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# OPENING DAY



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“This Department is committed to protecting the civil and constitutional rights of all individuals and to prosecuting hate crime violence. Every American, regardless of race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation must be safe from violence and criminality. We will also not shy away from defending the First Amendment rights of every American. We stand ready to enforce federal law, to pro-

tect the right to speak and to assemble peacefully, and to defend the free exercise of religion at a time when it is under threat.” – Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
Ok sir. I will take you at your word and expect this to happen and that you will uphold this statement across ALL our states. But I am not going to stop fighting for what is right!

We are in a time when, so many feel they are not being allowed the freedoms and rights allowed under our Constitution. I really try to take what our governmental leadership says at face value. I always have and don't care who sits in what chair. To me, they are all the same. They are out for their own survival. I've said that before.

The only way we can get real positive change done in our state is for everyone to participate in the process. Now I'm not asking you to be on a committee, or be a chapter

officer. I will be asking every member of ABATE to do one thing a quarter for motorcycle rights. I will be letting you know what's going on, but I need your support and presence at times.

## OPENING DAY – JANUARY 8th

I need as many people to come down to the state capital for the opening day rally. There will be all sorts of organizations there and we need to be able to show up in force. I understand responsibilities like work, family, etc. That's why I will be doing other activist events throughout the month, each month. If I can put in over 40 hours a week being your lobbyist, all I'm asking for you is to be part of the team and give me a few hours every couple of months.

See you January 8th.  
Freedom is a team sport!

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

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

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

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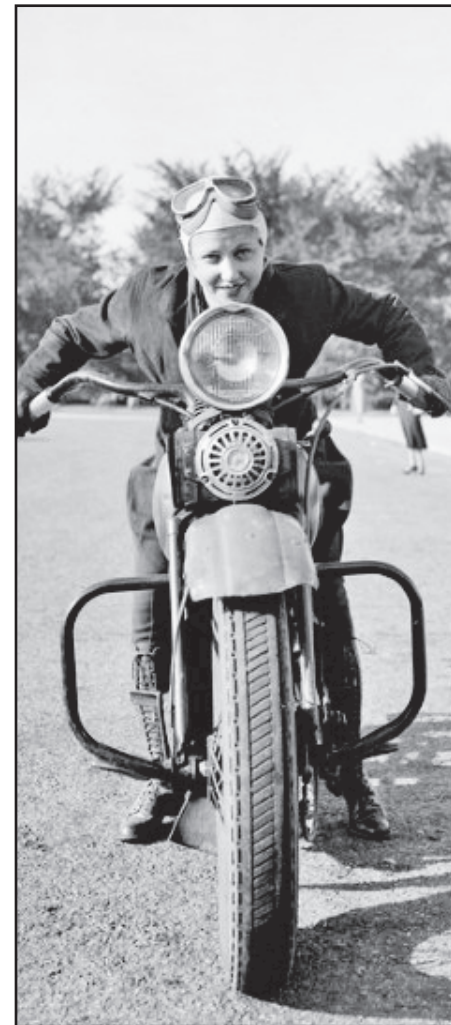
Yavapai Chapter meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave / 928-776-1125. For more information, please contact Dan Tumey @ 928-308-9911 or ycabateaz@gmail.com. See us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz/.

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 Safety Coordinator.....Ray "PeeWee" Grier  
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 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. We meet at the Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd 85367 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

December 6, 2017

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Delivers Petition at

First Meeting of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, Asking to 'Let Riders Speak'

WASHINGTON, DC – A petition containing over 5,000 signatures was delivered to the first meeting of the Federal Highway Administration's Motorcyclist Advisory Council on Tuesday. The document was presented by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and demanded that the Council designate additional seats to represent the motorcycle rider community. Currently, the Council has 10 avail-

able seats; only one of which is filled by a motorcycle rider association representative.

Reauthorized in the latest highway bill in 2016, the Motorcyclist Advisory Council or 'MAC' was created to coordinate with and counsel the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on infrastructure and other issues that affect motorcyclists. It was originally conceptualized in 2005, and designed to allow the motorcycle community a dialogue with government officials; the only one of its kind. Previous iterations of the group also held 10 seats, however unlike the current parameters, 4 of the 10 council members included representatives from the motorcycling community from various state and federal motorcycle associations. When the MAC was reauthorized, the Federal Highway Administration eliminated all but one of

these, only calling for 1 representative from the motorcycling community with the other 9 positions to be filled by experts in roadway data, design and engineering.

"We continue to be concerned that [the MAC], the ONLY group of its kind on a national scale, fails to include adequate representation of the nearly 8.5 million motorcycle riders on our nation's roadways," said Megan Ekstrom, Vice-President of Government Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in prepared comments delivered at the meeting. "Only ONE out of TEN of these individuals can speak for the rider community at large and has the authority to do so and is here to serve that specific purpose. The MAC should have more of these," Ekstrom went on to say.

Members of Congress also weighed in.

The Senate issued a letter, led by Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK) asking for additional seats for motorcycle riders association. The letter, sent in February, included Senator John Thune (R-SD), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation which has jurisdiction over transportation-related matters.

The U.S. House of Representatives issued its own letter to Secretary Chao,

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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

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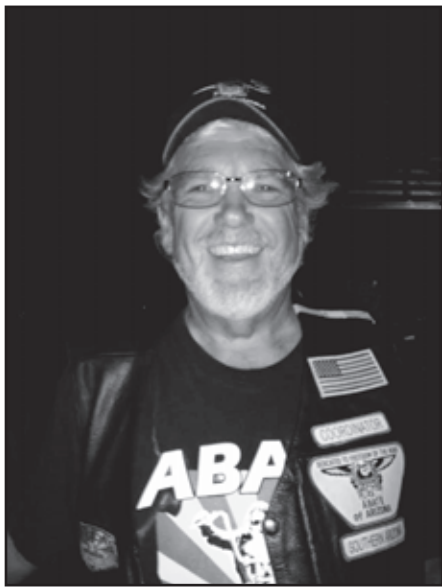
We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goal.

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## President's Report



By Jim Butsback

Greetings Fellow Freedom Fighters!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Great Holiday Season! This year looks to be a very good year for ABATE of Arizona and the other SMROs here in our state. There are several upcoming events that we are looking forward to.

First there is the opening day of the Arizona Legislature in January. It is on Monday January 8th, 2018. Gather at

8:30 AM and there will be a press conference at 9:00 AM. It would be great to see as many motorcyclists as possible to be at the Capitol to let the new legislature know that we are involved and willing to make our voices heard.

Motorcycle Day at the Dome is put on by the State Motorcycle rights organizations here in Arizona, ABATE of Arizona being one of them. This year it is on Wednesday May 2nd, 2018. It is a day set aside for motorcyclists from all around the state to ride to the Capitol and set appointments to meet with their legislators and let them know the issues that are important to us and to get them to support us. All the SMROs are involved and they provide the tents, tables, chairs etc. along with a lunch for those who come out meet with us. ALL ABATE members are urged to attend and to contact their Representatives and Senators. If you cannot make it to the Capitol please be sure and call or email you Legislators that you wish them to meet with the motorcyclists who are in attendance. May is also Motorcycle Awareness Month. Start planning your Awareness events now! There will be guest speakers at MDATD and we are hoping that the Governor makes an appearance to present the Proclamation of May as MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in Arizona!

