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Mike Infanzon
 Legislative Director

I received a phone call yesterday from a former ABATE member asking about the candidate survey and if the candidates in his legislative district responded. I shared with him the information I had but then the conversation turned south. He said, "I used to be a member but since there is no helmet issue, I don't need to be a member anymore." Folks, nothing will get my blood boiling faster than a comment like that.

As the Legislative Director of ABATE of Arizona I want to be very clear on a few things.

ABATE of Arizona IS NOT an anti-helmet organization. In fact, a majority of our membership wears a lid every time they ride. We

are, however, a "Let those who ride decide" organization.

The fight about helmets is not about helmets! It is about government dictating what type of gear we wear. It is about allowing the rider to decide what brand of helmet, jacket, shoes, gloves, etc. they feel is the best for them.

Do you know that out of the hundreds of bills we support or oppose every year, almost none have to do with gear we wear? Why? Because we silenced that debate a few years ago. THREE different times! There are other issues ABATE advocates for/against every year.

- California emissions mandate
- Funding for road repairs and improvements
- Motorcycle Safety Fund
- Infrastructure improvements
- VLT fees
- Black box privacy issues

I could go on and on. We also work on criminal justice reform as it pertains to motorcyclists. One bill this past year would have allowed community service to be done in lieu of a monetary fine for civil traffic citations.

So, you see. ABATE is not all about helmets. ABATE is about freedom and liberty. FOR

ALL ARIZONA MOTORCYCLISTS!

I have a patch on my vest that says:

"If you don't belong to your SMRO and the MRF, you're riding on my gas." – Farmer, 1990

Not everyone has the time to come to chapter meetings. Not everyone has time to volunteer to be a chapter or state officer. But every motorcyclist should be a member of ABATE.

Just a reminder... ABATE was A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments long before it was Aimed Towards Education.

Freedom is a TEAM SPORT!

Mike



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

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

State Officers meetings are held the 1st Saturday of every month, 11:00 am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street Phoenix, AZ.

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

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 Safety Coordinator.....Ernie Lizarraga
 Sgt. At Arms.....Jerry Davis
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 Communications.....Howard Michael Rudd
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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 Nolan Steed

Southern Arizona Chapter

6888 N De Chelly Loop
 Tucson, AZ 85741

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 Safety Coordinator.....Darron Huntington
 Sgt. At Arms.....J.D. Dare
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 Communications.....William Cleveland
 Merchandise.....Jessica Stockam

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

Yavapai Chapter

465 E Liana Dr.
 Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Coordinators.....Dan Tumey
 Vice Coordinator.....Vacant
 Secretary.....AJ Killian
 Treasurer.....David McLaren
 Membership.....Sunni Sommers
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 Safety Coordinator.....Andrew "AJ" Killian
 Sgt. At Arms.....Vacant
 P.A.C.....Deborah Butitta
 Communications.....AJ Killian
 Merchandise.....All Officers

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

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11316 S. Glenwood Ave.
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Coordinator.....Frank White
 Vice Coordinator.....Vacant
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 Treasurer.....Lisala White
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 Safety Coordinator.....Vacant
 Sgt. At Arms.....Vacant
 P.A.C.....Vacant
 Communications.....Carolyn Morgan
 Merchandise.....Vacant

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

Mohave Chapter

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 Membership.....Cynde Aydt
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 Events Coordinator.....Shirley Bizub
 PAC.....Vacant
 Communications Officer.....Vacant
 Safety Coordinator.....Vacant
 Merchandise Coordinator.....Vacant

Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at: VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 86413

Superstition Chapter

Coordinator.....Marc Schultz
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 Treasurer.....Leslie Weinel
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 Events Coordinator.....Duane "Disco" Tone
 PAC.....Brian Schmidt
 Communications Officer.....Susan Grimmer-Potter
 Safety Coordinator.....Clayton Crull
 Merchandise Coordinator.....Sadie Schultz

We meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120, in the conference room on the second floor. You do not have to be a member to attend so come on by and say hello. Riders of all types of bikes, and even non-riders, are always welcome.

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

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

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

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

News from the MRF

For Immediate Release

July 2, 2020

Director of Government Relations Resignation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation announces the departure of Tiffany Cipoletti, Director of Government Relations.

During her 13 year tenure with the MRF we have seen her progress from an Office Assistant, to Office Manager, to our Director of Operations, and most recently to our Director of Government

Relations walking the halls of Capitol Hill as a valuable part of the MRF DC lobbying team. She also became an accomplished motorcyclist riding to various motorcyclist rights seminars and even to Sturgis and the Black Hills.

We wish her success in her future ventures and look forward to her continuing to communicate with the MRF DC Team regarding issues that concern the motorcyclists of this nation.

For Immediate Release

July 1, 2020

BIKERS WIN BIG IN THE HOUSE, PREPARING FOR SENATE VERSION

Today the full House of Representatives passed H.R. 2, INVEST in America Act (Moving Forward Act), also known as the highway bill. The bill is over 2,000 pages and includes five beneficial provisions for motorcyclists.

At every step along the way, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), our State Motorcyclist Rights Organizations (SMRO) partners, and individual members have fought for the inclusion of these policy changes.

The original bill included an increase in motorcycle safety funding; however, this was the only specific mention of motorcycles or motorcyclists. During the Transportation Committee markup of the bill, protections related to profiling, autonomous vehicles and the Motorcyclist Advisory Council were added via amendment. Finally, during the

final vote on the House floor, an additional amendment was added that helps collect data on motorcycle profiling.

With the passage of this bill in the House of Representatives, focus will now turn to the Senate. The Senate will likely roll out its own version of a "highway bill" in the coming weeks. The House and Senate will then have to negotiate and compromise to develop a bill that can pass both chambers and be signed into law.

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Mission Statement

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

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

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

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President's Report



By Shirley Bizub

Wow. Time is just flying by. It's already August. Where does the time go?

I hope everyone is safe and well and holding it together through this pandemic.

Things should be getting back to the new normal soon. We can only hope, right?

A committee is being put together for the Too Broke For Sturgis 2021 Event. There are a lot of creative ideas coming to the table for this big event. Can't wait to see the outcome. It should be the best event of the year. You don't want to miss this one for sure.

Meeting of the Minds is September 23 -27th 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana. NCOM is also in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 16 - 18th, 2020. I will be traveling a bit these months; not to mention the Chapters I will be visiting. I know with times like they are right now some Chapter meetings may get canceled or choose to hold them via on-line or phone. Please let me know if your Chapter meet-

ing is being changed at least a day before, if not more, so I have time to cancel room. Thank you for helping me out with this. You all " Rock ".

I got the pleasure to hear Mike Infanzon speak at Mohave Chapter last month. Wow is all I can say; very informative. If he comes to your Chapter, take notes; lots of good stuff he goes over. And if you know anyone who has been profiled, please get a hold of Mike and he will direct you to the proper person that is working on these issues. Doesn't matter if they are ABATE or not. Talk to people on rides while your getting your wind therapy. There might be someone who has been profiled and don't even know it. You would be surprised .

