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STATE OF ARIZONA ★ PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of people across Arizona and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and experience, the use of good judgment, and thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is especially important that the residents of Arizona be aware of motorcycles on the streets and highways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and



Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

As I am writing this month's legislative update, I am 32000 feet somewhere over Texas on my way to spend some time in Washington DC. It is that time of year again. Bikers inside the Beltway. The annual lobby day sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The MRF are the folks in the nations capital who stay on top of all the federal issues. While we can accomplish a lot on the state level, it takes a larger team to get things done nationally. Thankfully Tiffany and Rocky are getting things done. Let me encourage you to join the MRF if you haven't yet.

FEDERAL UPDATE

As of today, Congressman Andy Biggs (CD5) and Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (CD8) have co-sponsored H. Resolution 255, Promoting Awareness of motorcycle profiling. They both were co-sponsors last year as well. This is a win since the resolution has been assigned to the sub-committee Congresswoman Lesko sits on. Her staff has been very supportive of the issues I have brought to their attention. I am really looking forward to meeting with them and the other congressional staff to encourage all of the Arizona Congressional delegation to support this bill.

We are still working on an ethanol bill as well as a few other things on a federal level.

STATE UPDATE

The Legislative session seems to be winding down except for the budget negotiations. It's always about money isn't it?

We did get some really good bills passed this session and a couple of bad ones (in my opinion) that we tried to get killed but were unsuccessful.

BILL LIST

HB2005
moving violations; defensive driving school
NOW: traffic survival school; required completion
SPONSORS: KAVANAGH

Transmitted to Governor: 05/06 Signed: 05/10 Chapter: 201
Comments: Requires the attendance and successful completion of traffic survival school for certain traffic violations.

HB2109
county transportation excise tax.
SPONSORS: SHOPE
Transmitted to Governor: 04/08 Signed: 04/09 Chapter: 50
Comments: Authorizes a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to levy a county transportation excise tax of up to 20 percent, rather than 10 percent, of the current transaction privilege tax (TPT) rate or jet fuel excise tax rate, if approved at a countywide election. signed by governor. Chap. 50, Laws 2019.

HB2126
sanitary districts; bids
SPONSORS: THORPE
Comments: Modifies the calculation of vehicle valuation for vehicle license tax (VLT) purposes for alternative fuel vehicles registered after January 1, 2022.

HB2318
ADOT; consulting with third parties
NOW: texting while driving; prohibition; enforcement
SPONSORS: CAMPBELL, STRINGER
Transmitted to Governor: 04/18 Signed: 04/22 Chapter: 112

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ABATE OF ARIZONA LOCAL CHAPTERS

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East Valley.....Nolan Steed
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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

Please make sure your Chapter has representation.

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New Mailing address 7000 N 16th Street, Suite 120, #434, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

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.

East Valley Chapter

c/o Jim Silk, 5722 E. Garnet Circle, Mesa, AZ 85206

Coordinator.....Jack Batty
 Vice Coordinator.....Joe Ferrucci
 Secretary.....Cheryl Vasquez
 Treasurer.....Deb Brunko Ferrucci
 Membership.....Mike Shearhart
 Run Coordinator.....Duane Tone
 Safety Coordinator.....Nolan Steed
 Sgt. At Arms.....Richard Dalton
 P.A.C.....Vacant
 Communications.....Donna Reed Batty
 Merchandise.....Richard Dalton

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

High Country Chapter

605 W. Arabian Way Payson AZ 85541

Coordinator.....Bill Hensler
 Vice Coordinator.....James "Dutch" Crull
 Secretary.....Amy Edwards
 Treasurer.....Debra Shaffer
 Membership.....Cecilia "CC" Ransom Phillips
 Run Coordinator.....Cecilia 'CC' Ransom Phillips
 Safety Coordinator.....OPEN
 Sgt. At Arms.....Lee Thompson "Cheyenne Kid" and Mark "Griz" Mathews
 P.A.C.....Ruth Crull
 Communications.....Forrest "Woody" Phillips
 Merchandise.....Cecilia "CC" Ransom Phillips

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

Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

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

Coordinator.....Will Driggers
 Vice Coordinator.....Dawn Steed
 Secretary.....Jean Cooper
 Treasurer.....Tara Rudometkin
 Membership.....William Driggers
 Run Coordinator.....Nolan Steed
 Safety Coordinator.....Jeremy Calenda
 Sgt. At Arms.....Jerry Davis
 P.A.C.....Gary "Pops" Vurich
 Communications.....Nicole Driggers
 Merchandise.....Robb Felder

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

6888 N De Chelly Loop Tucson, AZ 85741

Coordinator.....Anissa Huntington
 Vice Coordinator.....Jim Butsback
 Secretary.....Julie Salisbury
 Treasurer.....Dawn Detelj
 Membership.....Bob Stewart
 Run Coordinator.....Gizmo Bob Welton
 Safety Coordinator.....Ro "Grease" Templeton
 Sgt. At Arms.....J.D. Dare & Steve Salisbury
 P.A.C.....William Cleveland
 Communications.....Jessica Stockam
 Merchandise.....Julie Salisbury

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
 P.A.C.....Vacant
 Communications.....Carolyn Carver
 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
 Vice Coordinator.....Gilbert Hernandez
 Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson
 Treasurer.....Lisala White
 Membership.....Carla Schmidt
 Run Coordinator.....Jerry Allison
 Safety Coordinator.....Ray "PeeWee" Grier
 Sgt. At Arms.....Jerry Allison
 P.A.C.....Gilbert Hernandez
 Communications.....Carolyn Morgan
 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
 Treasurer.....Cyndier McClure
 Membership.....Cat Spicker

Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the last 3rd Sunday of every month, 10:00 am, VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 86413 Phone: 715-651-0770 thamedic1951@gmail.com

Superstition Chapter

Coordinator.....Marc Schultz
 Secretary/Membership.....Becky Pennington
 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.

Sustaining Membership

May 16, 2019

ABATE of Arizona is introducing a "Sustaining Membership" option to help raise funding for the organization to pay for annual operating expenses of the organization. Some of the expenses include but not limited to the newsletter & cost of mailing, office rent, cost or patches & pins, general mailing expense, lobby expense and accounting expense.

As a "Sustaining Member" ABATE of AZ recognizes those who go the extra mile to support ABATE of AZ.

Sustaining Membership guidelines:
 Single membership \$50.00 annual

Joint Sustaining Membership \$100.00 annual

A patch only the first year you become a Sustaining Member

Certificate by email stating you are a Sustaining Member

Sustaining Membership Page with the names listed on the website and once a year posted in the publication of the Masterlink.

The option to renew or Join ABATE of AZ as a Sustaining Member starts June 1, 2019. This is an annual renew membership and can be your only membership or

in addition to your regular membership.

We appreciate all of our members and hope you'll consider this option for your membership.

Ride Aware, Deborah Butitta, ABATE of AZ BOD Member

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Mission Statement

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

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

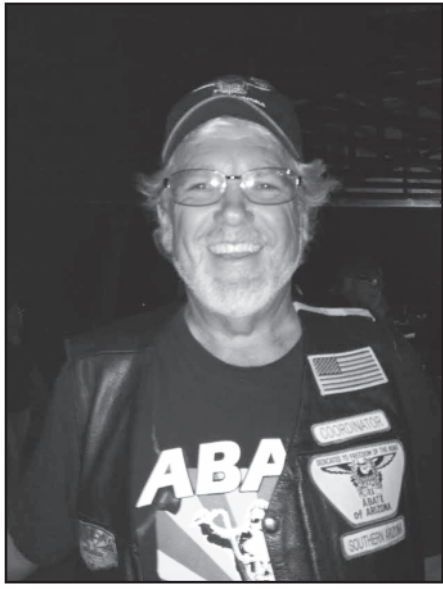
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President's Report



By Jim Butsback

Greetings to all my fellow Freedom Fighters, supporters of motorcycle rights and ABATE members!

Wow as I sit to write this month's report I look back through my notes and remember that last year at this time I was still in pretty rough shape after my heart surgery and was still not sure if I would be able to make it up to Too Broke for Sturgis. Our Masterlink Editor Eric Hampton was recovering from a stroke he suffered was just starting to be able to work on the Masterlink. I guess we have made a lot of progress. I am feeling much better but still I am not 100%. Every time I complain or have an issue my family does not hesitate to remind me that is has only been a little over a year and

they cut the hell out of me so I have to be patient. Eric has been improving by leaps and bounds and like me he is often aggravated by some of the limitations he experiences. I just want to thank everyone for all the understanding and thoughts and prayers from both of us.

