

A publication supporting the rights, safety and freedom of all motorcyclists through education and legislation

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# ON THE HILL





mer to start the process for the 2020 legislative agenda. It looks like it will be a very productive year for motorcyclists. There is not many big bills pressing, just small changes for the better. Thank you to all who completed the legislative survey this past spring and helped shape the agenda focus. ning for re-election in Glendale as well. You can check out his website at weiers2020.com

### UPCOMING

Your legislative crew will be doing some legislative training in the next few months, so keep an eye out for announcements for dates...



Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### FEDERAL UPDATE

Congress has been on their summer recess.

### STATE UPDATE

We've been having meetings with several legislators this sum-

### LOCAL ISSUES

I recently had a meeting with Glendale city mayor Jerry Weiers to discuss several motorcycle related topics. As you all may know, Mayor Weiers is one of the founding board members of AMSAF and has been a very vocal supporter of motorcycle safety for decades. It was good to catch up with the Mayor and discuss some of his ideas as well as ours since we are all in this together. Mayor Weiers is runRequest to Speak system – how to use it How to register people to vote Impacting your Legislator Raising Hell with Alinsky

Also, we will be hosting town hall and meet the legislator events around the state.

Freedom is a team sport!

Be good to one another. Mike

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### **ABATE OF ARIZONA LOCAL CHAPTERS**

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

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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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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

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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

#### **Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter**

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

#### Southern Arizona Chapter

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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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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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Safety Coordinator	Ray "PeeWee" Grier
Sgt. At Arms	Jerry Allison
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Yuma Chapter meets the second Thursday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the pm. We meet at the Windhaven RV East Clubhouse, 6580 E 32nd St, Yuma, AZ 85365. For additional information contact Frank White (Hound) at 209-327-0814.

### **News from the MRF**

End Alcohol and Other Impairment in Transportation

### TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRA-TION: Examine the influence of alcohol and other drug use on motorcycle rider crash risk compared to that of passenger vehicle drivers, and develop guidelines to assist states in implementing evidencebased strategies and countermeasures to more effectively address substanceimpaired motorcycle rider crashes.

Increase Implementation of Collision

#### **Mohave Chapter** 1451 E. Ruby Trail

Fe	ort Mohave, AZ 86426
Coordinator	Tom Aydt
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Treasurer	Cyndier McClure
Membership	Cat Spicker

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.

#### prevention systems.

After years of motorcycles being forgotten in other Department of Transportation guidance on autonomous vehicles, we are pleased that the NTSB is sending a directive to NHTSA to make sure motorcycles are included in autonomous vehicle standards. If you want to know what else the NTSB is working on other the next year, you can read the whole report HERE

#### **RPM Act to be Introduced**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation was invited to participate in a working group with the Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association (SEMA) and a host of other organizations about the future of the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (RPM Act). As we have reported in the past, we were unsure if this legislation would be introduced in the 116th Congress since the political appetite has changed on the hill. During the last Congress, the House version was able to gain 150

with its 39 cosponsors suffered the same fate in the waning days of 2018.

The MRF anticipates that this legislation will be introduced in the coming weeks before Congress adjourns for their August recess. Please be ready for any future calls to action that may find their way to your inbox.

### NTSB Releases 2019–2020 NTSB Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements

The National Transportation Safety

cosponsors but never made it to the floor for a vote, and the Senate version

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Board released its 2019-2020 Most Wanted List earlier this week. After reading the 28-page document, the MRF found that motorcycles only gathered the attention of the agency twice but thankfully not as a stand-alone issue like in years past. The two areas where motorcyclists are mentioned are:

Avoidance Systems in All-New Highway Vehicles

TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRA-TION: Incorporate motorcycles in the development of performance standards for passenger vehicle crash warning and

### **Mission Statement**

We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote

motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

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

and individuals who share

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

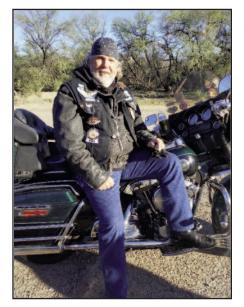
### FREEDOM.

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

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# **President's Report**



By Jim Butsback

Greetings Fellow supporters of Motorcycle Rights!!

When you see this it will already be September. The kids are back in school and the summer will soon be coming to an end (as much as it does here in AZ). I hope everyone had a great summer and were able to get out and enjoy our beautiful state.

Our Great Country will be celebrating Labor Day with a National Holiday. This is to pay respects to those who work so hard to make this country what it is. When you are enjoying this day with friends and relatives please be aware as you travel to keep alert and watch for other vehicles. We want everyone to enjoy this holiday and make it home safe.

ABATE of Arizona will be planning our membership meeting and the State Officer elections. There will be several positions that will need to be filled. Please look around your Chapter (and in the mirror) and see if there is someone that you feel could be a good addition to the State. If you or anyone in your Chapter may be interested and want additional information on what is involved please contact any of the State officers and we can get you the information you need.

Speaking of elections it is now time to start preparing for your Chapter elections. The success of your Chapter depends on volunteers. We are all in this together and we all joined ABATE because motorcycle rights and safety issues are important to us. The old adage that "Many hands make easy work" is true. So lend a helping hand and make the work a little easier for everyone in your Chapter, consider being an officer.

Several members of ABATE of Arizona will be traveling to Minnesota this month to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) convention known as THE MEETING OF THE MINDS! This is held every year and motorcycle rights advocates from all around the country come together to meet and discuss what is happening in their states and on a national level. There are many different seminars and meetings and an amazing amount of knowledge is shared. Many of our members also belong to the MRF and I strongly urge all of our members to join the MRF.

Please remember to support those business and organizations that support ABATE and the motorcycle community. Talk to the businesses you support about becoming a Business Member of ABATE. Note that these businesses do not have to be bike shops or dealers, anyone who believe in the freedoms of the road and motorcycle awareness and safety is a potential ABATE Business member.

Help spread the gospel of ABATE while you are out riding and supporting other groups and clubs. There is a club membership that will extend benefits to all members of a club no matter how many and this includes the Accident insurance. Individuals can join if the club does not. Always keep several membership tri-folds with you and wear your ABATE gear when attending other groups events and let them know you are an ABATE member. Very few folks will just walk up and ask to join, they need to be asked. ASK THEM!

Please remember that the Masterlink is your newsletter too! Now that it is only available on line, we need even more pictures and articles to fill the pages of our paper, PLEASE take some photos and write a short story/description of the event and submit it to the Masterlink! By being online we can expand the issue to include as many articles as are submitted. If you or anyone in your chapter has a knack for writing or would like to see their name on a byline, write up an article and submit it to the Masterlink. Everyone likes to see their picture in a paper. Take lots of photos wherever you go and submit them. We always need additional material to fill the pages and we would rather cover the happenings here in Arizona and give coverage to our fellow riders and their groups for functions and events they are having, so don't be shy and submit some photos and/or an article!

One of the issues that keep coming up is the amazing number of motorcyclists

here in Arizona who ride without a motorcycle endorsement on their license. This may not seem to many to be a big problem but it is becoming one. When we speak to the legislators and law enforcement about issues important to motorcyclists, the number of riders without endorsements often arises. The impression that many of them have is that motorcyclists are scofflaws who do not respect the rule of law and this can hamper the issues we need to get through. Many do not realize that if they are stopped by law enforcement and they do not have the endorsement, their bike may be towed and impounded. It can cost hundreds of dollars for towing and impound fees. I ask every Chapter to check your members to see if they are all riding endorsed. If you have any members who do not have it please work with them to get trained and pass the test. Help them to obtain it. For Scholarship information go to amsaf.org.

Until next month please ride safe and look out for all the kids who are back in school. The universities are back in session with many out of state students who may not be familiar with the areas and be lost. Also this time of year our winter visitors or "Snowbirds" start to arrive on their annual migration. They bring lots of tourism dollars to our economy while they are here. These people are not always familiar with our streets and roads and may not be very attentive so please look out for them and be careful out there.Until next month!

Ride Free!! Ride Safe!! Ride ENDORSED!

Jim

# **Az MRF Report**

News from the MRF (continued)

### By Dale Dedrick

This has been a very successful year for the Lobbyists and MROs of Arizona,

We were able to get our ANTI-PRO-FILING MEMORIAL HM2002 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY in the HOUSE.

Defeated another HELMET LAW

attempt.

We support HANDS FREE legislation for motorcycle safety, presented Motorcycle Awareness Program in High School And working with the courts for a Motorcycle Safety Program to be offered in lieu of Traffic School for ticketed riders.

Next term we will seek a Lane Sharing

### Bill.

I'm looking forward to the Meeting of the Minds in Minneapolis and we have some nice items for the Auction this year.

The MROs have voted to have me continue as the MRF State Rep., as per MRF guidelines and I appreciate their faith and trust... This is truly the hardest job I have ever volunteered for but im honored to represent Arizona and the MRF.

I did receive my REPs tool kit and it looks great...thx

Until we meet again Ride Safe and Ride free

http://motorcycleridersfoundation.wildapr icot.org/resources/Documents/2019-20-NTSB%20Most%20Wanted%20list.pdf

#### **Focus Groups**

This week the Governors Highway Safety Association released a report on "Motorcyclists' Attitudes on Using High-Visibility Gear to Improve Conspicuity." Needless to say, the conclusions listed below by this taxpayer-funded study can be filed under the category of obvious and predictable.

### Conclusions:

Eighteen focus groups with 137 motorcycle riders in California, Maryland, Michigan, and Texas were conducted to explore motorcyclists' attitudes toward wearing high-visibility gear to increase conspicuity. In most groups, only one or two participants said they regularly wear

### high visibility gear.

Based on the focus group discussions, several factors emerged as barriers to motorcyclists' use of high-visibility gear. The most important involves the appearance of the high-visibility gear. It is judged as unappealing by some riders, and many riders are concerned that the look or style of the gear does not fit in with their riding culture. These factors work against the acceptance of high-visibility gear, even though many riders believe such gear may be effective for increasing conspicuity. Many participants thought that motorcycle-riding culture would have to change for riders to adopt high-visibility gear, due to the association of novice riders and older riders with high-visibility gear.