Also coming up is the annual BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY! This is put hosted by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation on May 15th, 2018. Every year Motorcycle Freedom Fighters from all over the United States converge on Washington DC in May to walk the halls of Congress and meet with the Senators and Congressmen in order to further the legislation that is important to motorcyclists on a Federal level. This is an amazing event. As it gets closer more information will be coming out. Many of our membership are also members of the MRF which works on a National Level for us. I encourage ALL ABATE of Arizona members to join the MRF and support their work. Several of our ABATE Chapters are also MRF Sustaining Members and if your Chapter is not please ask your Chapter Officers why not and how your Chapter can become a Sustaining Member of the MRF.

The State Officers and the Board of Directors hosted our 2nd Holiday/Christmas Party and Social. This was an opportunity to get our ABATE members from various Chapters to come together and socialize and just enjoy a little Holiday Happiness. I feel that this was a success. We had a good turnout, and we

are going to look into doing more of these types of events throughout the year. I feel it is important for members of the different Chapters around the state to get to know each other and to spend time together. It seems that the only time we get to do this is at Too Broke for Sturgis and most of us are way too busy working and putting on the event to enjoy each other's company.

The strength of an organization like ABATE of Arizona is its membership. Without members we cannot accomplish the good work that we try and do. It takes many hands pulling on the rope to get the job done. I want to thank all of the members of ABATE of Arizona for being here and supporting the cause of motorcycle rights here in Arizona. If you think we are doing a good job please tell your friends and other riders you encounter what we do and who we are and encourage them to join. If for some reason you feel we are not doing what we should or you know an area we may want to look into please contact any of the State officers or any of your Chapter officers and pass the information on to us.

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

## My Goals for 2018

By Mike Infanzon

I listened to a podcast interview with Irish author and filmmaker, Philip McKernan a few months back in which he said one of the world's deepest tragedies is that we don't believe in ourselves. "We don't put value on our own skin," he said. Giving back to people and giving back to the world is a profound way to make change and grow, but you can't grow if you ignore the impact that giving makes. In this interview, Phillip talked about how giving is a way to help find out more about yourself and why we need to create less busyness and distractions in our lives. It was a great motivator for me.

By the time you read this, I am sure some of you have made your New Year's Resolutions. We all talk about them. What we can do to become better people, healthier people, etc. A friend of mine and I came up with a game to mock New Year's resolutions. We have to come up

with the most outrageous resolution/goal for the other person. According to him, it was hilarious to tell a grown man he needed to get a pedicure and a facial. I didn't care about the facial, but the Pedi was awesome. Just so you know.

I wanted to share my goals and reflections list with you. I do this every year to try and make little course corrections in my life. So, this year I wanted to share 18 ideas for you if you haven't made any goals for 2018.

**LEARN TO RIDE BETTER.** I will be taking an advanced rider course this year. I am sure I have some bad habits I need to break.

**READ (at least) 12 BOOKS.** My book list continues to grow, and I know I have at least 100 in my wish list on Amazon

**EARN A NEW CERTIFICATION/DEGREE.** While I

know I won't finish a new degree this year, I can do something towards a new certification. I earned 3 this past year in Grassroots Activism.

**CULL OUT THE NEGATIVE PEOPLE.** I am going to start on social media.

**IMPROVE MY EATING HABITS.** I have the tendency to forget to eat when I get busy then end up eating junk food.

**COMPLETE A NO SPEND CHALLENGE.** This is a way to live frugally for a period of time in order to save up for something bigger. A way to cut out the non-essential spending.

**MEDITATE ON A DAILY BASIS.** I do this now for inner peace and mental clarity.

**EXPLORE THREE NEW PLACES.** I would like to ride to 3 places I've never been to before. I've never been to

Nowhere. It's a way to enjoy Arizona and see it for the first time.

**ATTEND TWO CONCERTS.** I can tell one will be the Backyard Biker Bash in April.

**UP MY WATER INTAKE. LEARN ONE NEW THING.** I don't know how to needlepoint or crochet. I'm not saying I want to learn but I do want to learn one new thing.

**GO TO A NEW RESTAURANT OR COOK A NEW MEAL ONCE A MONTH.** This may go hand in hand with #11. I'd like to learn to cook better.

**ADD \$100 TO MY SAVINGS ACCOUNT EVERY MONTH. See #6 SPEND MORE TIME WITH PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT.**

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## From the MRF A&E

Idaho Motorcycle Fatality Summary  
By Lane Triplett  
Vice Chairman Motorcycle Riders  
Foundation Awareness & Education, Inc.  
www.mrfae.org

For the last seven years, I have been gathering data from the State of Idaho Vehicle Collision Reports for Motorcycles for the years 2009 through 2016. This project began during one of the initial planning sessions for the Idaho Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Motorcycle Safety Committee. One of the strategies outlined was to analyze the data and identify some of the circumstances contributing to Idaho's motorcycle fatalities. This analysis continues to be a work in progress and more information and data will be added if it becomes available. This document

includes reports from 2012 through 2016. The 2009 through 2011 data has been archived. Most studies of this type require 5 years of data to be considered accurate. This is not a government study. It has been formulated by a motorcyclist. Factual knowledge is the only agenda. This is an Idaho only study. Idaho is a predominantly rural state, but research done in other states may find similar percentages.

There were 22 fatalities in 2012, 26 fatalities in 2013, 25 fatalities in 2014, 28 fatalities in 2015 and 22 fatalities in 2016 included in 121 reports. Moped and scooter crashes are included. Two reports include 2 victims. Eight of these 123 fatalities were passengers (all female). The following chart is a sampling of cau-

sation factors. Some crashes include multiple factors. While it is possible that some of the single vehicle crashes may have been affected by an unreported animal or other vehicle, there is no data, physical evidence, or statements within the reports to support such occurrences.

Rider error means that the actions of the rider were the primary cause of the crash. Driver error means that an automobile or other vehicle type caused the crash.

Alcohol and drug use continues to be a significant factor in fatalities. The goal is to provide accurate information about impairment. However, it is sometimes difficult to ascertain the effect that impairment may have had in a fatal crash. All levels of alcohol impairment are

recorded but those that are under the legal limit are noted as such. It is recognized that some degree of impairment begins below the legal limit. In addition, THC/marijuana use can be detected by a blood test for approximately 30 days. Therefore when a rider tests positive for THC and/or has a low to moderate BAC level, it is difficult to determine to what degree they were under the influence at the time of the crash. But because of the positive drug test, the crash must be recorded as impairment involved. Alcohol/drug use by the drivers of other vehicles shall also be recorded as impairment involved but noted as such. Prescription drugs for depression and

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## Chapter Reports

### East Valley Chapter

Would you look at that - the holidays are sliding by and the New Year is sneaking up on us. Hope that your Holidays were Blessed and Bright.

At the November meeting, Jess Method missed out on the dollar jar. Deb Ferrucci won the 50/50 then donated it back. Cheryl signed up a new business member D & D Discount Motorcycles.

After our November meeting a couple of us took off to join in with Birds on Bikes to deliver our turkeys.

On Dec 2nd we had Troll's Teddy Bear Run and the State Social. Thank you to everyone who supported either event or both events. I know everyone who attended either event or both all had a fun filled day.

More details about the State Social can be found in the Rumbles from the Secretary article. I do feel it is important to thank our chapter member Ms TBFS for coming out to play.

Thank you to those of you who came by to support ABATE for Taco Tuesday Bike Night at Desert Winds Harley Davidson. Those were some tasty tacos.

Oh how we are to be proud our very own JOE FERRUCCI successfully defended his crown as SPAGHETTI KING.

A couple of us attended the ACMC meeting with our Prez Jim Butsback and others. The meeting was encouraging and fun. Lost Dutchman have a pretty cool place.

