

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?



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Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

Every year I reflect on the previous years goals and objectives to see where when accomplished things, areas that need improvement and to set the goals of the legislative team for the upcoming year.

So often people ask why they should join ABATE of Arizona. Here are just a few reasons why it is important as a motorcyclist to be a member and support ABATE of Arizona.

Over the past 4 years, we:

- Met with City officials to make sure ABATE/ACMC members were not being discriminated because of being a motorcyclist

- Presented our “Motorcyclist 101” presentation to Mayor, city manager, chief of police and police captain.
- Drafted and introduced and passed anti-profiling legislation
- Drafted and introduced Class M license requirement to register a motorcycle
- Reworded texting bill to protect motorcyclists from unwarranted searches of their phones
- Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill (ABATE, MMA, ACMC, MRF and COIR)
- Stopped the adoption of California emissions standards in Arizona in committee
- Helped pass “Pam’s Law” – Aggravating factor for injuries to pedestrians and motorcyclists by distracted and DUI offenders
- Expanded our Motorcycle Awareness Program (abateofaz.us)
- Three years of a Legislative Scorecard
- Published a State Motorcycle Voter Guide for the first time
- Successfully lobbied all GOP US Representatives and one Democrat to sign on to co-sponsor federal anti-profiling resolution
- Voter Registration Drives which registered over 400 new voters and helped over 50 motorcyclists get their voting rights restored through the Arizona Motorcycle Voter Project (azmvp.org) and Arizona Constitutional Freedom Project (azcfp.org)
- Get out the Vote drive with #iridevotedevote, neighborhood walks, events and

social media campaigns

- Successful Motorcycle Day at the Dome events at the state capital for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month (ABATE, MMA, ACMC and MRF Reps)
- Statewide (Governor and State Senate) proclamations and multiple cities/municipalities proclaiming May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month
- Hosted multiple Legislative Town Halls across the state
- Built multiple legislative coalitions with several chambers of commerce
- Hydration station over holiday weekends for motorcycle awareness – water bottle and swag given away to thousands of motorists

There are host of other things we have done for motorcyclists around the state not directly affiliated with motorcycling. Gun rights, veterans, zoning issues, noise laws, flagpole HOA issue, property taxes, etc.

This is the work we put in so that we can have fun with events like chili cook offs, weekend camping trips, Wild in the Weeds, Moon 100 Miler, Hard Ass Run, Backstage Biker Bash, poker runs, toy runs, and of course Too Broke for Sturgis.

We put in the work for freedom so that freedom can ring. Freedom is a team sport. Join the team. Mike

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Quarterly Board meetings are held on the first Sunday in January, April, July and October at 1:00pm @ the AZ American-Italian Club, We have a new mailing address: ABATE of AZ, 7000 N 16th Street, Suite 120 #434, Phoenix, AZ 85020

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

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

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Coordinator.....Anissa Huntington
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 Secretary.....Julie Salisbury
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 Run Coordinator.....Gizmo Bob Welton
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 Sgt. At Arms.....J.D. Dare & Steve Salisbury
 P.A.C.....William Cleveland
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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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465 E Liana Dr. Chino Valley, AZ 86323

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

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11316 S. Glenwood Ave. Yuma, AZ 85367

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 Run Coordinator.....Jerry Allison
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 Sgt. At Arms.....Jerry Allison
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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.

Mohave Chapter

1451 E. Ruby Trail Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

Coordinator.....Tom Aydt
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 Membership.....Cynde Aydt

Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month 10:00 AM at: VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 86413

Superstition Chapter

Coordinator.....Marc Schultz
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 Treasurer.....Tiffanie Rigby

We meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 5 PM at the VFW POST 7968, 250 S Phelps Dr. in Apache Junction, AZ 85120. You do not have to be a member to attend so come on by and say hello. Riders of all types of bikes, and even non-riders, are always welcome.

Masterlink is the monthly publication of ABATE of Arizona, which is a motorcycle rights organization.

The purpose of the Masterlink is to provide you, the reader, with access to information that supports the mission of ABATE of Arizona, which is essentially to promote motorcyclists and motorcycling in a safe and positive manner through education and legislation. Anyone may submit an article or advertisement for publication.

However, the Editorial Board of the Masterlink reserves the right to exercise their discretion regarding content in the publication, which means an article or advertisement may not be published if the Editorial Board considers the material inappropriate for, or if space requirements do not allow for, publication in the Masterlink.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If any of the Officers are listed here incorrectly, please send corrections to: TheMasterlink@abateofaz.org
 I will be sure everything is accurate for the next Issue and on the web site.

News from the MRF

100 and Counting

We've hit an important milestone in our push to pass H. Res 255 the motorcyclists profiling resolution in the House of Representatives. This week we gained our 100th co-sponsor, which means that nearly 25% of the House of Representatives is now on the record standing with the motorcycle community. It's an excellent time to take a look inside the numbers and talk about the diversity of U.S. Representatives that support us.

We have bipartisan support with 59 Republicans and 41 Democrats on the

resolution

We have at least one member from 37 different states and American Samoa

We have the Dean of the House, the longest-serving Congressman, Rep. Young (Alaska) and the second longest-serving member Rep. Sensenbrenner (Wisconsin)

We have 12 Freshman Congressman

We have the highest-ranking Republican on the Transportation Committee, Rep. Graves (Missouri)

We have two former law enforcement officials Rep. Higgins (Louisiana) and Rep Stauber (Minnesota)

We have the Chairman of the Freedom Caucus Rep. Biggs (Arizona), and 12 members of the caucus which is the most conservative group in Congress

We have the Chairman of the Progressive Caucus Rep. Pocan (Wisconsin) and 15 members of the caucus which is the most liberal group in

Congress

We have the Chairman of the Blue Dog Caucus Rep. Brindisi (New York) the caucus for moderate Democrats

We have 13 members of the Main Street Partnership the caucus for moderate Republicans

We have 4 members of the Congressional Black Caucus

We have 9 members of the Judiciary Committee who have jurisdiction over the resolution

What does all this mean? It means that we have an amazingly diverse set of lawmakers that have decided to stand with us on the issue of profiling. Whether they be Republican or Democrat, west coast or east coast, newly elected or long-serving, they have all gone on record against the profiling of motorcyclists.

How did we do this? We have used every

tool in the motorcyclists toolbox to gain support. MRF members flooded Congressional mailboxes with letters using our CQ "Call to Action" software in April. In May, MRF members roamed the halls of Congress and met with staff and lawmakers during Bikers Inside the Beltway. Since Bikers Inside the Beltway, the DC team has done 193 in-person meetings on Capitol Hill about this issue.

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Mission Statement

We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

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

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President's Report



By Jim Butsback

Greetings to all of my fellow ABATE of Arizona members. As I sit to write this report I am taking time to reflect on the last 4 years that I have served you as President of this amazing organization. It has been a great experience and I

thank all of you for your support and also for your patience as we went through some trying times. I am happy to report my health has improved but I still have a way to go.

As I write this it is Mid-November and Thanksgiving is only two weeks away. By the time it is published Thanksgiving will be past and I hope everyone had a great holiday and were able to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the holiday and give thanks for all we have. I also hope that all those less fortunate were in your thoughts and prayers. There are many events during the holiday season to support our fellow man. There are many toy drives and parades, food drives, clothing drives and other outpourings of generosity that come from the motorcycling community. I see more of these types of events supported by motorcyclists than any other groups that I know of. It should make all of us proud to be involved with this community.

