

# HM2002 MOTORCYCLE PROFILING; ENCOURAGING PREVENTION PASSES HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY



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“I’ve been here for seven years and this effort comes almost every year.” – Representative Kelly Townsend

If one state legislator remembers this effort for that many years, how many has it been attempted? Well, no longer. We did it this year!!! Our profiling legislation passed unanimously out of committee AND on the floor vote.

To the law enforcement agencies of Arizona: Your memorialist respectfully represents: Whereas, motorcycle ridership in Arizona continues to increase over time with registrations growing from 138,000 in 2009 to over 325,000 in 2018; and Whereas, as of August 2016, the ongoing National Motorcycle Profiling Survey, conduct-

ed by the Motorcycle Profiling Project, found that approximately one-half of the motorcyclists surveyed felt that they had been profiled by law enforcement at least once; and Whereas, motorcycle profiling means law enforcement arbitrarily uses the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action against or arrest a person or search the person's vehicle with or without legal basis under the United States Constitution and the Arizona Constitution; and Whereas, complaints surrounding motorcycle profiling have been cited in all fifteen Arizona counties; and Whereas, nationwide protests to raise awareness and combat motorcycle profiling have been held in multiple states; and Whereas, in 2011, the State of Washington enacted legislation requiring the criminal justice training commission to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training and offered to in-service law enforcement officers in conjunction with existing training regarding profiling; and Whereas, reported incidents of motorcycle profiling have dropped approximately ninety percent in the State of Washington since the 2011 legislation was signed into law; and Whereas, in 2016, Maryland became the second state to pass a law addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling. Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, prays: 1. That law enforcement agencies in Arizona work to promote increased public awareness of

the issue of motorcycle profiling.  
 2. That law enforcement agencies in Arizona collaborate and communicate with the motorcycle community to end motorcycle profiling.  
 3. That state and local law enforcement officials include a statement condemning motorcycle profiling in their written policies and training materials.  
 4. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this Memorial to the captain of each law enforcement agency in the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 28, 2019.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 1, 2019.

What does this mean?

Urges law enforcement officials to:  
 1. Promote public awareness of motorcycle profiling;  
 2. Collaborate and communicate with the motorcycle community to end motorcycle profiling.  
 Urges Arizona and local law enforcement officials to include a statement condemning motorcycle profiling in written policies and training materials.  
 Directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of this memorial to the captain of each law enforcement agency in Arizona.

While this does not mean an end to motorcycle profiling, it does take the first step in ending it.

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

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EAST VALLEY CHAPTER meetings are held the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at Meeting held at Desert Winds Harley Davidson 922 S Country Club Dr Mesa, AZ 85210 FMI contact Jim Silk FYI 602 312 1927

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605 W. Arabian Way Payson AZ 85541

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High Country Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday at 10 a.m. at The Moose Lodge in Star Valley. Contact: azoutlaw66@hotmail.com

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P.O. Box 54041 Phoenix, AZ 85078-4041

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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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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

## Yavapai Chapter

465 E Liana Dr. Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Coordinators.....Dan Tumey  
 Vice Coordinator.....Richard Carver  
 Secretary.....Sunni Sommers  
 Treasurer.....David McLaren  
 Membership.....Sunni Sommers  
 Run Coordinator.....Dan Tumey  
 Safety Coordinator.....Andrew "AJ" Killian  
 Sgt. At Arms.....Richard Carver  
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 Merchandise.....Vacant

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

## Yuma Chapter

11316 S. Glenwood Ave. Yuma, AZ 85367

Coordinator.....Frank White  
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 Membership.....Carla Schmidt  
 Run Coordinator.....Jerry Allison  
 Safety Coordinator.....Ray "PeeWee" Grier  
 Sgt. At Arms.....Jerry Allison  
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 Merchandise.....Lisala White

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.

## Mohave Chapter

1451 E. Ruby Trail Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

Coordinator.....Tom Aydt  
 Secretary.....Cynde Aydt  
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 Membership.....Cat Spicker

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



### 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.

## From the MRF

### For Immediate Release

February 22, 2019

### Michael "Fiz" Przybylo of Michigan Passes Away

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation was saddened to hear of the passing of Michael "Fiz" Przybylo.

Fiz was a Vietnam Vet serving in the Army and a long-time motorcycle rights freedom fighter. He served on the A.B.A.T.E of Michigan Board of Directors for 30 plus years and he was a long time MRF State Rep for

Michigan. Fiz attended the MRF's Meeting of The Minds conference for over two decades, his dedication, experience, and enthusiasm were an inspiration to all who attended. He owned a bike shop which allowed him to provide valuable insight and resources to the MRF during the Tier 1 and 2 and our custom bike exemption efforts during the EPA's misguided "Color and Chrome" initiative.

After so many years of dedication and enthusiastic support "Fiz" was awarded the MRF's highest award, the John "Farmer" Eggers award.

A.B.A.T.E of Michigan, the MRF, and the motorcyclist's right community will miss him deeply.

Link to entire obituary:

<https://www.santeiufuneralhome.com/obituary/michael-przybylo>

Memorial visitation Saturday, March 2nd, 3 pm - 8 pm with Eulogies at 6 pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to A.B.A.T.E of Michigan, P.O. Box 99, Constantine, MI 49042

### Keep Your Friends Close

Congress returned to DC this week after the President's Day recess and the MRF was back on Capitol Hill meeting with lawmakers. While a number of Members of Congress have been champions for the motorcycle community, Congressman

Walberg of Michigan and Congressman Burgess of Texas consistently take the lead on motorcycle issues. On Tuesday, we met with Congressman Burgess and discussed issues related to NHTSA and a resolution declaring May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month." He mentioned that Congressman Walberg was harassing him about the need to get out on his bike more and he pledged to spend more time on his bike in the coming months.

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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.

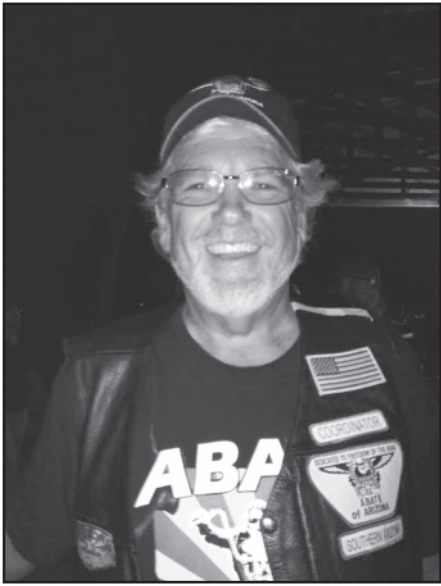
We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

### FREEDOM.

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

## President's Report



By Jim Butsback

Greetings to all my fellow A.B.A.T.E. Members,

Well as I sit writing this it is the Ides of March. Many of you know the history of this date going back to the Roman Senate. It was a day of National celebration for the Romans which was dedicated to the Roman God of War and the Senators used this celebration to lure Julius Caesar so they could assassinate him by stabbing him over 20 times. I guess we should be glad our elected officials behave at least a little better.

So far this year has been a very busy one at the state Capitol. I want to thank our legislative team of Mike and Chris for all the amazing work they have put into following those items important to motorcyclists. I also wish to give credit to Kong from the Leathernecks MC who is the new lobbyist for the ACMC. He was just put into this position before this year's legislative season and he has hit the ground running and has done an outstanding job. I know Mike will detail all that they have been working on and what is already in the planning and organizing stages for next session so I will leave that to him.

One of the things that Mike and Kong

are trying to do is to teach not only our members but anyone interested in learning about the inner workings of the legislature. They came down to Tucson to teach one of these classes and it was very enlightening. I know they are going to try and travel around the state and share this with the various Chapters and ACMC members. If you hear of one of these classes in your area make sure you attend. They go over the entire process of how bills move through committee's and the need for 3 "reads" of a bill. Also how bills move from one chamber to the other and eventually to the Governor's desk. A very important part of this was the information on what it takes and all the different ways you need address the process to "KILL A BILL". It is not only important that we as voters know how to get a bill passed through the legislature but we must also be aware of how to stop a bad bill before it becomes law. We need to be well versed on the process because those who oppose us will use the process to stop items we are backing.

While I am on the subject of the Legislature I want to really push that EVERY ABATE MEMBER makes sure to get on the Request to Speak system with the State Legislature. We are lucky here in Arizona that they have provided us with the ability to share our thoughts and comments on pending legislation with our elected officials and I can assure you that they look at it and it has a major impact on how it travels through the process. Once you are on the system you will be able to comment and show if you support a bill or not from the comfort of your own home computer. The only hard part of the process is that before you can use this wonderful tool you must register by signing in at one of the State kiosks at the Capitol or the State Building in Tucson. Mike has said that anyone who needs help signing up can contact him and he will be able to set up your account when he is at the Capitol so there is NO REASON that any ABATE

member is not registered on the Request to Speak system.

