

A publication supporting the rights, safety and freedom of all motorcyclists through education and legislation

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# MD-TERM ELECTIONS





the hashtag #irideivote when you can on social media.

#### **State Legislation**

We are working on getting folders opened up for some of our issues that are priority.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is finally codifying the motorcycle Renewable Fuel Standard. Within 24 hours,

Congresswoman Lesko signed onto the attached letter. Ethanol hurts our motorcycles. I will go more in depth next month and will be issuing a call to action after the election about this issue again. Stay tuned.

#### Motorcycle Day at the Dome



Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

#### Election

Mid-term elections are November 6th. The ABATE Vote Like a Motorcyclist Voter Guide is published and up on the state website (abateofaz.org) and the Az Motorcycle Voter Project website (azmvp.org) as well. Remind your chapters to get out the vote and try to utilize exemption from emissions. This means that it can't be undone without some major work. They are also taking up discussion on the ethanol standard for the state. The ADEQ public meeting is on November 15th. I'll let you know how it goes.

#### Federal Legislation

The Trump Administration announced a proposal to increase the percentage in the will be on February 19, 2019. Encourage your chapters to start planning now. We need a HUGE turnout if we are going to get everything done that we want as an organization.

Until next time.

Freedom is a team sport.

#### Mike

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### **ABATE OF ARIZONA LOCAL CHAPTERS**

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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. FMI: Chapter Coordinator Mike Schneider, 602-549-1044, mike@squarepegpromos.com

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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/. Meet us at 5 for the VFW's very reasonably priced and tasty dinner.

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Yuma Chapter meets the second Thursday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the pm. We meet at the Windhaven RV East Clubhouse, 6580 E 32nd St, Yuma, AZ 85365. For additional information contact Frank White (Hound) at 209-327-0814.

### **News from the MRF**

Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame (MRF HOF). These were presented in Denver at the annual Meeting of the Minds conference.

To include deserving activists from the motorcyclists' rights community that have already been recognized elsewhere, the class of 2018 Legacy Inductees are: Keith "Bandit" Ball, Mark Buckner, Wayne Curtin, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, "Still" Ray Fitzgerald, Richard Gray, Bob Illingworth, Nathan "Buck" Kittredge, Ed Netterberg, Sherman Packard, Todd Vandermyde, Paul Vestal, Penny

Walker and Ed Youngblood. The first new inductee into the MRF HOF is President of ABATE of Michigan, Vince Consiglio.

Vince joined ABATE of Michigan in 1975, and almost immediately was elected to the Board of Directors. He had spent almost four decades fighting against the mandatory helmet law in his home state before the victory finally became a reality in 2012. Vince has been a Chief Instructor since 1980 and has managed rider training ever since. He is also the current President of

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#### **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.

ABATE of Michigan and has held that position for over two decades.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to welcome this inaugural class and wishes to thank all the Freedom Fighters that work so hard to ensure that future generations can enjoy the freedom of the road through motorcycling.

#### For Immediate Release

September 25, 2018

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation announces the 2018 Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame Inductees

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to release the names of the class of 2018 Inductees to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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#### **Mission Statement**

We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote

motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

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

and individuals who share

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

#### FREEDOM.

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

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### **President's Report**



By Jim Butsback

Greetings Fellow supporters of Motorcycle Rights!!

As many of you are aware my younger sister passed away on September 10th. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes for me and my family. My sister Ann was the youngest and also very much involved with looking after my 89 year old mother's needs and medical care. Because of her passing I will be going back and forth to Chicago quite often in the future. I ask for your understanding if I am not as available as I would like to be. Thank you.

I have just recently returned from Denver where a group of ABATE of Arizona members attended The Motorcycle Riders Foundation's "MEETING OF THE MINDS". I have been looking forward to this event since early last year when we agreed to become one of four sponsoring groups to host this gathering of motorcycle rights activists. I had planned on making the ride to Denver along with my fellow ABATE members but unfortunately life got in the way and I was instructed by my fellow state officers that they did not want me to push it and I was relegated to being a passenger in a mini-van. Oh well.

I am especially proud to report that ABATE of Arizona had 16 members in attendance and were representing 5 of our Chapters. I wish to commend the Chapters who helped fund their members who gave up their free time to attend. I also wish to thank all those who attended and sacrificed time with family and friends when they could be doing other things to take an active role in our motorcycle rights community. It was also wonderful to see so many of our folks who attended that were 'MOTM Virgins" as the call those who are attend for the first time.

The conference started on Thursday with the MRF board meeting. Registration was open all afternoon along with the "Product Room" which is the MRF store. Thursday evening was the Meet the Board / Meet the States gathering. Arizona was one of the first states to present and Mike Infanzon did the honors. We were given a time limit and he had to condense his report to fit the limit. If we knew that most of those following would take much more time I am sure he would have made a bigger impact.

The general sessions began on Friday morning and continued into the afternoon when there were several breakout sessions. Friday evening they had a fundraiser poker "Colorado style" night. The hospitality room was the center of activity and many friendships were rekindled and many more started. Saturday again the general sessions went from morning to early afternoon and breakout sessions later along with some award presentations.

Saturday evening there was a cocktail hour and time to inspect and view the

items that were to be auctioned off later in the evening. The Awards and Banquet was held and the Honorable Congressman Ken Buck was the guest speaker. This was followed by the "Ringing of the Bell" for those we have lost over the past year. This was then followed by the live and silent auctions.

This year the MRF has announced the formation of the MRF Hall Of Fame to honor those most active in the motorcycle rights community. In order to honor many who have come before and have been honor elsewhere they inducted a group who were most deserving. One of Arizona's and ABATE of Arizona's own Still Ray Fitzgerald was inducted in the inaugural class. Congratulations to Still Ray this is a most deserved honor.

I am happy to announce that I signed up 5 new members for ABATE of Arizona from the friends I have made at these events. I am also now a proud member of ABATE of Alaska and ABATE or North Idaho! As has been said many times, some of the most important conversations and exchanges of information happen in the hallways and in the hospitality room.

The group from ABATE of Arizona also proudly unveiled and wore our new "Vote Like a Motorcyclist" T-shirts. These went over big time and many were sold by the time the conference ended.

The final event was held on Sunday morning when the Soldiers for Jesus hosted the "Blessing of the Bikes". As we packed up our van and bikes and others headed out to the airport it was with a great sense of renewal and invigoration that we carried back with us to our home state and MRO's. The trip back to Arizona was amazing as we traveled west through the mountains of Colorado and into Utah. Our route took us through the red rock canyon areas and through Monument Valley and into the northern Arizona where we rode past the beautiful San Francisco Peaks and into Flagstaff. From there we all headed home.

Next year's "Meeting of the Minds" will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota right by the Mall of America. The dates are September 19-22, 2019, so start planning and set aside the dates so you can attend. If we have enough interest and know far enough in advance maybe we could get a bus or make some other arrangements for our group in order to hold costs down. We are open to suggestions.

I strongly urge everyone if you are not a member of the MRF please consider joining. I also think that every Chapter should be a sustaining member of the MRF. The MRF is our voice in Washington DC and we need to support them.

Please remember to support those businesses and organizations that support ABATE and the motorcycle community. The cost of being a business members is very reasonable and includes an advertisement in every issue of The Masterlink and on our web page as well as two memberships in ABATE of Arizona. Talk to the business you support about becoming a Business Member of ABATE.

Help spread the gospel of ABATE while you are out riding and supporting other groups and clubs. 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!

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

### Motorcycle Riders Foundation Announces the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame - "Still" Ray Fitzgerald inducted

Motorcycling remains as one of the last true bastions of Freedom. The independence and exhilaration of being "in the wind" can only be understood and appreciated by those who experience it.

