

MOTORCYCLE DAY AT THE DOME 2019 RECAP



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Mike Infanzon
 Legislative Director

Wow! What a great turnout this year. We calculated just a hair over 300 motorcyclists showed up. A job well done needs to be given to Kong for making sure the APMC was well represented today. Thank you to all

the clubs who showed up, much respect.

I think it was successful. We were able to speak to so many legislators both in meetings in their offices and on the Senate lawn. We encouraged them to support the profiling memorial in the House, a comprehensive distracted driving bill that protects our 4th amendment rights, lane splitting and how it can reduce rear end collisions with motorcyclists and the funeral escorts bill that will negatively impact the Patriot Guard Riders

along with the Legion Riders.

By the time this edition hits your doorstep, the committee meetings will be over in their respective chambers and we will be working on this on the other side from the beginning.

ABATE, you did a great job again. Thanks for your support.

Freedom is a team sport!
 Mike

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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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605 W. Arabian Way Payson AZ 85541

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

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

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

6888 N De Chelly Loop Tucson, AZ 85741

Coordinator.....Anissa Huntington
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 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
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 Communications.....Carolyn Carver
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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.

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
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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
 Secretary.....Cynde Aydt
 Treasurer.....Cyndier McClure
 Membership.....Cat Spicker

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



EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

From the MRF

The New Guy:

With Megan Ekstrom's departure, the MRF Board of Directors was looking to maintain their presence in Washington, DC and ensure that all the hard work of the past years was not lost in the waning weeks of 2018. Based on the recommendation of Megan and conversations with your leadership, my lobbying firm Husch Blackwell Strategies was hired to represent the MRF in Washington. My firm came on board in December, and we will continue with you for the near future in 2019. Over the last two

months, I have worked closely with Tiffany in your DC office, and I'm impressed with not only the passion of your membership but the willingness to invest time, money and effort to achieve the goals of the MRF.

As a little background, I previously worked on Capitol Hill for the House Transportation Committee and at another lobbying firm in DC. In fact, Megan and I worked together for five years, and she and her husband are good personal friends.

Since every good introduction needs a fun fact, I'll leave you with this, between 2003 and 2016 I managed to visit all 50 State Capitols and have my picture taken. So, no matter where you live in the country there is a fairly good chance, I've been in your neighbor-

hood.

Rocky & Tiffany
 The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

A United Front:

While D.C. is a city full of divisions sometimes, it's nice to work together with like-minded groups for a common purpose. Last week, the MRF met with representatives from the American Motorcycle Association, Motorcycle Industry Council and Harley Davidson (AKA the Moto Lobby) to discuss common goals surrounding autonomous vehicles and safety concerns. The four groups have now agreed on a basic framework for our priorities and this week met with staff

of the House Energy and Commerce Committee to discuss the legislative agenda surrounding autonomous vehicles.

As you may remember last year, the Senate and the House had competing versions of legislation that dealt with autonomous vehicles. The Senate version did not receive a vote on the Senate floor while the House version passed the House

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Mission Statement

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

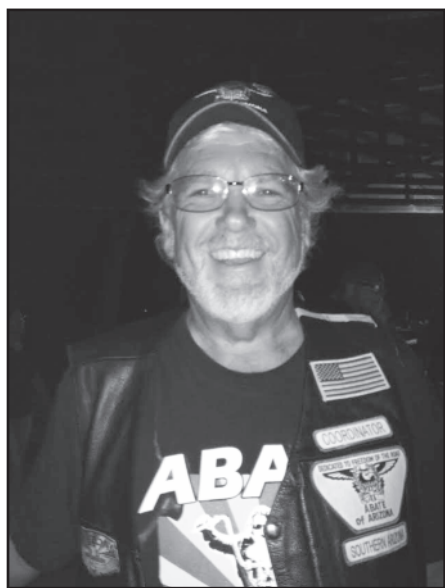
We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

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

President's Report



By Jim Butsback

Greetings to all!

As I sit down at the old computer to put my report together it is the middle of February and I am looking out the window at a dark cloudy sky and it has been raining all night. This year has been a colder and wetter than most winters. The rest of the country has suffered through flooding and extreme cold. I

just read an article that the "El Nino" has formed in the Pacific Ocean and that should make Arizona have an increased rainfall for this upcoming spring. The rain is always welcome here in the desert of southern Arizona where I live. It settles the dust and makes the area flourish with wild flowers in the spring. It also makes for slick roads as the oils rise up out of the pavement and washes sand, and gravel onto the pavement. As you go out for your rides please keep your eyes on the road in front of you, even if it has not rained in a while, watch for debris and sand etc. especially in the corners and turns where it tends to gather. Enjoy your freedom of the road and the spring weather but please be careful out there.

As we enter into March the calendar fills up with various rides and events of all types. By the time this issue gets out Southern Arizona Chapter will have had their Fisher House Run, Motorcycle Day at the Dome has come and gone. High Country Chapter is hard at work getting prepared for Wild in the Weeds, AMSAF has Riding for the Long Haul and the list goes on and on. I encourage

everyone to get out and support those causes that are important to you. Make sure as you attend these events you let the sponsoring organizations know that you are an ABATE member. Always try to wear your ABATE gear so others see you are a member. This helps not only our image as an organization that we are supporting the motorcycling community but also helps to start a conversation with others about what ABATE is and what we stand for which will help in recruiting new members. People tend to want to join organizations that are active and support then same things that they do.

May is "Motorcycle Awareness Month" nationally and once again we will be working with the Governor's office to have Governor Ducey issue a proclamation officially designating May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Arizona. I know most of the chapters are planning some kind of event or project to support this in their local areas. If your chapter does not have something planned now is the time to get organized and get something in the works. Please support all efforts to

get the message out to the general public to "Check Twice for Motorcycles" and I also urge all chapters to take this to your local city or town council and get them on board to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. Ask the leaders of your community to issue a proclamation for May.

I would also like to thank all of the Business Members that you see listed and their business card ads throughout the Masterlink. Without the support of these community members we would be hard pressed to continue to do what we do. I encourage all ABATE members to support those businesses that support us.

I hope to see many of you at one of the many upcoming events. Please ride like you are invisible because we all know that many times we are. Remember the 4Rs of riding. RIDE SAFE, RIDE SMART, RIDE RESPONSIBLE and RIDE ENDORSED!

Until next time!

Jim

From the MRF (continued)

but was not taken into consideration by the Senate.

The Senate version included language that stated "detection, classification, and response to any circumstance or condition relevant to the dynamic driving task within the operational design domain, including sense of objects, motorcyclists, bicyclists, pedestrians, other road users, and animals in or crossing the path of travel through the automated driving system."

The House version of the bill took a different approach and did not mandate specific categories that AV technology had to recognize and react to. Our Moto Lobby pressed committee staff to consider adding language that would specifically list motorcycles as something that AV technology must test for.

The reality of Congress at this time

means any legislation dealing with AV technology is a steep hill to climb. With the Senate and House controlled by different political parties, any legislation that both chambers can agree on will be difficult. On top of that, the House committee assigned to the issue (Energy and Commerce) will be led by Democrats who will likely want to use committee time and resources to focus on issues like healthcare and climate change. While the Senate Committee with jurisdiction (Commerce Science and Transportation) has a new Chairman this year with new priorities which may not include tackling the AV issue.

Regardless, we at the MRF and the DC motorcycle community will continue to hammer away at legislators and agency officials warning them about our concerns and the need for a clear statement about AV technology and the safety of motorcyclists.

clists.

NTSB RELEASED TOP TEN MOST WANTED LIST

Gone are the days when motorcycles were one of the issues on NTSB's Top 10 Most Wanted List. On Monday, The National Transportation Safety Board released it's 2019-20 Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements, and your MRF was pleased to see that we continue not to be a dedicated issue on this report. The comprehensive Top Ten list focuses on some things to note: distracted driving, impaired driving and most importantly, autonomous vehicle technology. As we have reported in the past, the DOT has been pretty laissez-faire on their guidance on the issue of autonomous vehicle regulation and legis-

lation failed to move in the last Congress. In the section "Increase Implementation of Collision Avoidance Systems in all New Highway Vehicle," the NTSB made a recommendation that the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) incorporate motorcycles in the development of performance standards for passenger vehicle crash warning and prevention systems. We are pleased to see for the first time that a government agency is seeing the importance of making sure motorcycles are properly detected and responded to by this emerging technology.

You can download and read the entire list here: [Download NTSB's Top 10 Most Wanted List](http://motorcyclersfoundation.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/2019%20NTSB%20Most%20Wanted.pdf)

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For Immediate Release Nominees Wanted - Class of 2019 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame

February 7, 2019

In September of 2018, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame (MRFHOF) was introduced at the

Meeting of the Minds in Denver, Colorado. This institution was created to recognize individuals that have worked through the MRF to positively impact motorcycling.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to announce that the nomination process for the next class of inductees into the MRFHOF is now open.

The nomination form and a timeline are posted on the MRF website at:

<https://mrf.org/mrf-hall-of-fame/>

Texas: Longer Yellow Time Experiment Is A Long-Term Success

A pilot project testing the effects of increasing the yellow warning time at intersections continues to demonstrate positive results in Denton, Texas. In April 2018, the city decided to appease red light camera critics by adding a second of yellow time to the photo enforced intersection of West Oak Street and North Carroll Boulevard. To the surprise of city staff, the 62 percent reduction in violations that began the day the timing was extended has lasted for ten months. Staff is now recommending a modest expansion of the test at the most profitable red light camera location.

"Using the number of violations as a

guide, staff is recommending to extend the pilot program (adding one second to the yellow signal interval) to the signals for both the northbound and southbound cameras at the intersection of I-35E and US 377 beginning March 1, 2019," a city staff report recommended on Friday.