Another barrier to the use of high-visibility gear is riders' skepticism that high-vis-

### ibility apparel provides enough of a safety benefit to warrant its use and cost. Evidence that demonstrates the safety benefits of high-visibility gear is important to convincing motorcyclists they would personally benefit from using it.

In addition to adverse feelings about high-visibility gear itself, many participants expressed the belief that high-visibility gear would not improve safety, largely because of the perception that motorists are distracted anyway. In fact, several participants suggested that the onus should be on drivers to look for motorcyclists.

If you are interested, you can find the full 81-page report by clicking HERE https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-con-gress/house-

resolution/255/cosponsors?q=%7B%22se arch%22%3A%5B%22motorcycle%22%

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### Standing Update:

We are currently at 58 cosponsors from 25 states for the motorcycle profiling resolution. This is an increase of 4 new cosponsors since last week and with our first lawmaker from Massachusetts signing on. Click HERE to see if your member has signed on.

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resolution/255/cosponsors?q=%7B%22se arch%22%3A%5B%22motorcycle%22% 5D%7D&s=2&r=1&overview=closed#ta bs%23tabs

Your Team in D.C. Tiffany & Rocky The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# **Chapter Reports**

East Valley Chapter

Hello to all my brothers and sisters. We held off summer for a good while this year but it sure did catch up with us now. It's #%\*& HOT! Now we're just trying to stay cool but it's not easy.

We've been planning some indoor activities while it's hot. We're having Biker Bowling on August 25th at 1:00pm at East Mesa Bowl. It's a Chapter challenge so all you chapters bring your best bowlers out for a great time with us. Check the State and East Valley Facebook pages for more info.

We are putting the Hard Ass Run together for this year and it should be a great time. It will be on October 26th. A little over 400 miles if you think you can handle it. Watch East Valley Facebook page for details.

A big Hello to the newest chapter of A.B.A.T.E. at Superstition Harley. Welcome to the family.

Remember to stay hydrated and believe it or not, long sleeves are cooler than short sleeves and they keep the sun from cooking you.

Remember to be careful out there and watch for cages.

Donna Batty E.V. Communications

### **High Country Chapter**

Last month, while supporting our Chapter Club Members, the Old Bastards MC – Payson at their annual Running with the Pups fundraiser for the Central Arizona Humane Society, we learned of the tragic death of Robert Frank Welch, better known as "Gnome", Vice-President of Old Bastards MC - Salt River. Gnome was traveling north on Highway 87, just 3 miles south of town, on his way to the fundraiser when a large SUV suddenly crossed the road in front of him. High Country Chapter wishes its sincerest condolences to the OBMC.

Gnome's death was the 3rd motorcycle fatality in the previous month in High Country. We really do want you all to come up and see us but, please, be as careful as possible. Remember that you are not the only tourist up here enjoying the scenery. PLEASE, please, please be careful!

On a brighter note, the anemic monsoon season has made for some awesome weekend rides for those of you trying to get away from the heat. Remember you have a permanent invitation to come and see us. If you can make it, drop by the Moose Lodge in Star Valley a little before 10 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month and join us for our monthly Chapter Meeting. We would love to see you.

Our next planned event is the Chili Cook-Off in October. The cook-off winner receives \$200 cash and a cool trophy. The event will be held at our business member, the Tonto Rim Bar & Grill in Star Valley on Oct. 19th. FREE Live entertainment by Hans Olson included. Save the date. is a celebration of our 1 year anniversary as an ABATE of Arizona chapter. Celebration will include a cake for the 1 year anniversary, a new group picture and possibly a ride after the meeting, depending on the temperatures. I would like to say that we have made great strides in membership but instead membership is growing steadily. This past week we had a club membership sign up: Brotherhood United Motorcycle Association, 48A.

Welcome Brotherhood United members.

Riding events since our last meeting in July have been non existent here in Mohave Valley and Mohave County, it has been TOO DAMN HOT. Temperatures of 115 to 120 during the day make riding uncomfortable and unsafe. The only solution that I can see would be early morning rides, looking forward to cooler temperatures this fall.

Happenings at our last meeting in July are as follows. Working with the VFW in Golden Valley to have a Halloween party/fundraiser in October. Ideas for a Chapter logo for chapter patches or a chapter flag. Election of officers will take place at our October meeting withnominations to be accepted at our September meeting. We decided to conduct a 50/50 drawing at our monthly meetings.

Tom Aydt Mohave Chapter Coordinator

### **Phoenix/Shadow Mountain**

NO REPORT.

### **Superstition Chapter**

NO REPORT.

### **Southern Arizona Chapter**

This month's meeting was on Saturday July 20th; unfortunately attendance was very low due to folks having to work and vacations etc. We only had a few of the Chapter officers in attendance. Only 8 folks signed in.

We did have a great report from William Cleveland on his trip to Washington DC to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Bikers inside the Beltway event. He gave everyone an update on his meetings with various elected officials and their staff members and what issues were being discussed and what to expect to see coming up in the future.

Will also made sure to emphasize that Dale, who is our State MRF Rep, has been doing an exemplary job and has really improved in his interactions with our elected officials. This is good to hear because at the Meeting of the Minds the MRF will be asking if ABATE wishes to retain Dale as our State Rep.

The members in attendance also had a very good open discussion on issues affecting motorcyclist. The local election season is upon us and the City of Tucson will be electing a new Mayor. There are several candidates running and one of them, Steve Farley, is a member of our Chapter. As we discussed, we do not endorse any particular candidate but we do encourage everyone to get out and vote. We also discussed the various candidates' records and how they have voted on motorcycle issues in the past. Steve Farley has been recognized for his work on motorcycle issues when he was serving in the State Legislature.

The next major event on the calendar is "MEETING OF THE MINDS" which is the annual conference for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. This event will be held in September in Minneapolis. I also encouraged everyone who is not a member of the MRF to join.

Due to the low attendance and not having the proper items to do the drawings there was no 50/50 or membership drawing at this meeting.

As always please keep promoting our Business Memberships to those you do business with. We have been doing Great on this so let's keep up the good work.

We are trying to save the Chapter some money by cutting down on postage. Please make sure the State Membership Officer has all your current information as well, this includes phone numbers, email addresses, address changes etc. You can email her at membershipofficer@abateofaz.org.

Ride Free, Ride Safe, RideEndorsed!

Jim Butsback

### Yavapai Chapter

Yavapai Chapter has been busy with summer activities and member vacations.

Dan Tumey and A. J. Killian met with the Coconino Trail Riders for their annual AMA-sanctioned Mountain Madness Dual Sport this past August 3rd and 4th at Fort Tuthill south of Flagstaff. Other members from the local Prescott Trail Riders (including president Barrett Johnson) was also was on hand for the 2day Event Dual Sport Trail Ride. There were about 100 riders in total in attendance, riding anything from a 150cc Honda trail bikes to a 1200cc BMW adventure bikes. CTR has been working with the Coconino Forest Service which opened up all-new trails in the Kelly Canyon south of Flagstaff just north of Munds Park. There were Å, B and C loops for all those different size bikes and skill levels. CTR did not disappoint as the A-loop trails were indeed hammerhead death march difficulty and at times gave riders fits when those thought skilled enough got their bikes stuck on even the B-loop when they should have been on the C-loop. What an absolutely beautiful place to ride, it was like a dream riding in the forest after the quick monsoon showers. CTR did a great job with the trails and venue. What was gained by Yavapai ABATE chapter was the skills and knowledge by the chore of organizing such an event ride.

Yavapai ABATE Chapter has been hard at work organizing and is hosting this weekend (Saturday, August 17th) our first annual Peavine Poker Run. The info is as follows and is open to the public.

DATE: Saturday, August 17, 2019, 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Mark's Beergarden, 1590

own time. SIGN UP STARTS 9:00 AM first rider leaves by 10:00 AM.

ENTRANCE FEE: \$25.00 single/\$35.00 per couple

Buy extra cards: up to 3 extra exchange card at \$5./ea. card (ACE HIGH OR LOW)

Poker stops: Start & End at Mark's Beergarden; The Burro Saloon; Star Island Motorsports; Barefoot Bob Billiards; El Charro Norte.

FREE BONUS CARD if you come back with business cards from all poker stops on the map.

PARTICIPATE: Pick up Business Cards at the Poker Run stops to bring back to Pop Up Station.

Last card drawn by 3:00 PM

Lunch starts at Mark's Beergarden at 1:00 pm (pulled pork sandwich or order from menu).

Mark at the Beergarden roasts his own pig for the sandwiches.

Music by Muddbone: starts at 3:00 PM

Prizes are RAFFLE & 50/50

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

Our tough as nails Treasurer David McClaren has been doing a knockout job not only for our Chapter but also the State with assistance regarding 'the books' under the helpful eye and supervision of Forrest "Woody" Phillips. Thanks, Dave for all your efforts.

Lastly, member update we have 64 members and 6 business members. Special thanks to our new business members, especially the new Grand Canyon Harley Davidson owner Dia Mattson. Our other new business members are Mormon Lake Lodge, Barefoot Bob's Billards, El Charro Norte, Mark's Beergarden and last but not least Star Island Motorsports.

Ride Long, Ride High and Ride Safe - Cheers!

Andrew (A. J.) Killian Acting Communications Officer and Safety Officer Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of Arizona 928-533-3312

### Yuma Chapter

Meeting was held August 9 at 6 pm

We discussed our need for vice coordinator and membership officers.

Up coming events

### **Mohave Chapter**

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 18 th. This is a special date as it Swenson Street, Prescott AZ

Sign in at parking lot of Mark's Beergarden at Yavapai ABATE Chapter Pop up "Station" along the fence as you come down Meadowridge Rd. from Iron Springs Road.