We all know that "freedom is not free", and for six decades many people have worked tirelessly to insure the rights of motorcyclists. The patriots of the motorcyclists' rights movement aren't in the fight for fame or fortune, which is good, because neither tend to find them. Denver, Colorado on September 22, 2018.

Through the years, a number of people from the bikers' rights community have been a part of various halls of fame and the MRF wishes to include them as well. The MRF HOF will announce a number of Legacy Inductees each year until those deserving recognition in the MRF HOF are featured here, in addition to their preNever one to shy away from a challenge, Ray has been willing to twist arms to get others involved and to educate riders on issues that are important. Whether at the state level or the federal level, Ray was always in the fight for motorcyclists rights. In 1980, Ray moved from Nevada to Arizona, but it didn't take him long to find a place to fit in when it came to rights in his new state. Ray had been instrumental in founding ABATE chapters Washington D.C. and was a key member of the MRF's national lobbying team.

In 2003, Ray was recognized by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation for his work benefitting motorcyclists with that organizations most prestigious award, the John "Farmer" Eggers award for efforts in support of the MRF. He's also been awarded the MRF Presidents Silver Cup for work benefiting motorcyclists of the United States. He was also inducted into the Sturgis Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame in 2013.

There are awards and even halls of fame for motorcycling, but those that work to preserve and protect our chosen lifestyle have often been overlooked in favor of racers and celebrities. We do not question that those folks are deserving of accolades, we are simply stating that the true Freedom Fighters have not received the recognition that they have earned.

To address this, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is proud to announce the creation of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame (MRF HOF). The permanent display will be housed with other MRF artifacts at the ABATE of Indiana State Office in Bargersville, Indiana.

The first inductees were announced at the MRF Meeting of the Minds conference in

vious distinction.

"Still" Ray Fitzgerald from Arizona was inducted this year. Still Ray was the face of motorcycle rights in Arizona for many years and was one of the first Freedom Fighters for motorcyclist rights in Arizona. Ray Fitzgerald, better known in the motorcyclists rights arena as "Still Ray" first became involved in motorcyclists rights in Nevada. He joined the Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists in the mid-1970s and never looked back. A candidate who was running for the Nevada State Legislature was sympathetic to motorcyclists rights, and needed help putting out yard signs. Ray had a truck and friends willing to help so they made rounds in the desert heat putting up campaign signs. When the election ended successfully for the candidate, Ray made the reverse trip and took down the signs.

in Arizona. Ray believed if you ride, you owe it to yourself to be involved in lobbying and helping with the rights fight.

No matter what the issue, if it is important to motorcyclists, Ray was there to make his voice heard. He founded one State Motorcyclists Rights Organization, chaired another, and served on the Board of Directors of ABATE of Arizona. Ray has been a member of a motorcycle club his entire adult life and has been involved in the Confederation of Clubs – in fact, he was president of the Arizona Confederation of Clubs. He has ridden thousands of miles traveling from meet-

thousands of miles traveling from meeting to meeting of the various organizations that he sees as important. He was a constant presence, speaker, presenter and contributor at every major motorcyclists rights conference throughout the country every year. He annual attended the MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway National Motorcyclists Rights Lobby Day in Ray's determination and dedication was recognized by the MRF when the organization voted to change its by-laws and create a new position on its board – the Motorcycle Club Liaison – and named Ray to that post.

Another Freedom Fighter perhaps put it best when he said, "Ray Fitzgerald is a motorcycle rider, a "true believer" in the rights of motorcyclists and can ride the ride, walk the walk, talk the talk and will stand and deliver for the fight for freedom."

Congratulations Still Ray. We love you and could not imagine an Arizona without the freedoms you worked so hard to secure for all motorcyclists.

Verde Valley on a crisp Fall day? On

### **Chapter Reports**

#### **Phoenix/Shadow Mountain**

NO REPORT

#### **Southern Arizona Chapter**

NO REPORT.

#### Yavapai Chapter

As other chapters are doing, the Yavapai Chapter is preparing to elect new officers for the upcoming year. We are encourag-ing all registered members to consider becoming more involved in the chapter. This is an opportunity for you to lend your voice and experience to a great organization.

As a way to raise funds for our chapter, we opted to raffle off a Sig Sauer handgun. We had 400 tickets printed and they were sold for \$5 each. Over 90% of the tickets printed were sold. Quite the success! This fundraiser helped to add approximately \$1,025 into our coffers. A big shout out to Logan Roberts. He represents one of our business members and is a strong supporter of Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation. This guy has some serious networking capabilities!

Our chapter is looking forward to partner-ing with the Prescott Trail Riders for the 2nd Annual Tar & Trail ride on October 13th. We've prepared maps for the folks who want to enjoy the pavement and a map for folks who prefer the trails and an off-road experience. Trails are wide enough to accommodate ATVs, Razers, etc. It's approximately 116 miles to our destination whether you choose pavement or trails. The ride will conclude at Arrowhead Grill in Congress at around 1:00 and lunch will be available. We're going to meet at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott and have a meet and greet from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. VFW is preparing a great breakfast of Denver Scrambled Eggs and Biscuits & Gravy!

What could be better than a train ride in

### "Still" Ray Fitzgerald inducted (continued)

### **High Country Chapter**

Since last month's report, things have turned quite a bit cooler here in Rim Country, and a bit wetter. But that has not deterred our riders from getting out and hitting the highways while participating in as many poker runs and fundraisers as they could. And speaking of riding, we had 3 of the 5 representatives we sent to Meeting of The Minds in Colorado ride there with others from the valley (see a full report elsewhere in this publication).

By the time this report is published, we will have had our 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off. This is a community event put on by High Country Chapter to raise the money that allows us to contribute every dime we raise at Barbie's Toy Run to the children, and families, that effort serves. This year, Barbie's Toy Run, in loving memory of Barbie Hensler who founded the toy drive, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th at the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson. CC Rider (our ex-Event Coordinator – this highly visible position could be yours) was interviewed recently by KRIM FM in Payson during Community Calendar program where she was able to promote both the Chili Cook-Off and the toy Run for a full 20 minutes, live on-air. She was also able to make listener's aware of ABATE and its mission as well as promote our biggest supporters such as Rim Country District of MMA, OBMC, The Women of the Moose (who really make the toy run possible) and the many corporate and community sponsors that allowed us to serve over 270 children and countless families last year. KRIM also committed to providing their DJ and Live Streaming services again this year!

High Country Chapter would like to invite everyone to attend our events as all are always welcome, whether you ride or not. Until next time, Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed!

responsible, Ride endorsed. Enjoy the

Here's to Wind Knots in my Hair,

Dawn P Steed EV Communications Officer

8 "Still" Ray Fitzgerald 



#### **East Valley Chapter**

As I write this it is October. The heat is tapering off and the riding temps are improving. That means there are going to be more bikes out on the roads and the return of the SNOWBIRDS.

Don't get me wrong most snowbirds are wonderful people, but they tend to be distracted drivers using navigation to find where they are going, etc.

The crazy busy time of the year has arrived. Every weekend will be filled with fundraisers, toy runs, and rides. We need to do our best to support each other just keep in mind we can't be everywhere at once. When someone figures out how to do that please let me know. No I don't think the world could handle a clone of me, muhahaha.

East Valley chapter didn't have a September monthly meeting due to 5 of the chapter officers being in Denver at Meeting of the Minds. Thank you for sponsoring us to go. It was an unforgettable adventure. I don't know if my chapter report will fit in the Masterlink since Nolan wrote a 3 page article trying to capture his eye opening experience.

The annual East Valley Hard Ass Run is planned for October 27th. Jack Batty has been in charge of planning it this year. I am sure it is going to be an absolutely incredible.

