

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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Mike Infanzon
 Legislative Director

Cooler weather means more riding time. Make sure you watch for those who don't watch for you!

Upcoming Legislative Session:

We have a few bills we are working on and have been speaking with legislators throughout the off session. The prediction is that it will be a short session. So we

probably won't have a ton of time to get a lot of bills pushed through, but that's also good in that not a lot of bad bills either.

Meeting of the Minds last month in Minnesota was a great conference. I really encourage anyone who can attend one of the Meeting of the Minds in the future, please do. Next year is in Indianapolis.

One of the oddest things for me, I grew up in Miami Florida, was to see a fully enclosed bus stop. It's because people die waiting for the bus in the winter there. And those crazy fools still ride!

I was able to sit in on the board meetings, committee meetings as well as the breakout sessions. There were several breakout sessions dealing with how to reach more people. It seems that shrinking membership is an issue across

the country.

QUESTION: How do we get people to our meetings?
 Answer: YOU DON'T!

You get people involved in the movement of motorcycle rights. You encourage people to fight for their rights. You help people to get involved. They don't have to come to a meeting to do that. It would be nice. But as long as they are connecting to the organization in other ways, does a meeting really matter?

We affirmed our State MRF Representative Dale "Animal" Dedrick for another year. He's been doing a great job as the MRF Rep and the new ACMC Lobbyist.

Remember to mark your calendars: FEBRUARY 19th is Motorcycle Day at the Dome.

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Quarterly Board meetings are held on the first Sunday in January, April, July and October at 1:00pm @ the AZ American-Italian Club, We have a new mailing address:

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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.

East Valley Chapter

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

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EEAST 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

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

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

6888 N De Chelly Loop Tucson, AZ 85741

Coordinator.....Anissa Huntington
 Vice Coordinator.....Jim Butsback
 Secretary.....Julie Salisbury
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 Run Coordinator.....Gizmo Bob Welton
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 Sgt. At Arms.....J.D. Dare & Steve Salisbury
 P.A.C.....William Cleveland
 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

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465 E Liana Dr. Chino Valley, AZ 86323

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

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11316 S. Glenwood Ave. Yuma, AZ 85367

Coordinator.....Frank White
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 Safety Coordinator.....Ray "PeeWee" Grier
 Sgt. At Arms.....Jerry Allison
 P.A.C.....Gilbert Hernandez
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 Merchandise.....Lisala White

Yuma Chapter meets the second Thursday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the pm. We meet at the Windhaven RV East Clubhouse, 6580 E 32nd St, Yuma, AZ 85365. For additional information contact Frank White (Hound) at 209-327-0814.

Mohave Chapter

1451 E. Ruby Trail Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

Coordinator.....Tom Aydt
 Secretary.....Cynde Aydt
 Treasurer.....Roxanna Payntar
 Membership.....Cynde Aydt

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

Superstition Chapter

Coordinator.....Marc Schultz
 Secretary/Membership.....Becky Pennington
 Treasurer.....Tiffanie Rigby

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

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

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

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

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

News from the MRF

For Immediate Release

September 25th, 2019

Celebration of Life - Jeffrey M. McCubbin

Jeffrey M. McCubbin was born November 4, 1950, fourth child, to Max McCubbin and Muriel Burke McCubbin of Conrad, Iowa. He spent his formative years attending the Conrad schools where he was known to have driven his tractor to school. He worked the family farm with his brother Jay and his father until he married Lee Huff from Marshalltown in June of

1973. Together Jeff and Lee raised two daughters, Robin, and Rene in Forest City, Iowa, where they made their permanent home.

Jeff is survived by his siblings: Jean, Jay, Jane and Heidi, wife of 47 years Lee, and daughters Robin and Rene. He was blessed with 7 grandchildren and adored his two fur babies. He is remembered by many area motorcycle enthusiasts as their happy smiley Motorcycle Education Teacher. In his 30 years with Rider Ed. and ABATE of Iowa District 7, he held many leadership roles, established Freedom Park in Algona, and led his community in philanthropic efforts benefiting a variety of local individuals and agencies in need.

Jeff was an auto mechanic by trade and worked for ARA Vending, Winnebago Industries and finally fulfilled a lifelong

dream of starting his own business, McCubbin Trophy & Engraving with wife, Lee. He enjoyed tinkering under the hood of a car, camping at Freedom Park with his many close friends, and opening up the throttle on his 1981 Sturgis Classic Double Belt Drive Harley Davidson. He also loved riding his tractor around his acreage, and the satisfaction of cracking open a cold beer. He was a colorful storyteller and famously recounted the night he unknowingly sat around the campfire with Willie G Davidson on one of his many trips to Sturgis.

Jeff's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 28. "Jeff's Last Ride" will depart from the Forest City Rider Ed. Range, Winnebago Gate 1 parking lot at 1:00. The ride will complete at Freedom Park in Algona. His celebration begins at 2:00. All cars and

motorcycles are welcome. Please direct memorial donations to Hospice of North Iowa or ABATE Dist. 7 Food Pantry.

For Immediate Release

September 24th, 2019

MRF HOF Inductees Announcement

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Mission Statement

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

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

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

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President's Report



By Jim Butsback

Hello to all my fellow Freedom Fighters here at A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona!

When this article reaches everyone it will be the beginning of November and we will have just celebrated Halloween. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and had a good time, and that you all returned home safe after any parties or festivities you may have enjoyed.

As I sit to write this it is October 15th. Once again there have been way too many accidents involving our fellow riders. As the days are getting shorter and the winter visitors are coming back, I must reinforce that you PLEASE "RIDE LIKE YOU ARE INVISIBLE" because you are to these other vehicles on the road. They do not see you and they do not "LOOK TWICE", they do not respect your right of way. I want everyone to be able to enjoy riding and also to get home to your families safely.

By the time you read this the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter will have had their Moon 100 Miler event, High Country will have hosted their annual "Chili Cook Off" and East Valley's "Hard Ass Run" will be already in the books as they say. I truly hope everyone had a great time at these events and all came off well. The funds raised all go to support motorcycle safety and awareness here in Arizona. I also hope everyone had a safe ride.

Because we are a registered corporation we are required by law to hold a general membership meeting once each year. This it will be held in conjunction with our State Officers Elections. I have reserved a meeting room at the Arizona American Italian Club where our State Office is located for this event. We will be hosting this on Saturday November 23rd, 2019. The times are from 12 Noon until approximately 2:30. All offices are up for election and nominations are open until the election. The State Officers are elected every other year and serve a two year term, so that officers elected at this meeting will serve from January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2021. As always we need folks to step up and help run this organization and fill these positions. If you have any thoughts about running for a state office and would like to know more about what it entails please not hesitate to contact any of the officers and we will be happy to help you.

As many of you know the Motorcycle Riders Foundation held their 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds. This year's event was in Bloomington Minnesota. This year I was unable to

attend but in the past it has been one of the best experiences of the year for me. I have always come back more energized and excited about what we need to work on and what need to be done to keep this mission moving forward in a positive fashion. Mike Infanzon was in Minnesota representing ABATE of Arizona at the MOTM and he was privileged to be able except on our behalf a Recognition Of State Legislation Certificate presented to ABATE along with the MMA and the ACMC for our work in passing HM2002 encouraging prevention of motorcycle profiling. It was fitting that Mike should be the one to except this because it was through his hard work along with his assistant Chris that this was able to be accomplished. If you have not seen the photos of the aware just go to our State facebook page and it is posted there.