As we head into the spring and summer months I would like to ask for all of your help. Many of our Chapters are planning or will be planning various events. Also many of our friends at other organizations which we support will also be having events. I know we all cannot make every event and time, travel and expense always comes into the picture and we must pick and choose which event we can attend. One way that you can support all these events even if you cannot attend is by using your circle of friends and relatives to spread the word about these worthy causes and help to make sure they are well attended. Use your email lists and social media accounts to share flyers and information with like minded people who may support these causes. I know that if we all try and think about it we can come up with many new and interesting ways to make sure these events are a success.

Once again I am asking for each and every member of ABATE to try to recruit at least one new member into our ranks. This past year we have received a lot of attention from our elected officials and they look at numbers. If every member brings in AT LEAST one new member we will double our size and increase our influence. Talk to everyone you know about joining. They do not have to own a motorcycle or ride to be a member. We need people from all walks of life who are interested in protecting our freedoms. So carry a couple membership forms with you and hand them out. Invite those you think may be interested to come to a meeting and see what we are about. There are thousands of motorcyclists out there who have never joined because they have never been asked, SO ASK THEM. The dues for ABATE are only \$25.00 per year. If you think about it that is less than \$ 0.50 a week, less than \$0.07 a day. If it is not worth 7 cents a day to protect you free-

dom to ride I am at a loss for words.

May is "Motorcycle Awareness Month" nationally and once again we will be working with the Governor's office to have Governor Ducey issue a proclamation officially designating May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Arizona. I know most of the chapters are planning some kind of event or project to support this in their local areas. If your chapter does not have something planned now is the time to get organized and get something in the works. Please support all efforts to get the message out to the general public to "Check Twice for Motorcycles" and I also urge all chapters to take this to your local city or town council and get them on board to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. Ask the leaders of your community to issue a proclamation for May.

I would also like to thank all of the Business Members that you see listed and their business card ads throughout the Masterlink. I want to encourage every chapter to make sure that you support these fine businesses. Maybe after your meetings you can plan a ride to just stop in and say hello and thanks for supporting us. Depending on the type of business you may want to include them as stops on your runs etc. so others see the business and know they support motorcycle rights. Think of how you can show them you appreciate their support and how you can help their business to grow. If you ignore them they will not be around for long.

Please ride like you are invisible because we all know that many times we are. Remember the 4Rs of riding. RIDE SAFE, RIDE SMART, RIDE RESPONSIBLE and RIDE ENDORSED!

Until next time!  
Jim

## From the MRF (continued)

On Thursday, we met with Congressman Walberg and discussed the rollout of the anti-profiling legislation for this Congress. Congressman Walberg and his office are committed to once again introducing a resolution regarding profiling of motorcyclists. His office is in discussions with the House Judiciary Committee, and we are aiding his office in the pursuit of cosponsors for the resolution. Once the bill is introduced, we will have a call to

action in which we will ask MRF members to reach out to their elected officials and raise the profiling issue. Ideally, we will see a bill introduced in the next few weeks.

As we were leaving, Congressman Walberg mentioned that he ran into some ABATE of Michigan members and even mentioned some by name at the Michigan Republican State Convention over the

weekend. It's always great when a member of Congress recognizes MRF members back home. It makes our job in DC easier when legislators have first-hand interactions with motorcyclists at home.

One theme that was clear with both Congressmen; they love talking about motorcycles! The day to day grind of being a Congressman means these lawmakers are bouncing from meeting to

meeting discussing a wide spectrum of issues from healthcare, taxes, or foreign affairs. When we began talking about motorcycles, you could see the passion that each holds about the issue. Both men are riders and understand the unique challenges motorcyclists face. It's really special to see an elected member of Congress so passionate about our community.

## Legislative Director Update

Mike Infanzon  
Legislative Director

The past month has been another busy one. Now that Motorcycle Day at the Dome is over, we have been focusing on a few bills, continuing civic engagement training and starting to look at what we want to do next year. Yes, 2020 is still 8 months away but this is how early we must plan and strategize in order to get things done.

We had a Request to Speak class down in Tucson with our Southern Arizona chapter, some training at a few LD's and hosted a Constituent Coffee event in LD27.

Here are the bills we are still working on...

HB2319 HURF transfers; highway patrol; repeal  
Repeals the authorization for the transfer of Arizona Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) monies to the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) for funding a portion of highway patrol costs.

Passed out of the House and is waiting to be scheduled in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

HM2002 motorcycle profiling; encouraging prevention

The House of Representatives urges law enforcement agencies in Arizona work to promote increased public awareness of the issue of motorcycle profiling, and to include a statement condemning motorcycle profiling in their written policies and training materials. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this memorial to the captain of each law enforcement agency in Arizona.

Passed 60-0. Transmitted to Secretary of State: 03/01

SB1001 highway safety fee; repeal; VLT  
Repeals the highway safety fee that was previously required to be in an amount

established by the Director of the Department of Transportation annually in order to fund 110 percent of the Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol budget for each fiscal year. If monies in the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund are insufficient to fully fund the Highway Patrol in a FY, the Legislature is required to appropriate monies from the general fund to eliminate the insufficiency. AS PASSED SENATE.

Passed out of the Senate with a 24-6 vote but has been held in the House Transportation Committee.

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## Chapter Reports

### East Valley Chapter

Wow! It's April already. Temps are warming up and the Snowbirds will ALL be going home soon. Ya! Bike Week is here and lots of adventures await so get out there and RIDE! Lots of great bands at Bike Week this year so we hope you all get to attend some. We are working on a home for the Spaghetti Feed so watch the E.V. Facebook page for updates as we get closer. Sunshine Acers will be coming up on May 18th so save that date and come out and support CMA and the kids. All donations go to Sunshine Acers to help the kids. They have a bike show and they will be auctioning off some goodies. As always, E.V. chapter will be cooking for the event so come on out. It's my understanding that the bill to charge a fee to ride without a helmet got shot down. Thanks to Mike Infazon and all the people who helped to get it turned down. We're still riding free! This is why Motorcycle Rights are so important! Remember to pay attention out there. We are INVISIBLE to most cars out there!

Until next month. See you out there.  
Donna Reed Batty

E.V. Chapter Communications Officer

### High Country Chapter

As we look out our windows at the snow in High Country while writing this, it is hard to believe that Wild in the Weeds is only a little over a month away (always the FIRST Weekend in May). This year we expect more people, more bikes and more fun with Saturday's featured entertainment being UNCHAINED! They will top off a day filled with great friends, great games and lots to keep you entertained. This year we are even featuring a Ride to the Weeds from Desert Wind Harley-Davidson on Saturday morning. You can get all the details at WildInTheWeeds.com so save the date. This year's event will be bigger than ever!

Wild in the Weeds starts May, which is also Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month in Arizona. So High Country likes to remind folks of this at the end of the month. This year the Rim Country District of the MMA of AZ will once again be working with us at the Mogollon Rim Visitor Center on Route 260 to kick off the Memorial Day weekend by reminding motorists to Look Twice for Motorcycles. We will have donuts and coffee to help tired travelers stay alert, balloons and other giveaways for kids and grown-ups.

On a sad note, our local American Legion Riders, along with the Patriot Guard Riders, recently held a memorial service to remember Jim Newman, a High Country ABATE member and good friend to everyone who knew him. Jim was a USAF veteran and recently helped restart the American Legion Riders chapter in Payson. When Jim knew the end was coming, he graciously auctioned off his incredible motorcycle to raise money for local veterans' causes and provided over \$13,000 to those causes as a result. Jimmy, we love you brother. It is not the

same without you.

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

### Mohave Chapter

NO REPORT

#### Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

The Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter had another great turn out for our meeting on March 10th. If you haven't been to one of our meetings before, we highly encourage you to come on out!

Safety reminds us that riding weather is upon us and Bike Week is here! Take extra care! Beware of others on the road. Please don't drink and ride; call a Lyft or Uber!

Merchandise informs us that there are new fundraisers on the horizon! Plus new merchandise to come! We still have some PHX-Shadow Mountain Chapter bracelets. They are selling \$3 each or 2 for \$5. There are still State hoodies (\$35), long-sleeve (\$25), and short-sleeve (\$20) are available! Plus, we have "Future ABATE Member" patches for the kids (\$5 each)! Contact an officer to get your or stop in a meeting!

Have you seen our ABATE booth lately? We have a new look, complete with a new clothtablecloth to come! If you are interested in having our booth at your event or would like to donate some of your time to help run a booth, contact a Chapter Officer. We have many events in the works and appreciate all the help we can get! Look for us at Buddy Stubbs Bike Week, the TriffectaTriffecta at Steele Horse Saloon, Ramjets Customer Appreciation and swap meets, and most definitely at Wild in the Weeds up in high country! Facebook events have been created!