#### Until next month

down.

Remember to Ride safe, Ride smart, Ride

ride and as always keep it rubber side

We held nominations for 2019. We discussed possibility of getting yard signs saying 'Watch out for bikers'.

Oct 17,

Carolyn Morgan Yuma Abate Communications Officer

November 3, 2018 come join us for our Verde Canyon Railroad Train Social event. We'll be enjoying a First Class rail car where we can all be together. We will travel in style in one of eight firstclass cars, all accessing open-air viewing cars. Each car has panoramic windows and living room-style seating with love seats and bistro-style chairs and tables. Along with spacious accommodations, first-class passage includes Champagne upon departure, full-service cash bars with premium liquor, beverage service at each seat and complimentary Southwestern-style appetizers. First-class service has fewer passengers indoors and out. All cars access a shaded open-air viewing car. Our discounted cost, including tax, will be approximately \$88.52 per person. Reservations for this trip cannot be made online. Please call 800-582-7245 and give the group name of "Yavapai ABATE" and the confirmation #88332. This will assure your discount and put us all in a first-class car together. Have your payment method ready. It is recommended that we arrive at the depot at 12:00.

Get out there and enjoy this beautiful Autumn weather and Stay Safe!

Carolyn Carver Communication Officer Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of Arizona

#### **Yuma Chapter**

We held our meeting on October 11.

Up coming events: Hooter's bike night

VNV/LV Fall run Oct 20Paul Gosar at

Jimmy K's Oct 24Yuma 's motorcycle

Show 'n Shine Oct 26 & 27



Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

November 6th is election day! We need to vote like a motorcyclist this year. Get out the vote!!

#### Elections have consequences.

President Obama made that remark in a closed-door meeting at the White House in 2009, where Republicans had hoped to negotiate with him regarding the specifics of his stimulus package in response to the financial crisis. Initially, the President showed interest in what Republican had to say, but his tone changed when it got down to the nitty gritty.

"Elections have consequences," he told then number two Republican Representative Eric Cantor. "And at the end of the day, I won."

I have tried to be a student of history and have read biographies of most of our Presidents. Yes, elections have consequences. So many elections in the history of our country has proven this. The "consequences" were both good and bad. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected. The consequence was a Civil War but also a President committed to preserving the union. In 1928 Herbert Hoover was elected and less than 2 years later our country experienced Black Friday that led to the Great Depression. The consequence was catastrophic. In 1960 John Kennedy led us into the New Frontier. In 1980 Ronald Reagan ushered in a new sense of patriotism. We have seen it here in Arizona with our Governors in the past and US Senators. Both good and bad.

Our nation is not a democracy. We are a democratic republic. A democratic republic

is a form of government operating on principles adopted from a republic and a democracy. Rather than being a cross between two entirely separate systems, democratic republics may function on principles shared by both republics and democracies.

Common definitions of the terms democracy and republic often feature overlapping concerns, suggesting that many democracies function as republics, and many republics operate on democratic principles, as shown by these definitions from the Oxford dictionary online:

Republic: "A state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives ... '

Democracy: "A system of government by

the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives."

There is a story, often told, that upon exiting the Constitutional Convention Benjamin Franklin was approached by a group of citizens asking what sort of government the delegates had created. His answer was: "A republic, if you can keep it."

If the power belongs to the people, we need to remember and respect that. We are the people. Robert Johnson is quoted as saying "The world is run by those who show up." We make our decisions at the polls, but we also have chapter officer elections upcoming. As we vote around the state, remember that elections have consequences. If you don't like the way the ship is going, then be involved in the process of guiding it.

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#### PRESIDENT TRUMP AUTHORIZES EPA TO MAKE E-15 FUEL AVAIL-ABLE YEAR-ROUND

President Donald Trump has given the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to lift current restrictions on E-15 gas (containing 15% ethanol) to allow year-round sales of the higher ethanol blend. Following the federal rulemaking process and public comment period, the expanded sales are expected to begin during the summer of 2019.

In 1978, a Clean Air Act waiver allowed the use of 10 volume percent ethanol in gasoline (E-10), and today almost all fuels are E-10 blends. In June 2011, EPA approved a partial waiver for blends of 15 vol% ethanol in gasoline for use in model year 2001 and newer passenger cars, light-trucks and medium-duty vehicles. However, the EPA does not approve the use of E-15 in small engines such as motorcycles or ATVs, and its use can damage vehicles and void manufacturer warranties.

Currently, gasoline retailers throughout most of the country are prohibited from offering E-15 during the summer months. The President's directive to the EPA is to change that.

### **Coast to Coast**

CHP TO ADDRESS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WITH FEDERAL FUNDS

The California Highway Patrol is using a federal grant to promote motorcycle safety throughout the state, with the goal of reducing the most dangerous traffic violations which they say are speeding, improper turning, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

There are more than 1.4 million people with a motorcycle license in the state. The education campaign is called GEARS, or Get Educated And Ride Safe.

The year-long campaign will include the CHP deploying officers on enhanced motorcycle safety enforcement operations in regions with a high number of motorcycle incidents. There will be a series of motorcycle traffic safety education campaigns, including the May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Officers plan to stress the use of properly approved helmets for all riders and raise motorists' awareness of sharing the road with motorcyclists.

According to provisional data from 2017, the number of motorcycle accident victims shows a 6% decrease compared to the previous year.

#### ABS IS NOW MANDATORY FOR NEW BIKES IN JAPAN

In an effort to reduce the number of traf-

fic-related motorcycle accidents and fatalities, Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MLIT) made amendments to the country's safety standards for road transport back in January, 2015, including the requirement for all new motorcycles, 125cc or larger, to be equipped with standard Anti-lock Braking Systems (ABS) effective on October 1, 2018.

Additionally, newly launched two-wheelers from 125cc and below must come with either ABS or CBS (Combined Braking System, which allows simultaneous front and rear brake application with a single input). Continuous production motorcycles have until October 1, 2021 to comply.

Dirt bikes specifically designated for offroad use and competition are exempted from the law.

Europe has had ABS laws since 2016, and India's obligatory braking system regulations came into effect earlier this year. Taiwan and China are expected to follow in 2019 and 2020 respectively. Here in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has made recommendations to the federal government to enforce the same measures, while countries like Australia and Brazil are also considering similar regulations.

As more countries get on board, vendors

around the world have reportedly been bracing themselves for possible slowdowns in motorcycle sales due to higher manufacturing costs.

PHILIPPINE POLICE SEIZE MODI-FIED MOTORCYCLES & ACCES-SORIES

The past few months have been very busy for law enforcement officers in the Philippines, where police have apprehended traffic violators, cited smoke belching vehicles, and impounded erring motorcycle riders' property.

Among those apprehended were motorcycles fitted with certain modifications, which have been serving as a bone of contention for both riders and enforcers, according to MotoPinas.com. Among those accessories confiscated were auxiliary LED lighting systems, aftermarket mufflers, aftermarket side mirrors, and upgraded brakes which aren't compliant with Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS) guidelines.

The Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO-Philippines) suggests that when apprehended for fitting illegal accessories, refuse the order to remove your accessories and insist the apprehending officer remove the accessories from your

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**2017** Helped pass the Teen texting bill **2017** Helped pass the Civil Forfeiture

2018 Introduced Anti-profiling legisla-

2018 Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill

2018 Stopped the adoption of California

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2018 Helped pass "Pam's Law" -

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#### **ABATE IS:**

· A Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO)

• For Bikes & Riders, regardless of Race, Creed, color, sex, age, machine or gear

• For all Motorcycles regardless of Fraternal or club affiliation, as well as Independents

· For people interested in motorcycle safety

- · For People interested in rider education
- · For people interested in motorcycle
- awareness PSAs directed to non-Riders • For people interested in protecting and
- promoting motorcycling
- · A volunteer, not-for-profit grass-roots organization
- · For Motorcyclist who enjoy the ride

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

#### **ABATE of Arizona Serves to:**

• Collaborate with other organizations to monitor and support funding for practices that do not discriminate against motorcycling.