As I write this our Legislative Director Mike Infanzon has left to be in Washington D.C. to attend the Annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Biker's Inside the Beltway. William Cleveland from Southern Arizona Chapter will be leaving in a few days. This annual event is put on by our friends at the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF). This event is a way for motorcycle rights activists to gather and lobby the members of Congress. There will be several hundreds of Motorcyclists walking the halls of the Congressional Office Buildings talking with Representatives and Senators along with their staff members. They will be talking about those issues that you as ABATE members, have communicated to us that are important to you.

This past month was also Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. I know many of our Cities and Towns have issued proclamations designating May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month and Governor Ducey has also done so. I have also been very proud to see that many of our Chapter and their members have partaken in various events to promote motorcycle safety

around our state. Thank you to everyone for all you do to make Arizona safe for ALL motorcyclists.

I want to take the time to congratulate our High County Chapter on a very successful Wild in the Weeds! From the reports that I have received it looks like this year's event has been the most successful yet. It is very impressive and once again thank you to all who work so very hard to make all of our ABATE events the huge successes that they are. I would really like to encourage all Chapters to try and get a group of your members together and attend this and other events put on by chapters other than your own. It is a lot of fun and you get to meet other ABATE members and maybe the best part is that if it is another chapters event you can have fun and they are doing most of the work. HA HA.

Ok TOO BROKE FOR STURGIS (TBFS) is June 6 through 9 this year. The committee has been working very hard and thanks to all who step up and volunteer their time and talents to this project. The amount of man hours (people hours) is staggering. The bands have all been signed and things are moving along well but we need everyone possible to help make this a success. Please plan on attending and bring all your friends and relatives, your riding buddies and folks you just met on the street. DO whatever you can to promote this event. Plaster it on your social media. Send out event flyers to everyone in

your email list. Do whatever you can to help make this the biggest TBFS ever.

Mormon Lake Lodge where TBFS is held is located in the beautiful pine forest of Coconino National Forest just Southeast of Flagstaff. Besides all the activities provided at TBFS the Lodge also has a lounge, restaurants, a store and activities like horseback riding and a stocked fishing pond. The location also lends itself to day rides to various points of interest such as Winslow, AZ and the Grand Canyon. Please come up and enjoy the weekend with your fellow riders and remember all of the funds raised by this event go to promoting Motorcycle Rights, Safety and Awareness right here in Arizona.

Remember that the reason more of our fellow motorcyclists are not members of ABATE is because they have never been asked to join! If every ABATE member recruited one new member every year our numbers would double every year and we would be a force to be reckoned with. So ask every rider you meet if they are a member, if they are not ask them to come to a meeting and learn who we are and what we stand for. ASK THEM TO JOIN! The time to organize and fight for you freedoms is BEFORE they are all gone!!

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

Legislative Director Update (continued)

Comments: Prohibits the use of a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB2319
HURF transfers; highway patrol; repeal
SPONSORS: CAMPBELL, BIASIUCCI, et al
Comments: 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. Senate appro held.

HB2320
highway safety fee; reduction
SPONSORS: CAMPBELL, BARTO, et al
Comments: Caps the highway safety fee at \$18. Eliminates the requirement that the highway safety fee fully fund 110% of the DPS highway patrol budget for each fiscal year. Appropriates \$47 million from the General Fund in FY 2020 to the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund for highway patrol purposes. Referred to Senate Rules.

HB2418
protected data; motor vehicle dealers
SPONSORS: CAMPBELL
Transmitted to Governor: 04/03 Signed: 04/09 Chapter: 52
Comments: Establishes guidelines for the access, use and control of protected dealer data in a dealer data system by manufacturers, third parties and authorized integrators. signed by governor. Chap. 52, Laws 2019.

HM2002
motorcycle profiling; encouraging prevention
SPONSORS: CAMPBELL
Transmitted to Secretary of State: 03/01
Comments: 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. TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF STATE

SB1001
highway safety fee; repeal; VLT
SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
Comments: Repeals the highway safety fee and requires the Legislature to appropriate monies from the general fund to eliminate any funding insufficiencies in the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in each fiscal year. 4/8 from House appro do pass.

SB1015
vehicle accidents; financial responsibility verification
SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
Comments: Releases the registered owner of a vehicle involved in a vehicle accident (accident) from financial responsibility if the vehicle was sold before the accident occurred. 3/27 FAILED House trans 2-5.

SB1087
vehicle liability insurance; minimum limits
SPONSORS: BROPHY MCGEE, CARTER
Comments: Increases minimum coverage limits for motor vehicle liability policies issued beginning July 1, 2020. Outlines requirements of a policy declarations page for motor vehicle insurance. 3/27 from House com do pass.

SB1141
distracted driving
SPONSORS: MESNARD
Transmitted to Governor: 04/22 Vetoed:

04/26
Comments: Prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while distracted.

SB1165
prohibition; texting while driving
NOW: texting while driving; prohibition
SPONSORS: BROPHY MCGEE, BRADLEY, et al
Comments: Prohibits the use of a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.

SB1258
class M driver licenses; applicability
SPONSORS: PRATT, LIVINGSTON, et al
Transmitted to Governor: 04/04 Signed: 04/10 Chapter: 59
Comments: 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. 4/10 signed by governor. Chap. 59, Laws 2019.

SB1302
appropriation; Interstate 17; expansion
SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
Comments: \$130,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2019-2020 to the department of transportation to expand Interstate 17 between Anthem and Black Canyon City in Arizona. 3/21 from House appro do pass.

SB1332
alternative fuel vehicles; VLT
SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON, BIASIUCCI
Comments: VLT for ALL vehicles at a set rate based upon MSRP. 3/18 from House rules okay. To House consent calendar.

LEGISLATIVE SURVEY RESULTS

1. Increased penalties for crashes involving motorcyclists, bicycles and pedestrians when red light running is involved 67.24%
2. Tougher penalties for distracted driving 62.50%
3. Road repairs and improvements 62.50%
4. Protect motorcyclists by having true tort reform to stop insurance inequality (Helmet Lie) 60.71%
5. Not using ANY gas tax to be used except for its intended purpose. I.e. Road improvements and repairs 58.93%
6. Higher penalties for tailgating a motorcycle and for pulling in to a lane already occupied by a motorcycle. 56.90%
7. Pass legislation protecting motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians against autonomous vehicles 57.14%
8. Continued changes to the infrastructure to recognize motorcycles in turn lanes and at stop lights 53.57%
9. Lane Splitting/Lane Filtering 50%

These are the issues you want the legislative team to address. We will be starting right after Too Broke for Sturgis, setting appointments and working on the language to get all of these done in 2020.

I will be forming several grassroots teams for the different issues this summer. If you would like to be a part of the team to get these issues passed, keep an eye out for info next month.

It's imperative that we are solutionaries working together to achieve the goals before us.

Freedom is a team sport! Be a part of the team.

Be good to one another.
Mike

Chapter Reports

East Valley Chapter

First off let me apologize for not getting last months chapter report in on time. We have a lot going on at home between house remodeling and getting ready to retire. By the time you read this I will be officially retired. YA!

Well the month of May has been busy. We had 4 motorcycle awareness events. First, we had Bikes on Main in Mesa on May 3rd. Then we had a booth at Mesa Marketplace on May 11th all day. Then we had a booth at the 11-mile corner motorcycle swap meet at Pinal Co. Fairgrounds on May 12th all day. Lastly, we had Sunshine Acres where we were cooking for CMA on May 18th. I think we did a good job at getting the word out to start seeing motorcycles. A special thanks to Mike & Willie Shearhart for all you do with getting things up and running for all the booths that you do. Thanks Mike & Willie.

We have a NEW meeting place (actually an old meeting place). We are moving back to the Eagles Lodge at 1712 W. Broadway in Mesa. They have been working on their remodeling and are glad to have us back. We're glad to be back also. We missed those guys. Meeting will still be the 4th Sunday of every month at 11:00am.