I think I will just keep this short a sweet.

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 Chapter Communications Officer

### High Country Chapter

NO REPORT

### Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

2018 Chapter Officers were elected on our December meeting. They are: Mik Schneider, as Chapter Coordinator, Dawn Steed, as Vice Coordinator, Tara Rudometkin, as Treasure, Jean Cooper, as Secretary, Nolan Steed, as Sergeant at Arms, Joel Rosen, as Safety Officer, William Driggers, as Membership Officer, Jeremy Kellim, as Run Coordinator, Sandy Hassinger, as Merchandise Officer, John Dreyfus, as PAC Officer. Congratulations to you all.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** Jeremy Kellim is coordinating volunteers to help the production team at the BACKSTAGE BIKER BASH at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson on Friday April 6th and Saturday April 7, 2018. This event is benefiting ABATE of Arizona there are many positions to be filled from ticketing to stage hands. Reach out to Jeremy, or any of the Chapter Officers, if you can volunteer. Performing 4/06/18: QUEEN-SRYCHE - AUTOGRAPH - SKARLETT FEVER - UNCHAINED; Performing 4/07/18: MARK FARNER Formerly Of Grand Funk Railroad - MOONSHINE VODOO BAND - 74TH STREET BAND. fmi: <https://www.facebook.com/events/906031372907308> or <http://www.desertwindhd.com>

Other dates to mark on your calendar are Opening Day at the Legislature on January 8th and Motorcycle Day at the Dome on May 2nd. Both of these events are held at the Arizona State Capitol and you are invited to attend to increase awareness of the issues that affect motorcyclists.

Keep in touch with the Chapter by joining our Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shadowmountainabate>

Receive bulletins and other announcements by subscribing to our Chapter email list. All are welcome to join by sending an email request to: [abatephxshd-wmntn@gmail.com](mailto:abatephxshd-wmntn@gmail.com)

The Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter meets on the second Sunday of each month. Join us at our next meeting

Sunday January 14, 2018 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 Mountain Chapter

### Southern Arizona Chapter

This month's meeting was on Saturday November 18th. This meeting was held at Chuy's at 22ndst. & Kolb do to the Tour de Tucson bicycle event cause a lot of road closures and congestion in the neighborhood around the Kettle. I wish to thank the entire staff of Chuy's for making us feel welcome. Once again our meeting time was 10AM which is our winter schedule. This seemed to work good for everyone. We had the normal meeting with reports from the various officers and committees.

The Chapter is still selling raffle tickets to raise funds to support motorcycle awareness and safety issues here in southern Arizona. If you have not purchased your tickets or if you would like tickets to sell please contact Bob Gizmo Welton or Jim for more information. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

The group in attendance for our meeting decided to have our December meeting at Chuy's also. It is a good venue and will work well for our Holiday Party. The party and gift exchange will be held after the meeting and along with the drawing of the winners for our annual fundraiser raffle.

We want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and that you had a wonderful Holiday Season.

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](mailto: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@yahoo.com](mailto:abateofazsac@yahoo.com). We are trying to save the Chapter some money by cutting down on postage. 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](mailto:membershipofficer@abateofaz.org).

Ride Free, Ride Safe  
Until next time,  
Ride Free, Ride Safe!

### Yavapai Chapter

Greetings!

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

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

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

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

Our next meeting will be December 13, 2017 at the VFW post.

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

### Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT

## 15th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run

The High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ wants to thank the many Rim Country business, citizens, and clubs that helped make the 15th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run the most successful drive do-date. With your help, we were able to collect three pickup-trucks full of toys (not including 2 trucks of bicycles), and present the Women of the Moose with a check for \$3,500 to help their efforts to make sure that area families have a very Merry Christmas. This year, the Women of the Moose are attempting to make Christmas happen for 234 children from 84 families over a wide area from Tonto Basin to Strawberry to Christopher Creek.

This year's event was once again at the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson and was well represented by members of the Old Bastards Motorcycle Club Payson Chapter, the American Legion Riders, the Loose Cannons Motorcycle Club, the Rim Country District of the Modified Motorcycle Association, and of course, the High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ, among others. In the month leading up to the event, 16 Tonto Basin and Rim Country businesses collected toys and other donations to present the day of the toy run. ABATE thanks those business because without them, this effort would not work.

Special mention goes to to Punkin Center Bar & Grill who filled three huge boxes with toys and raised over \$1,100 in cash. Their effort begins in January for the next year and ABATE and the Women of the Moose could not be more grateful. Also deserving special mention is Pine Creek Fudge, (High Country Chapter's latest business member) who also filled their toy collection box three times. It is this sort of generosity that makes living in Rim Country the amazing experience it is.

High Country Chapter also wants to thank Sawmill Theaters for running an ad, for free,

on every screen of every movie for the last month to help make the community aware of the event. And also to KRIM FM in Payson for acting as DJ and broadcasting the event live on Facebook all day, and then making a generous donation of their own. Organizers were receiving calls from as far away as Puerto Penasco Mexico who were watching the event live.

Starting early Saturday morning, riders went out with pickup trucks in tow to retrieve the toy collection boxes and the many donations

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## From the MRF A&E (continued)

\*One of these was an intoxicated automobile driver. One rider was under the legal limit at .049, another was at .012, and another at .020.

\*\* One of these is a car violating a motor-

Single Vehicle Crashes - 69		Multi-vehicle Crashes - 52	
Rider Error	59	Rider Error	27
Questionable Rider Error	0	Driver Error**	22
Run-off Corner	46	Rider Violated Driver's ROW	3
Wild/Domestic Animal	9	Run-off Corner - Head on Crash	6
Medical	0	Rider Rear-ended Rider	3
Positive Alcohol/Drug Test	28*	Positive Alcohol/Drug Test	16*
Equipment Failure	3	Equipment Failure	1
Weather	1	Traffic Control Failure	1

cyclist's right of way and the rider was intoxicated. (.205)

Of the total 123 fatalities in 121 crash reports, 86 crashes were identified as rider error. Twenty-One of the crashes are without question the fault of another vehicle operator. In six crashes, the rider survived but the passenger did not. This analysis does not include detailed infor-

mation on serious injuries, levels of injury or other involved crashes.

It should be noted that 26 fatalities were from out of state (24 riders, 2 passengers). Twenty three of those riders were endorsed, three were not, and 3 are unknown. Of the 91 Idaho riders involved in fatal crashes, 55 had their motorcycle endorsement, 36 did not and 3 Idaho residents had an out of state license. One Idaho rider was riding on a suspended license. Of the 91 Idaho riders, only 16 had passed an Idaho rider training course. One Washington licensed rider had passed an Idaho training course. These training and endorsement numbers include the riders that survived when their female passengers did not. Some of these riders may have been trained in other states but such information is unavailable.

It is commonly believed that motorcycle fatalities are generally young men on sport bikes and/or riders not wearing helmets. Here is what the data tells us on these topics: others that do not specifically restrict

Ages of the Fatalities	Types of Motorcycles	Helmet Use
Under 20	Cruiser/Tourer	Wore a Helmet
20-29	Sport Bikes	Novelty Helmet
30-39	Dual Sports	No Helmet
40-49	Off-Road	Unknown
50-59	Moped/Scooter	
60-69		
70-79		
80-89		
Total	Total	Total

driving may also be a factor in crashes, but because they are legal they are not recorded in the percentages for impairment.