 $\cdot$  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

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.

#### Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

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

#### **ABATE accomplishments:**

**1992** Opened HOV lanes to motorcycles **1993** Helped prevent mandatory helmet legislation in Arizona

1997 Established handlebar height eleva-

tion to shoulder height 2001 Established Motorcycle Safety

Fund

**2002** Established Arizona Motorcycle Safety Council

**2004** Established veteran plates for motorcycles

2007 Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Pima County 2007 Removed cap on Motorcycle

Safety Fund

2013 Eliminated yearly motorcycleemissions testing in Maricopa County2015 Eliminated restriction on handlebarheight

2017 Successfully prevented mandatory helmet legislation

**2017** Reestablished Motorcycle Safety Fund for 5 years

#### JOIN ABATE NOW!

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

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### **Coast to Coast (continued)**

motorcycle "because as far as the LTO (Land Transportation Office) is concerned, you are within set regulations," adding "Do not argue with the apprehending officers. There is always a proper/lawful venue for contesting the apprehension.'

DRIVER FOUND GUILTY OF HOMI-CIDE IN RACER NICKY HAYDEN'S FATAL CRASH

On May 17, 2017, a speeding driver struck renowned MotoGP motorcycle racer Nicky Hayden as he was riding a bicycle in Italy, tragically passing away from his injuries five days later. Nearly a year and a half later, we have learned that the driver was charged with murder.

The unidentified 31-year-old driver at the wheel of a Peugeot 206 was reportedly driving at roughly 43 miles per hour (70 kph) in a 30 zone. Although Hayden was zipping down a crossing street and ran through the intersection, the judge in charge of the ruling considers had the driver respected the speed limit, he would have had time to react to Hayden's presence.

The driver has been found guilty of "road homicide" and sentenced to a year in prison. His license has also been revoked and he will be expected to pay all the court fees. The driver's attorney has said they will appeal the ruling.

The driver is not only facing a criminal sentence but also a civil lawsuit, as Hayden's family is suing the driver for \$6 Million, the maximum covered by the Italian insurance policy.

Nicknamed "The Kentucky Kid", 35year-old Nicky Hayden began his career in MotoGP in 2003 with Repsol Honda and went on to win the MotoGP championship in 2006. He also competed in American dirt track racing, winning a few Grand National events. Hayden continued racing in MotoGP through 2015, competing for Ducati Team (2009-2013) and Aspar Honda (2014-2015). Hayden made the jump to the World Superbike Championship for the 2016 season, becoming the sole American in the series until his untimely death last May.

MOTORCYCLE RACING INCIDENT

MAY END UP IN COURT

Moto2 rider Romano Fenati was disqualified after he astonishingly grabbed the brake of rival motorcycle racer Stefano Manzi at high speed during a mid-September race in Misano, Italy, and has since been banned for two races, the FIM racing authority suspended his license, and his team contract has been cancelled.

But now the fallout from the disgraced racer's brake-grabbing incident continues, with Italian news agency ANSA reporting he could now face a charge of "private violence."

The Public Prosecutor of Rimini (in Italy) is said to have opened the investigation for the less serious charge, rather than that of "attempted murder."

"Private violence" is akin to a motorist cutting off another driver on the road. However, the use of such a charge for competitors in a motor race would set a very worrying precedent.

Fenati pulled Manzi's front brake after the pair had clashed repeatedly during their home race, and although extremely dangerous, both riders remained upright.

TRADE DEAL NETS CHEAPER MOTORCYCLES FOR EU, BUT BREXIT RULES OUT BRITS

A trade agreement between Japan and the European Union could spell disaster for British bike buyers, as the British Motorcyclists Federations (BMF) reports that the deal removes common EU external customs tariffs from Japanese manufacturers' imports.

Under the EU-Japan Economic Partnership signed earlier this year, the 6% tariff affecting motorcycles will be abolished over the next five years -meaning cheaper bikes for EU buyers. European consumers will also benefit from common standards of type approval on product safety as well as emissions.

However, this free trade deal is unlikely to apply to the UK due to Brexit, with that country's exit from the EU. EUbased manufacturers will also enjoy more competitive access to the Japanese market, while those in the UK will continue

to face tariff constraints.

But Japan's Prime Minister Shinzō Abe did recently state that Japan would welcome Britain with "open arms" to the 11 country Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), though the timeframe is not likely to be soon.

So while EU riders look to benefit from less expensive bikes and Japanese-standard type approval, Brits are still in the dark as to what this means...

SINGAPORE BIKER GROUPS AGGRIEVED BY BAN ON OLDER MOTORCYCLES

When the National Environment Agency (NEA) announced on April 6 that motorcycles registered before July 1, 2003 would be banned from the roads after June 30, 2028, many riders' dreams of having an older classic motorcycle or "hand down our precious bikes to our children," went "down the drain."

Calling it a "Plain injustice," bikers say the ban "will push rare, vintage bikes into oblivion.'

The NEA told ChannelNewsAsia that the government is trying to reduce emissions from some 27,000 older motorcycles as part of a push to meet Singapore's air quality targets by 2020. Owners of older motorcycles have been offered up to S\$3,500 to de-register their bikes within the next five years. Beyond that, emission standards for such motorcycles will be tightened, before the 2028 ban kicks in.

These initiatives come as NEA figures indicate that older bikes emit up to 30 times more pollutants than new bikes, and contribute 40% of the total carbon monoxide emitted by motorcycles on the road. Bikers counter that all motorcycles, regardless of age, must pass inspection and emissions testing, though older bikes are subject to less stringent standards.

Explaining its rationale for the July 1, 2003 cut-off date, NEA said Singapore adopted Euro 1 type approval standards for new motorcycles on that date. Motorcycles registered before that are

more pollutive than newer models which comply with the Euro 4 standard.

Some of these bikes, however, may be able to stay on the roads even after the ban -- provided they are converted under the Classic Vehicle Scheme, which allows vehicles to be used for up to 45 days in a calendar year. But the catch is that to qualify for the scheme, the bikes must be at least 35 years old; meaning that when the ban begins in 2028, affected bikes registered after June 1993 will not qualify...so "nearly two decades of bikes will be destroyed ... put into storage...or exported."

DUMB NEWS: YOUTUBE POSTING GETS MAN 1-YEAR MOTORCYCLE BAN

A motorcycle rider who ran from police at speeds up to 143 mph was caught when his own helmet cam video posting was spotted on YouTube. The rider had fled from a St. Charles, ILL officer who spotting him making an illegal turn and riding a bike without a registration plate, according to a report in the Daily Herald.

The incident was included in a compilation video of motorcycles running from police that was posted to the FailsandFlights YouTube account, and shows the elusive motorcyclist waiting at a red light, turn his head toward the officer who is signaling for him to shut the motorcycle off, but instead pulls away through several stopped cars, runs the light and accelerates down the road.

At one point, the video displayed a link to the film star's personal YouTube page, which investigators used, along with his other social media channels, to track him down and make an arrest. He was charged with several felonies, but agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanor reckless driving and will perform 100 hours of community service and cannot own or ride a motorcycle for one year.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

~John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) sixth U.S. President





**ABATE of Arizona Chapter Meeting Times and Locations** 

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#### East Valley Chapter

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

#### Mohave Chapter

Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month 6:30 PM at: Moose Lodge #1860, 2620 Miracle Mile, Bullhead City, AZ 86442 Phone: 715-651-0770 thamedic1951@gmail.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 Butsback (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.