Summer is almost back. You know what that means. If you're riding, leave early, come home late and drink lots of water.

The spaghetti feed is postponed until maybe September. We just ran out of time with locations. Sorry, we're working on it.

The last Bikes on Main until September will be June 8th, I think. Most will be at Too Broke for Sturgis. Have a great time in June and be safe.

Donna ReedBatty
East Valley Communications

High Country Chapter

The 2019 High Country Chapter Wild in the Weeds rally is over and it was a great success. Thanks to everyone who attended or bought one of our excellent event t-shirts.

By the time you read this we will have had our May Safety Day at the Mogollon Rim Visitor Center where we handed out free donuts and coffee to Memorial Weekend travelers. This is our annual way of making sure motorists are reminded to share the road with, and to look twice for, motorcycles. This year, as in the past, we teamed up with our brothers and sisters from the Rim Country District of the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona (MMA). We often collaborate and support each other's events and activities and it has helped both organizations be stronger. So, thank you, yet again, to our MMA brothers and Sisters.

As soon as we are done volunteering at Too Broke For Sturgis, we will finally get a reprieve from all the activities and get to enjoy the summer riding the awesome roads found in the high country. We hope those of you in the hotter regions of Arizona will consider riding up to high country and visiting some of our many awesome business members. And if it is a third Saturday of the month, swing by the Moose Lodge in Star Valley and join us at

10 am for our monthly chapter meeting. Be sure to introduce yourself. We would love to see you.

Mohave Chapter

NO REPORT

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

NO REPORT.

Superstition Chapter

NO REPORT.

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

At the May 2019 meeting of the Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of Arizona, we started the planning process for our "Beat the Heat Poker Run"! It will be our major fundraiser for 2019 and we are planning to have it sometime in August or mid-September. We are confident that many Chapters of ABATE of Arizona would love to beat the heat and come on up to our neck of the woods to cool off. We will keep everybody apprised of the details as we get them finalized.

We are also excited to attend the Prescott City Council meeting on May 14 where the proclamation recognizing Motorcycle Awareness Month will be read. As a chapter, we attended the same meeting last year and we were very proud to represent at the meeting.

We are proud to host the Board of

Directors meeting for ABATE of Arizona on Sunday, July 21st in Prescott. You are all invited to attend! It will be held at the VFW Bucky O'Neill Post 541 at 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott, Arizona. The meeting begins at 12:00 and there will be lunch available for purchase (more information on menu and pricing to follow). We enjoy our monthly chapter meetings at this location and the food is always delicious and reasonably priced. If you plan to attend the meeting, please let us know by early July as we need a head count for food. Please email ycabateaz@gmail.com to let us know that you're attending.

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 or call Dan @ 928-308-9911. 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

Our meeting was held on May 10.

We discussed the recent BOD meeting.

We will have a booth on Memorial Day at the VFW post on Hwy 95.

Carolyn Morgan
Communications officer Yuma, AZ

Business Member Spotlight!

This month we are putting the "Spotlight" on a great supporter of everything motorcycle related here in Tucson and Southern Arizona. The Territorial Bar and Grill has been a business member of ABATE for several years. It is owned and operated by Scott Busse and his amazing staff. The location is on the South side of Tucson at 3727 S. Palo Verde Road, Tucson, AZ 85713. The telephone number is 520-514-9035.

Scotty has owned the business for about 14 years but The Territorial has been around since 1956. Their hours of opera-

tion are 6AM until 11PM (or later if there is a crowd) Monday through Thursday, Friday and Saturday until 2 AM and Sunday 7AM until 10PM (or later).

The Bar has two pool tables and various games as well as Karaoke on Fridays. This is probably the most patriotic establishment in Southern Arizona. Anywhere you turn and look you will see American Flags and patriotic signs and sayings. The T-Shirts even promote Patriotism.

This establishment caters to the riding community. They host many, many

motorcycle events for various organizations and Motorcycle Clubs. They also support many Veteran Clubs and organizations. It seems to be the go to location for Run stops and Memorial Celebrations.

Besides the bar there is a large covered and enclosed patio with coolers to keep it comfortable and allow smoking. The patio probably has more square footage than the bar. There is also a HUGE backyard area for holding event with room for a flat bed trailer used as band stand as well as lots of room for vendors and tables and seating.

Scotty and one of his bartenders Jeff are the two members of record but many ABATE members frequent this establishment. Scotty rides a '08 Ultra Classic Screaming Eagle and Jeff rides a Heritage Softail.

So if you happen to be riding in or around the Tucson area and are looking for a motorcycle friendly establishment to take a break, stop by The Territorial and I can guarantee you will have a great time and meet some awesome people while you are there.

Hall of Fame Highlight Class of 2019

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame is featuring Hall of Fame Highlights of this year's outstanding new group of inductees. For the full story join us at the 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (tickets available below). This year we honor Lonnie Isam, Jr. with the Pappy Hoel Award.

Lonnie Isam, Jr.

The mindset that old bikes should be entombed in shrines has shifted quite dramatically over the last decade, due in no small part to the efforts of one very quiet, unassuming antique enthusiast. Sturgis resident, Lonnie Isam Jr., sparked a worldwide age of enlightenment with his opinion that old motorcycles should be allowed to live out their time here on earth as they were intended: in the wind. He set about sharing that view with riders around the world and now, every other year since 2010, antique motorcycle own-

ers take their ancient machines out on America's back roads to prove their mechanical marvel's mettle and that of themselves, as well.

Learn more about Lonnie Isam, Jr. and all of the 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees on August 7, 2019 at the annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

The J.C. Pappy Hoel Award is reserved for individuals who have played a special role in the founding, maintaining and/or

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2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

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Coast to Coast

*NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO STRESSES UNITY

The underlying theme of the 34th annual NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida, May 10-12, was "Unity" and welcomed back many past supporters and saw lots of new faces in the crowded conference rooms of the Doubletree by Hilton - Universal host hotel.

During the General Session, Outsiders MC member David "Double D" Devereaux, founder of the Motorcycle Profiling Project and member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, spoke convincingly of the need for Unity in attaining our common goals, particularly in regards to state and federal anti-profiling legislation, and NCOM Chairman James "Doc" Reichenbach echoed those sentiments to the assembled representatives of hundreds of clubs, organizations and NCOM Member Groups.

One of the largest NCOM Conventions to date, this year's gathering drew biker activists from motorcycle rights organizations (MROs) and Confederations of Clubs (COCs), as well as independents and other allied riders from across the country.

Motorcycle Profiling and "Save the Patch" were hot topics considering the recently victorious Mongols MC court case as well as the eventual dismissal of charges in the Waco catastrophe, while other important issues of concern to our nation's motorcycle community included various legal and legislative seminars regarding RICO And Its Effect on Your Organization, Restoring Your Rights, Leadership 101 and "Share the Road" Motorcycle Safety.

Capping off a productive Convention weekend, the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet recognized outstanding freedom fighters; Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan (GOVERNMENT), James "Hollywood" Macecari of Insane Throttle Motorcycle Magazine (ENTERTAINMENT), Jim Wear, founder of the Salute to American Veterans Rally (COMMERCE), with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS presented to David Duff of ABATE of Iowa, William Bird of ABATE of Florida and Mike Friend of Bikers For Christ. NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed upon "JR" Reed -1%er of Sons of Silence MC and Smitty 1%er of the Outlaws MC.

Next year's 2020 NCOM Convention is scheduled for Indianapolis, and for more information contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE (662-2453) or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

SUPPORT FEDERAL ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION IN U.S. HOUSE

All motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of House Resolution 255, a bipartisan anti-profiling measure introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that is identical to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate late last year.

H.Res.255; "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," was introduced March 26 by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) and currently has 22 co-sponsors.

Both nonbinding resolutions, S.Res.154 & H.Res.255, call for cessation of law enforcement discriminatorily profiling motorcyclists by thwarting "the illegal use of 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, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States," as profiling is defined by each resolution.