Defenders of photo enforcement have claimed the benefits of extending yellow warning times dissipates over time. Denton's data show that the boost in yellow time from 3.5 seconds to 4.5 seconds has the same effect now as it did on the first day. There was a 64 percent drop in yellow in December 2018 compared to the previous year under the shortened yel-

low By contrast, there has been no reduction in the number of alleged violations at the twelve other red light camera locations in the city. The safety impact has also been positive.

"Since January 2016, there have been a total of 17 accidents at the intersection," staff noted. "Since the pilot program began at this intersection in April 2018, there have been four accidents reported."

Councilman Keely G. Briggs called for the pilot project. City staff revealed the data about the improvement at the intersection at her request. In other jurisdictions, municipal officials have resisted

extending yellow light times. For that reason, the states of Georgia and Ohio mandated an extra second of yellow at every location equipped with a red light camera. Once the law was implemented, Georgia's red light violations immediately plunged between 70 and 80 percent, and in Ohio violations likewise plummeted as drivers had more time to get through intersections safely. The benefits did not decline over time, as TheNewspaper documented with a review of four years of data. Similar findings have been made in Chandler, Arizona and San Carlos, California.

Chapter Reports

East Valley Chapter

Well, here it is a new year. Sorry we missed the January chapter report. A lot of things are going on already. By the time this hits the Masterlink we will have had MDATD and hopefully everything went well. In January we were invited by Keith Salyer to the CMA meeting in Apache Junction to talk about what A.B.A.T.E has done for motorcycle rights and some of the things coming up this year that we are working on.

The state of Arizona is trying to hold us hostage by charging motorcycle riders an extra fee if we want to ride without a helmet. I don't understand what the extra fee is supposed to do. We still believe it should be left up to the rider. They will be trying to push this hard so contact your AZ legislators in your districts and voice your opinion loudly.

Redbone and the Bonnette's once again cooked for CMA's event at the Brown Road Baptist Church on February 23rd. You know us, we're the Cooking chapter. Special thanks to Nolan Steed for getting us the grill. We love helping CMA at their events. We would also like to thank all of CMA for all hard work and support they give A.B.A.T.E. at our events.

We are looking for a new location for our Spaghetti Feed So if you know a place that we could use please let us know. We need a full kitchen to cook meatballs and place to hold the event. Contact Redbone or Jack. I know I don't have to say this but it's Snowbird season so pay extra attention when you are out riding this time of year.

Enjoy the Ride as always

Donna Batty
Communications
East Valley Chapter

High Country Chapter

Last month we had actual winter conditions in High Country. This meant we could not ride every day, only most days (it is Arizona after all). But even so we managed a ride down to Punkin Center Bar & Grill to present Harley, and her patrons, with a plaque for their continued, absolutely incredible, support for our annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run. These folks, and we mean everyone that patronizes her establishment as well as Harley AND all her staff, continue to make our jaws drop in awe of how much they care. We love you Harley and your entire crew. Thank you!

And then, as if February wasn't cool enough, the Women of the Moose at Lodge #852 decided to throw a dinner for all of our High Country Chapter members and participants to thank us for all the support the Barbie Hensler Toy Run provides to their efforts to help needy children at Christmas. The dinner was outstanding. Delicious roast beef with new red potatoes, vegetables cooked to perfection, salad, rolls AND desert. Actually, it was a feast giving back to the community is clearly a High Country tradition, so this dinner gave us a chance to recognize the Moose Lodge for their contributions to the Toy Run over the years with their own plaque. And, by the time you read this, we will have had an opportunity to present similar plaques to Rim Country District of the MMA who partner with us every year and are true brothers and sisters of the road, the Sportsman's Chalet in Strawberry whose owner Tim Kheen and his patrons went above and beyond this past year coming up with 17 brand new bicycles, and of course, the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson where Mike McKinnon and his staff basically turn over the whole restaurant to us every year so we have an awesome home for the Toy Run. We also want to thank all the volunteers and the many, many, folks of High Country that make this drive work every year.

Never ones to let grass grow under our feet, we are already underway for the best Wild In The Weeds party ever (WildInTheWeeds.com). This year we will be featuring a Run to the Weeds from the valley on Saturday morning (still being planned) and

the well-known and well-followed band UNCHAINED will be the headline act on Saturday evening. As usual we will have a free Photo Booth (courtesy of MotorcycleSafari.com) as well as a DJ, great games, vendors, etc. So save the dates (always the first weekend in May) May, 3, 4 & 5.

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

Mohave Chapter

NO REPORT

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

February seemed full of frost on windows, rainy days, and snow in the north, that slowly lead us into March. But in spite of what Punxsutawney Phil had to say, enduring the per usual roller coaster temperatures of Arizona brings us a little bit closer to spring and that beautiful riding weather on the horizon that we all love!

Speaking of progress, The Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter held it's monthly meeting on February 10th with over 30 people in attendance. A truly great turnout, despite sharing the date with the Florence Prison Run. The meeting was in full swing with the welcoming of 5 new members and 2 new lifetime members!

Acting on his wishes to increase our presence at more events and activities and to widen ABATE recognition, new Chapter Coordinator, Will, did just that. A strong ABATE presence was seen at several events this past month with a promise of more to come! As both coordinator and membership officer, Will, announced at the meeting that, "it is important for ABATE to be present and be visible." He asks everyone to get involved and ask your friends to join! You do NOT have to ride a motorcycle to be a part of and support ABATE. He invites any and all ideas for us to be involved in or host events, fundraisers, and gain new members. Please contact a chapter officer to submit your ideas.

Jeremy, safety officer, reminds us to check your T-CLOCKS (Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil and fluids, Chassis, and Sidestand) daily check list.

Double B, merchandise officer, debuted new ABATE PHX-Shadow Mountain Chapter bracelets. They are selling \$3 each or 2 for \$5. He also reminds us that there are still State hoodies (\$35), long-sleeve (\$25), and short-sleeve (\$20) are available!

Want to see your ABATE merchandise ideas come to life? Contact Robb to see what he can do! He welcomes any input.

PAC reminds us to get involved! Please keep an eye out for emails on what is going on and how you can help make an impact. If you are not receiving ABATE emails and would like to contact an officer to get on the email list. You can also find out more information on our website or our Facebook page!

If you see a "Call to Action" notice, please make that call. All you have to do is say your name and how you vote. Short, easy, simple. Also register for RTS (Right To Speak). If you need help or more information, contact Mike Infanzon, he will be happy to get you set up.

We are also looking for ideas for fundraisers and donations to send Mike, our ABATE lobbyist, to the Meeting of the Minds annual conference 2019. This event is designed to educate and motivate the motorcyclists' rights community. It also gives Mike a chance to meeting and network with others across the nation.

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

- March 2nd Spartan Riders Ghetto Blast ~ 2pm till the party stops (\$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door) BBQ and live music Spartan Riders PHX Clubhouse 2218 N. 24th Pl. PHX,

AZ

- March 3rd Riding for the Long Haul ~ free event

- o For more info: <https://www.amsaf.org/riding-for-the-long-haul/>

- Save the date and tell your friends. The Moon Mullins Run has been set for October 12, 2019.

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

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

- o We need vendors and sponsors! Contact Tara Rudometkin or Dawn Steed

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

What we've been up to since we last met:

Many of our members met up at the American Legion to show support for the 9th Annual Skin & Steel Bike and Tattoo Show. There was a great turnout for this event with lots of vendors, food, and music by Moonshine Voodoo. Tons of prizes were raffled off. There was also a bike show with awards and tattoo booths. After chatting with one of the tattoo artists named Thor, dressed as dead-pool, we learned there's new ink shop in town! Dozer Ink in Mesa just opened a few months ago! Chapter VP Dawn Steed and I headed over to their booth and after checking out the incredible work the guys at Dozer Ink do, we both took turns getting a new tattoo!

Later that night, many members showed up and supported the popular TBFS band Unchained playing at the Starlight Lounge in Glendale. A great time with great friends and great venue for a great band!

On January 26th The Chapter held a group ride to the 4th Annual Ride for broke for the Salt River Wild Horses, which ended at the 9th Year Anniversary Party of WTH Bar & Grill. Here we held a booth, selling state shirts and hoodies, raffle tickets, future ABATE member patches for kids, passed out information, and encouraged membership sign ups.

Our Chapter booth was also seen at the Ramjet Swap meet! As, always you are invited to come hang out, drop by and say, "Hi!" or help volunteer for any and all chapter events! Look for more info on our Facebook page: Phoenix-Shadow Mountain, ABATE of Arizona. If you have any events you want to see us at or any ideas for fundraisers you can message an officer through Facebook messenger or leave us a post!

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

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

The ABATE of AZ Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) is looking for volunteers to learn how to be an instructor. Let's get this program expanded state wide! If you are inter-

ested in helping, please contact Jim Silk – EV Chapter or your nearest ABATE Officer.

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

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

Shiny side up,
Nichole Driggers,
State and Chapter Communications Officer

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

The Yavapai Chapter of the ABATE of Arizona attended the Officer's Training for new officers on January 5, 2019 in Phoenix. We were proud that all officers from our chapter were in attendance. We reviewed the experience at our monthly chapter meeting on January 9th and all agreed that attending the training was a very worthwhile event. Above all, we all mentioned how great it was to meet other members from other chapters of ABATE of Arizona!

At our chapter meeting on January 9th, AJ Killian, Safety Officer, provided us with a very valuable inspection checklist that every rider should perform on their motorcycles before every ride.

Our Coordinator, Dan Tumey, opened a discussion regarding helping bikers that may experience problems while riding in our area, i.e. accident, motorcycle problems requiring repairs. Deborah Buttita, our BOD Representative, will ask the BOD for guidance on this issue. We will revisit this in our next meeting.

Our chapter is looking forward to Spring and is actively planning an overnigher with the intention of opening the event to all ABATE of Arizona members. As we did for our Tar & Trail ride last October, we will partner with the Prescott Trail Riders to make it an event for everybody!