By the time this goes to publication all of our Chapters should have completed their elections and the State Membership Meeting and Elections will have taken place. Our organization can only exist because of the dedication and hard work of volunteers. Without members to step up to officer positions our organization would fail to even exist. I wish to thank all of the newly elected officers in all of the Chapters around our state for all that you do and for stepping up to serve. I also would like to thank all of the outgoing officers for the time that they dedicated and all the hard work that it takes. I also want to thank the State Officers that have served with me and all the members of the Board of Directors; it takes a lot to run an organization like ours.

At this time of year most of us are attending many different events. Whether you are attending with your Chapter members or with another group

or your family, we would love to know who and what events you are supporting. Please take a few photos and write a short article about the event. Send those into the Masterlink so we may publish them. Not only do people like to see their pictures in the paper but the added publicity may help the event to grow.

Once again I would like to thank all the members of ABATE of Arizona for allowing me the honor to serve and represent you. It has been an amazing ride! I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday season no matter how you personally choose to celebrate, may you and all of those you love and care about be happy and healthy. Happy New Year to all!

Ride Free! I will see you on the road!
Jim

Aurora's self-driving system needed more motorcycle experience. So a biker club helped out

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

by Sasha Lekach from <https://mashable.com>

The San Francisco chapter of the Iron Order Motorcycle Club doesn't usually concern itself much with self-driving cars, but autonomous vehicle company Aurora recently spent the day driving around with the club's bikers.

Aurora, the company co-founded by former Tesla Autopilot head Sterling Anderson, is developing an autonomous driving system it calls Aurora Driver. That system, like all self-driving programs, needs practice on the road, whether that's in autonomous mode logging real-world miles on public roads, in a computer simulation, or being manually driven. Its perception system is taking in everything around it: pedestrians, bicycles, other cars,

trucks, delivery vans, e-scooters, errant shopping carts, construction crews, and, yes, motorcycles. That data is used to predict and react to future scenarios on the road.

Motorcycle sightings aren't rare, but to make sure the machines were more familiar and comfortable around this specific vehicle Aurora needed to devote a machine-learning day to this one vehicle type.

So the perception team gathered a group of six motorcyclists to simply drive around the Aurora vehicles. (Aurora isn't developing the actual cars, but the tech that will work in a car to make it drive autonomously). The cars were in manual mode for the motorcycle testing since it just needed to collect the data. The motorcycle club brought some volunteers and even some Aurora employees and one employee's dad

came out to ride the motorcycles.

Being a tech company, Motorcycle Learning Day (that's what I've dubbed the special motorcycle event) wasn't a free-for-all with revving and vrooming around. The data team wanted to collect specific information from a variety of scenarios that autonomous cars are likely to encounter in the real world.

First up was testing different "positions," meaning motorcycles in the same lane as the car, in front of, behind, or next to the car. Then it was "approaches:" Oncoming motorcycles are different than motorcycles passing from behind. Motorcycles also ride in front of cars.

Motorcycles are quick and nimble, so the autonomous vehicle experienced different scenarios where the motorcycle approached in different ways (from behind,

oncoming, in front) at different speeds. The cars also practiced stopping with a motorcycle in front, since that's a different experience than with a sedan or other cars.

For the motorcycle aficionados with strong allegiances to certain brands, the best part was testing out on different types of motorcycles: an Indian Motorcycle, four Harley-Davidsons, a KTM sports dirt bike, and a Yamaha cruiser bike all rode around the autonomous cars. The best autonomous vehicles will know their Harleys from their Yamahas.

Motorcycle Learning Day wasn't a one-and-done deal — the self-driving cars are never done learning, but this was like a mega-study session. Now the system has a robust data set about motorcycles and anything that looks and acts like a motorcycle on the road.

News from the MRF (continued)

It's not an exaggeration to say almost every member of the House of Representatives has heard about this issue from us.

Why is this important? In order for our resolution to be voted on, we need to demonstrate to Congressional leadership that it has broad based support. The easiest way to show that is by driving cosponsors to the resolution and having members of Congress attach their name to it.

Our initial goal was to double the 37 cosponsors we had during the last Congress. Once we hit that goal, we were told by our champions that getting to 100 would be an important benchmark. Well, we hit that and continue to run up our numbers.

While we will continue to educate lawmakers on the issue of motorcyclist profiling, we have asked Rep. Walberg and his staff to start pressing for a vote on the resolution. We have several other allies that have offered to help push our case, and we are hopeful that our hard work will be rewarded with an official vote and

passage of this resolution. We will be relentless in our advocacy on this issue and will not rest until the House of Representatives joins the Senate and passes H. Res 255.=

RPM Act Introduced in the Senate

On Wednesday, Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) along with 24 (YES, 24!) other original cosponsors re-introduced S. 2602, Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2019 (RPM Act), which will exclude vehicles to be used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes. As you may remember, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation along with a dozen other organizations teamed up with the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) during the 115th Congress in promoting the passage of this legislation which would exempt you from the provisions of the Clean Air Act which makes it illegal for you to turn a street-legal vehicle or motorcycle into performance race vehicle. The legislation took

some time to be introduced during this Congress due to some changes to the previous version of the bill. One of those changes would ensure this legislation would be in effect immediately after passage and would protect the racers, consumers and aftermarket industry for using or producing, selling, and/or distributing emissions-related race parts for use on vehicles used exclusively for competition while the EPA writes regulations.

The majority staff of the House Energy and Commerce Committee is still reviewing the changes to the language, but we anticipate the companion house bill will be introduced in the coming weeks. We ask you to be ready for a future call to action for the RPM Act once the House version is released.

State News – ABATE of Wisconsin sends call to action to oppose the use of blender pumps

The MRF has been working with our SMRO partner, ABATE of Wisconsin, to help them utilize our CQ software to aid

the riders in Wisconsin to engage with their elected state officials to oppose AB 382 and SB 349 which would allow blender pumps to dispense E10 and E15 with a shared hose and nozzle. The use of these blender pumps increases the dangers of misfueling your motorcycle or vehicle at the pump.

To learn more about the issue in Wisconsin, you can reach out to Steve Panten, Legislative Director of ABATE of Wisconsin, by emailing him directly at legis@abatewis.org with your questions.

If you are a rider from Wisconsin, we ask that you click the link below to let your elected officials know that you oppose blender pumps being used in commerce in the state of Wisconsin.

<https://tinyurl.com/WIethanolcalltoaction>

Rocky & Tiffany

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Chapter Reports

East Valley Chapter

Well, the year is almost over and Toy Run season is here. We hope everyone gets out at least some of the toy runs this year.

There will be some big changes for the E.V. chapter in the coming year. We will be blending into the Superstition A.B.A.TE chapter as of January 1st, 2020. We have thought about this for a while and discussed at length before making this decision. With all of the experience that the E.V. chapter has and the enthusiasm that the Superstition chapter has it will be a great fit. I think it will make for a very strong chapter in the easy valley. If you are a member of the East Valley chapter, we will be contacting you about the new chapter.

E.V. chapter will still have our meetings on the 4th Sunday of November and December at DesertWind H-D at 922 S. Country Club in Mesa, AZ.

A big thank you to Matt Brown and Tombstone Brewing Company for all the of support with the Hard Ass Run over the years. We love you Matt.

