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Mike Infanzon
 Legislative Director

The 2019 Legislative Session is winding down. By the time this gets published, we will be over day 100 (the typical day to end the session).

We have been working to get the few remaining bills across the finish line and looking towards next session. I sent out a survey for what issues our membership thought we should be addressing in the legislature. I will be sharing that with you all next month.

Here are the last set of bills we are still working on as of 4/15/19 ...

HB2109 county transportation excise tax.
 Authorizes a Regional Transportation

Authority (RTA) to levy a county transportation excise tax of up to 20 percent, rather than 10 percent, of the current transaction privilege tax (TPT) rate or jet fuel excise tax rate, if approved at a countywide election. signed by governor. Chap. 50, Laws 2019.

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

HB2418 protected data; motor vehicle dealers
 Establishes guidelines for the access, use and control of protected dealer data in a dealer data system by manufacturers, third parties and authorized integrators. signed by governor. Chap. 52, Laws 2019.

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

SB1015 vehicle accidents; financial responsibility verification
 Releases the registered owner of a vehicle

involved in a vehicle accident (accident) from financial responsibility if the vehicle was sold before the accident occurred. 3/27 FAILED House trans 2-5.

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

SB1165 prohibition; texting while driving
 Prohibits the use of a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device while operating a motor vehicle. 4/9 from House rules okay.

SB1258 class M driver licenses; applicability
 Excludes a motorcycle with at least three wheels, a three-point safety belt, bucket or bench seats and that is fully enclosed or uses a roll cage from class M licensing applicability. 4/10 signed by governor. Chap. 59, Laws 2019.

SB1302 appropriation; Interstate 17; expansion
 \$130,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2019-2020 to the department of transportation to expand Interstate 17 between Anthem and Black

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ABATE OF ARIZONA LOCAL CHAPTERS

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Please make sure your Chapter has representation.

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

From the MRF

For Immediate Release

March 26, 2019

House of Representatives Introduced a Resolution Addressing Motorcyclist Profiling

Today champions of the motorcyclist community in the House of Representatives introduced a resolution addressing motorcyclist profiling. The resolution (H. Res. 255) has three key points:

(1) promoting increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profil-

ing;
 (2) encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcycle profiling; and
 (3) urging State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) applauds Congressman Walberg (R-MI), Congressman Peterson (D-MN), Congressman Burgess (R-TX) and Congressman Pocan (D-WI) for introducing this bipartisan resolution in the House of Representatives. These four Members of Congress introduced an identical bill in the last Congress which garnered 37 cosponsors but unfortunately failed to reach the House floor for a vote.

While the previous effort in the House failed, the United States Senate, in December 2018 passed an identical resolution regarding motorcyclist profiling. The MRF was proud to take a leading role in passing this Senate anti-profiling resolution. The United States Senate is now on record calling for the end of motorcyclist profiling.

The MRF is committed to working with the state motorcycle rights organizations (SMROs), coalitions, COC's, the Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP), the National Council of Clubs (NCOC), the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and independent riders to advance H. Res. 255.

President of the MRF, Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard, stated "We once again thank Congressmen Walberg, Peterson, Burgess

and Pocan for their leadership on this important issue. Motorcyclists in every state are impacted by profiling and we appreciate these Congressmen bringing the issue before the House of Representatives."

To ask your U.S. House of Representative to cosponsor H. Res. 255, please take action at the link below:

Take Action H.Res 255
<https://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/onestep-write-a-letter?0&engagementId=498241>

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Mission Statement

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

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

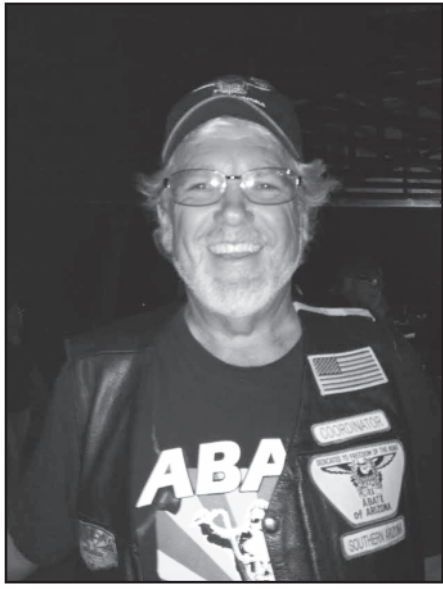
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President's Report



By Jim Butsback

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

Well as I sit writing this it is the Tax Day, April 15th. I still have not finished my return so as soon as I finish writing my report I will have to file an extension.

Yesterday I was able to attend the meeting for our new Chapter in the Apache Junction area. It will be known as the Superstition Chapter and they are setting their meeting time as the Second Sunday of the month and will meet at 5PM. They have secured a meeting room at the VFW in Apache Junction for their meetings. Thank You to the

members of VFW Post 7968 for supporting motorcycle rights and allowing us to use your facilities. If you are interested in attending one of their meetings, the VFW Post 7968 is located at 250 S Phelps Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85120.

It was great to see a room full of people interested in forming a new Chapter. They are hitting the road running and I look forward to seeing their growth in the future.

Well as this issue comes out it is May! This is one of the busiest months on my calendar. I am sure it probably is for you too. First and foremost May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month! Across this great country of ours, organizations and municipalities are issuing proclamations and holding events to increase awareness of motorcycles on our nation's roads and highways. Our own Governor Doug Ducey is proclaiming May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month here in the state of Arizona! Many of our Cities are doing so too.

Most, if not all of our Chapters are planning on some kind of Awareness Event. Get out and spread the word! It is important that we ask everyone to "Look Twice for Motorcycles"! As always attend as many of these events as you can and take photos, wear your ABATE gear, and share them with us in

The Masterlink!

The Month of May is also when we honor our Mothers! Mothers Day is May 11th and I would like to take the opportunity to express best wishes to all the Mothers in our ranks. I hope all of our mothers have a very special Mother's Day from all of us at ABATE of Arizona.

The month of May is also the month that we honor our Veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, and was a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of our nation. Many of our members and many of their family members have served our country. Without these brave men and women we would not be able to enjoy all the freedoms we have today! I thank all of our service members for the dedication and the sacrifices they gave.

This month is also when the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington D.C. hosts the annual Bikers inside the Beltway. This is a day when motorcycle rights activists from all around our country gather in Washington to meet with our Congressmen and Senators and discuss issues that are important to all of us who ride. Our Legislative Director, Mike Infanzon, will be leading a delegation representing Arizona. This year's event takes place May 20th and

21st. Send an email to your Congressmen and Senators and let them know that your representatives will be there and ask that they meet with them.

Our High Country Chapter is hosting Wild in the Weeds! Old School Biker Rally! This event is held every year the first weekend in May. This year it is May 3, 4 & 5, at the Punkin Center Bar & Grill. Located at Mile Post 262 Highway 188 Tonto Basin, AZ. This is just North of Roosevelt Lake. Live Music on Saturday! UNCHAINED will perform! I hope to see you all there.

Once again I am asking for each and every member of ABATE to try to recruit at least one new member into our ranks. If every member brings in AT LEAST one new member we will double our size and increase our influence. Talk to everyone you know about joining. There are thousands of motorcyclists out there who have never joined because they have never been asked, SO ASK THEM. 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

Legislative Director Update (continued)

Canyon City in Arizona. 3/21 from House appro do pass.

SB1332 alternative fuel vehicles; VLT VLT for ALL vehicles at a set rate based upon MSRP. 3/18 from House rules okay.

To House consent calendar.

Bikers inside the Beltway is May 21st. I will do my best to post photos and videos from the US Capitol on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when I meet with

our US Senators and Representatives.

June is Too Broke for Sturgis. Catch me over the weekend and we can enjoy a cold beer together and talk about how crazy this session has been.

Other than that? Ride free and remember that freedom is a team sport!

Be good to one another.
Mike

From the MRF (continued)

For Immediate Release

April 4, 2019

Vince Consiglio to join other Freedom Fighters in the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to Congratulate Vince Consiglio of Michigan on his nomination and soon to be induction into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame. Each year, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame recognizes individuals or groups who have made a long-term, positive impact on the motorcycling community.

Vince joined ABATE of Michigan in

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

There is no one in the motorcyclists rights movement that has held the title of State President for 25 years, managed rider education for nearly 40 years all while battling a mandatory helmet law for nearly 40 years.