"SAVE THE DATE "
November 6-8th, 2020, Riot on the River

ABATE OF Az.. will be helping out with

the 50/50 this year. I'm looking for people to step up to the skid pad to help me and the rest of ABATE members that will be at this event. Not to mention it's a camp-out. Are you ready to get out of your house? I know I sure am. Going to be good times. Hoping to see many ABATE family at this event. We are also donating a raffle item. I have something in mind but we will see. I personally would like to thank everyone who work so hard and give your time so freely to keep ABATE of AZ.. alive. If it wasn't for all of you, ABATE of AZ.. would be nonexistent. I want you all to know I truly appreciate everyone of you. Thank you so much. You are a very important person to ABATE of Az.. No matter if you give a little time or a lot, everything that helps the motorcyclist is a key roll in ABATE. For that, I am grateful to have you all be a part of ABATE of Az.

MLL&R,
Moonshine

News from the MRF (continued)

Remember, the current legislation expires on September 30, 2020, so Congress must act to ensure important transportation programs are funded.

After the final vote, MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stated, "I am pleased that in this massive 2,300 page piece of legislation passed today, the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists were not ignored. Let's now take the same enthusiasm and passion that won us these victories to the Senate. Our work is not done, we must remain vigilant in the defense of these hard fought priorities."

We at the MRF will fight to ensure that these hard-fought victories in the House of Representatives are included in the Senate's bill. Thank you to everyone who reached out to their Representative over the past few months. These victories for motorcyclists would be impossible without the grassroots efforts of our members. Let's celebrate our successes and get to work on making sure the Senate follows suit.

Below is a brief recap of the five provi-

sions that the House of Representatives has now passed and included in this major piece of legislation:

Profiling: An amendment by Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-R) during the committee process changes federal law to prevent state and local governments from using funds from the Department of Transportation to "profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers."

A second amendment by Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-R) and Congressman Michael Burgess (TX-R) added the term "mode of transportation" to a newly created grant program for racial and ethnic profiling. The program allows states to use federal money to collect data on traffic stops. Originally the only information that states were required to record was the driver's racial and ethnic makeup. With this added language, states will be required to collect the "mode of transportation" of the person being stopped as well. Motorcyclists will now be able to

review state data on traffic stops and determine if motorcyclists are stopped disproportionately by law enforcement. This amendment was a joint effort by the Co-Chairmen of the House Motorcycle Caucus and was added just hours before the final bill was passed.

Motorcyclist Advisory Council: Congressman Mike Gallagher (WI-R) used the committee amendment process to re-establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) and make needed changes. The MAC has existed for over a decade and allows federal policymakers, state highway officials, and motorcyclists to discuss the unique demands of riding a motorcycle and how roads, bridges, and other infrastructure can be built to better account for motorcyclists' needs.

Congressman Gallagher's addition to the bill creates dedicated seats at the table for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers. It also requires a report every two years to be made to the Secretary of Transportation and Congress.

Autonomous Vehicles: During the com-

mittee process, Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-R) won protections for motorcyclists in the rollout of autonomous vehicle technology. The bill now includes specific language requiring that when the Department of Transportation conducts safety studies on autonomous vehicles, motorcycles must be considered as unique roadway users. Additionally, a newly formed working group on autonomous vehicles must include a motorcyclist safety group as part of its membership. As with the MAC, motorcyclists need a seat at the table when our safety and freedoms are being debated.

Motorcyclist Safety Funds: The bill, as first introduced, would increase the 405 safety funds made available to states for motorcyclist safety by \$1,473,285 for the next fiscal year with increases through 2025. This is an increase in the program of roughly 34% over current funding levels. Under this bill, the total amount available to states in the next fiscal year would be \$5,761,785.



Join the team!

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

Bike night and other events are where we get to show our fellow citizens what is being done to protect their rights and freedoms as a motorcyclist in Arizona, and to invite them to make a difference by joining ABATE.

In order to accomplish this, we need

your help!

If you are an ABATE member and can volunteer a few hours at an upcoming event, we would deeply appreciate your help. Come on down and spend some time observing the other volunteers. When you feel ready, step in and let other motorcyclists know what ABATE can do for them. We also need volunteers to help manage the table, hand out literature and

help people fill out membership applications. There are many ways that you can help!

What do you get for volunteering?

You play a larger role in protecting our freedom of the road in Arizona. The fellowship of being with like-minded volunteers who want to make a difference.

And... We'll get you into the event for free, so you can have even more fun while you are there.

Interested?

Contact your chapter officers for more information or email our Legislative Director at lobbyist@abateofaz.org

Chapter Reports

High Country Chapter

In July, High Country held its first chapter meeting in months. We had a good-sized turn-out and were able to stay socially distant thanks to the large room offered to us by the Moose Lodge in Star Valley where we hold our meetings. Besides masks, hand sanitizer was available so, we hope, everyone that attended felt safe.

Sadly, we had to say good-bye to one of our sisters who had recently passed suddenly due to a sudden illness. Deb Smith was an active member of High Country Chapter and a HUGE supporter of their annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Drive on behalf of the Women of the Moose. She will be remembered as a true friend who could be counted on and someone who was loved by all who knew her. We will miss you Deb, but we will NOT forget you.

High Country's next event will be our annual Chili Cook-off event in October. This is the event that raises money to pay for our annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run which allows us to provide Christmas to as many deserving Rim Country children as we can.

Remember, you always have an invitation to come and see us. If you can, drop by the Moose Lodge in Star Valley a little before 10 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month and join us for our monthly Chapter Meeting. We would love to have you join us (meetings now re-started).

Mohave Chapter

Greetings from balmy Mohave County, this weekend temps are supposed to be in the 120's. Come on up to our area and we'll go for a ride or just sit and enjoy a cold beer or a drink. Between Covid 19, lock downs, social distancing, wearing a mask and social unrest this spring and

summer sucks! I know many of us do not want to talk politics but I do want to say this, study the issues and the candidates, which way we vote can affect our freedom to ride as we choose.

Our last monthly meeting was June 15 th. and we had the pleasure of Mike Invanzon and his daughter Anne attend that meeting, it was a highlight have them at our meeting. Mike spoke about what is going on at the state level and what he does as the state lobbyist. Mike is very knowledgeable and we are lucky to have him working for us.

That is all that I have for now. Until next month take care, ride safe and stay safe.

Tom Aydt
Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

NO REPORT.

Superstition Chapter

No Chapter Report. Regular meeting occurred after the monthly deadline for MasterLink. Most of the Chapter Officers attended July's First Friday which is a fairly new event in Apache Junction and it happens the 1st Friday of each month. Pictures are below.

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

Idaho DMV Unconstitutionally Denies Service For Motorcycle Club Colors

<https://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

On July 2nd, 2020, a Canyon County, Idaho Sheriff denied a prospect for the Vagos Motorcycle Club access to the Canyon County Department of Motor Vehicles to renew his license. It has been long established that an employee of the government is constitutionally prohibited from denying access to an individual wearing motorcycle club colors, or otherwise discriminating against them in any way. The actions of the Canyon County DMV are a blatant violation of the 1st and 14th Amendments and expose public officials to liability under 42 USC Section 1983. The Canyon County Sheriff's Department and DMV should immediately cease and desist the practice of denying access to individuals engaged in protected expressive conduct, such as wearing motorcycle club colors. The actions of the Canyon County DMV, although not in direct violation, are 100% inconsistent with the new law prohibiting motorcycle profiling that went into effect July 1st, 2020.