Once again I strongly urge everyone to consider joining the MRF. If you are already a member, Thank You. There is information on joining both on our web page and also in the Masterlink. They are the driving force for motorcyclist rights in Washington DC, and they need our support. It would also be great to see every Chapter of ABATE of Arizona to step up and become a sustaining member of the MRF. If your Chapter is not a sustaining member please ask your Chapter officers to see what it takes to do so. Information is at www.mrf.org

This month the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs will be hosting their Annual Fund Raising Event, "RIOT ON THE RIVER 2019" at beautiful Winkelman Gila River Park, Winkelman, Arizona. The event is

November 8th, 9th and 10th. There is a smoked dinner Saturday included with your admission. This is an Old Scholl Biker Rally and the public is welcome so bring your friends and relatives and have a great weekend. There will be bike games and a bike show along with vendors, food and drinks. Live music includes the Mojo Rats @1Pm Saturday, We Are Lawless @ 5PM Saturday. Friday & Saturday there is also DJ Music. Admission is \$20 per person and \$30 per Couple.

ABATE of Arizona will have a pop-up set up to give information and we will be selling some of our merchandise. If you are in attendance stop by and help us out. Remember to Please support those businesses and organizations that support ABATE and the motorcycling community. The cost of being a business member is very reasonable and includes a monthly advertisement in the Masterlink along with a listing on our web page and two memberships in ABATE. Talk to businesses that you deal with about becoming an ABATE business member.

As always membership drives our organization. Spread the word! Always keep a few of our membership tri-folds with you and wear your ABATE gear when attending events. People need to be told about ABATE and they will not just join, You Need To Ask Them!!

Until Next Month!
Ride Free! Ride Safe! Ride Endorsed!

Jim



News from the MRF (continued)

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation announces the 2019 Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame Inductees.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to release the names of the 2019 class of Inductees to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame (MRF HOF). These were presented in Bloomington, Minnesota at the annual Meeting of the Minds conference. To recognize deserving activists from the motorcyclists' rights community that have already been recognized elsewhere, the class of 2019 Legacy Inductees are:

- Fredric Harrell
- Rodney Roberts
- Simon Milward

This year's MRF HOF Class of 2019 - Freedom Fighter Inductees are:

- JoAnne Packard
- Karen Bolin
- Lee Richardson
- Jerry "JT" Thomas
- Teresa Hepker

Past Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame inductees are: Keith "Bandit" Ball, Mark Buckner, Wayne Curtin, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, "Still" Ray Fitzgerald, Richard Gray, Bob Illingworth, Nathan "Buck" Kittredge, Ed Netterberg, Sherman Packard, Todd Vandermide, Paul Vestal, Penny Walker, Ed Youngblood and Vince Consiglio.

Congratulations to our inductees from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

New Mexico

ANNETTE Torrez

This past weekend is one New Mexico bikers will never forget with a 50 year anniversary tribute to the movie Easy Rider by the Albuquerque Film Experience. Many parts of the movie were filmed in Taos New Mexico and also were Dennis Hopper lived and was buried. An amazing ride 300 mile round trip from Albuquerque to Taos and back with 200 plus bikers to Dennis Hopper's

grave

On Friday night was viewing of Easy Rider. Saturday was the ride and then an after party in which the New Mexico Motorcyclist Rights Organization Biker Down program was given a check for \$2500.00, a donation to help our cause

As a motorcyclist rights activist for 11 years, I realized profiling and discrimination and the image of a biker from 1969 still occurs today. We represent freedom.

Below is a famous quote from the movie in a conversation from Jack Nicholson and Dennis Hopper.

It was an unforgettable weekend as biker.

Annette Torrez Torrez
New Mexico MRF Rep

George: You know, this used to be a helluva good country. I can't understand what's gone wrong with it.

Billy: Huh. Man, everybody got chicken, that's what happened, man. Hey, we can't even get into like, uh, second-rate hotel, I mean, a second-rate motel. You

dig? They think we're gonna cut their throat or something, man. They're scared, man.

George: Oh, they're not scared of you. They're scared of what you represent to 'em.

Billy: Hey man. All we represent to them, man, is somebody needs a haircut.

George: Oh no. What you represent to them is freedom.

Billy: What the hell's wrong with freedom, man? That's what it's all about.

George: Oh yeah, that's right, that's what it's all about, all right. But talkin' about it and bein' it - that's two different things. I mean, it's real hard to be free when you are bought and sold in the marketplace. 'Course, don't ever tell anybody that they're not free 'cause then they're gonna get real busy killin' and maimin' to prove to you that they are. Oh yeah, they're gonna talk to you, and talk to you, and talk to you about individual freedom, but they see a free individual, it's gonna scare them.

Chapter Reports

East Valley Chapter

NO REPORT.

High Country Chapter

This was written at the beginning of October, but reflects our current plan for the month.

Last month we nominated our Chapter Officers for 2020 and this month, at our Chapter meeting, we held elections prior to our 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off. We want to thank all those who stepped up to make a commitment to safe and free motorcycling and to help us with our charitable work here in High Country.

As of this writing, the chili cook-off has not yet happened, but to all those who were able to attend, we would like to send a huge THANK YOU! The money from this fundraiser is used to offset the expenses for Barbie's Toy Run in December. This allows us to contribute 100% of the proceeds from the Toy Run to the children and families of Rim Country that need a little help at

Christmas.

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

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

Our next event will be the Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Drive in December and will be held at the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson. There will be music, raffle prizes, a 50/50 (that is usually a big number), silent auction, dancing, great food and cold beer. This is an absolutely free event. Please drop off your new, unwrapped, toys at any of the participating businesses in the area (you cannot miss the collection boxes), or, bring them with you to

the event. Music will be provided by KRIM FM 96.3 and probably broadcast live on Facebook.

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

Mohave Chapter

Yeah ! the weather is great for riding once again. Our meeting is this coming Sunday, Oct. 20 th. so I don't have any information to share about our meeting. A number of us in the chapter are busy with preparations for our upcoming Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 26. For this party we are partnering with the VFW in Golden Valley where we hold our monthly meetings. This is an exciting event as it is our first fundraising event, so keeping fingers crossed for a good turnout. At our upcoming meeting we are holding our election of officers for

next year.

I will have a lot more to share for a report next month.

Tom Aydt

Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

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RPM ACT REINTRODUCED IN THE U.S. SENATE
 The "Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act", S. 2602, was reintroduced in the 116th Congress on October 18, 2019 by Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Joe Manchin (D-WV) along with 24 original cosponsors. The bipartisan bill clarifies that it is legal under federal law to modify the emissions system of a motor vehicle that is converted for race-use-only, and protects Americans' right to convert street cars and motorcycles for motorsports competition.

"The RPM Act confirms that transforming motor vehicles into race cars used exclusively for competition does not violate the Clean Air Act," according to the Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association (SEMA), adding; "This American tradition was unquestioned for nearly 50 years until 2015 when the EPA took the position that converted street vehicles that compete on the track must remain emissions-compliant, even though they are not driven on public streets or highways."

The EPA also maintains that the equipment used to transform a street vehicle

into a race car is prohibited and is to be addressed in the bill.

"American racing runs on traditions," said Senator Burr. "For more than 50 years, motorsports enthusiasts have purchased cars and modified them to race, off of public roads. However, this tradition was threatened when the Obama EPA attempted to make these modifications illegal. This legislation upholds Congress' intent of the Clean Air Act and protects motorsports, for professionals and amateurs alike, for years to come."

Motorsports competition involves tens of thousands of participants and vehicle owners each year, both amateur and professional. Retail sales of racing products make up a nearly \$2 billion market annually. A majority of the estimated 1,300 race tracks operating across the U.S., including oval, road, dirt and off-road tracks, feature converted race vehicles that the EPA now considers to be illegal.