Concerned riders can contact their U.S. Rep. by calling the Capital Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and request that they join their colleagues in cosponsoring

H.Res.255 to put an end to law enforcement unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION

On May 1, 2019 U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) submitted House Resolution 338 in the U.S. House of Representatives; "Expressing support for the designation of May 2019 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month," which reads:

"Whereas motorcycling is a great American tradition enjoyed by an estimated 27 million people annually, representing almost 9 percent of the population;

Whereas motorcycles are a valuable component of the transportation mix;

Whereas motorcycles are fuel-efficient and decrease congestion while having little impact on our Nation's transportation infrastructure;

Whereas the motorcycling community promotes rider education, licensing, and motorcycle awareness;

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- 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:

- 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
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- 2017 Helped pass the Teen texting bill
- 2017 Helped pass the Civil Forfeiture changes
- 2018 Introduced Anti-profiling legislation
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Whereas motorcyclist deaths occur more frequently than fatalities in passenger vehicles;

Whereas motorcycle awareness is beneficial to all road users and will help decrease motorcycle accidents; and

Whereas the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to encourage riders to be properly licensed, receive training, and to remind all riders and motorists to always share the road: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives --

(1) supports the designation of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month;

(2) recognizes the contribution of motorcycles to the transportation mix;

(3) encourages motorcycle awareness by all road users;

(4) recognizes that motorcyclists have a right to the road and that all motorists should safely share the roadways;

(5) encourages rider education and training for safe motorcycle operation; and

(6) supports the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.”

H.Res. 338 has been referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and currently has 7 cosponsors.

MOTORCYCLISTS AMONG THOSE BENEFITING FROM PUBLIC LANDS ACCESS

Recreation industry leaders and off-road vehicle enthusiasts applaud Congress for

the passage of the Natural Resources Management Act, S.47, now Public Law No: 116-9 after being signed March 12, 2019 by President Donald Trump, affirming the existence and proper management of millions of acres of public lands and parks, including Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas, for years to come.

The law permanently reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Every Kid Outdoors Act for seven years. Collectively this legislation will benefit thousands of parks, public lands, and waters as well as providing access to the outdoors to millions of off road motorcycle and ATV riders across the country.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is America's most important conservation program, responsible for protecting parks, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas at the federal, state, and local levels. Many of the lands that NPT has transferred to the National Park Service were purchased with funding from LWCF, including Rocky Mountain National Park, Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Glacier National Park, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, and Zion National Park.

The sweeping Act reflects the bipartisan Senate-House agreement reached near the end of the last Congress to bundle together over 100 individual lands bills, striking a balance between creating new opportunities for natural resource and community development with limited, locally-supported conservation. It will improve public lands management, protect treasured landscapes, and increase public access for recreation while protecting private property rights.

Last year, the government released national data demonstrating the importance of an outdoor recreation economy that accounts for 2.2 percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product and directly supports 4.5 million jobs.

MONGOLS FINED \$500,000 & GIVEN PROBATION, BUT RETAIN TRADE-MARKED LOGO

At a sentencing hearing on Friday, May 17 a federal judge in California fined the

Mongols Motorcycle Club \$500,000 and put the club on probation for five years following its racketeering and conspiracy convictions, but rebuffed yet another attempt by prosecutors to strip the group of its trademark protected back patch logos, citing constitutional protections against intrusions on free expression and excessive penalties.

Last December, a jury found the Mongol Nation as a whole guilty of RICO charges in a decade-long case in which prosecutors said the group operated an organized criminal enterprise. That jury further decided at the time that the government could seize the Mongols intellectual property, but in February U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter intervened and refused to approve the asset forfeiture.

Stephen "Bowtie" Stubbs, lead attorney for the Mongols, called the judge's decision to not strip its identifying insignia a victory for all motorcycle clubs, but said that the \$500,000 would be a "major burden" to bear for current members who had nothing to do with any of the alleged behavior of past members, and told NBC News that the club plans to appeal the entire case.

"The Mongols Motorcycle Club is very pleased that Judge Carter shut down another attempt by the government to limit symbolic speech," said Stubbs, of Las Vegas, who is a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF) and also serves as legal counsel for the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (COC).

Prior to the sentencing hearing, prosecutors tried again, requesting the Mongols be prohibited from preventing others from using their image, which Stubbs said the judge also denied.

SHOW-ME FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Missouri is the latest state looking to give motorcyclists the freedom to choose whether or not to wear a helmet while riding, and hopes to soon become the 32nd state behind Michigan in 2012 to allow adult Freedom of Choice. The legislative package, including other transportation provisions, passed the Senate 21-12 on Thursday, May 16 and on Friday the House advanced Senate Bill 147 to Governor Mike Parsons (R) on a 94-46 vote.

If signed into law, SB 147 would repeal their decades-old helmet law and allow motorcyclists 18 and older the option to ride without a helmet, provided they carry proper health insurance.

Like Michigan, which shook off the sting of two previous gubernatorial vetoes of their helmet law repeal bills before bouncing back to amend their mandatory helmet law, Missouri's legislature previously passed a helmet law repeal in 2009 which was vetoed by then-Governor Jay Nixon (D), and in 1999 a helmet repeal bill reached the desk of former Gov. Mel Carnahan (D) who vetoed it -- members of Freedom of the Road Riders (FORR-MO) and ABATE for Missouri are hoping this time's the charm!

"SB 147 has passed through both chambers, and only needs a signature from the governor (who can be reached at (573) 751-3222)," reports www.forr.net. "Yes, everybody Happy Happy," commented Tony Shepherd of ABATE, a past member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, who has worked diligently towards passage with FORR-MO Legislative Coordinator Joe Widmer.

CONNECTICUT MAY EXTEND HELMET LAW FROM 18 TO 21 AND UNDER

Helmet laws vary from one state to the other, with some rules being more flexible than others, and at least until now motorcycle helmets were not mandatory in Connecticut for riders aged 18 and over. Prior to January 1, 1990, Connecticut was one of just four states that had no helmet requirement, but if passed House Bill 6161 would increase the minimum age for compulsory helmet use from Under 18 to Under 21.

HB 6161 passed the House by a vote of 113-13 on May 14th and is now heading to the Senate for consideration and vote.

Language instituting a universal helmet law for all riders was stripped from a larger bill, and although they still express opposition to any further attempt to mandate helmet use by adults, the Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association (CMRA) has already claimed a victory in defeating that measure; but advocates hoping to finally reinstate Connecticut's full motorcycle helmet law after 43 years still hope they can pass legislation next session, despite their setback.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Freedom is never granted; it is won. Justice is never given; it is exacted."

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High Country Chapter

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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 Buttsback (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/>.

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Rule for Radicals 7: Don't Be Boring

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“A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag.”

In addition to being a brilliant political strategist, Saul Alinsky was a keen observer of human nature.

Human beings can sustain an interest in a particular subject only over a limited period of time. The concentration, the emotional fervor, even the physical energy, a particular experience that is exciting, challenging, and inviting, can last just so long —this is true of the gamut of human behavior... After a period of time

it becomes monotonous, repetitive, an emotional treadmill, and worse than anything else a bore.

Alinsky warns readers that the worst opponent activists battle isn't the other side. “From the moment the tactician engages in conflict, his enemy is time.”

Of course, Alinsky doesn't blame people for losing interest in a cause as time goes on. “New issues and crises are always developing, and one's reaction becomes, ‘Well, my heart bleeds for those people and I'm all for the boycott, but after all there are other important things in life’— and there it goes.”

This fatigue applies to everyone involved in the activism process.

- It applies to the media, because they constantly need new stories to report on, and you repeating the same tactics over and over won't get readers.
- It applies to the public at large whose opinion you're trying to influence, because after a while they'll start tuning you out.
- It applies to the activists you're counting on to keep showing up, because doing the same thing over and over with little results can be disheartening. Plus, this is the definition of insanity.
- It applies to organizers like you, because getting stuck in a rut can be dis-

couraging enough to make you want to quit.

Remember that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results.

When you're developing your strategy, look for ways to be creative and innovative.

Try new tactics and test whether they're effective. Ask your activists to give you their ideas. Don't let your tactics become a drag. And above all, avoid being a bore.