The Details

ABATE of Idaho reported this incident to the MPP and provided the following statement from the individual denied his

Constitutional right of expression:

"I, Justin Burchard, on the 2nd of July 2020, went to Canyon County DMV in Caldwell ID. At approximately 8:35 am I walked up to entrance and was stopped by an officer [Canyon County Sheriff] and told I could not enter the facility wearing my motorcycle club vest. I did not argue with the officer... His description was Caucasian male in his mid 40's dark hair slender build. I felt it was a violation of my rights."

Denying Access Is Unconstitutional

Cohen v. California (1971) established that individuals have a 1st Amendment right to wear clothing which displays writing or designs in public spaces. The Supreme Court concluded that an individual wearing a shirt reading "F**K THE DRAFT" was protected expression in a courthouse. See Cohen v. California, 403 U.S. 15 (1971).

In Sammartano v. First Judicial District Court (2002) the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals applied Cohen and said that wearing of motorcycle club colors in a government building is protected speech under the 1st Amendment. Arguments relating to intimidation or the potential

for violence based on general stereotypes do not overwhelm this right. See Sammartano v. First Judicial District Court, 303 F.3d 959 (9th Cir.2002).

In Coles v. Carlini (2015), relying on Supreme Court precedent, a US District Court recently concluded that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual solely because of displaying membership in a motorcycle club. Importantly, these protections extend to members of clubs that law enforcement has labeled gangs or criminal organizations.

There is "no evidence that by merely wearing [motorcycle club] "colors," an individual is "involved in or associated with the alleged violent or criminal activity of other [motorcycle club] members. It is a fundamental principle that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual "merely because an individual belong[s] to a group, some members of which committed acts of violence." In fact, the Supreme Court has long "disapproved governmental action . . . denying rights and privileges solely because of a citizen's association with an unpopular organization." Healy v. James, 408 U.S. 169, 185-86 (1972) (See Coles v. Carlini, US District Court for the

District of New Jersey, Civil No. 10-6132 OPINION, 9/30/2015, p.28)

Federal Courts say, "On balance, a motorcycle club member's hardship in not being able to express their views and the public interest in protecting speech outweigh the Government's interest in suppressing an intimidating symbol."

1 "Though the symbol may at times function as a mouthpiece for unlawful or violent behavior, this is not sufficient to strip speech of its First Amendment protection." 2 Prohibiting speech of this nature constitutes an attack on a particular viewpoint. Ramon Rivera v. Carter, ATF, Case No. 2:09-cv-2435 (C. D. 2009)

2. Rivera citing Ashcroft v. Free Speech Coalition, 535 U.S. 234, 253 (2003) ("The mere tendency of speech to encourage unlawful acts is not a sufficient reason for banning it. . . First Amendment freedoms are most in danger when the government seeks to control thought or to justify its laws for that impermissible end.")



MOTOR MAIDS CONVENTION CANCELLED

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Dear Convention Sponsor and Donors,
Keith & Bikernet.com

Thank you for your support, It is with a heavy heart and deep sigh in our hearts, the Executive Officers in partnership with the our hosting district- SD/ND, have made the tough decision to cancel our convention in Rapid City. When the decision was made to postpone our 2020 convention to the end of August, we did so with the hope and "can do spirit"—full steam ahead—the show must go on" atti-

tude. We were hoping for the best; but preparing for the worst.

Unfortunately the uncertainty about COVID 19 hot spots here in the US and the impact while traveling to and from convention and while at convention forced us to make this decision. The safety and wellbeing of our members and their family members is of paramount importance. As the borders remain closed between the US and Canada due to COVID19, we cannot in good conscience, host a convention when our Canadian members are not able attend

and participate in important club business. We are not the U.S. Motor Maids nor are we the Canadian Motor Maids...

The Good News is we have been able to reschedule a convention for Rapid City in July 2022. With contractual obligations in 2021 this was the earliest option to reschedule our event. We hope you will continue your support and we know that 2 years will literally fly by and the members will be in the Black Hills for their "MONUMENTAL" Convention.

New Dates for the 2022 Convention are

July 5,6,7, 2022.

We will keep your donation for our 2022 event and we will continue to promote all the generous sponsors over the meantime.

2022 Motor Maids 82nd Annual Convention

Honoring the Past Riding to the Future
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Coast to Coast

*NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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MISSOURI REPEALS HELMET LAW FOR MANY ADULT RIDERS

Missouri has become the 32nd state to repeal their all-rider helmet law when Governor Mike Parson (R) signed House Bill 1963 into law on July 14; a massive transportation bill that includes a provision to allow adults to ride a motorcycle or trike without a helmet, provided they are at least 26 years old and have appropriate health insurance.

The new rules, which will go into effect August 28, also restrict police from pulling over helmetless riders to check if they have the required health insurance.

Sponsored by GOP Representative Travis Fitzwater, H.B. 1963 states in part: "Currently, every person operating or riding a motorcycle or motortricycle is required to wear protective headgear (Sections 302.020 and 302.026). This bill provides that persons under the age of 26 who are operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or motortricycle shall wear a helmet when the vehicle is in motion. Similarly, a person who is 26 or older, is operating a motorcycle or motortricycle, and who has been issued an instruction permit shall wear a helmet when the vehicle is in motion. No politi-

cal subdivision of the state shall impose a protective headgear requirement on the operator or passenger of a motorcycle or motortricycle. No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine compliance with these provisions (Section 302.020.2). The bill also provides that qualified operators who are 26 or older may operate a motorcycle or motortricycle without a helmet if he or she is covered by a health insurance policy or other form of insurance which will provide the person with medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a motorcycle or motortricycle accident. Proof of such coverage shall be provided on request of law enforcement by showing a copy of the qualified operator's insurance card. No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine compliance with these provisions (Section 302.026)."

"We really feel everything in this bill has been well vetted," Tony Shepherd, who lobbied in support of repealing the helmet law for a motorcycle rights group, ABATE for Missouri, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Other organizations supporting the measure were the Missouri Confederation of Clubs & Independents (CoC), and Freedom of the Road Riders of Missouri (FORR-MO), which has been lobbying to repeal the "Show Me" state's helmet law for decades, successfully getting a bill on their governor's desk four times since 1999 only to be vetoed.

Last year, Gov. Parson vetoed a similar measure that would have allowed anyone older than 18 to ride without a helmet, though his veto was centered on a separate provision in that legislation.

SWEEPING INFRASTRUCTURE BILL PASSED THE HOUSE, GOES TO THE SENATE

On July 1, 2020 the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 233-188 its signature infrastructure legislation, the Moving Forward Act, H.R.2 (previously the INVEST in America Act); providing over \$1.5 trillion in federal spending across a wide range of infrastructure areas including surface transportation, water, aviation, broadband, healthcare, and energy.

Included in the massive 2,213-page plan to rebuild and expand America's transportation infrastructure like highways, vehicle safety and public transit, the new 5-year federal funding measure also addresses several concerns voiced by motorcyclists.

As originally introduced in June, the INVEST in America Act included a provision to increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25%, to \$5.8 million. Added by unanimous consent during markup of H.R. 2 by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee were three amendments to: Extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only check-

points and also prohibits using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; Require the Department of Transportation to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and includes a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; An extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers.