TARIFFS ON EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLES AVOIDED

This past summer, representatives from KTM, Indian Motorcycle and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) testified before the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in Washington, D.C. to oppose the proposed tariffs of up to 100% on motorcycles, parts and accessories arriving from European Union countries. This would have had a devastating effect on motorcy-

cle manufacturers – especially the OEMs from Italy (Ducati, Aprilia, Moto Guzzi), Austria (KTM), Germany (BMW) and the United Kingdom (Triumph), among others.

Fortunately for the motorcycle industry, on a global scale, these proposed tariffs have been averted, according to the MIC. "Had the tariffs been enacted, that would have meant extremely high prices for our American consumers of European motorcycles, parts, and accessories," said Erik Pritchard, incoming MIC president and CEO. "Increased costs would have even discouraged motorcycle riders from performing routine but critical maintenance, such as brake pad and tire replacements, due to potential doubling on the price of parts."

FEDERAL LEGISLATION WOULD LIMIT ETHANOL BLENDING IN U.S. FUEL SUPPLY

A bipartisan bill has been introduced in Congress that aims to prevent Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) blending obligations from requiring ethanol to make up more than 9.7% of the total volume of gasoline projected to be sold or introduced into commerce in the U.S. for a given calendar year.

Introduced by U.S. Representatives Bill Flores (R-TX) and Peter Welch (D-VT) on May 7, H.R. 2540, titled the "Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2019," would cap the ethanol mandate

and stop the federal government from forcing E15 fuel into the market and ensure continued availability of E10 and ethanol-free gasoline (E0), which is safer to use in motorcycles and smaller-engined vehicles and gas powered equipment.

House Resolution 2540 has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

"GREEN ICE INITIATIVE" IN ILLINOIS PROMOTES GRASS-FREE STREETS

ABATE of Illinois and Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell have joined together on the "Green Ice Initiative" to keep the streets safer by spreading the word about the dangers of grass clippings on roadways. Dumping grass clippings on the road, they said, not only clogs storm sewers, it presents real dangers to motorcyclists and bicyclists. It is also illegal.

Josh Witkowski, the state legislative coordinator for A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, told KPVI Channel 6 News in Pocatello, IL that the problem is often worse in rural areas, where grass can reach 2 or 3 feet before someone cuts it. The clippings then blow onto the roadway, sometimes 2 inches deep, where it can remain a hazard to riders for days.

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Coast to Coast (continued)

Witkowski said he was aware of at least two fatalities, one in Kentucky and one in Illinois, where grass on the road was a factor.

As with so many other safety issues, Witkowski said it will take both education and law enforcement to create change. Dumping is a violation of the state's litter law.

FEDERAL DATA SHOWS "OUTDOOR RECREATION" IS POWERFUL ECONOMIC DRIVER

Motorcycling, ATV riding, and side-by-side driving are among the country's three largest outdoor recreational activities, when ranked by economic output, says a new federal report.

According to newly-released data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the top three conventional outdoor activities generated \$9.1 billion in economic output in 2017. Outdoor recreation accounts for 2.2% of U.S. GDP, creating \$778 billion in gross output supporting 5.2 million jobs.

And, it's a growth sector.

According to the BEA release, its Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account "shows that inflation-adjusted (real) GDP for the outdoor recreation economy grew by 3.9% in 2017, outpacing the 2.4% growth of the overall U.S. economy. Outdoor recreation is responsible for a larger share of GDP than many major industries, including chemical products manufacturing, farming and ranching, mining, and utilities.

The bureau defines "conventional" outdoor recreation as activities done for pleasure, such as camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing, and involving some physical effort.

The economic data on the national and, for the first time ever, state levels reinforce what the outdoor recreation industry has long believed: Outdoor recreation is a powerful driver of national and local economies and it is growing faster than the U.S. economy as a whole.

This is the second consecutive year that

the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, has released formal, national-level data, a notable milestone for the industry now identified as a unique sector of the economy. "Having a rich set of both state and national data on outdoor recreation to draw upon will inform decision-making by businesses, policymakers, and managers of public lands and waters," notes the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC).

MOTORISTS URGED TO "SEE BIKE SAY BIKE"

The University of Nottingham in England has found that when car drivers audibly say the word "bike" when seeing one at an intersection could drastically reduce the chances of an accident.

One of the most common types of accidents for motorcyclists is a driver pulling out in front of them, traditionally referred to in the U.S. as "R-O-W", or left-turn Right of Way violation. Previously, such incidents have been interpreted as failures to see the bikes, but a professor at the University of Nottingham thinks it has more to do with forgetting they were there at all.

Dr Peter Chapman has conducted research that he claims proves that car drivers see the bike on the road but that their brain 'forgets' it is there at all.

The study found that drivers were five times more likely to fail to act to an oncoming motorcycle than you would be if a car was positioned in the same place and at the same speed. Dr Chapman and his team have not completely got to the bottom of why a car driver does this, but they think the car driver's brain becomes distracted between the time they see the bike and when they decide to pull out.

The theory is that speaking the word "bike" aloud when you see one approaching at a junction could help to strengthen the memory of seeing the motorcycle, helping to prevent the brain from overwriting it with what the driver wants for lunch or how late they are for that meeting.

It is hoped that drivers resorting to such

nursery-rhyme type of memory games can help them become safer drivers – possibly avoiding the necessity of enacting harsher penalties for dangerous and careless driving.

AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES DEPLOY A.I. CAMERAS TO DETECT TEXTING DRIVERS

If you feel somebody's watching you, it may not be paranoia. While modern mobile devices are the ultimate tools of convenience, when in the hands of drivers these handheld computers also contribute to increased accidents and fatalities on our roadways -- particularly for motorcyclists who are more vulnerable. To help curb distracted behavior behind the wheel, Australia has deployed surveillance devices that peek inside the passenger compartment and sanction those driving under the influence of smartphones.

During the pilot phase of the Mobile Phone Detection Camera (MPDC) initiative, 8.5 million vehicles were checked from January 2019 to June 2019 in the Australian state of New South Wales. Though citations weren't administered during the test period, 100,000 drivers were caught handling devices while operating their vehicles.

Once the pilot phase ends, violators will receive a \$344 AUD fine (about \$230 USD) and a 5 point penalty on their driving record. Drivers also have little clemency with the system as the MPDC can be fixed or mobile, works day and night, and operates in all weather conditions.

By the end of 2019, Australia will deploy 45 MPDCs with plans to expand the program through 2023.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON TO LAUNCH GROUP-GUIDED CRUISE CONTROL
Harley-Davidson has applied for a patent that will enable groups of riders to maintain a constant speed thanks to kinematics and radar-guided cruise control. This new type of adaptive cruise control is specifically aimed at Harley's current target demographic; groups of riders.

Adaptive cruise control is nothing new in

the world of four-wheeled transportation, but now a major motorcycle manufacturer has stepped in with a system that is claimed to allow a bike to lock on to another bike and keep a set separation distance or separation time from the target bike while offering the rider the chance to pick multiple bikes or cars within a lane to follow.

The Harley system incorporates a transceiver that can ping out the bike's location to other vehicles on the road, so with a group of riders sharing the same piece of tarmac, and using the same H-D adaptive cruise control system, a group of bikes can track and monitor the location of each other in real-time for a safer and more controlled group riding experience.

WORLD RECORD HARLEY GATHERING

Paris Harley-Davidson, a dealership located in Paris, Texas, recently set a new Guinness World Record for the "Most Harley-Davidson Motorcycles in a Parade".