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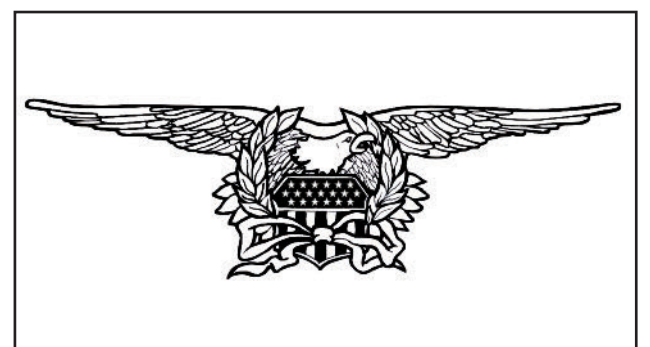
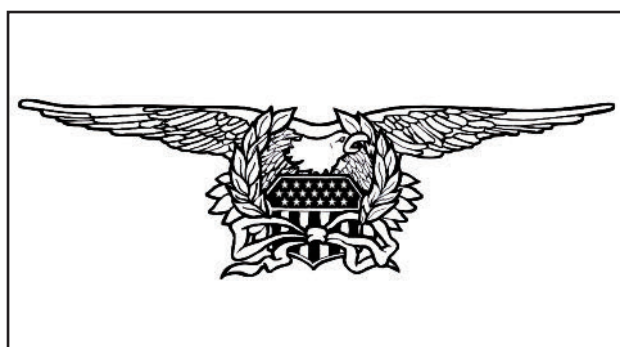
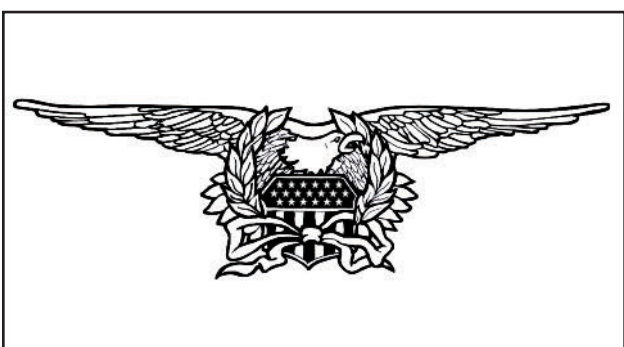
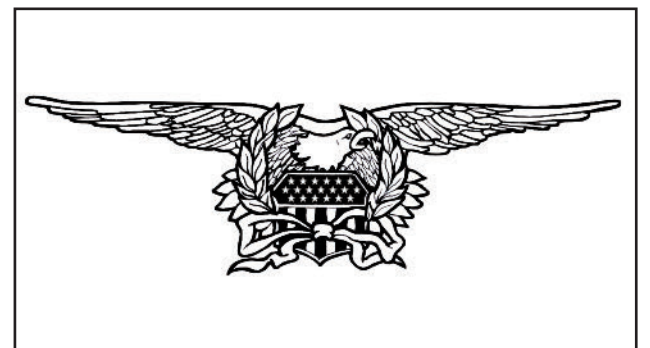
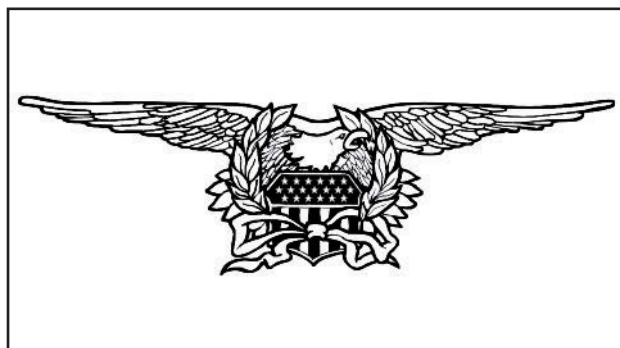
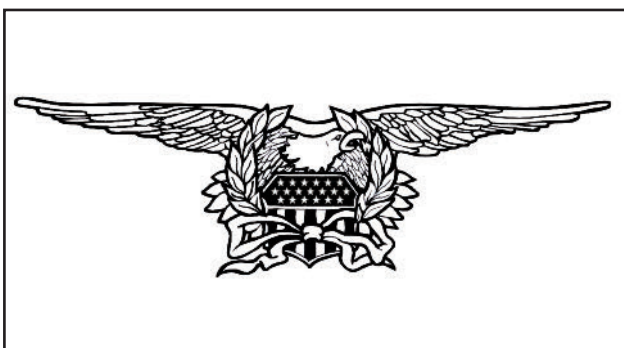
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Letter From The AMSAF Executive Director

AMSAF Executive Director
Mick Degn
mick@amsaf.org

May is celebrated as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. When we started AMSAF back in 2011 we wanted to make sure we were promoting Motorcycle Safety and Awareness all the time and since that time we have done that. We do it in a number of ways each month through the following:

- Tuesday Safety tips on <https://www.facebook.com/AMSAF.ORG/> we have some great safety tips that get a lot of shares and likes.
- Our Monthly newsletter, "The AMSAF Rider" with a lot of good information on safety and awareness. <https://www.amsaf.org/subscribe-to-the-newsletter/>
- Each month we give out

Motorcycle Financial Assistance Scholarships to help individuals and families get into motorcycle training. <https://www.amsaf.org/scholarships/>

- Each year we put on an event that is geared to Safety and Awareness, "Riding for the Long Haul", <https://www.amsaf.org/riding-for-the-long-haul/>
- We put up billboards to help promote "Share the Road"

Our goal is to help reduce crashes and fatalities here in Arizona and it's a campaign that can't be just for the month. We all need to be aware and promote safety and awareness all the time, every day, every month and all year.

This month we have Dr. Sucher from Arizona Trauma Association, Dr. Hu and Wendy Otten from Dignity Health-Chandler Regional Medical talking about

the importance of Safety. These folks see it first hand when we someone ends up in the Hospital from a crash. Take a look at their message that is on our Facebook page.

We also want to thank our many Sponsors who help us every year so that we can do the things I listed above. Check out these Sponsors at: <https://www.amsaf.org/sponsors-contributors/>

I also want to thank the AMSAF Board members who spend countless hours helping AMSAF and the community to get the word out and help make a difference. They are awesome.

Ride safe, Share the Road and please wear proper riding gear to protect you and make sure maintenance is current on your motorcycle.



Motorcycle Awareness Program going strong twenty years and counting

Jim Silk ABATE State Safety Officer
jsilk2264@gmail.com

With the goal of instructing the future car drivers of Arizona (and hopefully their friends and family) to look out for motorcyclists, ABATE of Arizona conducts a motorcycle awareness program (MAP) at various valley high schools. Currently the program is conducted at five east valley high schools. Over 15 years ago, the program was originally started up by Sporty Jim. Jim and Joe Silk refined Sporty Jim's program presentation with a video and power-point. That video and

power-point was recently revised by Jean Cooper and most recently by Joe Hoodak (AMSAF). East valley members Joe Silk and Jim Silk have been showing students how to share the road twice a year for over the past 15 years. The program's power point show helps students see what a motorcycle is doing in today's traffic and alerts students to how another form of transportation vehicle is seen in today's traffic. Photos of who, what, and where motorcycle can be found in their presentation as well as a video put out by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) of sharing the road. Following the

presentation and video, the students take a short quiz on what was shown and then are shown a ride by demo on a motorcycle where they judge the speed of bike driving past them. The lecture ends with a brief demonstration on how a rider operates the bike. The students are encourage to look at a Team Arizona drivers program as well as how to find funding for a class thru AMSAF. Many motorcycle riders have assisted over the years in helping do this presentation and a big thank you goes out to Richard Dalton, Nolan Steed, Tim Zernick, Dawn Steed, Mary K and Smiley, Greg



Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)

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

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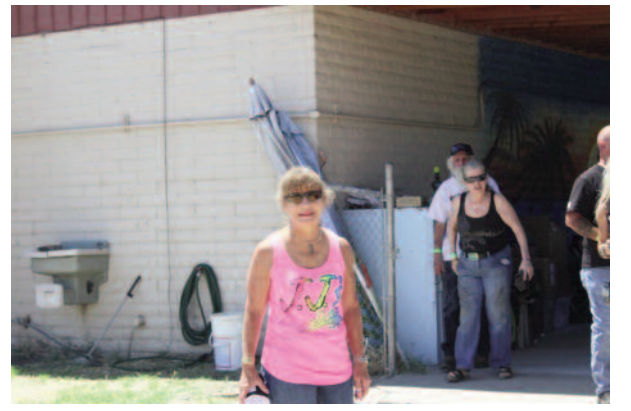
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SUPERSTION CHAPTER HITS THE ROAD IN 5TH GEAR!