An additional motorcyclist-friendly amendment was approved during the final floor vote in the House to provide federal monies to collect state profiling data regarding traffic stops based on "mode of transportation."

H.R.2 now goes over to the Senate for further action, where Republicans have expressed opposition to the bill as written by the Democrat-controlled House, as well as a veto threat from the Administration, citing the Act's spending levels, regulatory changes, and climate change-related provisions.

'ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIAST DAY'

A Congressional Resolution, H.Res.1041 was introduced in the House to recognize July 11, 2020 as "Antique Motorcycle

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ABATE IS:

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- For People interested in rider education
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- Collaborate with other organizations to

monitor and support funding for practices that do not discriminate against motorcycling.

- Encourage political involvement of its membership.
- Promote and present motorcyclists and motorcycling in a positive and safe manner.
- Help prevent motorcycle crashes and promote crash survival through rider education, and public awareness campaigns.
- Encourage ongoing federal research programs such as use of E15 fuel in motorcycles, inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing transportation emerging technologies, and improvements in safer roadway design strategies.
- Promote rider skills training

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

Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

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

ABATE accomplishments:

- 1992** Opened HOV lanes to motorcycles
- 1993** Helped prevent mandatory helmet legislation in Arizona
- 1997** Established handlebar height elevation to shoulder height
- 2001** Established Motorcycle Safety Fund
- 2002** Established Arizona Motorcycle Safety Council
- 2004** Established veteran plates for motorcycles
- 2007** Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Pima County
- 2007** Removed cap on Motorcycle Safety Fund
- 2013** Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Maricopa County
- 2015** Eliminated restriction on handlebar height
- 2017** Successfully prevented mandatory helmet legislation
- 2017** Reestablished Motorcycle Safety Fund for 5 years
- 2017** Helped pass the Teen texting bill
- 2017** Helped pass the Civil Forfeiture changes
- 2018** Introduced Anti-profiling legislation
- 2018** Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill
- 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

- 2019** Anti-profiling; encouraging prevention Memorial unanimously passed 60-0 in the House
- 2019** Mandatory helmet law with fees attached defeated once again
- 2019** Helped pass the Texting while driving, prohibition and enforcement, statewide hands-free law signed by Governor April 2019
- 2019** Helped pass legislation excluding "slingshot" type 3 wheeled vehicles from class M applicability signed by Governor April 2019

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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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Enthusiast Day” to recognize “the preservation, restoration, and operation of old-time motorcycles in the United States.”

Sponsored by Representative Troy Balderson (R-OH) and co-sponsored by GOP Reps Michael Burgess (TX), and Tim Walberg (MI), House Resolution 1041 states;
Whereas many people in the United States own, restore, preserve, study, or admire motorcycles that fall into the antique category, meaning they are at least 35-years old;
Whereas the collection, restoration, and preservation of motorcycles is an activity shared across generations and across all segments of society;
Whereas thousands of local motorcycle clubs and related businesses have been instrumental in preserving a historic part of the heritage of the United States by encouraging the restoration and exhibition of such historic works of art;
Whereas the restoration of motorcycles provides well-paying, highly skilled jobs for people in all 50 States; and
Whereas, for over a century, motorcycles have been a source of family enjoyment, photographs, songs, movies, and an iconic fashion statement in the United States: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives –
(1) supports the designation of “Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day”;
(2) recognizes the effect of the more than 120-year history of the American motorcycle and the economic surge that celebrated over 120 American brands in the United States in the first half of the 20th Century;
(3) recognizes that the collection and restoration of vintage and classic motorcycles is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States; and
(4) encourages the people of the United States to engage in events and commemorations of “Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day” in accordance with public health guidelines that create opportunities for antique motorcycle owners to educate young people about the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of the United States, including through the preservation of antique motorcycles.

GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE SALES
BOUNCE BACK AFTER PANDEMIC
SLUMP

After a strong start to 2020, motorcycle sales plummeted in March when the Coronavirus forced most of the world’s population into lockdown, but with life gradually resuming, sales are bouncing back better than expected despite -- or perhaps because of -- the pandemic.

An increasing number of pundits and publications predict that the pandemic will encourage more people to turn to motorcycles and scooters for transportation -- the perfect type of commuter for social distancing. Although the first quarter of motorcycle sales are down 10.6%, they’re selling better than cars which are down 12%.

In the U.S., according to rideapart.com, Honda, BMW, Suzuki, and Yamaha’s North American branches reported that sales are thriving since the beginning of the year, particularly in the off-road segment.

The European market is showing a similar, positive trend; Italian sales numbers for June 2020 show a 37% increase over June 2019, while sales in the U.K. surpassed June 2019 levels by 14.3%. The market is also on the mend in hard-hit India where local branches report sales are on the rise after the May slump. In the Land Down Under, according to the Australian Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, sales for the second quarter were also up year over year.

In spite of a rocky Q1, the global motorcycle industry is faring far better than most expected.

STURGIS STILL ON, AS OFFICIALS SEND COVID-TESTERS TO HELP OUT
South Dakota health officials are sending 20 COVID-19 testing machines capable of producing tests in minutes to help carry out the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

The 80th edition of the annual rally is expected to attract thousands of people to western South Dakota for the iconic biker rally, running August 7-16. The Rapid City Journal reports that the city council decided to cautiously proceed with the 10-day rally after realizing motorcycle enthusiasts were going to show up regardless.

Likewise, the Horry County City Council realized that there was no stopping the Myrtle Beach Spring Rally, which has gone on for 81 years, despite being postponed from May to July due to the virus. The 97th Laconia Motorcycle Week has been similarly rescheduled from June to August 22-30, with their City Council’s consent.

ABATE of Iowa reportedly held an “Amazing Weekend” 36th annual Freedom Rally in Algona over July Fourth, and even county officials were “pleasantly surprised” by the responsible behavior exhibited by thousands of motorcyclists in attendance.

Unfortunately, though, an estimated twenty-two major rallies have been canceled so far this year, including the National H.O.G. Rally on the Gold Coast, Americade, Hog Wild, Mountainfest, Panama Beach Spring Rally, Roar on the Shore, Rolling Thunder, ROT Rally, Smoke Out, Thunder in the Smokies, Thunder in the Valley, Quail Motorcycle Gathering, Wauseon, Wing Ding 42, and INTERMOT, the motorcycle industry’s big show in Germany, was canceled, while America’s AIMExpo was “postponed” to next year.

Many races have also been canceled or postponed; World Superbike and MotoGP races, American Flat Track, Isle of Man TT, Pikes Peak, as well as Motocross and Supercross. Easyriders has canceled their Bike Shows and Rodeos.

But as of now Arizona Bike Week is still on, October 7-11 in Scottsdale, as is the Four Corners Rally over Labor Day in Durango, CO, Reno’s Street Vibrations’ Spring Rally was postponed but their Fall Rally, Sept 24-27 is still “scheduled to happen,” Daytona’s Biketoberfest Oct 15-18 is currently proceeding, Golden Aspen canceled their May Aspen Cash Rally but reports their Golden Aspen Rally September 16-20 in Ruidoso, N.M. is still on, the Lone Star Rally in Galveston, TX has been “postponed” until November 4-7, 2021, Harley Rendezvous postponed, Mama Tried postponed, and AMA Vintage Days postponed, with new dates TBA.