During the first weekend in May, Logan Roberts, our business member representing Grand Canyon Harley Davidson, is hosting a ride to Tombstone to join up with the International Female Ride Day for a weekend ride. This should be a great time as the weather tends to be amazing during that time of year.

And as we are sure most of you are, we are looking forward to a fantastic time at Too Broke for Sturgis!

A reminder that 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. Riders of ALL Bikes Welcome! Sport Bikes are under-represented and we need your participation.

Ride Safe!
Carolyn Carver
Communications Officer

Yuma Chapter

Our meeting was held on 2/14/2019.

We discussed Memorial day activities. We are planning a fall run for this years run. More information to come.

We will be looking into having a table set up at local events to help us to be more visible.

The next activity is the 18th Annual Parker Ministry Retreat. March 14th - 17th at the La Paz County Park in Parker AZ.

Carolyn Morgan
Communications Officer



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'GREEN NEW DEAL' SEEKS TO OUTLAW GAS-POWERED VEHICLES AND GASSY COWS

In very broad strokes, the Green New Deal legislation laid out by Congressional Democrats sets goals for some drastic measures to cut carbon emissions across the economy, from electricity generation to transportation to agriculture.

The nonbinding resolution calls for "10-year national mobilizations" toward accomplishing a series of objectives that the legislation lays out. Among the most prominent, the deal calls for "meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources." The ultimate goal is to eliminate fossil fuels, shifting away from oil, coal and nuclear power, in favor of eco-friendly energy such as wind and solar power.

The Green New Deal calls for "replacing non-essential individual means of transport with high-quality and modern mass transit," which is a flowery way of calling for a ban on gas-powered passenger cars, trucks and motorcycles, as well as airplanes.

According to the legislation, within the

decade;

- Achieve a net-zero carbon economy with 100% clean renewable energy

- Eliminate internal combustion engines and expand electric car manufacturing

- Overhaul transportation systems and make air travel obsolete by expanding high-speed rail

- Retrofit all existing buildings for energy efficiency

- Work with farmers "to eliminate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions" such as cow farts

- "Economic security" for all, including higher education, jobs, wages, housing and health care

In short, the legislative framework combines climate-change-related ideas with a "dream" list of progressive economic proposals that would affect every American and overhaul the U.S. economy, all at an initial estimated cost of up to \$6.6 trillion a year over the decade.

Importantly, the bill, introduced on Feb 7 by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), is a nonbinding resolution, so even if it were to pass it wouldn't itself create any new programs but would instead establish a lofty set of ideals the House should pursue in the coming years.

NUMBER OF AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS WITH MOTORCYCLES IS ON THE RISE

More U.S. households than ever before now own one or more motorcycles. A recent study conducted by the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) shows that the number of American households with at least one motorcycle in their garage has reached 8.02% in 2018. According to the MIC, in decades of surveying, this is the highest percentage ever reached, and represents a 15.6-percent increase over 2014 (when ownership was 6.94%); an increase of more than 1.5 million homes.

"The household penetration numbers have always been among the most important figures to us," said MIC President and CEO Tim Buche. "We're certainly happy to see more homes that have a motorcycle. Riders who talk about motorcycling to friends and neighbors help to inspire people who don't yet ride."

Out of an estimated 126,224,000 households in the United States, over 10 million now own (at least) one bike. In fact, the number of motorcycles per household has been calculated to average around 1.30, meaning some families own more than one bike.

According to the MIC survey, the total number of motorcycles owned also reached record levels, jumping to 13,158,100 last year, an increase of more than 2.5 million

motorcycles compared to 2014, the last time the MIC conducted the survey. It is even higher than the previous record from 2009 (11,704,500), which followed a long period of high-volume new-bike sales.

The estimated number of motorcycles in use rose to 12,231,000 in 2018, an increase of more than 2 million since 2014. And that number was more than 1 million better than the record figure from 2009, when 11,015,105 motorcycles were in use.

"Modern motorcycles are high-quality machines, enabling the pre-owned market to be a key part of the overall growth in the motorcycle and rider population," said Jim Woodruff, secretary/treasurer of the MIC Board of Directors and COO of National Powersport Auctions. "The annual pre-owned market is actually three times larger than the new market. Used bikes appeal to many riders because there are so many options in terms of price and style."

The percentage of motorcycles in running order was down 3 percentage points, from 96.1% in 2014 to 93% in 2018. "As used units become a larger part of the overall motorcycle population, it's not surprising to see a slight decrease in the percentage of operating units," Woodruff said. "Our research shows that the average age of a pre-owned motorcycle sold in the U.S. is

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- 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
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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
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- 2015 Eliminated restriction on handlebar height
- 2017 Successfully prevented mandatory helmet legislation
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- 2017 Helped pass the Teen texting bill
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- 2018 Introduced Anti-profiling legislation
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approximately eight years old. Plus, vintage bikes are on trend now and many riders are keeping non-runners as part of their collection."

FEDERAL JUDGE SEEKS EXPERT OPINIONS ON MONGOLS PATCH SEIZURE

A federal judge presiding over the high-profile Mongols motorcycle club trial has put out a wide-ranging call for expert legal input on the implications of the government's unprecedented efforts to gain control of the trademarked insignia worn by club members.

After a Santa Ana, Calif. jury decided in December that the club must forfeit the trademark to its logo, U.S. District Judge David O. Carter's decision to solicit briefs from a variety of experts, including trademark attorneys, law school professors, civil rights organizations and think tanks, highlights the new legal ground being broken in the first-of-its-kind Mongols racketeering and forfeiture case, which has drawn national attention and is virtually guaranteed to go before the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and perhaps the U.S. Supreme Court.

The judge has yet to rule on key legal issues regarding the government's attempts to take the Mongols trademarks, including whether stripping the club of the rights to its patches or blocking riders from using them would constitute a violation of its members' First Amendment rights.

Unlike a typical racketeering case, in which specific members of an organization are charged with crimes, the sole defendant in the current legal battle is the Mongols organization itself. As a result, attorneys for the Mongols also requested the judge to ask legal experts to weigh in on whether an organization is capable of forming the intent to commit crimes.

Judge Carter is scheduled to hear arguments on Feb. 28 over whether the verdicts in the Mongols case should be tossed out over legal technicalities or on constitutional grounds, according to the Orange County Register.

MOTORSPORTS EXEMPTED FROM CONTROVERSIAL EU INSURANCE

REQUIREMENT

After extensive lobbying by numerous motorsport organizations, the European Parliament has agreed to exempt bike racing from the European Union's Motor Insurance Directive (MID, also known as Vnuk) which would have required all motorcycles to have a form of road traffic insurance, even if they were specialist vehicles not meant for the road.

As no insurance of this kind is commercially available, this could have seen the end of motorcycle racing as we know it across Europe.

IMCO, the European Parliament committee responsible for the MID, voted overwhelmingly in favor of exempting motorsports by a vote tally of 32 to two. During the discussion, members of IMCO adopted a report recommending excluding "vehicles intended exclusively for motorsports" as "these vehicles are generally covered by other forms of liability insurance."

The report also made clear that it was necessary a line should be drawn between 'in traffic' and 'non-traffic' situations.

The MID was proposed after Damijan Vnuk, a Slovenian farm worker, was knocked off a ladder by a tractor reversing across a farmyard. After this incident, it was decided that all vehicles, even those not destined for road use, should be insured.

The MCIA (Motorcycle Industry Association in Europe), together with U.K. bodies including the Auto Cycle Union, Motorsport Industry Association and Department for Transport lobbied against the European Parliament alongside the FIA, FIM and European Motorcycle Industry Association.

"This is great news and a big relief for motorsport of all types," said Tony Campbell, CEO of the MCIA. "The potential impact would have been catastrophic and likely to result in the end of motorsport as we know it."

There are still some legislative hurdles to overcome; including gaining the agreement of the EU Council, but a positive final verdict is expected later this year.

QUEBEC MAY OUTLAW MOTORCYCLES DURING WINTER

Winter may not be the most convenient time to ride a motorcycle, particularly in snowy northern climates like in Canada, but it is possible, even in extremely cold temperatures. But buried within a proposed law is a provision that would ban motorcycles from the streets of Quebec completely during the winter months, according to Canada Moto Guide.

Since 2008, Quebec has required that all vehicles registered in the Canadian province be equipped with snow tires rated for severe snow and winter traction between December 15 and March 15. This effectively banned motorcycles from the street, until recently. Now there are motorcycle snow tires available that meet Quebec's winter tire qualifications, making it legal to take advantage of an unseasonably warm day and go for a ride. Even the Sûreté du Québec, the provincial police force, recommended that motorcycles equipped with proper winter tires be expressly permitted on the road during this time of year.

Included in Bill 165, a bill to "better define the vehicles covered by the mandatory use of winter tires," however, is a provision that could put an end to all winter riding under any circumstances. The bill reads, "In order to regulate such a practice, we are of the opinion that motorcycles and mopeds must be exempted from the application of section 440.1," the winter tire requirement. "In addition, it would be necessary to add a provision [to the safety code] to prohibit their use between December 15 and March 15."

In other words, if the bill becomes law, it wouldn't matter what tires were on a motorcycle during the winter -- it won't be allowed on the road no matter what. Another part of the bill proposes extending the winter tire requirement, and therefore the motorcycle ban, back two weeks to begin December 1.

With the advent of heated riding gear and motorcycle tires that meet all requirements for severe snow and winter traction, bikers can safely operate their machines year-round and legally comply with Quebec's existing law...so why not let them?

MADRID AND BARCELONA TO LIMIT TWO-WHEELER ACCESS

Entering the Spanish cities of Barcelona and Madrid on a motorcycle will now be a lot more difficult, as new rules designed to reduce congestion and pollution have

come into play.