BY Woody Phillips

The newest chapter to join ABATE of Arizona is the Superstition Chapter in Apache Junction. Boasting 35 members on the night of their first official meeting,

the chapter is well situated to be a leader in the area of Safety and Awareness. Born out of the ashes of tragedy, March Schultz, Becky Pennington and Tiffanie Rigby resolved to do something about all the motorcycle accidents resulting in

death and pain in their part of Arizona. After several months of planning and recruiting, they had their first official meeting as a chapter on May 12, 2019 at 6 pm at the VFW in Apache Junction. You can join them there the second

Sunday of every month at the same time to lend your voice and heart to the mission of saving motorcyclists lives. ABATE of Arizona is profoundly proud and thankful to have leaders like these join our organization!

A Note from your Editor

Please take a look at page 8...

This is the smallest business sponsor list I have ever seen since I became editor in

2004... Just saying...

Sad.

Insurance Companies Make \$1000 For Each Speed Camera Ticket

<https://www.thenewspaper.com>

California red light camera tickets boosted insurance industry profit by \$1.5 billion over five years.

Report cover

Neither the cities that have traffic cameras nor the private companies that operate them are the biggest financial beneficiaries of photo enforcement. In states like Arizona and California where automated citations carry points against the recipient's driver's license, insurance companies are generating four times more revenue from photo tickets than California and Arizona cities.

The Zebra, an online car insurance cost comparison website, analyzed insurance rates for 61 million policies from 650 insurance companies nationwide over the last eight years. The company distilled its findings on 43,500

potential ratings factors into an annual report on the state of automobile insurance. The latest report calculates that insurance companies are pocketing \$1000 in additional profit for every photo citation issued in states where such tickets carry license points.

The Zebra found that different types of traffic violations carry varying levels of impact on the cost of insurance. For instance, insurance companies on average collect an extra 6.7 percent, or \$293, from drivers who are involved in an accident caused by another motorist. An at-fault accident costs \$1851 -- a 42 percent premium hike. Being issued a ticket for using a cell phone behind the wheel can cost \$864, and a drunk driving conviction will boost rates \$3,258 over three years -- an increase of 74 percent.

Receiving a red light camera ticket in states like California and Arizona raises an individual's insurance premium by

\$999 over three years. A speed camera ticket in Arizona, likewise, carries an extra cost of \$1024. This is only part of the total cost for California drivers, who are also on the hook for each \$490 ticket. While California has the nation's highest photo ticket cost, the cities do not pocket anywhere near \$490 per ticket, as profits are split with the county government and the for-profit camera vendor. The insurance companies face no such costs, and the companies do not provide any additional services for the added premium.

The amount of revenue being generated is substantial. Last year, Scottsdale, Arizona's speed camera vendor issued 41,961 tickets worth \$43 million in profit to the insurance industry. Using figures from the California Judicial Council obtained by HighwayRobbery.net, 1,510,705 red light camera tickets were issued statewide between 2013 and 2017. That

represents \$1.5 billion in added profit to AAA, State Farm, Geico, Allstate, Progressive and other insurance firms over five years. That is a far more significant take than the \$740,245,450 split between the camera companies and local governments over the same period.

The insurance industry has spent millions promoting the use of red light cameras and speed cameras nationwide. The first and most vocal advocate of automated ticketing has been the insurance industry's lobbying arm, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), which created the very first studies used as a justification for the installation of cameras.

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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

Too Broke For Sturgis (TBFS) is ABATE of Arizona’s annual fundraiser and it also might be the best motorcycle rally in Arizona. It does not cost a ton of money to attend, there is FREE camping, and there are great games and

fun times to be had for an entire 4 day weekend. You can’t beat the ride there, especially if coming up state route 87 from the valley. And the clear air and gorgeous skies just add to the whole experience. So, regardless of if you are reading this before, during, or after TBFS, I wanted to point something out. Despite being a great party, it is billed as a fundraiser for a reason.

ABATE of AZ requires money to complete its mission. Publishing the Masterlink newsletter costs money. Distributing it costs money. Sending our Lobbyist and Legislative Director to out-of-state meetings (a necessary part of making all this work), costs money. Heck, getting your patches and annual membership cards made and mailed costs money. And, in the future, if we are to expand the Motorcycle Awareness

Program (MAP) to be state wide, that will also cost money. So, we throw a big party every year to raise the money to offset these costs. Please keep that in mind the next time you attend an event and someone is there selling ABATE merchandise, or even if they just have a donation bucket out. We are here to serve ALL Arizona motorcyclists, members or not, and could use a bit of help with our mission.

Speaking of our mission, let’s talk about safety! We are now getting into some of the best weather there is for riding in Arizona. When it gets hot in some parts, you head to the mountains. Some of us prefer to ride in the evening, or even at night (if it is really hot). Those of us fortunate enough to live in the cooler elevations have to contend with much more traffic, especially on weekends, than

other times of the year. That means there are more opportunities to become a statistic that none of us want to see. How can you stay safe? Make sure your bike is ready and that you are too. Check your tires. Don’t drink and ride! And if you do not have a motorcycle endorsement on your license, take a class and get one. AMSAF offers scholarships and there are other ways to get classes, even for free! If you don’t know how, Google it, or ask your chapter Safety Officer. But whatever you do, please ride safely. Going to a biker funeral is not my idea of a fun ride.

Meanwhile, Have Fun, Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed and **watch those intersections!**

What you need to know about the New Arizona Texting Law

<https://www.cyclerides.com>

What will be forbidden?

The new law will make it illegal to “physically hold” or “support with any part of the body” any cell phone or other portable wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. There was some debate — and no clear answer — on what constitutes “support” of a phone, and whether that means in the lap, in the pocket or elsewhere. But from a

practical standpoint, if it’s in a lap, it is unlikely that a police officer would see it and pull someone over. The law bans not only chatting on the phone but writing, sending and reading text messages, emails, instant messages or internet data.

What are the key exceptions?

Drivers can make calls if they use earpieces, headphones or any type of device worn on a wrist to conduct voice communications. Vehicles with built-in interfaces

with cell phones also are exempt as long as they can be operated with minimal interactions, meaning simply to press a button to activate or deactivate. People also can “read” texts if these are translated into voice. And they also can send texts if done through voice commands. A phone’s map and GPS are permitted if in a hands-free mode.

What about other types of devices?

The same restrictions on holding a cell

video screens that provide information about the vehicle. The legislation also adds a provision designed to protect people who have dash cams and similar devices that continuously record what’s going on, either in the vehicle or on the road.

Are there other types of operations that are not subject to the law?

Motorists can use a cell phone to “report illegal activity or summon emergency help.” Also not subject to new restrictions are licensed amateur radio operators and fleet drivers with commercial licenses communicating with a dispatcher. And for those who are still attached to their citizen band radios, you can keep yakking away, good buddy.

What about when I’m stopped?

It depends on where. Motorists who are parked are exempt and can call and text at will. Ditto if you’re at a stop light or waiting for a train to clear a railroad crossing. But a stop sign doesn’t count. Nor does being stopped for a school bus.

What are the fines?

A first offense carries a minimum fine of \$75 and up to \$149. Subsequent violations result in fines of at least \$150 and no more than \$250. But the offenses accumulate no points on a motorist’s license. There is an exception: Licenses can be suspended if someone is violating the new law and causes a serious injury or death.

Do I have to give my cell phone to a police officer when stopped?

phone also apply to any “stand-alone electronic device.” That means anything with stored audio or video – so, no hanging on to the phone while listening to previously recorded podcasts or watching tapes of Game of Thrones.

What about watching live TV?

That already is illegal. But the new law clarifies that the statute does not apply to mapping services, which update images, as well as to cars and trucks with built-in

No. There is an exception for “when authorized by law,” but there is no definition.

When does all this take effect?

January 1, 2021. That does not preclude an offending motorist from being stopped between now and then, though police could issue only warnings for violating the new law.

But what about all those existing local laws?

Those remain in effect and can still be enforced, including provisions that are stricter than what’s in this new law. So, if a local ordinance has no exception for stop lights, motorists can still be cited. But as of Jan. 1, 2021, any provision that does not mirror the state law will disappear.

