European Union imposed the levies in retaliation to Trump's tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. The company said recently that it would shift some production out of the U.S. to avoid the tariffs, a prospect that drew a concerned tweet from Trump.

"We are doing everything we can as a company to absorb the costs," Chief Financial Officer John Olin said during a conference call with analysts. "But we can't eat the whole \$45 million to \$55 million," so the company has lowered its motorcycle-segment profit margin this year to reflect the tariffs. Harley now says the margin will be between 9 and 10 percent, down from an estimate of 9.5 to 10.5 percent before the tariffs.

The \$90 million to \$100 million in European Union tariffs in 2019, if unchecked, would represent most of the company's profit in that market.

"We are making every effort to mitigate the costs," Olin said.

Olin's comments came as Harley-Davidson said U.S. motorcycle sales fell in the second quarter ended July 1.

Harley, based in Milwaukee, said a strategy announcement is coming July 30. It could address new products, ways to reach customers and strengthen dealerships.

Year after year, Harley and other makers of cruiser and touring motorcycles have seen sales fall as baby boomers begin to age out of riding and fewer younger people step up to take their place.

With sales slumping, Harley said its net income fell to \$242.3 million, or \$1.45 per share in the second quarter ended July 1, down from \$258.9 million, or \$1.48

per share, a year earlier.

Revenue fell 3.3 percent to \$1.71 billion.

However, the company's financial results zoomed past the earnings per share and net income forecasts of Wall Street analysts.

Harley's U.S. motorcycle sales were down 6.4 percent, while international sales were up 0.7 percent. Worldwide, including the U.S., sales fell 3.6 percent.

The company's share of the U.S. heavy-weight motorcycle market was 48.4 percent in the recent quarter.

Hooligan Danny Mischler is 2018 X Games Minneapolis Champion

Danny Mischler topped an all-Harley-Davidson podium in the Harley Hooligans final at X Games Minneapolis. Mischler, riding a modified Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle backed by Mischler Harley-Davidson of Beaver Dam, Wis., passed for the lead in a tough battle on a tight-and-rough 1/8-mile dirt track laid out on the floor of US Bank Stadium.

"Flat track racing is the original American action sport, and Hooligan racing gets down to the sport's grass roots," said Harley-Davidson Marketing Lead Eric Jensen. "The Hooligans put on a great

show for both the fans here in the stands and the millions of viewers watching around the world. Our partnership with ESPN allows us to showcase this sport as part of X Games Minneapolis."

Mischler, whose grandfather William Mischler opened a Harley dealership in Beaver Dam in 1958, grew up racing on local flat tracks in the state. The 34-year-old racer has become a top competitor on the Hooligan scene, building and tuning his own bikes.

Harley Hooligan racing is a grass-roots series for amateur riders aboard "run what

you bring" home-built motorcycles. Hooligan racing has minimal rules and usually takes place on short oval courses on a dirt or hard surface.

A series of heat races paired 48 Harley Hooligan qualifiers down to six racers for the 20-lap final, broadcast globally both via ESPN and Facebook Live during the X Games coverage on Sunday. In the final, Benny Carlson took the lead on a modified Harley-Davidson Sportster but let Mischler by on lap six. Mischler stretched his lead to 1.6 seconds at the finish. Jimmy Hill was second on a modified Harley-Davidson Street 750 motor-

cycle. Carlson finished third.

Veteran flat track star Jake Johnson, racing a Harley-Davidson XR750 motorcycle, won the bronze medal in the Harley-Davidson Pro Flat Track race on Sunday. Johnson was one of 24 top pro flat track racers invited to compete in the ESPN X Games event. The field also included Harley-Davidson® Factory Flat Track Racing Team riders Sammy Halbert, Jared Vanderkooi and Ferran Cardus, and Harley-mounted racers Cory Texter, Johnny Lewis, Robert Pearson, Jake Shoemaker, Larry Pegram, and Kolby Carlile.