Vince is also a constant presence repre-

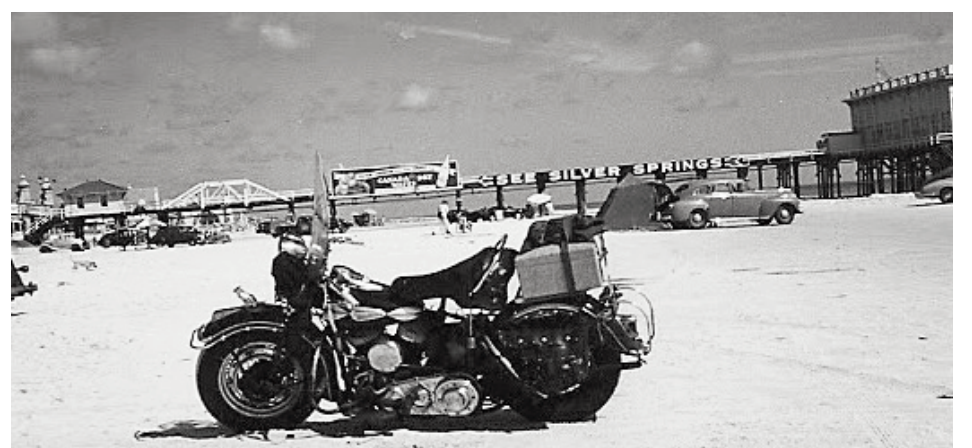
senting the motorcyclists of Michigan in our Nations' Capitol working closely with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. ABATE of Michigan under Vince's leadership has fostered effective working relationships with numerous members of Congress. Many of the federal bills brought forth on behalf of the motorcyclists of this nation were sponsored and co-sponsored by members of Congress from Michigan who were designated as Legislative Champions by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Vince has been recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation as well as having been inducted into the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame in 2018.

Other Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees are: Frank Fritz, Jill Parham, Ron Paugh, Danny Fitzmaurice, Ron Finch, Terry Rymer, Gloria Struck and Lonnie Isam Jr 'in memoriam'.

If you are planning on traveling to Sturgis for the 2019 Rally, consider joining the strong contingent of Motorcycle Rider Foundation members that will be in attendance at the Induction breakfast and ceremony on Wednesday August 7th at The Lodge at Deadwood.

Tickets are available here:
<https://www.sturgismuseum.com/hof>



Chapter Reports

East Valley Chapter

NO REPORT.

High Country Chapter

As this is being written, we are getting the final preparations done for this year's 15th Annual, Wild in the Weeds party at Punkin Center the first weekend of May. That means, as you read this, the event is over and we have (probably) already posted photos and videos from this year's craziness to the WildInTheWeeds.com web site. If you came, thanks so much for your support. If you did not, then you (definitely) missed a great time and hopefully you can make it next year.

Not ones to lay around, we are already on to the next project which is our annual Memorial Weekend Safety Stop at the Mogollon Visitor Center on state route 260. We will be offering free coffee and donuts to weary travelers Saturday morning to help them stay alert and able to look twice for motorcycles.

Summer is the best riding weather in the High Country and if you live in the valley or southern AZ you will want to ride up

early in the day to beat the traffic and the heat. A couple of things to remember are; the weather changes rapidly in the summer up here; there are a lot of wild animals (deer, elk, even bear) AND there are a LOT more tourists and other travelers on the roads. Plan your ride accordingly by making sure you have gear for hot, cold and wet weather, ALWAYS travel with extra water, and give yourself plenty of time to get wherever you are going. The most dangerous hours for animals are a half hour before and after sunset. The most dangerous hours for everything else is ALWAYS! So, come on up, say hello and visit some of our business members, but PLEASE be safe.

Mohave Chapter

NO REPORT

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

NO REPORT.

Superstition Chapter

In April, the newly formed Superstition Chapter had their membership kick-off

meeting at the VFW in Apache Junction. There was a great turnout of approx. 25 new and potential members including ABATE President Jim Butsback, State Secretary Dawn Parker and Chairman Woody Phillips.

Marc Schultz, the chapter Coordinator along with Becky Pennington - Secretary and Tiffanie Rigby - Treasurer welcomed the group and explained why they were forming the new chapter. It is, unfortunately, a response to recent family losses and injuries due to accidents involving motorcycles. As of this morning (the day after that meeting) there are already 18 members and we hope to have several more join soon.

The chapter is currently in Charter status until the next meeting at 5 pm on May 12. You have until the end of that meeting to become a "charter" member of this chapter which will save you \$5 on each renewal forever. So not only will you be joining an organization dedicated to the freedom of the road and safe riding for all riders on all bikes, you will save a good deal of money over the years as well.

Not sure about joining this chapter? Then

drop by Superstition Harley-Davidson and ask for Marc Schultz. He can explain why this is important to him and should be important to you.

Until next time, Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed and watch those intersections!

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

We had no meeting in March.

Our meeting was held April 11.

Memorial day we will have a booth at the VFW post 7120 after all the memorial celebrations. Look for our banner that day.

Carolyn Morgan
Communications officer
Yuma AZ



The REAL Reason Behind Waco Biker Dismissals

<http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

Waco Biker Dismissals an Attempt to Avoid Millions in Lawsuits

In the interests of justice, on April 2, 2019 all remaining charges related to the May 17, 2015 Twin Peaks shootings in Waco, Texas have been dismissed by the newly elected McLennan County District Attorney Barry Johnson. These dismissals are a significant victory in the history of motorcycle club culture and the fight against motorcycle profiling and discrimination. Although this concludes the criminal chapter of Twin Peaks, the legal battles are far from over. There are currently over 100 civil rights claims pending and the official press release announcing the dismissals makes it obvious that the new DA is attempting to cover Waco's interests from a liability standpoint. There is no apology and no admission of wrongdoing related to the mass arrests. Instead, Johnson puts all the blame on former DA Abel Reyna, arguing that viable prosecutions could have occurred after the initial arrests had correct procedures been followed. The stakes are massive. In total, these lawsuits are seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages for a list of obvious constitutional infringements from false arrest to excessive bail.

A Brief Timeline of Events

It has been nearly 4 years (May 17, 2015) since 9 bikers were killed and 20 injured, many at the hands of law enforcement, after gunfire erupted in the parking lot of a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco preceding a scheduled Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents meeting intended to discuss motorcycle rights issues.

Surrounded by pre-staged law enforce-

ment obviously expecting an issue, the violence erupted after Bandidos MC members from the Dallas area pulled into the Twin Peaks parking lot. A club called the Cossacks, not members of the Texas COC&I, were already there. A verbal altercation ensued quickly followed by pushing, shoving, and then gunshots from every direction, many coming from law enforcement.

After the violence, instead of questioning and releasing witnesses, law enforcement, at the direction of the former McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna, used identical generic affidavits and arrested nearly 200 people charging them with Engaging in Organized Crime solely based on their association with a motorcycle club. Every individual was also held on excessive \$1-\$2 million-dollar bails.

After nearly 2 years, Bandidos MC member Jake Carrizal from Dallas was the first person to be tried. The trial ended in a mistrial and near acquittal after the county spent \$1.5 million dollars on its unsuccessful attempt.

The End of Reyna's Reign

After the Carrizal trial, the McLennan County DA's Officer began to implode culminating in Reyna's election defeat by a 20% margin largely as a result of the grassroots efforts of Texas motorcyclists that vocally and visibly campaigned against Reyna.

After being defeated, Reyna's administration dismissed charges against all but 24 individuals. These 24 individuals were then charged with Riot, 3 of them also being charged with murder. The sentence

for Riot can be at the level of the most serious crime committed during the riot, which in this case means all 24 charged could have potentially faced life in prison.

Johnson Takes Over

In January 2019, Barry Johnson became the new McLennan County DA and has publicly stated that he has spent 75% of his time reviewing the Twin Peaks cases. Initially, Johnson stated that most of the 24 cases would be dismissed and a handful of the most viable cases would proceed. On April 2, 2019 the number of viable cases in Johnson's opinion is zero. It was announced that all charges against all individuals would be dismissed.

Johnson Playing CYA for Waco

Although this is a significant win for those facing charges, Johnson's statements regarding the dismissals are in no way an apology. Johnson argues that there was reasonable suspicion for the arrest of nearly 200 people and the subsequent grand jury indictments of 154 of those arrested. Johnson is attempting to argue that the arrests were constitutional, despite the generic fill-in-the-blank nature of the affidavit. Johnson further argues that the \$1 million-dollar bonds were also reasonable and justified surely in answer to lawsuits charging excessive bail in violation of the 8th Amendment.

Johnson's statements regarding the dismissals puts 100% of the blame on Reyna's decision-making post the arrests. Johnson argues that Reyna should have charged individuals with crimes that could be demonstrated beyond a reason-

able doubt such as aggravated assault and attempted murder, charges in which statute of limitations has now run out.