#### **MASTERLINK NOVEMBER 2018**

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Templar Krusaders MC

### **Advocacy 101**



Advocacy 101 WHY SHOULD WE CARE? WHAT CAN WE DO?

his influence, considerable though it may be.

But liberals and leftists have no special purchase on Alinsky's legacy. As one thoughtful, eloquent pundit recently wrote, "the Right has taken Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals and shoved it up where #TheResistance don't shine." Not long before this charming appropriation, Alinsky's 1971 manual of political warfare found its way into the hands of some of the same Tea Party organizers who had made his name synonymous with everything they despised about the left.

But Alinsky wrote Rules for Radicals for his demographic. From the 30s to the 70s, he organized poor, working people in Chicago and other cities and addressed countercultural and civil rights activists nationwide. The opening paragraph of the book makes it perfectly clear who his readers are:

What follows is for those who want to change the world from what it is to what they believe it should be. The Prince was written by Machiavelli for the Haves on how to hold power. Rules for Radicals is written for the Have-Nots on how to take it away.

Alinsky's reference to Machiavelli sets readers up for a high degree of ruthlessness and realpolitik, and the book does not disappoint. If you're looking for Anarchist Cookbook-level radicalism, you'd best look elsewhere. While Alinsky talked tough, in an honest Chicago way, he did not recommend violence in his manual. In the Prologue, he denounces "parts of the far left who have gone so far Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

#### Who is Alinsky?

Saul David Alinsky died 36 years before the election of Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton's first attempt for the presidency.

in the political circle that they are now all but indistinguishable from the extreme right." In recent revolutionary violence, he writes, "we are dealing with people who are merely hiding psychosis behind a political mask."

Rules for Radicals recommends mostly working within the system—though in the twisted way Machiavelli is reputed to have done (whether or not he's been interpreted fairly). Below, you'll find Alinsky's list of 13 "Rules for Radicals," offered with his proviso that political activism cannot be a self-serving enterprise: "People cannot be free unless they are willing to sacrifice some of their interests to guarantee the freedom of others. The price of democracy is the ongoing pursuit of the common good by all of the people."

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But many feverish screeds on social media, talk radio, and YouTube might have made one think he lurked behind these politicians like Rasputin.. Spoken of by many on the right as a servant of the devil, "American Joseph Goebbels," and "dangerous harbinger of insurrection, ," Alinsky developed a reputation for insidiousness that may exceed 1. "Power is not only what you have, but what the enemy thinks you have." Power is derived from 2 main sources - money and people. "Have-Nots" must build power from flesh and blood. 2. "Never go outside the expertise of your people." It results in confusion, fear and retreat. Feeling secure adds to the backbone of anyone.

3. "Whenever possible, go outside the expertise of the enemy." Look for ways to increase insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty.

4. "Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules." If the rule is that every letter gets a reply, send 30,000 letters. You can kill them with this because no one can possibly obey all of their own rules.

### **MRF Membership Form**

#### ABATE of Arizona

It's time you did something more to protect your rights! Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation... REGISTER, VOTE, AND RIDE!

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Are you a member of a state motorcyclist's rights organization? Yes No If yes, name

3-Year Individual Membership	\$80
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### **Events Calendar**

#### **NOVEMBER 2018**

{Fri} Motorcycles on Main 11/2Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by CTS. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613

https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnM ain

AMSAF Executive Director Mick Degn, AMSAF Advisory Board Member

First of all, we want to thank everyone for the support of AMSAF and for all the sharing of our website and weekly Tuesday tips on Facebook. You help make a difference in helping to reduce crashes and fatalities.

This year has gone by way to fast and it's almost the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. It's also the season that we all enjoy with this weather and some great riding time along with many events going on. For AMSAF the big event for us is the "RIDING FOR THE LONG HAUL" is March 3, 2019. Mark your calendars as each year it gets bigger and better.

Many of you know who AMSAF is and what we do. In some cases you might not know everything that we're involved in to help the community. I'd like to share a little more of our picture and how we hope to help you and others in Arizona.

It's important to know the area's AMSAF is involved in and how those accomplishments impact the Community.

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When you find yourself riding in the

Prescott Valley area, be sure to stop in at

Tony's Too Bar and Grill! The service is

just might get to have a conversation with

Tony himself. Tony Conover has owned

the bar at it's current location for 3 years

fantastic, the food is amazing and you

Az 86314, 928-759-0377, Like their page

**Motorcycle Training** 

on Facebook

11/3 {Sat} 5th Annual Toy Drive Kick-Off Motorcycle & Car Show with Seductive Car Club at Superstition H-D from 10a-2pm. Please bring a new unwrapped toy! Live Music - Food -Vendors - Awards & More! SHD, 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com | https://www.facebook.com/events/1826 52929100565/

11/8-11 {Th-Sun} Rocky Point Rally

### **The AMSAF Rider**

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  - **AMSAF Strategic Plan**
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- **Billboards**
- 1. Promoting Share the Road 2.

- **Commitments/Tips Handouts**
- 2. Watch out for Motorcycles Safety and Fundraising

Chain Reaction (How do each 1. crash or fatality have a chain reaction on so many factors)

2. Road Share (Sharing the Road and looking out for each other)

#### Sharing of State of Arizona **Crash Statistics**

- AMSAF RIDER Newsletter 1. (have you signed up for it
- 2. Web site (www.amsaf.org) 3. Facebook (
- www.facebook.com/AMSAF.ORG )
- 4. Press Releases (Grants, events, etc.)

"Riding for the Long Haul" 5. Event (March 3, 2019)

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http://internationaloffroadexpo.com/

City of Phoenix Crash Study ( working with the city of Phoenix to understand Crash data in more detail) **Monthly Safety-Community** 

#### Newsletter (AMSAF RIDER) Safety Article

- 1. 2. Community Outreach
- 3. Sponsor support
- Weekly Facebook Tuesday 6.

Safety Tips (

- www.facebook.com/AMSAF.ORG ) **Bumper Stickers**
- 1. Look out for Motorcycles
- **Community Outreach-Safety**
- Days
  - **Chandler Police**

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2. Peoria Police

AMSAF "Riding for the Long 3. Haul" Educational Event

As you can see by the above activity, we want to help reduce crashes and fatalities here in Arizona. Please help us by being a part of AMSAF and support us in the different areas.

Thank you again for your support of AMSAF. If you're looking for a Tax deduction, please consider AMSAF as your Charity.

### **Tony's Too Bar and Grill**

11:00 am to 2:00 am and there's always something going on. If you are a karaoke fan, this is your place every Thursday through December 28, 2018. How about some Texas Hold 'Em Poker? You can find a game going on most Mondays and Wednesdays. On Saturdays you can rock out to an amazing band. Want to shoot some pool with your buddies? Good, Tony's Too as that, as well. And if you just want to chill, there's a back patio for

Come on out and cheer on your team!!

It's not just a great bar, which it is. Make sure you experience something amazing off the extensive menu. The food is soooo good! The burgers are some of the best in the area!

There's plenty of parking and Tony's Too is easy to find whether you're heading into Prescott Valley from Hiway 69 or Hiway 89. Tony doesn't ride anymore but loves to spend time listening to riders tell their stories about adventures on the open road. You're advised to like their facebook page, "Tony's Too Bar & Grill" because they're always adding to their events and you don't want to miss out!



**Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)** was established to promote

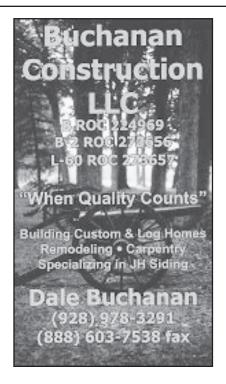
motorcycle awareness and education due to an everincreasing rider population. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders.