The number to beat was 2,404, which was held by the Hellas Motorcycle Club in Greece since 2010, and on Oct. 5, 2019 the Paris H-D parade crushed that mark with 3,497 motorcycles. Harley enthusiasts from 48 states, Canada and Europe traveled to the event to take part in the historic gathering.

"WE DID IT! We brought it home to AMERICA," posted motorcycling philanthropist Adam Sandoval, a participant known for riding to every Harley-Davidson dealership in the lower 48 states with his dog Scooter to raise money and awareness for our military and their families.

Paris H-D was quick to give props to local law enforcement and first responders, along with countless volunteers and supporters.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about the answers."
~ Thomas Pynchon (b. 1937), American novelist

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

Phoenix / Shadow Mountain Chapter

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

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

Yavapai Chapter

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

Yuma Chapter

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

Mohave Chapter

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

Superstition Chapter

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

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Alinsky's Rule for Radicals #12:

“The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative.”

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

In grassroots advocacy, it's not enough to be opposed to something. If you're going to engage in a grassroots campaign, Saul Alinsky said, you'd better have an alternative idea to the policy that you're opposing.

“You cannot risk being trapped by the enemy in his sudden agreement with your

demand and saying ‘You’re right—we don’t know what to do about this issue. Now you tell us,’” Alinsky wrote in Rules for Radicals.

In grassroots advocacy today, people are willing and eager to oppose a policy they don't like, whether it's a gas tax hike or a mandatory helmet bill or a new regulation. But when asked for their solution to the problem, they don't

have an answer. It's not enough to be against something—you need to be for an alternative. If you're opposing a tax hike, suggest how local government can cut wasteful spending to fund the necessary priorities. If you're fighting a new program, be prepared to explain how there are free-market alternatives that will be more efficient and effective.

If all your group of activists do is say “no,” you'll eventually lose credibility with the citizens, staffers and elected officials you're trying to influence. Present your plan, don't just bash the bad ideas.

Let's focus on be solutionaries!

MRF Membership Form

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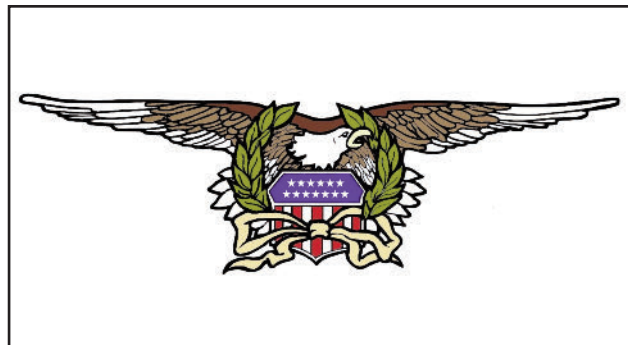
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November 2019

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11/2 {Sat} MAM Tour of Duty Ride. Sign-in 8:30a at Buddy Stubbs AZ HD – 13850 N Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, 85022.

\$25/bike or cage. After Party at the American Legion Pat Tillman Post 117 featuring Music, Games, Raffles, Food, Drinks (soft & adult) and More. The day will serve as an opportunity to gather as a community in support of our Arizona military. Proceeds allow MAM to serve the brave men and women who have dedicated their life to protect our freedoms. Law Tigers AZ is a sponsor. FMI: 602-942-8421 or visit

www.azmam.org/events/tour-of-duty/

11/8-10 Bob's Biker Blast 2019 at HD

Scottsdale; concert & fundraiser to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. Concert General Admission free w/ motorcycle endorsement {includes passenger}. Non-riders \$20/pp. 'I Ride 4 PCH' Ride meets 10:30a Sat morning @ PCH. \$20/pp pre-reg or \$25/pp onsite. Last bike out by 1pm. Music, vendors, fireworks, & more. FMI: 480-905-1903

11/8-10 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River is a public event being held @ Gila River Park, Winkelman - 60 miles from the East Valley. Weekend prices =

\$20/sgl, \$30/cpl includes Saturday's smoked lunch. Games, vendors, bike show, & more. Live music Saturday w/ Mojo Rats & We Are Lawless. Plz no glass at Winkelman Park. \$2 beers & other beverages available onsite. Hosted by AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs. FMI: 623-363-3470, billetldmc@gmail.com, moehmcdv@gmail.com

Meeting of the Minds 2019



Minnesota Bus Stop



Meeting of the Minds

By Dale Dedrick

Arizona would like to thank ABATE of Minnesota and the MRF for a great MOTM 2019 experience.

Our team enjoyed the Hotel as well as the warm hospitality of Minnesotas freedom fighters.

Also thanks to Soldiers for Jesus for food and support.

I met some new friends and always good to see my old ones.

The conference was one the best yet and the Auction and Bibs/Kilts fashion show was well done and a lot of fun.

I will work on my runway skills for next year...

We were honored to accept the MRF Award for our anti -profiling Memorial

and hope to increase our memberships to the MRF this year ...along with the other States.

Arizona has some Gangland Task Force issues labeling all Patch Holders as Criminal Gang Members.

We are 4th in the Nation for Profiling Violations and are currently working with our State MROs to stop this illegal activity by Law Enforcement.

Stay Vigilant and Strong...we as Americans will guard and keep our Freedom.

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Dale "Animal" Dedrick
Az State Rep.

Upcoming November Elections: Here's What You Need to Know

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

Nov. 5 elections are fast approaching, as crazy as it may seem. Two Valley cities, dozens of local school districts and one sanitary district have measures on the ballot.

All elections are vote by mail. Maricopa County began sending out over 2 million ballots last week. Everyone eligible will receive a mail ballot whether or not they are on a permanent early-voter list.

Ballots must be returned in the mail by Oct. 30. They can also be dropped off in person at voting centers by 7 p.m., when polls close on Election Day.

Here's what you need to know about each election:

Scottsdale:
Scottsdale residents will vote whether or not to approve the issuance of \$319 million in bonds for multiple city projects.

Projects include: adding a splash pad at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, renovating hiking trails at Pinnacle Peak Park, replacing the public address system at WestWorld and making other improvements to roads, sidewalks and computer equipment.

Glendale:
Glendale residents will decide whether or not to increase salaries for the mayor and members of City Council. A "yes" vote

on Proposition 424 would raise council members' salaries from \$34,000 to \$52,685 and the mayor's salary from \$48,000 to \$68,490. A "no" vote would keep the salaries as they are.

Residents will also decide whether or not to move the dates of primary elections to be in line with the rest of Arizona. A "yes" vote on Proposition 425 would change the dates, while a "no" vote would have the city continue to hold primary elections on the eighth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Fountain Hills:
Fountain Hills voters will choose three of five members for the city's Sanitary District Board of Directors. Each director

is elected to a four-year term. The other two members will be up for election in 2021.

The candidates include Jerry Butler, Michael Maroon, Bob Thomson and Bob Shelstrom.

School Districts:
More than two dozen school districts will vote to approve bond measures. For a detailed list of school districts participating, go to www.azcleanelections.gov/arizona-elections/maricopa-county-november-5-election

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Why Motorcycle Clubs Are Not Gangs

<https://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

There has been a one-sided war going on between law enforcement and motorcycle clubs for many years. This war is not a literal physical conflict in the traditional sense, but rather a war of words most often played out in the media and courtrooms across America. A war over public perception. And there is no better example than government authorities and the media applying the term "gang" to vilify and persecute motorcycle clubs and their members.