In PAC, we discussed the sending of our Legislative Director, Mike Infazon, to the Meeting of the Minds annual conference 2019. This event is designed to educate and motivate the motorcyclists' rights community. It also gives Mike a chance to meeting and network with others across the nation. The topic of discussion was how to raise funds to accommodate that venture. In a generous display of support, JC 100 made a large donation and the group passed a hat for additional funds. We are proud to report we have raised our share of the funding needed!

Nolan Steed, Runs and Events, encourages participation in all upcoming events!

- Breyer Law Spring Carnival April 14th Reserve your tickets on their FB page, this is a free event!
- The Laughlin River Run April 24th - 28th
- Wild in the Weeds - High Country Chapter, find more details on their FB page
- Save the date and tell your

friends. The Moon Mullins Run has been set for October 12, 2019.

- Mark your calendars and request your time off! TBFS June 6th-9th at Mormon Lake.

o Online ticket sales are available for the 27th Annual Too Broke for Sturgis June 6-9, 2019 visit our website: [www.abateofaz.org](http://www.abateofaz.org) to purchase your tickets!

o We need vendors and sponsors! Contact Tara Rudometkin or Dawn Steedo Don't Be So Broke for Too Broke Raffle Tickets are still available; only 1000 will be sold! 1st prize is \$300, 2nd prize is \$150, and 3rd prize is \$50! Tickets are \$5 a piece or 3 for \$10, don't miss your chance to win some cash! Contact Dawn or any other ABATE officer to get yours! You do not need to be present at the time of the drawing. Drawing will be held at TBFS on Thurs. June 6th at 4:45PM.

o The TBFS volunteer sign up list is available! Limited space, donate at least 8 hours and get free admission to TBFS!

From the State Officer's Meeting:

Funds have been approved to repair the ABATE pod! Will, Nolan, and Clyde are going to be donating their time and skills to make those repairs!

Membership Officers are encouraged to compare your rosters to the new website to make sure all your members have been transferred over to the new system! All members can now access their info and membership by the new site. For first time log-in select forgot password and a temporary one will be sent to your email, you can then change the password. Support help videos are on the site for additional assistance or you can contact your Chapter Membership Officer.

Just a friendly reminder that ABATE members are automatically ACMC charter members! Support them and their events as well!

As always, our chapter, state officer, and officer training meetings are held at the Arizona American Italian Club (7509 N. 12th St. Phoenix, AZ 85020). Our chapter meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the. Breakfast is \$8 served from 10-10:30 AM, with the meeting immediately following. Please come join us and bring a friend! State Officer meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of every month at 10:30 AM.

The ABATE of AZ Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) is looking for volunteers to learn how to be an instructor. Let's get this program expanded state wide! If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Silk - EV Chapter or your nearest ABATE Officer.

In addition, membership reported that the ABATE mailing address has changed to a PO Box. Anything mailed needs to be address to 7000 N. 16th St. Suite 120 #434 Phoenix, AZ 85020

See ya at the next meeting! Until then...

Shiny side up,

Nichole Driggers,  
State and Chapter Communications Officer

### Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

### Yavapai Chapter

Sadly, the Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of Arizona cannot report any super amazing rides we've been on lately. If you've visited our area, you'll understand why. We just enjoyed record-breaking snowfall and sat on our bikes in our garages wishing for clear and warm skies.

We want to give all members a heads-up regarding our regular chapter meeting on March 13, 2019, as will be meeting at El Charro Norte Mexican Steak House in Chino Valley. 2879 Arizona Trail, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. Phone: 928-460-5869.

Dinner at 5, meeting at 6 in the back. Normally, We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott 86301. For more information. Contact [ycabateaz@gmail.com](mailto:ycabateaz@gmail.com) or call Dan @ 928-308-9911.

We're also excited to invite all Chapter members to join us as we head to Bullhead City for the Board of Director's Meeting on March 23rd & 24th hosted by the Mohave Chapter of ABATE of Arizona. Here are the details:

Meet us in Chino Valley for breakfast on March 23rd @ Gabby's Restaurant; KSU 9:30 AM. Gabby's Restaurant, Chino Valley is located at 2235 AZ-89, Chino Valley. Ride with us via Route 66 to Kingman and the EV Museum. On to Oatman, and final stop at the AVI Resort and Casino for 1 or 2 night stay. The next day, March 24th, we will head to the Moose Lodge for the Board of Director's meeting at 1:00, hosted by ABATE of AZ, Mohave Chapter.

The best option for lodging on March 23rd is AVI Resort and Casino is south of Laughlin proper, 10000 Aha Macav Pkwy, Laughlin, NV 89029. 800-562-4142. The best price for overnight accommodations is on Expedia. There is also a KOA campground on site.

Please keep in mind that "Riders of ALL Bikes Welcome!" Sport Bikes are under-represented and we need your participation!

Ride safe!

Carolyn Carver  
Communications Officer  
Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of Arizona

### Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

## Legislative Director Update (continued)

SB1087 vehicle liability insurance; minimum limits

For motor vehicle liability insurance policies issued or renewed beginning on July 1, 2020, the minimum amounts of coverage required are increased to \$25,000 for bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, from \$15,000, to \$50,000 for bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, from \$30,000, and to \$15,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident, from \$10,000. Does not apply to a policy issued to a person with a valid certificate of self-insurance or partial self-insurance. Also, an offer of liability limits on an automobile liability insurance policy is required

to be made at the time of application for insurance.

Passed 23-7 in the Senate. Waiting to be scheduled for a hearing in House Commerce Committee.

SB1165 prohibition; texting while driving NOW: texting while driving; prohibition Unless the vehicle is parked or stopped, a person is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway while physically holding or supporting with any part of the person's body a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device, and

while writing, sending or reading any text-based communication on a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device. Some exceptions. Beginning January 1, 2021, Violations are subject to a civil penalty of \$75 to \$149 for a first violation, and \$150 to \$250 for a second or subsequent violation. A violation that results in an accident causing the death of or serious physical injury to another person is classified as causing serious physical injury or death by a moving violation, a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor. The Department of Transportation is required to post signs at each point where an interstate highway or U.S. highway enters Arizona that informs vehicle operators of the prohibition on

using a portable wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. A peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of this prohibition cannot take possession of or otherwise inspect a portable wireless communication device in the possession of the operator unless otherwise authorized by law. Peace officers may issue only a warning beginning on the effective date of this legislation through December 31, 2020, and are prohibited from issuing a citation for a violation of this prohibition before January 1, 2021. Beginning January 1, 2021, the regulation of the use of portable wireless

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# Coast to Coast

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

## NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO INVITES NAMES FOR FALLEN RIDERS TRIBUTE

With the 34th Annual NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since last year's Convention, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

This year's NCOM Convention, to be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-12, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton - Universal Orlando, located at 5780 Major Blvd., in Orlando, Florida will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "The City Beautiful" to address topics of concern to all riders.

The annual gathering of bikers' rights activists will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our

right to ride and Freedom of the Road, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$114 by calling (800) 222-8733.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

### JUDGE RULES GOVERNMENT CAN'T SEIZE MONGOLS M/C PATCH

The Mongols motorcycle club has won its latest round in a decade long battle with the federal government, when a California judge found that a jury's recent decision to strip the club of trademarked logo was unconstitutional.

On February 28, 2019 U.S. District Judge David O. Carter ruled that denying Mongols members the right to display the logo would overstep the constitutional right to free expression embedded in the 1st Amendment, as well as the 8th Amendment's ban on excessive penalties.

"We are ecstatic that the Mongols motorcycle club has been able to win this 1st Amendment battle for itself and all motorcycle clubs," said Stephen Stubbs,

an attorney for the Mongols. "The government has clearly overreached into a realm that the Constitution does not allow. They tried to ban symbolic speech," Stubbs told the Los Angeles Times. Stubbs, a.k.a. "Bowtie" as bikers call him, is a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF) and is legal counsel for the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (COC).

In December, after a lengthy trial, a jury convicted the Mongols Nation entity as an organization of racketeering and conspiracy charges stemming from a 2008 investigation, and the ensuing guilty verdict thus allowed prosecutors from the U.S. attorney's office to pursue a court order forcing the club to forfeit the trademarked symbol that appears on their patches.

Judge Carter affirmed the RICO convictions, which could carry fines at sentencing in April, but his written ruling marks a setback for federal prosecutors after they convinced a jury in January to allow the government to seize the club's patches and trademarks as criminal instruments.

Carter's ruling, which has drawn national attention in this first-of-its-kind case, is being hailed as a major victory for all motorcycle clubs, but it is expected to be appealed and may eventually make its way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Save the Patch" and Motorcycle Profiling will be among the many issues that will be discussed at the upcoming NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida, May 10-12, 2019.

### CLUB COLORS BANNED FROM IDAHO STATEHOUSE FOR ANTI-PROFILING VOTE

Members of motorcycle clubs in Idaho were recently barred by Capitol Security from wearing their colors into the State Capitol on March 4, 2019 during a Senate floor vote on Senate Bill 1109, a bill prohibiting motorcycle profiling.