Indian Motorcycle Dominates The Podium At New York Short Track

Indian Motorcycle Racing and its championship-winning Scout FTR750 continued its unbelievable season at the New York Short Track by securing yet another podium sweep. Through 11 races, Indian Motorcycle Wrecking Crew riders and privateers have combined for a total of eight all-Scout FTR750 podiums. The win marked Jared Mees' ninth of the season and second consecutive year of hitting a grand slam on the Scout FTR750. Completing the podium sweep were Indian Motorcycle privateer Kenny Coolbeth Jr. (Nila Racing, Columbia Avionics, Bell, TCX Boots, Vanson) and Wrecking Crew rider Brad Baker, who finished second and third, respectively.

The New York Short Track Main started with Baker in the number one spot. Mees battled Baker through the first 10 laps, ultimately making the pass and stretching his lead through the remainder of the Main. Coolbeth continued his fight, passing riders to reach third. Coolbeth didn't

let up, though, as he made a pass on Baker in the final lap to secure second and his fifth top-five finish of the season. The third-place finish was Baker's eighth top-five finish and third podium of the season.

"It's incredible to have this race complete the grand slam this season. It's a prime example of the support I have with my crew," said Mees. "We worked through a lot, and when it mattered most they had my Scout FTR750 fully dialed for the Main Event."

Joining Mees, Coolbeth and Baker as top finishes were Indian Motorcycle privateers Davis Fisher (Double D Performance, Bob Lanphere, Beaverton Motorcycles, RMR, Parkinson), Henry Wiles (Bandit Industries, Wilco Racing, Willy Built, Mad Dog), and Briar Bauman (Zanotti Racing, Roof Systems, Western Powersports, Hard), who placed fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively,

aboard their Scout FTR750.

"It's awesome to see Mees get his second career in-season grand slam," said Gary Gray, Vice President – Racing, Technology & Service for Indian Motorcycle. "He's earned himself a healthy lead in the points standings, but there's still some big-time tracks coming up on the schedule, so it'll be exciting to see how he and the other riders perform."

Through 11 races, Mees continues to control the leaderboard with 245 points, while Wiles ranks second with 167 points and Baker in third with 147 points. Jeffrey Carver Jr. (129) and Coolbeth (125) are fourth and fifth, while Bauman (117), Chad Cose (106), Fisher (103) and Bryan Smith (99) rank sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth.

Smith, who did not attempt to start Semi 1, will go in for surgery on Wednesday, July 11, to repair screws that came loose

in the leg he broke earlier this season at the Texas Half-Mile. Smith is targeting a return for the next American Flat Track race, The Buffalo Chip TT on August 5.

Next up, Mees, Baker and Cose will join four other American Flat Track riders and travel overseas to the Goodwood Festival of Speed in England from July 12-15. The four-day celebration of motorsports history, design and technical achievement will further introduce the Indian Motorcycle riders and the Scout FTR750 to a global fan base.

Following the Goodwood Festival, select Indian Motorcycle riders will stop in Minneapolis for X-Games on Sunday, July 22. The American Flat Track season will continue its season on August 5 at The Buffalo Chip TT in Sturgis, South Dakota, followed by a quick turnaround with the Black Hills Half-Mile in Rapid City on August 7.



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The Imaginary War Between MC's And the Government

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Press Release
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National Council of Clubs

The National Council of Clubs (NCOC), dedicated to protecting the legal and political interests of motorcycle clubs coast-to-coast, is extremely concerned about an imaginary war between motorcycle clubs and the government, created in the minds of some law enforcement and government prosecutors, playing itself out in courthouses across America. This ideology of war has followed us to the steps of the criminal justice system, where visibly draconian security measures have been implemented based on unsubstantiated and ambiguous sources, even though there have been no validated examples of motorcycle clubs storming courthouses during a trial. A topical example reinforcing such irresponsible claims has been recently memorialized in a Texas District Attorney's press release relating to the supposed and constant threat of violent retaliation that prosecutors face during biker trials.

Despite the absurdity of the claim that any motorcycle club would storm a courthouse or target prosecutors with violence, there are no consequences for these falsehoods meant only to perpetuate fear and reinforce false narratives about 1% motorcycle clubs. And, of course, these false threats are used to justify excessive security measures during biker trials.