NEARLY 200,000 PROTEST MOTORCYCLE BANS
Thousands of motorcyclists joined forces across central Europe to protest against motorcycle bans on certain Alpine roads, as demonstrations took place in a number of German cities and coincided with the launch of an online petition that garnered 199,663 supporters.

Protesters oppose unfair and largely unjust bans on motorcycles from certain roads, citing exhaust noise as the reason for the bans, although loud cars are not prohibited.

NCOM CONVENTION TO HONOR FALLEN RIDERS; INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE
With the 35th Annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis now just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and bikers’ rights activists who have died since last May’s Convention, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional “Ring of the Bell” tribute to fallen riders. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to “Doc” Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish, NCOM Public Relations Liaison, at NCOMBish@aol.com.

This year’s NCOM Convention, rescheduled from Mother’s Day weekend to October 16-17, 2020, will be held at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis).

Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

Pre-register by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. For more info, click on <http://onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/convention.html>

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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 Nolan Steed, steednk@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 Butsbak (520)247-3051 or abateofazsac@yahoo.com

Yavapai Chapter

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

Yuma Chapter

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

Mohave Chapter

Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at: VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 86413

Superstition Chapter

We meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120, in the conference room on the second floor. You do not have to be a member to attend so come on by and say hello. Riders of all types of bikes, and even non-riders, are always welcome.

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Phone Outreaches

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To find contact information for Congressional representatives go to directly to their individual websites which will provide address and phone contact information for any offices that the representative works from, as well as provide links to the representative's social media

sites, such as Facebook and LinkedIn. Websites for specific legislative posts, such as state senator or U.S. Senator, etc., will also contain a great deal of information relating to bill status/history and text, list of legislative names in each area or state, and webpage links for state senators and representatives, and lists of legislative committees and their hearing schedules.

Remember that when making phone contact with legislators that generally a staff

member, and not the member of Congress, will answer. Ask to speak with the legislative representative's aide who handles the issue on which you wish to comment. After identifying yourself, tell the aide you would like to leave a brief message, such as: "Please tell Senator/Representative (Name) that I support/oppose (S.____/H.R.____)." Also, be prepared to briefly state reasons for your support or opposition to the bill. Ask for your senator's or representative's position

on the bill. You may also request a written response to your telephone call. Be sure to provide the most direct contact information for yourself in case the office or the representative should want to contact you for more background information surrounding the issue that you are communicating about.

For more information on what legislation is going through Congress, go to <https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>

THE MEETING OF THE MINDS—Meet the Masters

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

By Bandit

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" & who's involved?

Over 300 motorcyclists' rights advocates representing a wide collection of state motorcyclists' rights organizations; a dozen motorcyclists' rights advocates who specialize in motivation, lobbying, communication, and all the nuts & bolts needed to strengthen and hold organizations together.

These individuals are from our collective ranks. They have "been in the trenches" of their home state legislatures and Washington, D.C. They have well over 200 years of collective motorcyclists' rights advocacy experience between them and "quit" is not in their vocabulary! It's time you met this list of freedom fighters and use this link and register at Meeting of the Minds 2020. Hotel info is on the same site.

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" & who's involved?

Meet Charles Umbenhaur— Kickin Ass and Taking Names – Pennsylvania's 35-year winning quest for freedom of choice is the workshop title and it could just as well be an underscore of Charlie's accomplishments on behalf of motorcyclists' rights advocacy. With over 40 years riding and almost the same amount advocating motorcyclists' rights in Pennsylvania, a charter member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, inductee into two motorcycling halls of fame (Easyriders Hall of Fame, Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame); recipient of two Lifetime Achievement Awards (NCOM and AMA); plus numerous

other awards and recognitions for his years of advocacy on behalf of freedom and motorcyclists. Charles Umbenhaur's workshop, taken from the playbook of his experiences, can be applied to any legislation supported by our grassroots organizations.

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" & who's involved?

Meet Brian "Skinny Bob" Clifford – Riding since the 1990s, but new to motorcyclists' rights in 2015 when he joined ABATE of Georgia because he "found a cause that blended his passions and skill sets." Skinny used his acquired skills from his experience with Habitat for Humanity International and fighting for housing rights for the poor to fighting for bikers' rights. Currently, he works for a nonprofit supporting military and veteran families. His workshop – Media Madness: How to Survive these Wild Times without exaggerating the comments from his 2019 presentation at the Meeting of the Minds "...is essential to the movement's future." Attendees will leave his workshop with 2020 media techniques and how to adapt them to drive membership, message and mission and should be "mission critical" for your SMRO.

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" & who's involved?

Meet Rocky Fox – Do not be deterred with his "zero years riding experience." Instead look at his ten-plus years of experience as a registered federal lobbyist, plus his experience as a former staff member on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, and a member of every SMRO he's visited, and know that Rocky is the non-riding half of our D.C. lobbying team. You'll be "Finding Opportunities for Policy Wins During a Crazy

Year" as he brings you a summary of the MRF's legislative accomplishments.

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" & who's involved?

Meet Cathy Brush – Six years riding, six-year member A.B.A.T.E of Illinois, newsletter and public relations coordinator, among other local and state offices. VP Public Relations of her local chapter of Toastmaster International, Cathy will bring 30 years customer service experience to her workshop on making good public relations better with a hit list of Do's & Don't for great Public Relations.

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" & who's involved?

Meet Ryan Hubbard – Navy Veteran, 45 years riding experience, and 19 years A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois membership, holding a multitude of elected offices including State Coordinator. With ongoing and extensive Federal Election Commission training, Ryan Hubbard's workshop – Political Action Committee? Why the Hell does a Biker Need One? will provide attendees with enough reasons to form a PAC that you will wonder how your SMRO survived without one.

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" & who's involved?

Meet Dave "Chubby" Charlebois – Member of ABATE of Wisconsin since 1998, holding a host of state offices, including Executive Director since 2012. His workshop — With Freedom comes Responsibility – takes our quests for freedom beyond the flash of daily headlines and provides attendees not only food for thought, but direction as well.

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" & who's involved?

Meet Mark Buckner – Active in bikers' rights since the mid-80s including four years ABATE of Colorado State Coordinator, two years MRF Board of Directors and six years MRF President and member of three halls of fame (Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame, AMA Hall of Fame, and MRF Hall of Fame). Mark Buckner's extensive business background gives him more than "street cred" when it comes to working closely with the MRF helping to facilitate the organization's strategic planning activities. His Meeting of the Minds presentation provides attendees with the same information tailored to helping your SMRO become internally accountable with a strategic plan that works!

What's this "Meeting of the Minds" who's involved and why?

It's motorcyclists' rights advocates coming together to meet old friends, make new friends, hone skills that may have gone soft during the lockdowns. It's brothers and sisters knowing about freedom and wanting more information on how to protect their rights, their motorcycles, and their lifestyles. Now's the time to use this link and register at Meeting of the Minds 2020. Hotel info is on the same site.

That's what this Meeting of the Minds is all about. We endured the lockdown. We social distanced. And the MRF never forgot why we were founded – to advocate and protect the rights of all motorcyclists. The 2020 Meeting of the Minds provides you with the tools to help protect your rights, your motorcycle and your lifestyle!!! See you in Indianapolis!!!