General conclusions from this analysis:

- We (riders) are killing ourselves at a far greater rate than we had ever assumed prior to this study (~71% rider error).
- 69% of victims are over 40 years old and 49% are between the ages of 40 and 59.
- Crashes in corners are the biggest killers (~38% run off corner).
- 35% of involved Idaho licensed riders did not have a motorcycle endorsement.
- Illegal drug and alcohol use contributed in many cases (~36% illegal alcohol/drug involvement by riders).
- Drivers violating riders' right-of-way is also a contributing factor (~17%).
- Only 18% of involved Idaho licensed riders had passed a rider training course.

# Coast to Coast

*NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES  
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## HUNG JURY FORCES MISTRIAL IN FIRST WACO CASE

It's been over two years since the bloody Twin Peaks melee in Waco, Texas, and the first trial of more than 150 of those arrested and charged has ended in a mistrial when the jury was hopelessly split on multiple counts.

Dallas Bandidos leader Jake Carrizal was charged with three criminal counts, including murder and racketeering, stemming from the May 17, 2015 brawl and gunfight with rival Cossacks members during a meeting of the Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents that left nine bikers dead and 18 seriously injured, most shot by responding police.

The prosecution had hoped a conviction in this first "big test case," considered the state's strongest, would serve as an indicator of how solid the government's cases might be going forward, and could be used to generate plea deals amongst the remaining 153 bikers indicted, explained A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney Bill Smith of Texas. Smith, who also serves as legal counsel for the Confederations of Clubs (COC) in Texas, gave a much-anticipated update to bikers from across the U.S. during a recent

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Regional Meeting in Oklahoma City.

Carrizal faces life in prison if found guilty, but following more than a month of testimony in proceedings that cost the Waco community over \$2 million to date, the three woman, nine man jury deliberated for just under 15 hours over two days before notifying Judge Matt Johnson they were irrevocably deadlocked and unable to reach a verdict.

Judge Johnson sent the jury home on Friday, November 10, and declared a mistrial. The State has reportedly announced they will retry the case, but at this point it is unclear if the case will be retried on the same or amended charges, or how it will affect others under indictment.

"Just by attending a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, many of these bikers lost their jobs, lost their motorcycles, lost homes, or lost custody of a child because of their arrest for engaging in criminal activity," said Attorney Smith, "spending days, weeks or months in jail under million dollar bail bonds."

In early 2016, several of the bikers filed a civil rights lawsuit against the District Attorney, the Chief of Police and other Waco officials, and "if acquitted, they can succeed in civil action."

NCOM MEETING REPORT FROM

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"Many thanks to all that attended the NCOM Board of Directors meeting and NCOM Region 2 Conference this past weekend in Oklahoma City, and to all OKCOC (Confederation of Clubs) Member Groups that worked so hard to ensure its success," wrote NCOM board member Tiger Mike Revere, Liaison for the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs, in his recent OKCOC Liaison Report.

"Lots of valuable information was shared that will ultimately help improve our Motorcycling Quality of Life," Tiger Mike continues... "The seminar dealing with RICO and Biker Judicial Rights, the Texas AIM/NCOM Attorney update on the Waco Situation, and the presentation addressing profiling and police harassment of Motorcyclists were educational. The Regional Motorcyclist Rights Forum and Multi-State COC Symposium afforded Rights Activists and Club Members from all over the Nation the opportunity to share informational updates and legislative strategy for the future. The Regional Christian Unity Meeting featured Spiritual riding groups from many states sharing their faith and community outreach experiences."

Revere goes on to say that, "The NCOM Board of Directors continues to be impressed with the degree of enthusiasm and involvement Region 2 Members demonstrate for being educated on critical

issues. Particular recognition goes to those that staffed the Hospitality Room, handled logistics for the hotel and transportation, and to the vendors that took part. The Saturday Night Camaraderie Party and Dinner was a Blast! Thanks to our OKCOC Lawyers for providing the food. It was great to see how many riders showed up for Sunday's OKCOC Meeting as well--the Biltmore Hotel's Ballroom was packed with well over 400 Riders!"

He concludes with, "I deeply appreciate your passion and commitment to defending Biker Liberty, in Oklahoma and Nationwide. Be sure to put the 33rd Annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists Convention on your Calendar. It's scheduled for May 8-13, 2018 in Mobile, AL at the Riverview Plaza Renaissance Hotel, and it's going to be a great one! The Region 2 Conference was also a Veterans' Day celebration, and 150 bikes rode to the Oklahoma State Capitol on November 11 to take part in the ceremonies. Thanks very much, attendees, for honoring our Armed Forces!"

## BIKERS ASSIST DISASTER VICTIMS

U.S. Defenders and the Facilitators at Camp Ironhorse have been deeply involved not only in assisting Hurricane

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

### ABATE IS:

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- For all Motorcycles regardless of Fraternal or club affiliation, as well as Independents
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- For People interested in rider education
- For people interested in motorcycle awareness PSAs directed to non-Riders
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- Priceless Motorcycle Awareness
- Priceless Rights
- Priceless Rider Education

### ABATE of Arizona Serves to:

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

### ABATE accomplishments:

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

### Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

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

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

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

- Distracted Driving – Motorcycle, Bicycle, Pedestrian are Vulnerable Roadway Users
- Right of Way Violations resulting in Injury/Fatality
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### JOIN ABATE NOW!

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## Coast to Coast (continued)

Harvey Disaster relief efforts in Texas, but also in traveling to Puerto Rico for disaster relief aid following Hurricane Maria. "Texas Defenders and Camp Ironhorse volunteers alternate every other week delivering supplies and support equipment," reports NCOM board member Tiger Mike Revere, Liaison for the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs. "Multiple agencies in our area have donated to support efforts which benefit our fellow Americans victimized by the storms and enhance a Positive Biker Image." A critical need continues, so anyone interested in providing any support or donations, assisting in Relief Efforts, or desiring more information can contact Monte "Stick" Keiner at: wizzardproduction@yahoo.com.

NCOM Christian Unity also continues to be very responsive in meeting Disaster Victims' needs, as updated at the recent Region 2 Conference in Oklahoma. "They are working with an effort led by Central Harley-Davidson out of Austin TX," reports Revere, "and the assistance they provided is much appreciated by our awesome Motorcycling Community." For more information or to contribute, contact Louie Nobs, NCOM Christian Unity Liaison, at ncom.christianunity@gmail.com.

### BIKING PASTOR SHEPHERDS TEXAS CHURCH, SITE OF MAS-SACRE

Pastor Frank Pomeroy oversees the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, where a crazed gunman opened fire on Sunday, November 5th and slaughtered 26 people, one unborn, and injured 20 others inside the church. "Rev. Pomeroy, a motorcycle enthusiast, also runs a ministry for bikers," and the following information was submitted to NCOM Biker Newsbytes by Becky Cakes, recipient of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' 2013 NCOM Silver Spoke Award for Media.

The First Baptist Church has a YouTube Channel where it posts videos of worship services and events, and in the last sermon posted online, Rev. Pomeroy -- the church's motorcycle-riding pastor -- used the imagery of a Harley-Davidson to illustrate his theme for the service, entitled "You Don't Need Training Wheels,

You Need Christ!"

Ms. Cakes continues her post; "The pastor brought his bike into church last Sunday, set it in front of the altar and used it as a metaphor. It was safer, he said, to lean into turns on the bike, even though it felt less safe, a lesson he was trying to teach his daughter Annabelle Pomeroy, 14, on the ride there that morning, when it was only 34 degrees.

"We had a beautiful ride," he said. "She was back there cuddled behind me, and when I pointed at the temperature gauge, I felt her snuggle in even tighter."

