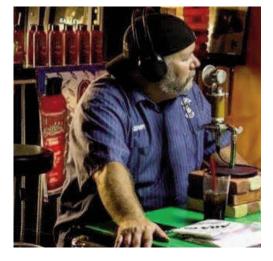
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WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?





Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

The elections are over. Even though I work in that political realm, I am glad this election cycle is over. I hope many of you were able to be a part of the process this cycle beyond just voting. COVID-19 has really made it a different type of year.

"There are those that look at things the wa y they are, and ask why? I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?" - George Bernard

So often I am shocked how people cannot think creatively when it comes to the legislative process. I don't particularly like the phrase "think outside the box" but it's what most people are used to. I like to ask, "Why does it even have to be a box?"

The past four years have been difficult for people. All because of who is living at 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue. I think it has really been the past 12 years. I do not care who is the current resident in the White House. I really don't. We have bigger fish to fry when it comes to motorcycles rights. We have more to do when it comes to protecting freedom and liberty here in Arizona. It has never been about the POTUS and it never will be.

Our future as an organization is determined on its membership. The future of motorcycle rights for our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, etc will be determined by how we fight NOW. While there may not be a mandatory helmet bill to get all fired up about, that is not why ABATE is here. There are many little things that add up that we, as Arizona motorcyclists, need to gather together and stand up for. If we do not do it today, then the future of "freedom of the road" will be lost for the future generations to follow us. I for one would not be able to live with myself if I knew I didn't do all I can for the propagation of more freedom, more liberty in our state and country.

What does the future hold for us? That is going to be for YOU to answer. Thirty-six years ago I raised my right hand and said

these words,

"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the *United States and the orders of the officers* appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

It has been close to five years that I gave my commitment to the membership of ABATE that I would fight for motorcycle rights as your lobbyist. I can't say what my personal future may hold, but I can say that for as long as my heart beats I will honor both to the best of my ability.

"We don't do what we do for the glory or the fame or the credit; we do it for the quiet satisfaction of making the world a better place, saving the lives of innocents, and being better than you are."

— Derek Landy

This is what the future holds for us. The opportunity to be better than you are.

Be good to one another. Mike

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

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Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020. FMI: Chapter Coordinator Nolan Steed

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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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465 E Liana Dr. Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Coordinators	Dan Tumey
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Secretary	AJ Killian
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Safety Coordinator	Andrew "AJ" Killian
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Communications	Suni Sommer
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.

	Yuma, AZ 8536/
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Membership	Frank 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

1451 E. Ruby Trail Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

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Membership	Cynde Aydt
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Events Coordinator	Shirley Bizub
PAC	Dennis Lange
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

Marc Schultz
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Becky Pennington
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George Pederson
Becky Pennington
Duane "Disco" Tone
Brian Schmidt
Susan Grimmer-Potter
Clayton Crull
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.

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I will be sure everything is accurate

for the next Issue and on the web site.

News from the MRF

2020 Legislators of the Year

Last month, at the 36th annual Meeting of the Minds in Indiana, Senator Gary Peters of Michigan and Representative Troy Balderson of Ohio were awarded the 2020 Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Legislator of the Year Award.

The Legislator of the Year Award annually recognizes lawmakers for their commitment to advancing policies that support motorcycle riders across the nation. This year, both honorees are avid motorcyclists and have spent numerous hours on their bikes sharing the roads with fellow bikers and con-

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stituents.

U.S. Senator Gary Peters of Michigan is a founding member of the Senate Motorcycle Caucus and leads the caucus as it's co-chairman. In his role on the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Senator Peters has consistently fought to protect the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists. Senator Peters has played a leading role on legislation regarding autonomous vehicles. In public statements, meetings and during committee hearings, Senator Peters has made it a point that motorcyclists need to be protected during the deployment of this new technology.

"I'm honored to receive this award. There is no better way to see Michigan's gorgeous scenery than by motorcycle. Through riding across Michigan, I've met people from all walks of life and had the opportunity to form a bond through a mutual love of riding," said Senator Peters. "I've been proud to work with ABATE over the years to ensure riders always have a seat at the table. I'll continue fighting for motorcyclist safety and ensure that we can keep riding as technologies on the road adapt in the coming years."

ABATE of Michigan President Vince Consiglio said, "ABATE is proud to have its members ride with Gary on his annual ride across Michigan – and I can say firsthand Gary handles his bike well!" MRF President Kirk Willard added, "Autonomous vehicles continue to be a growing concern for motorcyclists. We are fortunate to have a motorcyclist, like Senator Peters protecting our interests."

Also honored as Legislator of the Year in the House of Representative was

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.

Congressman Troy Balderson.
Congressman Balderson represents
Ohio's 12th district, is a member of the
House Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee and was instrumental in
adding motorcycle friendly amendments
to the surface transportation reauthorization legislation passed by the House in
2020. As motorcyclist himself,
Congressman Balderson has displayed a
keen understanding of the unique role
that motorcycles play in our transportation network.

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President's Report



By Shirley Bizub

Hello everyone

Upon learning of his award, Congressman Balderson said, "I'm proud to be one of the few motorcycle riders in Congress, as I personally understand the needs of riders across the country, including the thousands who live in my district. I'm honored to be named the Champion Legislator of the Year by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation; I'll never stop working for the needs of Ohio's fellow riders."

Hope everyone is safe and healthy.

I'd like to give a shout out to all that came to Riot on the River and helped out; very much appreciate the help. We gained some new members and our raffle Item was talked about by all. Thank you to all the chapters for your items that were added to the basket. I had to switch out the basket 3 times due to all the generous contributions by each chapter. Once again "Thank You."

In two weeks is Bikers and Bulls. I have not been to this event before but it sounds pretty good to me. Hope to see some of you at the event.

We are still looking for people to step up and help out with Too Broke For Sturgis. If you can help out even just a little bit that would help a lot more than you could imagine; giving breaks, bringing workers food or water helps out too. If you work 8 hours at the event you don't have to pay to get in, so think about where you would like to help and sign up. On-line sign up should be open soon to collect names and areas you want to work. Thank you in advance.

The Holidays are approaching quickly please remember to add pictures of any and all events your chapter is holding or participating in. Everyone loves to look at pictures.

April 12, 2021 is Motorcycle Day at the Dome, please plan ahead for the day off work. I would love to make an impact on all the senators and house of representatives. Let's show them how many motorcyclists there are that actually care about

our bills and being able to keep riding free in Arizona.

Sorry I don't have too much to say; just keep your eyes on the look out for motorists that are not noticing us on the road. Too many are hitting motorcycles and saying, "I DIDN'T SEE THEM!" I for one am sick of hearing these words and would like to see harsher penalties handed down to people who hit a motorcyclist.

Take care and don't eat to much turkey on Thanksgiving. Have a good one.

MoonShine

News from the MRF (continued)

"Congressman Balderson has been a true champion for our nation's motorcyclists," said MRF President Willard. "His work on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has been invaluable to the protection of the rights and freedoms of the more than 8 million riders nationwide. We are honored to present him with our Champion Legislator Award for 2020."