ABATE of Idaho immediately sent a letter to all state Senators and Representatives calling for a cessation of such unconstitutional acts of discrimination, stating in part that "Any government agent denying an individual access to Senate Chambers because they are wearing motorcycle club colors is a clear violation of speech, association and due process rights protected by the U.S. Constitution."

The bill, sponsored by Senator Lee Heider (R-Twin Falls), a motorcyclist himself, would have outlawed motorcycle profiling by state or local law enforcement for the purposes of traffic stops,

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

### ABATE IS:

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- For people interested in motorcycle awareness PSAs directed to non-Riders
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### ABATE of Arizona Serves to:

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

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](mailto:map@abateofaz.org)

### ABATE accomplishments:

- 1992** Opened HOV lanes to motorcycles
- 1993** Helped prevent mandatory helmet legislation in Arizona
- 1997** Established handlebar height elevation 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 motorcycle emissions testing in Maricopa County
- 2015** Eliminated restriction on handlebar height
- 2017** Successfully prevented mandatory helmet legislation
- 2017** Reestablished Motorcycle Safety Fund for 5 years

- 2017** Helped pass the Teen texting bill
- 2017** Helped pass the Civil Forfeiture changes
- 2018** Introduced Anti-profiling legislation
- 2018** Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill
- 2018** Stopped the adoption of California emissions standards in Arizona
- 2018** Helped pass "Pam's Law" - Aggravating factor for injuries to pedestrians and motorcyclists by distracted and DUI offenders

### 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)

detentions or other actions. SB 1109 defines motorcycle profiling as "the arbitrary use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle."

Although a similar anti-profiling measure passed the House unanimously last session, Senators killed the proposal this year by just one vote, 17-18.

Motorcycle profiling has been the subject of discussion not only in Idaho, but across the nation. In December 2018, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution to promote awareness of and discourage motorcycle profiling. Anti-motorcycle profiling bills have been considered in several states, and has been enacted into law in both Washington in 2011 and Maryland in 2016.

### MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS JOIN FORCES TO ENHANCE SAFETY

Recently, six motorcycle manufacturers have joined forces with the goal of increasing safety for road-going motorcyclists in the United States. The Safer Motorcycling Research Consortium (SMRC), a non-profit entity, is borne of the cooperation between American Honda Motor Company, BMW Motorrad, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Indian Motorcycle Company, Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A., and Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

To this day, any motorcycle-related legislation only has the Hurt Report done in the late 70s to turn to for concrete information about motorcycle safety. "Technology throughout all of modern transportation has advanced so far, so quickly that a good comprehensive, multifaceted look at the risks and advantages of motorcycles on our modern roads is long overdue," states RideApart.com in assessing the consortium. "Hopefully along with integrating safety measures into motorcycle design, these companies will release the results of their research for the benefit of everyone on two wheels."

Keep an eye out for more news coming from the SMRC, as it is "committed to

working collaboratively with U.S. federal agencies to conduct pre-competitive research in order to substantially enhance the safety of the motorcycle riding ecosystem."

### LANE SPLITTING BILL PROPOSED IN CONNECTICUT

A Democrat state senator in Connecticut has introduced legislation to allow motorcyclists to lane split in that state. State Senator Cathy Osten (D-Sprague) proposed Senate Bill 629 "To permit the operator of a motorcycle to operate between lanes of traffic as is permitted in other states and countries and thereby ease traffic congestion."

Although California is the only jurisdiction that has legalized the practice in the U.S. and Canada, politicians in Texas, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Utah have proposed such bills, while Hawaii has legalized a similar measure which allows motorcyclists to filter ahead on the shoulder of the road in congested traffic situations.

Lane splitting, or "filtering", is also legal in a number of other countries, notably in Europe and Asia, with many sources indicating that it helps reduce congestion and emissions while increasing safety for the riders who engage in the practice.

### IS AN AUTOBAHN COMING TO CALIFORNIA?

California is considering creating speed limit-free lanes on some major highways, similar to the famous Autobahn in Germany. Senator John Moorlach (R-Orange County) introduced Senate Bill 319 which would require the Department of Transportation to create two additional lanes on Interstate 5 and State Route 99 north and southbound with unrestricted speed limits.

Replacing the now defunct High-Speed Rail project with dedicated lanes would let Californians speedily and safely traverse the Northern and Southern parts of the state. Like the German Autobahn, the new lanes would be designed for both high-speed and safety, as a World Health Organization study estimates road traffic deaths per 100,000 people is 4.1 in Germany, while 12.4 in the United States.

The project is also anticipated to reduce emissions, by decreasing the number of idling vehicles, which would justify paying for the project using the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

"Why don't we provide people with vehicles the opportunity just to drive at 100 miles an hour, get to San Francisco in a shorter period of time than the train would?," Sen. Moorlach told CBS Sacramento, adding that there are fewer reported incidents on the Autobahn.

### THAILAND COULD REDUCE MOTORCYCLE DEATHS 82% WITH DEDICATED LANES

Dedicated motorcycle lanes might be the answer to substantially lowering the death toll around Bangkok's congested streets, suggests a leading Thai engineer.

The Engineering Institute of Thailand's Dr Thanet Wirasiri says that Thailand has some of the most dangerous driving conditions in South East Asia, and claims that the ever worsening death toll could be reduced by 82% with such lanes.

In Bangkok about three quarters of deaths involved motorcycles, according to the Daily News, which notes that there are 3 million motorbikes on the road around Bangkok alone.

Dr. Wirasiri's think-tank is proposing motorcycle lanes on major roads as part of a coordinated approach to improve road design and reduce the risk to riders on the city's roads.

### PHILLIPINES SEEK TO BAN SHORTS WHILE RIDING; REQUIRE GLOVES AND BOOTS

During a press briefing held March 12 by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority in Makati, MMDA General Manager Jose Arturo 'Jojo' Garcia told reporters that the agency is looking to penalize motorcycle riders, including pilgrims (passengers), who wear shorts when riding their motorcycles. "The motorcycle's engine is hot, including the exhaust pipe, and if the [rider] person did not wear socks or what, their skin might get burned and may cause an accident," he said.

The MMDA GM said that their office met with their government counterparts to recommend the creation of laws and policies concerning the proper attire for motorcycle riders, among them, the

requirement of wearing leather boots and gloves. "Protective devices shall include: helmets, goggles, leather boots, and protective clothing such as heavy pants, heavy jacket, leather gloves, and rain suit" stated GM Garcia.

Motorcycle groups, particularly the Motorcycle Rights Organization or MRO, oppose the MMDA proposal, saying there are already too many motorcycle laws that exist concerning road safety and only need proper implementation, reported MotoPinas.com.

The group went on to point out that requiring only leather materials for riding boots and gloves would be too expensive to acquire for the average motorcyclist, and argue that wearing heavy pants and jackets in a tropical climate would be impractical.

### CANADIAN SIKHS IN ALBERTA AND ONTARIO NOW EXEMPTED FROM HELMET LAW

Turban-wearing Sikhs in Alberta and Ontario are now allowed to ride motorcycles without a helmet, joining the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia in granting exemption from the nationwide helmet law. For three decades, Canadian Sikhs have fought to pass a legal exemption allowing members of the religion to legally ride a motorcycle while wearing a turban, and not a helmet, as it's not possible to wear a helmet and a turban at the same time.

On October 18, 2018 the provincial government in Ontario announced that motorcycle helmets will henceforth be optional for Sikh riders, while the province of Alberta amended their vehicle equipment regulations effective last April 12th that applies to drivers and passengers over the age of 18 who are practicing members of the Sikh religion.

The United Kingdom implemented a motorcycle helmet exemption for Sikhs in 1976.

Alberta's Transportation Minister Brian Mason told CBC News that the exemption was granted at the request of the Sikh community as recognition of their civil and religious rights.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu."

~ Modern political proverb circa 2000 Washington, D.C.



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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: chickenbone@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 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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## Rule for Radicals 5: Radical Ridicule

Mike Infanzon  
Legislative Director

“It is almost impossible to counterattack ridicule. Also, it infuriates the opposition, who then react to your advantage,” Alinsky adds.

Ridicule, satire and mockery have been a part of our nation’s politics since before the American Revolution. Anonymously published satirical articles and cartoons filled American newspapers in the years before the conflict began and helped build support for independence.

Alinsky is right—ridicule is a powerful weapon. Ridicule works because it’s

almost impossible to counter laughter. If a joke is funny enough, it can follow a policy or politician for the rest of their lives.

To this day, former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is best remembered for the line, “I can see Russia from my house.”

There’s one problem—Palin never uttered the line. It came from a Saturday Night Live sketch poking fun at Palin’s assertion that she had foreign policy experience because Alaska was close to Russia. Tina Fey’s portrayal of John McCain’s running mate was so effective, it became the thing people were most likely to know about Palin.

President Ronald Reagan was one of the best users of ridicule. In one presidential debate, after his opponent launched into one of his standard attack lines, Reagan began chuckling before retorting “There you go again!” The response became an instant classic, and Reagan used it again to disarm an attack during the next election.