Johnson contends that the Riot charges, even if successful, would unlikely survive an appeal because it was an attempt to charge a misdemeanor as a felony. The likelihood of failure at the appellate level, in Johnson's assessment, means the only prudent decision was dismissal of all charges.

Johnson is Wrong: Arrests Were False and Bail Was Excessive

Considering his position, Johnson's strategy is completely understandable. Johnson feels that dismissal is demanded because of the high likelihood of failure, but that no constitutional violations occurred. No one goes to jail. Waco doesn't go bankrupt for civil rights violations.

Although understandable, Johnson's position is incorrect and a clearly veiled political attempt to protect against civil liability. The MPP believes that constitutional violations certainly occurred in terms of the 4th and 8th Amendments. And so do many legal scholars.

There was absolutely no particularized and specific reasonable suspicion or probable cause justifying the arrest of nearly 200 people. Absolutely none. Generic affidavits were used to initiate the arrests. Nothing specific beyond association with a motorcycle club, which does not meet the legal threshold.

It is anyone's guess how the civil proceedings will ultimately play out. But what is certain is that we will not know for a very long time.

Coast to Coast

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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FEDERAL ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN U.S. HOUSE

Last December, the United States Senate passed a nonbinding resolution by unanimous consent calling for an end to the discriminatory profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, and now the U.S. House of Representatives has introduced an identical bipartisan measure in the 116th Congress, H.Res.255; "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

Sponsored by Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI), the anti-profiling resolution was introduced in the House on March 26 to thwart "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States," as profiling is defined in the resolution's text.

"Michigan has a strong and vibrant riding community, myself included, that use

motorcycles as a source of recreation and transportation," Walberg said in a statement. "Making sure riders are free from profiling coincides with motorcyclists' appreciation for our law enforcement community. I'm proud to work with Rep. Burgess on this effort to foster a greater understanding of the issue of motorcycle profiling and ensure our roads and highways are safe for all to enjoy."

Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX) is one of three original cosponsors, among 12 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle, and said that with Texas being home to thousands of motorcyclists, he is committed to advocating for riders both on and off the road.

Walberg and Burgess are also co-chairs of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus which aims to improve public knowledge of motorcycle issues, promote safety on the roadways, and encourage Americans to enjoy responsible motorcycle riding.

All motorcyclists are encouraged to contact your Congressional Representative and ask that they join their colleagues as a cosponsor of H.Res.255 and help put a stop to law enforcement unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

TWIN PEAKS UPDATE --- PROSECUTIONS UNRAVEL

It was portrayed in the national press as a

gang war shootout at a family restaurant on the edge of a shopping center in Waco, Texas on May 17, 2015, leaving nine bikers dead and more than 20 wounded.

Nearly two hundred bikers were incarcerated in the aftermath of that deadly melee involving police who had surrounded motorcycle club members attending a regularly scheduled Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents meeting at the Twin Peaks restaurant, raining down a hail of police gunfire.

From the start, lawyers and others pointed out that it was very unlikely indeed that all the 177 arrested had committed any crimes at all, and that the initial \$1 million bond set for each of them charged with a blanket crime of "engaging in organized criminal activity" seemed unreasonably punitive. The police strove in the aftermath to keep a detailed account of what actually happened from reaching the public eye, or that of defense attorneys.

Over the next four years, as the cases began moving into the courtroom one-by-one, they each began to fall apart until ultimately only two dozen remained indicted, with not a single successful prosecution to date. The first and only case to go to trial ended in a hung jury and mistrial in November 2017.

McClennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna, the D.A. at the time of the

arrests, lost re-election last year, and before leaving office he "dismissed the vast majority of the 154 pending indictments his office sought in the Twin Peaks shootout," according to the Tribune newspaper. On April 2, 2019, newly-elected D.A. Barry Johnson announced that his office has chosen not to prosecute the remaining 24 cases, calling the way the former D.A.'s office handled the situation "a harebrained scheme" that was "patently offensive."

"This is a difficult decision which must be made based on the existing facts and evidence in accordance with the laws of this state and in the interest of justice," stated Johnson.

McLennan County reports that the shootout has run up \$1,317,835.96 in total identifiable costs, with nothing so far to show for it, and all the while realizing the final cost is not yet calculated for the defendants and in some cases may never be.

Many of those bikers who've had charges eventually dropped, after spending months in jail on million dollar bonds, have subsequently filed civil rights suits, and as of January there were 133 federal lawsuits naming McLennan County, Waco police, the district attorney,

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the sheriff, police chief and individual officers, charging violations against the 4th and 14th Amendment Constitutional guarantees, plus a number of other civil rights violations.

Texas AIM Attorney Bill Smith will be presenting an update on the Waco situation during the Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting at the upcoming NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida, Mother's Day Weekend May 10-12, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton - Universal Orlando.

MONGOLS CASE STILL PRESENTS A THREAT DESPITE PATCH VICTORY

"The recent decision by Judge David Carter in US v. Mongol Nation that the First and Eighth Amendments to the US Constitution prohibits the government's request to seize the collective membership marks of the Mongols MC, including their club name patch and center-patch, is a victory for all," writes Kit Maira of Easyriders Magazine in his Biker's Rights blog. But, he adds; "Beyond the issues of forfeiture, a brand-new strategy to target motorcycle clubs under RICO has been born and legally confirmed. The idea that a motorcycle club can be indicted under RICO as an entity, regardless of other members' personal guilt, should equally alarm everyone."

Although the government can't take a club's patch, they can seize a club's property and impose huge fines, he explains, noting that while federal law enforcement spent more than a decade on a failed mission to take away the Mongols' collective membership marks, their property and patches, they stumbled upon a new theory of prosecution; "determining guilt for an association."

What element is required to find an association guilty of RICO? An implied connection to leadership is apparently enough. Judge Carter argues that Congress may constitutionally impose criminal liability upon an entity for acts of its agents, even though it's not necessary for the government to prove that the act was authorized by the entity - thereby setting a very low threshold of proof to establish that an act was committed "at

the implied direction of leadership."

"The Mongol Nation is guilty of substantive RICO and RICO conspiracy," determined the judge, going on to proclaim that, "The criminal organization is subject to sentencing fines and criminal forfeiture consistent with this Order," the extent of which will be determined at a sentencing hearing in late April.

"There is no way to predict what the federal government will do moving forward with the newfound strategy of targeting a motorcycle club as an entity under RICO, but there are empirical reasons to believe that whatever strategy authorities employ will not advance civil liberties," writes Maira, concluding that; "The Constitution does not seem to be a barrier in the decision-making calculus of authorities' intent on targeting motorcycle clubs."

'LANE FILTERING' NOW LEGAL IN UTAH

Utah legislators have endorsed lane splitting, or "lane filtering" as it is referred to in HB149, signed into law by Governor Gary Herbert on March 21, making the Beehive State the second behind California to legalize "filtering" through lanes of traffic.

The Utah Lane Filtering Bill does not allow lane filtering on freeways, and only on roads where the posted speed limit of 45 mph or less. Also, the motorcycle can only filter through stopped traffic at 15 mph or less -- different from California's lane splitting law that allows riders to pass moving traffic.

The bill was sponsored by State Rep. Walt Brooks (R-St. George), whom the Salt Lake Tribune reported was re-elected twice, prompting the 'safety' measure. The newspaper further reported that between 2011 and 2017, there were 1,288 incidents of a motorcycle getting rear-ended in Utah.

The bill takes effect May 14, 2019 but contains provisions for the law to expire on July 1, 2022 if the legislature takes no action to extend it.

48 U.S. states, Canada, and a few other countries prohibit motorcyclists from traversing lanes of cars in slow or stopped

traffic, though it is common practice throughout Europe and Asia. The only other state currently considering lane splitting for motorcycles is Oregon, HB2314, which like California would allow lane spitting on freeways.

NEW YORK CITY TO IMPLEMENT CONGESTION TOLL

On March 31, 2019, New York state lawmakers approved a first-in-the-nation plan to implement congestion pricing in the busiest parts of New York City, hoping that this new toll will ease traffic congestion during the busiest parts of the day by encouraging people to take mass transit instead of driving a car or, apparently, riding motorcycles.

The price has not yet been set, but a trip to lower Manhattan during peak hours may cost \$10, and there are no exemptions for any other type of vehicle, though low-income or disabled drivers may be exempt. The city plans to use the revenue to repair their subway system.

These tolls will not go into effect until 2021, so now is the time, New Yorkers, to start making noise to have motorcycles exempted from this toll.