Madrid features a number of APRs (Áreas de Prioridad Residencial), areas where non-residents are not allowed to drive, and speed limits on roads into the capital have been lowered in order to cut pollution. Until now, motorcycles have been exempt from any restrictions, but that has changed as of November 30, 2018. According to Spain's motorcycle association, the AMM (Asociación Mutua Motera), Madrid will extend its current APRs into one big APR, called Central Madrid. The new APR will cover practically the entire downtown area of Madrid and motorcycles will now be party to these new regulations.

Motorcycles that were registered before 2003 will be completely banned from the city centre (38.79% of motorcycles in Madrid are registered before 1 July 2003), whereas those registered after that date can only enter the city between 07.00-22.00h. People found to be riding a bike into the city outside these parameters will be fined 90 Euros (\$102.29 USD).

MOTORCYCLES COULD COMPETE IN THE OLYMPICS

Trials riding is an amazingly difficult sport requiring years of practice, peak athleticism, and incredible control, and it may soon be an Olympic-caliber sport if the International Motorcycling Federation has anything to say about it. The FIM is appealing to the International Olympic Committee to have Trial-E (trials riding on electric bikes) added as a sport to the 2024 Summer Olympics, which will be held in Paris, France. If it is successful, Trial-E will be the first officially-recognized Olympic motorsport.

New sports are being added to the Olympics every year. In 2020, the Tokyo Olympics will be the first time we will see baseball and softball, surfing, sports climbing, karate, and even skateboard, all officially included as Olympic sports. The current policy for inclusion of a sport, according to IOC, is that it be: youth-focused, equally accessible for men and women, sustainable, spectacular, practiced on all continents and requires no new infrastructure, so trials riding measures up to all of these requisite metrics.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "A people unused to restraint must be led, they will not be drove."

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FMI contact Joe Ferrucci at 480-295-9488

High Country Chapter

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

Phoenix / Shadow Mountain Chapter

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

Mohave Chapter

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

The Southern Arizona Chapter will meet the third Saturday of the month. We will gather at the Kettle Restaurant meeting room. 748 W Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85713. Meeting time is 10AM October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim 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 4: Make the enemy live up to their own book of rules

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

Using this tool is especially effective, Saul Alinsky says, because no one can always live up to their own set of rules.

This is especially true for today's supporters of less personal freedom. The same people who preach tolerance try to stifle free speech. This is especially true for today's supporters of less personal freedom. The same people who preach tolerance try to stifle free speech.

Exposing hypocrisy is one of the most powerful weapons you can have in the fight for freedom. Here are some of the ways you can put

this rule into practice:

Call Out Hypocrisy

All too often, anti-freedom supporters say one thing and doing another. Don't let them get away with it. If a lawmaker says they stand with motorcyclists but support legislation that would inhibit freedom of the road, call them out on it.

If a group says they care about motorcycle safety but support one-size-fits-all policies that do absolutely nothing for safety on the road, make your voice heard.

Adapt Your Messaging

Think about why you hold the position you do on an issue. You can change how you talk about your

stance on an issue that forces your opponent to either agree with you or contradict themselves.

Fighting for safer roadways for all is an issue all would agree with and most motorcyclists agree that the ability to lane filter can reduce rear end collisions which is a leading cause of fatalities in our state. But when you are going up against most auto drivers, it's not the best approach.

Non-motorcyclists like to claim that their policies will reduce crashes for everyone. They want to ease congestion on the freeways.

Make them live up to those beliefs. Talk about how lane filtering has

reduced rear end crashes. Explain how the opportunity to filter would reduce not only traffic congestion but ultimately reduce smog and pollution which is better for the environment.

Now your opponents have two choices: agree with you or throw in their lot with the people who don't care about ideas to reduce fatalities.

Nothing destroys credibility like being exposed as a hypocrite. Don't be afraid to call your opponents out when they don't live up to their rules.

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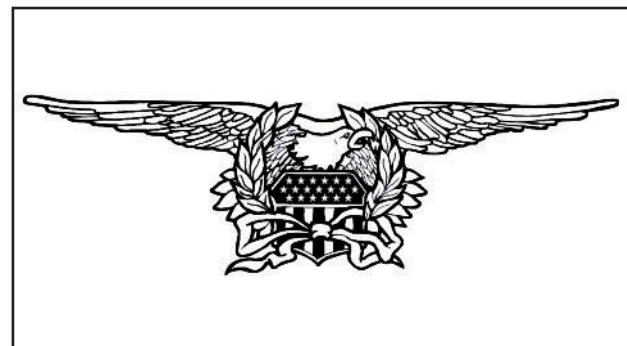
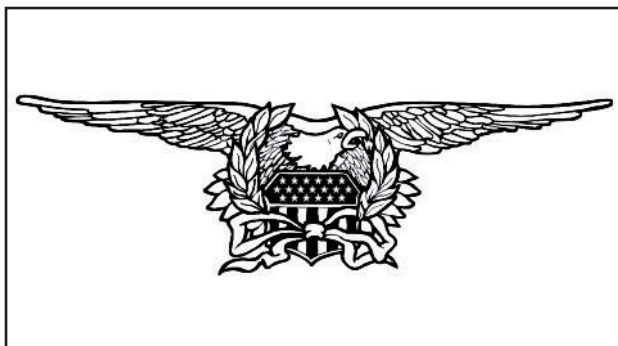
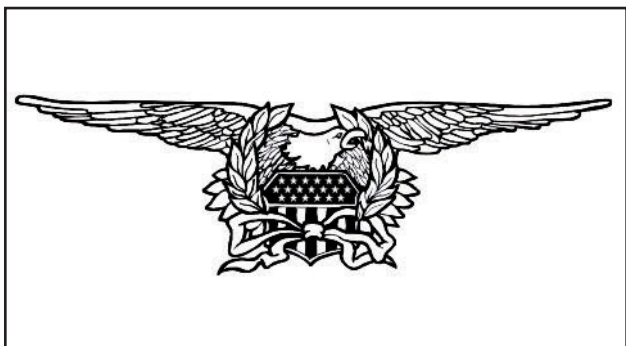
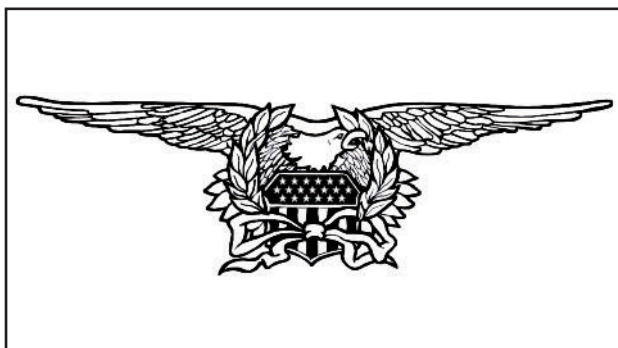
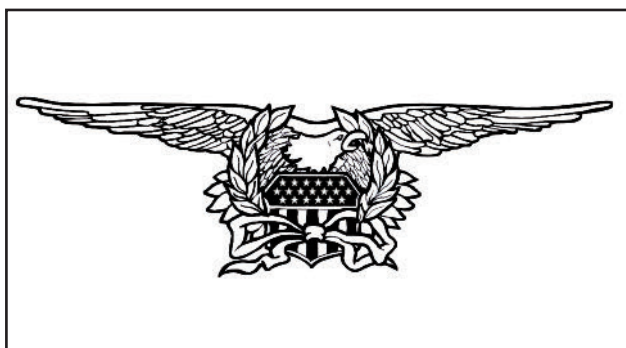
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Events Calendar

March 2019

3/1 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Moonshine VooDoo Band. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613

3/1 Ride With The Dealer. Ride with Superstition HD to Motorcycles on Main for Bike Night! Meet on the west lot. KSU 6:15pm. SHD @ 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120

FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

3/2 {Sat} Team Arizona BRC @ SHD. Looking to learn to ride? Team AZ offers a Basic Rider Course. Superstition HD hosts the classroom portion on the 1st Saturday of the month. Call for details. SHD @ 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

3/2 Car, Truck, & Bike Show at Beaver Bar, 11801 N 19th Ave; Phoenix, AZ. Sign-in 9am. Voting ends @ noon.

Awards 1pm. FMI: 602-944-4644
3/3 {Sun} AMSAF {AZ Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation} annual Riding For the Long Haul will be at El Zaribah Shriners Auditorium, 552 N 40th St, Phoenix. Free admission, live music, bike show, demos, 'safety is sexy' fashion show, vendors, & more. Sponsors include Law Tigers.

3-23 {Sat} 3-Ball Run with MMA-AZ. Sign-in at Charley's Place, 4324 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale. \$5/pp. Last stop Beaver Bar, 11801 N 19th Ave, Phoenix, AZ. \$5/pp. FMI: Cindy 623-695-5659

Announcing Our New Membership Pages

On Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 3 pm we launched a new Membership web portal to make it easier to Join, Renew, and manage membership information. The new Membership Pages use encryption to transfer information between your web browser and the server and NO Credit Card information is EVER stored on the system. That said, it is still a good idea NOT to re-use any password already associated with your email address on any other web site when accessing the new system.

The new Membership Pages can be accessed using the existing links on the ABATEofAZ.org web site, or, you can access it directly by going to ABATEofAZ.us/members/ These pages allow you to Join, change your membership information, add/modify members (if Joint/Club/Business), or Renew. Shortly, it will start to automatically email reminders to renew 45 days prior to your membership expiring.

This system was developed with ease of use in mind, but it is new and will take

some getting used to. In an effort to make the system easier to use, we have created 4 Support Videos available from the left-side menu under Need Help? If the videos don't do the trick, please rely on support from your Chapter or State Membership Officer whose contact information is also available using the left-side menu.

This system was created and provided to ABATE of AZ 100% free of charge by Silver Mouse Productions Inc. (the creators of MotorcycleSafari.com).





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.