The National Council of Clubs (NCO), representing the interests of motorcycle clubs and thousands of their members nationwide, is adamantly opposed to using the term "gang" to describe motorcycle clubs. The NCO requests that media outlets and public officials immediately discontinue the practice.

Gang labeling results in Selective Enforcement of the law and profiling, tangibly impacting civil liberties. Motorcycle clubs are First Amendment protected associations and most clubs and members are living examples of expressive conduct, as demonstrated by an irrefutable dedication to charitable causes and political

The only statistical and demographic data available invalidates the "gang" label. 87% of MC members vote and are politically active, 73% are employed, 98% have no felony record, and 38% have served in the US military.

Just as the highly publicized criminal actions of a few officers does not mean all cops are corrupt, the criminal acts of the few do not justify applying the term "gang" to all members of a motorcycle club. That would amount to guilt by

Gang labeling and civil liberties

Gang and gang member defined

The term "gang" in the legislative or legal arena has a much more specific definition than in media circles and even law enforcement. In the legal context, the Due Process Clause and the 1st Amendment require that an individual be directly connected to criminal activity of the alleged gang before they are considered a gang member. This is a more stringent standard than the mere "membership in an organization" standard that the media uses for reporting and that law enforcement uses for inclusion into a gang database, for example.

In fact, when prosecuting a member of an alleged gang, evidence of criminal wrongdoing by other members of an organization that don't involve the defendant are properly excluded by the Federal Rules of Evidence because such evidence is cumulative and unduly prejudicial. This interpretation of the term "gang" or "gang member" is consistent with the First Amendment to the US Constitution. On the other hand, targeting an individual based on the "gang" label for mere membership in any organization is unconstitutional.

It's a matter of semantics with tangible implications. Being put into a gang database does not mean that an individual is considered a gang member by statute because gang databases are intended only for investigation, not as evidence. So, a direct connection to criminal activity is not required before entering and individual into a gang database. The problem occurs when law enforcement makes a gang member determination based on the mere membership standard when enforcing statutes that legally require a direct connection to gang crimes.

Gangs, Due Process, and the First Amendment

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regard to or knowledge of that individual's specific intent to engage in the alleged violent activities committed by other members, is antithetical to the basic principles enshrined in the First Amendment and repugnant to the fundamental doctrine of personal guilt that is a hallmark of American jurisprudence." see *Coles v. Carlini* 162 F.Supp.3d 380 (2015)

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This war of words and the perceptions they create are currently a determining factor shaping the future of motorcycle club culture because words have tangible impacts. In fact, the gang label has caused some law enforcement to unconstitutionally use membership in a motorcycle club as probable cause or reasonable suspicion for investigation or arrest without any particularized or specific justification. The recently common practice in some states of targeting and arresting members of clubs for possessing legal firearms based solely on alleged gang associations is another alarming example.

Statistical/demographic data says MC's are not gangs

The 2016-2019 National Motorcycle Profiling Surveys (NMPS) demonstrate that members of motorcycle clubs simply do not fit the demographic profile of gangs or gang members. The NMPS, the only statistical attempt to quantify the motorcycle profiling epidemic in America, is an extremely reliable data set, with 99% reliability and a 1.4% margin of error.

MC members are employed- most gang members are not

Academic and government studies have long established that gang members are "less likely to be employed and more likely to not participate in the labor force." (For an example see <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/239241.pdf>)

According to the NMPS, 73% of survey participants are employed, 68% of them on a full-time basis. Only 3% of the community is unemployed, and many of them are actively seeking employment. Interestingly, nearly 17% of survey participants are retired.

Employment demographics in motorcycle club culture are simply not consistent with gang membership or the broadly applied gang label by law enforcement or the news and entertainment media.

Although far less sensational than Sons of Anarchy or Gangland, the reality is that most members of motorcycle clubs, including 1% clubs, wake up in the morning, put their boots on, and go to work.

Most MC members are politically active- 87% vote

Political activism is protected expressive conduct under the First Amendment, not gang activity. Motorcycle clubs and their members are a very politically active constituency, and participate in the democratic process.

NMPS data establishes that 87% of motorcyclists voted in the 2016 presidential elections and that 86% voted in

national elections over the last decade. This equates to millions of votes. The US DOT estimates that there are 8.6 million motorcyclists in the United States.

38% of MC members are Vets- This should be honored

According to the NMPS, 38% of survey participants were Veterans of the US Military. Such a large percentage of veterans politically active post their service is simply not indicative of gang membership. Instead of being vilified, the NCOC believes that these Veterans should be celebrated and appreciated for their sacrifices and service.

98.8% of MC members have no felony record

Statistically dissolving the stereotype law enforcement and the media attempt to sell regarding motorcycle clubs, only 1.17% of members of motorcycle clubs are convicted felons. That percentage is extremely low in such a large demographic, yet the gang label persists. News and entertainment media continue to sensationalize MC culture.

Individuals should not be labeled gang members merely because they are members of a motorcycle club, even a club in which some members have been convicted of criminal activity. Employing that standard would mean that every member of law enforcement and every US and State legislator would be criminals based on the actions of the few.

Consider law enforcement. All officers should not be condemned for the actions of the few, despite the fact that crimes

committed by many officers have been well documented.

(Some even suggest more officers commit crimes than motorcycle club members. Consider recent statistics published by USA Today (April 26 & May 23, 2019) revealing the 85,000 officers investigated for misconduct nationwide, or the 30,000 officers banned from law enforcement in one state, only to become officers in another.)

Final Thoughts

The First Amendment to the US Constitution protects an individual's right to associate with whomever they choose and express that association free from government discrimination or persecution.

Although the gang label is a convenient way to characterize and vilify thousands of people simultaneously, the only statistical data in existence suggests that the gang label as applied to motorcycle clubs is highly inaccurate.

The NCOC strongly asserts that 87% of actual gang members did NOT vote in the 2016 presidential elections, that 73% of actual gang members are not employed, and that in actual gangs, far more than 1.17% of the members are convicted felons.

Simply put, motorcycle clubs are not gangs.

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Harley-Davidson halts electric motorcycle production

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

Oct 14 (Reuters) – Harley-Davidson Inc said on Monday it has stopped production of its first electric motorcycle after discovering a glitch in the final quality checks.

The motorcycle maker said it does not

have a timeline as to when the production will resume.

Harley-Davidson's stock turns down after WSJ report halting production of electric motorcycle

Shares of Harley-Davidson Inc. HOG, +0.31% swung to a loss Monday, after

The Wall Street Journal reported that the company had to halt production and delivery of its first electric motorcycle after finding a problem related to charging equipment. The stock was down 1.1% in afternoon trading, after being up as much as 0.7% earlier in the session.

The electric motorcycle, the LiveWire,

was part of the company's plan to inspire the next generation of riders. The company is scheduled to report third-quarter results on Oct. 22 before the opening bell. Harley's stock has lost 5.2% over the past three months, while the S&P 500 SPX, -0.14% has slipped 1.6%.

MIC and Members Fend Off 100% Tariffs on EU Powersports Products

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Proposed tariffs of up to 100 percent on motorcycles, parts, and accessories, coming in from European Union countries, have been staved off – following efforts by the MIC's Government Relations Office and some key member manufacturers.

Representatives from member companies KTM and Indian Motorcycle, and MIC staff, made the case against the proposed tariffs, testifying this summer at hearings in Washington, D.C., and holding meetings with key staff at the Office of the United States Trade Representative. And the MIC, along with motorcycle-manufacturing member companies Cobra, Ducati, Indian Motorcycle, and KTM, submitted written comments to the USTR opposing these tariffs.