TEXAS LAWMAKERS AIM TO MAKE CHANGES TO HELMET LAW

Legislation is being considered in Texas to make changes to the state's motorcycle helmet law, aiming to make sure riders who choose to ride without a helmet are still riding legally. House Bill 748, sponsored by Representatives Victoria Neave and Ana-Maria Ramos -- both from the Dallas area -- would allow police officers to pull over motorcycle riders who are not wearing helmets to make sure they're following the law. In Texas, you're allowed to ride without a helmet, but only if the rider is 21 or older, has completed a motorcycle safety course and has adequate health insurance.

The issue the bill aims to fix is that currently police officers are not allowed to pull someone over simply because they're not wearing a helmet, so that means they're unable to check to see if the rider is following the rules unless they're caught breaking another traffic law.

The bill is now in the transportation committee.

NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO



ABATE of Arizona Chapter Meeting Times and Locations

East Valley Chapter

EAST VALLEY CHAPTER meetings are held the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) 1712 W. Broadway Road, Mesa AZ 85202
FMI contact Joe Ferrucci at 480-295-9488

High Country Chapter

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

WELCOMES ALL RIDERS NATION-WIDE

One of the largest gatherings of motorcycle rights activists in the world will take place in Orlando, Florida as the 34th annual NCOM Convention draws hundreds of bikers from motorcycle rights organizations (MROs) and Confederations of Clubs (COCs), as well as independents and other allied riders from across the country.

This year's NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-12, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Universal Orlando, and will address such topics as Motorcycle Profiling and "Save the Patch" among the many issues concerning our nation's motorcycle community.

Agenda items will cover various legal and legislative issues, with additional seminars regarding RICO And Its Effect on Your Organization, Restoring Your Rights, Leadership 101 and "Share the Road" Motorcycle Safety.

A Silver Spoke Awards Banquet will cap off the gathering, highlighted by the recognition of those freedom fighters who have distinguished themselves from within our ranks; Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan (GOVERNMENT), James "Hollywood" Macecari of Insane Throttle Motorcycle Magazine (ENTERTAINMENT), Jim Wear, founder of the Salute to American Veterans Rally (COMMERCE), with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS presented to David Duff of ABATE of Iowa, William Bird of ABATE of Florida and Mike Friend of Bikers For Christ. NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award will go to "JR" Reed -1%er of Sons of Silence MC and Smitty 1%er of the Outlaws MC.

For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE (662-2453) or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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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 6: Fighting for Freedom Should be Fun!

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

“If your people are not having a ball doing it, there is something very wrong with the tactic,” Saul Alinsky said. Alinsky’s right—a small, dedicated group of activists can take on the world if they’re having fun while they’re doing it. Here are some ways you can put this rule into action.

Build a Community

The best way for you to make sure your activists are enjoying your tactics is to make sure they’re enjoying each other. True activism is based on communities of

people who care about each other and have fun spending time together. Boring tasks like stuffing envelopes or handwriting thousands of postcards can be miserable work. Tackle them with friends and they become fun activities where you swap stories and race to see who finishes first. ABATE does this rule very well and it’s just a part of who we are. Bike nights turning into discussions about policy changes, toy runs to show the community who we are, etc. Take time to find out what interests them beyond the policy fight you both care about.

Find Their Niches

Everyone has different strengths and interests. Some people enjoy marathons, while other people think of running as a cruel and unusual punishment. Some of your activists may enjoy phone banking. Others might hate making calls but love heading out in the sunshine to knock on doors. Still others might have a knack for writing letters to the editor or showing up at public hearings to testify. A good leader takes the time to learn what tactics each activist enjoys doing and makes sure they’re maximizing their potential. An activist who enjoys what they’re doing is going to be far more successful and far more likely to come back than someone who’s stuck doing a task they dislike.

Make It Fun and Fulfilling

Do your activists like competitions? Put up a leaderboard when phone banking and keep it updated throughout the day. Do they have a favorite coffee or soda? Keep it on hand. Have competitions for most doors knocked, most miles rode, volunteers recruited or phone calls made. Give away personalized awards for “Best Canvassing Horror Story” or “Best Phone Banking Voice.”

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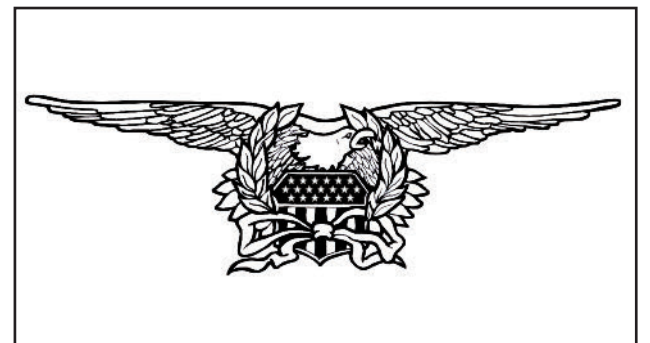
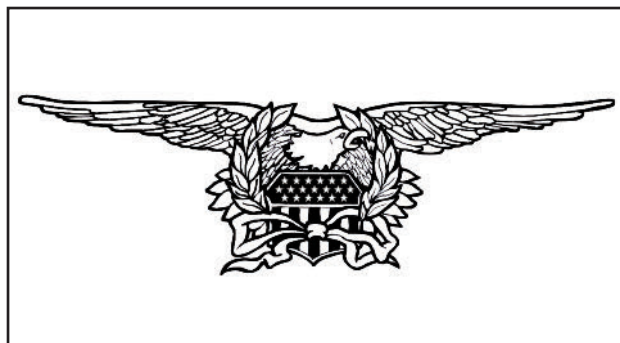
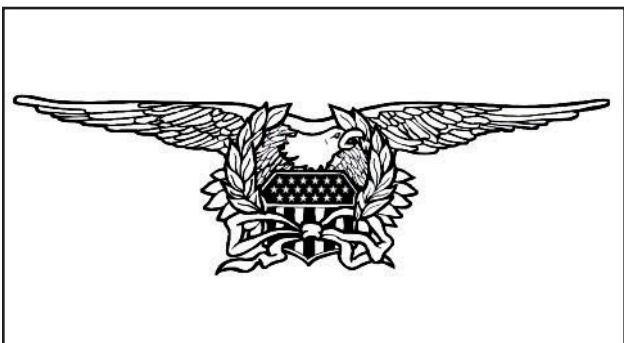
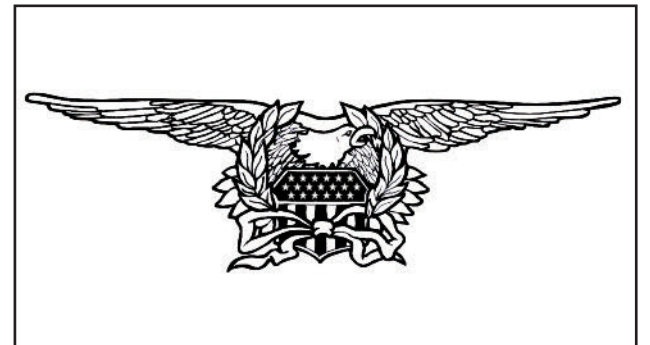
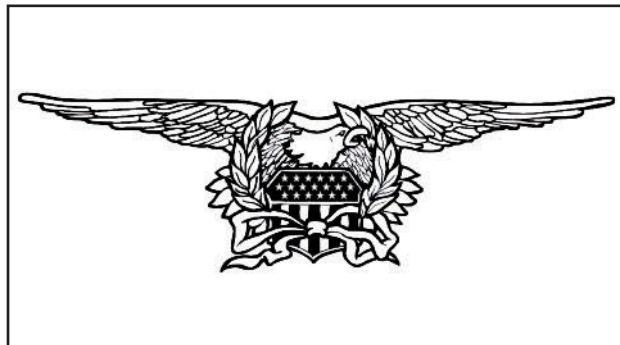
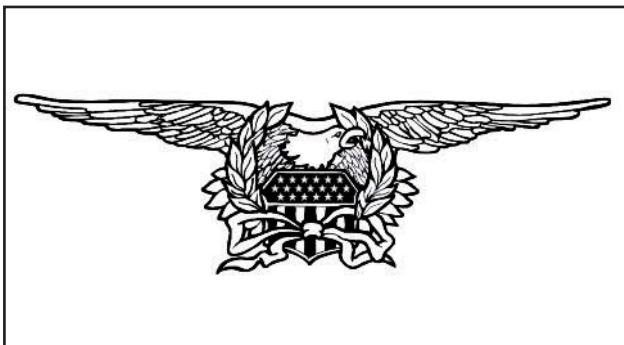
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<https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain> 5/3-5 {Fr-Sun} 15th annual Wild in the Weeds with ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter. Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Mile Post 262 Hwy 188, Tonto Basin AZ. Mu-sic by 'Unchained'. Games, raffles, wet-T contest, silent auction... ABATE mem-bers \$15/sgl, \$25/cpl; non-members \$25 & \$35. Memberships available. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://WildInTheWeeds.com>

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5/27 {Mon} May 27th, 13th Annual Flags for Our Fallen Memorial Day Rally at Phoenix National Veterans Cemetery. Meet 5am @ S/E corner of Cave Creek & Pinnacle Peak Roads. FMI: <http://www.ridersusa.net/page-1506903>

Letter From The AMSAF Executive Director

AMSAF Executive Director
Mick Degn
mick@amsaf.org

Guess what? The heat is starting to come. In Arizona, we have this beautiful weather and what a wonderful time to be out there riding. As we move along, so will the heat, and with that, make sure you dress properly and keep plenty of fluids with you.