OUR MISSION:

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

We are a 501C3 Corporation. Please donate--your donation is tax deductible. To donate, go to our website listed at the bottom.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)
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Arlington, VA 22202
(202) 546-0983
www.mrfae.org



AMSAF Continues to grow and Help the Community

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

Happy New Year to everyone from AMSAF and we hope your year is starting out with everything you planned for. AMSAF is going into our 8th year as a business and our fifth year of having our annual "Riding for the Long Haul".

What is "Riding for the Long Haul" anyway?? Riding for the Long Haul was started five years ago to try and help everyone be able to ride for a LONG time.

We wanted it to be an event where the community came together to help reduce crashes and fatalities here in Arizona. Our goal was to have vendors and Sponsors promoting their goods and also promoting safety ideas that will help us all be safer. This can be in the way of Safety gear, safety tips, seminars, Insurance, legal, healthcare and many other opportunities.

Each year our event has grown in the number of vendors and folks attending. We will have food at this event, band, police doing drill maneuvers on their motorcycles and many vendors with goods to sell and ideas to share with you that we hope will help you become a better rider or to help you Share the Road. One of the ways that we help the community is to give out financial motorcycle training assistance every month. We've heard from many of you that you can't afford to take a motorcycle training course and we feel this education is critical to helping to reduce crashes and fatalities. That's why we work hard to raise money from an event like Riding for the Long Haul and Grants that we receive. We've been able to give out over 2500 Scholarships throughout the State to help individuals age 15 1/2 to over age 70. We want to continue giving out Scholarships and helping the community.

I saw a power point slide the other day and it said "50% of motorcycle crashes are the fault of the Car" Guess what? 50% of motorcycle crashes are the fault

of the motorcycle rider" We all have responsibility in this and that's why we talk about Sharing the Road. We have to look out for each other. We don't need alcohol, drugs, left turns or distracted drivers or riders involved. Let's share the road and help reduce crashes and fatalities here in Arizona.

Here's our challenge to you. We want to help a lot of riders, passengers and 4 wheel vehicles to reduce crashes and fatalities here in Arizona. Here's an opportunity to spend part of the day with us and hopefully come away with being a safer driver or rider. Let's show the public that we need and want their help and we're here to try and reduce crashes and fatalities here in Arizona. One motorcycle rider death is one to many. Together we can make a difference.

Our event is FREE to get into and we have a Band, Raffle items, vendors, food, and fashion show, police drill maneuvers and much more. The State will be there, Healthcare, Insurance, Police, Legal and much different business's to help you.

We have a couple great raffles along with some bucket raffles. Our Grand Prize raffle is a couple nights in Laughlin, concert for two and \$1000.00 cash.

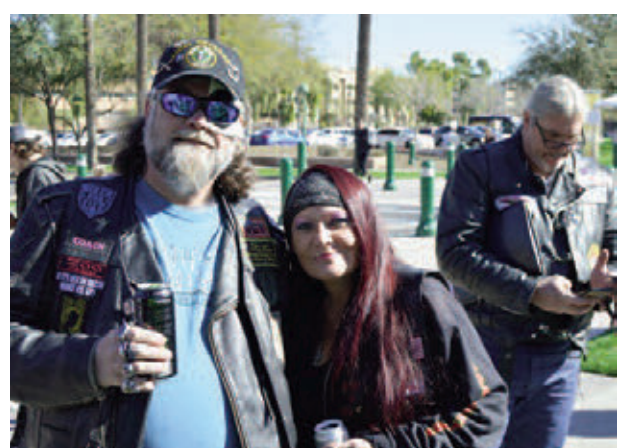
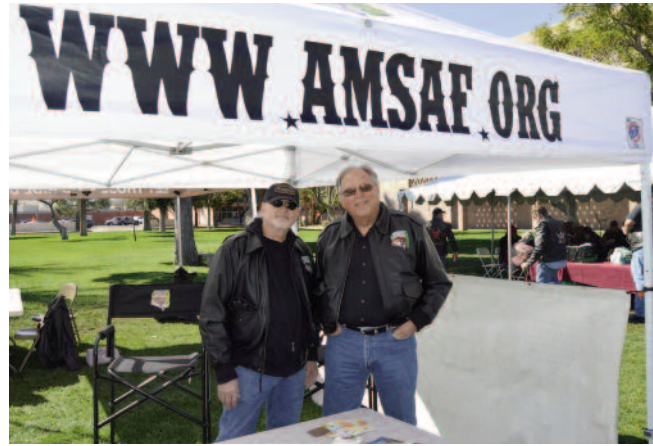
You can purchase tickets on line at our web site, www.amsaf.org or purchase them the day of the event.

Check out the website on Riding for the Long Haul at <https://www.amsaf.org/riding-for-the-long-haul/>

Thank you for your support of AMSAF and for helping to reduce crashes and fatalities. See you at "Riding for the Long Haul"

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Executive Director
Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF)
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/ "We help save Lives"

MOTORCYCLE DAY AT THE DOME



IT IS ALL ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER!

Ed "Big Papa" Carafa (left) the Modified Motorcycle Association of AZ (MMA) Manager for Rim Country District (RCD) receives an Appreciation plaque from CC Ransom (center) High Country Event Coordinator, and Billy Hensler (right) High Country Chapter Coordinator, for their many years of continuous support for the

Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run. MMA RCD has worked hand-in-hand with High Country (HCC) for years on many events, but their support for the toy run is unparalleled.



Using Request To Speak

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

For those legislators who listen to citizen input, a major source of information is the testimony rendered at committee hearings, both in person and remotely. The following are instructions on how to provide opinions at committee hearings without being there physically.

NOTE: Testimony at hearings can only be done for bills that are scheduled for standing committee hearings (e.g. appropriations, education, etc.). For all bills, scheduled for hearings or not, one may provide citizen opinions via other methods, like e-mail, telephone, etc.

1. First, one must register. This has to be done at the capitol in Phoenix, using one of the various terminals available. Beginning in 2018, you may also register at the legislature satellite office in Tucson. Once registered, one may log in as often as desired, using one's home computer. To do so, this is the procedure to follow:

2. At your home computer, go to <https://apps.azleg.gov/Account/SignIn>

3. Sign on using the e-mail address and password you used when you registered at the capitol.

4. Choose "New Request" from the Request to Speak menu.

5. You now have several options as to how to choose a bill on which to render your opinion, but the easiest

and fastest way to go is to enter the bill number at "Search Phrase", then click on the "search" button.

6. The search results page comes up

7. At the bottom right, click on "Add Request"

8. Choose your position from the three provided: For, Neutral, or Against.

9. Next, choose whether you actually want to be present at the hearing and speak. Your choices are: Yes, No, or Only if Necessary. Most of the time you will be choosing "No".

10. Next, go to the comments section and state your opinions, but this is optional. Keep in mind that these are public comments, for the record. Everyone has access to these comments. Anything you say can and will

be used against you in the court of public opinion.

11. Next, click on "Submit" and you are done. Now you can start the process again for the next bill you wish to render an opinion on.

Going through the 11 steps is a lot easier than it may seem when reading the instructions.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mike Infanzon, Legislative Director for ABATE of AZ by email: mike@abateofaz.org

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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

This month we have some very exciting news to start off the New Year. For the second time in less than 12 months we have a new chapter starting up. Marc Shultz of Superstition Harley-Davidson can give you the details of the new chapter he is starting in Apache Junction so be sure to stop by, say hello, and say Thanks! That is awesome news and we are grateful to Marc for undertaking this effort.

Marc was, unfortunately, motivated by yet one more motorcycle rider killed on the road so we want to give him and his team, as much support as possible. Speaking of new members, last month our ABATE of AZ President, Jim Butsback, made a plea for new members. It is important to remember that this is an ongoing goal of ABATE. There are, by some reports I have seen, over 225,000 registered motorcycles in Arizona. Since most of us only own 1 motorcycle, that is a ton of riders/voters. ABATE of AZ does its very best to represent all of them, but it is much easier to do with as large a percentage of those riders as members as possible. We know 100% representation is not possible (wouldn't that be awesome) but the more members we have from this group, the better for all of us. So, please, listen to Jim and see if you can get one more member. Like he says, if we each get one, we double our numbers and THAT would be hard for any legislator to ignore.

In 2019, ABATE of AZ will be focusing

on our two most important goals; preserving our rights, and protecting our safety. The former is being handled extremely well by our Legislative Director as he coordinates with our Authorized Lobbyist, the ACMC Designated Lobbyist, and the MMA Lobby team. They have some major challenges to deal with this legislative session as we fend off a new tax disguised as a Registration Fee, yet another helmet bill, and try to get anti-profiling, lane filtering, and distracted driving bills passed.

On the safety side, we will be urging more of you to participate in the Motorcycle Awareness Program currently spearheaded by Jim Silk, our State Safety Officer. Jim has been working hard to spread the word at High School driver training programs about how to "Look Twice For Motorcycles". But this is not nearly enough, so we will be looking for ways to not only support but also enhance the MAP program. In addition, we are actively looking for ways to work with other organizations, such as AMSAF

(the presenters of the annual "Riding For The Long Haul" event), and others. The goal here is to actively pursue, through any means available, the goal of zero motorcycle fatalities on Arizona's highways. This, we realize, is a tall order. But it is the goal and, in my opinion, it is achievable. It will not be easy. It will mean working with many organizations, state and federal agencies, and motorcycle riders themselves, but, with your help and support, it is possible.

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

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

New Chapter Coming Soon!

A new ABATE of AZ Chapter is coming to Apache Junction. Drop by Superstition Harley-Davidson and talk to Marc Shultz for more information!

Green Raw Deal: Big Bowl of Crazy

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

'Global warming' is merely the latest environmental scare with the same solutions of wealth redistribution and central planning

By Marc Morano

Climate Depot.com

Global warming is merely the latest envi-

ronmental scare with the same big government solution

'Green New Deal' – Same 'solution', different environmental scare – 'It has very little to do with the environment or climate'

'Bonkers': Green New Deal promises: Free college or trade schools for every American.