Since 2017 an award has been presented

to one member of the U.S. Senate and one member of the U.S. House. Both award winners are presented, by their state motorcycle rights organizations, with personalized leather motorcycle vests. Below is a list of past vest winners. Congratulations to this year's winners and thank you to all past winners for their efforts on behalf of motorcyclists.2017 – Sen. Ron Johnson (Wisconsin), Rep. Tim Walberg (Michigan)

2018 – Sen. John Thune (South Dakota), Rep. Michael Burgess (Texas)

2019 – Sen. Joni Ernst (Iowa), Rep. Collin Peterson (Minnesota)

2020 – Sen. Gary Peters (Michigan), Rep. Troy Balderson (Ohio)

Future ABATE Member





Chapter Reports

High Country Chapter

By Woody Phillips – Chapter Communications

High Country's next event, which WILL occur come hell or highwater, is our 18th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run which allows us to provide Christmas to as many deserving Rim Country children as we can. The Toy Run will be on Dec. 12 at the Tonto Rim Bar & Grill in Star Valley, AZ. Tonto Rim has ample outdoor seating with heaters and large awnings for those who are trying to socially distance. There will be a DJ and the whole event will be live streamed on Fagebook

We will also have a "drive-up" toy dropoff manned in the parking lot at the Moose Lodge just a short distance further up Rt 260. Watch your email and Facebook pages for more information or look for the flyer elsewhere in this edition of the Masterlink.

We still have some officer positions that we would very much like to fill so if you have a little free time please consider stepping up to help us have maintain one of the more dynamic chapters in the state. If we spread out the jobs, they become easier for everyone.

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Mohave Chapter

Fall is here with cooler temperatures and good weather for riding. Hoping everyone can take some time and go out to enjoy the ride.

On October 31 st. the Mohave Chapter had a Halloween party in Kingman, more people would have been nice but a good time was had by all. Pictures should be posted in the next Masterlink. This last weekend we had 4 Mohave members at Riot on The River. It was great to hook up with other chapters and clubs. Saturday brought some light rain at times and a lot of wind but we all survived.

This coming Saturday, November 14 th. we are doing our highway cleanup in Golden Valley, working together with Cactus Cuties of Women in The Wind. On Sunday the 15th. we are riding with the Ruff Riders (sport bike group) for a Finish Her Ride memorial run. See my chapter report in this months Masterlink for the story about Cauleen. Monday the 16 th. is our next chapter meeting.

That is all I have for now. Until next month stay healthy and ride safe.

Tom Aydt Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

The meeting was called to order by Nolan Steed (Coordinator) at 10:35 AM. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen members. Lead by Jerry Davis, Sargent-at-Arms.

The following Officers were in attendance:

Nolan Steed, Coordinator Mike 'Navy Mike' Rudd, Vice Coordinator Nolan Steed, Runs Coordinator Mike 'Navy Mike' Rudd, (Interim) Tara Rudometkin, Treasurer Lyn Peterson, Secretary Dee Grady, Merchandise Ernie Lizarraga, Safety Chris Beals, PAC Jerry Davis, Sargent-at-Arms Robb Fleder, BOD Representative

Last month's minutes / agenda was waived.

Coordinator Comments: Nolan Steed related; Thank you for your attendance. Also, announced next month's meeting will be held on 11 November 2020, due to 'Riot on the River Motorcycle Rally'. The Rally conflicts with the normal meeting date.

Treasury Officer: (Tara Rudometkin) related we have money via our income, after expenses, previous balance, ending balance, and state held funds. Also, the budget was completed and turned in. Tara, Bravo Zulu

Membership: Our membership officer was unable to attend, however, our Chapter Coordinator, (Nolen Steed), related the following numbers:

0-new members

5-member renewals

8-business members

Total members: 146

We had an increase of 3 renewals this month. Bravo Zulu Nolen.

Safety: Our Safety Officer (Erine Lizarraga), related keep safe and hydrate. Us a 'camelback', water hydration system. He pointed out bikes with cupholders do not work very well in moderate to strong winds. The camelback is the way to go. Bravo Zulu Ernie

Merchandise: Our Merchandise Officers, (Dee Ogrady) is doing a 'whale-of-a-job'. She has been very successful in selling Abate pins, short sleeve T-Shirts, Long Sleeve T-Shirts and Flasks. Bravo Zulu Dee

PAC: (Mike Infanzon), Legislative Director. I (Navy Mike) believe we are the most fortunate Chapter of Abate. Why, you ask? We have Chris Beal as our PAC Officer, and Mike Infanzon as the Legislative Director. They have been working diligently on our chapter's behalf as well as assisting other chapters. Mike attended this meeting and related:

The new tri-fold membership pamphlets are here and ready to hand out. Take some and hand them out to potential members.

Vote like a motorcyclist published in the Legislative tab.

Meeting-of-the-Minds. Arizona Abate members showed in strength, and the following members received awards: Deb Buttita received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Chris Beals received the Young Activist Award. Four new members from Arizona were signed up while at the seminar. Abate-of-Arizona was the only organization to donate. Arizona Lady's ran an auction and donated a considerable amount of money to the MRF cause. Bravo Zulu Lady's.

Legislative agenda has been set: Profiling, renewable fuels, autonomous vehicles, emission regulations, definition of a motorcycle, crash avoidance, helmet laws, black box, surface transportation, reauthorization (highway bill).

Do not forget, 11 November 2020 is Dayat-the-Dome. Bravo Zulu Mike.

Abate and Chapter Runs: Nolan Steed our Chapter Run's Officer related:

A Celebration of life for Kong (Leatherneck) @ the Hooligan Club House. Kong was a devoted rider that was ran over by a hit-and-run driver.

The loss was deep. Those Abate members that wish to attend can do so after the end of the meeting. 11 November 2020 Veterans Day Riders Event: It starts at the AAIC at 11:30 AM and ends at KSU around noon.

'Riot-on-the- River, in Winkleman starts on 06 November 2020 and runs to 09 November 2020. The Spartans MC Spaghetti dinner will be held at the Spartan Club House on 02 November 2020. There will be a small fee for the dinner. Do not forget the 'Hard Ass Poker Run' is just around the corner. The 'Run' is being directed by the Abate of Arizona Superstition Chapter.

Bravo Zulu Nolen. Great information.

Communications: Navy Mike here. I went over some MRF news, then I deferred the rest of the communications to Mary K. Donnay. MK attended the 'Meeting-of-the-Minds. She provided an enlightened view and array of information that was and is astounding. To be more specific, give Mary K a call. I am sure she would love to tale-the-tale about her experience. Bravo Zulu Mary K.

Board-of-Director Representative (BOD): Robb Felder related not all budgets have been approved a as of yet but looks forward to discussing it at the next meeting. Also, the CPA has not been filled for state auditor. Woody Phillips, (BOD Chairman) placed it on the agenda board for discussion. Robb volunteered to be one of the volunteers to take part in the Audit discussion, (CPA) that will take place with the Board-of-Directors upcoming meeting. Bravo Zulu Robb.

Old Business: Nominations were accepted for next year's chapter officers: The following personnel have been nominated:

Coordinator:Nolan Steed / Will Driggers

Vice-Coordinator: Mike Rudd Secretary:Lyn Peterson

Treasurer Tara Rudometkin

Membership:Will Driggers / JC Reece

Run / Events:Nolan Steed

SafetyErnie Lizarraga

Communications:Rebecca Crawford

PAC:Chris Beal

Sargent-at-Arms:Jerry Davis

Merchandise:Margie Seeber

Robb Felder, Mary K Donnay / Eric Hampton

Think carefully and make your discission. Be ready to give your vote at the next meeting.