May is around the corner and May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. For AMSAF, every month is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. It can't be just one month; we need to be focused and aware of potential hazards all the time. Share the Road and make sure safety and awareness are always at the top of your list if you're on a motorcycle or in a 4-wheel vehicle.

This month, we want to recognize some of our Partners that help us every month and see it firsthand. If you think about a crash, the Police and Healthcare are the first ones involved. Below is an article that one of the Trauma Doctors from Dignity Health, Chandler Medical Center put together on the importance of safety and awareness.

I'd also like to share with you a video we put together with our partners, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Arizona Trauma Association, Dignity

Back to the Basics

So, what is the solution to reducing the number of crashes? Start teaching riders and drivers when they're young.

Wendy Otten, RN, BSN, CEN is the trauma program manager for Chandler Regional and leads the effort to make change with high school students as they enter driving age.

"We need to make change, and it's an easy change, that begins with education," says Otten. "Dignity Health goes to all of Maricopa Country's East Valley high schools and we speak with kids about driving, safety, awareness and more. We are committed to solutions and ongoing community outreach."

Otten's team asks students: what kind of vehicle they plan to get when they are ready and we educate them about the danger of texting and driving, alcohol and drug use and how all three can lead to disaster in a second," adds Otten. "We start there and plant one seed at a time. Once one person learns and understands,

Health, and Law Tiggers, all want to promote safety and awareness and help reduce crashes and fatalities.

Looking for some safety tips, here is a great source. <https://www.facebook.com/AMSAF.ORG/>

Thank you again for what you do to help reduce crashes and fatalities. Are you part of an organization that is looking for a 501c3 Charity to partner with? AMSAF's involvement with the State and Community is important. Check us out and give us a call. www.amsaf.org or mick@amsaf.org

FACING TRAUMA, HEAD ON

Featuring insight from Dr. Charles Hu, MD, FACS, Dignity Health

A traumatic event can change a person's life, and those of his or her family, for life. The injuries suffered are physical, mental and emotional as well.

Dr. Charles Hu, MD, FACS, Chief of Trauma Services at Dignity Health's Chandler Regional Medical Center, has seen his fair share of life-altering injuries from driver and rider crashes, more than 250 trauma cases every month at his hospital alone, the majority involving motorcycles.

"We know that the number one injury we

they hopefully will share with others as well."

Dr. Hu understands why people enjoy riding motorcycles, but he also sees what happens when they have no formal training or ride without the proper protection they need in the event of a crash.

"Wearing a helmet is absolutely needed," says Dr. Hu. "This piece of equipment definitely saves lives. There is a huge difference for head injuries between what happens to a person wearing a helmet in a crash versus no helmet. Wear a helmet! Protective gear on the legs and arms are also key to saving one's life."

Otten says Dignity Health looks at the whole picture for the patient – one reason the medical entity offers injury prevention programs and safety classes in the communities it serves.

"We are able to make a difference because of our relationship with the Chandler Police Department, Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) and other entities

see is the result of vehicle and motorcycle crashes," says Dr. Hu. "It is the top problem we see on a regular basis. And, because of the number of crashes we see in Arizona, it is a growing problem that needs attention."

Chandler Regional, a Level 1 trauma center, has a great deal of resources for managing injury cases, including medical specialists for spine, head trauma, and orthopedic injuries, operating rooms, and aftercare for those with significant injuries that require immobilization and/or long-term care in an intensive care unit.

"Our hospital averages one motorcycle death a month as a result of injuries, and that is just at our facility," adds Dr. Hu. "If you combine this with all of the other trauma centers in Arizona, there are several deaths every month. We frequently see extremity fractures (arm or leg), severe head injuries, concussions, intracranial hemorrhages, skull fractures and spinal cord injuries resulting from the crash. Also common are pelvic injuries, which typically immobilize a person for months."

Dr. Hu says the impact for these riders, mostly male, is that if they are the sole breadwinner in the family, a devastating injury can affect the family's ability to pay bills, not to mention the human toll on everyone involved.

that are working to help make people safer," says Otten. "Dignity Health and Chandler Regional Medical Center have special equipment to drive the message home such as a distracted driving goggles that simulate intoxication and the change that takes place after two beers. We also have a pair of goggles that show the effect of marijuana use as it can distort vision. We also simulate scenarios featuring texting and distracted driving so students can see how quickly change can occur."

In addition, Chandler Regional's trauma department works on grants in an effort to provide evidence to the medical community that effective teaching models are sustainable and add value long-term. The Chandler team also participates in other events such as Tackle Trauma to talk with people about injuries.

However, numerous audiences still must be reached with the safety and awareness message – no matter the age.

"Older people need to be checked for proper medication use and effects, routine



Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)

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

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eye check-ups and so forth," says Otten. "Outreach and injury prevention is the goal. We want to save lives through education and injury prevention."

Otten and the trauma team at Chandler Regional serve alongside AMSAF and other not-for-profit organizations to help the disenfranchised and help prevent injury through innovative collaboration... and why not?

"We have a shared vision with regard to safety and making a difference in others' lives," adds Otten. "We encourage other organizations to get onboard and do the same."

AMSAF, founded in 2011, is a non-profit foundation that is focused on reducing motorcycle and distracted driver crashes in Arizona. AMSAF's goal is to promote motorcycle safety and awareness through education and training. AMSAF rider training scholarships will enhance motorcycle safety by helping to reduce motorcycle – and related crashes – in Arizona.



SUPERSTITION CHAPTER'S MEETING



FLASHBACK - TOO BROKE 2007



American biker gang destroys dog fight rings and rescues animals from violent owners

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Angels doesn't look pretty, you might say about these tattooed bikers. However, they saved countless animal lives all over the country. They even set up an organization, Rescue Ink, and their main goal is to save as many animals as possible. They investigate cases of animal abuse, save pets from their violent owners and help the animals to find new homes.

Rescue Ink is a non-profit organization

who fights for animal rights. All volunteers, the team members are bikers, body-builders, former military personnel, police detectives, and even lawyers.

"Some people like to think of us as superheroes. The truth is, we are super animal lovers. Through the years, and through many caseloads, obstacles, and downright challenges, we remain strong and dedicated to our mission," they said.

They made agreements with animal shel-

ters and public organization and they cooperated with the authorities to reduce and even stop animal abuse. Regular people and even famous artists joined their cause. So far, these kind people managed to offer a much better life for a lot of animals, as dogs, cats, horses, pigs and even fish.

And when those heroes don't save animals, they're teaching children to be kind and lovely with animals. They actually try to prove and to teach everyone that animal

abuse is so wrong.

"Let's just say an official goes to an abuser's house, he pulls up in a cop car and, immediately the abuser knows the cop's limitations, he has certain boundaries. But when we pull up, they don't know what we're going to do, they don't know what we're capable of doing. So it helps out big time," the team said in an interview with People.

These guys are real heroes!

New Motorcycle Rights Organization

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Biker Lives Matter Florida USA Great News.... John Rogue has once again stepped up and will be leading the upcoming Board of Directors for Biker Lives Matter - Florida USA... as "President"

for those that don't know Rogue "I am a well known Photo-Journalist in the Motorcycle Field and have had my work

continually published in national magazines since the late 60s. I also do work for select individuals." *source bikerogue.com

He has been involved in Biker Rights almost as long as I have been alive (a long dang time)... was one of the founders of the "original" A.B.A.T.E.

We couldn't ask for a better or more experienced person to take the controls...

Thank You Rogue....

Rogue is the Senior Editor at Bikernet.com

ROGUE SAYS: To many brothers and sisters are being killed by stupid drivers (I almost had a lady hit me today by coming into my lane)

I believe we can put together a new organization to get legislation passed that

will seriously penalize any one that hits and injures or kills a motorcyclist.