A special thank you to Patty and Phyllis for handling the secretary duties in Cheryl's absence.

Don't forget to come to Bikes on Main on December 6th and say hello. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ride Hard or Stay Home

Jack Batty
E.V. Coordinator

High Country Chapter

First, everyone here in High Country wants to wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Safe New Year!

First, everyone here in High Country wants to wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Safe New Year!

The money from this fundraiser is used to offset the expenses for Barbie's Toy Run in December. This allows us to contribute 100% of the proceeds from the Toy Run to the children and families of Rim Country that need a little help at Christmas.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank two of our biggest supporters for the annual Toy Drive. KRIM FM 96.3 always gives us air time to explain what we are doing, helps get the word out for the whole month before, and then shows up to provide a DJ for the event. These folks are truly amazing.

Also amazing is Sawmill Theaters. Each year Sawmill Theaters runs our ad for the Toy Drive on every screen of every movie for the entire month before. This is some of the best advertising money could buy and we appreciate them more than they know!

Our next event will be the Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Drive in December and will be held at the Buffalo Bar & Grill in

Payson. There will be music, raffle prizes, a 50/50 (that is usually a big number), silent auction, dancing, great food and cold beer. This is an absolutely free event. Please drop off your new, unwrapped, toys at any of the participating businesses in the area (you cannot miss the collection boxes), or, bring them with you to the event. Music will be provided by KRIM FM 96.3 and probably broadcast live on Facebook.

Remember, you have a permanent invitation to come and see us. If you can, drop by the Moose Lodge in Star Valley a little before 10 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month (except October when we will meet at Tonto Rim Bar & Grill prior to the Chili Cook-Off) and join us for our monthly Chapter Meeting. We would love to see you.

Mohave Chapter

I can't hardly believe that it is time for another chapter report, where does the time go? At our last meeting on October 20 th. we held our our chapter elections for officers for 2020, most positions are unchanged from 2019 with a few new people added to the line up. An exciting happening since our last meeting is the addition of 5 new members. One of the new members, Kimmer Robertson who is in the Fort Mohave area for the winter is also an ABATE member of Minnesota, while we did not know her when we were in Minnesota ABATE there many members back there that all of us know.

On October, 26 th. we had our first fundraiser, a Halloween party that we partnered with VFW Post 2555 in Golden Valley where we hold our monthly meetings. All of us that worked the party felt that it was a success. There was a lot of preparation, work at the party and still a few things to wrap up but it was all a lot of fun and worth the effort. One memorable event that we will not forget was the blindfold pumpkin carving contest, it was a hoot.

Our next meeting in coming up this Saturday, November 17 th. After the meeting we are doing our biannual cleanup of a 2 mile stretch of the Bullhead City Parkway. Following the cleanup we hosting a cookout at our home for people that are working the cleanup. This our 2 nd. cleanup event and I need to be more diligent at taking some pictures, they will be posted on our chapter Facebook page.

Tom Aydt

Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

NO REPORT.

Superstition Chapter

Hello and Good Tidings,

The holidays are upon us. Most of us will be traveling so be aware of those around you, drive safe and ride safe .

This year has been a great one for our Chapter. Things are coming together. We have our first ride The Clinton

Pennington memorial ride behind us with a great turn out. What a wonderful way to remember a fallen rider/brother. We will have chapter shirts hot off the press and ready for sale along with our chapter patches.

The Greatest news so far, The East Valley Chapter will be merging in with us as of January 1st, 2020. This will bring experience to help our chapter be great in 2020. We look forward to working together and having a lot of fun. Please come join us. We will be together at Bikes on Main Dec. 1 at 6:00 pm. McDonald and Main in Mesa, AZ Look for the ABATE pop up. Stop by and say hello.

Our Officers are:

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Marc Schultz
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Reg Vallunga

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Leslie Weinel

Safety Coordinator
Clayton Crull

Merchandise Coordinator
Gynni Giebel

Communications
Susie Grimmer-Potter

and BOD
Coach Pennington.

The following positions are open: Sergeant-At-Arms, Run Coordinator and Political Action Coordinator, if anyone is interested or would like more information Please contact Becky at 480-229-6578 or Marc at 480-765-4079.

Our meetings are the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00p.m. We meet at the VFW Post #7968, 250 S Phelps Dr., Apache Junction, AZ 85120. You do not have to be a member to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

Yavapai ABATE Chapter members, our coordinator and BOD representative, Dan Tumey and Deborah Butitta respectively, attended the annual "The Meeting of the Minds 2019 (35th Annual)" in Bloomington Minnesota on September 19-22. 35 years ago the Meeting of the Minds was set up by a handful of motorcyclists with in mind to come together with a hope that from that meeting they'd find a common ground to protect the future of motorcycling.

This year they honored another handful of freedom fighters- those who Honor the Past - Protecting the Future, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation with a renewed focus and recognition of young

motorcyclists with the MRF's Yong Activists Award, a vanguard of motorcyclists' rights activism. There was a dozen workshops of a cadre of topical presentations, and a brother and sisterhood of renewal of old and new acquaintances, to keep stoked the fire that resides in all of us- MRO activism to bring home and share with us and our fellow state chapter members. To join: www.mrf.org/join

The weekend of October 18th, 19th and 20th Yavapai Chapter Members rode to meet with ABATE High Country Chapter's Annual Chili Cook-off at the Tonto Rim Bar and Grill in Star Valley, AZ. If you weren't there, you missed out!! The weather was terrific although we donned our heated gear for extended riding at elevation. The turn of the season- fall color changes was absolutely spectacular. We visited and old stomping ground we're all familiar with- the Mormon Lake Lodge obliged us with a great fire in the saloon, hot coffee, cool drinks and an amazing lunch before heading down 87 to Payson.

The chili was 2nd place to the great riding... and friendship we shared with all our ABATE brothers and sisters who also attended, which were so great and welcomed us. Good times!

Yavapai Chapter Members plan on supporting and attend the annual High Country Toy Run/Fundraiser on December 14th. Please contact High Country to see how you too can participate and hopefully we'll see you there!

In these uncertain times- one this is certain is that the ABATE Yavapai Chapter voted to make concrete our chapter's commitment to the cause and voted in members to each and every chapter position with nominations to fulfill every position. We will remain strong through 2020 and hope the same for all other state chapters.

The Yavapai Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm, at the VFW Post 541 Bucky O'Neill's at 202 N. Arizona Ave., Prescott 86301. For more information, contact ycabateaz@gmail.com or call Dan @ 928-308-9911. Dinner available most meetings at 5:00 pm put on by the host, but it would be best to call ahead.