Annabelle was shot and killed on Sunday. Mr. Pomeroy and his wife, Sherri, were out of the state. ..." (Excerpted from The Wall Street Journal, www.wsj.com).

### U.S. INTERIOR DEPT CREATES RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On November 7, 2017, Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke announced the creation of a Recreation Advisory Committee to help improve visitor experiences on America's public lands and waters through expanded public-private partnerships. "We used to have a Bureau of Recreation -- we're bringing recreation back," Zinke said, adding that "I look forward to hearing from the best and the brightest in our private sector on how to improve the public experience on our federal lands and waters by expanding access for all Americans."

According to the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation generates \$887 billion in economic impact and supports 7.6 million jobs across the country. "The creation of the Recreation Advisory Committee -- combined with meetings, declarations and events -- is an important step in harnessing the might of the outdoor recreation economy and shows the department's commitment to supporting its continued growth," reports the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) in announcing the formation of the committee.

The committee will offer new opportunities for experienced and committed supporters of the Great Outdoors to collaborate with the secretary and other Interior

officials on a range of issues, including expansion of world-class visitor services and infrastructure, skillful management of peak visitation, improving fee collection, incorporating new technologies and much more.

This action is the result of numerous meetings between the Department of the Interior, the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable (ORIR), of which the MIC is a member, and others.

"Creation of the Recreation Advisory Committee is great news for the outdoor recreation industry," said MIC president and CEO Tim Buche. "We are excited to work with the Department of Interior to address issues facing outdoor recreation, including trail maintenance and expanding access to public lands."

### NEW YORK TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY SAVVY BEFORE LICENSURE

Those seeking a drivers license in the state of New York will soon be required to take and pass a series of Motorcycle Safety scenarios. A7486/S2119, signed into law on October 23, 2017 by Governor Andrew Cuomo, establishes a motorcycle safety awareness component as a requirement for licensing.

Introduced by Assemblyman Marcos Crespo (D-S Bronx), the legislation creates a "Motorcycle Safety" component to licensure, and requires "The commissioner to provide in the pre-licensing course, a mandatory component in "Motorcycle Safety" awareness education as a prerequisite for obtaining a license to operate a motor vehicle. The purpose of the component is to educate prospective licensees on the potential dangers to persons operating motorcycles on the roadway."

So "Motorcycle Safety" will now join alcohol and drug education, "Road Rage" awareness and "Work Safety Zone Safety" as subject matters for the pre-licensing course.

### FRAUDULENT MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT DOCUMENTS IN INDIANA

"It has come to our attention that some Indiana residents have been caught up in a scam regarding documents necessary to obtain a motorcycle endorsement," reports Jay Jackson of ABATE of Indiana (www.abateonline.org), which "represents all Hoosier motorcyclists and is very concerned anytime one of us is harmed."

Although details from the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) are incomplete, "it appears that someone has made copies of the state form used to issue a

waiver for skills test and forged the signature of a former ABATE instructor. This unlawful act of greed casts an ugly and undeserved shadow on the instructor's reputation, as well as that of ABATE of Indiana."

Jackson related stories of people caught up in this situation, with some paying money for these documents or attending and "passing" makeshift classes. If the BMV is unable to confirm that the applicant had successfully completed a legitimate rider course, "they suspend not only the motorcycle endorsement, but also the operator's license, and in some cases the Commercial Driver's License (CDL), of the individual."

If you have any information related to this situation, please reach out and contact the Indiana State Police, or call the ABATE office at (317) 422-8040 (Indiana residents call (800) 23-ABATE). "We want to get to the bottom of this in hopes that it may assist those that were victimized."

### HUMANITY TRIUMPHS OVER MACHINERY

Humans have been getting their tails handed to them by computers, as artificial intelligence (A.I.) has been regularly trouncing humanity in classic games like chess, Go, and Mortal Kombat, but at least there's one area where we still reign supreme (for now): motorcycle racing!

In a tale bearing striking resemblance to that of folk hero John Henry, the "steel-driving man" who proved his human prowess in a race against a steam-powered contraption, an A.I.-piloted motorcycle recently lost a race against a modern-day riding champion.

Renowned MotoGP racer Valentino Rossi outperformed MOTOBOT, a motorcycle-riding robot from Yamaha that controls six actuators aboard a non-modified motorcycle; steering, throttle, both brakes, clutch and gearshift.

The Yamaha MOTOBOT project began in 2015, and after three years of trials the computer has developed a much better understanding of motorcycle racing that Yamaha hopes by 2020 will "deliver new value from Yamaha to our customers."

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

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

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

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

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

**Yuma Chapter**  
The Yuma ABATE chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. We meet at the Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd 85367. We would love to see you there.

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## AMSAF continues to help the Motorcycle Community

It's been an exciting year for AMSAF as we continue to help the motorcycle community in helping to reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities. So far we've been able to help over 2600 individuals get into Motorcycle training with our AMSAF Scholarships.

As we look back at the end of the year and the holidays, we will see a lot of get togethers, celebrations, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. In addition, its a great time for riding with this beautiful Arizona weather and what a great time of the year.

On a more serious note, in 2016 we had 144 Motorcycle fatalities and of that, 55 died due to being impaired. This is a huge concern to AMSAF and if anything we'd like you to think about what to do if you are impaired and can't drive or ride. There are so many help opportunities out there with Uber, Taxi, designated driver or maybe just staying at the place you're at for the night. Please think twice before having to face the risk of being impaired. In the next couple months you will more

Billboards up around the valley by AMSAF and these focusing on impaired riding. On this page you will see what they will look like. We also pass out "Know your Limit" cards". We want to thank the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for allowing us to partner on these postcards and get them out. Be sure to check out our weekly Facebook Safety tips at, <https://www.facebook.com/AMSAF.ORG/> and don't forget about our Monthly Scholarship opportunity for a Basic Rider Course (BRC) or a Basic Rider Course 2 (BRC2). We give out our Scholarships the first Monday of the Month and the time can change. If you're interested in getting a Scholarship, we recommend getting on and signing up as they go fast. <https://www.amsaf.org/scholarships/>

AMSAF hopes you had a great 2017 with your family and friends and at the same time were safe. It's a great time to enjoy your time and not be another statistic. Thank you for your support of AMSAF. How many of your friends or relatives can you send this newsletter to? You

might help save a life.

Mick Degn  
Executive Director  
Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF)

### Riding Impaired

As we look at this year and the great weather we experience in Arizona for riding, there are two things that don't go together. They are riding or driving and being impaired. Riding Impaired has consequences and we want to encourage everyone to not ride impaired



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### Arizona DUI Laws

Society's perspective on DUI (Driving Under the Influence) has changed dramatically over the past 30 years. DUI is no longer accepted as an unavoidable price of automobile travel. A DUI is recognized as a violent crime. These changes are mainly due to years of intense effort by

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ABATE of Arizona

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1/20 {Sat} 8th annual Skin & Steel Tattoo & Motorcycle Show, pre-

sented by American Legion Riders of Post 2. 10a-4pm at American Legion Post 2, 2125 S Industrial Park Ave, Tempe. Rain or shine. Free admission. Music by Moonshine VooDoo Band. Vendors & more. FMI: Kaleen 480-599-5681, <http://www.skinandsteelaz.com>

1-27-18 {Sat} Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sign-in 10-11am at American Legion Post 58, 16837 E Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills. Donation \$10/pp. Take an unescorted Ride on a scenic route

where the wild horses call home thru the Lower Salt River on Bush Highway in the Tonto National Forest. Last stop at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W Apache Trail. End party {11a-4:30pm} includes live music, beer garden, food, vendors, educational booths, & raffles. Proceeds benefit the Salt River Wild Horse Mgmt Group to continue protecting & keeping these Horses Wild & FREE. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://saltriver-wildhorsemanagementgroup.org>

## Rumbles from your State Secretary

Hey there everyone

I need to start out by saying Thank you to the Eagles and everyone who joined us for the 2017 ABATE State social. With that said I need to extend an extra big thank you to Ms TBFS and the rest of the Templar Crusaders MC without them it would have been a very small event (we are talking 18 people). I understand that it is the busy event season and you have to pick and choose. I have to admit I am a wee bit disappointed. We did this to celebrate all of you and the work you do all year long. We still had some fun. There were 4 entries in the chili cook off.