I do not think it is going to be easy or quick But like other Motorcycle Rights we have fought for in the past and won I think we can with this one as well.

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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month in Arizona and prime riding weather as well. So, there is no better time to join ABATE of AZ and help fight for your right to ride free and ride safely.

Hopefully you are already a member and ready to help your chapter do its part to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. Whether it is working a pop-up at a rest area or standing on a busy corner with Look Twice for Motorcycle signs, it all helps. Even one life saved makes it all worthwhile. Remember, the life you save might be your own!

Speaking of saving lives, your Chairman was recently invited to participate in a roundtable discussion aimed at formulating Arizona's Strategic Highway Safety Plan for the next 5 years by Alberto Gutier, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. I was pleased to find myself sitting between Mick Degn, Executive Director of AMSAF and Terry Cooper, Executive Board member for AMSAF. Together we were able to dispel a few incorrect ideas about both motorcycling and ABATE as well as promote some ideas that, we hope, will make

motorcycling safer in Arizona in the near future. This meeting also allowed ABATE and AMSAF to share some ideas and look for areas where we can work together to promote safer motorcycling and set-up a follow-up meeting with myself, Mick and Ron Carroll of the Gold Wing Riders Association.

Unfortunately, our State Safety Officer and MAP coordinator Jim Silk had to work and could not make that meeting, but we have planned others so look for ABATE of AZ and AMSAF to be much more closely aligned soon.

A great thing happening in May is the formal formation of the Superstition Chapter out of Apache Junction. Born out of the tragedy of losing family members and friends to accidents involving motorcycles, Marc, Becky and Tiffanie have committed to creating a chapter that makes a real difference in the Arizona riding community. They are off to an

incredible start and can use all the support you can give them. Please drop by one of their chapter meetings to see what they are up to and why it all matters. This chapter, more than most, reminds me personally of why we are all doing this. It is good to be reminded sometimes.

Finally, May is also the month before Too Broke For Sturgis so it is a good time to get registered in advance (visit <http://toobrokeforsturgis.com/>) or take advantage of the membership and volunteer incentives that can save you big on TBFS tickets. Your membership in ABATE of AZ gives you an automatic discount and volunteering for as little as 8 hours (does not have to be all in one stint) gets you the whole rally for FREE!

Until then, Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed and watch those intersections!

Why US v Mongol Nation is Still a Threat Despite Trademark Win

<http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

The recent decision by Judge David Carter in US v. Mongol Nation that the First and Eighth Amendments to the US Constitution prohibits the government's request to seize the collective membership marks of the Mongols MC, including their club name patch and center-patch, is a victory for all. A victory that should be discussed and celebrated. However, the MPP also believes that part of this discussion should focus on the other implications to Judge Carter's decision. Implications that aren't being discussed because the focus has understandably been on the patch forfeiture issues. What other implications? Beyond the issues of forfeiture, a brand-new strategy to target motorcycle clubs under RICO has been born and legally confirmed. The idea that a motorcycle club can be indicted under RICO as an entity, regardless of other members personal guilt, for crimes committed by individuals already punished for those crimes, should equally alarm everyone. Although the government can't take a club's patch, they can seize a club's property and impose huge fines. What else could the government do with this new theory of prosecution?

A Brief History

marks, and property bearing those marks, they stumbled upon a new theory of prosecution after previous attempts to take the patch were ultimately unsuccessful. The 9th Circuit ruled that the government couldn't take patches and property from members of the club that had not been indicted because that would violate the First Amendment.

However, the court provided a blueprint for the government's next move. The court concluded that the Mongol Nation, the unincorporated association that owns the collective membership marks in question, would have to be indicted as an entity for the theory to work. So, that's exactly what the US Attorney decided to do.

US v. Mongol Nation has been the most recent result of the government's new strategy. The Mongol Nation, as an enti-

ty, defined as all full patched members of the club, was charged and found guilty by a federal jury of racketeering and conspiracy to engage in racketeering under the RICO statute. That jury also granted the government's request for forfeiture of collective membership marks, which Judge Carter set aside for Constitutional reasons. However, Judge Carter upheld the jury's decision to convict and conditionally granted forfeiture of seized property. Specific items to be seized will be decided at a sentencing hearing set for April 24th, 2019.

They can't take a club's patch, but guilty verdict on MC as an entity upheld

Although Carter doesn't believe the government can take a club's collective membership marks, he "agrees with the Government that an unincorporated association including the Mongol Nation can be held liable for each predicate act alleged in the indictment." (The predicate acts in this indictment include everything from drugs to assault and murder charges)

The Court sees no meaningful distinction between corporate criminal responsibility and liability of unincorporated associations. The Supreme Court addressed the criminal liability of a partnership and specifically held that "the business entity cannot be left free to break the law merely because its owners, stockholders ... partners ... do not participate in the infraction."

Leadership v. Rogue Actors- determining guilt for an association.

It is not enough that various members and associates of a motorcycle club "are involved in spontaneous criminal acts as an individual or as a small group of individuals. In other words, the spontaneous rogue acts of individual members and associates do not create guilt for an association."

What element is required to find an association guilty of RICO? An implied connection to leadership is enough. "[T]o the extent that an illegal act was committed

at the express or implied direction of the leadership of the defendant Mongol Nation, the entity may be found guilty. This is entirely consistent with corporate criminal responsibility, and is precisely what Congress intended in passing RICO, which expressly targets criminal organizations."

The concerning terms "implied direction of the leadership..."

Further analysis of Carter's decision may shed some light. Carter argues that Congress may constitutionally impose criminal liability upon an entity for acts of its agents. "Such liability may attach without proof that the conduct was within the agent's actual authority, and even though it may have been contrary to express instructions." Carter also argues that it's not necessary for the government to prove that the act was authorized by the entity formally or in writing. Sounds like the government has a very low threshold of proof to establish that an act was committed "at the implied direction of leadership."

So, what sentence will Judge Carter impose?

Judge Carter has been very explicit about what he intends to do on April 24th. Carter writes, "The Mongol Nation is guilty of substantive RICO and RICO conspiracy. The criminal organization is subject to sentencing fines and criminal forfeiture consistent with this Order."

Items to be forfeited include weapons, ammunition, body armor, and related items originally seized during ATF raids. This comes as no surprise to the MPP as it seems consistent with other RICO forfeitures.

However, sentencing fines for criminal liability are not explained in-depth. How much can the fine be? Are there limits? Who pays the fine? The leadership? The membership?

What sentences will we see in the future?

Independent of sentencing fines and asset

forfeitures, what else could the government seek in terms of criminal liability when a club is indicted as an entity? I'm not sure many people have a solid answer to this question. But I think the question is definitely worth exploring.

After a club is found guilty as an entity under RICO, can the government feasibly obtain an order against any member of the club possessing or carrying a firearm? The answer may vary depending on what state you are in, but even the very pro-2nd Amendment state of Texas is revoking gun rights from individuals solely for membership in a motorcycle club authority label a gang. The sky may not be falling, but possible impacts to gun rights are at least a possibility, particularly in "may issue" states.

What about employment? An individual without a criminal record is a member of an entity found guilty under RICO of Racketeering and Racketeering Conspiracy. Their employment contract requires that all employees not have a criminal record. Could it be argued that they now in violation of their employment contract?

There is no way to predict what the federal government will do moving forward with the newfound strategy of targeting a motorcycle club as an entity under RICO. But there are empirical reasons to believe that whatever strategy authorities employ will not advance civil liberties. Who could have predicted the strategy to completely redefine the First Amendment before they initially tried to take the Mongols MC's patch? Who would have predicted the government's initial success? Who would have predicted that nearly 200 individuals in Waco would be arrested on generic affidavits and incarcerated on \$1-\$2 million dollars bail instead of being questioned and released? Who would have guessed an individual could be arrested for Unlawful Carry in Texas as a LTC holder solely for being a member of a motorcycle club?

The Constitution does not seem to be a barrier in the decision-making calculus of authorities' intent on targeting motorcycle clubs.