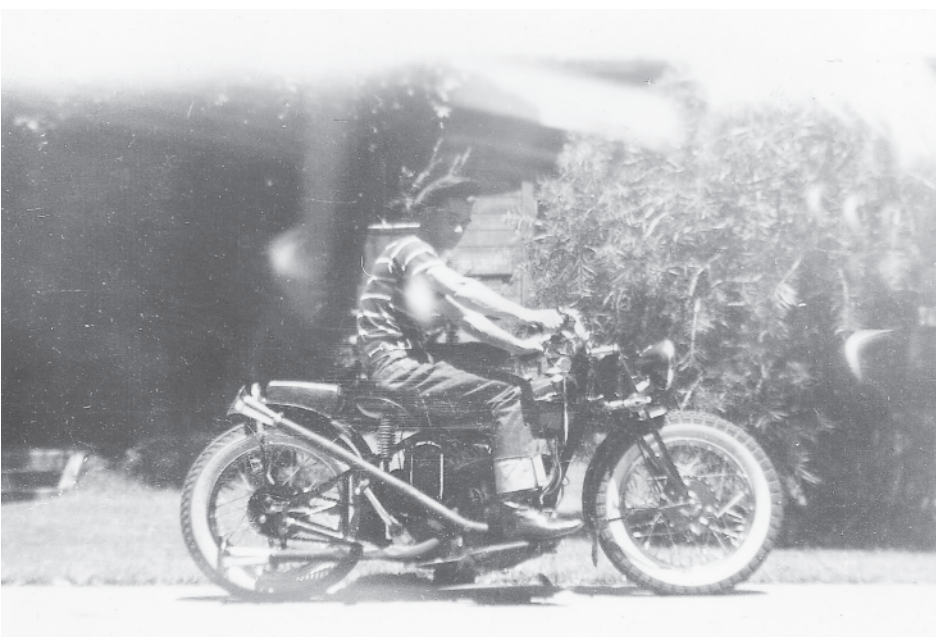
Lastly, member update we have 63 members and 6 business members. Special thanks to our business members, Grand Canyon Harley Davidson (GCHD), Mormon Lake Lodge, Barefoot Bob's Bollards, El Charro Norte, Mark's Beergarden and Star Island Motorsports. Visit them if you're up here in Yavapai County.

Ride Long, Ride High and Ride Safe - Cheers!

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Coast to Coast

*NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES DECLINE, DESPITE INCREASED OWNERSHIP

For the second straight year, nationwide motorcycle fatalities declined, in spite of a record number of motorcycles in usage across the United States.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently released their 2018 motor vehicle fatality report, reflecting a 4.7% reduction in motorcyclist deaths from 2017 to 2018.

Meanwhile, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), a record 12,231,000 motorcycles were in use in the U.S., up more than 2 million from 2014, the last year of their ownership survey, and that American households owning motorcycles rose from 6.94% in 2014 to a record 8.02% last year (10,124,400 homes), an increase of more than 1.5 million homes.

Overall, motor vehicle crashes went down 2.4%, though vehicle miles traveled (VMT) were up.

WORLDWIDE MOTORCYCLE SALES PROJECTED TO INCREASE

The annual global demand for motorcy-

cles, including electrically-powered machines, was forecast by market researcher Freedonia Group to expand 4.4% per annum through 2022 to 121.5 million units, when industry revenues were projected to reach \$120 billion (\$10.8 billion in the US). The Asia/Pacific region, which predominantly utilizes small and inexpensive motorcycles, will continue to dominate demand, representing 84% of all units sold in 2016.

E-bikes will account for the overwhelming majority of new electric product demand, as they continue to capture market share from conventional motorcycles and bicycles. Both developed and industrialized nations are expected to register strong growth as the availability of reliable electric models increases. The lower upfront and operating costs and environmental credentials of these machines – compared to ICE (internal combustion engine) motorcycles – also enhances their appeal.

Governments around the world at both the national and local levels will continue to support the transition toward e-bikes through subsidies and tax breaks, ride-sharing programs, and additional investment in the public charging infrastructure.

About a dozen countries and about 20 cities around the world have proposed banning the future sale of vehicles powered by fossil fuels within the next two

decades, including India, China (the largest auto market globally), Japan (the third largest auto market globally), South Korea, Taiwan, the EU auto market nations of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, and Portugal, as well as Costa Rica in Central America.

PETITION DRIVE TO BAN BLINDING HEADLIGHTS

A “Ban Blinding Headlights and Save Lives” online petition has been set up by the National Motorists Association (NMA) to lobby the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, its parent organization, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Congress to “ban all blue-light technologies on vehicles and to keep tail-lights, brake-lights and turn signals to a maximum brightness no greater than that allowed for traffic signals.”

More than 9,400 people who are concerned about the safety effect caused by the glare of overly bright headlights, tail-lights, and other exterior vehicle indicator lights, have already signed the petition at Change.org. Organizers have set a goal of obtaining over 10,000 signatures.

**MOTORCYCLE CLUB HELPS
SCHOOL DRIVERLESS CARS**
Self-driving cars are already being tested and developed on public roads, but one of the frequent criticisms of the technology is its lack of ability to spot motorcyclists.

Motorcycles are comparatively rare on the roads, so self-driving vehicles don't get sufficient exposure to them.

Aurora is an autonomous vehicle technology company that is developing the software and sensor tech that will underpin a lot of autonomous vehicles in the future, and they've adopted a unique approach to the motorcycle problem. Aurora's perception team devoted a machine-learning day to teach their driverless machines to become more familiar around this specific vehicle type by utilizing volunteers from the San Francisco chapter of the Iron Order MC to ride around their test car on a variety of motorcycles, performing regular traffic maneuvers.

Their data team then collected specific information from a variety of scenarios that autonomous cars are likely to encounter in the real world, and that data will be used to predict and react to future scenarios on the road.

The day-long test will now be used as a baseline for motorcycle detection within the Artificial Intelligence systems in Aurora's self-driving technology. Ultimately, the system will be able to detect and recognize different styles of motorcycles and identify the difference between a cruiser and a sport bike.

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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

ABATE accomplishments:

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- 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
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That's important when it comes to predicting and managing closing speeds, merging patterns, and braking.

Self-driving vehicles are the future of transportation, so it's important that autonomous technology "learn" how to interact with motorcycles in order to Share the Road safely.

AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS UNDER FIRE

A motorist recently won a legal decision involving the city where he lives violating his Constitutional rights in a ruling that could have major privacy rights implications for drivers.

Coral Gables, Florida resident Raul Mas Canosa sued the city over its penchant for surveilling its citizens with automated license plate readers or ALPRs. He had not been arrested nor even suspected of a crime, but was upset about having his car tracked all over town with the city monitoring and recording his vehicle's movements.

Coral Gables began its ALPR program in 2015 and now has 30 recorders around town including surveillance of an adjacent section of Interstate 95. In 2018, the electronic devices captured the data of 30 million individual license plates, which it retains on file for three years as prescribed under Florida law.

Mas Canosa filed suit against the city for violating his Fourth Amendment rights against search and seizure without probable cause.

Miami-Dade County Circuit Court Judge Abby Cynamon rejected the city attorney's attempt to have the anti-camera lawsuit dismissed outright on the grounds that motorists have no expectation of privacy and that Mas Canosa, in particular, was not harmed because he was not the subject of an investigation. In finding favorably on the plaintiff's behalf, Judge Cynamon agreed with Mas Canosa's argument that Coral Gable's use of ALPRs might indeed violate state privacy laws:

"This court finds that there is a bona fide, actual, present and practical need for a declaration as to whether the collection of such information violates the plaintiff's privacy rights," the judge ruled,

adding that "There is nothing abstract, conjectural or ephemeral about the claim since the city has and continues to collect such information about the plaintiff's vehicle."

Having won the first round of his legal battle, Mas Canosa can now move forward with suing the city, seeking to have the data collected be immediately discarded if there's no probable cause.

MAN SUES TOWN FOR REVOKING HIS CARRY PERMIT BASED ON MC AFFILIATION

A Rhode Island man is accusing the town of Burrillville, RI of violating his Constitutional rights by revoking his permit to carry a concealed weapon based on his alleged affiliation with "biker gang members."