New Business: No new business.

Open Floor / Discussion: None.

Membership Drawing: No winner, money was rolled to the next chapter meeting.

50 / 50: Robb Felder was the winner. He donated half of his winnings back to

Abate. Bravo Zulu Robb.

Motion-to-Adjourned: Made by Jerry, second by Wolfman.

Meeting Adjourned@: 11:36 AM

Next Meeting: 15 November 2020 @ 10:30 .AM

Superstition Chapter

Superstition Chapter had a great month of September. Our members are starting to return to the monthly chapter meetings, and we had a great turnout for the 2nd Annual Clinton Pennington Memorial Ride. The weather was perfect, the ride started in Mesa, Arizona at What the Hell Bar& Grill and ended in Wickenburg Arizona at the Rancho Bar 7. We would like to thank, What the Hell Bar & Grill and The Rancho Bar 7 for their hospitality, and all the riders and guest that came out to support the Superstition Chapter. The Pennington Family is grateful for all the love and support and look forward to next year.

Our chapter attend the 1st annual Iron Horse Rodeo Run, which started in Apache Junction at Superstition Harley-Davidson and ended at the Elks lodge in Payson, AZ. What a great turnout for a first event. Lots of motorcycles, raffles and good company. Will watch for this event next year.

The Fun with Superstition Chapter continues into October as our Hard Ass Ride with approx. 500 miles. As the flyer says "This ain't your Grandpa's poker run" Updates in the next issue.

November 7th we will be at Superstition Harley -Davidson at the 7th annual motorcycle & car show/Toy Drive Kick-off. The event runs from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. with pancake breakfast at 9:00a.m. Please bring a new unwrapped toy. FREE ADMISSION Bring your family and friends for a great day! Look for Superstition Chapter booth to add your membership or renew your current membership.

The Superstation Chapter is a great group of members and guest. We encourage everyone to get involved. We are now accepting nominations for our 2021 Chapter Officers, if you are interested in being involved, Please contact Becky at supabateaz@gmail.com or 480-229-6578 to be placed on the ballot. Elections will be at our Chapter meeting new officer positions will start January 2021.

With this being November, we at the Superstition Chapter would like to Thank everyone for your support. We are Thankful for all of you! So for November, we will draw one lucky winner for a FREE turkey, you must be present at the meeting to be eligible to win. Please join us at our November Chapter meeting November 8th at 2:00 at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Jct AZ 85120..... remember you must be present for Turkey drawing

I was going to wish you a Happy Turkey Day, but I didn't want to use any FOWL language.

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.



Coast to Coast

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

DESPITE PANDEMIC, MOTORCY-CLISTS MEASURE SUCCESSES
"Even in the middle of a global pandemic, we've succeeded in getting promotorcycle legislation passed and advanced our political agenda," said National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force Chairman Frank Ernst to open the LTF Meeting during the recent NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, Oct. 16-18, 2020.

In reviewing a legion of legislative victories over the past year, Ernst highlighted the fact that determined and resourceful bikers successfully lobbied to repeal a mandatory helmet law in Missouri and passed anti-profiling in Idaho, all the while dealing with the worldwide spread of Coronavirus and subsequent lockdowns, social distancing, travel restrictions, and related complications.

On March 18, Idaho became the fourth state since 2011, behind Washington, Maryland and Louisiana, to pass a law (S.B. 1292) restricting law enforcement from discriminatorily profiling bikers for traffic stops and investigative measures.

A few months later, on July 14, the "Show-Me" state showed the biker world how persistence and perseverance

pays off by passing H.B. 1963 to repeal their helmet requirement for most adult riders 26 and older, on their fifth attempt since 1999.

Additionally, the biker lobby worked with Congress to include several motor-cycle-friendly provisions in the massive \$1.5 trillion infrastructure bill, H.R.2 "Moving Forward Act," including further prohibitions against motorcycle-only checkpoints, expanding profiling restrictions based on mode of transportation or style of dress, and furthering riders' future advisory role with Congress. While this legislation will need a reboot with the new Congressional Session, bikers also succeeded in getting many key legislators re-elected to make the mission easier to accomplish with the new Senate and House.

Riders' rights activists from across the country went on to present the gathering with their own examples of legal and legislative accomplishments despite the odds and obstacles. "If we can rise above a deadly plague to effectively promote our issues, imagine what we can accomplish when life gets back to normal," summed up Ernst to conclude the productive Convention forum.

Stay tuned to www.ON-A-BIKE.com for details on next year's 36th annual NCOM Convention.

MOTORCYCLE SALES CONTINUE TO ROLL

The good times keep rolling, as the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) reports a new-model sales increase for the third quarter this year. Year-to-date sales of new motorcycles and scooters through September increased 10.2% compared to the same period last year.

Erik Pritchard, MIC President and CEO, directed a message specifically to the thousands of people who work in powersports across the nation: "Many of us have faced tremendous challenges and genuine hardship," he said. "Think back on all the ways you've adapted your business to meet this crisis and get through the pandemic. Think back to how quickly you adapted to online commerce. Think back on your first home delivery. Recall all of your hard work. Recall the relief when the MIC's government relations team persuaded the federal government to declare dealership employees essential. Our industry is enjoying the results of those efforts and you should enjoy the moment."

RIDER FATALITIES CONTINUE DECLINE

Preliminary estimates of 2019 highway crash data released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in October indicate that motorcyclist deaths continue to decline even as vehicle miles traveled or VMT

increases.

Motorcyclist fatalities fell 0.5% to 5,014 last year, a third consecutive year of declines in rider road deaths, amid an overall 2% decline in vehicle fatalities in 2019 (from 36,835 in 2018 to 36,096 in 2019).

So far for 2020, data indicates a 3.3% decrease in motor vehicle fatalities through the second quarter, though notably total traffic volume decreased by more than 16% in the first half of the year during the Coronavirus pandemic.

RIDING OFF-ROAD BIKES ON ROAD

While some jurisdictions across the U.S. are developing new laws to allow the use of off-road vehicles on city streets, police in New Haven, Connecticut have launched a new task force specifically to identify people illegally riding dirt bikes, ATVs, or other "motorized recreational vehicles" on any public property within city limits. That includes streets, sidewalks, parks, and playgrounds.

The new ordinance increases fines for illegal riding to \$1,000 for a first offense, \$1,500 for a second violation, and \$2,000 for a third conviction. In addition, the new law includes a \$100

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- · 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
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- · 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 Fund2002 Established Arizona MotorcycleSafety 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 height2017 Successfully prevented mandatory

helmet legislation

2017 Reestablished Motorcycle Safety

Fund for 5 years **2017** Helped pass the Teen texting bill

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2018 Introduced Anti-profiling legislation2018 Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill2018 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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fine for service stations that sell fuel to anyone who arrives riding an off-road vehicle.

MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLISTS PROTEST UNFAIR INSURANCE

As if riding a motorcycle wasn't enough of a gamble, riders in Michigan now risk having an accident with a driver who chose to cap their own medical benefits at a level less than the amount the injured motorcyclist actually incurs in medical expenses. ABATE of Michigan members and supporters gathered on the capitol steps in September to protest the state's new automobile insurance law that limits access to lifetime medical benefits available to motorcyclists to how much coverage the car driver chose to purchase for themselves.

Previously, motorcyclists involved in an accident with an at-fault car driver would have their medical bills covered under the state's no-fault system, known as personal injury protection coverage or PIP. But motorcyclists no longer have the same coverages under a new law designed to drive down auto insurance rates -- routinely ranked among the highest in the nation -- by allowing motorists to purchase policies with limited personal injury protection benefits.

State Senator Peter Lucido (R-Macomb County) introduced legislation to rectify this dangerous defect in the system by allowing motorcyclists to file a claim against their own insurance policy.

TRADE WAR CEASE FIRE

This summer it was announced that proposed tariffs of up to 100% on motorcycles and parts imported from Europe were dropped by the U.S., and when it recently became the EU's turn to impose extra charges on American products, motorcycles were likewise taken off the list of this ill-conceived 'tax' scheme stemming from a dispute over aircraft subsidies.

On October 26, the WTO gave the EU a green light to impose tariffs on American products for \$4 billion per year, but on Nov 9 the European Commission published their list and motorcycles and related products were not included.

These trade sanctions would not only have negatively impacted the motorcycle sales industry, including the aftermarket equipment sector, it could have deeply affected motorcyclists who rely on imported parts for general maintenance.

This marked the third time that such irrational trade tariffs have been proposed, and once again it took an international effort of U.S. and European motorcyclists and trade industry to thwart a potentially devastating blow to the industry and marketplace.

COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS RETURN TO ENGLAND

With British Prime Minister Boris Johnson confirming a return to nationwide 'lockdown' since November 5th, non-essential travel such as recreational motorcycling is once again on pause in the U.K., and it has also been confirmed that all motorcycle licensing tests and training sessions are likewise suspended for the duration of the lockdown.

Motorcyclists can still use a bike for essential journeys, such as going for food and medicine or visiting someone in your support bubble, but you can't head out for a ride with some mates.

The new lockdown has also had a wider effect on motorcycling at large, with the cancelling of all permits for events and activities such as enduros, motocross and trials events. Any motorcycle related events will also be unable to run. Just like the first lockdown in Spring, the government has asked all non-essential retailers to close, which includes motorcycle dealerships.

However, given the huge rise in people taking to two-wheelers to avoid public transport, the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) petitioned the U.K. government to have motorcycle dealers included on the essential retailers list to help keep them open to the riding pub-

'HOME RECYCLING' OF OLD MOTORCYCLES IN EUROPE MAY

Europe has rules in place for the collection and destruction of cars that have come to the end of their life, but motorcycles are currently exempt from these rules. That may change, if it's up to the European Commission.

According to the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), these rules are part of the Endof-life Vehicles Directive aimed at the prevention of waste from vehicles that have come to the end of their life. The directive also tells EU Member States to set up systems for the collection and deregistration of all end-of life vehicles, and to have all vehicles that have reached the end of their life 'transferred to authorized treatment facilities' to be demolished in an environmentally friendly way.

"If motorcycles were to be included in the scope of the directive, that could mean the end of so-called home recycling," says FEMA, explaining that "recycling" of motorcycles and motorcycle parts is an integral part of motorcycle use. "Home recycling, where you end the bike's registration and take it apart for reuse of its parts, is a significant part of the motorcycle culture," according to FEMA, adding that; "Home recycling helps to keep bikes on the road with used spare parts, instead of using new parts that have to be produced from raw materials."

FEMA insists that the private reuse of motorcycle parts is one of the best ways to prevent waste and to prevent the unnecessary use of raw materials. This way, motorcyclists play their part in the circular economy as well as being environmentally friendly.

Luckily motorcycles and other powered two-wheelers are not included in the scope of the current directive, a position that was lobbied for by FEMA when the directive was written and adopted in the late 1990s, but the European Commission now plans to revise the End-of-life Vehicles Directive (2000/53/EC) and wants to explore the need to have powered two-wheelers (motorcycles) included in the scope.

"Inclusion of motorcycles in the scope of the directive could also mean a serious threat to historical motorcycles," said Wim Taal, FEMA's communications officer. "These bikes are especially dependent upon available and affordable original spare parts to keep them in working order. And who wants to see oldtimers disappear into state approved demolishing facilities?"

PHILLIPINE RIDER GROUP FILES CASE VS. "DOBLE PLAKA" Motorcycle rider group, Riders of the Philippines (ROTP), has filed for a Petition for Certiorari and Prohibition against Republic Act 11235 (Motorcycle Crime Prevention Act / Doble Plaka) in hopes of receiving a favorable ruling from the court and possibly the issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and/or writ of preliminary injunction.

Better known to the motorcycle community as the Doble Plaka Law, the Act imposes fines of up to PhP100,000 (\$206 USD) and imprisonment of up to 6 years for those who are found in violation of its provisions governing the ownership and identification of motorcycles: including displaying large front and rear license plates and harsh penalties for failure to report the sale of a motorcycle or failure to transfer ownership of the motorcycle within 5 calendar days, including holidays and weekends.

CHINESE HARLEY-DAVIDSON Harley-Davidson's "More Roads to Harley-Davidson" plan for the future called for opening the brand to the developing consumer market in Asia, but a newly released photo from China's Zhejiang Qianjiang Motorcycle Co., Ltd. via the Chinese Patent Office reveals a 350cc entry level parallel-twin developed in partnership.

When Harley originally announced the Chinese collaboration last year, the development of the QJ350 was a result of a diversification plan to bring the company customers in new markets and segments by radically departing from the air-cooled, V-twin cruiser norm, and isn't intended for riders in the West.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The successful revolutionary is a statesman, the unsuccessful one a criminal."

~ Erich Fromm (1900-1980), psychoanalyst and author



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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-

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

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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HOW TO ENCOURAGE BETTER AND MORE MEANINGFUL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Every two to four years, there is a lot of conversation about how to increase voter turnout and participation in the United States. Some helpful facts resurface:

Americans' affiliations with organizations that purport to represent their interests—political parties, labor unions, religious institutions, and community-based organizations—are at historic lows, as is

their trust in government institutions. As such, voter participation remains low, and communities of color and poor communities are largely excluded from the political process. So, the million-dollar question is, How can people participate in their communities and the political process in ways that build their sense of urgency and encourage further participation?

Hahrie Han, a political science professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, prepared a report for the Ford Foundation that puts forward a framework for doing just that. In it, she explains why and how participation can be made more: **Possible.** Simply put, people must be able to participate. We need to remove barriers to participation and implement policies and procedures that make it easier for people to vote.

Probable. People must want to participate. It's not enough for voting to be easy; people have to want to take part.

Powerful. For people to want to participate in the political process, their participation actually has to matter—it must have a tangible impact on policy decisions and improve people's lives.

These three dimensions give us a better sense of how to assess efforts that are designed to increase people's participation and make it more meaningful.

If we build it, will people come? Not necessarily

I'll expound upon these three items over the next few months.

Never again will have to utter the phrase "we didn't have the people".