This fear-based tactic has real implications. Inside the courtroom, juries will be biased against biker defendants because of the perception that their safety is in jeopardy. Outside the courtroom, law enforcement will increasingly treat those exercising the constitutional liberties of association and expression as a direct violent threat based on inaccurate information and training. Incidents of motorcycle profiling and selective enforcement of the law will likely continue at epidemic levels until a more accurate narrative is reported by the media, both grassroots and mainstream.

Texas – The Recent Battleground

Sharon Wilson, the Tarrant County District Attorney, issued a press release on June 28, 2018 (below) reporting that Assistant District Attorney Pamela Boggess has been named "2018 Prosecutor Of The Year" by the Texas Gang Investigators Association for the successful prosecution of Ft. Worth Bandido Howard "Drifter" Baker, convicted last year of directing a criminal organization.

Without debating the merits of Drifter's prosecution, or the sufficiency of his legal counsel, the NCOC believes that the Tarrant County District Attorney's press release further perpetuates baseless

claims only intended to sensationalize and prejudice public perception against defendants and motorcycle clubs generally. Boggess is being recognized not only for a successful prosecution, but also for being successful under the constant threat of gang retaliation, a theatrical claim at best. The Press Release states:

"Prosecutors were the target of violent threats from gang sources throughout their handling of the case, and Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn maintained an unprecedented lockdown of the courthouse, including deputies positioned on the rooftops, for the duration of the trial."..."These gang members rely on intimidation tactics, but they find out quickly they've met their match in Pam Boggess."

What gang sources? What information did these sources provide? Why has no one been arrested or prosecuted for these threats? Unfortunately, this "made for Hollywood" scenario in Ft. Worth is NOT an anomaly. Similar incidents in Waco and San Antonio courthouses involving enhanced security measures based on fictitious threats, with the same unanswered questions, have been widely publicized in the media.

Imaginary Threats in Waco and San Antonio

In fact, NCOC participants were present during both trials and witnessed firsthand the ridiculous security measures employed, again based on unsubstantiated claims. In Waco, the Sheriff's Office constructed a fence around the entire courthouse and paid hundreds of thousands for extra security at the courthouse, and for personal security for prosecutors away from the courthouse. In San Antonio, a person was required to go through two metal detectors and have their ID photographed before they could enter the courtroom and sit in designated seats. Marshals surrounded the defendants in court, even when the jury was present.

The idea of using a tragic incident, whether it be a trial or a shooting, to advance a campaign of fear and draconian security, is not a new one. And it's particularly not new in Texas.

An Example Outside The Courthouse-Sgt. Swanton's Fairytale Fiction

Years before the mistrial in the first Waco prosecution of Dallas Bandido Jake Carrizal, Sgt. Swanton of the Waco Police Department declared on national TV, as nearly 200 people were rounded-up to ultimately be arrested on generic fill-in the blank arrest warrants based solely on their associations, that they had received credible threats that bikers had "green-lit" law enforcement and were coming to Waco to retaliate. 1 Immediately following the incident at Twin peaks Waco law enforcement issued

a statement warning "bikers to stay off the streets because it was difficult to distinguish between law-abiding riders and those bent on criminality." The local Harley Davidson dealership was even closed. 2 The Federal Board of Prisons, the Texas Border Intelligence Agency, and the Texas Department of Public Safety all issued bulletins based on these reports about retaliation. 3 But in the end, after the national spotlight had disappeared, authorities admitted that none of the threats of retaliation were found valid or true.

Law enforcement quietly acknowledged, but failed to emphasize, that these reports were based on completely unsubstantiated information provided by an unnamed informant. 4 Additionally, the alleged informant lost all credibility and believability by naming a non-existent club called the "Black Widows" as the source of the information. "The Black Widows Motorcycle Club, while it might carry a looming scary name, is actually the fictitious group from a Clint Eastwood movie "Every Which Way But Loose". There is no actual Bike Gang called "The Black Widows" anywhere in the South or Southwest." 5

Furthermore, NCOC participants observed firsthand Waco PD and Texas DPS officers admitting under oath during the Carrizal trial that threats reported by Swanton in 2015 turned out to be false and unsubstantiated. But even after the Waco PD's original story started to fall apart, most of the media that originally swallowed Swanton's narrative without question, never doing their own investigation or fact checking, never went back to correct the record even though many were present during this testimony.