According to the Providence Journal, Pedro Alvarez Jr. has sued the town, local police and others in U.S. District Court, alleging that they violated his right to bear arms, due process rights, and First Amendment right to free association by revoking his permit based on photographs posted on his Facebook page that showed him socializing with members of the Thug Riders and Pagan motorcycle clubs.

Alvarez insists that he has "never been a member or associate of any motorcycle gang and has never been charged with a crime."

At the time of the revocation, in June 2018, Alvarez was a U.S. Army recruit slated to attend basic training to become a military police officer -- a post that he currently holds with the Rhode Island National Guard, according to his lawsuit.

Alvarez alleges that the revocation limits his employment opportunities and the security clearances he can obtain.

He is seeking unspecified damages and the reinstatement of his permit.

"RIDE FREE OR DIE" BIKER DOCUMENTARY

"The Biker community has been the target for false narrative for as long as I can remember," notes Hessian MC member Spike of the Southern California Confederation of Clubs in a review of the

new documentary film "Live Free Or Die" he wrote for the ABATE of California newsletter "The Bailing Wire."

He continues; "Isolated incidence have been orchestrated, embellished and sensationalized by law enforcement and the media, from "Life" magazine's infamous Hollister Biker cover, culminating with the media atrocity of the Twin Peaks' COC meeting in Waco, Texas where nine lives were unnecessarily taken, 177 bikers were rallied up by awaiting police, arrested, detained and severely mistreated with no voice at all."

Biker anti-profiling legislative efforts at State and Federal level are continually being hampered by the constant denial of profiling by the law enforcement lobby; "So what better than share actual profiling experiences through the story of Waco in a true documentary environment with input from all sides? Thus 'Ride Free Or Die' was born."

Spike describes the nexus of the film as, "Bikers from all parts of our diverse community, from patch holders to MROs and independents from all US geographical locations rallied together, an impossible act according to the false narrative of law enforcement, then teamed up with award-winning film producer Randall Wilson of Guerrilla Docs and Centaur Productions."

The official introduction on the documentary reads as follows: "Ride Free Or Die is an insider's look into the political world of motorcycle clubs. The clubs are fighting for their constitutional rights against what they perceive as law enforcement profiling and harassment. The documentary features Mongols MC, Outsiders MC, Devils Diciples MC, Sin City Deciples, Ironworkers MC, ATF agents, and motorcycle clubs from all over America."

Wilson has much experience working with and understanding the biker lifestyle and protocols, producing such previous documentaries such as "Hessians MC," "Glory Road," "Wheels of Soul" and a must-see, "American Biker." Wilson adheres to the philosophy of "No boundaries. No censorship. No political correctness. And absolutely no bias. The

documentary in its purest form." The producer allows the viewer to listen to facts presented from all sides and develop their own experience and opinion. "It is the aim of the production to share with the Biker community and the general population the profiling and harassment perceived by the community with little or no recourse," explains Spike, concluding; "As more and more of our civil and constitutional rights are being taken and eroded away, we must take a stance and preserve our lifestyle and freedoms we love so much by sharing our plight, denying and exposing false narrative and making use of material such as 'Ride Free or Die' and encourage its viewing."

The "Ride Free Or Die" documentary can be purchased and downloaded on Amazon Prime, while Randall's other Biker titles can be found at www.guerrilladocs.com.

POW/MIA FLAG ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

On November 8, 2019, just in time for Veterans Day, President Donald Trump signed the National POW/MIA Flag Act into law; a bipartisan bill to require the POW/MIA flag be displayed whenever the American flag is displayed on prominent federal properties to honor the more than 82,000 Americans who are listed as Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), or otherwise unaccounted for from our nation's past wars and conflicts.

"The flag is a steadfast reminder to the families of our missing and the public that our government has not forgotten those who did not come home," said Rolling Thunder, Inc. National, which endorsed the measure, and Artie Muller, who co-founded the nonprofit POW/MIA service group in 1987 told The Washington Times, "I want to thank Congress for passing the bipartisan National POW/MIA Flag Act, which will require the POW/MIA flag to be displayed alongside the American flag at federal buildings and memorials."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68) civil rights leader

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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: chicknbone@live.com or 928-970-1134

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

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

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

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

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month 10:00 AM at: VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 86413

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We meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 5 PM at the VFW POST 7968, 250 S Phelps Dr. in Apache Junction, AZ 85120. You do not have to be a member to attend so come on by and say hello. Riders of all types of bikes, and even non-riders, are always welcome.

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Alinsky's Rule for Radicals

#13: Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it.

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

For Saul Alinsky's final rule, he leaves his readers with some very practical advice on how to approach a grassroots campaign targeting policymakers or bureaucrats. Let's break it down step by step.

Pick the Target

For principled activists, this means correctly identifying which politician or bureaucrat needs pressure or accountability. Maybe they're a lawmaker you think might be persuadable. Maybe they're a bureaucrat responsible for blocking bills that advance freedom.

While some movements may choose their targets based on political expediency, it's important if you're a principled movement to be sure the people you're holding accountable are truly the ones responsible. This means more work up front, but it's the right thing to do.

Freeze It

Alinsky explains it best:

It should be borne in mind that the target is always trying to shift responsibility to get out of being the target. There is a constant squirming and moving and strategy—purposeful, and malicious at times, other times just for straight self-survival—on the part of the designated target. The forces for change must keep this in mind and pin that target down securely. If an organization permits responsibility to be diffused and distributed in a number of areas, the attack becomes impossible.

Don't let your target deflect, diffuse or obfuscate. If a policymaker did something wrong, their constituents have a right to know and they need to be held accountable.

Personalize It

If an elected official or political appointee

makes a decision that's bad for the people they're supposed to be representing, they need to be held accountable. Blaming a particular political party, committee, department or caucus makes it easy for individual members to deflect and shift the blame.

Again, this takes more work up front, but take the time to identify which people were advocating the bad policy or making the wrong decisions. Hold them accountable by name. Their constituents deserve to know the truth.

Last year a resolution was introduced to recognize the profiling of motorcyclists. The chair of the judiciary committee refused to allow it to be heard in his committee because, as he stated, "I ride a motorcycle and I've never been profiled". We made sure every motorcyclist in his district knew EXACTLY what he said in order to bring his deliberate blocking of freedom to light.

Polarize It

When it comes to standing up for freedom and your fellow citizens, sometimes you need to draw a line in the sand. Too many elected officials and bureaucrats can be tempted to abandon their principles when the pressure is on or when they think no one is watching.

On the most important issues, make it clear that there are only two sides—standing up for constituents or betraying them. There's no middle ground.

Like all the rules for radicals, it's important to use this in a principled way. Too often in politics, people become so focused on beating the other side that they fall into using the same unscrupulous methods their opponents are using. But if you keep integrity as the foundation of your movement's guiding principles, Alinsky's tactics can be unstoppable.