Election Results

Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

2020 ELECTION

While so many people are focused the race for the White House, there were hundreds of down ticket races that impact motorcyclists on a daily basis. Before I get into the results, I wanted to share a humorous statistic with you. In Maricopa County over 10,000 voters wrote in a candidate for President that was not on the ballot. I would love to see how many votes Mickey Mouse received.

PROP 207 (the law would allow limited marijuana possession, use, and cultivation by adults 21 or older; amend criminal penalties for marijuana possession; ban smoking marijuana in public; impose a 16% excise tax on marijuana sales to fund public programs; authorize state/local regulation of marijuana licensees; and allow expungement of marijuana offenses.) passed with 59% of the vote.

PROP 208 (the law would impose a 3.5% tax surcharge on taxable annual income over \$250,000 for single persons or married persons filing separately, or \$500,000 for married persons filing jointly or heads of households, to increase funding for public education.) received 51.9% yes

votes.

Here are the winners in the State Legislative races:

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1

SENATE, FANN, KAREN, REP HOUSE, BURGES, JUDY, REP HOUSE, NGUYEN, QUANG, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2

SENATE, GABALDÓN, ROSANNA, DEM HOUSE, DALESSANDRO, ANDREA, DEM HOUSE, HERNANDEZ, DANIEL, JR, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 3

SENATE, GONZALES, SALLY ANN, DEM HOUSE, CANO, ANDRÉS, DEM HOUSE, HERNANDEZ, ALMA, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4

SENATE, OTONDO, LISA, DEM HOUSE, JOHN, JOEL, REP HOUSE, FERNANDEZ, CHARLENE, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5

SENATE, BORRELLI, SONNY, REP HOUSE, BIASIUCCI, LEO, REP HOUSE, COBB, REGINA, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6

SENATE, ROGERS, WENDY, REP HOUSE, BARTON, BRENDA, REP HOUSE, BLACKMAN, WALTER "WALT", REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 7

SENATE, PESHLAKAI, JAMESCITA, DEM HOUSE, TELLER, ARLANDO, DEM HOUSE, TSOSIE, MYRON, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8

Senate, SHOPE, THOMAS "T.J.", REP HOUSE, PRATT, FRANK, REP HOUSE, COOK, DAVID, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 9

SENATE, STEELE, VICTORIA, DEM HOUSE, FRIESE, RANDALL "RANDY", DEM HOUSE, POWERS HANNLEY, PAMELA, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10

SENATE, ENGEL, KIRSTEN, DEM HOUSE, DEGRAZIA, DOMINGO, DEM HOUSE, STAHL HAMILTON, STEPHANIE, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11

SENATE, LEACH, VENDEN "VINCE", REP HOUSE, FINCHEM, MARK, REP HOUSE, ROBERTS, BRET, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12

SENATE, PETERSEN, WARREN, REP HOUSE, GRANTHAM, TRAVIS, REP HOUSE, HOFFMAN, JAKE, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 13

SENATE, KERR, SINE, REP HOUSE, DUNN, TIMOTHY "TIM", REP HOUSE, OSBORNE, JOANNE, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 14

SENATE, GOWAN, DAVID, REP HOUSE, GRIFFIN, GAIL, REP HOUSE, NUTT, BECKY, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 15

SENATE, BARTO, NANCY. REP HOUSE, KAISER, STEVE, REP HOUSE, WILMETH, JUSTIN, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 16

SENATE, TOWNSEND, KELLY, REP HOUSE, FILLMORE, JOHN, REP HOUSE, PARKER, JACQUELINE, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17

SENATE, MESNARD, J.D., REP HOUSE, WENINGER, JEFF, REP HOUSE, PAWLIK, JENNIFER, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 18

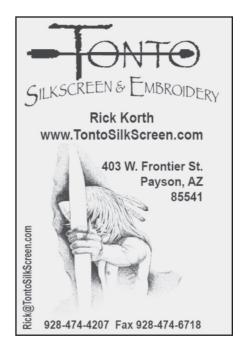
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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 19

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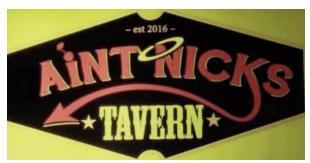
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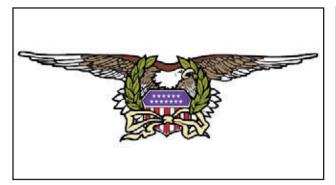




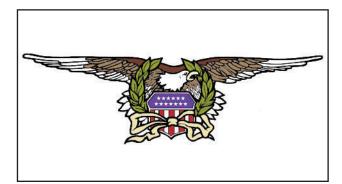










































Events Calendar

December 2020

12/5 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run collects stuffed animals for Family Advocacy Center, Mesa Police & First Responders to assist traumatized children. Sign-in 8:30am at American Bike and Trike, 3272 S 147th Place in Gilbert [just west of Val Vista off of Pecos]. Please donate

\$10+ a clean Teddy Bear (or stuffed animal) each. Poker Run with last stop Superstition H-D. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: 360-451-1795, TrollsBikerWorld@gm ail.com https://trolls-

1/30/2021 {Sat} Ride for the Salt River Wild

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Horses. Sign in from 9-11am at American Legion Post 58, 16837 E Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills. \$10 suggested donation. Take an unescorted ride on a scenic route where the wild horses call home thru the Lower Salt River on Bush Highway in the Tonto National Forest. Destination is

Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ 85120 for music, speakers, vendors. Event runs from 11a-4pm. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Election Results (continued)

HOUSE, ESPINOZA, DIEGO, DEM HOUSE, SIERRA, LORENZO, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20 SENATE, BOYER, PAUL, REP HOUSE, BOLICK, SHAWNNA, REP HOUSE, SCHWIEBERT, JUDY, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21 SENATE, GRAY, RICK, REP HOUSE, PAYNE, KEVIN, REP HOUSE, PINGERELLI, BEVERLY, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 22 SENATE, LIVINGSTON, DAVID, REP HOUSE, CARROLL, FRANK, REP HOUSE, TOMA, BEN, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 23 SENATE, UGENTI-RITA, MICHELLE, REP HOUSE, CHAPLIK, JOSEPH, REP HOUSE, KAVANAGH, JOHN, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 24 SENATE, ALSTON, LELA, DEM HOUSE, LONGDON, JENNIFER, DEM HOUSE, SHAH, AMISH, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 25 SENATE, PACE, TYLER, REP

HOUSE, BOWERS, RUSSELL W. "RUSTY", REP HOUSE, UDALL, MICHELLE, REP

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 26 SENATE, MENDEZ, JUAN, DEM HOUSE, HERNANDEZ, MELODY, DEM HOUSE, SALMAN, ATHENA, DEM