Sign in, get a map and leave at rider's

August 17th - Hot August Nights

September 28 - Old Souls run by the Sober Riders

Yuma Chapter Communications officer Carolyn Morgan





### **Coast to Coast**

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

### STURGIS RALLY SAFEST IN FIVE YEARS

Final Sturgis Motorcycle Rally figures indicate a slight decrease in overall attendance, but including a third fatality reported on Sunday, traffic deaths were the lowest since 2014 when two motorcyclists died. Four people died in traffic crashes during the Rally last year.

Accidents were also down this year, with 52 injury crashes reported, down from 56; 41 non-injury crashes compared with 50 in 2018, according to the state Department of Public Safety.

The number of vehicles counted entering Sturgis, South Dakota during the 10 days of the 79th annual Sturgis Rally, from Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 11, was down 1.2% from 505,969 in 2018 to 499,654 this year, according to the state Department of Transportation, which has been counting since 1990.

The record vehicle count was 604,441 for seven days -- Monday through Sunday -- of the Rally in 2000, the 60th anniversary, according to DOT figures. The record attendance, by head count, was an estimated 738,000 in 2015, the 75th anniversary, according to Rally officials.

TRADE WAR HEATS UP An ongoing trade war continues to escalate, and with motorcycles once again caught in the crosshairs, whatever the outcome the cost of motorcycles is likely to go up. Trade tensions between the European Union (EU) and the United States involving ongoing disputes regarding aircraft subsidies has led the Trump Administration to respond with \$11 billion in proposed EU tariffs, including many motorcycles imported from countries in the EU.

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has proposed 100% duties on motorcycles 500-700cc, as well as "parts and accessories for motorcycles (including mopeds)." (HTS subheadings 8711.40.30 and 8714.10.00).

The retaliatory tariffs could have farreaching consequences for Europeanbased motorcycle manufacturers, including Ducati, BMW, Husqvarna, KTM, Triumph and Vespa.

As of now, the product list is "preliminary", and riders are urged to make their voices heard.

MIC LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO INSPIRE NEW RIDERS The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has announced a broad, longterm initiative to bring more people into the world of motorcycling.

"It's clear the industry needs to reach and inspire new customers. While many of us, with our individual businesses, have taken steps to grow ridership, we also should be working together, and the MIC wants to help make that happen," said Paul Vitrano, MIC board chair and senior assistant general counsel at Indian Motorcycle and Polaris Inc. "To help us fully understand the barriers to entry, and to create an inclusive strategic plan to conquer those barriers that will be available to all stakeholders, we have partnered with a team of researchers and strategists to bring fresh perspectives to this challenge and opportunity."

To initiate this strategic plan, the MIC has hired consulting firm Centauric LLC to lead the first phase of this initiative. "Centauric has committed an impressive multi-disciplinary team of behavioral scientists, engineers, and business consultants, and takes a unique approach to problem-solving. We are excited to be working with them on this critical initiative," Vitrano said.

The plan will be presented at the MIC's American International Motorcycle Expo (AIMExpo) in Columbus, Ohio, September 26-29, 2019. "This is not designed to be a quick fix, nor is it just about sales," said Chuck Boderman, MIC vice chair, and vice president, motorcycle division, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. "It's about showing people how motorcycles can fit into and enrich their lives, no matter where they live, what they do, what their hobbies are, or how old or young they are. This will take time, so we are committed to building a campaign that takes the long view... and how united as one, we can attract new riders to motorcycling."

FEMA WARNS: "BE PREPARED FOR ELECTRIC BIKES!" "In about ten years it will probably not be possible to buy a motorcycle with an internal combustion engine in most, if not all, European countries," warns Dolf Willigers of the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA).

Based upon information gathered during Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels, consisting of three days of presentations about how to make our society more sustainable; "When you think about future transport, think electric. Not biofuels, not hydrogen, certainly not carbon-based fuels, but elec-

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### **ABATE IS:**

· A Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO)

• For Bikes & Riders, regardless of Race, Creed, color, sex, age, machine or gear

• For all Motorcycles regardless of Fraternal or club affiliation, as well as Independents

· For people interested in motorcycle safety

- · For People interested in rider education
- · For people interested in motorcycle
- awareness PSAs directed to non-Riders • For people interested in protecting and
- promoting motorcycling
- · A volunteer, not-for-profit grass-roots organization
- · For Motorcyclist who enjoy the ride

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### **ABATE of Arizona Serves to:**

• Collaborate with other organizations to monitor and support funding for practices that do not discriminate against motorcycling.

 $\cdot$  Encourage political involvement of its membership.

• Promote and present motorcyclists and motorcycling in a positive and safe manner.

• Help prevent motorcycle crashes and promote crash survival through rider education, and public awareness campaigns.

• Encourage ongoing federal research programs such as use of E15 fuel in motorcycles, inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing transportation emerging technologies, and improvements in safer roadway design strategies.

· Promote rider skills training

ABATE of Arizona has developed a program with the mission to provide motorcycle awareness training to all drivers and soon-to-be drivers on the road in Arizona. Instructors provide a one hour program to students in driver education classes throughout the state.

### Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

MAP is available to be presented to civic organizations as well as most businesses that hold safety meetings. FMI: map@abateofaz.org

#### **ABATE accomplishments:**

**1992** Opened HOV lanes to motorcycles **1993** Helped prevent mandatory helmet legislation in Arizona

1997 Established handlebar height eleva-

tion to shoulder height 2001 Established Motorcycle Safety

Fund

**2002** Established Arizona Motorcycle Safety Council

**2004** Established veteran plates for motorcycles

2007 Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Pima County 2007 Removed cap on Motorcycle

Safety Fund

2013 Eliminated yearly motorcycleemissions testing in Maricopa County2015 Eliminated restriction on handlebarheight

2017 Successfully prevented mandatory helmet legislation

**2017** Reestablished Motorcycle Safety Fund for 5 years

# 2018 Introduced Anti-profiling legislation2018 Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill

**2017** Helped pass the Teen texting bill

**2017** Helped pass the Civil Forfeiture

changes

2018 Stopped the adoption of California emissions standards in Arizona
2018 Helped pass "Pam's Law" - Aggravating factor for injuries to pedestrians and motorcyclists by distracted and DUI offenders

#### **JOIN ABATE NOW!**

**ABATE** Of Arizona provides a unified voice for all motorcyclists in Arizona. Add your voice to ours. Join ABATE now, for the preservation of your ability to ride a motorcycle with the freedom that's your right!!

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Or turn in your membership number application to an officer of the chapter of your choice. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing. { } East Valley { } Southern Arizona { } High Country { } Yavapai { } Yuma { } Phx/Shadow Mtn { } Mohave Office Use Only Membership Number Expiration Date DONATIONS Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) \$\_\_\_\_ Legislative Efforts \$\_\_\_\_ Masterlink \$\_\_\_\_

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### **Coast to Coast (continued)**

tric battery-powered vehicles is what we can expect."

Transport is seen as a big contributor to the greenhouse effect. According to the EFA, the European Environment Agency, road transport emits nearly 21% of the EU's total emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2), the main greenhouse gas. Both the European Union and countries inside and outside the EU want 'climate-neutral' transport in 2050. "This looks far away," says Willigers, "but remember that cars, the largest part of the vehicles, in Europe have an average lifespan of about twenty years. To have all cars on the road emission free in 2050 means that cars that do emit CO2 should no longer be on the market after 2030. Now it suddenly gets closer." According to Williger, in just over ten years, there should be a complete transition from cars with a (carbon-based fuel) internal combustion engine to battery-electric powered cars.

Already the governments of Denmark, Germany, Ireland, India, Israel, Netherlands and Sweden have announced that they will ban the sale of new 'carbon-fueled' cars from 2030. France, China and the UK have announced to stop the sale of new cars with an internal combustion engine from 2040. On the other hand, Norway wants to ban the sale of these cars already from 2025. "Indeed, I'm talking about cars, not about motorcycles,' Williger explains, "But let's be realistic: when the sale cars with an internal combustion engine will be stopped after 2030, in one country (the Netherlands) also the sale of mopeds with an internal combustion engine, how big will the chance be that an exception will be made for motorcycles?"

#### BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CON-SIDER BANNING HANDS-FREE DEVICES

England and Wales could make handsfree cellphone devices illegal for drivers, after research showed that it is no safer than using a hand-held phone, which would include a ban on comm systems for motorcyclists.

The Commons Select Committee has

said that the Government should consider extending the law against using a mobile phone while driving and has called for a public consultation on the issue by the end of 2019. The Committee also recommended increasing the penalty for using a hand-held device and wants the police to do more to enforce the law.

Smart helmets and other communication systems are gaining in popularity for riders, as having access to our phones at all times has become a social and often professional requirement, and in recent years the industry has been booming with increasingly versatile devices.

The committee's recommendation is based on a study that determined these systems are as distracting as using a handheld device, and whether behind the wheel or behind the handlebars, your attention is divided. According to the National Safety Council, drivers on the phone miss up to 50% of what's happening in their surroundings while taking a call and their field of view is dramatically narrowed down, so chances are, a similar proportion applies to riders.

If such a ban is imposed in the UK, it could spark discussions of similar bans in the rest of Europe and perhaps the rest of the world.

### NO HELMET, NO GAS

Although India has a national helmet law, as of August 5 the highly urbanized city of Bengaluru will begin implementing a "No helmet, no fuel" policy that means any motorcycle rider, including their passenger, will not be allowed to buy fuel at any gas station within the city limits if they are NOT wearing their helmets.

"The Bengaluru Traffic Police has spoken with petrol pump owners across the city seeking their cooperation to enforce the 'No Helmet, No Fuel' initiative," Bengaluru City Additional Traffic Commissioner P. Harishekaran told News18. "This is being done purely for the interest, safety, and security of people.<sup>3</sup>

Bengaluru is not the first city to take



and educational materials

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E) was established to

such a step, as on June 1, 2019, the State of Uttar Pradesh, which has a population of 200-million, enacted a "No helmet, no fuel" policy and also prohibits motorcycle riders from using the expressway if they are not wearing their helmets.