Reagan also displayed his trademark wit when responding to attacks from his opponents that he was too old to be president. When he got the question about his age during one of the debates, Reagan turned it on its head. “I will not make age an issue in this campaign,” he said, adding “I will not exploit, for political

purposes, my opponent’s youth and inexperience.” The crowd erupted in laughter and applause while Reagan calmly took a sip of water. He would go on to an electoral landslide that fall.

Remember though, that it’s easy to take ridicule too far. If your humor is too biting or harsh, it can make you look bad or encourage people to look sympathetically at your opponents.

Find the right balance, and ridicule can be the most effective tool in your activist toolkit.



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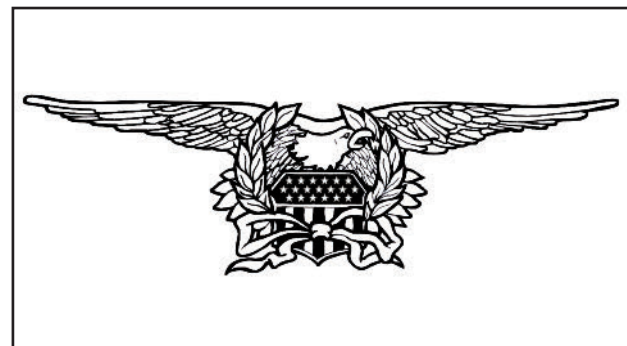
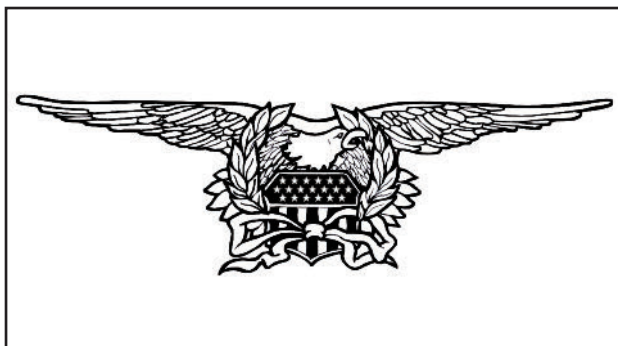
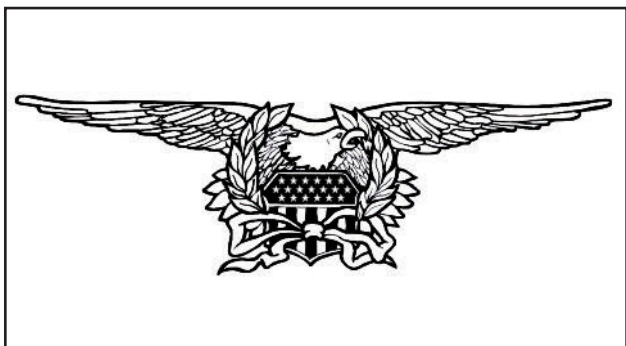
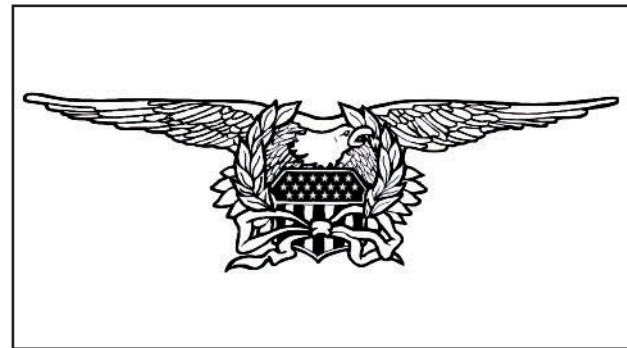
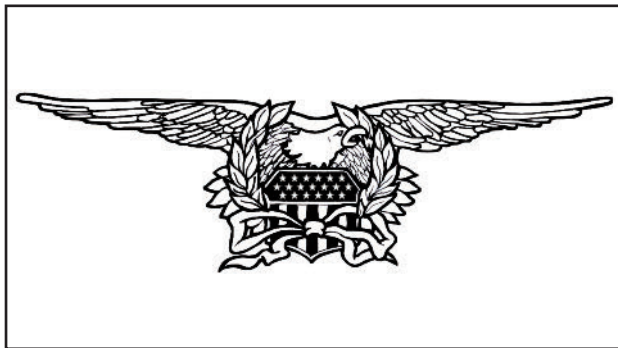
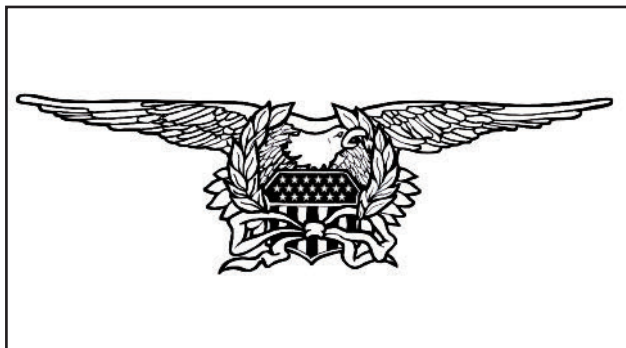
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## April 2019

4/3-7 Arizona Bike Week

4/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by The Fallen. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613

5/3-5, 2019 Wild in the Weeds with ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter.

Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Mile Post 262 Hwy 188, Tonto Basin AZ. Music by 'Unchained'. Games, raffles, wet-T contest, silent auction... ABATE members \$15/sgl, \$25/cpl; non-members \$25 & \$35. Memberships available. FMI: CC 928-476-1955

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5/18 {Sat} Victory For the Veterans on the SS Lane Victory, hosted by Soldiers For Jesus MC. Benefit from 10a-5pm at 3600 Miner St, San Pedro, CA. All proceeds go to Cal Vet Veterans Home in Barstow CA. Sponsored by Law Tigers. \$15/pp, 12&under free includes Ship Museum, live music, raffles, 50/50, & more. Food vendors on site. FMI: 951-415-9642, 909-496-7208, 951-334-7782

## Legislative Director Update (continued)

communication devices while operating a motor vehicle is not subject to further regulation by a county, municipality or other political subdivision, and any regulations in violation of this prohibition, whether enacted before or after January 1, 2021, are void. Session law authorizes enforcement of local laws regulating the use of portable wireless communication devices through December 31, 2020. Additionally, while a person is driving a motor vehicle and the motor vehicle is in motion on a public roadway or on an off-highway vehicle trail, the person is pro-

hibited from watching a video or movie on a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device, and from recording or broadcasting a video on a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device. Some exceptions. Emergency clause. AS PASSED SENATE.

Passed the Senate with a 20-10 vote and passed the House Transportation Committee 5-1-0-1.

SB1258 class M driver licenses; applica-

bility

Excludes a motorcycle with at least three wheels, a three-point safety belt, bucket or bench seats and that is fully enclosed or uses a roll cage from class M licensing applicability.

Passed a Senate floor vote 30-0 and House Transportation 7-0 but was stricken from House consent calendar by Representative Bolding.





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## Ethanol



By Kong, Leathernecks MC

Being from the Midwest I was curious why a lot of what used to be pastureland was now plowed under. I remember walking thru parts of what used to be pastures to herd in my Grandparents milk cows. As I rode thru different areas, I noticed it wasn't just my pasture that had been plowed under. I learned how to ride motorcycles the same way a lot of people learn to ride, on a dirt bike ripping thru pastures. I know times change and I'm cool with that, but it made me wonder. Then the President signed an Executive Order extending the use of ethanol, it made more sense. To till up non-money-making pastures to grow more corn for ethanol, I'm not a "tree-hugger," but that seemed wrong to me. With \$15 trillion in subsidies to grow more corn, it made

sense economically. With 7% of corn in 2001 and 30% in 2010, it made sense. Conservation tilling has been practiced successfully for 40 years but outside the corn belt. Then there are more factors to consider: higher blends increase air pollution with significant increases in asthma and other ozone related health problems; California Air Resources Board 2009 full climate impact to consider indirect land use on expanded crops and deforestation for demands which I mentioned earlier. Along with studies that show in areas that have higher blends available there is a loss in bee populations which affect other plants.

We have all heard the stories about how this affects small engines. Modern car manufactures have vehicles that can use this type of fuel. Even though many have

some skepticism on the validity of this fuel, the problem is with the fuel itself. The fact that it absorbs water and breaks down within 3 weeks, motorcycles often set for long periods of time. When water gets into the system that creates another sort of problem, granted we live in a desert. What about the winters here?