Government will provide "healthy food"

to every American

Government will provide, "safe, affordable, adequate housing"

Economic security" for all who are "unable or unwilling" to work.

Ban meat.

Will end all traditional forms of energy in the next ten years. The Green New Deal

is "a 10-year plan to mobilize every aspect of American society at a scale not seen since World War 2 to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions."

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez' "Green New Deal" is taking shape. See: OCA-SIO-CORTEZ: FIXING 'GLOBAL WARMING' REQUIRES 'MASSIVE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION' & Green New Deal" will bring "a massive transformation of our society."

9th Annual White Mountain Bike Rally

<https://quickthrottle.com>

By Rusty Childress and Karan Jordan

Hon-Dah Resort Casino & Conference Center held their 9th Annual White Mountain Bike Rally on June 22 & 23, 2018 in Pinetop, Arizona. Hon-Dah Resort Casino & Conference Center is owned and operated by the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

With elevations climbing to more than 11,000 feet, the White Mountains of northeastern Arizona are home to the largest stand of Ponderosa pines in the world, making for some of the most picture-perfect riding in Arizona.

If riding in the cool pines with blue skies wasn't enough incentive for some, maybe the \$3,000 in prize money for the Saturday Poker Run and another \$3,000 for the Bike Show was the reason nearly 1,500 riders and their families came up from the flatlands to ride in the mountains for the weekend.

For only a \$20 registration fee, Hon-Dah Resort offered two dinners, an event t-shirt, beer garden, vendors and entertain-

ment by Tommy James & the Shondells, as well as a performance by the Apache Crown Dancers. Poker Run stops included Greer, Eager, Alpine, Hannagan Meadows, Big Lake and then a return to the casino for a steak dinner and music under the stars.

The event organizer provided further info:

"This year we had a total of 1,282 registered riders (approximately 1,000 bikes) and 24 vendors. Riders came from ten different states to attend: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Michigan, Florida, Oregon, Texas, California, Utah & South Dakota.

The Poker Run on Saturday was an approximately three and a half hour ride. On the run the riders hit elevations up to 10,000 ft. There were five poker stops and all the vendors graciously gave of their time to help this event. We hear nothing but wonderful things about the people at the stops. The poker stops included: Molly Butler's in Greer, Trail Riders Restaurant in Eagar, Ye Olde Tavern in Alpine, Hannigan Meadows and the final stop is Big Lake Tackle and

Supply. The ride is through beautiful Ponderosa pines, blue spruce trees and the beautiful White Mountain Apache Reservation.

The Poker Run paid \$1,000 for High Hand Rider and High Hand Passenger. Those winners were Russell McCoy of St. Johns, AZ and Deborah Katzman of Show Low, AZ. Lower Hand Rider pays \$500 for the Rider and Passenger. This year's winners were: Andrew Armijo of Las Cruces, NM. and Lynda Van Haren of Show Low, AZ.

When the riders returned they got to see the White Mountain Apache Crown Dancers perform. Hon-Dah Resort wanted to show their guests something unique to the White Mountain Apache Tribe that not very many people have had the pleasure to see.

Then we held the Bike Show; the show has five categories including: American, Metric, Vintage, Custom, Trike and the People's Choice. 1st Place pays \$250, 2nd Place \$175, 3rd Place \$125 and People's Choice wins \$250.

After a grilled ribeye dinner, the riders went to the concert by Tommy James and the Shondells. I have to say they were amazing!

Bike Show Winners:

People's Choice: Arnold Lehman of Pinetop, AZ

Metic: 1st Brian Waggoner of Safford, AZ.

Vintage: 1st Kevin Bakken of Snowflake, AZ; 2nd Tom Garlow of Eagar, AZ.

American: 1st Jerry Foster of Star Valley, AZ; 2nd Rob Randall of Lakeside, AZ; 3rd Gail Roby of Show Low, AZ.

Trike: 1st Robert Ybarra of Eloy, AZ; 2nd Kevin Bakken of Snowflake, AZ; 3rd Arther Martine of Ramah, NM.

Custom: 1st Tina Deeb of Star Valley, AZ; 2nd Diana Merino of Safford, AZ; 3rd Roy Leon of Eloy, AZ.

Next year's Rally will be held June 21st & 22nd, 2019. We hope to see you there!





Bikers inside the Beltway

February 19, 2019

Dear Valued ABATE of AZ & MRF Member,

Although we may have never met, I believe that I know you. Yeah, that may seem a little presumptuous on my part, especially since I'm going to ask you for money.

However, before I ask, please allow me to introduce myself: Fifty plus years riding; forty plus years motorcyclist rights advocacy; thirty plus years committed to the mission of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. And, as I said to MRF members last year... "We may not know each other and we may not have a lot in common, but we do have at least two things that we value... Our past and our futures are woven together with the love of motorcycles and our love of freedom."

Your rights, your motorcycle, and your lifestyle are under siege. Nope, that's not some cliché from a well-paid Madison Avenue advertising agency. It's real and it's happening on a regular basis. However, the MRF is relentlessly working to keep the siege at bay. MRF members are updated regularly on profiling, the Road to Zero, E-15, driverless vehicles, plus an almost never-ending series of attacks on our rights, our motorcycles, and our lifestyle.

Thanks to you and the generosity of other

MRF members in 2018, the MRF took the most successful ever Bikers inside the Beltway (BITB) to members of Congress. Over 150 motorcyclists representing 33 states, 40 motorcycle clubs and independent riders converged on Washington with one purpose – to repel the siege!

However, the work is not complete.

The approval of the anti-profiling resolution (S. Res.154) by the Senate in December 2018 came from determination by the MRF and dedication by MRF members. All-encompassing planning was at the root of that success. BITB is successful and a tribute to its conceptual father, Boz Kerr, because extensive planning is at the top of our list.

With a pre-event briefing and Q&A the day before, participants are given a "play book", well-schooled on the issues, appointment times, and what to expect when meeting with their members of Congress. That play book is used throughout the year.

In addition to the play book and "leave behinds", the MRF's 2019 Legislative & Regulatory Priorities is a working game plan on what's important to MRF members as we prepare to meet the next session of Congress. For more details on the 2019 Legislative & Regulatory Priorities, go to www.MRF.org.

On May 21, 2019, the MRF brings a

well-orchestrated counter attack on the siege against your rights, your motorcycle and your lifestyle back to where it all begins – Capitol Hill. As always, you are invited to join this group of dedicated and determined freedom fighters as we take our message directly to our friends and adversaries in Congress.

Thanks to you and the generosity of other MRF members, expenses for BITB 2018 were paid without taxing the MRF treasury. The ancillary costs for printing, permits, and related expenses are nearly \$5,000. We are once again appealing to your generosity and your belief that the MRF is on task with BITB.

When talking with members at the Meet of the Minds and Bikers inside the Beltway, I'm positive that you value your motorcycle and your freedom as much as I value mine. Your contribution of \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 will help your MRF bring the voice of motorcyclists to members of Congress. With the leave-behind handouts that your contribution helps purchase, members of Congress and their staff will be reminded that the MRF is not going to be ignored, forgotten, or go away!

The legacy of Boz Kerr will continue when your MRF leads Bikers inside the Beltway to Capitol Hill. Again, we would like you to join us on that ride as we once again take our message directly to members of Congress.

Schedule too jammed to attend BITB? Please go to www.MRFA&E.ORG to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 to raise the funds needed to offset the administrative and printing costs of sponsoring BITB 2019. Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education, Inc. (MRFA&E) is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 and sponsors BITB with an awareness presentation to members of Congress.

Mail your contribution to:
Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education, Inc.,
2221 S. Clark St.; 11th Floor
Arlington VA 22202

Your support of BITB is greatly appreciated! The efforts to promote and protect the rights of motorcyclists could not be done without members such as yourself. Yours in Freedom,

Fred Harrell
Director, Conferences & Events

P.S. Rooms at the Governor's House Inn and Clarion Hotels are still available. However, this year's BITB may rival last year's record setting success. The event is free, but you must make your hotel reservations no later than April 19.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in Washington on May 21!!

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Bikers Inside the Beltway

National Motorcyclists Lobby Day

May 21, 2019

Join fellow riders from across the country to help educate lawmakers on the issues that impact your right to ride!

Prep Meeting & Briefing on issues: Monday, May 20, 7:00 P.M., Clarion Hotel, 6633 Falls Church, Arlington, VA

Two room blocks available at:
Clarion Hotel, 6633 Falls Church, Arlington VA / 703-532-9000 \$125 per night
Governor's House Inn, 6650 Falls Church, Arlington VA / 703-532-8900 \$89 per night.

For Motorcycle Riders Foundation group rate guests must guarantee with credit card or debit card by April 19, 2019

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Business Member Spotlight

This month we are putting the "Spotlight" on "THE OPTION". The Option is really two businesses combined into one. Several years ago Randy Walters and his lovely wife Gina acquired The Option Automotive Restyling which has been around since 1975. They do spray bed liners for pickup trucks, jeeps, RV's, etc. and are a dealer for Bullet Liner. They also install and repair sun roofs, tonneau covers, light bars and other truck accessories. One of their specialties is installing new leather interiors. When someone has a new truck with cloth interior and wants leather, many times the dealers call on The

Option to quickly and expertly get the job done.

Randy and Gina have ridden for years and currently have a Softail DeLuxe and Dyna S. After many years for taking his bikes to other shops and not being satisfied with the results Randy decided to open his own shop adjacent to his automotive shop. Option Powersports was the answer. This is an old fashion Mom & Pop type shop with Randy overseeing the shop and making sure everything gets done in a timely manner and Gina up front taking care of business and customers both in the office and on the

phone. They have been going for about 3 years now and business is good. The Motorsports side is a full service motorcycle shop and they work on everything from sport bike, metrics, off road bikes all the way up to touring and cruiser bikes from all the major manufacturers.