### NETHERLANDS WAR HERO GIVEN CHOICE BETWEEN MC OR MILITARY JOB

The Ministry of Defense has suspended a soldier for the first time because of his role in the world of motorcycle clubs, threatening Sergeant Major Maurice Vissers with removal from his job with the Ministry for being "involved in a prohibited motorcycle gang.'

Vissers is not a member of a forbidden club, but is vice president of the Veterans MC, a military motorcycle club in the Netherlands to which many soldiers and former soldiers are affiliated, but he stands accused of having contacts with the Hells Angels as the clubs maintain friendly ties.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Defense announced in a statement regarding the behavior of Defense employees that security clearances will be withdrawn if they have contact with a criminal organization or are "involved in outlaw motorcycle gangs such as Satudarah, Hells Angels, No Surrender or the Bandidos." Where the Ministry previously discouraged its staff from becoming members of '1% clubs', action is now being taken against soldiers who, for example, have a child or a partner in a prohibited motorcycle club, labeling them a security risk.

Despite having no criminal record and no other security issues, the Ministry of Defense has given the soldier a choice: leave the motorcycle club or Defense.

#### PUTIN MAY BE CITED FOR RID-ING A MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT A HELMET

The Moscow Times has reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin recently attended a biker show organ-ized by the Night Wolves motorcycle club in annexed Crimea, and state television showed Putin at the handlebars of a Ural motorcycle without a helmet on.

At least two people have filed com-

plaints with the authorities on the basis that Putin had violated Russian law by not wearing a helmet, and a Russian lawyer has requested the traffic police fine Putin \$15 over the infraction.

"Putin is violating [the law] again," said Regional legislator Oleg Khomutinnikov in a complaint to Russia's Prosecutor General's Office, writing on Facebook; "So what, the violations are minor. But does that make them non-violations?

"EASY RIDER" STAR PETER FONDA DEAD AT 79 Oscar-nominated actor Peter Fonda, who became a counterculture icon when he co-wrote, produced and starred in seminal 1969 road movie "Easy Rider" fifty years ago, died August 16 of lung cancer at age 79.

The son of Hollywood legend Henry Fonda, he appeared in numerous biker movies, including "The Wild Angels" (1966), "Ghost Rider" (2007) and "Wild Hogs" (2007).

Fonda earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Screenplay for Easy Rider, which was added to the National Film Registry in 1998, having been deemed "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant."

In 1991, Peter Fonda attended the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' 6th annual NCOM Convention to receive the Silver Spoke Award for Entertainment; "In Appreciation For Improving The Image Of Motorcycling."

He was inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2002, not only for his work on Easy Rider but also for his motorcycle-related charity work, including the Love Ride.

His interest in motorcycles was the direct result of rebelling against the elder Fonda; "My father didn't want me to," he once told the L.A. Times newspaper. "It was like, in your face. As soon as I could, I bought a Harley. That was the beginning. Loved it. Never have stopped."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "I have always maintained that society has no business dictating morality."



### **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 Yavapai Chapter Yavapai Chapter meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave

promote motorcycle awarend and education. Motorcycle riders and activist have long recognized that rider education and awareness are crucial in enhancing rider safety, and no one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves.

OUR MISSION Promote awareness and education in the motorcycling community to improve riders' safety and educate non-riders obally in the interest of all riders' safety.

### www.mrfae.org Motor Vicie Riders Foundation Awareness & Education

2221 S. Clark Street Arlington, VA 22202 (202) 546-0983

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

#### Mohave Chapter

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

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

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.

Az Body Therapy Glendale - 623-847-0958

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

### Rule 10 - Keeping an Eye on the Higher Cause

### Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

Alinsky's Rules for Radicals #10: The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition.

For the past nine rules, Alinsky has been talking about the most effective tools in grassroots activism. Now, he's tying it all together. The goal of following all the other rules is to develop a well-oiled machine solely dedicated to advancing your cause.

To Alinsky, winning a single policy battle is good. But it's only a stepping stone to your overall goal.

With each victory or setback on the way, take the time to do some evaluation and analysis. Ask yourself what is working, what isn't and how you can improve your tactics for future fights. But more importantly, ask yourself how each victory is helping you create a movement that will continue to keep the pressure on.

Alinsky already urged activists to be relentless no matter what back in Rule 8. In the article on the rule, I explained how the other rules play into keeping the pressure on. From the article:

While it's important to celebrate the little victories along the way, don't get lulled into complacency. Until you achieve your goal, there's always more you can do.

You can follow up your successful lobby day event with letters to legislators you visited, door-knocking efforts in their districts or an op-ed about your lobby day in the local paper. You can leverage the one councilman whose mind you changed to flip others and get your initiative passed.

"Action comes from keeping the heat on," Alinsky wrote. "No politician can sit on a hot issue if you make it hot enough."

Don't forget some other wisdom from Alinsky while you're keeping the

pressure on, though. Remember that "A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag." Keep the pressure on but come up with new and exciting ways to do so.

And of course, make sure you're having fun while you're doing it. After all, "A good tactic is one your people enjoy."

Don't fall into the trap of thinking of your battle as just one fight over a specific bill or policy. Remember you're part of a grand movement dedicated to fighting for freedom, and be sure everything you're doing helps grow that movement.



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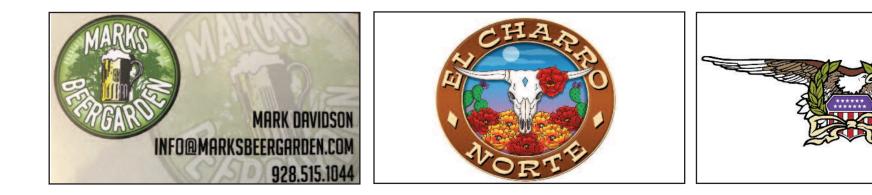
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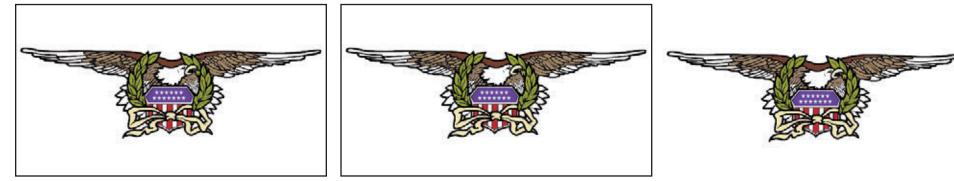
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### **Events Calendar**

#### September 2019

9/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 9/7 {Sat} Life of a Ridetime, to support our local First Responders, starts at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale 15656 N. Hayden Road Scottsdale, 85260. Sponsors include Law Tigers. Pre-register for the day's event at https://lifeofaridetime.org/ \$20/sgl, +\$15/2-up. There will be food, auction, music, & more. Life of a Ridetime raises funds for family members of Fallen police officers & firefighters throughout the U.S. FMI: 480-878-0058, steve@lifeofaridetime.org

9/14 {Sat} San Tan Loners MC annual September Scorcher Poker Walk at the River Bottom Bar & Grill 2501 N. Highway 79 {phn 520-868-3131}. Live music, 50/50 raffle, good food and vendors will be on site. As always our gun raffle will be awarded that day. Announcing the first annual cornhole tournament! We kick things off at 11am. Don't be late!! \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Sponsors include Law Tigers.

### For Immediate Release - August 13th, 2019

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#### August 13th, 2019

Meeting of the Minds Deadline is Approaching - Join Us in Minnesota Deadlines... We've all got them and when they're missed, there's usually hell to pay. To help you avoid having to pay hell, pay extra, or miss the deadline altogether, here are a couple of deadlines you need to make:

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference is coming together as well as any smooth-running machine. We don't want you to miss it as we Honor the Past, Protect the Future and live up to meeting and exceeding the expectations of motorcyclists' rights advocates from across the country.

You have until August 23rd to take advantage of the MOTM pre-registration price of \$80.00 for MRF members or \$90.00 for non-MRF members. After August 23rd, the event registration fee goes to \$90.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members. And you're not just getting a receipt for your efforts... The 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference attendees get...

A dozen topical workshops to choose from!

General sessions loaded with up-to-

date information!

Enough take-home material that you'll need an extra carry-on!

A banquet and ceremony that will make an event for the record books!

And... if that isn't enough, attendees get to meet and re-acquaint themselves with a host of rights advocates and old friends.

So, don't pay hell, meet the deadline and get registered for the 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference in Bloomington Minnesota September 19th-22nd. And while you're at it...

The deadline to get the nightly room rate of \$115.00 at the MOTM Conference

hotel is September 4th. After that, you may be at the mercy of the availability of rooms and there may not be many available. So, one more time... don't pay hell, meet the deadline and get registered for the 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference and get your hotel room. While it's on your mind, call (952) 854-9000 and tell them you're with the MRF.

https://mrf.org/events/

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you in September at the Crowne Plaza Aire Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota, for the 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference!!!

### MRF MOTM 2019 TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!

#### For Immediate Release

#### August 16th, 2019

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With just over a week to the pre-registration cut-off, time is running short to save money registering for The 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference!!! As the MRF makes final preparations to Honor the Past with the induction of Legacy Members into the MRF Hall of Fame and gear up to Protect the Future with two days of information filled workshops and presentations, you still have time to register for this premier event and secure your hotel room.

Up to the minute legislative updates, topical workshops to assist you in building your SMRO, plus several hundred new and old friends you'll be glad to see! Workshop & presentations including...

NHTSA – Protecting our Future from their Past

Shared Goals & Working Together – SMROs & Motorcycle Clubs

Membership Promotion, Retention, Growth & Volunteers

Old Media – New Media ... – Dealing with print, electronic & social media successfully

And there's more... Those listed workshops represent one-third of the time allocated for workshops. We've got eight more and only two days to deliver. However, those two days will be so jammed packed by the end of the Conference you'll wonder where the time went and be asking for more. The 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference is coming together as well as any smooth-running machine. We don't want you to miss it as we Honor the Past, Protect the Future and live up to meeting and exceeding the expectations of motorcyclists' rights advocates from across the country.