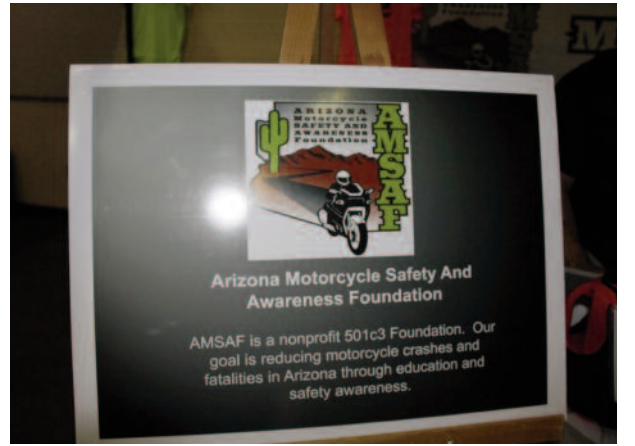
We get rain and dew that's water that affects our systems., Mmost people that ride can't afford to replace fuel systems every year. With water in the system that leads to an increase in fuel deficiency. Which leads to lack of power and performance, we want our bikes to do more than look good. There is also an increase in fuel pressure when it starts getting hot. Engine performance continues to be a problem with the fact that there is less energy available. There is 33% less ener-

gy content then gas leading to more fuel deficiencies. Damage to sensors, gumming up injectors, pre-ignition knock, this can lead to hard starting and lower MPG's. That means having to stop more often to fill up, more money out of our pockets. State laws differ and some refuse to inform consumers about improper blending. The blend may be different than what's posted on the pump, if there is a posting on the pump.

Methanol is a cheaper alternative. Sugar is a better source of ethanol but not grown here. This might be something we as Citizens need to look into!

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## Outlaws Motorcycle Club leader's funeral set for Montgomery Co. fairgrounds

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

'Taco' Bowman was president of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club.

DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN) – Harry Joseph "Taco" Bowman, the former president of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club who was on the FBI's top ten most wanted fugitive's list, will have his funeral on Saturday at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

Bowman's funeral is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. A procession from the fairgrounds to Bear Creek Cemetery on North Union Road in Madison Twp. will begin at 12 p.m.

Sheriff's Deputies will be shutting down

North Union Road to Hoover Avenue in Trotwood for the funeral.

Additionally, deputies will also partially close down Infirmity Road from the Montgomery County fairgrounds to SR-35 for the procession.

Montgomery County Sheriff Rob Streck said officers are not expecting any safety issues but given the size of the crowd and the reputation of the group, they do have contingency plans in place.

"There's always concerns when you have get large groups of people who have been known to be violent. They do not try to hide that fact," Streck said. "(But) We don't have any chatter of suspected vio-

lence, we don't have any indications that other clubs are going to try and cause trouble at the event."

Bowman, who was serving a life sentence in federal prison, died on Sunday at the Federal Medical Center in North Carolina. He was 69 years old.

According to the Detroit News, Bowman was considered one of the most infamous motorcycle gang leaders in U.S. history. The Outlaws were rivals to the Hell's Angels.

Bowman was placed on the FBI's Most Wanted List in 1998, interrupting what had been a relatively low profile kept by Bowman while serving as leader of the

Outlaws.

In 2001, he was convicted in a Federal court in Florida of the murders of several rival gang members, firebombings, racketeering and conspiracy among other charges. He was sentenced to two life sentences plus 83 years.

Bowman had a long-running feud with Hell's Angels leader Sonny Barger over which gang was superior.

Several members of the Outlaws were previously interned at Bear Creek Cemetery.

## California: Anti-Gun Joint Resolution Passes Assembly Public Safety Committee

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

March 12, the Assembly Public Safety Committee was scheduled to hear anti-gun bills, AB 12, AB 276 and AJR 5. AB 12 and AB 276 were both pulled from the agenda and are expected to be rescheduled for a later date. AJR 5 passed by the Committee and is eligible for third reading on the Assembly floor at any time.

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<https://act.nra.org/actions/campaigns/5874>

Assembly Joint Resolution 5, sponsored by Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D-59) would urge the federal government to adopt universal firearm laws using California as an

example. California is far from the example when it comes to firearm laws. Lawful gun owners must navigate a maze of gun laws that are ever changing. Each year the legislature considers numerous proposals that continue to place additional restrictions and costs on lawful gun owners while ignoring the fact that criminals are already ignoring the hundreds of laws on the books.

Continue to check your inbox and the California Stand and Fight webpage for updates on issues impacting your Second Amendment rights and hunting heritage in California.

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## From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman  
These are exciting times to be involved in ABATE of Arizona. Our second new chapter in less than a year is starting in Apache Junction (the new Superstition Chapter will be on the road any day now). Our Legislative Team is firing on all cylinders thanks to Mike Infanzon. Jim Silk and his brother Joe are doing great things with the Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP).

And all of this is made possible by our members. Each and every one of you makes a difference daily.

I could not be prouder of our organization than I am right now. But, we can do even better.

While Mike Infanzon and Jim Silk are working so hard, it is up to us to have their backs. In the case of the Legislative goals, this involves things as simple as signing up for the State of Arizona RTS system and clicking “thumbs up” or “thumbs down” on legislation Mike and his team are following/working on at the appropriate times (Mike will let you know when and can help you get signed up – ask your chapter PAC Officer). In the more extreme cases you may be asked to make phone calls or send emails supporting or denouncing certain legislation depending on what it is about. Or, maybe just taking a morning off to show-up at the Capitol for Motorcycle Day at

the Dome or other rallies we might need to hold there. What I’m talking about is participation at whatever level you can. Being involved, even slightly, helps all of us.

Then there is the other half of the house. Let me simply ask you a question. What have you done lately to make motorcycling safer? I’m not talking about volunteering to do a MAP presentation (although that would be AWESOME and if you can, let your chapter Safety Officer know and s/he can hook you up). I’m talking about things as simple as putting a “Look Twice For Motorcycles” bumper sticker on your car or truck. Have you ever said “watch out for motorcycles” to someone when hanging up the phone? (I have and it gets their attention. Try it.) There are always things we can do even if we cannot do the larger things.

Sometimes a lot of small things is more important than one big thing.

So, participate, at whatever level you can, in whatever way you can. ALL of it helps! And please know that we appreciate you. Each and every member is making a difference.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in Bullhead City, home of the newly formed Mohave Chapter, at the Loyal Order of Moose lodge, 2620 Miracle Mile, Bullhead City, AZ 86442 on March 24th at 1 PM. The meeting is open to members and non-members alike.

Until then, Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed!

## No MC Colors Allowed in Idaho Senate for Profiling Bill Vote

<http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

On Monday March 4th, 2019 members of the motorcycle club community were victims of unconstitutional discrimination inside the Idaho State Capitol when they were told by Capitol Security personnel that they would have to remove their motorcycle club colors if they wanted to enter the Senate chambers to observe a floor vote on S 1109, a bill prohibiting motorcycle profiling. These individuals (one a member of the Brother Speed MC and one an associate of the Vagos MC) also participate in ABATE, the primary grassroots group lobbying for a law in Idaho, and complied in order to watch the vote. ABATE of Idaho responded by sending a cease and desist request to every legislator in Boise on Friday, March 8th, 2019.

### Constitutional Issues

ABATE’s letter to Legislators reads: “Any government agent denying an individual access to Senate Chambers because they are wearing motorcycle club colors is a clear violation of speech, association and due process rights protected by the US Constitution. Motorcycle club colors are First Amendment protected expression and wearing motorcycle club colors is considered expressive conduct, particularly when that expression is political.”

Bree Walker, representing ABATE of Idaho, reported to the MPP that she talked with the Capitol Security Officer that denied MC members wearing colors access on March 4th and confirmed that the Idaho Senate Sergeant at Arms; Sarah Jane McDonald, [ssgt@senate.idaho.gov](mailto:ssgt@senate.idaho.gov),

(208) 332-1400, was responsible for giving the order.

“Motorcycle profiling and discrimination have literally followed motorcyclists inside the Idaho State Capitol, a place where freedom of expression in a free society is supposed to be paramount, while participating in the democratic process to address issues of profiling and discrimination. Unfortunately, S 1109, a simple measure codifying Constitutional principles, fell one floor vote shy of passing.”

“Denying access to individuals because they are wearing motorcycle club colors exposes the government officials involved to potential civil liability under 42 USC Section 1983 for violations of the First and Fourteenth Amendments.”

### Cease and Desist Request

ABATE of Idaho sent a letter to all state Senators and Representatives requesting “that the Idaho Senate, House of Representatives, and all law enforcement and other personnel involved with Capitol security, take whatever action necessary to guarantee that such unconstitutional acts of discrimination targeting those wearing motorcycle club colors at the Idaho Capitol immediately ceases.”

There is nothing in the Senate Rules that would prohibit motorcycle club colors. That’s freedom of expression. Why would there be?

It appears that evidence of motorcycle profiling in Idaho can no longer be denied.