In a show of transcontinental industry support, ACEM, the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers, also submitted written arguments against the proposed tariffs. They would have greatly affected the powersports business, and came about as part of a dispute regarding certain EU countries subsidizing their large-aircraft manufacturing sector.

"We have been actively engaged in this dispute from day one, both in Washington, D.C., and also in Europe, to protect our dealers, support the motorcycle industry and allow our customers to continue to ride and experience motorcycling," said John Hinz, CEO of KTM North America. "Our brands and dealers have been operating in the United States for over fifty years and it is our responsi-

bility to protect and grow the future of motorcycling. We commend the USTR's recognition of the negative impact that the proposed tariffs would have had on our U.S. business, partners, dealers, and customers."

"Had the tariffs been enacted, that would have meant extremely high prices for our American consumers of European motorcycles, parts, and accessories," said Erik Pritchard, incoming MIC president and CEO. "Increased costs would have even discouraged motorcycle riders from performing routine but critical maintenance, such as brake pad and tire replacements, due to potential doubling on the price of parts."

"I want to thank Congressman Tim Walberg and Congressman Michael Burgess who are the co-chairs of the

Congressional Motorcycle Caucus," said Scott Schloegel, senior vice president for government relations at the MIC. "They sent a terrific letter to the United States Trade Representative opposing additional tariffs, which are taxes paid by American consumers. They have been fantastic champions of the industry and our consumers, and we thank them for their continued support for something that brings joy to millions of Americans every single day: motorcycling."

MIC staff at the Government Relations Office will continue to monitor developments in Washington, in case the USTR proposes any changes to the current list of products and industries impacted by tariffs.

Motorcycle relay unites women riders around the globe

<https://www.motorcycling.ca>

The first global motorcycle relay has crossed Canada!

The Women Riders World Relay (WRWR) made its Canadian debut on Saturday, September 14, 2019 in Vancouver. Over 11 days women guardians have carried a hand-carved baton across seven provinces.

The relay has brought women from all walks of life together over a common passion – motorcycling. Some are new riders while others have travelled thousands of kilometers.

The Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC) sponsored a welcome reception in Hamilton as part of the relay, and had an opportunity to meet many inspiring women participating in this unique ride.

Ashley Smit came all the way from the Netherlands to ride in this relay. She has put several thousand kilometres on her motorcycle travelling from Thunder Bay

to Hamilton. The highlight of this relay for her is getting to know the other women riders. “I have never met these people before and it’s like one big family. We are all helping each other out,” says Ashley. She admits it has been challenging getting used to driving on Canadian roads, but participating in this relay has also allowed her to get to know herself better.

Angel Scott from Brampton said she had an amazing experience riding with other women. She started motorcycling after a life-changing event happened. “I donated my liver to my husband six years ago. Then we did bucket lists, so on my bucket list I wanted to get my motorcycle license,” explains Angel. “I just got my full M last year. Then I found out about this [relay] and I had to be a part of it.”

Colette Tindall Edeling is from Australia. She has been riding motorcycles for 35 years, and was among the first to participate in the relay when it began in February. To date she has travelled over 50,000 km across over 40 countries!

She saw the relay online about 10 days before it started, then decided to buy a motorcycle online in London. She doesn’t even buy shoes online! Colette has been away from home for over 200 days and is looking forward to travelling the rest of the relay. Next stop is the United States then South America and Africa. She is on a tight budget, but has been securing sponsorships along the way, and is even looking at mortgaging her house so she can continue her journey.

Colette has never travelled this extensively before, and has been impressed with the amazing sights Canada has to offer. “Canada rocks!” exclaims Colette. “I’ve been to a lot of beautiful countries out there. I rode in the Rockies, I went through the prairies, then I went through forests and lakes in the north shores. Amazing!”

The Women Riders World Relay is a year-long motorcycle relay that started in Scotland on February 27, 2019 and will visit almost 100 countries. Relay founder Hayley Bell is from the UK. She was motivated to promote women in motor-

sport. “I wanted to ignite a global sisterhood of inspirational women to promote courage, adventure, unity and passion for biking from all corners of the world and do something that’s never been done before to this scale. My aim is to WOW the industry into realizing the global market for women in Motorsports and to inspire women worldwide.” For more details about the WRWR visit womenridersworldrelay.com.

The Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC) is proud to support the Women Riders World Relay. More women are participating in motorcycling, and more are buying and riding their own motorcycles. In fact, women currently comprise between 18 and 20 per cent of new motorcycle sales in Canada. “MCC recognizes that women riders deal with challenging issues including stereotypes, availability of properly fitting clothing and safety gear, and affordable skills training,” says Kellee Irwin, MCC Past Chair. “This relay will help to demonstrate that women motorcycle riders are a strong, united demographic globally.”



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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

Riding down a deserted highway, at 5 miles under the speed limit, a cop who passed me going in the opposite direction, suddenly swings around and comes up behind me with lights and siren. Pulling over, I am immediately ordered off my bike at gunpoint and told to lie on the ground. After a thorough search of both me and my motorcycle, during which my vest is confiscated, I am handcuffed, and placed in the back of the patrol car.

I am told that I am in a lot of trouble

as I was not wearing an “approved” helmet, that my emissions test sticker had expired, and that my handle bars were above shoulder height. Further, I am being arrested on suspicion of gang activity because I have a specific color patch on my vest.

Currently, this is fiction in Arizona, but just barely. And ONLY because of the hard work of individuals that belong to a singular group large enough to get the attention of law makers.

Vince Lombardi is quoted as saying; “Individual commitment to a group effort: That is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

ABATE of Arizona has a singular mission to make motorcycling (in all of its forms) free and safe. Free from unnecessary regulation and unwarranted scrutiny, and safe for every rider on every street, trail or highway. This mission can, at times, seem daunting. But over the years we have built up a highly successful lobbying team and effort (that the Governor thinks TOO successful ... and that’s a

good thing). We also have a very successful, albeit small at the moment, safety and awareness program that each chapter supports via Motorcycle Awareness Days. And, our Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP), run by the Silk brothers, which teaches new drivers how to be aware of, and share the road with, motorcycles.

To make these efforts successful would be impossible for one person. But for an organized group, with state-wide chapters, it is much easier. And if those state-wide chapters have lots of members, it becomes even easier.

It is critical that as many members as possible participate to ensure the longevity of ABATE of AZ. It is critical for the future of motorcycling in Arizona. It is critical for the future safety of our roads for motorcyclists. It is critical to make sure the scenario painted at the beginning of this article never occurs (for some of you - again) in Arizona.