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Fredric Harrell Director, Conferences & Events Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# In Memory of Peter Fonda

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Peter Fonda, celebrated actor known for Easy Rider, dies aged 79

The actor Peter Fonda has died at the age of 79 following a battle with lung cancer, his family has said.

Fonda, who co-wrote, produced and starred in the classic 1969 road movie Easy Rider, died peacefully at his home in Los Angeles on Friday, his family said in a statement.

"In honor of Peter, please raise a glass to freedom."

Fonda died at 11.05am local time, according to his family. The official cause was respiratory failure due to lung cancer, they said.

Fonda collaborated with another struggling young actor, Dennis Hopper, on the script about two potsmoking, drug-slinging bikers on a trip through the south-west and deep south.

Fonda produced Easy Rider and Hopper directed it for a meager \$380,000. It went on to gross \$40m worldwide, a substantial sum for its time.

The film was a hit at Cannes, netted a best-screenplay Oscar nomination for Fonda, Hopper and Terry Southern, and has since been listed on the American Film Institute's ranking of the top 100 American films. The establishment gave its official blessing in 1998 when Easy Rider was included in the United States National Film Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant".

# Fast Radius and Curtiss Motorcycles Partner to Create Premium Electric Motorcycles

### https://blog.bikernet.com

CHICAGO, Aug. 16, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — Fast Radius and Curtiss Motorcycles today announced a partnership to utilize hybrid manufacturing processes to create the highly-acclaimed Zeus 8 motorcycle. The innovative design of the Zeus 8 is highlighted by its distinctive V8-style battery housings and its modular monocoque frame made with aluminum and enhanced with carbon fiber.

Using three separate legacy and additive manufacturing processes, Fast Radius produced more than 60 parts and components for the bike at more than 95 percent yield. Curtiss will unveil the Zeus 8 at the Quail Motorsports Gathering in Carmel, CA on August 16.

"Curtiss' mission is to 'create sustainable, desirable, intergenerational, mean, clean,

and green future-proof hot rod motorcycles," said H. Matthew Chambers, CEO and Chairman of the Board for Curtiss. "Fast Radius' best-in-class hybrid manufacturing approach and operational efficiencies will enable us to deliver the Zeus 9 on time—satisfying the strong demand from our global audience."

Fast Radius and Curtiss are already in production on the first 100 Zeus 8 bikes, available to the public in 2020. Both companies expect to collaborate on future iterations of the Zeus, as well as Curtiss' upcoming models including Hades, Psyche, and Eros—the latter two of which will be priced competitively with Harley-Davidson's LiveWire electric motorcycle. Fast Radius and Curtiss plan to utilize both legacy and additive manufacturing processes in the creation of these machines.

"Bringing Zeus' advanced design to life

wasn't easy," continued Chambers. "We knew that we would need a partner like Fast Radius, who could innovate with us, not just make the parts."

"Our partnership with Curtiss is ideal because it allows them to do what they do best—designing stunning motorcycles while we do what we do best—matching the project with the right technology and getting quality parts made quickly," said Brian Simms, VP of Sales at Fast Radius. "We're looking forward to innovating with Curtiss as they grow their brand."

Fast Radius helps make new things possible for today's leading product companies – whether that's unlocking new business models through legacy or additive manufacturing, helping them make formerly "unmakeable" products.

About Fast Radius Fast Radius is the leading provider of

### additive manufacturing solutions, including application discovery, product design and testing, and production-grade manufacturing. From entirely new products uniquely enabled by additive manufacturing to global supply chain solutions leveraging a virtual warehouse, Fast Radius brings the future of manufacturing and the supply chain to its clients. Last year, Fast Radius was recognized as one of the 9 companies best "implementing technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution" by the World Economic Forum (WEF)-the only company honored that is based in North America. Fast Radius is headquartered in Chicago, with offices in Atlanta, GA and Singapore, as well as a production hub on-site at the UPS Worldport facility in Louisville, KY. Visit www.fastradius.com for additional information.

-Lindsay Baish

# 10 Back to School Safety Tips from Red Cross

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Red Cross Offers 10 Ways to Help Keep Students Safe As They Get Ready to Head Back to School

Los Angeles, August 15, 2019 — The school bells will be ringing soon as summer vacation ends and students across Los Angeles head back to class. The American Red Cross offers these steps to help make the trip back to the classroom a safe one.

### GETTING TO SCHOOL SAFELY

If your student rides a bus to school, they should plan to get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive.

Students should board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant has instructed them to get on. They should only board their bus, never an alternate one.

All students should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

Cross the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals and staying in the cross-

### walk.

Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

If children ride in a car to get to school, they should always wear a seat belt. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4'9"), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.

If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts. Drivers should not use their cell phone to text or make calls and avoid eating or drinking while driving.

Some students ride their bike to school. They should always wear a helmet and ride on the right in the same direction as the traffic is going.

When children are walking to school, they should only cross the street at an intersection, and use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards.

Parents should walk young children to school, along with children taking new routes or attending new schools, at least for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for the kids to walk to school with a friend or classmate.

### SCHOOL IN SESSION, SLOW DOWN!

Drivers should be aware that children are out walking or biking to school and slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones. Motorists should know what the yellow and red bus signals mean.

Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop and motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop.

Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Drivers in both directions must stop their vehicles and wait until the lights go off, the stop sign is back in place and the bus is moving before they resume driving.

### KEEP LITTLE ONES SAFE

Keeping all students safe is the primary concern for everyone, but there are special steps for parents of younger kids and those going to school for the first time: Make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to dial 9-1-1.

Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

### BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

Know what the emergency plan is at your child's school in case a disaster or an unforeseen event occurs. Develop a family emergency plan so everyone will know who to contact and where to go if something happens while children are at school and parents are at work. Details are available at redcross.org/prepare.

The Red Cross First Aid App provides instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies whether it be before, during or after school. Download the app for free by searching for 'American Red Cross' in your app store or at redcross.org/apps.

Learn and practice First Aid and CPR/AED skills by taking a course (redcross.org/takeaclass) so that you can help save a life.

# **University Of London Bans Burgers To Help Save The Planet**

### https://blog.bikernet.com

Beef burgers have been banned by a university as part of efforts to tackle the climate emergency.

The move has been backed by Goldsmiths Students' Union, with president Joe Leam saying that the university has a "huge carbon footprint" and that the promise to eradicate this in the next few years is needed. role of both individuals and organisations in reducing carbon emissions.

call the alarm and take urgent action to cut carbon use."

Goldsmiths, University of London said it is to remove all beef products from sale from next month as the institution attempts to become carbon neutral by 2025.

Students will also face a 10p levy on bottles of water and single-use plastic cups when the academic year starts to discourage use of the products.

The college's new Warden, Professor Frances Corner, said staff and students "care passionately about the future of our environment" and that "declaring a climate emergency cannot be empty words". As well as the beef ban and 10p levy on single-use water bottles and plastic cups, there are plans to install more solar panels across the college's New Cross campus in south-east London and switch to a 100% clean energy supplier as soon as possible.

Officials said Goldsmiths will also continue to invest in its allotment area and identify other places where planting could help to absorb carbon dioxide, and will review how all students can access modules which cover climate change and the Prof Corner said: "The growing global call for organisations to take seriously their responsibilities for halting climate change is impossible to ignore.

"Though I have only just arrived at Goldsmiths, it is immediately obvious that our staff and students care passionately about the future of our environment and that they are determined to help deliver the step change we need to cut our carbon footprint drastically and as quickly as possible.

"Declaring a climate emergency cannot be empty words. I truly believe we face a defining moment in global history and Goldsmiths now stands shoulder to shoulder with other organisations willing to Figures show that Goldsmiths emits around 3.7 million kg of carbon emissions each year, the college said.

Referring to the statistic in a blog, Mr Leam said: "It is clear our university has a huge carbon footprint. The promise to have ended this by 2030 at the latest, with the hope of doing so by 2025, is one which is needed.

"Whilst this plan/action is only the beginning, and much work is yet to be done, it is fantastic to see Goldsmiths taking responsibility and responding to its impact on the climate."

-Technocracy News



### The Inaugural 'Bring the Ruckus'

#### https://quickthrottle.com

Over the last decade and a half, I have attended, entered or judged more custom motorcycle shows than I can even count. Throughout all these shows, I have seen issues such as biased judging, questionable rules and senseless scoring criteria produce results that are profoundly blasphemous. A custom bike show should be more than just a best paint, dollars invested or popularity contest. Since I am a man of action, I decided I would do my part to combat this nonsense by organizing my own show.

The first task at hand was to develop classes and judging guidelines that would level the playing field. What I came up with was 4 classes and a criteria that would place emphasis on craftsmanship, innovation, originality and functionality. Once all that was in place, I went about fabricating all the first prize trophies. I wanted the absolute best venue and party for the show, so I reached out to Anna Padilla at Road Rider of Reno, Candice at Law Tigers Nevada and party animal Ricky Bongos.

Law Tigers Nevada assisted with promotion and kicked in swag for runner up prizes and freebies for all attendees. As she always does, Anna threw together a great party complete with a taco truck, beer vendor, bike wash babes and local radio personality Deidra to DJ/emcee. Ricky Bongos made the trip up from Vegas and brought his awesome USA made products, which he gave out as prizes to ALL Sportsters that entered the show. Highly regarded local motorcycle photographer Trent Dowell/TD Photography brought out his mobile photo booth and never stopped the bike shoots.

All in all, the show was a success. Total entries were on par with every bike rally show I have attended over the past couple of years. We drew in a diverse mix of bikes including big wheel baggers, lowriders, custom choppers, club style, café racers and rat bikes. Custom motorcycle legend Mondo of Denver's Choppers was even in attendance and offered me some very kind words. The best part... we will be throwing this bash again next year. If you attend next year's Street Vibrations Spring Rally and want to join in on the party be sure to come by Road Rider of Reno.