If there’s a delayed effective date, why the emergency clause?

One provision that takes effect immediately requires the Motor Vehicle Division to now start testing would-be drivers on the effects of using cell phones and similar devices. Another new section allows MVD to suspend the commercial driver’s license of someone who violates the law.

Enjoy your week and Please Ride Safe!
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2019 Wild in the Weeds Motorcycle Rally Exceeds Expectations

By Woody Phillips

While attendance was only slightly higher than past years, everything else about this year's Wild in the Weeds motorcycle rally exceeded expectations. The 15th version of the annual rally put on by the High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ was met with the best weather in years, coupled with the best music and probably the best games in quite some time as well. The one area that needed improvement was the pool which unfortunately sprung a leak and could not be saved. However that did not appear to dampen the spirits of any of the party goes who were happy to hang out with good and new friends and enjoy the activities.

This year High County Chapter (HCC) experimented with accepting credit cards

at the event and that went so well you can expect it to be a standard practice in the future.

As usual, Harley Lewis and her crew were on their game with great bar tending, plenty of cold beer (and water) and breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffets that satisfied even the heartiest appetite! On Friday HCC presented Harley with a birthday gift of a canvas print of the design used to make this year's t-shirts. If you missed out on one of these awesome looking shirts, drop by WildInTheWeeds.com and go to their STORE link to order yours. But you better be quick. You only have until May 16th to get your order in. Friday ended with an awesome performance by local band FROZEN FIRE and I must say Mario and the gang were On FIRE!

On Saturday the festivities got into high gear with tons of great raffle prizes, including \$500 in cash, 50/50 and a wet-shirt contest that was the culmination of the days games including people games like "Honey I'm Home", the "Plank Walk", the always popular "Tire Toss" (one each for men and women) and of course the bike games consisting of "Slow Drag", "Joust", "Road Kill" (my favorite), the "Weenie Bite" and of course the "Balloon Toss". Saturday evening wrapped up with a great bonfire and live music by UNCHAINED who played one of their best concerts in a while (if you missed it kick yourself because it was just incredible!).

Sunday morning wrapped up all the fun with another breakfast buffet that helped

cure any hangovers from the night before and fueled the HCC staff that then cleaned up the area like they had never been there.

Well done to everyone from High Country of ABATE of AZ. If this is how well they run a small event like this, one can only imagine how awesome Too Broke For Sturgis will be this year with FOUR bands booked! Special congratulations to this year's "Wildest In The Weeds" winner Amy Edwards who received a trophy as special recognition for service above and beyond to make sure this event went as smoothly as possible. Outstanding job Amy!

Photos and videos from the event, including concert video of UNCHAINED can be found at WildInTheWeeds.com - See you next year!

EPPD: Dozens of arrests made during motorcycle gang crackdown on Cinco de Mayo weekend

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

EL PASO, Texas - El Paso Police made 35 arrests and issued 118 citations during a Cinco de Mayo crackdown on motorcycle gangs.

Police released the figures Tuesday in response to an ABC-7 request for

information. Several ABC-7 staffers and viewers noticed police pulling over groups of motorcyclists during the entire Cinco de Mayo holiday weekend.

The three day operation from May 2nd to May 5th was "conducted in response to the large number of out-

law motorcycle gang members anticipated to be visiting the city that weekend," police said.

Police did not specify the extent of the charges filed, nor did they identify those arrested.

The El Paso Police Department's

Gang, TAC and SWAT units participated in the operation along with partner, local, state and federal agencies from the Texas Anti-Gang Center.

-KVIA, ABC News



City of Prescott Presented May Motorcycle Awareness Proclamation to Yavapai Chapter ABATE OF AZ.

May 14, 2019 at 3:30 PM.



Biker Civil Rights Memorial Announced

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

Four years ago on May 17, 2015 nine bikers were killed , 17 Wounded & 177 arrested without due process, at Waco Texas . This Biker Tragedy is the most horrendous violation of Biker civil Rights in world history !

Five of the nine bikers were killed by 223 caliber bullets fired from an elevated position—most certainly by police snipers. Many Bikers could not afford the \$1 million bond and eventually lost jobs, homes & families.

All state and federal charges against the bikers were dropped on April 2, 2019. But the mystery is even more alarming, since it is not known who started the conflict. There is uncertainty of whom shot who or even who really escalated the conflict .

At Waco in 1916 , a developmentally disabled black boy —Jesse Washington was found guilty of allegedly raping a white woman. He was castrated in the courtyard.

Then hung over a fire for 4 1/2 hours & lynched to death. His genitals, fingers and toes were sold & given away as souvenirs.

On Saturday, September 14 at Camp Bubba’s Resort & Event Center, near Tomahawk, Wisconsin, a double sided 4 x 8-foot sign will dedicated in recognizing these three Waco tragedies. Tomahawk is the site of one of three Harley Davidson manufacturing facilities. The other plants are in Milwaukee Wisconsin and York Pennsylvania.

Special guest speakers will address Bikers about being stereotyped, discriminated against and profiled..Bikers See Heroes indeed!

So far confirmed are Frank Ernst, Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists . He serves as Chairman of the Legislative Task Force.

Gerald Unger/ Illinois was A senior medical examiner in New York City during the 2001 Twin Towers attack . He spent much time in DNA identification of victims .Gerald is a very prominent attorney with a stellar career. Many want him to

be drafted onto the Harley-Davidson Board of Directors, becoming the only real “ Biker “ on that board .

Others being considered are Gary Wetzel / Oak Creek Wis , a Vietnam Congressional medal of honor recipient . Also Tommy Tradewell – Veterans Of Foreign , who was the first national commander of any major veterans organization.

Vicki Sanfelipo, founder of Accident Scene Management, trains hundreds of bikers a year to save lives, is being eagerly sought.

Also to be then dedicated is the Miracle Mountain Motorcycle Monument. Other patriotic signs and exhibits include; RIZEN , The Highground Veterans Park ,Native American Indian culture, Crazy Horse, Bobville Talent Park & Big and Little Indian Farms, the Harley Fame of Shame & Wis Adventures on Wheels .

A special salute to Law enforcement, firefighters and EMTs is evolving —as with other exhibits to yet be announced.

Efforts are suggested to make the Twin Peaks Restaurant area At Waco Texas — a National Historic Site . This was the site of the Waco BIKER tragedy.

Combined with the Branch Davidians and Jesse Washington , the Waco area could be declared a National Monument through the United States Park Service .

This Monument Museum could be modeled after the Pipe Springs National Monument in Arizona . This describes the horrendous treatment & understanding of Mormons.

The Camp Bubba’s Resort & Event Center will be multi dimensional . This will allow Bikers to tell their story , be properly understood and promote the biker way of life!

God Bless you,
Dave Zien
former State Senator
Million Mile Motorcycle Man

Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month!

In honor of May being Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month the City of Tucson has issued a Proclamation declaring that is recognized as such in the City of Tucson.

William Cleveland - Chapter PAC Officer
Anissa Huntington – Chapter Coordinator
Jonathan Rothschild – Mayor City of Tucson
Jim Butsback – President ABATE of Arizona

Tim Miller – Member Southern Arizona Chapter

Not shown in this photo is ABATE member Robey Straight from Straight Photography who accompanied us and

photographed this meeting.

Thank You Robey for all you do for us.



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WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for over 325,000 Arizonans and for millions throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires special skills developed through a combination of training and experience, good judgment, and knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is especially important that Arizonans be aware of motorcycles on the streets and highways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, all motorcycle riders are encouraged to continue to hone their skills no matter how long they have been riding; and

WHEREAS, all highway users are being encouraged to be aware of motorcycles and safely share the roadway throughout Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2019 to be

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in this community, and encourage all our residents to advocate for stricter enforcement of driving laws and increased awareness of motorcycles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2019.