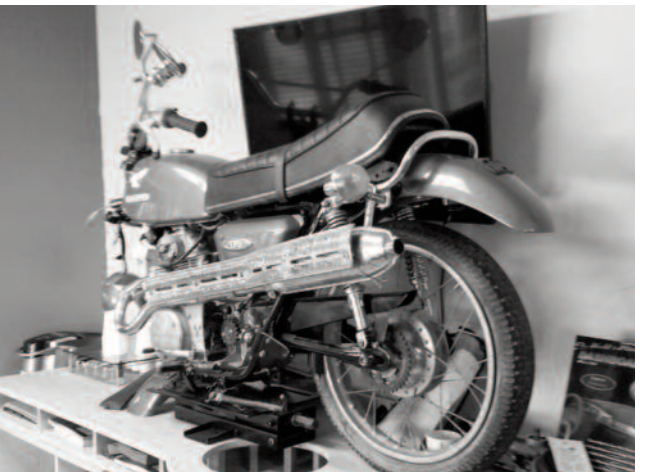
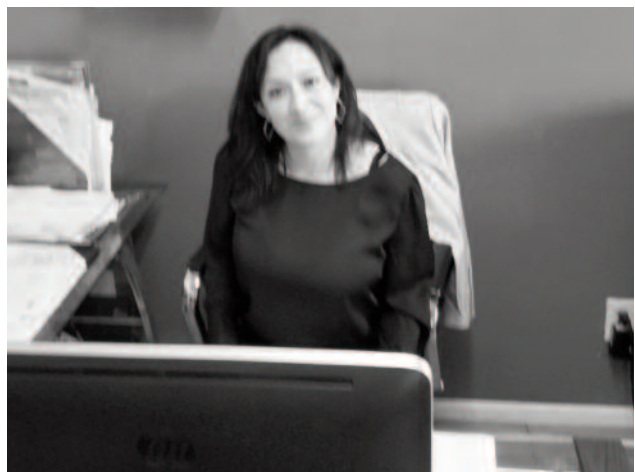
Randy and Gina can often be found at events all over the Tucson area. They have supported the Fisher House Run for the last couple years as well as various other events. Through their hard work and excellent service they have grown and now have 4 employees helping Randy and Gina take care of their cus-

tomers.

Randy also wanted me to let all the ABATE members know that if you show him your ABATE membership card you just may get a discount.

The Option is located in Tucson, AZ just east of downtown near Broadway and Campbell. Their address is 245 S. Plumer Ave, #9 & #10, Tucson, AZ 85719. Their telephone number is 520-624-6770 and they are on facebook and can be emailed at randy@theoptiontucson.com.

Their hours of operation are 8AM- 5PM Monday - Saturday.



Report: Fewer People Using Cell Phones Behind The Wheel

<https://www.thenewspaper.com>

Fewer people are texting and chatting on their mobile phones while driving, a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) report concluded last month. Between 2016 and 2017, handheld cell phone use dropped from 3.3 percent of drivers to 2.9 percent. This represents a dramatic reduction from the phone use peak of 6.2 percent in 2007.

The results were gathered in a nationwide observational study in which researchers peered into 50,577 cars as they pulled up to 1600 randomly selected stop lights during daylight hours. Trained observers also noted each time a

motorist was seen with phone in hand or otherwise visibly fiddling with the device. They also checked whether drivers were using headsets behind the wheel. The same methods are used in federal surveys to measure usage of seatbelts, child seats and motorcycle helmets.

According to the subjective assessment of the observers, the combination of factors most likely to result in cell phone use behind the wheel would be a very young, black female driving alone in a pickup truck in the Midwestern city during a light rain. By contrast, elderly males of "other" non-white races rarely used phones while driving cars in the rural Northeast.

The observational results are broadly consistent with a report NHTSA issued last year on public attitudes toward driving and cell phone use. A telephone survey found 9 percent of drivers admitted that they sometimes text behind the wheel, while 11 percent said that they do so, but rarely. Most explained that they do this while stopped at a light, and 19 percent use voice recognition to dictate the message without using their hands.

Sixteen states ban driving with a cell phone in hand. Texting and driving is banned everywhere except Arizona, Missouri and Montana. Only about half of frequent texters thought they were likely to actually receive a ticket for

their conduct. Half of the total respondents explained they had bluetooth in their car to make hands-free calls. About 57 percent reported that they never or only rarely answer their phone while driving. Among drivers over the age of 65, 98 percent said they never text and drive. Among those aged 16 to 20, 4.8 percent said they always or almost always do -- the figure includes voice dictation and texting at a stop light.

Source: PDF File Driver Electronic Device Use in 2017 (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1/25/2019)

The Knuckle Saloon is up for sale

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

STURGIS, S.D. (KOTA TV) – The Knuckle Saloon has been in Sturgis for nearly 20 years. Last month the owners decided it was time for a new venture, and put the downtown business on the market.

The Knuckle’s five partners are now opening a new brewery, Sturgis Brewing Company, later this year.

The building on Lazelle Street is 2,800 square feet, with retail and brewing capabilities.

The current owners hope whoever buys

the building will continue the legacy and they are excited to bring a new business to Sturgis.

“That’ll take the Sturgis name out and they’ll be distributing all over. That’ll just help the rally; it will help the town, and it will provide jobs and economic impact too,” says Dan Martin, the realtor for The

Knuckle Saloon.

The Knuckle Saloon is selling for \$6.2 million.

–By Meredith James

Biker-Friendly Resort Rolls Out Offer for Myrtle Beach Motorcycle Events

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

The DoubleTree Resort by Hilton, Myrtle Beach Oceanfront has announced a special offer designed for visitors rumbling into town for upcoming annual motorcycle events in Myrtle Beach, including the Spring Harley-Davidson Rally (May 10-19), the Black Pearl Cultural Heritage and Bike Festival (May 24-27) and the smaller Fall Rally (Sept. 30-Oct. 6). With rates

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ProBEAM® by Custom Dynamics® Announced as 2019 Title Sponsor of Black Hills Harley-Davidson® AFT Race Team

YOUNGVILLE, N.C., Feb. 18, 2019 /PRNewswire/ — Custom Dynamics® announced ProBEAM® as the title sponsor of Black Hills Harley-Davidson® American Flat Track Race Team for the 2019 season. Both names are notorious in the motorcycle industry. ProBEAM® is the premium LED product line released from Custom Dynamics® a predominate aftermarket motorcycle LED manufacturer based in Youngsville, NC. Black Hills Harley-Davidson® the largest dealership

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Terry Rymer, co-owner of Black Hills Harley-Davidson® commented, “We are extremely excited and proud to have ProBEAM® by Custom Dynamics coming aboard as title sponsor for the 2019 racing season. It’s partnerships with great motorcycle related companies like this that help make us a force to be reckoned with at all 18 events around the country.”

The 2019 American Flat Track season

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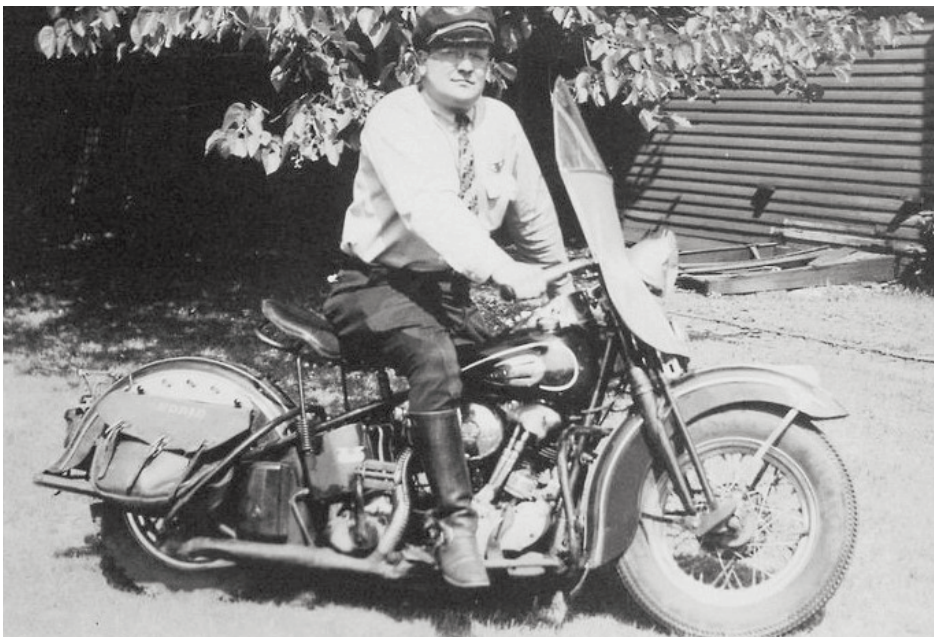
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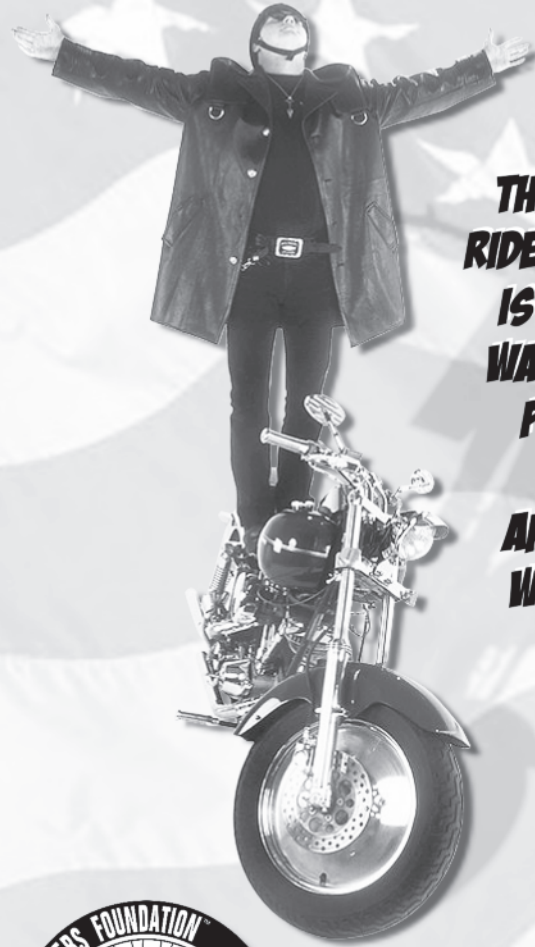
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2019 Arizona Off-Road State Championship WHS Results

<https://www.cyclenews.com>
 Mark Kariya

Beta's Max Gerston worked hard for what could be the biggest payday of the season, winning the Field Craft Survival Rough Rider 100, the 2019 Arizona Off-Road State Championship WHS, and its \$5000 winner's prize after more than two and a half hours of back-and-forth battling with eventual runner-up Ricky Dietrich, third-place Joe Wasson and several others.