Show Winners

Best of Show:

Steve Call –

H-D FLHTCU

Big Wheel Bagger

Built To Shred

Winner:

Jerry Villavalencia-

H-D FXDB Club Style

Built To Shred Runner Up:d'heSteve "Thunder" Schuck –bashear'sH-D FXR Club Stylevantne byMetric Winner: Daisy Averill–Yamaha XS650 Rigid ChopperMetric Runner Up: Robert Morrow –Yamaha Roadstar CustomHeavy Metal Winner: Steve Call –H-D FLHTCU Big Wheel BaggerHeavy Metal Runner Up: Allen Bigby –Custom chopperPlay Toy Winner: Purple Slice –Vintage Hodaka 2 Stroke

### North Carolina Court Criminalizes Flipping Off A Cop

https://www.thenewspaper.com

Offending a police officer with a gesture is a potential crime worthy of investigation under a new North Carolia Court of Appeals ruling.

### Angry police officer by Dave Fayram/Flickr

The North Carolina Court of Appeals last week distanced itself from other courts around the nation by turning an offensive gesture directed toward a police officer into a potential crime worthy of investigation. The divided three-judge panel upheld the conviction of Shawn Patrick Ellis, who had flipped off a cop while he was a passenger in an SUV driving on US Highway 52 in Albemarle County on January 9, 2017. The annoyed a North Carolina Highway Patrol who dropped what he was doing and pursued the SUV. Ellis's wife was driving, and she pulled over. The officer knocked on the passengerside window and demanded Ellis show identification. Ellis, who was not driving, did not comply.

"What did we do wrong?" asked "This is not a stop-and-ID state."

His wife provided her driver's license, but Ellis was ordered out of the vehicle so he could be handcuffed and thrown in the back of the officer's patrol car. After a warrant check turned up negative, he was released with a citation for "resisting, delaying, and obstructing an officer." In reviewing the legality of the initial stop, the court majority acknowledged other courts have rejected similar traffic stops on First Amendment grounds. Nevertheless, the court majority here insisted the stop was legitimate.

"The issue is whether the trooper had reasonable suspicion that criminal activity was afoot," Judge R. Christopher Dillon wrote for the majority. "The trooper saw defendant make rude, distracting gestures while traveling on a highway in a moving vehicle in the vicinity of other moving vehicles. A reasonable, objective officer having viewed defendant's behavior could believe that a crime had been or was in the process of being committed ... Defendant's actions, both his waving and middle finger taken together, aimed at an unknown target could alert an objective officer to an impending breach of the peace."

With the traffic stop deemed legiti-

mate, the court held it was acceptable to hold Ellis further for being uncooperative. Judge John S. Arrowood disagreed with his colleagues, saying it was utterly implausible that the officer was concerned about a crime that impacted public safety.

"If that was truly his concern he could have followed the vehicle further to see if there was evidence of some road rage toward other vehicles," Judge Arrowood wrote in a dissenting opinion. "He did not do so, nor did he testify that he saw any improper driving. He chose not to take any actions to determine if road rage was occurring. Instead, he initiated an improper search and seizure to engage in an improper fishing expedition to find a crime with which to charge the defendant who had directed an obscene gesture to him moments earlier."

# Federal Appeals Court Upholds Tolling For General Revenue

https://www.thenewspaper.com

Federal Appeals Court green lights higher tolls for Pennsylvania drivers for use on transit and other unrelated projects.

### Pennsylvania Turnpike

The Pennsylvania Turnpike can keep charging motorists hundreds of millions in tolls every year and use the cash for purposes wholly unrelated to use of the road. That was the decision handed down Tuesday by the Third Circuit US Court of Appeals, which rejected the challenge filed by the Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) and the National Motorists Association (NMA) to this funding arrangement.

The groups had targeted a state law known as Act 44, under which the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has so far handed over \$6 billion in tolling profits to PennDOT for uses that have nothing to do with servicing the toll road. According to the groups, the exorbitant tolls -- double the amount needed to run the road -- violated the Commerce Clause and hindered the right to travel. The three-judge appellate panel disagreed, pointing to a transportation funding bill that allowed the "use" of excess toll profit for transit projects. take actions that burden interstate commerce," Judge Patty Shwartz wrote for the court. "Congress's authorization that toll revenues be used for purposes other than maintaining and operating the toll road, and servicing its debt, necessarily envisions that a public authority can collect funds that exceed a toll road's costs before it can spend them." dition, however, does not diminish the fact that Congress has legislated in the area of interstate commerce at issue and blessed the use of tolls for non-toll road purposes," Judge Shwartz wrote.

The proper remedy, the court said, would be for US Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao to forbid the Turnpike from collecting tolls until it comes into compliance with federal law. The Pennsylvania Turnpike has run into legal troubles before. Pay-to-play scandals and what the state auditor described as an unsustainable business model are reflected in the rates charged to the public. A trip across the state costs \$47.55 for a car and can cost up to \$1836 for a commercial truck.

"Congress... may authorize a state to



The federal law in question also requires a toll road to certify the toll road is "adequately maintained" before spending on unrelated items, but the Turnpike never submitted these certifications. The court remained unpersuaded.

"Their failure to comply with this con-



### **ACMC Lobbyist Report**

### By Dale Dedrick

The Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs have requested that i become the Designated Lobbyist for them and I have accepted since Kong has stepped down.

While i have been an authorized lobbyist for the ACMC for a few years now, Its an honor to represent the Organization and continue our fight for our Rights, Safety and Welfare. If any Club member is profiled by law enforcement please go to the MPP.com site...its the Motorcycle Profiling Project survey site and in about 2 minutes your incident is documented anonymously Double D a national.Lobbyist is using this survey to locate issues in every state and reporting yearly on results.

Arizona has been 4th in the Nation for Profiling for several years and hopefully HM 2002 will curb some abuses against us.

Riot on the River is coming up and am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

This event is open to the Public but no kids please.

Winkleman Flats is the place to be in November. This is the only event the ACMC has to increase Revenue so please support them....thx Anyone who has issues or concerns please see me after ACMC Mtg.

Until then Ride Safe and Ride Free

Dale Animal Dedrick Designated Lobbyist...A.C.M.C. Az State Rep....MRF

### Sacramento, California Reveals Red Light Camera Chaos

#### https://www.thenewspaper.com

Sacramento County, California, revealed red light cameras have been off for eight months while trying to rekindle ticketing deal with Redflex.

#### Sacramento County board of supervisors

Officials in Sacramento County, California, did their best to conceal the red light camera program's failure from the public. The automated ticketing machines went dark in January and have not issued a citation since. News of what happened was kept under wraps until a notice for a board of supervisors meeting on Tuesday revealed a quiet plan to restart the program with the scandalplagued Australian camera operator Redflex Traffic Systems following the firing of the previous contractor, Conduent.

"It's odd that there's not much in the way of an explanation about why the ven-

dor Conduent couldn't perform and did not perform," supervisor Phil Sema said on Tuesday. "Was there something that prevented the contractor from starting on time? We don't know any of that... I don't feel like I can make an informed decision."

While all of the supervisors spoke in favor of red light cameras, they were upset that, instead of generating profit, the devices were accumulating thousands in costs while idle. The ticketing stopped when, after five years with Redflex, the county decided to switch over to Conduent this January.

Conduent should have been able to handle the program, considering the company was the county's original contractor back in 2000 (then operating under the name Affiliated Computer Services). Throughout the year, however, the company failed to meet deadlines and ended up failing to install any cameras at all. The county terminated the contract for cause in May, leaving city staff with the idea of giving the job back to Redflex, with the Australian firm looking to pocket \$1.8 million out of the \$16.4 million worth of tickets the company is expected to generate under the new two-year deal.

A member of the public advised the supervisors that California law requires a public meeting to be held before "authorizing the city or county to enter into a contract" for red light camera use. Although the city attorney insisted that putting the matter on the board's consent agenda was good enough, the board voted 4 to 1 to put off the decision until the next meeting on August 20.

The vast majority of cities that have experimented with red light cameras in the Golden State have since decided to drop them. The list includes Belmont, Bell Gardens, Berkeley, Burlingame, Cerritos, Compton, Corona, Costa Mesa,

Cupertino, El Cajon, Davis, El Monte, Escondido, Emeryville, Fairfield, Fresno, Fullerton, Gardena, Glendale, Grand Terrace, Hayward, Highland, Indian Wells, Irvine, Laguna Woods, Lancaster, Loma Linda, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Marysville, Maywood, Menlo Park Montclair, Moreno Valley, Napa, Oakland, Paramount, Pasadena, Poway, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Redwood City, Rocklin, Roseville, Rowland Heights, San Bernardino, San Carlos, San Diego, San Jose (photo radar), San Juan Capistrano, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Maria, San Mateo, Santa Rosa, South Gate, Stockton, Union City, Upland, Vista, Walnut, Whittier, Yuba City and Yucaipa. The city councils of Laguna Niguel and Orange passed ordinances banning cameras in 2011. Residents of Anaheim, Murrieta and Newport Beach voted to ban red light cameras at the ballot box.



# Motorcycle Lawyers Motorcycle Lawyers

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# From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips - Chairman

Last month I told you how I would be meeting with Mick Degn, Executive Director of AMSAF to discuss ways in which ABATE and AMSAF might work together on Safety issues.

Unfortunately, that meeting did not not occur and had to be re-scheduled. But I hope to be able to talk more about this next month after we have had a chance to get together. The topic of Safety Training and Motorcycle Awareness seems to be more important daily as the accidents and deaths/injuries continue to occur in Arizona. In the last two months, three riders have been killed, and passengers injured, in Rim Country (my stomping grounds) alone. One of those killed recently was the vice-president of the Salt River Chapter of the Old Bastards MC.