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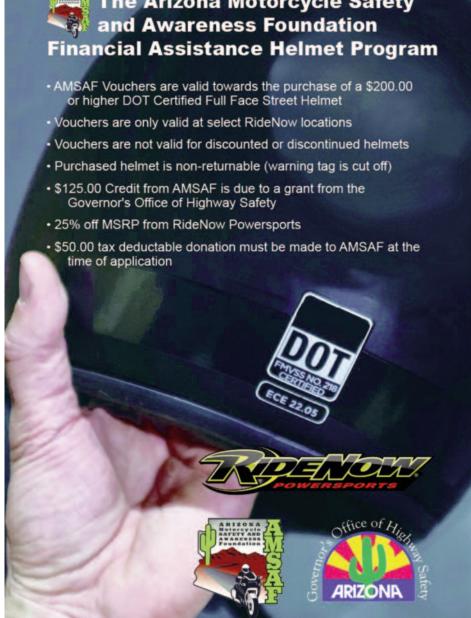
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SENATE, MARSH, CHRISTINE, DEM HOUSE, BUTLER, KELLI, DEM HOUSE, LIEBERMAN, AARON, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 29 SENATE, QUEZADA, MARTÍN J., DEM HOUSE, ANDRADE, RICHARD, DEM HOUSE, CHAVEZ, CESAR, DEM

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 30 SENATE, NAVARRETE, OTONIEL "TONY", DEM HOUSE, MEZA, ROBERT, DEM HOUSE, TERÁN, RAQUEL, DEM





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Deborah Butitta Chairman of the Board Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness and Education, Inc. PAGE 10 MASTERLINK DECEMBER 2020

HARD ASS RUN



Attached is a photo of some of the Old Koots on Scoots who attended the Hard Ass Run on Saturday, October 17th, 2020.

Meeting of the Minds



Congratulations to Deborah Butitta who was presented with the MRF Lifetime Achievement Award. She has been presented almost every award available. A champion for motorcycle rights. She is an ABATE of Arizona board member, has a MRF award named for her, helped start several SMRO and was the very first lobbyist for the ACMC. Thankyou Deb for everything you do for ALL of us and for your continued support and leadership with ABATE of AZ.

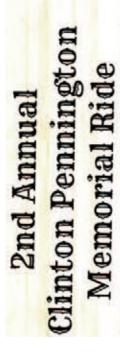




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Turn your BMW adventure scooter into an art deco masterpiece

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by Kyle Hyatt from https://www.cnet.com

NMoto is working on its Golden Age kit to transform the BMW C400x scooter into a prewar work of art.

So, here's the thing. Most scooters aren't very cool. Vespas get a pass, obviously. So too does the Honda Ruckus, because it's weird and utilitarian. A Quadrophenia-cosplay-type Lambretta would also have my respect, but anything else? It's going to be a tough sell.

Take the BMW C400x, for example. Is

there anything particularly wrong or weird about it? Nope. It's reasonable and affordable motorized transportation, of which, frankly, I'm a fan. I just can't get over the inherent not-motorcycle-ness of it, though, which is why a concept from a company in Florida called NMoto has my stoke level pegged.

The kit was debuted recently and is called "Golden Age," and as you can see from the images, it takes the humble C400x and transforms it into a piece of art deco alternate-history brilliance. How does it do that? Well, the kit hasn't made its official debut yet, but we suspect that it will involve a not-insubstantial chunk of

money and a similarly weighty piece of your time, but the results look worth it.

I like the Golden Age's bubble fenders and round headlight pod, but I absolutely love the narrow prewar BMW kidney grilles on the front. The whole thing is executed way better than it has any right to be.

If you're curious about the C400x on which this concept is based, it's got a 350-cc engine that makes a claimed 34 horsepower and 26 pound-feet of torque. That energy is routed through a CVT transmission, which is pretty standard fare for a scooter. The thing also has

plenty of storage, a big gas tank and a nice, relaxed riding position, again, because: scooter. Finally, BMW charges \$6,795 for it, making it expensive as scooters go but cheap compared to a car or most European motorcycles.

NMoto says that the design work is done, but that it's still in the prototype phase and expects to give the Golden Age its debut sometime in the spring of 2020. That should give me plenty of time to start shopping for gear that will make me look more like the titular character from Disney's The Rocketeer.



Harley-Davidson Thunderbolt Is True Racing Street Custom Night Rod

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by Daniel Patrascu from https://www.autoevolution.com

Back in 2001, Harley-Davidson decided to gamble a bit and risk it in the street motorcycle segment. It went for a new engine, with double overhead camshaft and liquid cooling, stuck it inside a frame, and called the bike VRSC. That's more or less short for V-Twin Racing Street Custom.

There were several types of VRSC bikes

made, from the simple V-Rod to the mighty Destroyer. All were exciting to look at, insane to ride, and have inspired an army of new Harley followers. But VRSCs are Harleys too, and what is a Harley if not a canvas for others to play around with?

We found such an example of a customized Racing Street Custom in Thunderbike's portfolio. The German shop, used to changing the looks and performance of stock bikes from Milwaukee, transformed one variant of the VRSC, the Night Rod, into the Thunderbolt 280.

The name takes after the exhaust system used. It's called Thunderbolt and comes from specialist Dr. Jekill & Mr. Hyde as a purpose-built hardware for the Night Rod.

But the addition of a new exhaust system is not the only change made. The bike gained an air suspension, a forward control kit, a new fuel tank, and a range of other minor hardware (things like turn signals and mirrors) that clearly make it stand out in a crowd. There is also the widened 18-inch wheel at the back, making the Thunderbolt look seem as aggres-

sive as the Destroyer.

In its over 20 years of existence on the Harley-Davidson scene, Thunderbike never had the habit of announcing how much its projects cost. The garage does allow you to guess, though, as it lists most (but not all) of the parts used.

In the case of this here Thunderbolt, we're talking about around 5,000 euros (about \$6,000 at the current exchange rates), not including the price of the exhaust system, the base bike, paint job, and possibly some other hardware.





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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

This is my last column as Chairman of the Board of Directors of ABATE of Arizona. Next year I plan to retire and my wife Cecilia (CC Rider) and I have plans that we cannot fulfill while also meeting our responsibilities as ABATE of AZ officers.

So, we made the decision to turn those responsibilities over to others. Our hope is that this will allow fresh energy and new ideas to step-up, take charge and lead ABATE of AZ into the next decade.

It has been an incredible honor, and I truly mean that, to be trusted to lead the Board and I thank the Directors for their support and confidence these past two years. It has always been an honor just to be able to serve our fellow riders as officers in ABATE and CC and I will miss doing so. However, we are looking forward to being able to get back on the road and see some of the places we have

wanted to visit for quite a while.

Leading this Board of talented, intelligent, focused and dedicated individuals, has been very exciting for me. Even in business, it is rare to work at this level with people of this caliber. I have also greatly enjoyed interacting with Mick Degn of AMSAF as well as Director Gutier of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, and others in the motorcycling community. Hopefully I have built relationships with these people that will allow whomever follows to be able to be successful.

Even as I step down, I am very optimistic about ABATE's future. We have a seriously dedicated team of State Officers that are doing their very best to serve our members, and non-members who ride, in Arizona. I want to thank each of them for all their hard work and wish them continued success going forward.

Finally, I want to thank Michael Infanzon and his team, Christopher Beals and now William Cleveland. Mike's dedication and focus has allowed us to make great gains in the legislature and I have no doubt that will continue. Thank you, Mike.

If you see us on the road, don't hesitate to say Hi.