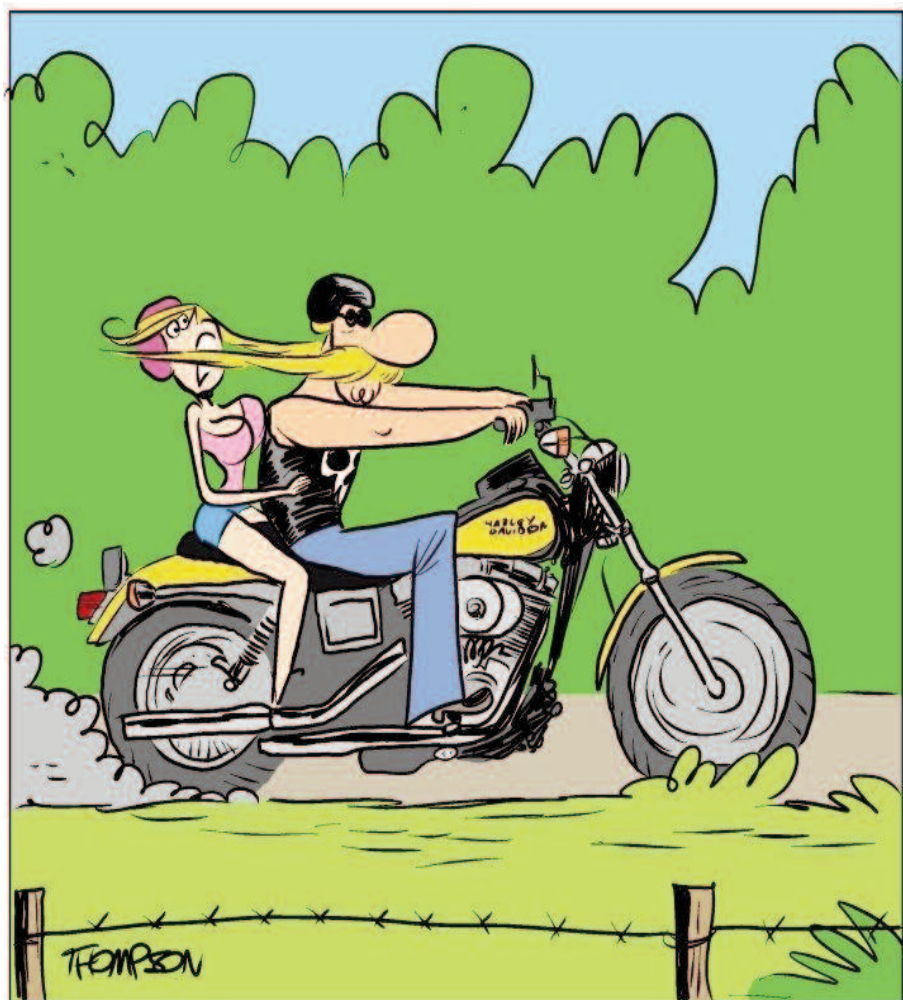
This November (2019), our chapters will be electing, or have recently elected, their chapter officers. These people are the backbone of ABATE of AZ. Each posi-

tion is important. Also, in November, at the State Membership Meeting (open to ALL members of ABATE of AZ) we will be nominating and electing our State Officers for the next 2 years. I am asking you to please make an effort to support this organization, in whatever capacity you are able – **EVEN if it just means showing up to vote** – to please show-up and vote!

If you do not know where the State Membership Meeting is look for an article announcing it elsewhere in this publication, or email me at Chairman@ABATEofAZ.org

The next scheduled Board meeting will be at the Arizona American Italian Club (on 12th Street where our state offices are located) in January, but we will probably have a short one during or after the State Membership meeting in November to review/approve any late budgets. Please feel free to attend and see how we work for you.

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3 Destinations in Southern Arizona

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It is prime riding season here in the Phoenix, Arizona area and we are always looking for that new or seldom visited destination. Arizona Republic did a pretty cool 12 page Subscriber-Exclusive Special Section in the paper last Sunday called the "Fall Bucket List". I have gleaned the article and it brought to mind a cool ride to the Southeast part of the state that I think would be of interest to you. I would link you to the whole article, but it is apparently for online subscribers only, which I am not one. So, I will list my ideas below and give you links.

1. Kartchner Caverns State Park. Explore Arizona's Hidden Treasure. This is one of my favorite destinations in all of Arizona and in my opinion is a must see. Voted "Best Arizona Attraction" by USA Today 2017 Reader's Choice Awards. Enter a secret underground world millions of years in the making, bounding with exotic cave formations rarely seen elsewhere. Marvel at nature's creations in this living

and contained ecosystem. Discover delicate soda straw formations, gravity-defying helictites, drapes of waving flowstone, and the grandeur of Kubla Khan — a formation standing six-stories tall. This is truly an outstanding experience that you will remember forever.

The underground wonder of Kartchner Caverns located near Benson, AZ dates back to November of 1974 when two young cavers, Gary Tenen and Randy Tufts, were exploring the limestone hills at the base of the Whetstone Mountains. In the bottom of a sinkhole they found a narrow crack leading into the hillside. Warm, moist air flowed out, signaling the existence of a cave. After several hours of crawling, they entered a pristine cavern. It wasn't until February 1978 that Tenen and Tufts, told the property owners, James and Lois Kartchner, about their amazing discovery. You can see the hours, location and buy tickets here: <https://azstateparks.com/reserve/tours/>

2. Tombstone, AZ. While you are in the area, visit Tombstone, AZ located just

North of Bisbee, AZ and take part in the Helldorado Days taking place October 18-20. Tombstone Arizona is internationally known for its stormy and storied past. Western legends like Wyatt Earp and "Doc" Holliday became household names after the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral. However, the legend didn't end there, it continues today! In its early days, Tombstone was a rough and tumble silver-mining town made famous by the O.K. Corral gunfight. Today, you can walk where Wyatt Earp walked, see where the infamous Gunfight at the O.K. Corral took place, visit American Old West historical places such as the Tombstone Courthouse, Bird Cage Theatre, and much much more.

3. Bisbee, AZ. While you are in the Southern part of the state after seeing Kartchner Caverns and Tombstone. Take the 23 ride South of Tombstone on Hwy. 80 to Bisbee, AZ and spend the night in the Copper Queen Hotel. Bisbee is the picturesque county seat of historic Cochise County. The community was founded in 1880, and quickly became a

thriving urban center, driven by a booming mining industry that thrived on the area's rich reserves of copper and precious metals. By the early 1900's, Bisbee had become the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco. With a population of over 20,000 people by the beginning of the century, Bisbee was one of the most cultured cities in the west.

Today, Bisbee's extraordinarily well-preserved early-twentieth-century downtown draws visitors from around the world, who appreciate its historic architecture, it's welcoming, creative spirit and its cool climate. Bisbee also serves as an ideal overnight home-base for visitors – birders, hikers, wine-tasters, music-appreciators, and others who wish to explore our geologically, biologically and culturally rich "Sky Islands" region.

Click Here for events happening in Bisbee.

Enjoy your week and Please Ride Safe!
Barry

Why Wear Ear Plugs?

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There has always been the ongoing debate about wearing helmets to protect your head while riding. Even eye protection has now reached designer status with riding glasses costing in excess of \$140. But one thing that seems to have been forgotten, or at least never discussed, is hearing loss due to the lack of ear protection.

About a year ago I started noticing a nasty ringing in my ear after taking short trips at highway speeds. In fact, I even started noticing some hearing loss in my left ear. (I think it is only coincidence that is the one that Mrs. Cyclerides talks into while riding.) In the beginning it only seemed to be selective hearing loss. For example, when Mrs. C. would ask me to take out the trash, that message would not always be audible to me. But when she would say dinner is ready, that transmission never seemed to fail. Or when she would start to mention real estate enhancement proj-

ects on the weekend...yea, you guessed it, nothing. It would always come through garbled and unrecognizable. But within minutes if she would suggest taking a little ride on the bikes, I could miraculously hear that request. Oh, wait a minute! I must have gotten off on the "20 years of marriage hearing loss". That's a completely different issue. One that I know about, but only Oprah is equipped to handle.

But seriously, wind damage to the ears is a real matter. I'm sure everyone has experienced ringing in your ears after a long unprotected ride on the bike--it's called tinnitus. Usually this is temporary, but exposure to loud or continuous noise can cause permanent damage. According to Larry Dove, American Iron Magazine, March 2002: "Believe it or not, loud noise affects the heart even more. According to doctors, blood vessels constrict, pressure rises, and cholesterol and triglycerides also go up. Loud sound also can affect the level of white blood cells and gamma globulin in the bloodstream, lowering the effi-

ciency of the immune system".