At our most recent Board meeting, held in Prescott, the Board heard reports from all committee chairs, or their proxies, and it appears we had a very successful Too Broke for Sturgis (TBFS) annual fundraiser thanks to the great leadership provided by chair and co-chair of the TBFS Committee, Tara Rudometkin and Nolan Steed respectively, AND the incredibly hard work and many hours put in by the volunteers that organized and pulled off a very satisfying event. All involved, no matter how small your role, are greatly appreciated. I will add, however, that due to the small number of volunteers that do all this work, many of whom we have been leaning on heavily for years, the Board is considering the future of TBFS. If you have strong feelings about the future of TBFS, please email me at

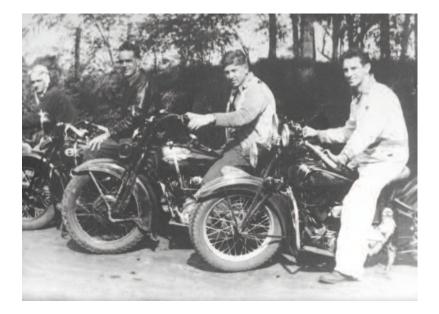
Chairman@ABATEofAZ.org. I would love to hear your thoughts.

Other reports presented at the last Board meeting were from our Budget Committee, our Audit Committee and our new State Treasurer. All three of these groups have since met as a single entity to compare notes and get on the same page as to how we are going to improve our bookkeeping and budgeting processes going forward. This will not be an overnight change. In fact, I fully expect it to take until the end of 2020 before ABATE has the type of fully transparent and accountable bookkeeping system in place, augmented by a solid budgetary process, that we require and want. But once we do have these systems, it should ensure the viability of ABATE of AZ for

many years to come.

Speaking of budgets, Chapter budgets (use the current process until you are taught a new one) are due October 1, so start looking at last year's budget and comparing it to the actual results. We will be asking the Budget Committee to review all Chapter budgets before we vote to accept or reject them.Finally, State Officer positions expire at the end of the year so there will be State-Wide elections in November. I have not heard where this meeting will take place, but it is critical that as many members as possible participate to ensure the longevity of ABATE of AZ. If you have never held State Office, please consider it. The more brains we have working on a problem, the better the solution will be

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



# HARD ASS RUN 400+MILES,9 HOURS SIGN IN FROM 7am TO 9am AT DESERTWIND H-D 922 S. COUNTRY CLUB

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### Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

September brings us Labor Day. While we all look forward to a three-day weekend, do you know what the origin of this holiday is?

### **History of Labor Day**

#### Labor Day 2019

On September 2, 2019, the U.S. Department of Labor celebrates and honors the greatest worker in the world – the American worker. Labor Day 2019 is the 125th anniversary of Labor Day being celebrated as a national holiday.

### Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

#### Labor Day Legislation

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four

Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

### HM2002 MOTORCYCLE PROFIL-ING; ENCOURAGING PREVEN-TION

The House of Representatives urges law enforcement agencies in Arizona work to promote increased public awareness of the issue of motorcycle profiling, and to include a statement condemning motorcycle profiling in their written policies and training materials. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this memorial to the captain of each law enforcement agency in Arizona.

### HB2109 COUNTY TRANSPORTA-TION EXCISE TAX

If approved by a majority of the qualified electors, a county transportation excise tax must be levied and collected at a rate that, by itself or together with any tax county transportation excise tax for roads, is not more than 20 percent, increased from 10 percent, of the transaction privilege tax rate in effect on January 1, 1990 (5 percent) or of the jet fuel excise and use tax rate prescribed by statute (currently 3.05 cents per gallon). AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR. more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York – created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

### Founder of Labor Day

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

### The First Labor Day

Labor of Love

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

### A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has changed in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics, and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker.

I know you are asking why I am sharing this with you. It's important to know the little things like this. To know the struggles and fights so many have done for freedom in our country. While ABATE is a motorcycle rights organization, the similarities to fighting for rights of its members is akin to the labor unions of the early labor movements. We must remember that we must never stop fighting. We must never stop laboring for freedom. Enjoy your Labor Day.

# Legislative Session scorecard and bills

reads any text-based communication on a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device. Some exceptions. Beginning January 1, 2021, violations are subject to a civil penalty of \$75 to \$149 for a first violation, and \$150 to \$250 for a second or subsequent violation. A violation that results in an accident causing the death of or serious physical injury to another person is classified as causing serious physical injury or death by a moving violation, a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor. The Department of Transportation is required to post signs at each point where an interstate highway or U.S. highway enters Arizona that informs vehicle operators of the prohibition on using a portable wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. A peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of this prohibition cannot take possession of or otherwise inspect a portable wireless communication device in the possession of the operator unless otherwise authorized by law. Peace officers may issue only a warning beginning on the effective date of this legislation through December 31, 2020, and are prohibited from issuing a citation for a violation of this prohibition before January 1, 2021. Beginning January 1, 2021, the regulation of the use of portable wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle is not subject to further regulation by a county, municipality or other political subdivision, and any regulations in violation of this prohibition, whether enacted before or after January 1, 2021, are void. Session law authorizes enforcement of local laws regulating the use of portable wireless communication devices through December 31, 2020. Additionally, while a person is driving a motor vehicle and the motor vehicle is in motion on a public roadway or on an off-highway vehicle

trail, the person is prohibited from watching a video or movie on a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device, and from recording or broadcasting a video on a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device. Some exceptions. Emergency clause. AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

### HB2319 HURF TRANSFERS; HIGH-WAY PATROL; REPEAL

Repeals statute requiring the Department of Transportation to allocate and transfer \$10 million from revenues of the Arizona Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) to the Department of Public Safety for funding a portion of highway patrol costs.

### HB2418 PROTECTED DATA; MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS

protect, store, copy, share or use protected dealer data. Also establishes requirements for "dealer data vendors" (defined). AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

### SB1001 HIGHWAY SAFETY FEE; REPEAL; VLT

Repeals the highway safety fee that was previously required to be in an amount established by the Director of the Department of Transportation annually in order to fund 110 percent of the Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol budget for each fiscal year. If monies in the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund are insufficient to fully fund the Highway Patrol in a FY, the Legislature is required to appropriate monies from the general fund to eliminate the insufficiency. AS PASSED SENATE.

#### SB1087 VEHICLE LIABILITY

### HB2318 DRIVING; WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE; PRO-HIBITION

Unless the vehicle is parked or stopped, a person is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway if the person physically holds or supports with any part of the person's body a "portable wireless communication device" or "stand-alone electronic device" (both defined), or if the person writes, sends or

Establishes a new article in Title 28 (Transportation) regulating protected data for motor vehicle dealers. A manufacturer or "third party" (defined) is prohibited from requiring a motor vehicle dealer to grant the manufacturer or third party direct or indirect access to the dealer's "dealer data system" (defined). A motor vehicle dealer is permitted to submit or push data or information to a manufacturer or third party through any widely acceptable electronic file format or protocol that complies with the "star standards" (defined) or other generally accepted standards that are at least as comprehensive. A third party is prohibited from accessing, sharing, selling, copying, using or transmitting "protected dealer data" (defined) without prior express written consent, from engaging in any act of cyber ransom, and from taking any action by contract, technical means or otherwise to prohibit or limit a dealer's ability to

### **INSURANCE; MINIMUM LIMITS**

For motor vehicle liability insurance policies issued or renewed beginning on July 1, 2020, the minimum amounts of coverage required are increased to \$25,000 for bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, from \$15,000, to \$50,000 for bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, from \$30,000, and to \$15,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident, from \$10,000. Does not apply to a policy issued to a person with a valid certificate of selfinsurance or partial self-insurance. Also, an offer of liability limits on an automobile liability insurance policy is required to be made at the time of application for insurance. AS SIGNED BY GOVER-NOR.

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### Legislative Session scorecard and bills (continued)

### SB1165 WIRELESS COMMUNICA-TION DEVICE; DRIVING; PROHI-BITION

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communication device or stand-alone electronic device, and from recording or broadcasting a video on a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device. Some exceptions. Emergency clause. AS PASSED SEN-ATE.

### SB1258 CLASS M DRIVER LICENSES; APPLICABILITY

A class M driver license is not necessary for operating a motorcycle that has at least three wheels and a three-point safety belt and bucket or bench seats and that is fully enclosed or uses a roll cage frame. AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

### SB1302 APPROPRIATION; INTER-STATE 17; EXPANSION

Appropriates \$130 million from the general fund in FY2019-20 to the Department of Transportation to expand Interstate 17 between Anthem and Black Canyon City in Arizona.

### SB1332 ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES; VLT

For the separate vehicle license tax classification for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels, the motor vehicle value for the first 12 months of the life of a motor vehicle registered in Arizona before January 1, 2022 is 1 percent of the manufacturer's base retail price, and the motor vehicle value for the first 12 months of the life of a motor vehicle initially registered in Arizona between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 is 20 percent of the manufacturer's base retail price. For motor vehicles powered by alternative fuel that are purchased beginning January 1, 2023, the vehicle license tax is the same as the tax for motor vehicles powered by non-alternative fuel. Previously, the value for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels that were purchased before January 1, 2020 was a percentage of the manufacturer's base retail price as set by the Director of the Department of Transportation, and the value for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels that were purchased on or after January 1, 2020 was 30 percent of the manufacturer's base retail price. Effective January 1, 2020. AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

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### "The Wave"

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Between Arizona Bike Week and the Day Ride features for the site, I have had the opportunity to do a fair amount of riding over the last couple of months. And as you know from previous articles I am usually in some sort of deep profound thought about my surroundings. Lately I have been trying to figure out the structure of waving at other riders. And I have found that there seems to be a lack consistency in this activity. This whole idea came to mind when I saw a painting called Highway Handshake by Dawn Holmes from Prescott Valley. It was a really neat picture of two motorcycles waving while passing on Hwy 89A Click Here to see this painting so you will have a picture of what I am about to say.