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

Tucker Powersports Partners with Monsters of the South

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Monsters of the South, the noted UTV customizer and event producer, will support Tucker Powersports strategy to expand product portfolio within Tucker's DragonFire Racing and QuadBoss brands to support the connection with passionate consumers

November 9, 2020 – Fort Worth TX – DragonFire Racing and QuadBoss today announced a broad, multi-level partnership with Monsters of the South (MOTS), one of the country's largest UTV (utility task vehicle or side by side) event promoters and the nation's top UTV customizer. The multi-year agreement brings the three

industry-leading organizations together for product development, testing and events.

"The knowledge and experience these guys bring to the table are a resource we've never had at QuadBoss," said Justin Lasater, brand manager of QuadBoss. "I can't wait to hit the ground running with the ideas they've already shared. The MOTS team are true innovators and we will lean heavily on their forward thinking."

"This is a partnership between three companies with a passion for power sports," said Brandon Fox with Monsters of the South. "Merging their talent for creating and delivering great products with our

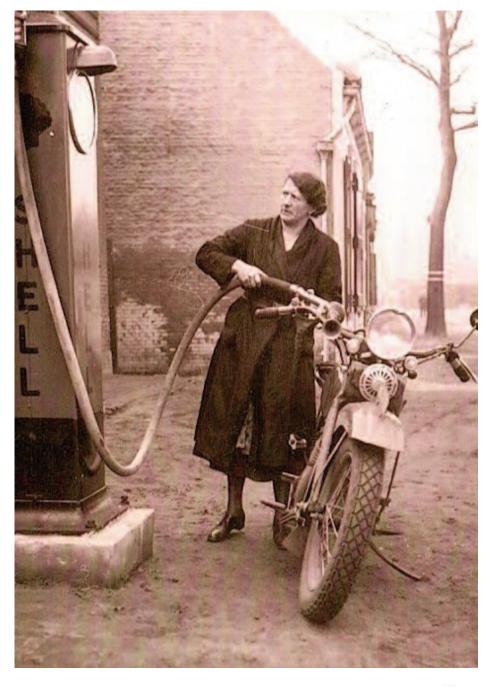
connection to consumers and our eye for innovation is a huge win for us and for the industry. I'm honored to be part of this team. Get ready world, we're excited and we're comin' to a town near you!"

Monsters of the South was founded in 2015 as a customizer of UTV's and became known across the country for its over-the-top, custom designs. The organization grew to be one of the largest and most respected companies in the UTV industry. While their event roots run deep in the mudholes of the south, they are expanding into racing, performance and sand events around the country in 2021.

"The strategic vision for QuadBoss and

DragonFire Racing is expansion through consumer-led innovation," said Kyle Frederick, brand manager for DragonFire Racing. "That requires us to get our hands dirty on product innovation and Monsters of the South helps us do that both literally and figuratively."

The relationship officially kicks off today and solidifies years of mutual awareness and respect that the three companies have for one another. The first products that are a result of the partnership will launch in early 2021.

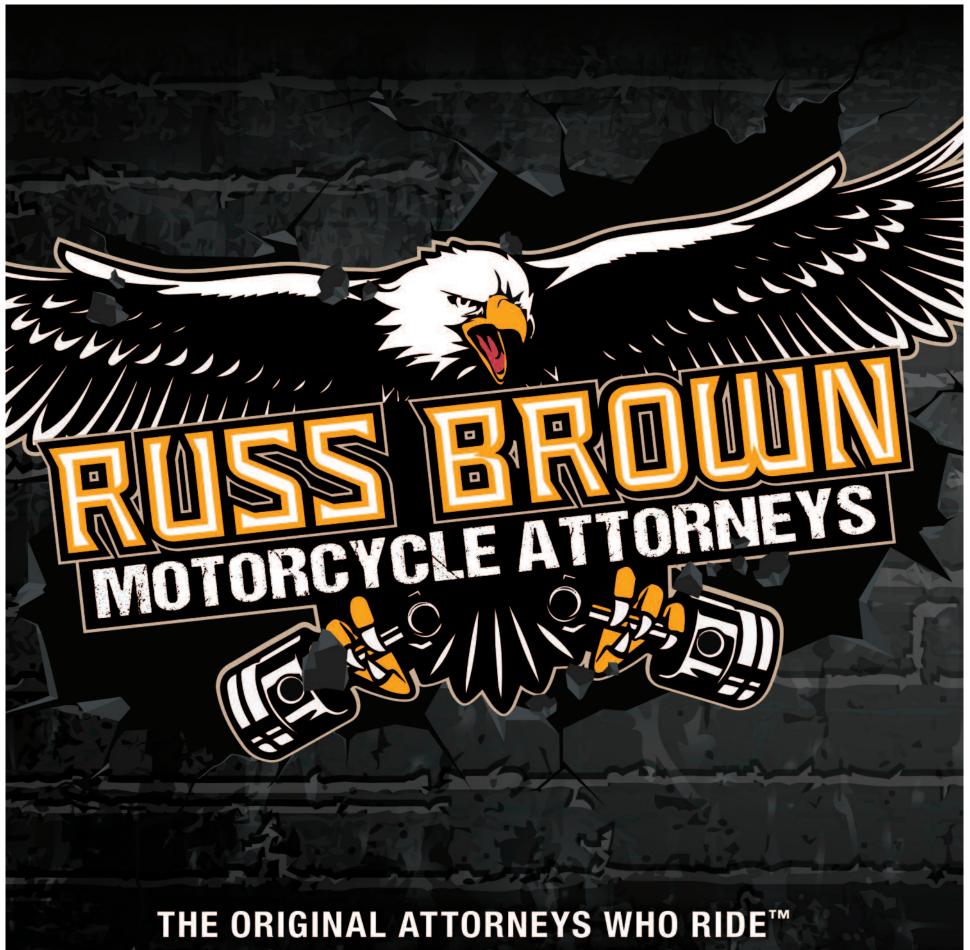








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2020 OBMC Payson Trunk or Treat

By Woody Phillips – High Country Chapter

Every year the annual Old Bastards MC fundraiser ensures local families get to have Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners during the holiday season. And this year the OBMC did not disappoint.

With most trick or treating shut down or limited, the turn out at the Backwoods Bar & Grill in Payson, AZ was still excellent. The kids in costumes, both kid size and adult size, were ready for some fun and some treats. The decorated hot-rods and motorcycles just added to the fun as did a great 3-piece band of locals that were definitely in a party spirit.

The entry fee was a non-perishable food item and there were tons of raffle prizes and a large 50/50 prize to help raise the funds. All of the proceeds go toward Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for area families that could use a little help during the holidays.

The Old Bastards are Club Members of ABATE of Arizona, High Country Chapter. They also hold a fund raiser every summer, "Run with the Pups", to raise money for the Central Arizona Humane Society.



















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Riot on The River







































Cambridge Harley dealership serves celebrity client Jason Momoa

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by Krista Simpson from https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/

A Hollywood heavyweight was able to enjoy some bikes from a Harley-Davidson dealership in Cambridge last week.

Jason Momoa is a star on both big and small screens, and also a fan of the open road. His love for motorcycles led him to Blackbridge Harley-Davidson.

"Jason has been part of the Harley-Davidson family for quite a while now, he's worked very closely with the motor company with some of their projects," Erin Mitchell, with the dealership said. "It's a pleasure to share his enthusiasm for riding."