## Texas Man Charged with Unlawful Carry Solely for Being a Bandido

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The MPP has heavily reported on the recent trend of individuals being arrested for possession of handguns merely for membership in a motorcycle club. This includes individuals with no criminal records and License To Carry holder’s. The MPP has even issued a travel warning to motorcyclists traveling through Texas. One such case against a member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club (Ashley Becker) in Lubbock, TX continues with a refile of charges for Unlawful Carry for mere membership in the club, which authorities label a criminal street gang. Law enforcement and prosecutors should dismiss all such cases in the name of justice because they rely on an unconstitutional application of statute which ignores the basic principle of personal guilt.

### The Details

Texas Penal Code 46.02, the statute prohibiting gang members from carrying weapons, is being misapplied to individuals simply for being members of motorcycle clubs. Take Ashley Becker, who was originally charged with Unlawful Carry and suspicion of possessing a controlled

substance in Lubbock, Texas in 2018. The weapon wasn’t illegal, and no crime was committed. He was arrested under 46.02 for being a Bandido in possession of an otherwise legal weapon. The alleged controlled substance, after being tested multiple times, turned out to be inconclusive.

While prosecutors make no admission that they misapplied statute 46.02, they filed a motion to dismiss. The motion reads, “The interest of justice cannot be served through further proceedings in this matter.”

Although the 2018 indictment was dismissed without prejudice, on February 9, 2019 charges were refiled against Becker on the Unlawful Carry charges. The affidavit identifies Becker’s membership in the Bandidos as the only probable cause for arrest.

### Authorities persist despite absurd, unconstitutional interpretation of law.

Despite the fact that their interpretation of statute is unconstitutional and in violation of established state and federal rules of evidence, law enforcement and prosecutors persist in wasting public resources

targeting individuals like Becker for participating in Constitutionally protected expression and association. This absurd interpretation of 46.02 would mean that carrying a weapon is unlawful for any individual that is a member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club, with no other evidence, even with a License to Carry.

“If this seems outrageous, your instincts are correct. The MPP, after conducting cursory research on 46.02, has identified precedent, Ex Parte Flores 483 SW 3d 632 (2015), that clearly articulates how law enforcement is currently misinterpreting and misapplying Texas statute in violation of the basic rules of evidence and the US Constitution.”

“Law Enforcement and prosecutors should immediately cease and desist misapplying Texas statute. Applying Texas Penal Code 46.02 to members of clubs with no criminal records, and even LTC’s, would chill 1st Amendment Association and ignore the doctrine of personal guilt, “a cornerstone of American Jurisprudence.”

In the name of justice, prosecutors in Lubbock should again file a motion to dis-

miss all charges against Becker, this time with prejudice. Furthermore, prosecutors and law enforcement in El Paso, Dallas, and across the state of Texas should follow suite.

### After motorcycle clubs, who’s next?

Everyone should ask themselves, “After motorcycle clubs, who’s next?” Every large identifiable group has individuals that have committed crimes. Should your civil liberties be taken based on the actions of other individuals you associate with even if you had no involvement in criminal activity?

The blatant attempt to disarm the entire community regardless of an individual’s personal involvement in criminal activity will not stop with motorcycle clubs if authorities are successful. Every American should be deeply concerned about this assault on basic civil liberties. Unpopular speech, including unpopular association, is the most important speech to protect. Or so long has held the Supreme Court.

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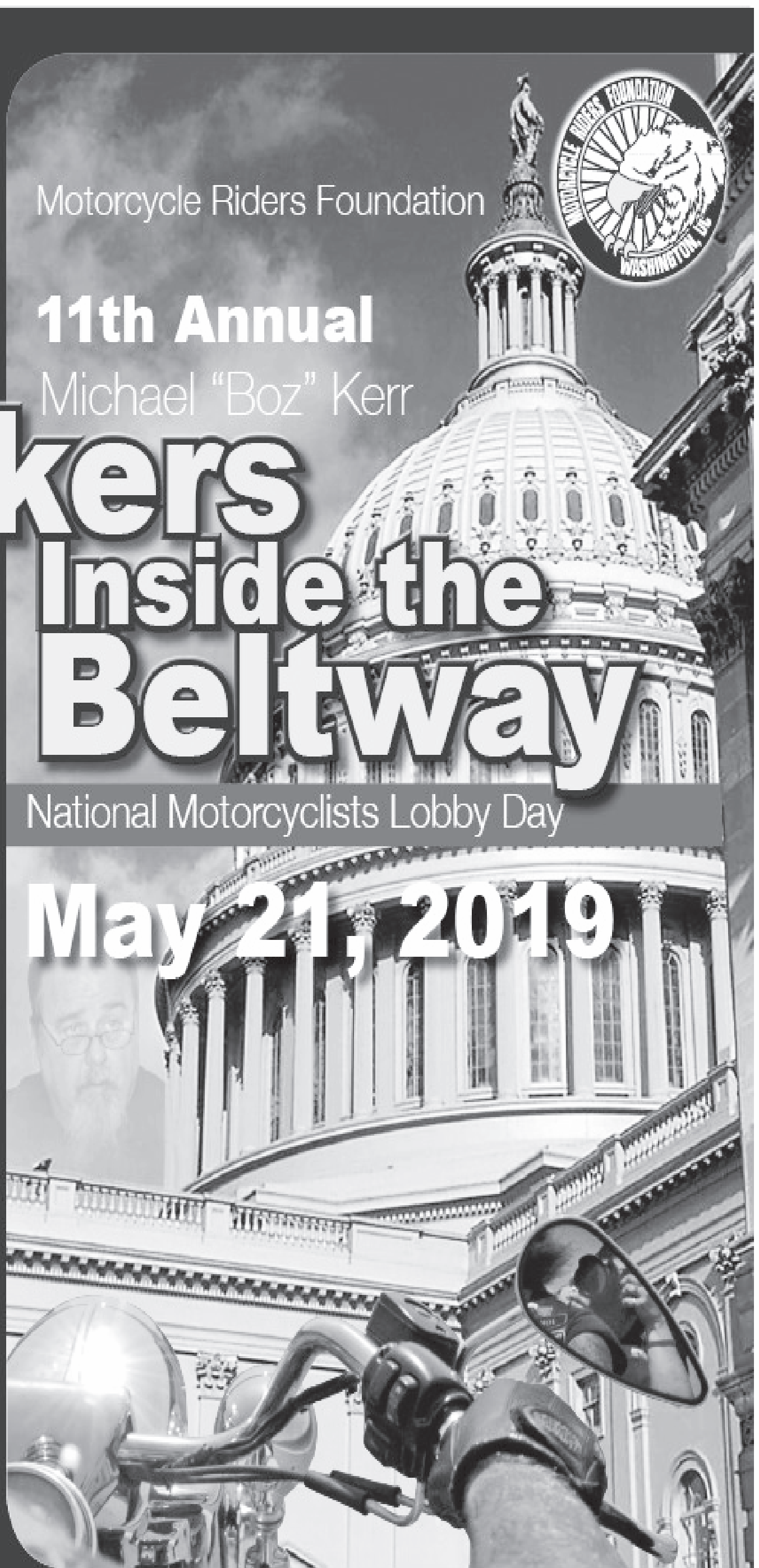
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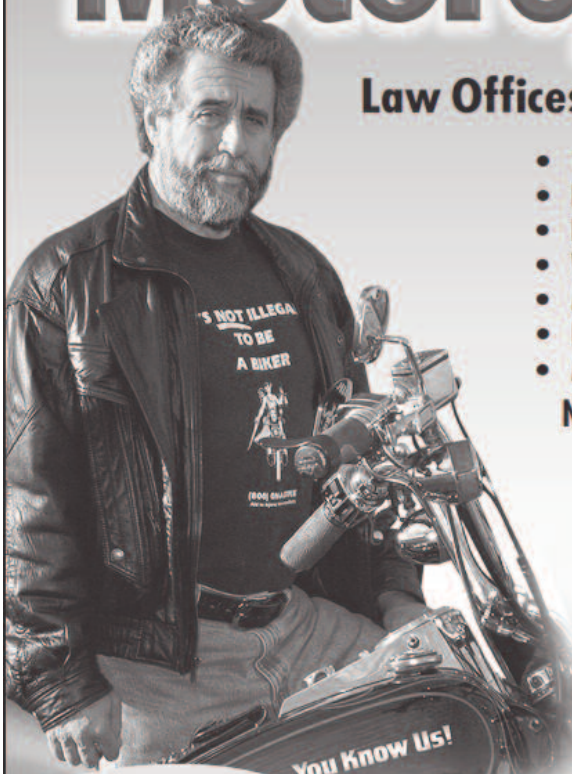
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RIDE SMART M/C TRAINING	<a href="#">View</a>	PHOENIX	85023	MARICOPA	<a href="#">Click Here</a>	(623) 877-5425
T.E.A.M. Arizona - Chandler/Gilbert	<a href="#">View</a>	GILBERT	85233	MARICOPA	<a href="#">Click Here</a>	(480) 998-9888
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**National Legislative Hot Line - (800) 300-NCOM**  
24-Hr. Motorcycle Legislative Alerts

**National Coalition of Motorcyclists NCOM- (800) 525-5355**  
Fighting for Bikers Rights

**Confederation of Clubs. - (800) 531-2424**  
Motorcycle Clubs Fighting Against Discrimination

**Motorcycle Riders Foundation**  
**Washington D.C. Office**  
**(202) 546-0983**

## Motorcycles Stolen at Daytona Bike Week in Florida

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Someone stole the 26" wheel off this motorcycle in Daytona.