### "The Types Of Wavers"

It seems as though we now have at least 5 different types of wavers: The First Waver: This is a guy who enjoys being a waver and waves at everybody. He starts waving at least 3/4 of a mile away to make sure that you will see that he waved and is expecting the return wave. The Timely Waver: The guy who waves at just the right time to be cool, but allows enough time to get a return wave with no effort on your part. The Late Waver: The guy who is actually waiting for you to wave first, but since you didn't, the guilt of being a non-waver is too much to bear so he waves at the last possible moment. If you try to give the return wave you are forced to look like a retard trying to get it done.

The Return Wave Only Waver: This guy is really not a fan of the wave but will give the courtesy return wave. He will rarely be a First Waver and is

much closer to a Non-Waver than a Waver.

The Non-Waver: This guy wouldn't wave to Pamela Anderson even if she was riding topless on the back of a Fat Boy.

I'm sure you've experienced every one of these wavers somewhere along the line and maybe even fit into one of these categories, you know who you are. It is sometimes unsettling trying to figure out where you are going to fit in with the oncoming rider. If you are a First Waver and throw out that big howdy-dooty to a Non-Waver, you've got a big mottsa ball hanging out there. You feel somewhat offended and spend the next couple of miles trying to figure out why you were snubbed. (If you are a Metric Cruiser rider you usually go right to the motorcycle race card to answer that one.) A few of these instances can actually make you become a Return Only Waver. And if you are a First Waver, where do you draw the line as to who to wave to? Do you wave at cruisers only? Do you include the sport bike riders? They are usually Non Wavers anyway. Will a Vespa rider get a wave? Or does it just have to be a V-Twin, 600cc or above? There are too many variables and way to much to compute while doing 50 mph toward an oncoming 2-wheeler.

### "The Types Of Waves"

### There are also 6 different types of waves:

The Crossing Guard Wave: This is the open palmed, arm bent at the elbow, fingers pointed straight up wave much like you saw in the Dawn Holmes picture above. This wave can also be mistaken as a right turn signal by the traffic behind them.

The Stop Traffic Wave: This is the arm straight out to your side, open palm facing forward like you used to do out of the back window of your Dad's 57 Ford Fairlane. This wave can also be confused as the slow down sign for trouble ahead.

The 1 or 2 Finger Wave: One of the most popular waves. This is the arm fully extended down to your side at a 45% angle with 1 or 2 fingers pointing to the ground. A perfect example of this wave is in the picture linked above. Although, this is really not a good wave to a guy riding a Harley. He probably thinks you are telling him some parts just fell off.

The 4 Finger Wave: This is done by leaving your left hand on the handlebar but unwrapping four fingers and pointing them straight out. You will usually see this from the Return Wave Only rider. Comes back to that lack of motivation with the whole waving process.

The Prom Queen Wave: This is with the left arm fully elevated and hand moving side to side like you actually know the person you are waving at. This is a rare wave but can usually be seen coming from the passenger on a Gold Wing.

The Nod: This is a relatively new response in lieu of a bona fide wave. This is usually executed by the rider that is not sure where he fits in. Not quite a First Waver but not really a Non Waver. He is looking for his own identity in the waving community.

### "The Protocols"

What do you do when there is a group of say...5 oncoming riders? Will one long wave take care of the whole group? Or does it require 5 individual waves?

And what about poker run waving? We have to put a moratorium on the

return route poker run wave. I feel like I need to put a little rubber hand on my handlebars that pops out when I push a button to take care of these days. And lastly, what about the going the same direction wave? Does this require a wave or a nod? And if you are passing on the left side do you wave with the right hand or come across the body with the left, which could also be mistaken as a Prom Queen Wave? These are all questions that Enquiring minds need to ask.

### "The Conclusion"

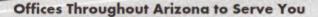
I've asked a lot of questions, so I decided to do my own scientific test to see just how the statistics would give us an idea of where we are. I know in different situations you would get a different result. But here it is. I did the loop of Cave Creek Rd. and Scottsdale Rd. on three Sunday afternoons and was a Non Waver. I found that there are consistently only 20-30% First Wavers out there. Which says that there are 70% Non Wavers. I did the same as a First Waver and found that there are 70% Return Wavers. What does all of this mean? Not a dog gone thing. It just means that you have had another look at some of the profound things that go on in my mind while riding. But the next time you are waving, I'll bet you'll be trying to figure what category the other guy is in. The good news is, it won't take you long to find out. Happy Waving.

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It has come to our attention that business establishments in Arizona may still be discriminating against motorcyclists. Please carry copies of this form with you at all times. Discrimination can range from a sign stating "No Colors" or "No Motorcycle Parking" or "No Motorcycle Attire" etc.,to simply being asked to leave a place of business , just because you are on a motorcycle or because of your riding attire. If anything like this happens to you, PLEASE fill out this form in its entirety and send it to the address below. Your lobbyist cannot get sponsorship for "equal access" legislation, without evidence of this type of discrimination.

Documentation of Discrimination

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# Harley Davidson Electric motorcycle patented in India ahead of Launch

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Harley Davidson LiveWire now features on the company's India website. By Rush lane Staff Writer

Harley Davidson LiveWire is the company's first ever fully electric motorcycle. It has been in the making for over 5 years and was showcased in production format at the EICMA Motorcycle Show in November last year. Last month, Harley Davidson revealed complete details of the LiveWire, including price for the US market.

In the US, price of Harley Davidson electric motorcycle Livewire starts from \$29,799, which as per today's conversion rates, is approximately Rs 21 lakhs. But don't expect the price of the bike in India to be anywhere close to Rs 21 lakhs. In fact, on road price of Harley Davidson Livewire electric motorcycle in India could be in the Rs 50 lakh region, making it one of the most expensive Harley money can buy in the country. The motorcycle has already been patented in India. As per unconfirmed sources, the bike will debut in India on 28th August.

Harley Davidson LiveWire is built on a cast Aluminum frame contributing to lighter weight. It gets a new powertrain which the company calls as H-D Revolution. This includes a permanent magnet electric motor offering power output of 78 kW or 104.6 bhp and 116 Nm peak torque.

from 0 to 100 kmph in 3.5 seconds and from 100-128 kmph in less than 2 seconds. The 15.5 kWh battery pack allows LiveWire to deliver a range of upto 235 kms while within city limits and upto 158 kms on the highway. This has been measured using World Motorcycle Test Cycle (WMTC) standards.

The electric bike gets 300mm twin discs in the front with Brembo Monobloc calipers and single 260mm disc at the rear. It gets regenerative braking and drag torque-slip control allowing the rear tyre to be in contact with the road under braking conditions. The electric Harley gets Michelin Scorcher tyres measuring 120/70 ZR17 front and 180/55 ZR17 rear.

Harley Davidson LiveWire is fitted with an RESS – Rechargeable Energy Storage System. This battery pack can be changed via a conventional AC wall charger in 12.5 hours while via a DC fast charging system this is accomplished in 60 minutes.

On board features include a 4.3" TFT display with integrated Bluetooth connectivity to a smartphone providing infotainment, turn by turn navigation, telephone, music and voice recognition. The system also allows for easy location of motorcycle, information on the nearest charging station, geo fencing and battery and bike statistics. It receives a 6 axis IMU ABS system with traction control and rider modes of Sport, Road, Rain, Range, and three custom modes.

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Eight members of the U.S. House of Representatives introduced House Bill 3663 in mid-July. The proposed piece of legislation is titled, "Complete Streets Act of 2019." It is no less than a mandate that all states implement policies to address "critical gaps in pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit infrastructure."

The Complete Streets protocol would prioritize modes of transportation for new road construction and improvement projects this way:

Pedestrian mobility Bicycle mobility Public transit Vehicular operations Freight operations

Interestingly, the Brookings Institute found through an analysis of U.S. 2016 Census data that commuter use of trans-

# **An Appropriate Balance for Whom?**

Drove alone 76.3% Carpooled 9.0% Used public transit 5.1% Worked from home 5.0% Walked 2.7% Took a taxi or rode a motorcycle 1.2% Bicycled 0.6%

Ominously, HB 3663 includes this passage: "The benchmark and guidance [of Complete Street projects] shall . . . focus on modifying scoping, design, and construction procedures to more effectively combine modes of transportation into integrated facilities that meet the needs of each of those modes of transportation in an appropriate balance." more urban street pavement from car and truck to bicycle use, at what point will transportation planners be required to explain how demand will catch up to supply by transforming roads into more bike lane and sidewalk space? And while they are at it, the planners should also address how restricting vehicular traffic to provide comparable road access to seriously underused modes of transportation won't lead to unintended negative consequences for the free and efficient movement of people, goods, and services, and therefore to the nation's economy.

Yes, streets need to be safer for all road users. We discussed that from a pedestrian standpoint in "Problem Solving Ain't What It Used To Be" (NMA E-Newsletter #496). We followed that with, The Not-So-Hidden Cost of Vision Zero" (NMA E-Newsletter #500), which provides information about the staggering sums of taxpayer money being spent to attain a goal of zero road fatalities and shares some Zero experiences from NMA members. Complete Streets and Vision Zero are two peas in a pod, with both casting a boney grim reaper finger of blame at motorists.

Some of the supporters of HB 3663 in the House are also the legislators we are courting to sponsor the NMA DETER Act which would stop the federal funding of state traffic enforcement campaigns based on ticket quotas. Both are critical issues for motorists that shouldn't be mutually exclusive: Stopping the authorization of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of street conversion projects across the country without evidence that pedestrian and bicyclist road use will increase appreciably, while also contesting a similar funding each year by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for forced, by-the-numbers ticketing campaigns.

It will require political finesse to defeat HB 3663 (and similar Complete Streets legislation) while also encouraging many of the same House members to incorporate our ticket quota ban into their transportation bill. That is the true appropriate balance we must strike.

portation modes is nearly the opposite of the Complete Streets agenda:

It is that last phrase, "in an appropriate balance," that catches the eye. What does that mean? If the goal is to convert even







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