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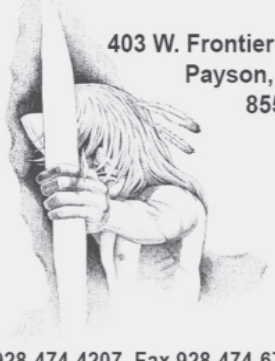
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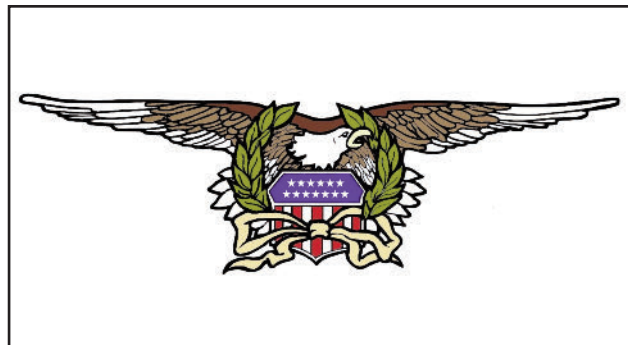
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12/7 {Sat} Troll's 4th annual Teddy Bear Run. Sign in starts at 8:30a at American Bike & Trike, 3272 S 147th Place in Gilbert {just west of Val Vista off of Pecos}. \$10 plus a Teddy Bear includes Poker Run. KSU 10a. Last stop Wahoo's, Gold Canyon. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ. In 2018 we collected 778 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals for Mesa Family Advocacy Center, Mesa & Gilbert PD and Mesa First Responders. They are

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12/14 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter 17th annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run at The Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson, AZ starts 11am. Collecting unwrapped gifts & toys for toddlers to teens. Toys, clothes, & gift distributed by Moose Lodge #852. Music, silent auction, raffles, & more.

All are welcome! FMI: CC 928-476-1955

12/14 5th annual Toy & Charity Poker Run to benefit Hospice of the Valley. Sign-in 8am @ Osborn Aerie #2843, 7575 N 67th Ave. \$15+1 toy/sgl, \$10+1 toy/passenger. KSU 9:15. Sponsors include AZ Biker Leathers. FMI: txt 602-386-9971, 2843toyrun@gmail.com

Twas the night before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas,
And not until Spring,

Would an engine be running,
not even a Wing.

The bikes are all sleeping,
They're covered and warm

Batteries are tended,
nylon covers their form.

My Bros were all nestled snug in their
beds,

While visions of new chrome danced in
their heads.

And I in my doo-rag, bike jacket and
boots,

Out shoveling snow, and dreaming of
scoots.

Then from the horizon there came such a
clatter,

My shovel I dropped, what could be the
matter?

Away up the hill, I slogged through the
snow,

Looked up at the sky; where'd all that
noise go?

A throb from the heavens like straight
pipes so hearty,

Gave Summers' good thoughts, a loud
bikers' party.

When, what to my wondering eyes
should appear,

But a Hog Ultra Classic, Red trailer in
rear.

With a little old rider, so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than Crotchies his Ultra came
on,

And he whistled, and shouted, and sang
out this song;

"Now, Harley! Now, Big Dog! On Honda
and Beamer!

Now Vulcan! Now Injun! On Vict'ry and
Trumpet!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the
wall!

Now RIDE away! RIDE away! RIDE
away all!"

As small bikes that from the semis do fly,

When they meet with the air blast, mount
to the sky.

So up to the house-top that Ultra it flew,

With a trailer of goodies, and ole' St.
Nick too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the
roof,

The rumble and thunder of pipes that
gave proof.

I ran to the house, boots thumping
around,

And in came St. Nick all bearded and
round.

Dressed all in black leather, from do-rag
to boot,

His chaps were all tarnished with road

grime and soot.

A T-bag of goodies he'd flung on his
back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening
his pack.

His shades -- how they twinkled! his do-
rag how scary!

With chains intertwined, through skulls
that were cherry!

His droll little mouth had done many a
row,

So the beard of his chin was as white as
the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his
teeth,

The smoke had a strange smell; it gave
him relief!

He had a broad face and a large fat beer
belly,

That shook, when he laughed like a bowl-
ful of jelly.



Ride Report – 14th Annual ABATE of AZ High County Chili Cook-Off

By Woody Phillips – Communications Officer for High Country Chapter, ABATE of AZ

On Saturday, October 19th, 2019 the High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ held its 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser. The event was held that the Tonto Rim Bar & Grill in Star Valley, AZ and the funds raised will be used to offset expenses for the 17th annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run on Dec 14th, 2019 at The Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson, AZ.

High Country does this fundraiser each

year because every penny raised at, and all contributions collected during, the Toy Run are donated to local families in need at Christmas time.

As in past years, Hans Olson was the live entertainment. Mr. Olson is an Arizona Blues Hall of Fame inductee and is widely known throughout Arizona. He recently played a concert for enthusiastic fans at The Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, but this day, his fans heard him for FREE! You can read more about Hans Olson by visiting his web site: <http://www.hansolson.net/>

The event started at Noon with judging of the chili beginning at 12:30 PM. After judging was completed, anyone who paid a single \$5 bill was able to eat their fill and boy did they! I guess all of the chili was very good as there was hardly a taste left when it was all over.

While all the eating and dancing an amazing music was going on, ABATE of Arizona Sergeant at Arms, Cheyenne Kid, was busy selling 50/50 and raffle tickets. He did a good job too because just after we announced the winner of the cook-off, we handed out more than \$240 to the winner.

Raffle prizes consisted of gift certificates, t-shirts and various merchandise. There was also a silent auction that kept bidding going right up until the clock ran out.

The winning chili was brought by Gordon Tibbetts who one \$200 cash and a great looking trophy. Mr. Tibbetts then wowed the crowd by making the first cash donation, all \$200, to Barbies Toy Run! We cannot thank Mr. Tibbetts enough. Please come back next year to defend your trophy!

HIGH COUNTY CHILI COOK-OFF



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US Supreme Court Takes Up the Owner Is The Driver Presumption

<https://www.thenewspaper.com>

US Supreme Court debates one of the key principles underlying the use of red light and speed cameras.

US Supreme Court

One of the central premises underlying photo enforcement was debated before the US Supreme Court on Monday. The high court justices held oral arguments in a case involving a pickup truck driver who was ordered to pull over to the side of the road for no reason other than that the vehicle was registered to someone with a revoked license.

Last year, the Kansas Supreme Court unanimously ruled that it was not reasonable for the purposes of the Fourth Amendment to presume the owner of a car is necessarily the person behind the wheel (view decision). The case

involved a 1995 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck that was obeying all traffic rules when Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Mehrer nonetheless conducted a traffic stop on April 28, 2016. The truck was registered to Charles Glover Jr, who was not supposed to be driving, but the deputy had no idea who was behind the wheel at the time. The officer just assumed it would be Glover.

"There was one judge below who said: In my experience, that presumption doesn't make sense," Justice Sonia Sotomayor observed.

Kansas Solicitor General Toby Crouse argued that it was simply common sense that the owner was likely to be the driver. He added that it was not necessary for the officer to attempt to look in the window to see who might be driving. Reasonable suspicion exists, Crouse argued, merely because the vehicle is owned by someone with a sus-

pended license.

"The only basis for the reasonable suspicion is not a totality of the circumstance, it's one circumstance, the registered owner's driver's license has been suspended, period," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said. "That's -- that's the only factor... The officer doesn't have to make any effort at all."

Justice Neil Gorsuch added that the presumption makes less sense for the next generation of drivers who tend to rent rather than own cars.

"You're asking us to write a rule for the Constitution that presumably has some duration to it," Justice Gorsuch told Crouse. "Is this one with a short expiration date?"

Glover's attorney, Sarah E. Harrington, argued that any traffic stop at all could be justified merely by hav-

ing the officer say his training made him suspicious. In this case, she said, prosecutors produced no evidence for their claim that the owner was driving.