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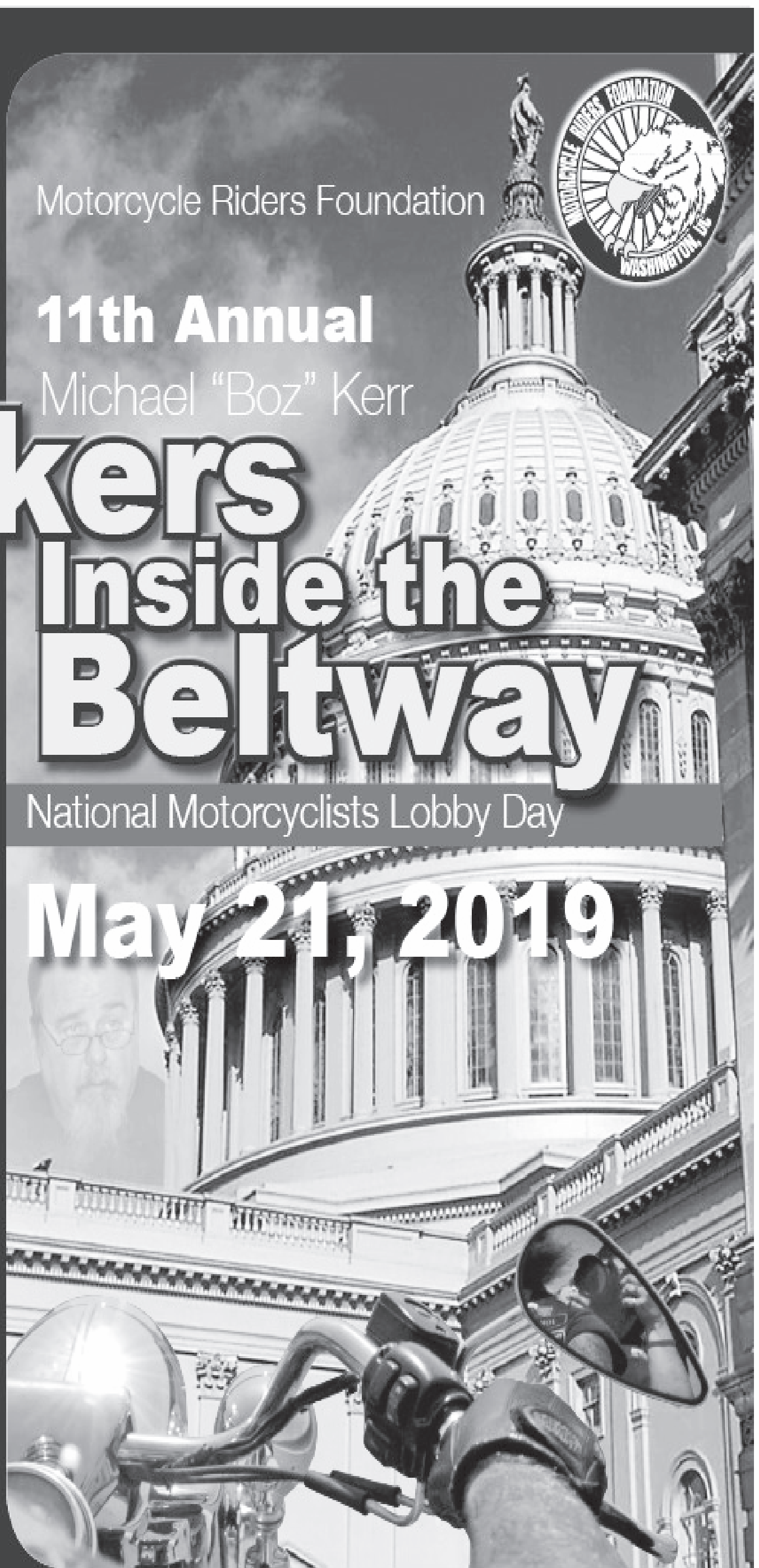
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May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness

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Royal Enfield enters South Korea

<https://blog.bikernet.com>The iconic British motorcycle manufacturer arrives in Korea with its first flagship store, commencing its full operation, including after sales, spares and service.

Cult motorcycle maker, Royal Enfield on Friday has announced its entry into South Korea, with Vintage Motors (Kiheung International) as its official distributor-partner in the country.

The iconic British motorcycle manufac-

turer arrives in Korea with its first flagship store, commencing its full operation, including after sales, spares and service, the company said in a statement.

Vimal Sumbly, APAC Business Head, said, "Our focus is to sustain and expand our reach in International markets especially in Asia Pacific region. Royal Enfield has seen consistent growth in the APAC region with a 20% year-on-year growth. Korea is an important chapter in the growth story and we are thrilled to

commence business here. We fully committed to focus all our energies on becoming part of the fabric of this country's rich motorcycle culture."

This strategic announcement is in line with Royal Enfield's focused international thrust of leading and expanding the global mid-sized motorcycle segment (250-750cc).

Pablo Lee Jr, CEO, Kiheung Motors said, "Royal Enfield motorcycles will offer

Korean two wheeler riders an opportunity to upgrade to a robust long-distance, leisure riding culture with its modern-classics machines, that are brilliant for long rides on the highway at the same time perfect to commute in heavy traffic in the city".

Royal Enfield enters South Korea, with line-up of three of its widely popular models featuring single-cylinder engines currently up to 500 cc: Bullet (500cc), Classic (500c), and Himalayan (410cc).

H-D Teams with Local Trade Schools for Battle of the Kings

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Harley-Davidson Teams with Local Trade Schools for 'Battle of the Kings' Bike Build Competition

MILWAUKEE (April 15, 2019) – For the first time, local trade school students partnered with Harley-Davidson® dealers for a unique, real-world training opportunity: helping build the coolest custom motorcycles in the world in the "Battle of the Kings" competition.

Now, Harley-Davidson is calling on the public to help select the winner by voting for their favorites from April 15 to May 15 at [H-D.com/BattleOfTheKings](https://www.h-d.com/BattleOfTheKings).

The "Battle of the Kings" competition highlights the endless possibilities to personalize Harley-Davidson motorcycles. It's the largest dealer custom build bike competition in the world, showcasing Harley-Davidson's leadership in customization. Since 2015, Battle of the Kings has created more than 500 custom bikes.

This year, U.S. trade school students were invited to join their local Harley-Davidson dealership for the builds, with the goal of inspiring the next generation of skilled tradespeople to join the world of motorcycling. Under the guidance of experienced Harley-Davidson mechanics, students from across the country were

introduced to the creativity, customization prowess and technical precision of motorcycle customization.

"Harley-Davidson's goal is to build the next generation of riders, and those new riders will need service technicians and customization experts to help them along the way," said Heather Malenshek, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Brand. "Introducing trade school students to the unlimited possibilities of custom bike building will unlock their creativity and inspire them to think outside the box as they embark on their careers."

Winner

The public can vote from a selection of more than 40 rolling works of art featuring the latest in design, fit and finish created in partnership with the students of future automotive mechanics, designers and welders of America. Starting today, the first round of voting, called People's Choice, is open at [H-D.com/BattleOfTheKings](https://www.h-d.com/BattleOfTheKings).

See the builds from dealerships around the world by following #BattleOfTheKings on social media. For more information on the rules of the competition and to vote on the bikes, visit [H-D.com/BattleOfTheKings](https://www.h-d.com/BattleOfTheKings).

U.S. Targets Motorcycles In EU Trade Wars

<https://www.cyclenews.com>

Trade tensions are heating up with the European Union regarding the ongoing dispute between aircraft manufacturer subsidies, and the Trump Administration has responded with \$11 billion in retaliatory EU tariffs which includes 100% duties on motorcycles parts and accessories. What could these EU motorcycle tariffs mean for the industry?

Here we go again.

Trade wars are heating up, and once again, motorcycles are caught in the crosshairs. This time it's trade tensions with the European Union, and the United States' response to the ongoing dispute between aircraft manufacturer subsidies, with EU's Airbus in one corner, and American rival Boeing in the other—a 14-year-old quarrel that the World Trade Organization is struggling to litigate. The Trump Administration has decided "the

time has come for action," and has laid down a proposed \$11 billion in EU tariffs. The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) revealed a list of products on April 8 that would be hit by retaliatory duties, which includes mostly cheeses, wine, airplane parts, and also motorcycles 500-700cc, as well as "parts and accessories for motorcycles (including mopeds)." (HTS subheadings 8711.40.30 and 8714.10.00)

The proposed 100% tariff could have significant consequences for European-based motorcycle manufacturers, including KTM AG. The Austrian-based manufacturer, home to KTM and Husqvarna Motorcycles, currently produces nine motorcycles that would fall into the affected category, with multiple models based on the 510cc and 690cc platforms. Representatives from KTM are currently working with members in DC to get the motorcycles and motorcycle accessories off the list.

While not a lot of European motorcycles fall into the oddly targeted range of 500-700cc, the parts and accessories line item of the EU motorcycle tariffs could have much more far-reaching consequences for European motorcycle manufacturers including Ducati, BMW, Triumph and Vespa.