Promote awareness and education in the motorcycle community to improve riders' safety.

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#### Scholarship Assistance Program Education 1.

- Financial Assistance to individu-
- als to be able to take a course
  - Fundraising
  - Recognition/Awards
  - Events
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#### **Safety Pamphlet**

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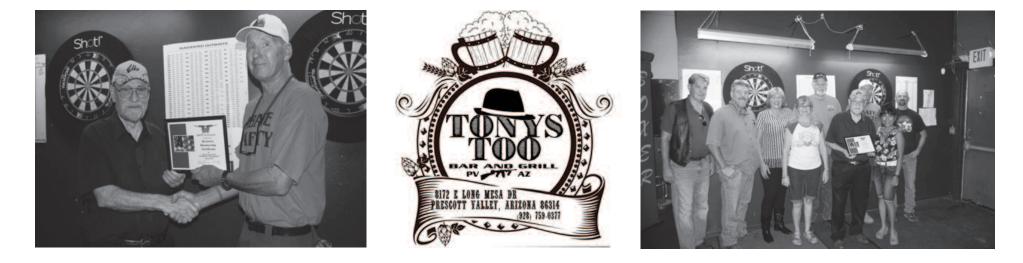
Share the Road

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and has 16 years in the "enjoy time with your friends", also know as drinking establishment industry. He's certainly not a passive owner. He loves his bar and spends quite a bit of time meeting new friends and chatting with the regulars. Tony's Too is open 7 days a week from

just that purpose.

This is also the place for Monday Night Football. \$.50 wings, \$10 domestic buckets (5 per bucket), \$2 domestic drafts and \$3-22 oz collectors cup for you to keep filled with your favorite domestic draft!!



## MEETING OF THE MINDS 2018



















## MEETING OF THE MINDS 2018



















### **My First Meeting Of The Minds**

By Written By, Nolan Steed East Valley ABATE Safety Officer & Board Of Director Rep.

The trip to Meeting Of The Minds was great and fun but not without trouble. Woody, CC, Mary K, Cheyenne, Dawn and I all rode. We rode from Payson, AZ to Santa Fe, NM the first day. We had bike problems in Grants, NM where Dawns battery in her bike took a shit. Chased down a battery about a mile up the road. Got her bike put back together and back on the road. Then a few miles down the road we run into rain all the way to Santa Fe. In Santa Fe we meet up with Jim B., Gynni, and Mike I.

The next day we started out in the rain all the way to the Colorado border. My wife did great in the rain. It was her first long ride and first rain ride on her own bike. The rest of the trip to Denver was beautiful. Traffic was kinda crazy but we got to Denver in one piece.

Being a "Conference Virgin", you have to put a colored paper clip on you lanyard or name badge so everyone knows.

Everyone was very nice and happy to see new people. Meeting people from all over the country was pretty cool. They all had the same thing on their mind how can we make are roads safer, not get harassed by the police, or about E15, how do we stop it. Meet a lot of very nice people. Took more notes than I ever have in my life. Learning that the young generation don't really care about freedom of the road. They are wearing helmets, knee pads, locking their bike up at school, riding wheelies, and stunting on the highways. You have to start them young and teach them respect of the road. We need to find a way to get these kids on board with us.

Slider Gilmore's presentation on live to ride was great. Talked about health and if you want to ride into old age you have to take care of yourself. How you adapt to growing older is it downhill from here or is it the best time of your life. 20% of what you do make 80% of your life. You have to eat right, exercise, and see your doc. How health problems can slow your reaction times on a bike and in a car. Talked about drinking and riding or smoking the green stuff and riding how you reaction time is way slower. Do you want to ride as if your 60 at 85? It does not matter how long you have rode or how good you are you are vulnerable in life and on the road. It opened my eyes to see how vulnerable we are in life and on the road. It's not just cagers or that person texting and driving that can take your life but you yourself not taking care of yourself.

The first break out session was "The Do's and Don't after a Motorcycle Crash". We all know just because you have full coverage, doesn't mean you have enough. We all know you need more than just full coverage. Over and under is a must in the motorcycle world. They say if you are at fault admit it and let your insurance take over. What to do? If hurt take an ambulance, if not remain calm don't beat the hell out of the other person. If you are asked if you are ok, DO NOT say yes or no, say I'm not sure. If you say yes I am, insurance will jump on that. Don't let at fault party leave the seen. Take a pic of them if you can. Calling 911 gives you a timestamp so call 911 asap. If anyone is hurt get an ambulance on the way, don't move anything, don't pick up your bike, Take as many pics of the seen and the at fault driver, get a 360\* video of the scene. That is just a little bit of what Eli Ohlhausen talked about. I could go on and on on this subject but there is more to talk about.

The next breakout session was "Future of Motorcycle Safety ". This presentation was put on by Brett Robinson. He talked a lot about highway safety and how it should be the norm. We talked a lot about programs to help stop motorcycle accidents. That half of crashes are single vehicle crashes. 50% are alcohol related, 50% speed, and running wide off curbs. Motorcycle injury in 2007 was 103,000 injured, 5,286 died in 2016 a 5% increase over 2015. How older riders increased.

We talked about how motorcycle safety has not progressed as it should over 3 decades, state funding has been restricted. We need more training motorcycles in use. How there is no evidence that motorcycle training helps, don't have enough data. Comprehensive motorcycle states training and effectiveness needs an innovative way to measure make sure what we are doing is working. How to improve mental processing and motor skills. How we need state specific crash statistics. Need to have more events that are about education and different type of courses. Most riders just want the basic course. The question was brought up "Is the basic rider course enough"? Should you be able to get your endorsement after just the basic course? In some states if you take the course on a 250cc that's all you can ride till you take it again on a bigger bike. I think I'm going to leave it right there. Is the basic course enough?

The next breakout session was "Fact or Fiction". This was one of my favorite one's. We talked a lot on the fact and fiction of comprehensive and economical cost of accidents with and without helmets. The United States Government says it cost us billion a year. They say 3.4 billion was saved buy people who wore helmets, and if all states had mandatory helmet laws it would have save another 2.2 billion in costs. These costs are economical and comprehensive. They say they

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### My First Meeting Of The Minds (continued)

have the facts and figures to prove it. "JUST ASK THEM". Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts. The facts that the government has came up with are misconstrued. To make a long story short this presentation put holes in their claims of what it cost the United States Government and the supposed billions they would save if every state had mandatory helmet laws. The way Matt Danielson put on this presentation is very impressive. I had a great time listening to him and the facts and figures that he put together. In some of the fact he put together it showed that helmet states cost more in comprehensive and economic

costs than no helmet states. I feel it's your right to choose whether you wear a helmet or not.

Let's talk a little about hanging out in the hospitality room. What a great time I had listening to all the stories and adventures everyone had. Taking ashtray shots of root beer schnapps and beer. Helping with the auction was great fun trying to get people to up their bids. Seeing all the awards being handed out to all the states was great. Can't wait till the next one.

The trip back from Meeting Of The Minds. Getting out of Denver was crazy, heading out on I70 was not fun. But once we got out of Denver it was great. Seeing the the Colorado mountains was awesome, all the colors of the leaves changing and the rock formations was great. It got pretty cold as we got up to 12,000 feet. The tunnels were cool. The down hill grades after the Eisenhower tunnel was pretty crazy, Vail pass was fun and beautiful. As we left Colorado and entered southern Utah we found hwy 182, I think it was, it took us through the Red Rock Canyon next to the Green river, they were so gorgeous I wished I had more time to check them out. Southern Utah was great got to see Arches, Valley Of The Gods, and Monument Valley, they are so beautiful can't wait to go back to hike and

camp. Life is great. To Woody, CC, Cheyenne and Mary K it was great riding with you all, can't wait to do it again. Riding next to my wife was one of the greatest experiences of the whole trip. Thank you all for listening to my first trip to Meeting Of The Minds.