Tests have shown that if you are exposed to noises above 105 DB, your hearing can be damaged by repeated 15 minute journeys. An article, Sound Advice, by David Marr (Road Rider, January 1987), mentions an interesting measurement of sound decibels (dB) measured at three speeds. Marr's results were:

1. Idling, 74 dB
2. 35 mph mixed city traffic, between 110-114 dB
3. Highway speeds average for a 10-mile run, 116 dB
4. It's interesting to note that helmets reduced the sound by only 3 DB in Dave's study.

All of the hearing loss statistics aside, it is just way more comfortable riding with ear plugs. It seems to make riding a lot smoother and doesn't seem to wear you out as much on longer trips. I always say it is like going from a VW bus with the windows down to a Lexus 400. I was just wearing them on highway trips, but

with all of the new freeways around here, I have been using them most of the time now. Some people think that they will block out horn noises, sirens or even your radio. But I have had no trouble with any of those. They seem to work like medicines. They blocks out the bad noise and leaves the good ones. I have used everything from the disposable foam type to the reusable silicon models. The best earplugs I have use are the molded earplugs from AZ Ear Protection. These are molded right to your ears and are great. You can also get the molded earplugs that have speakers in them that you can plug into an MP3 player. Call 480-998-9888 for more information. Click here to read the entire story from American Iron Magazine.

I have to report that after wearing ear plugs for the last several months that my hearing has not fully returned to normal. There are still certain commands that are undecipherable to my ears, but I feel a lot better and don't have the ringing after a long ride. Give them a try.

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West Coast Thunder 2019

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By Tom "Bomb" Christian

Memorial Day this year was the 20th anniversary of West Coast Thunder, which made it a very special event for all the folks who have been enjoying this ride over the years. As I rode into Riverside the weather was on my mind after all the rain that southern California had seen in the last few weeks, but it turned out to be a beautiful day for this event. I personally would like to thank all the folks that helped put this event together to make it a super success.

Jim and Sharon Bridges have worked together for a few years organizing West Coast Thunder. Sharon has been the Executive Director for about eight years. Jim was in the Navy for 26 years serving our country all over the world. During the past fourteen years he's been helping with West Coast Thunder ceremonies and working with the rider training academy at Riverside Harley-Davidson. This year I rode in the memory of all of our service personnel who we have lost over the fourteen years while Mr. & Mrs. Bridges have been working with West Coast Thunder.

After parking my bike the first thing on my mind was a few cups of coffee; so after grabbing my cameras, I was off to enjoy the five dollar sausage and pancake breakfast with my coffee. Everyone was very happy to see all the bikers join in this event as they enjoyed their breakfast and coffee. Now it is time to go to work with cameras in hand off to the front of the dealership where the gals from Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys were gearing up for the rush of riders coming though for breakfast and sign-up, or checking out all the happy things going on.

After taking a few pics of the Russ Brown gals with the folks entering the driveway, I took a stroll through the dealership where there were plenty of things for anyone who wanted a bike or clothes, gloves and accessories to look good or keep warm. Sunglasses were a hot thing along with some sexy boots, then get a hat to top it off. Sharon told me I could take a ride up in a man lift to take a few photos from quite a ways up in the air. It was very scary but fun at the same time going up as high as the power lines overhead. WOW that was a sight to see! Looking down the road you could see the Law Tigers Motorcycle Lawyers' booth with the big tiger attracting the riders to pick up some promotional items.

tell me that her husband Dennis just dropped her off to be my wingman taking pictures from the back of my Harley on the way down to Lake Elsinore. I wanted to capture some of the people on the curbside enjoying the parade of bikes going through their neighborhoods. Laura D from Shark Squad Motorcycle Attorneys was handing out cards to the folks, and it was a great time to grab a picture of her in front of the Stater Brothers vintage show truck. We then headed toward the coffee station so we could refill our cups before the ceremonies started. The riders were coming in very strong with their pride shining to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that were given so all of us would be able to enjoy this great day together. I never get tired of seeing American pride in action and this ride always fulfills that goal. It should be on everyone's bucket list to watch or participate in.

The time for the Ultimate Sacrifice ceremonies in front of Riverside Harley-Davidson has come. Thousands of American patriots who came to witness these ceremonies started gathering and heading towards the front where it was about to begin. Everyone was just shining with pride as we watched the Color Guard march out for this event to start. Wow it just cut through you like a knife in warm butter watching the Color Guard performing in these Ultimate Sacrifice ceremonies.

Thinking ahead, it was time to get back to where I parked my bike where it was the best place for catching pictures of the riders leaving for Lake Elsinore for the concert. I asked the team that was handling traffic control if I was going to be able to leave after the riders headed out so it would be easier to take pictures on the route of all the great patriots enjoying the parade of bikes.

There were thousands of bikes. Lace and I waited for over an hour and a half being the dead last bike out. I wanted the best pictures of the folks cheering on the riders. Lace did a great job on the back of my bike with my camera and doing a few videos with her cell. It was a super sight to see all the folks cheering and showing their colors of their military service with all the American flags everywhere. We caught up with the last of the riders en route to the Storm Baseball Stadium just in time to ride through Lake Elsinore. I was wondering because of the new route, if it was going to be full of onlookers cheering and waving to all the riders.

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Then, Vanessa "Lace" Borrego called to

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West Coast Thunder 2019 (continued)

Well, the town was decorated for this event with the people out cheering everybody as we rode through. As we entered the street where the parking was across from the stadium, the sight of all those bikes just took your breath away. It was a sea of bikes as far as you could look, and we had to park on the far back corner, but it was a great place to take pictures of the bikes.

Once inside the stadium grounds there were vendors here too, including our friends 7eye by Panoptx with some great wind-blocking riding eyewear.

The stadium was packed with people waiting in line to enter the concert area. The first band Tucker Beathard was getting off stage. It was time to grab a bite to

eat before Randy Houser jumped on stage to light up the stadium with his overwhelming voice. The K-Frog FM 95.1 crew was there keeping us informed with the country music playing.

Jim Bridges with the rest of the Color Guard performed the Ultimate Sacrifice ceremonies again here before Randy Houser started his performance. The ceremonies remind us of why we are so blessed to live in America. I am sure we all thank every one of them for their hard work and dedication and keeping up the great tradition for all of us to enjoy.

Randy Houser wanted all the fans to come down by the stage to enjoy his music as his daughter sat on a stool on stage. It was the best seat in the house

while looking as cute as can be for a four-year-old young lady. It was fun trying to take great pictures of his band with all the folks dancing and singing to all of his music. Watching the fans cheering and clapping as Randy sang his heart out for them; it was what the crowd wanted.

“Like a Cowboy” was my favorite song he sang and I think it was everyone else’s favorite song too. Randy really played to his fans; that made it fun for them to be a part of this concert. He is a very down to earth person, real country folk.

The time finally came to see who was the lucky winner of that 2019 Harley-Davidson Street Bob— It was Dave and Donna-Gale Braly. Dave was a crew chief in the United States Air Force for five years on the mighty B-52 bombers. Dave

was one of the founders of the Color Guard twenty years ago for West Coast Thunder. Donna-Gale was also was part of the Color Guard for about ten years. Let’s give these folks a great big hand for winning this beautiful bike.

To let everyone know, this is the last year that Jim and Sharon Bridges will be working with West Coast Thunder and Riverside Harley-Davidson. Let’s all thank them for their dedication and wish them well in their next adventures in life.

I hope everyone enjoyed this event as much as I did, and hope to see you all next year!



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