With Teresa and Ben in Texas and unavailable to defend the chili crown it gave the rest of us a chance. Nolan ended up winning the chili cook off and the prize money. A good portion of the prize money will be going to the ACMC toy run.

Siss with the Templar Crusaders MC won the 50/50 and donated it back to help others, a portion went to support a family in need that the Eagles are collecting for and the remainder will go to toys for the ACMC toy run.

We had some fun raffle prizes. The most sought after being a giant teddy bear. Lil Miss feel in love with bear as did Dragonfly from

Southern Arizona Chapter. When it came time to draw for the bear everybody held their breath. Boom Dragonfly won, she then gifted it to lil Miss. It was beautiful.

Kass and crew were there to entertain us with Karaoke. They donated half of their usual fee, which was awesome. Thank you. They are great. We have used them for both last year and this years socials and had a blast both times.

Hope your Holidays are Peaceful and your New Year's bright  
Dawn P Steed

## AMSAF continues to help the Motorcycle Community (continued)

federal, state and local agencies, citizen advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, and private businesses. GOHS is determined to provide the leadership and funding to help reduce the threat of DUI drivers on Arizona's roadways. As public attitudes have changed, the percentage of alcohol related crashes has decreased, but impaired driving still takes far too great a human and economic toll. In 2014, 33.6% of all traffic fatalities in Arizona were alcohol-related. The penalties for impaired driving in Arizona are severe and include mandatory jail time, thousands of dollars in fines and court fees, suspension of driving license or privilege to drive, vehicle impoundment and other expenses.

As a measure to reduce the number of repeat offenders, Arizona added the Mandatory Ignition Interlock Devices (IID) as a penalty for all DUI offenders. Prior to September 2007, IID's were a requirement only for Aggravated and Extreme DUI offenders. In addition to the IID, a sentencing charge for "Super Extreme" DUI was added to address offenders with a .20 or higher BAC and the alcohol concentration results from alcohol consumed either before or while driving or being in actual physical control. For more information on DUI laws,

### MISDEMEANOR DUI VIOLATIONS: Arizona Revised Statutes 4-244.34 - Underage Driving or Physical Control While Under the Influence

It is unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to drive or be in physical control of a motor vehicle while there is any spirituous liquor in the person's body.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1381(A)(1) - Driving or Actual Physical Control While Under the Influence/Impaired to the Slightest Degree

It is unlawful for a person to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, any drug, a vapor releasing substance containing a toxic substance, or any combination of liquor, drugs or vapor releasing substances if the person is impaired to the slightest degree.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1381(A)(2) - Driving Under the Influence/Over the Legal Limit

It is unlawful for a person to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this state if the person has an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more within two hours of driving or being in actual physical control of the vehicle and the alcohol concentration results from alcohol consumed either before or while driving or being in actual physical control of the vehicle.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1381(A)(3) - Driving Under the Influence/Any Drug or Metabolite

It is unlawful for a person to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this state while there is any drug defined in Section 13-3401 or its metabolite in the person's body.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1381(A)(4) - Driving Under the Influence/Driving a Commercial Motor Vehicle

It is unlawful for a person to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this state if the vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle that requires a person to obtain a commercial driver's license as defined in Section 28-3001 and the person has an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or more.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-

### 1382(A)(1) - Driving or Actual Physical Control While Under the Influence/ BAC of .15 (Extreme DUI)

It is unlawful for a person to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this state if the person has an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more but less than 0.20 within two hours of driving or being in actual physical control of the vehicle and the alcohol concentration results from alcohol consumed either before or while driving or being in actual physical control of the vehicle.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1382(A)(2) - Driving or Actual Physical Control While Under the Influence/ BAC of .20 or more (Super Extreme DUI)

It is unlawful for a person to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this state if the person has an alcohol concentration of 0.20 or more within two hours of driving or being in actual physical control of the vehicle and the alcohol concentration results from alcohol consumed either before or while driving or being in actual physical control of the vehicle.

### FELONY DUI VIOLATIONS

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1383(A)(1) - Aggravated Driving or Actual Physical Control While Under the Influence/ DUI While Suspended for DUI

A person is guilty of aggravated driving or actual physical control while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs if the person commits a violation of section 28-1381, section 28-1382 or this sec-



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tion while the person's driver license or privilege to drive is suspended, canceled, revoked or refused or while a restriction is placed on the person's driver license or privilege to drive as a result of violating section 28-1381 or 28-1382 or under section 28-1385.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1383(A)(2) - Aggravated Driving or Actual Physical Control While Under the Influence/ Third or Subsequent DUI in 84 Months

A person is guilty of aggravated driving or actual physical control while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs if, within a period of eighty-four months, commits a third or subsequent violation of section 28-1381, section 28-1382 or

this section or is convicted of a violation of section 28-1381, section 28-1382 or this section and has previously been convicted of any combination of convictions of section 28-1381, section 28-1382 or this section or acts in another jurisdiction that if committed in this state would be a violation of section 28-1381, section 28-1382 or this section.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1383(A)(3) - Aggravated Driving or Actual Physical Control While Under the Influence/ DUI With Person Under 15 Years of Age in Vehicle

A person is guilty of aggravated driving or actual physical control while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs if the person commits a violation of sec-

tion 28-1381 or section 28-1382 while a person under fifteen years of age is in the vehicle.

### Arizona Revised Statutes 28-1383(A)(4) - Aggravated Driving or Actual Physical Control While Under the Influence/ DUI In Violation of Interlock Requirement

A person is guilty of aggravated driving or actual physical control while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs if the person commits a violation of section 28-1381, section 28-1382 or this section while the person is ordered by the court or required pursuant to section 28-3319 by the department to equip any motor vehicle the person operates with a certified ignition interlock device.

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## Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run (continued)

that had been collected. Arriving at the Buffalo in time to set-up for the 11 am start time. The party went on until 5 pm with music, food, dancing, 50/50, raffles, door prizes and a silent auction that included a very popular sample basket from the Honey Stand in Pine, a complete "Learn to Play Guitar" starter pack, Fudge and Cinnamon Buns from Pine Creek Fudge, as well as gift certificates from Tonto Silk Screen & Embroidery, Cheaper Sweeper and many others. After some confusion about who actually

owned the winning ticket for the 50/50, it was discovered it actually belonged to the bartenders and wait staff of the Buffalo. Upon learning this, the staff promptly donated the entire \$293 back to the event!

The event ended when the toys, donations and money raised were all transported to the Women of the Moose at Lodge 852 in Star Valley who have been working diligently to make sure those who are truly in need get some help this Christmas.

Cecilia (CCRider) Ransom, the High Country Event Coordinator, expressed her joy at the success of the event by declaring "The success of this year's event was due entirely to the incredible community support provided by the area motorcyclists, businesses, and Tonto Basin and Rim Country citizens that participated. High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ cannot thank you all enough. Merry Christmas."