Big thank you to East Valley ABATE for sponsoring our room and entrance into the conference. It means a lot to me that you allowed Dawn and I to go. THANK YOU!

Written By, Nolan Steed East Valley ABATE Safety Officer &

#### Rumbles from the Secretary Dawn P Steed

First off Thank you East Valley chapter for sponsoring our adventure to Meeting of the Minds for not only Nolan and I but Mary K and Shearhart too. East Valley ended up with 5 chapter officers in attendance. This was definitely an adventure we will never forget.

While 6 of us rode to the conference the State officers with love and concern pulled rank on our State President Jim Butsback insisting on a rental van for his adventure which worked out well so Gynni could tag along too. Infanzon's bike deciding to have a moment put him in the van too.

I rode next to Nolan with Woody, CC, Mary K, and Cheyenne. This adventure was my longest ride on my own bike. I admit I was concerned going the distance with my lack of experience and occasional health flair ups, but being surrounded by such an incredible support group I knew no matter what it would all be okay. My health behaved my bike did not.

We stayed at Chateau Phillips on Tuesday night so as to be rested and ready to go Wednesday morning bright and early. The 4 of us met up with Mary K and Cheyenne there in Payson and started on adventure with a small spritz of rain, but nothing to be concerned about. The plan for Wednesday was to meet up with the van crew in Santa Fe, NM. Now understand I have rode on the back of Nolan's bike in the rain. I have rode in small sprinkles on my own bike. Closer we got to New Mexico the more the rain decided to make its appearance. It got to the point

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where we pulled over and everyone suited up in rain gear. Just outside of Grants, NM my bike decided to have a moment. We pulled over thinking maybe I had just been pushing it to hard for my little 650 to keep up with the big dogs. Woody got introduced to Golden Corral buffet. A good choice everyone was able to get something they wanted or that fit some of our dietary challenges. Then back on the road until my bike said NOPE. Luckily the rain took a break. After some gas station diagnosis it was decided that my battery had given up. Pretty sure it had something to do with a crack that was discovered that probably happened when the disrespectful little shit that lives in our apartment complex decided to shove my bike over. I won't go into all that right now. Luckily we found a battery at the next exit down the road. Shortly the bike was fixed, put back together, and on down the road we went. The rain decided we needed a healthy shower. Took a few miles but I started to respectfully get more comfortable with riding in it other than when it came to downhill curves. I believe that one of the best things we ever did was splurge for the Sena communication things. That way I could talk to Nolan when I would get uncomfortable. I told him at one point "This is not my favorite part of the trip". We made it to the hotel in Santa Fe and met up with the van crew. Cold, wet, and hungry off we went to Denny's another delicious choice. Must say Thank you to Woody for dinner. We talked about our adventures of the day and the next leg of the trip for Thursday. Even with how excited

Yeppers, woke up to the threat of rain. By the time we were all packed up and

we all were off to bed we went.

had breakfast it was raining. OH JOY! Rain gear here we go. I felt like the Staypuff marshmallow man with how bundled up I was but I was dry. Rain, rain, all the way to the Colorado border. GEEZ. Even with the rain it was awesome. Colorado is beautiful but traffic sucks. We stopped at a rest area that was incredible to unbundle a little then again in Vail for gas. The van crew had been following us at this point we agreed that they would go ahead since Infanzon had a presentation to prepare for that evening. Other than traffic being crazy we made it without incident the rest of the way to the Renaissance hotel in Denver. Okay my ASS and body hated me by the time we got there I was so happy to park my bike and go inside. That is where we met up with the rest of the Arizona crew which included Mike & Willie Shearhart, Dan T, Ruth & Dutch, Anissa, Animal, and Deb B. It made me all emotional everybody telling me how good I did on the way there. It was a good feeling emotional.

The conference itself was incredible as always. It was so much fun watching our "Conference Virgins" Nolan, Woody, CC, and Cheyenne soak it in. I truly believe that all members should experience it atleast once. All of the sessions were awesome as they always are. I really like the way that Matt Danielson does his presentations. I don't know about anyone else but with Auntie ABATE not there I could feel a hole like something was just not right. I so wanted "the virgins" to meet her and get to experience one of her presentations. That woman was incredible. Also they missed out on the bib and kilt tug o' war, but I was told they will be replacing it with something just as fun next year. The silent auction had some

incredible items in it. Being co sponsors of the event we helped out with the silent and live auctions.

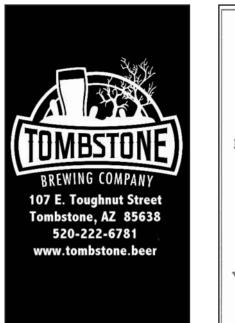
And yes I did 1 ashtray shot with my wonderful husband in the hospitality room. I am so glad he got to finally understand what I had explained to him about them. Last time that I had taken one was with Jeff Henney the year he left.

Friday night we adventured over as a group and sat down to dinner together not only to celebrate all of us being there together and the conference but Gynni and Anissa birthdays too. It was a blast.

We left early Sunday morning. Happy that there was no sign of rain. It was pretty uneventful. Deb Buttita had given use a route option that we tried out in Utah that we can't even say thank you enough. There aren't words that can express the beauty that we saw. Sad thing is Nolan grew up and spent most of his life in Utah I lived there 20 years neither of us had been to that part of southern Utah. We will be planning a trip back where we can explore and enjoy it. I can tell you that we won't be eating at the Denny's in Moab ever again. We spent the night in Blanding, UT. In Flagstaff after a quick lunch our merry little band of riders went our separate ways. We were homeward bound and as much as I enjoy riding my bike more than ready to get the hell off it at least for a day or 2.

So once again THANK YOU EAST VALLEY CHAPTER for sending Nolan and I on one of the best adventures yet.





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5. "Ridicule is man's most potent weapon." There is no defense. It's irrational. It's infuriating. It also works as a key pressure point to force the enemy into concessions.

6. "A good tactic is one your people enjoy." They'll keep doing it without urging and come back to do more. They're doing their thing, and will even suggest better ones.

7. "A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag." Don't become old news.

8. "Keep the pressure on. Never let up." Keep trying new things to keep the opposition off balance. As the opposition masters one approach, hit them from the flank

### By Woody Phillips, ABATE of AZ High Country Chapter.

This year we had an opportunity to do something we have wanted to do for awhile now and that was attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) annual conference. This year it was being held in Denver Colorado and was sponsored by Nevada Soldiers for Jesus MC, ABATE of Utah, ABATE of Colorado, and ABATE of Arizona. Being a relatively easy (we thought) 2 day ride to Denver, several members of Arizona's contingent decided to ride as a group.

A group of 6 riders on 5 bikes met in Payson, AZ early on Wednesday, Sep. 19 for the first leg of the trip to Santa Fe, NM. We had Dawn and Nolan Steed, Mary Kay Donnay, Lee Thompson and Woody Phillips and CC Ransom. The weather was cool and threatening rain, but being a weekday in northern AZ meant light traffic and the lack of direct sun meant we were not melting as we climbed up onto the Colorado Plateau (The Rim for locals) and started across the high plains. After a quick fuel stop in Holbrook, AZ, we turned east onto Interstate 40 headed for I-25 in Albuquerque, NM. About 30 miles outside of Gallup, NM one of the bikes start-

in the morning followed by a couple of important working sessions in the afternoon. The SMRO Legislative Planning/Strategy Meeting, where the MRF Legislative Agenda for 2019 is laid out and voted on by the 43 states represented, and the Executive Directors Town Hall were of most interest to the author and were both insightful and productive. After the first full day, the entire ABATE contingent went to a local BBQ house for dinner where we mostly ended up talking about the days events, what we learned, and how we could use that information going forward back in AZ. with something new.