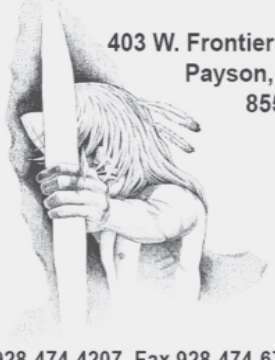
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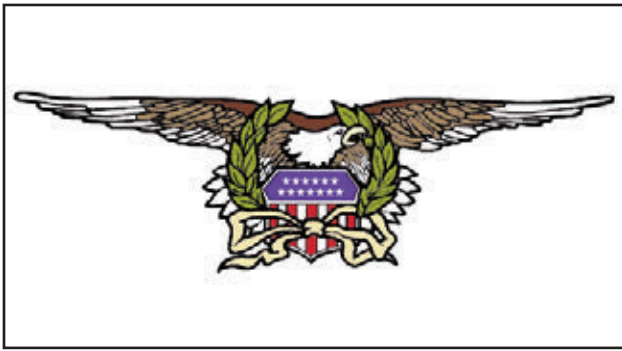
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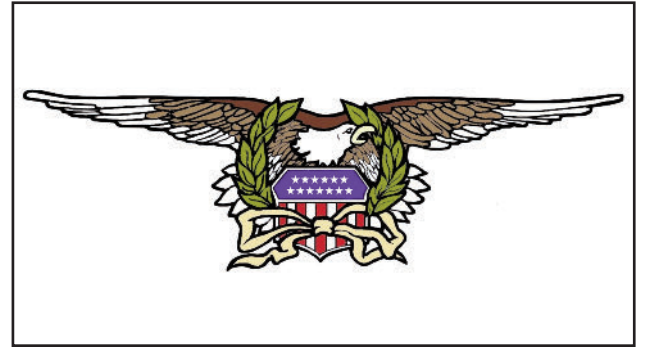


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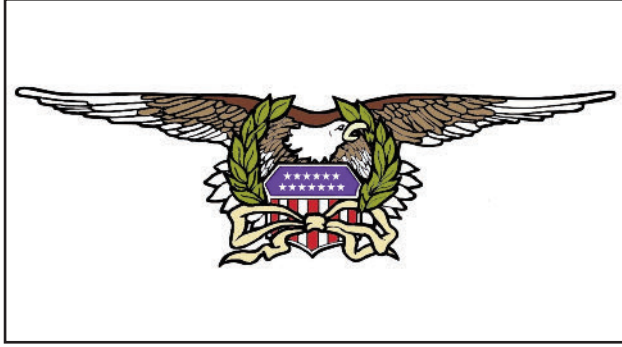
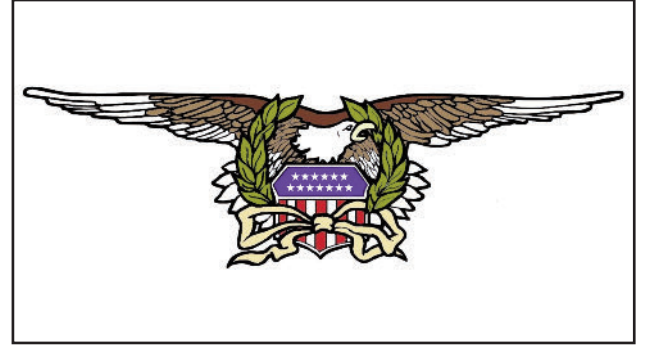
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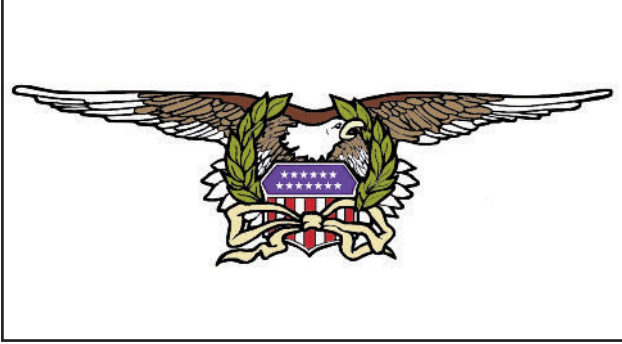
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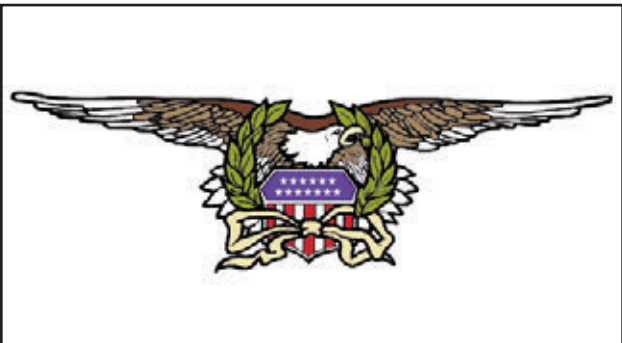
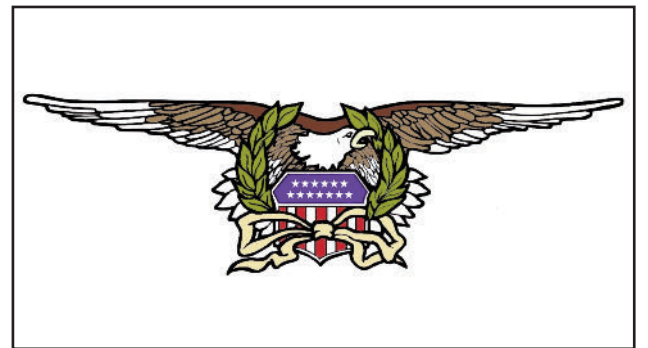
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7/25 {Sat} Concealed Carry Class at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 10a. Must preregister. \$50 per person. Learn how to safely and legally carry your firearm. Call and reserve your spot today 480-346-0600. SHD is located at 2910 W Apache

Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Future events:
9/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer

Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613

Remember to Vote

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

Voting is not only our right, but also our responsibility as citizens of the United States of America. The importance of voting cannot be understated. U.S. citizens are asked to vote with more frequency than in other countries. The entire structure of our government is based on citizens voting for representation, yet most presidential elections are decided by less than 70% of the eligible voting public. Even fewer people vote in off-presidential year elections and local elections.

Each election is important! Besides the Presidential Election once every four years, there are special elections held in February, March, April and May on local issues and initiatives. In addition, the August primary and the November general elections are for voters to nominate and/or vote on their choice of candidates for the various positions in state, county, and city government. In other words, every election is very important, and every proposition when passed can have a direct impact on the life of a voter.

Many people think that their vote does

not matter. There have been many, many elections – not just on a local level – that have been decided by less than 100 votes. So, thinking that your vote does not count could not be farther from the truth.

If you are skeptical about whether your vote can make a difference, think about this: If indeed you care about motorcycle rights; if you care about education and jobs; if you care about the Supreme Court and individual rights; if you care about hate crimes, the military and foreign policy; if you care about health care and welfare reform, or paying down the national debt; if you care about global warming and protecting the environment, you owe it to yourself and your country to vote.

Maybe you feel that when it comes down to it, all the candidates are the same, so why bother voting. Even if this is how you truly feel, remember that the winning candidate may have an enormous impact on our children's future, not just for four years but for 40 years. How? Because the candidate elected could sponsor legislation that has a lasting effect.