We want to thank all the business that helped fill the toy collection boxes: Butcher Hook Restaurant, Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Dollar General in Tonto Basin, Jake's Corner Bar, The buffalo Bar & Grill, El Rancho, Spur Bar, Pour House, Verizon Wireless at Swiss Village, Old County Inn, Pine Creek Fudge, Sidewinders Tavern & Grill, The Ponderosa Market, HB's Place, Bandits Restaurant.

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## News from the MRF (continued)

outlining their own concerns and asking the Secretary of Transportation to allow the motorcycle community a strong voice on the Council. The letter stated, "It is critical to allow motorcyclists to have a strong voice on this Council. These are the individuals who have experience and can provide a motorcyclist's insights on the challenges and benefits of our roadways. Depending on where they live, riders have unique experiences and are differently impacted by roadway and barrier design, and construction, among others."

Seated in the audience of Tuesday's meeting was Andy Kelly. Kelly, a rider for most of his life and a member of ABATE of Pennsylvania, which stands for "Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education" made the trip to Washington, DC to attend the meeting after signing the petition. A handful of other motorcycle riders representing various state and local rider associations were also in the audience, allowed to listen, but not officially weigh in on issues that affect them as riders.

"This is an example of government at its worst," said Ekstrom. "The purpose of this group is to advise on issues important to motorcyclists, how can the MAC identify and prioritize these issues, without adequate rider representation?"

A copy of the petition and Ekstrom's remarks are below.

### P E T I T I O N

We Call on the Department of Transportation to Add Seats to the Motorcyclist Advisory Council for Motorcycle Riders' Associations

In 2015, Congress re-established the Motorcyclist Advisory Council in the Highway Bill to advise the Federal Highway Administration on "issues of concern to motorcyclists." This important group would serve as the ONLY official forum on a national scale for motorcyclists to have an open dialogue with the Government to discuss concerns like road and barrier design, the emergence of autonomous vehicles and other areas of the nation's highways and infrastructure which impact motorcyclists in a unique way.

In 2017, an announcement was made naming 10 individuals to serve as

appointees to the Council. Regrettably, all but one individual selected was represent the technical aspects of the Council, including engineering, construction and traffic safety systems as well as roadway data. Only one seat out of ten was designated for a national motorcycle riders' association and speak for the 8.5 million motorcyclists in the U.S. And though 8 of the 10 appointees have their motorcycle endorsements, their intended purpose for participation on the Council is to represent the infrastructure and technical side of the conversation, not to advocate for riders. Nor do they have the authority to speak on behalf of riders at large, as would other motorcycle riders' associations at the national and regional levels.

We, the below signed, call on the Secretary of Transportation to add 3 additional seats to the MAC; another seat for a national motorcycle rider's association dedicated to on-street riders as well as at least two other seats for regional motorcycle riders' associations.

Adding these three seats will ensure a balanced and fair composition to the Council and will adequately represent the voice and concerns of street motorcyclists across the nation.

#LetRidersSpeak  
Prepared Remarks  
By  
Megan Ekstrom, Vice-President of Government Affairs  
Motorcycle Riders Foundation  
On 5th of December 2017  
At the Motorcyclist Advisory Council Meeting

My name is Megan Ekstrom and I am the Vice-President of Government Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation or MRF provides leadership for states' and regional motorcycle riders associations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. Through our state partners and affiliates, we have a network of over 250,000 motorcycle riders representing all 50 states.

I'd like to start by thanking the Federal Highway Administration for allowing me to speak. As many in this room already know, the MRF has been critical of the parameters and the process for participation in the Motorcyclist Advisory Council - particularly with regard to the lack of representation for state and

national motorcycle riders' associations.

First, I want to be very clear that our grievances are in no way intended to be an attack or criticism of the 10 current appointees to the MAC. Each one of these individuals (several of which I know personally) bring important areas of expertise to the table. Whether that's engineering or construction, safety or roadway data, each of their voices is critical to ensuring a successful MAC. I also recognize that the majority of the appointees are motorcycle riders themselves and can speak to their own individual riding experience.

While we recognize and appreciate this effort to be inclusive, we continue to be concerned that this important group, the ONLY one of its kind on a national scale, fails to include adequate representation of the nearly 8.5 million motorcycle riders on our nation's roadways.

While the majority of MAC appointees

have their motorcycle endorsement, only ONE out of TEN of these individuals can speak for the rider community at large and has the authority to do so and is here to serve that specific purpose

We believe the MAC should have more of these.

Associations have the ability to speak on behalf of a larger group of individuals, identifying common ground, areas of interest and prioritization of issues. They can point out different concerns in various parts of the country, geographically identifying where needs are most urgent based on feedback from their extensive member networks.

While the AMA can certainly help to fulfill that role, we are concerned that only one voice to speak on behalf of 8.5 million is enough.

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MRFA&E is looking for a new Secretary. You do not have to be political but more in the awareness and education side of motorcycling. This is an officers position for 2-year term, officers are required to be at MRF MOTM conference for the MRFA&E board of directors meeting during the conference. MRFA&E is a 501 c3 company that deals with the community awareness and education for motorcyclists.

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By Jim Silk

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## News from the MRF (continued)

I am not alone in voicing this concern – this year almost 40 members of congress from both the House and Senate, both Republican and Democrat, sent a letter to Transportation Secretary Chao laying out the concerns I have reiterated. Each of these letters stated that in order to facilitate a successful MAC, the Federal Highway Administration should allow more seats for designated motorcycle riders associations in order to ensure a productive dialogue.

I will submit these letters again for the record as well as a petition that I am bringing forth:

This petition signed by over 5,000 motorcycle riders in the U.S. calls on the Secretary to add 3 additional seats to the MAC: another seat for a national motorcycle rider's association dedicated to on-street riders as well as at least two other seats for regional or state motorcycle riders' associations. If these 3 seats are added, which is permitted under the discretion of the Secretary, it will result in a more robust conversation, ensuring that the purpose of the MAC, as written under the statute, is fulfilled as it was intended by Congress

Thank you for listening to our concerns - like everyone in this room, the MRF simply wants to ensure that the unique needs, experiences, and requirements of motorcyclists from across the U.S. are being considered and heard.

RIDING FREE FROM DC:

Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway

Your Motorcycle Riders Foundation team in Washington, D.C. is pleased to provide our members with the latest information and updates on issues that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. Count on your MRF to keep you informed about a range of matters that are critical to the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle. Published weekly when the U.S. Congress is in session.

NEWS FROM THE HILL – An Alphabet Soup of Acronyms: AVs, RPM, & RFS This Week

"We're close"...were the words spoken to me by an unnamed staffer on Capitol Hill this week during a meeting on the autonomous vehicles legislation. Your MRF has been doing a slew of meetings to reiterate the point that motorcycles MUST be included in any legislation as it relates to the safety of autonomous vehicles. We've made headway in the Senate bill, but have more work to do in the House version. Behind the scenes there are a couple of Democratic senators that are holding up activity on the bill; Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Ed Markey (D-Mass.) whose offices tell me they want more time to discuss safety, privacy and cybersecurity issues. Fair enough! Still though, staffers are hopeful the Senate version of the bill (which includes language the MRF pushed for) will be taken up for a vote before Christmas. If so, the House and Senate will then have to reconcile the differences between their own versions. Tick-tock....