9. "The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself." Imagination and ego can dream up many more consequences than any activist.

10. "The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition." It is this unceasing pressure that results in the reactions from the opposition that are essential for the success of the campaign.

11. "If you push a negative hard enough, it will push through and become a positive." Violence from the other side can win the public to your side because the public sympathizes with the underdog. 12. "The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative." Never let the enemy score points because you're caught without a solution to the problem. 13. "Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it." Cut off the support network and isolate the target from sympathy. Go after people and not institutions; people hurt faster than institutions.

Alinsky's rules can and have been used for anti-democratic designs. But he defines the U.S. as a "society predicated on voluntarism." His vision of democracy leans heavily on that of keen outside observer of early America, Alexis de Tocqueville, the French philosopher who "gravely warned," writes Alinsky, "that unless individual citizens were regularly involved in the action of governing themselves, self-government would pass from the scene."

So, every month I will share one of Alinsky's rules and how a motorcycle activist can use it to advance the cause of freedom for all motorcyclists.

Freedom is a team sport.

Mike

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ed experiencing an odd electrical problem. A quick check of the bike did not find anything wrong so after a great lunch in Gallup, we continued east on I-40. Unfortunately, the same bike started to exhibit similar problems as we neared our next gas stop in Grants, NM. Not wanting to take chances we exited in Milan, NM at a large truck stop and the only trained mechanic in the group, Nolan Steed, proceeded to begin troubleshooting. It did not take long to decide the problem was a battery that had probably suffered an injury during a recent run-in with some children that had knocked the bike over. The theory being that the constant vibrations had made the problem worse, Nolan quickly made a trip to the next exit, where there were several automotive parts stores, in seek of the right size battery. The whole delay was less than 2 hours but no one seemed to mind with plenty of snacks, drinks, large clean washrooms, etc. available. Thank you LOVES's truck stops for providing great facilities.

Back on the road again, it was only a short time before the ominous looking clouds on the horizon prompted another pull-over to don our rain gear that luckily everyone had the foresight to pack. Sure enough, just a few more miles down the road we were riding in some significant

who was attending. The only disappointment of the entire event was the cancellation of a planned talk by David "Double D" Devereaux of the Motorcycle Profiling Project. I would have loved to heard an update as Double D is a great speaker and both highly knowledgeable and very passionate about the subject of Motorcycle Profiling. The end of the day concluded with the annual banquet which is where the MRF is able to present the majority of it's awards and culminates in a silent, and not so silent, auction fundraiser (CC really likes the new jacket I won) as well as the presentation of checks by sustaining members. This is where the MRF retrieves the majority of its funds to keep it's office in Washington D.C. going on behalf of the nations motorcyclists. During the presentation of awards, Arizona's own "Still" Ray Fitzgerald was inducted into the MRF Hall of Fame and this honor was definitely well deserved!

rain. The need for gas and the desire to get off the freeway during some very close lightning, gave everyone a chance to make sure their packs were squared away and all gear was working as desired. After waiting for the lightning to pass us, we headed back out onto I-40 in significant rain. Unfortunately, all the delays now meant we would be traveling I-25 from Albuquerque to Santa Fe in the dark. That was also the direction the storms were headed, so we all steeled ourselves that we would arrive, wet, tired and a somewhat cold (although thank heavens it was not as cold as it easily could have been).

When we arrived at our hotel in Santa Fe, late, wet and tired, another contingent of ABATE of AZ that was traveling in a rented van had already arrived and were anxiously awaiting our arrival. Once we were all checked in and had a chance to make sure we were wearing dry clothes, we headed to the nearest restaurant (a Denny's across the street) where MotorcycleSafari.com bought everyone a nice hot dinner. Then it was back to the rooms and off to bed to get a good night's sleep before an early departure shortly after sunrise the next morning.

Morning brought cool clear air, still damp

Sunday morning ended the activities with a blessing of the bikes. However we had a long ride ahead of us and were already saddling up when that was going on and after a quick fuel stop, we were on our way west out of Denver on I-70. Passing through 10,662 feet altitude on our way to our first fuel stop in Vail, CO we started seeing wild bison on the high pastures, as well as the first autumn colors in the millions of aspen we passed by. The scenery coming out of Denver on our way west was simply amazing and with no hint of rain the only issue was the cold at altitude. However, by midday we were in Grand Junction, CO where it was time to shed some gear and start enjoying the warmer, sunny skies.

but not many clouds so we were all hopeful as we took advantage of the hotel's hot breakfast and began packing gear for the ride to Denver. Unfortunately, by the time everyone was ready to leave, it was raining again, although not nearly as heavily as the previous evening. Just before our second gas stop and shortly after crossing into Colorado, the clouds thinned, it stopped raining and before long the sun was out. This was a welcome relief as the traffic, and the need to concentrate more, became much worse once we approached Colorado Springs. From their to Denver was a fairly easy ride made more so by the decision to take the toll road across Denver and only spending a short period of time on I-70 before arriving at the hotel where the conference was being held.

We arrived pretty much exactly when we had wanted in the middle of the afternoon which gave us all time to get to our rooms, change, and drop by conference registration before the first event began. Once the opening meeting concluded, it was time to either hit the hospitality suite, or a restaurant in search of dinner. Then, off to bed for full day of meetings and activities.

Friday brought a wealth of information





Saturday's activities were well planned and afforded ample opportunities to meet with and chat to motorcyclists from across the country to see what was and was not working for them in the areas of legislation, awareness and safety training, membership drives, and a host of other subjects of interest to everyone

After a lunch stop in Grand Junction, it was decided we would take the "back way" into Moab, UT so we could pass through a truly gorgeous canyon on our way to our dinner stop.



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This was a very unusual road but proved to be worth the extra 15-20 minutes it added to the trip as was attested to by everyone in the group despite the desire to get off the bikes ASAP upon entering Moab.

In Moab, the first place we saw to stop was a Denny's so we did. However, let me warn everyone right now that this is the worst Denny's on the planet. They were out of, or did not know how to prepare, about half the menu. The staff was very attentive and kept apologizing, but almost no one got what they wanted. I never do this, but DO NOT STOP at the

Denny's in Moab. It was stunningly bad.

After almost having dinner, we decided to just get to our next hotel in Blanding, UT as it was now getting late. Despite being just over an hour away, this seemed like the longest segment of the entire trip as it was turning dark, ended up getting very cold, requiring a stop on the side of the road to dress up for cold weather, and we were passing through a deer migration area and even had to dodge a large doe as we passed through Monticello, UT.

In Blanding, virtually the entire town had already closed so there was nothing for it

except to get to bed so we could hit the road at sunrise in the morning.

Monday morning was cool but glorious. I think everyone was in a hurry both to get home and to pass through Monument Valley on the way. The scenery coming into Bluff, and Mexican Hat, UT is spectacular. But even that was completely surpassed as we crossed the first ridge and Monument Valley loomed into sight. This required two stops for photos.

After Monument Valley we had a quick stop for gas in Kayenta, AZ and then headed to Flagstaff. Along the way we

saw rain in the distance, and even passed through a couple of spots where it had recently rained, but that was the last of rain until after we arrived home. In Flagstaff we had our last lunch together as a group before the Phoenix riders split off leaving Woody, CC and Lee to head down Lake Mary Road toward home.

Next year, Meeting of the Minds is in Minneapolis. Anyone up for a road trip?

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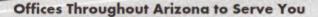




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#### Documentation of Discrimination

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