The EU motorcycle tariff issue already has the attention of the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) in the UK. In an April 12 statement, the MCIA announced it is working with the British government to address the issue: "The U.S. Government have announced that they will likely introduce a 100% tariff on a number of imports from the EU, which will have a direct impact on several product groups from our industry. Please be aware that we are working closely with the UK Government and had already scheduled a meeting with the Minister for early May."

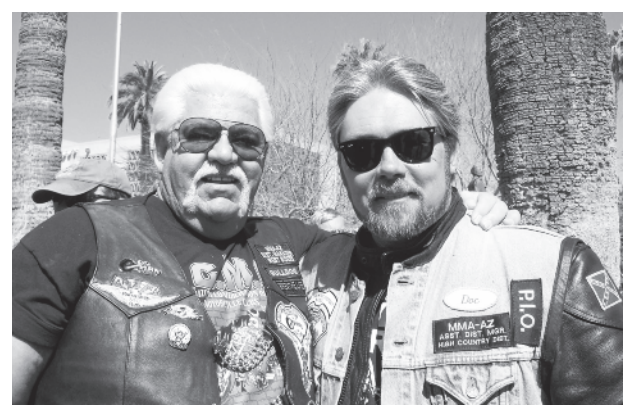
As of now, the product list is "preliminary" and is open to public comment. The U.S. International Trade Commission will have a hearing in DC on May 15 before finalizing the list, which the U.S. aims to total \$11 billion per year, directly countering the exact amount of damage it claims comes from the EU aircraft subsidies.

"This case has been in litigation for 14 years, and the time has come for action," said U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer in the USTR April 8 announcement. "Our ultimate goal is to reach an agreement with the EU to end all WTO-inconsistent subsidies to large civil aircraft. When the EU ends these harmful subsidies, the additional U.S. duties imposed in response can be lifted."

More on this EU motorcycle tariff story as it develops.



Flashback - Luncheon on the Lawn, 2008



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Federal Court Forces Drivers To Open Their Trunk At Hardware Store

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Eight Circuit US Court of Appeals upholds the right of hardware store to detain and search the trunks of customer vehicles.

Menards arrest

Motorists driving away from a hardware store can be stopped and searched at the request of a store employee under a ruling last week by the Eight Circuit US Court of Appeals. A three-judge panel the claim by Charles Waters and his wife Anita that they were illegally detained at a Menards store in Coons Rapids, Minnesota, on March 27, 2016.

Charles Waters had gone to the store to pick up a Hitachi table saw he purchased online. An employee loaded the new tool into the trunk, and the Waters began driving to the exit where another employee waited, asking to inspect the vehicle's trunk. A sign at the store entrance warns of the searches, but the Waters said they never saw it.

Charles Waters refused the search, saying the store had no legal right to look through his property. The employee refused to allow them to leave without being searched, so Charles Waters called 911 to resolve the standoff. Officers Alyssa Smith (formerly Newbury) and Emily Kirchner responded to the scene.

"I have made my transaction," Charles Waters told the officers. "I can prove I paid for my product."

The man refused to ID himself to the officers because he was not driving. At this point, the officers became annoyed

and ordered him out of the car. When he asked on what basis, they insisted he get out immediately.

"I have reasonable suspicion that you have something in the trunk that you did not pay for," Officer Kirchner explained. "You came in to a shipment yard which has a policy that you are not supposed to leave without showing the product you have picked up. To me that's enough reasonable suspicion that you have something stolen."

After handcuffing Charles Waters, the officer went to Anita Waters and insisted that she open the trunk. When she did so they found the saw that had been properly purchased. The Waters ended up being detained for twenty minutes before being allowed to leave. They sued for false imprisonment, but the three-judge panel last week upheld a lower court ruling throwing out the case.

"The officers told Mr. Waters at the time that he was being detained that his refusal to comply with Menards's clearly-posted policy afforded them reasonable suspicion that he had something incriminating in his vehicle's trunk," Judge Bobby E. Shepherd wrote for the appellate court. "Because Officers Smith and Kirchner possessed specific, articulable facts that led them to suspect Mr. Waters might be engaged in criminal activity, we find that, under the totality of the circumstances, Officers Smith and Kirchner actually had reasonable suspicion to detain Mr. Waters."

The court ruled Waters had not been arrested, he was only detained because he was being argumentative.

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Pikes Peak 2019: Project Thunder

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After three seasons of racing the KTM 1290 Super Duke, for 2019, Team Cycle News and I will be riding with Aprilia and the stupendous Tuono 1100 Factory. This Italian V4 missile doesn't have much history at America's Mountain in Colorado Springs, having only competed there for a couple of years with some privateers without a reasonable shot at winning the race.

Pikes is one of those races that gets under your skin. It's an iconic world motorsport event, one that doesn't get the recognition it deserves and is something I really want to tick off the list for Cycle News and my country.

The Pikes Peak International Hill Climb has become somewhat of a staple in the Cycle News office for the past four years. It's been a race I've come so close to winning, finishing fourth in 2016 and then second in 2017 and 2018, that race being the closest ever finish in the history of the race with 0.67-second separating me and winner Carlin Dunne.

In standard form, the Tuono is a weapon of a bike, but it isn't a real racer.

This is something we hope to change. We've teamed up with Piaggio Americas, we've got a great base in the Tuono, and we have former race winner Jeremy Toye doing the majority of the wrenching for the race with some build help from AF1

Aprilia in Austin, Texas. Tuono translates to Thunder in Italian, so hopefully that's a good omen for us as we blast up the mountain!

Building Project Thunder

Starting off with the base package Tuono 1100, we already have a claimed 175 hp from the 65° V4 motor. It's a stunningly fast machine as standard and comes with some of the best suspension, brakes, and electronics on the market today.

The idea for our racebike build is not to go too nuts on the build, but just to enhance what's already there. I feel like in the past with my racebikes for the Mountain I've gone too stiff on the set up, which has hampered me a bit in the mid-section of the track. Don't get me wrong, the KTM is as dear to my heart as any motorcycle I've ever ridden and holds the lap record with Chris Fillmore, however, for the Aprilia, we're going to try something new.

The main thing is to strip off as much weight as we can. Just the stock bodywork, associated plastics, battery, exhaust, shock and bits and bobs will save us a ton of weight. To that end, the build will feature an Ohlins TTX36 shock, full titanium Akrapovic exhaust, Attack Racing rearsets, 520 D.I.D chain and AFAM sprocket kit, and a lightweight lithium ion battery.

Being a nakedbike, we're not going to fully cloak the bike in bodywork, but

we'll be using an RSV4 upper cowling and side panels, and an RSV4 race seat unit. Most of this stuff bolts on without too much modification, anyway, although we'll have to get some mounting brackets made up for the bodywork. Setting Up For Pikes Peak

One of the big things with Pikes is ensuring the bike doesn't ground out when going over the bumps and G-outs. This was something the KTM never had an issue with as it's taller than the Aprilia straight out of the box, but it's something we need to check on the Aprilia.

Because of this, we'll be running Aprilia RSV4 1100 Factory forks. The forks are 5mm longer than what's found on the Tuono 1100 Factory, and the TTX36 shock is also 8mm longer than standard. That will give us a healthy gain of ground clearance, so hopefully that's all we'll need because the base bike steers so well I don't want to mess with the geometry too much.

Another thing I can't wait to try is the Brembo thumb brake. We've yet to get all the components sorted, but the plan is to run and thumb and foot rear brake in the race. I've never run one before, but I'm not a massive user of the rear brake and those riders I've spoken to with a similar style to mine all swear by the thumb brake so, what the heck, it's as good a time to try one as any! I probably won't have this sorted until May but will report back with how it performs.

On the rubber side, we'll be of course using Pirelli. The Italian rubber brand has been on my wheels since my race debut in 2016, and have been an integral partner in each one of my race attempts. Hanging With Jeremy Toye

We spent a day two weeks ago with Jeremy in his shop, getting the titanium Akrapovic exhaust and the Ohlins TTX36 shock fitted. This is a seriously tightly packaged motorcycle, so getting especially the exhaust mounted correctly was a bit of a challenge.

From there, we packed the very unfinished bike and headed for Austin, where we'll do a two-day test following the MotoGP race. The bike is currently on its way to AF1 to have the rearsets and bodywork fitted, and we'll fit the forks at the track and play around with various settings until we find one that works. We might have to go up in spring rates for the fork, but I'll wait to see how it performs in Tuono form first (I rode the fork on the new RSV4 1100 at Mugello and it's an absolute gem).

It's going to be a busy couple of months, but we're super excited to team up with Aprilia for a crack at the Heavyweight title. There's a lot of work to do, but the project will be a fun one to document and eventually turn into a proper racer.



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