In addition, Gerston's first series triumph since round one last year put him into the points lead of the Kenda/SRT AMA West Hare Scrambles Regional Championship Series, Presented by Mojo Motorsport.com, over teammate Wasson, 55-51. Devin Bolin, eighth at the Rough Rider, is third with 28 points.

One of the early leaders, Slam Life Racing (SLR) Honda's Dietrich enjoyed his runner-up ride aboard his Monster Energy/Lava Propane/Fly Racing-sponsored CRF450RX, finishing 28 seconds behind Gerston's winning two hours, 39 minutes and 37 seconds.

Gerston's sternest challenger in the last half of the race turned out to be his Beta teammate Wasson. Better known for his hare & hound prowess, the round-one

winner and his Motul/Twin Air/Scott-backed 430 RR enjoyed quite the battle in the chilly conditions reminiscent of his Idaho roots.

Beta support rider Mason Ottersberg finished fourth after a painful crash followed by Ride Shop Sherco rider Nickolas Brawner, Gas Gas-mounted Clayton Gerstner, AZ Dirt Bike Training KTM's Ryan Wells, Gray Area KTM's Bolin, Off-road Support Kawasaki rider Jacob Argubright and Pro II winner Zane Roberts rounded out the top 10 overall. Beta's Roberts picked up an additional \$250 for 10th as well as the \$500 for winning Pro II, making it a very successful weekend for the Beta brigade.

2019 Arizona Off-Road State Championship WHS
 Prescott, Arizona
 RESULTS: February 17, 2019

1. Max Gerston (Beta)
2. Ricky Dietrich (Hon)
3. Joe Wasson (Beta)
4. Mason Ottersberg (Beta)
5. Nickolas Brawner (She)
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8. Devin Bolin (KTM)
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10. Zane Roberts (Beta)



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Ladies Who Ride At Cook's Corner

<https://quickthrottle.com>
By Tom Christian

Cancer is messing with the wrong people when the Ladies Who Ride start rolling in to Cook's Corner on their bikes of all makes and models with one thing on their minds: to kick cancer's ass. To hear the bikes come down Trabuco Canyon on Sunday, August 19th made the hair stand up on the back of your neck with pride for the gals who are standing up to help fight this enemy that is hurting and killing our mothers, sisters, daughters and other ladies in our lives. The bikes rolled in for hours coming from everywhere, and filled up most of the parking places around the front and the side of Cook's Corner.

But although cancer was on everyone's mind, that never stops the folks from having a damn good time while helping the cause, with lots of food and beverages both out back and inside. There was plenty of shade everywhere to get out of the heat of the sun. The crowd was very friendly while partying up a storm listening to the live band Typical Gypsy with a lot of people dancing.

All the riders enjoyed each other's company as I was doing a few live videos and taking pictures. It was also great to visit with the Men of Fire Motorcycle Club that I met a few years earlier at a 9/11 event, who were here in support. As the day rolled on, Cook's Corner was getting packed with people to enjoy this event. The crew at Cook's Corner was doing a great job and had happy faces handling everyone's food and drink orders.

Attendees enjoyed watching the models from Piston Clothing showing off their moves and seeing this line of clothing. The gals were having way too much fun knowing the crowd was eating it up, whistling and cheering them on. There was a wet tee shirt contest that cooled off some of the gals but also got the place a little hotter with excitement. The band kept the place jumping with lots of people out shakin' their stuff, plenty of toe tapping and just good old-fashioned rock & roll.

Cook's Corner manager Rhonda Palmeri had worked very hard to organize this event, raising money to help her sisters kick cancer's ass. Lots of work went into

making up the baskets of unique gift items to raffle off, bringing in donations to fight this horrible disease.

Raffles got started with the baskets containing some very nice items. A few bicycles were auctioned off now too. One bicycle was built by the husband of the eventual winner of the Miss Cook's Corner contest, helping him feel like he was helping other ladies with this fight, so it was very personal to him.

Everybody had been waiting to watch the big headline feature, the Miss Cook's Corner Contest! Yes I got up on stage shooting photos while this contest was happening; somebody had to do it. This contest rocked the house with fun from the crowd and all the contestants. Rhonda has the greatest sense of humor dealing with all the judging and contestants that won or lost and she made no bones about it.

Lisa Tunnel won \$300 for first place becoming Miss Cook's Corner, and is fighting breast cancer at this time, let's all pray for the best for her. The bicycle auction had been exciting to watch; one auc-

tion winner now turned around and gave the bicycle back to be auctioned off again. It took a while to raffle off all the baskets of goodies, and then the Hard Body contest was on center stage for the ladies to enjoy, with male contestants doing their thing to show off to the crowd. Andres Cortez won \$200 by dazzling the ladies with his well built body and ability to rapidly flex his muscles. The \$500 poker high hand prize went to a woman rider named Carol aka "Red." Rhonda wants to thank and give a shout out to all the folks who helped make this event happen, including: Johnny Suede for donating 300 shirts to hand out, Piston Clothing, and KCP Enterprise for donating the prize money for the Miss Cook's Corner and Hard Body contests. Lots of work went into getting this great event to happen and many folks put their time and money into it. Thanks to all who rode or drove out and enjoyed the fresh air at Cook's Corner to help keep this fight alive. We all have someone in our lives that might need this help to fight cancer.

Virginia Lawmakers Quietly Enact Speed Camera Law

<https://www.thenewspaper.com>

Speed cameras will soon appear on Virginia freeways under legislation that cleared the General Assembly on Wednesday. That leaves the final decision on implementing cameras to Governor Ralph Northam (D), who is currently embroiled in scandal from the discovery of his medical school yearbook photographs that show him appearing either in blackface or a Klu Klux Klan uniform.

Assuming the bill obtains Northam's signature, the state police will have the authority to set up automated speed traps in highway work zones beginning July 1. In these locations, a private company would mail \$125 tickets to the owners of vehicles photographed exceeding speed limit -- typically lowered in these locations -- by 12 MPH. The measure envisions the program would use handheld

laser speed cameras of the sort now used in Ohio and Tennessee.

The legislation was authored by state Senator Bill Carrico (R-Galax), a recipient of campaign cash from camera provider American Traffic Solutions (ATS, now Verra Mobility). While Carrico's attempt to pass the bill failed last year, it sailed through without any public notice shortly after the General Assembly convened last month. Carrico's Twitter feed, for instance, made no mention of his signature bill clearing the Senate with a 28 to 12 vote. The House of Delegates was equally enthusiastic and photo ticketing, approving the measure 74 to 24.

Carrico's measure allows the Virginia State Police -- his former employer -- to keep up to \$37 million in net profit from the program for each budgetary cycle. The agency will likely have no problem reach-

ing that goal as neighboring Maryland, where photo tickets are only \$40 each, rakes in \$28 million annually in highway work zones. Conduent, the private company that runs Maryland's program, stands to make \$40 million over the life of the contract.

Virginia officials have been trying to get speed cameras on the road for more than a quarter century. In 1993, the agency partnered with Maryland in testing speed camera use on the Capital Beltway. At the time, the Virginia Department of Transportation found the radar equipment would read between 3 MPH and 9 MPH too high when operators deliberately positioned the cameras 8 degrees away from the recommended orientation.

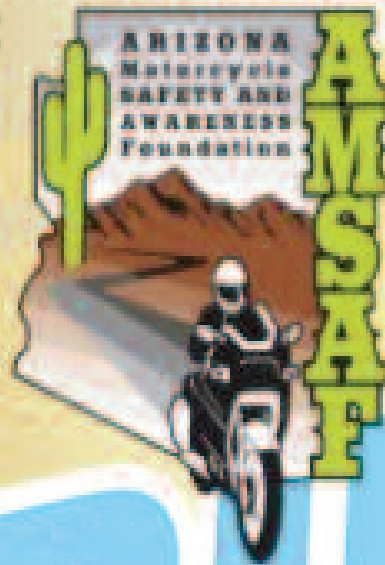
Prior to this legislation's passage, Virginia only allowed private contractors to operate red light cameras, but payment of red

light camera tickets that arrive in the mail has been optional. State law requires in-person service before a ticket can be enforced. The new law states that speed camera ticket recipients outside of Virginia will face "all legal collections activities" if they fail to pay up. As a result of a nationwide settlement, however, it is no longer legal for credit reporting agencies to allow unpaid citations to affect a motorist's credit rating.

Twelve years ago ago, the General Assembly attempted to shore up funding by boosting the cost of speeding tickets to a maximum of \$3550 each through "abuser fees." After the public learned about the abuser fee law and expressed outrage, the state was forced to not only repeal the fees but also to refund all fees already paid.



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