Change starts at a grass roots level whether you live on a ranch or in the

inner city, and all change starts by electing people to implement change, whether it is a mayor or a president or a school board member.

Remember, too, when you are unhappy with the condition of your town's roads or your state's tax rate, being involved, voting for and knowing your elected officials will enable you to voice your complaints to the appropriate representatives. You voted for them and they work for you.

Some other useless reasons for not voting are that the polls are too crowded, or you cannot get there on time. If you know you cannot get to the polls on time, request an absentee ballot. What could be easier than voting by mail? Many counties have implemented early voting. Not be able to get to the polls is no longer a valid excuse not to vote.

Whether the excuse is apathy or laziness, voting has become a privilege that far many too Americans take for granted. The next time you neglect to vote, ask yourself how you would feel if you didn't have a choice – to elect a president, wear a helmet or choose a job, or decide how many children to have. There are many

countries where a person does not have a choice, and I'm sure they would gladly change places with you for the fundamental right to vote.

IMPORTANT INFO -PRIMARY ELECTION

- July 6 – Deadline to register to vote
- July 24 – Last day to request a ballot by mail for Primary,
- July 29 – Deadline to mail in early ballot
- Aug 4 – Primary Election

IMPORTANT INFO – GENERAL ELECTION:

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- Oct 28 – Deadline to mail in early ballot,
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What are the top issues you think should be addressed next session?

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

That was the question posed in our annual legislative survey.

Here are the results:

Lane Filtering 14.6%

Increased penalties for crashes involving motorcyclists, bicycles and pedestrians when red light running is involved 12.0%

Higher penalties for tailgating a motorcycle and for pulling into a lane already

occupied by a motorcycle. 11.6%

Road repairs and improvements 10.5%

Not using ANY gas tax to be used except for its intended purpose. I.e. Road improvements and repairs 9.4%

Continued changes to the infrastructure to recognize motorcycles in turn lanes and at stop lights 9.4%

Motorcycle awareness questions on Class C driver's test 8.1%

Protect motorcyclists by having true tort reform to stop insurance inequality

5.6%

Reducing the levels of ethanol in fuels that motorcycles use 5.3%

Requirement to have a valid Class M license (motorcycle endorsement) to register a motorcycle 5.2%

Pass legislation protecting motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians against autonomous vehicles 4.3%

Increasing the Motorcycle Safety Fund amount from \$1 to \$2 per registration 1.6%

Civil Asset Forfeiture reform 1.4%

We will begin working on the top three for you immediately in order to get a jump on the next session. We will also continue to advocate for increased infrastructure improvements across the state. This includes road maintenance and repair.

If you have any thoughts on legislation, feel free to email lobbyist@abateofaz.org or call me at 602/456-BIKE.

Freedom is a team sport!

Mike

Harley-Davidson to cut hundreds of jobs as part of turnaround strategy

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

by Rajesh Kumar Singh from <https://www.reuters.com>

CHICAGO (Reuters) – Harley-Davidson Inc (HOG.N) on Thursday said it will lay off 500 employees this year as part of new Chief Executive Jochen Zeitz's efforts to revive the struggling motorcycle maker.

As part of the overhaul, Chief Financial Officer John Olin will leave the company effective immediately. Darrell Thomas, treasurer, will become interim chief financial officer, it said.

Harley-Davidson's sales have been

declining for the past five years in the United States, its largest market, as its baby-boomer customer base ages. The economic pain caused by the coronavirus pandemic has further dented retail demand.

In response to weak sales, the Milwaukee-based company has cut production, leading to 140 job cuts last month at its factories in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The latest cuts are in addition to those layoffs, a company spokeswoman said.

Zeitz, who took over in February, is hailed for turning around the Puma brand's near-bankrupt business.

His restructuring strategy, dubbed The Rewire, is aimed at making Harley a leaner and more nimble organization. It seeks to reset product lines, focus on the company's core strengths and prioritize profitable markets.

"Significant changes are necessary, and we must move in new directions," Zeitz said.

Harley said the measures announced on Thursday will lay the foundation for a five-year strategic plan to revive sales that the company expects to share in the fourth quarter.

In all, the restructuring will eliminate 700

positions globally. It will result in a \$50 million restructuring charge in 2020, including \$42 million in the second quarter.

While the overhaul is expected to be completed by the end of the year, Harley said it will likely cause additional restructuring charges in 2021.

The company will provide more details of the financial impact in its second-quarter earnings report later this month.

Harley's shares were last down 1% at \$25.33.



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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

As a state MRO, we sometimes forget about our national efforts that are spear-headed by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). The MRF landed a big win this past month in the House of Representatives getting no less than five major items included in the huge INVEST in America Act

(Moving Forward Act), also known as the highway bill.

These wins included:

- Greater representation on the Motorcyclist Advisory Council

- Preventing state and local governments from using funds from the Department of Transportation to “profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers.”

- A requirement including “mode of transportation” as a trackable item in traffic stop reports

- Including input from a motorcyclist advisory group when testing Autonomous Vehicles

Increasing funding available to states from the national Motorcycle Safety Fund.

While there is still much work to do, we applaud our brothers and sisters working within the MRF (this means You, Deb Butitta) for the fine work you are doing on our behalf.

This is also a good time to congratulate, and thank, Pooh-Bear, Vice-Chairman of Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs for being our NCOM Representative. The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) was born on January 27th, 1986, when motorcycle groups and leaders from around the nation met in Las Vegas, spurred by the need for a powerful, unified voice to stand up for the rights of bikers everywhere. Since that time, NCOM has continued to provide riders and motorcycle organizations with legal guidance, legislative backing, public awareness programs, and anti-discrimina-

tion services, among other resources.

Lastly, I want to congratulate our lobbying team headed by Michael Infanzon, ABATE of AZ Legislative Director, and Christopher Beals, Lobbyist, for their work preparing for 2021. These gentlemen are already working on plans for next year as you can see from the Legislative Survey results which I am sure are published elsewhere in this publication. The results are also available in the Members Only Content area of the ABATE of AZ Membership site at <https://abateofazus/members/>

Please be safe and well. I hope to see all of you live and in person really soon.

Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed and, **watch those intersections!**

American Iron Suspends Publication

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

American Iron Magazine, published since 1989, has suspended publication.

The world has changed significantly. The motorcycle business has changed. And the magazine industry has too. Unfortunately, not for the better – short or long term.

For the last 31 years our team has worked hard responding successfully to the

trends, opportunities and changes. But when our advertising crashed with the recent spread of the virus, we ran out of options. We trimmed the page count and content in our magazines, but that was not enough to make a difference.

Rather than watch our magazines decline even further, we have suspended publication as we explore our options. It is not an easy decision for American Iron Magazine, American Iron Garage and American Iron Salute, but it is the right

one.