"It's the opposite of common sense to think that someone having a suspended or revoked license is going to have no effect at all on whether they drive," Harrington argued.

Chief Justice John Roberts challenged that idea.

"I think the inference cuts the other way," Chief Justice John Roberts said. "We know somebody's already broken the law in some sense; he's got a suspended license. I think it's probably more likely than not that he would break the law saying you can't drive with a suspended license."

JESSE'S PIGPEN 3RD ANNUAL BIKER RODEO AT BAREFOOT BOB'S.

This was an event by Jessie's Pig Pen MC Shop at Barefoot Bob's Billiards in Prescott Valley AZ (Yavapai Chapter Business Member). The owner Bruce Reid rides a Harley-Davidson Breakout motorcycle. Bruce was a past owner of Whiskey Row Pub on the Downtown Square of Prescott AZ and supports motorcycle rights. He welcomes all motorcycle riders into his establishment. Some of the Yavapai Chapter Officers attended to promote ABATE of AZ.



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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

By the time you read this we will have had a successful membership meeting and ABATE of AZ will have a new crop of officers for 2020. . That means it is time to take a minute and reflect on the past year, and plan for the next.

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who participated at any level, especially the chapter and state officers, for making sure 2019 was a successful year for ABATE of AZ. We had reasonable success affecting legislation, contributing to the 2019 Governor’s Office

We weathered a bit of trouble related to budgets but are well on our way to get that squared away and were able to cut annual costs significantly thanks to a new online membership-system and the overwhelming support for making the Masterlink green by moving to an online only edition. Tara Rudomatkin, Nolan Steed and the whole Too Broke For Sturgis Committee gave us an outstanding state fundraiser that exceed expectations in many ways. And, we have been able to set the legislative agenda for 2020. All in all, not a bad year for an all-volunteer organization.

For 2020, we will continue our legislative efforts and make sure that our elected officials take notice of our desire for safe and free highways for motorcyclists. We will also be putting much more emphasis on motorcycle safety and awareness, with special attention paid to our Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) currently being run by our State Safety Officer, Jim Silk, and his brother Joe.

I have written about our MAP program before so you probably know by now that it is one of my pet projects within ABATE of AZ. Why? Because we are not just about legislation, we are also about safe riding. That means making sure that the general public is aware of motorcycles on the roads, teaching beginning drivers what is involved in motorcycle riding so they know what we can and cannot do to avoid hitting them, and what they can do to avoid hitting us. It also means partnering with AMSAF to sup-

port rider training and make helmet purchases more affordable for those that want one.

These are the continued goals of ABATE of AZ for 2020: Safe and Free highways upon which we all ride because ... WE ARE ALL RIDERS!

The next scheduled Board meeting will be at the Arizona American Italian Club (on 12th Street where our state offices are located) in January. Please feel free to attend and see how we work for you. (Ask your chapter Board member for date and time information as it has not been scheduled as of this writing).

Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed and, most importantly, **watch those intersections!**

Vintage motorcycles ride in to Gastonia

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

Motorcycle enthusiasts gathered at Gaston Motorcycle Werks in Gastonia Saturday for Cyclemania – an annual show celebrating vintage bikes made across the globe.

Cyclemania made its Gastonia debut, as it’s been held in Charlotte since 2014. More than 50 European, Japanese and American bikes and their owners convened in the lot beside Gaston Motorcycle Werks.

Bikes were judged based on where they were made and if they were stock or

modified. Modified bike owners showed off their creativity, while all-original owners boasted their detail-oriented restorations.

Bobbers, choppers, sport bikes, café racers, off-road bikes and even mopeds were entered in the show in hopes of their owners taking home a trophy for best in their class and best in show.

While technically a competition, show participants talked bikes, shared laughs and stories over coffee and beer without concern over how their bike was judged. It’s a great even to catch up with old friends, network and meet newcomers,

said Blair Barwick.

“This is just for fun,” he said. “I like the process of building bikes.”

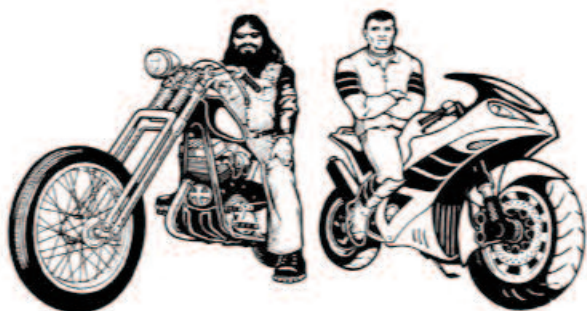
Barwick, a Canadian-born Fort Mill, South Carolina, resident, drives a 1975 Honda CB550F restored by Benjamin Segal and his team at Gaston Motorcycle Werks. He bought the tired bike three years ago in hopes Segal could turn the four-cylinder cycle into the quick-moving café racer of Barwick’s dreams.

The café racer should keep certain lines within its shape. For instance, low handlebars, a single-rider seat and unique

aesthetics are what make a café racer, Barwick said.

Barwick enjoys riding and looking back at his bike like the other bike owners at the show, but bringing a bike back to life makes Barwick look forward to building his next project and bringing it to Cyclemania.

“You have to like the journey. If you don’t like the journey, it’s an unpleasant process,” Barwick said.



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2019 OBMC PAYSON BAGS OR TRUNK OR TREAT

By Woody Phillips – Communications Officer for High Country Chapter, ABATE of AZ

The Payson Chapter of the Old Bastards Motorcycle Club (OBMC), loyal members of High Country Chapter (HCC) of ABATE of AZ, held their Bags or Trunk or Treat fundraiser on Sunday October, 27, 2019 at the Native Grill in Payson

Arizona. This annual fundraiser collects non-perishable food items (the entry fee) and raises money that the OBMC uses to supply Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for area families in need during the holidays. As usual, this family friendly event was well attended by ghouls, goblins, clowns and even some astro-nuts (see the photos)!

Live music was supplied by the latest incarnation of the popular local band, Plum Crazy, and libations were served on the patio by the Native Grill.

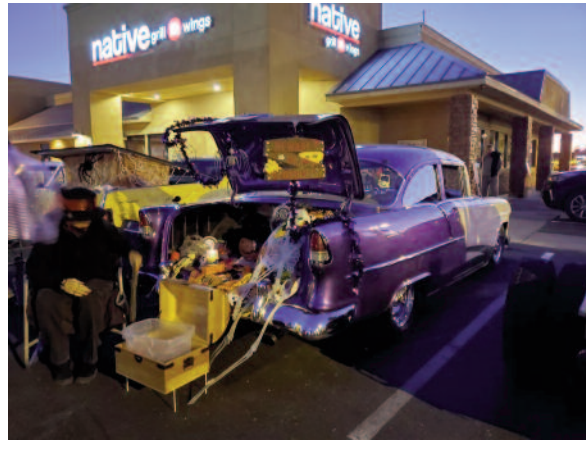
This event is a combination Halloween party and bike/car show with trophies to the best decorated motorcycles and cars as well as the best costumes among participants, both young and old.

In addition to the prizes, there were also cool raffle prizes available.

High Country Chapter wants to thank its members that came out to support this member club. The OBMC have been highly supportive of ABATE of AZ and we greatly appreciate that support!