After the smoke and mirrors are removed, no valid threat of violence from motorcycle clubs against law enforcement or government authorities exists. An NCOC participant from Nevada with vast trial experience, including trials with excessive security issues, confirms that authorities have zero historical basis when he writes, "We have asked judges or prosecutors to find a biker trial where they have had court issues, and they cannot." But the headlines have already done their perceptual damage. The outlaw image is simply too easy to exploit, too easy to sensationalize, and too easily manipulated to generate real fear. Fear in the eyes of jurors, law enforcement, the general public, and even other motorcyclists.

The Media's Responsibility

The NCOC believes that public officials and law enforcement should be challenged by the media when they feed reporters sensationalized rhetoric. The media should demand an answer to these questions before irresponsible and one-sided messaging is used to generate fear and hysteria that has tangibly negative

impacts on motorcycle clubs and their members. The imaginary threats faced by law enforcement do not exist. But the ability to influence juries, justify draconian security on the taxpayer's dime, and perpetuate law enforcement profiling and abuse is very real.

Until that happens, grassroots media unconstrained by institutional control must continue to challenge mainstream media with balanced and investigative reporting. Reducing the use of one-sided media reports that reinforce stereotypes of danger reduces bias, and the probability of treating bikers as criminals, Media that counters stereotypes can reduce perceptions of danger. There is even evidence that "counter-stereotypic information can reduce or even eliminate bias." (*See JOSHUA CORRELL from the University of Chicago, The influence of stereotypes on decisions to shoot, Eur. J. Soc. Psychol. 37, 1102-1117 (2007))

Balanced media that highlights the positive contributions and attributes of the motorcycling community directly impacts the general perception that all bikers are dangerous. Beyond the inherent value of truth, reducing perceptions of danger can directly reduce mistakes made by police when dealing with bikers.

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put the focus on the destination and took the joy of the journey out of the equation. This started the decline of two things, all the small towns along Route 66 and people's ability to enjoy the journey and not replaced it with the need or instant gratification.

As a child I traveled Route 66 with my

family, in fact we lived only a short distance from the famed road. We frequented Springfield and Joplin Missouri and some of the attraction on the route. Now my childhood was at the end on an era and I am sure much of the glory had already vanished. But I do remember some of the locations and sites that Drew Knowles captures in this book. Drew provides a

treasure map for exploring Route 66 and as with most treasure maps it leads you close to your destination. The problem with the route is constant change, whether it be roads or landmarks.

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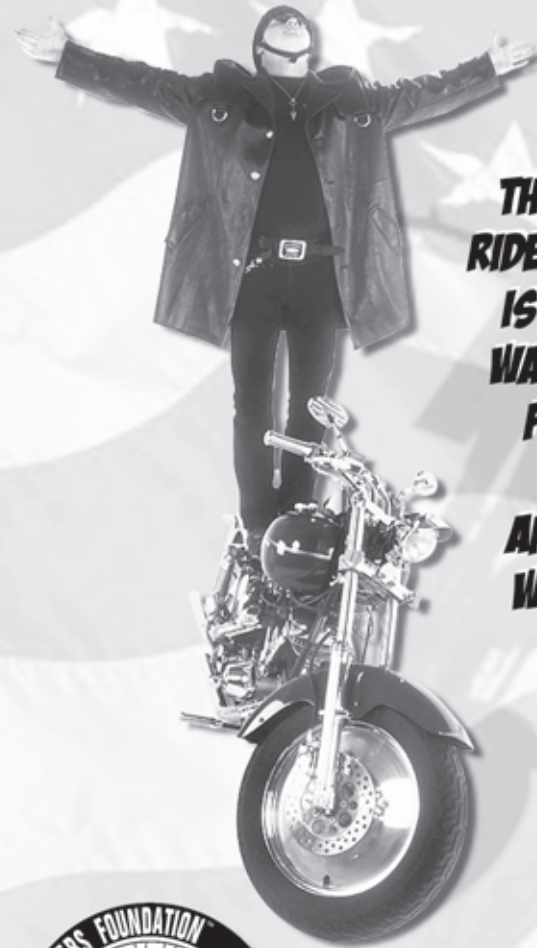


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