Complete motorcycles were also stolen.

John Rogue is going to try and find out how many motorcycles were stolen this year if he can.

The Motorcycle Task Force is usually in town supposedly looking for stolen motorcycles, wonder if they found any.

How much tax payer money is spent sending the task force to motorcycle events and what is their success rate if anything?



## Dollar and Thrifty Customers, Find Out If You Are Eligible for a Refund of Florida Rental Car Toll Fees

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In September 2014, the National Motorists Association sent a letter of complaint to then-Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi about predatory practices by rental car companies in the state related to toll service charges. The NMA letter included a petition calling for reform and compensation signed by several hundred association members.

The Consumer Protection Division (CPD) of the Florida Attorney General's Office launched an investigation and agreed with our assessment of systemic abuses of motorists. The CPD previously notified the NMA that it had reached a settlement with Avis, Budget, and Payless, a fact that we documented in NMA E-Newsletter #461 and in a national email alert to members in November 2017. Eligible claims against those three rental car companies had to be filed by January 7, 2018.

Laura Boeckman of the CPD recently notified the NMA that an out-of-court settlement has been reached with the Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group in which DTAG has agreed to make significant changes in how the toll fees it charges are disclosed to customers. It also agreed to provide refunds of its toll fees and PlatePass charges to eligible consumers who were charged fees by Dollar or Thrifty between January 1, 2011 and January 7, 2019.

If you rented a vehicle in Florida from Dollar or Thrifty during that time period and incurred toll fees and/or PlatePass charges from either of those agencies, you may request a refund by submitting a claim form. The form and information about the settlement can be found here. Please note that refund claims must be submitted by July 7, 2019.

In her letter to the NMA, Ms. Boeckman noted:

"We share the concerns you and your organization expressed in your previous correspondence to us and are seeking to ensure that individuals that may have been charged these toll fees and PlatePass charges by Dollar or Thrifty during the above-noted timeframe and without proper disclosure have an opportunity to seek refunds. We therefore ask that you assist us by sharing this information with your members so that as many eligible consumers as possible can apply for refunds before the July 7, deadline."

We'll take that a step further. Share this NMA e-newsletter with others in your social and business networks. Everyone who was victimized by the toll-service practices of Dollar or Thrifty in Florida during the prescribed period should seek restitution per the settlement negotiated by the Consumer Protection Division of Florida's Office of the Attorney General.

### ATTENTION ALL RIDERS

It has come to our attention that business establishments in Arizona may still be discriminating against motorcyclists. Please carry copies of this form with you at all times. Discrimination can range from a sign stating "No Colors" or "No Motorcycle Parking" or "No Motorcycle Attire" etc., to simply being asked to leave a place of business, just because you are on a motorcycle or because of your riding attire. If anything like this happens to you, PLEASE fill out this form in its entirety and send it to the address below. Your lobbyist cannot get sponsorship for "equal access" legislation, without evidence of this type of discrimination.

#### Documentation of Discrimination

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS - FULL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME / POSITION OF PERSON ENFORCING POLICY: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION (use back if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* INCLUDE ANY PICTURES OF DISCRIMINATING SIGNS POSTED \*\*\*

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## Yamaha Expects India to Become its Largest Production Base in 5 yrs

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Markets in Indonesia, Vietnam saturating; India priority No. 1, says top executive.

Japanese auto major Yamaha Motor Company (YMC) expects India to overtake Indonesia to emerge as its largest base in terms of production output in the next five years.

"India sells more than 20 million two-wheelers annually and the numbers are growing. Our company's market share is in single digits. We want to improve this. There is a lot of opportunity," says Yamaha India Chairman Shitara.

Two-wheeler sales in India increased 6.95% to 19,740,727 units till February this fiscal. In the same period, India Yamaha Motor's sales remained largely flat at around 732,006 units. The company additionally exported 226,010 units.

Yamaha Motor India's group chairman Motofumi Shitara was speaking on the sidelines of the launch of MT-15 priced at ₹1.36 lakh (ex-showroom, Delhi).

"India is priority number one for us worldwide. We aim to have production volume of 2.5 million units in India in the next five years," he said.

Going ahead, Shitara said the company would steer clear of the mass segment and focus on launching premium motorcycles in the domestic market. The company has also commenced a study on introducing electric two-wheelers in India.

Shitara is currently defining the mid-term roadmap for the company till 2025 to lay the foundation on how the brand Yamaha takes shape the country. Apart from growing volumes, Shitara said a focus area for him is to project a strong image for the Yamaha brand in the local market.

Yamaha MT-15 was launched on Friday – a 155cc bike with liquid-cooled four-stroke engine mated to a six-speed transmission. MT-15 is priced at Rs 1.36 lakh ex-showroom. It has ABS and fuel injected variable valve actuation (VBA).

On the idea of electric motorcycles, the Yamaha Chairman says – "Three points are important, one is performance. Second, is price control. And third, infrastructure for battery charging. These three issues we should answer (for electric vehicles to take off)", Shitara said.



## Ohio House Votes To Withhold Speed Camera Cash

<https://www.thenewspaper.com>

House-passed Ohio transportation funding bill would withhold some state cash from big cities that use speed cameras.

Bill Seitz

The Ohio state House of Representatives on Thursday voted 71 to 27 to approve a broad package of transportation measures designed, among other things, to discourage some use of speed cameras. The measure, which has yet to be considered in the state Senate, replaces administrative hearings for photo tickets with trials that would be heard in an actual court, with the locality footing the bill

for the court fees in advance.

Similar language was introduced last year by House Majority Leader Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati), though it never made it into law despite overwhelming House passage. Under his revised proposal, municipalities using cameras would still have to file an annual report to the state tax commissioner documenting how much cash the town's private photo ticketing vendor has collected from motorists. The state would then deduct that amount from state aid payments to the city or town and direct the cash to a state fund dedicated to "enhance public safety" on roads and highways, except the revised measure exempts speed camera tickets from the

revenue total if they are issued near a "school zone." The bill also prohibits townships from setting up camera traps on interstates.

The measure would have no practical effect on small town speed traps. Newburgh Heights, for instance, has a population of 2167, yet it made \$1 million a year from speed camera fines, but the town is only scheduled to receive \$61,263 in state aid. Likewise, Brice risks losing \$9969 if it keeps the photo ticketing program that has brought in \$1.8 million in profit. Larger cities like Toledo, however, risk losing \$2.3 million out of a \$7.6 million aid payment.

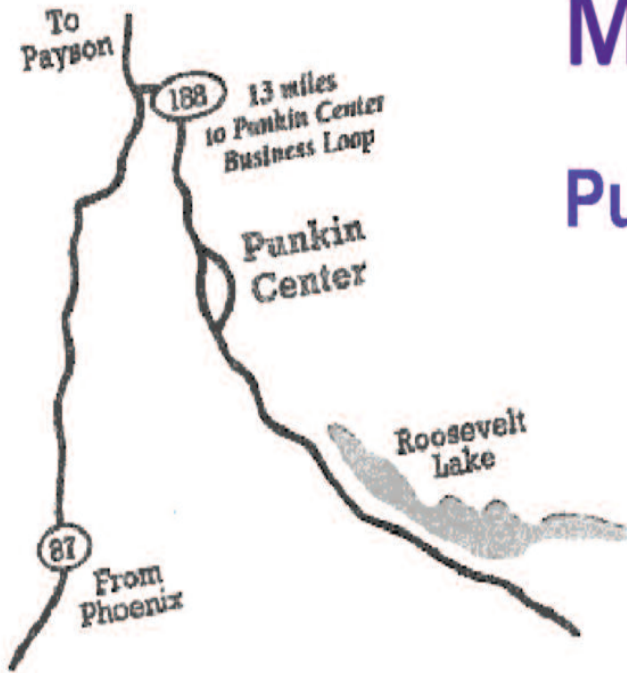
The transportation package passed last week also includes a 10.7 cent increase in the gas tax. It lets the Ohio Department of Transportation selectively lower the speed limit on any highway in the state by installing electronic speed limit signs.

The bill also includes a few pro-motorist provisions. The legislation would add Ohio to the list of nineteen states that have done away with the need to install a front license plate. If enacted, motorcyclists would no longer be cited for wearing earplugs to protect their hearing while riding.

# All Bikes - All Riders

## Wild in the Weeds Motorcycle Rally

### May 3, 4 & 5, 2019



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**Bike & People Games - \$500 Raffle**

**\$\$ Wet T-Shirt Contest \$\$**

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