Ahead of a Thursday meeting this week between Trump and other senior officials about ethanol policy, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott formally asked for a Renewable Fuel Standard waiver from Pruitt. What does this mean? Well, it would mean that Texas would not have to comply with the ethanol blending quotas set forth by the EPA. It begs the question – can other states do this too? "The time is ripe for EPA to grant substantive relief from the unique, adverse impacts the RFS program is having on the state of Texas," Governor Abbott wrote in a letter. This uproar comes after the recent announcement from the EPA that they had finalized a rule that instead would hold steady the quotas on renewable fuels (like ethanol) under the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) for 2018. You'll recall that earlier this year, the EPA proposed changes to the RFS which, for the first time, would NOT call for an increase in conventional ethanol and instead proposed to LOWER the required volume of cellulosic biofuel by 73 million gallons. HOWEVER, ethanol producers and lawmakers from corn states urged the EPA to back off its earlier proposal to trim the

mandate. Reportedly, President Trump, who ran on a platform of supporting the RFS, personally asked EPA head Scott Pruitt not to reduce the biofuels standard. So now, concerned states are looking for ways to get around the RFS requirements...hence Texas's request for a waiver. Though temporary, it could be a potential state-led solution as Congress continues to debate over what to do over ethanol...

Holding on to the coattails of recent Senate activity, the U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee passed the RPM Act without amendment earlier this week by a margin of 33-20, with affirmative votes from all of the committee Republicans and three Democrats: Schrader (OR), Loeb (IA), and Ruiz (CA). The Senate version of the RPM Act went through a similar exercise a couple of weeks ago. NOW that those procedural hurdles have cleared, the next step is to get leadership (that's Senator

Mitch McConnell from Kentucky and House Speaker Paul Ryan from Wisconsin) to bring the bills up for a vote. Look for a Call to Action from the MRF shortly after the holidays to help spur this action.

EXECUTIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES – Riders Across the Nation Flex Their Muscles on MAC

This week, in one of the worst examples of government bureaucracy to date, the first meeting of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council was convened. If you don't know what that is then you must have missed (or ignored) the dozens of emails and Calls to Action notices that have gone out over the last 3 weeks. The "MAC" is the ONLY official forum on a national scale for motorcyclists to have an open dialogue with the Government to discuss concerns like road and barrier design, the emergence of autonomous vehicles and other areas of the nation's

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## News from the MRF (continued)

highways and infrastructure which impact motorcyclists in a unique way.

And though my 7-year-old kid realizes that you'll have to include ACTUAL motorcycle riders representing ACTUAL on-street motorcycle associations to have this conversation, the federal government does not. Despite your MRF telling them...despite Members of Congress telling them....despite riders across the country telling them...over and over again.

Maybe the 333rd time is the charm? During the meeting your MRF requested to deliver oral remarks and so I did. To the full Committee. And government officials. And to back up my oral argument, I also delivered a petition with over 5,200 signatories that DEMANDED additional seats be added to the MAC for STATE

and NATIONAL motorcycle riders' associations. And while I don't know what the outcome will be, I do know that this petition has gone to the highest levels of the Department of Transportation. And I have it on good authority that the MRF has made waves within the Department over this MAC nonsense. I'll rest better when those waves turn into action. Until then, I am going to keep up the fight. I hope you will too.

STATE NEWS – A Win in Wisconsin

Last week, Governor Walker of Wisconsin signed a new law addressing right-of-way violations. Wisconsin Act 105 expands the list of rules of the road violations for which the State requires the offender's attendance at a mandatory right-of-way course. It also increases penalties for right-of-way violations. As

anyone who rides knows, right-of-way violations can cause catastrophic and fatal damage to motorcyclists. Many states are working hard to make these types of violations carry hefty penalties in an effort to address the safety of motorcyclists. Congrats to ABATE of Wisconsin for making riders safer all over the Badger State. If your state is looking for a blue print on how to make headway in your own legislature on right-of-way violations, let me know and I'll put you in touch with the powers that be over at ABATE of Wisconsin.

MRF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

To my faithful weekly readers, you now realize that last Friday, our weekly Riding Free Bulletin didn't make it to your inbox. I hope you're not too mad – it is for a good reason:

That's right, last weekend, yours truly was taking the beginners riding course courtesy of Harley-Davidson Riding Academy. And while I won't tell you if I dropped my bike (okay, yes I will – I did. More than once.) I WILL tell you that I passed and am now in proud possession of my motorcycle license.

And most importantly...I kind of love it. So that being said – who has a good deal on a bike for me? I am partial to the Harley Street 500 but beggars can't be choosers.

RIDE FREE-

Megan Ekstrom  
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## My Goals for 2018 (continued)

**VOLUNTEER MY TIME TO A CAUSE THAT MATTERS.** And I mean outside of motorcycle rights. For me I think this year will be veteran suicides.

**GO TO ALL OF MY DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS.** I really dislike going to the doctors, but it is my goal to actually go to ALL of my doctor appoint-

ments.

**LET GO OF ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT SERVE ME.** This pertains to things that are draining the peace and joy out of life. Those succubus type of things and people that do nothing but bring you down and drain the energy right out of you. This will be my way to

stay positive.

**RESPECT THE SILENCE.** I learned this past year that silence is good at times and I need to respect that more.

Those are my 18 goals for 2018. I hope you make some for yourself. Frank Ostaseski has noticed that we as a society

obsess about death. We spend a great deal of time trying to prepare for it and hope that we are "ready" for it when the time comes. But according to him, the best way to prepare for death is by living your life the best way you possibly can.

Be good to one another.

## Bitter Sweet Goodbyes

It has been a great 5 years riding some of the most beautiful roads in America with some of the coolest people!

Ben and I are proud to have served as both phoenix Shadow Mountain Chapter as well as State Officers. It's been great to

make a positive impact increasing safety initiatives and helping raise awareness for motorcyclist to decrease injuries and fatalities.

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Our calling to Texas is work related for Teresa. An opportunity she has worked so hard to achieve.

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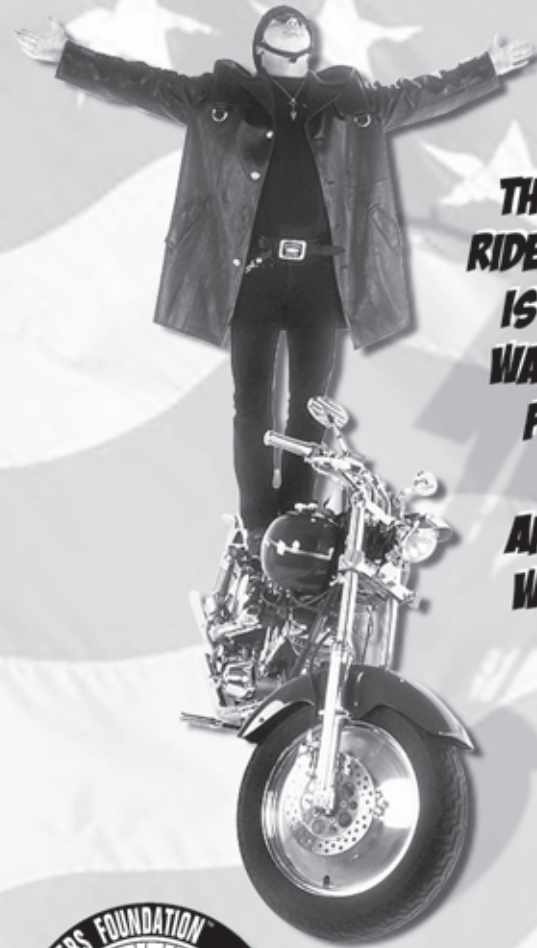


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