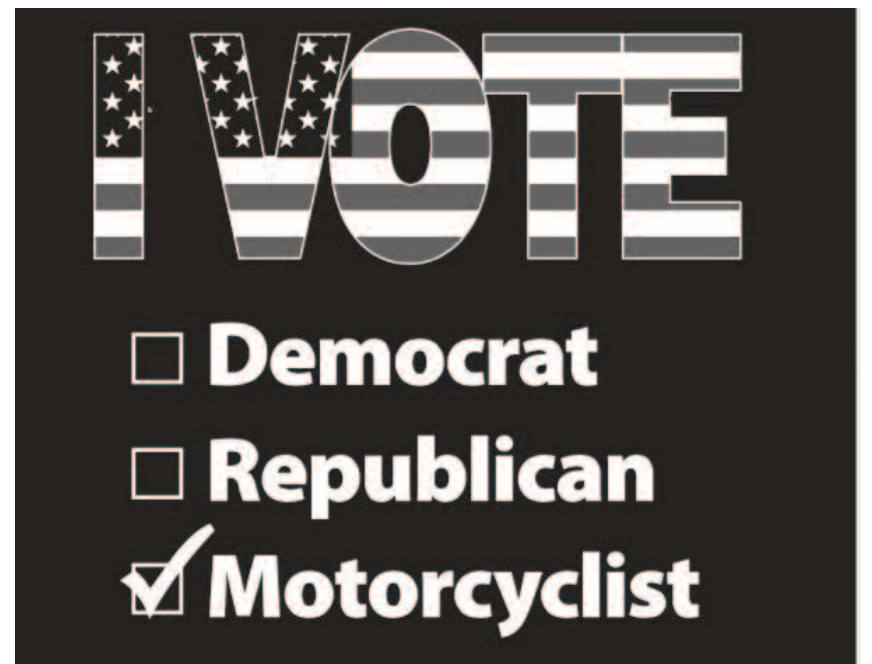
The last issue of American Iron Magazine was Issue #390, on sale last week.

Since 1989, I have been fortunate to work with really great editors, art directors and contributors who were dedicated, creative, hard working and smart. They had to be to achieve what we did for more than three decades. And a big thanks to all of our readers and advertisers, who supported our efforts so passionately.

Rather than dwell on the end of our magazines, I hope you’ll join us remembering your favorite articles, writers, photographers and events that we have enjoyed over the years. There have been so many.

Thank you one and all for your support, encouragement and friendship. It’s been a heckuva ride.

Buzz Kanter – Editor-in-Chief.



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Foreign Speed Camera Companies Pocket Millions In Bailout Cash

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Foreign providers of red light cameras and speed cameras have pocketed millions in federal taxpayer bailouts in the wake of the Covid-19 virus scare. Data released by the Small Business Administration and US Treasury indicate that photo ticketing companies, including firms based overseas and embroiled in scandal, collected up to \$9 million in subsidies under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

Although technically a loan, the PPP funding is "forgivable" -- that is, the company does not pay it back -- as long as the firm says that 60 percent of the funds were used for payroll and

employee levels were maintained during the crisis. The publicly available data indicate the range of the subsidy, rather than the precise amount.

Redflex Traffic Systems, based in Melbourne, Australia, collected up to \$5 million under the program. That will help the company balance the books, as it has failed to turn a profit since it was caught in 2014 bribing officials in Illinois and Ohio. The chief of US operations for Redflex, its executive vice president, its lobbyist, its contractor and a Chicago city official were all convicted of felonies in the scandal, but the corruption was more widespread. A Redflex official testified that envelopes filled

with cash handed to politicians in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington to bribe them into supporting automated enforcement.

Sensys Gatso, which is based in Jonkoping, Sweden, took up to \$1 million in bailout funds. Redspeed, also took up to \$1 million. Redspeed formerly was based in Kidderminster, England, until being sold last year to Sdiptech AB, which is based in Stockholm, Sweden.

Safespeed collected as much as \$2 million,

despite being the target of an ongoing federal corruption probe. Former Illinois state Senate Transportation Committee chairman Martin A. Sandoval admitted he took \$250,000 in bribes from Safespeed to become the defender of photo enforcement in the legislature. Patrick J. Doherty, the chief of staff to Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski, bribed local officials on Safespeed's behalf. Chicago consultant William A. Helm was indicted for slipping cash to Sandoval so he would pressure the Illinois Department of Transportation. He entered a not guilty plea.

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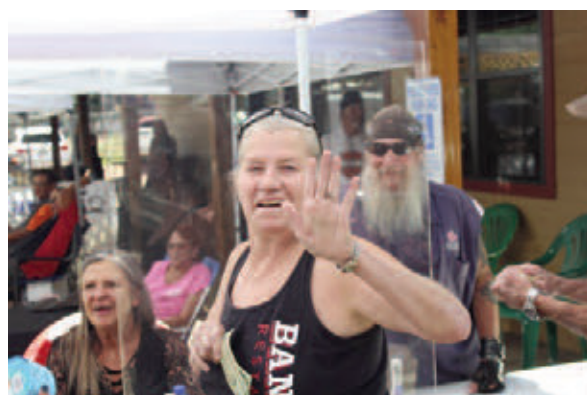
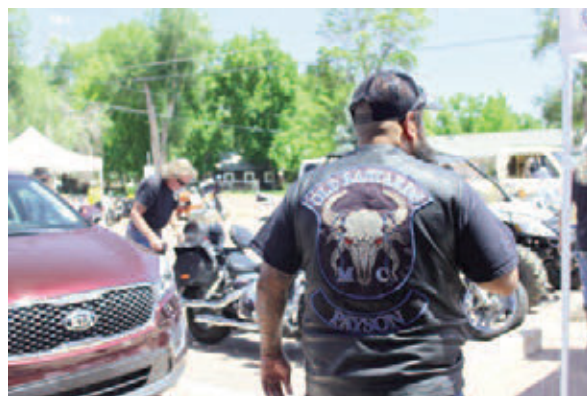
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CANDIDATE SURVEYS

Mike Infanzon Legislative Director	Oppose 7.9% "Higher penalties for tailgating a motorcycle and for pulling into a lane already occupied by a motorcycle." Support 94.7%	Oppose 0.0% For Federal races we utilized the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's legislative agenda list. Here are the current overall responses: "Passage of H. Res 255 regarding the profiling of motorcyclists – This resolution currently has 136 bipartisan cosponsors" Support 87.5%	Support 87.5%
The Primary Election is August 4th. The General Election is November 3rd. We are working on a voter's guide with candidate's responses based upon the legislative priorities you thought were important. Watch for it mid-August.	Oppose 5.3% "Not using ANY gas tax to be used except for its intended purpose. I.e. Road improvements and repairs" Support 97.4%	Oppose 12.5% "Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act - A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Motorcyclist Advisory Council, and for other purposes." Support 87.5%	Oppose 12.5% "Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 - A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15, and for other purposes."
As of 7/10/20, we have received over 50% response from candidates. Here is the overall view on the issues:	Oppose 2.6% "Continued changes to the infrastructure to recognize motorcycles in turn lanes and at stop lights" Support 97.4%	Oppose 12.5% "RPM Act of 2019 - A bill to exclude vehicles to be used solely for competi-	Support 100.0%
"Allowing motorcycles to advance in between cars at a stop light (aka lane filtering)." Support 84.2% Oppose 15.8%	Oppose 2.6% "Motorcycle awareness questions on Class C driver's test" Support 100.0%		Support 100.0% Oppose 0.0% Do your homework on the candidates before you vote. If you have any questions about any particular races, from Federal to local city, feel free to email us at lobbyist@abateofaz.org Freedom is a team sport.
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