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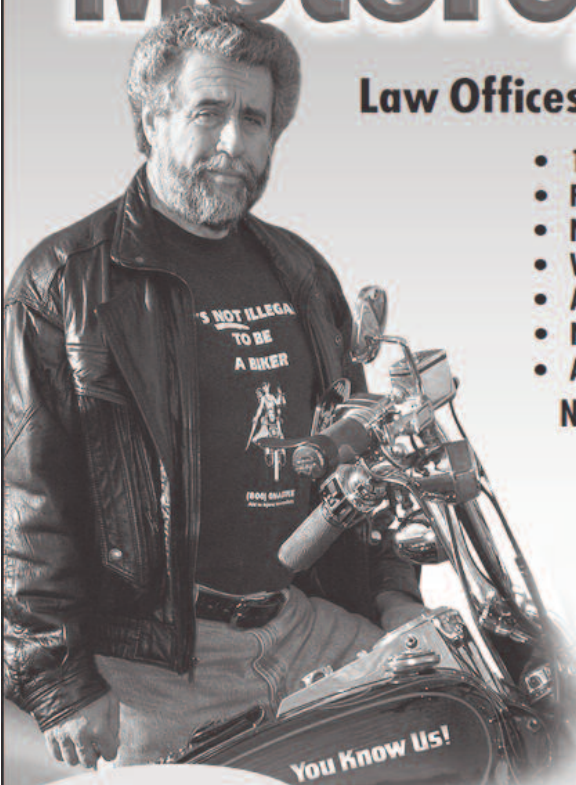
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Does Indian Motorcycle Have a Harley-Davidson Problem?

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Sales remained aloft longer than its rival, but now even its sales are falling.

As much as falling motorcycle sales at Harley-Davidson (NYSE:HOG) have been attributed to its core customer aging out of the market while the next generation of riders seems uninterested in buying the big bikes it produces, Indian Motorcycle sidestepped most of the same pitfalls even though it produces many of the same kinds of motorcycles as Harley does.

Since being resurrected from bankruptcy by Polaris Industries (NYSE:PII) and returned to the market in 2014, Indian has been a steady performer with retail sales often rising in the double-digit percentages. That has allowed it to steal market share from Harley, whose sales often contracted at similar percentages.

Yet with Polaris' third-quarter earnings report released last month, investors may have to accept that Indian Motorcycle now has its own Harley-Davidson problem.

A worsening sales decline Polaris Industries is not transparent at all when it comes to telling you how its motorcycle business is performing. Where Harley breaks down sales and shipments by geographic region and type of motorcycle, Polaris provides vague percentage increases or declines, maybe calling out a model once in a while, but never giving investors any real insight into how Indian's various motorcycles are performing.

What we do know is that despite double- and even triple-digit sales growth early on, Indian Motorcycle sales are now quickly spiraling down. Even as Polaris obscures the actual numbers, a mid-teen-percentage decline in retail sales that far eclipses the contraction of the broader motorcycle market suggests that this is becoming a big problem for the bike maker.

Worse, the downdraft is accelerating. In the second quarter, Polaris said Indian retail sales were down by almost 10%, while in the first quarter they were down by high single-digit rates. In last year's fourth quarter they were down by low double-digit amounts, which was a big drop since they had been positive the quarter before.

That doesn't bode well for when Polaris reports results the next time around. Even though the bar has been lowered consider-

ably on sales, there's no reason to think it will be able to rebound — precisely because Indian is still making the same kinds of heavy, big-bore bikes as Harley.

It just released its newest touring motorcycle, the 2020 Challenger, that houses its bigger, more muscular liquid-cooled PowerPlus engine that evokes images of Harley's Road Glide.

Looking to reverse direction Certainly both bike makers are hoping to change the equation. Harley has gone all-in on electric motorcycles — a field Polaris rejects, saying they're unprofitable — along with two new styles it recently unveiled that represent a big change for the bike maker: the Bronx streetfighter and the Pan America adventure bike. They're smaller, lighter, and meant for a different kind of riding than typified by Harley's cruisers.

Polaris has also introduced a new bike, the FTR 1200, which was inspired by its racing team's success on the flat-track circuit. While many enthusiasts had hoped for a street version of the FTR 750 that was tearing up the track, Polaris came out with a somewhat bigger, more powerful bike that it also hopes changes the conversation about its products.

But the introduction of the FTR 1200 was flawed in several respects. Polaris was late to market with the bike, so it missed a good part of the sales season, and then misjudged demand for the different models, believing more buyers would want the base model when in reality there was higher demand for the race replica version.

The new model helped lift international sales in the quarter, but it may be a while before we see any impact here at home. Motorcycle sales typically dry up during the winter months, and it's still unknown what kind of demand will be there come the spring.

The outlook isn't bright for biking Polaris Industries, unlike Harley, is more than just a motorcycle maker. It also makes side-by-side recreational vehicles, snowmobiles, utility vehicles, and more recently boats. They help the powersports vehicle maker smooth out sales over the year. And motorcycles only account for 9% of total revenue.

Yet with motorcycle sales deepening even further into the red, Indian is mimicking the worst aspects of its rival at just the wrong time, and its problem could only get worse.

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Generous group helps make new prosthetic for local war vet and surprises him with new motorcycle

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CLEVELAND, Ohio (WJW) — An innovative event is giving a local war veteran a big surprise and the chance to once again hit the open road.

Sgt. Charles Zollicoffer served three tours of duty with the Marines, then joined the Army and was getting ready to re-deploy overseas when he was hit by a drunk driver on his motorcycle.

"The morning I was set to fly off that's when I had the accident," said Sgt. Zollicoffer. "Boom, that was it."

The driver left him for dead on S.R. 800 in Stark County, but luckily another man on a motorcycle who was headed to work stopped and saved his life.

"I didn't think he was gonna make it," said Dave Bowman.

Twenty-seven surgeries and four months

later, Zollicoffer woke up at Aultman Hospital with his left leg amputated at the hip joint.

Doctors told him it was a difficult amputation and that he would never walk again.

"I said, 'I will walk again; I don't care if I have to take a 2x4 and duct tape, I will walk,'" said Zollicoffer.

The father of three has been walking using a prosthetic leg, but has not been able to ride a motorcycle again— something he truly loved to do.

Then, a friend and former colleague told him the good news.

De Ann Williams, executive director of the Stark County Veterans Service Commission, nominated him to be part of the "Challenge America's Makers for Veterans Event."

The event, which kicked off Friday night at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, combines teams of students, engineers, designers and physicians who develop solutions for veterans.

The plans are then developed into finished product using 3D printers, metal making, and circuit boards among other means.

"An incredible, but sometimes intense experience," said senior Coleman Isner. "There's a little bit of stress for the students who are participating where you really have to make something that's full and consistent for that veteran because it's affecting their well-being."

There are ten teams helping ten different veterans with challenges ranging from physical restrictions to PTSD.

Charles' Team Z is making him a very special prosthetic leg that will enable him to once again ride a motorcycle.

And that's not all.

During the kick-off they surprised him with a brand new trike to try it out on.

"I got my outreach team together and said, 'Charles needs our help,' and within 48 hours we had the money donated from local organizations," Williams.

The new leg and all of the other creations will be worked on throughout the weekend and then the finished project will be presented at The Global Center for Health Innovation on Veterans Day at 5 p.m.

Zollicoffer said he is overwhelmed and humbled to have been selected and is forever grateful.

"For someone to do this for me is unbelievable," he said.

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