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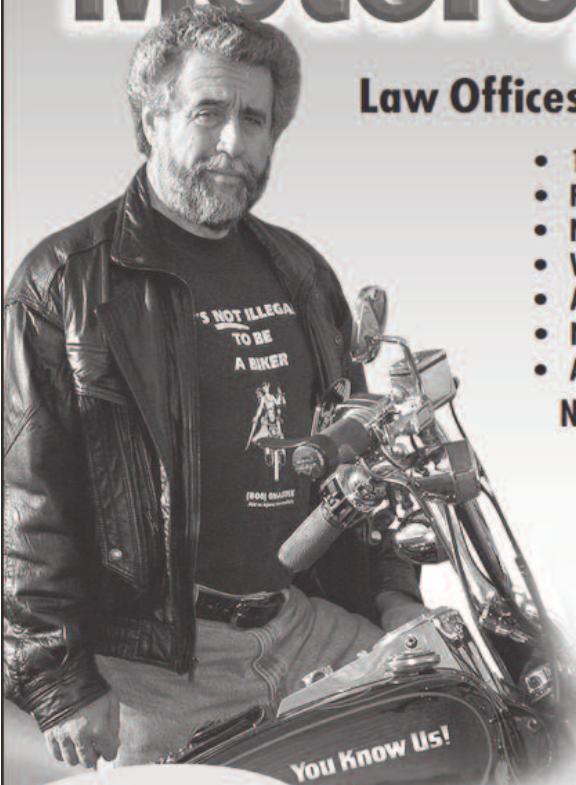
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Aid to Incarcerated Motorcyclists A.I.M. - (800) 235-2424
24-Hr. Legal Criminal Defense

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

MAY is Motorcycle Awareness Month even in Canada

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Motorcyclists and those who share the road are reminded to practice safe driving as May marks Motorcycle Safety Month.

The City of Grande Prairie Enforcement Services stated it would focus on motorcycle safety for the Selected Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

“All motorists are reminded to be aware of their surroundings and exercise a higher degree of caution when more vulnerable vehicles such as motorcyclists are in the vicinity,” the city said in a statement. “Motorcyclists in particular have a higher likelihood for injury in the case of an accident due to their exposed vehicle.”

“Motorcyclists should drive cautiously and defensively, never assume other motorists are aware of your presence,” the city added.

According to the city, motorists should:

Look twice for motorcyclists at intersections, when turning, and when changing lanes.

Never underestimate the speed of a motorcycle, their size makes their speed deceptive.

Ensure you allow extra space between your vehicle and motorcycles as they can stop faster than other vehicles around them.

“Safety is everyone’s responsibility, whether you drive a car, truck or motorcycle,” the city said. “Help protect the lives around you by being alert and operating your motor vehicle safely.”

As the warm weather brings out more motorists, the Alberta RCMP also

reminded motorcyclists to adopt safe driving behaviours in order to reduce the risk of collisions.

“With season change and warming weather, motorcycles are prevalent on our roadways. In 2018, there were 12 people killed and 232 motorcycles involved in injury collisions in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions,” said Supt. Gary Graham with Alberta RCMP Traffic Services in a statement. “These numbers are a good reason to raise awareness about safe motorcycling so that we all get to our destinations safely.”

Alberta RCMP offered the following motorcycle safety tips:

Gear up! Along with a helmet, riders should wear shatter-proof eye protection and durable weather-proof clothes to keep you comfortable while riding.

Stay bright and in sight! Staying out of blind spots on roadways and in parking lots will help keep other vehicles aware of your presence.

Showing off does not pay off – but driving defensively does. Remember, motorcycles are smaller than most vehicles. Be aware of your surroundings, share the road and change lanes with extreme caution.

Practice makes perfect. Riders should practice on safe roads away from high traffic areas and highways to make sure they are comfortable and confident in their skills on the road.

The Alberta RCMP stated they would continue to work with Alberta Sheriffs and other law enforcement and safety partners to promote safe driving and riding. Traffic safety tips can be found on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RCMPAlberta.

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

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Four years later: Twin Peaks survivor hopes to change biker profiling

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A Twin Peaks shooting survivor says he is trying to rebuild his reputation after he was one of the bikers arrested at the Waco restaurant in 2015.

Friday marks four years since the deadly shootout at the Waco Twin Peaks.

"This was a scheduled meeting," said Paul Landers.

Landers said he got to the restaurant early that day to set up for a meeting about biker profiling, recent biker legislation and their rights on the road. "That day was different because there were people there that never participated at all in what we do," he said.

He said he was hanging a banner when he heard the first shots. "Some automatic fire broke out, obviously not small arms fire broke out," he said.

Nine people were killed and at least 20 were critically injured. If you were there as a biker, chances are you were arrested by Waco Police.

Landers was one of them. "That incident happened 12:30, one o'clock. We were on the hot concrete in 97-degree weather until five that evening. People (were) looking for a restroom. It was total chaos. You don't know what's going on, who's involved. Then we sat on the bus until midnight. I was in handcuff until midnight, plastic cuffs," he said.

Landers said he spent the next 23 days in jail. He along with 177 others faced felony charges — engaging in organized criminal activity, resulting in murder and aggravated assault.

Charges for Landers were dropped three years after his arrest. In early April, the remaining charges were dropped after a new DA took office.

Landers said his life still hasn't been the same since his arrest. "I'm not a criminal," he said.

Before the shooting, Landers said he worked for a well-paying company but was terminated within a week after his arrest. He said the reputation he built as

an advocate for biker safety with policy makers at the state Capitol started to diminish. "If you want to single out the bad deed of a couple, but don't indict the whole group on the actions of few," he said.

Landers is now part of a civil suit suing the former McLennan County District Attorney, Waco Police and the detective that signed off on the affidavit. He said he's not suing for financial gain but to prevent bikers from being profiled like he feels they were on May 17, 2015 in Waco.

"Never let this happen again," he said.

California regulator threatens ban on gasoline engines

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WASHINGTON — California's top environmental regulator is threatening to enact tougher pollution rules that could include a ban on vehicles that burn petroleum-based fuels in retaliation for the Trump administration's plan to relax vehicle emission standards.

The move — which would be a first in the U.S. — marks an escalation in the clash between Washington and Sacramento that would increase uncertainty for carmakers in the nation's biggest auto market.

California has already gone to court to fight the Trump administration's determination that current vehicle emission and fuel economy standards are too stringent. Now, California Air Resources Board Chairman Mary Nichols is arguing that the state will match any relaxation of federal auto rules with its own more stringent anti-pollution requirements on everything from fuel to the refineries producing it.

"CARB will be exploring ways to ensure

communities get the reductions of air pollution they so desperately need to keep the air clean and breathable — and continue to fight climate change," Nichols said in draft remarks prepared for an event Thursday.

"That might mean, for example, tougher requirements for low-carbon fuels, looking at tighter health-protective regulations on California refineries, doubling down on our enforcement efforts on mobile and stationary sources — and might lead to an outright ban on internal combustion engines."

Nichols was set to deliver the remarks during a meeting with California air quality and transportation agencies. Representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency did not immediately respond to an emailed request seeking comment.

President Donald Trump's administration is developing a final plan for easing tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions standards and fuel economy requirements, after proposing to cap the mandates at 37 miles per gallon after 2020. Under exist-

ing Obama-era rules, fuel economy requirements are set to rise to 47 mpg.

Uncertain future

The administration in February terminated months of talks between federal regulators and California officials to maintain a common standard. Automakers had urged the two sides to reach an agreement to avert a prolonged legal battle with California, which has unique authority to establish its own emissions rules.

The fight has already caused uncertainty for the auto industry, threatening to undermine business plans heavily reliant on predictability. A prolonged court battle over mileage mandates could upend technology development and investment plans for the U.S., even as European countries press on with tougher requirements.

But Nichols' comments show increasing peril for other industries too, particularly oil refineries. California already encourages zero-emission vehicles and legislation proposed in the state last year would mandate them by 2040. An outright ban on new vehicles powered by liquid, oil-

based fuels would be unprecedented in the U.S.

Britain, China, India and other nations have announced their own plans to phase out conventional vehicles with internal combustion engines.

Tough limits

Even without that step in California, refineries could be hit with tougher limits on pollution at their facilities and more stringent fuel requirements.

Nichols casts the moves as a possible necessary step to offset additional air pollution that could be unleashed by Trump easing auto standards.

"The federal rule will pump hundreds of millions of tons of climate-changing gases into the atmosphere, and will increase the amount of smog-forming pollution in our most polluted cities," Nichols says in her prepared remarks. "Steps may be needed to keep moving forward to fight climate change and continue to protect public health if it ever goes into effect."

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