The dealership delivered some new electric LiveWires to Momoa and his crew. The actor of "Aquaman" and "Game of Thrones" is currently filming the second season of "See" in Toronto.

"It was just fortunate, a happy accident I guess," Mitchell said. "They noticed we were open and that we had bikes for rent."

The dealership posted about the LiveWire drop-off on social media. Mitchell said Momoa showed off his bike collection and was a gracious host.

"It's always really easy to speak to any of our customers and guests who are enthusiastic about the brand," Mitchell said. "There's lots to talk about, there's always your last ride, where you want to go next, what you plan on doing with your bike next and having fun on it."

The experience isn't just for celebrities. Anyone can come to the dealership and try out the bike.

"(It's) 105 horsepower, zero to 100 in less than three seconds," Erik Emin, who is also with the dealership, said. "It's quite an impressive machine."

Emin described the LiveWire as some-

thing you have to experience to truly appreciate it. The latest models of all the motorcycles at the dealership are available to rent.

"Whether it's a day, 24 hours, or multidays during the week or even a weekend, it is available," Emin said. "This allows the rider to get the better opinion on the book and also if it's the right bike for them."

"If you're wanting to try something new, even just to get out and have fun on it, we always encourage that, because that's what the love of riding is all about," Mitchell said.

Harley's ride with Hero may leave its dealers in the lurch

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by Lijee Philip from https://auto.economictimes.indiatimes.com

Dealers point to the mid-sized bike Street, which accounted for 70-90% of sales in upcountry and metro markets and has been out of production for more than a month.

Harley-Davidson, which exited India in September, may have firmed up a manufacturing and distribution agreement with Hero MotoCorp, but the fate of its 33 dealerships spread across metros and smaller towns remains unclear.

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A section of Harley-Davidson dealers said continuing with many recently opened showrooms may not be viable, especially in smaller towns and in metros including the National Capital Region and Bengaluru, which have several such outlets

"We would sell at least 20-25 motorcycles a month. Now, it is down to single digits. With no sight of Street coming back and the launch of a mid-size motorcycle from the Hero-Harley combine at least a couple of years away, dealerships feel they need to be compensated for the investments made or margins increased to sustain operations," one of the oldest Harley-Davidson dealers said on condition of anonymity.

"As stated in our earlier announcement, Hero MotoCorp will sell and service Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and sell parts and accessories and general merchandise riding gear and apparel through a network of brand-exclusive Harley-Davidson dealers network in India," a Hero MotoCorp spokesperson said in an email. "We don't want to comment on anything further at this stage, as all spe-

cific details with regard to the transition process will be worked out in due course of time."

"We will get back as soon as we hear from the global team," Harley-Davidson said

Dealers, still awaiting clarity from Harley-Davidson or Hero MotoCorp on the next steps, estimate the network will be scaled down by more than half to 13-15 dealerships from the current 33.

"We have no idea who ceases to be a dealer or who continues," said Rishi Aggarwal, a Harley-Davidson dealer for New Delhi, Ludhiana and Chandigarh. "In 2013, when the company was more dependent on CBUs, there were 9-10 dealerships and now we seem to be getting back to those levels."

"With sales reduced to single digits, the viability of upcountry showrooms is an issue," said Adarsh Tulshan, a Harley-Davidson dealer for Kolkata and Ranchi,

adding a call needed to be taken for smaller markets like Ranchi.

Many dealers had expanded and refurbished their showrooms as Harley-Davidson had firmed up plans to increase volumes for the Street and newer midsized motorcycles.

"When we signed the letter of intent, we were given no clarity on the expiry date. We invested for the long term and many of us refurbished our dealerships earlier this year," said another metro dealer on condition of anonymity.

An official communication from Harley-Davidson is expected this week and it will give a clearer picture on the compensation or increased margins for dealers.

Harley-Davidson announced its tie-up with Hero MotoCorp last month. Other similar partnerships include BMW-TVS and Bajaj-KTM.

Top Ten Motorcycle Road Trip Safety Tips for Beginners

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Being prepared for your first solo bike road trip is important By Austin from Twisted Road

A road trip on a motorbike is an enjoyable experience. Being alone on an exciting trip with your mind can be really interesting and should be done at least once in a lifetime. That said, learning a few helpful tips from people who do this regularly would probably make your rides easier if you are setting out on a long-distance ride on your motorbike.

Being prepared for your first solo bike road trip is important.

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Take into account all important aspects before you set out on the lane, whether you bring your own motorcycle or are planning to hire one. This will make the ride more fun and hassle-free. Here are the top 10 tips that you shouldn't miss along when you are on a motorcycle road trip:

Choose your ride

Make sure it is a nice one if you're planning a road trip on your bike. Of course, to increase its comfort level, you can always make a few modifications. If you're thinking of renting, make sure you choose your trip wisely.

Do your homework and find one that you can handle and take care of easily. When you go on an off-road ride, bikes with a softer saddle, a different handlebar, sharp headlights, and guards are safer.

A 'cool looking bike' shouldn't be the only matter of interest for you. Finding the

right ride is important in order to have a smooth and efficient road trip and only then you must rent a motorcycle in San Francisco.

Pack light

You can find a variety of luggage carriers for motorbikes available today. The best ones are saddlebags, which can be easily fixed on the sides or back seat of the bike. Other great bag ideas include tailbags and tank bags, which include magnets to hug your tank right away.

In addition to choosing the right bag, you must also decide on your luggage very carefully. When going on a road trip on a motorbike always prefer packing light.

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ATTENTION ALL RIDERS

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.

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Top Ten Motorcycle Road Trip Safety Tips for Beginners (continued)

Get disposable stuff so you can discard it after use. Carry sachets instead of bottles for most of the things. Avoid carrying a lot of changes of clothes either.

Make a list and prioritize all the essential items before you are set to pack.

Stay hydrated

Factors like 'hydration' often take a backseat when considering all important aspects of a motorbike road trip. You need to be backed up for proper hydration while on the go. Hydration is essential and if stopping for water bothers you, consider investing in a hydration pack. The water bottle in a bag not only keeps the water cold but also comes with a long tube that you can use for drinking water without stopping.

Keeping yourself hydrated is very important to be on top of your game.

Do not lose the map

If you are not good at remembering routes, this is the perfect time to embrace technology and rely on GPS. If you want to take this to the next level, consider investing in a Bluetooth helmet so that GPS directions can be given.

If you are going to remote areas with no network, it can be very beneficial to bring a hard copy of the charts. It will give you at least a decent sense of the environment in which you are. Also, it is easier to ask locals for directions than to get lost.

Earplugs

It can get incredibly noisy on the highway occasionally. So, put your earplugs on once you reach the main road to prevent intense pressure on your ears. As an option, to enjoy your first solo biking road trip, you can also use headphones and play your favorite songs.

Eat at off-hours

Especially on the highway, it is best to opt for off-hours to eat. People usually stop at restaurants on the way for daily lunch and dinner hours, which means coping with long waiting hours and crowds. You can stop all the hassle if you're eating hours to unusual timings-such as 11 am for lunch or 5 pm for dinner.

Eat well, but on a motorbike ride, keep your stomach light when out and about.

Stay motivated

The most thrilling aspect of a road trip on a motorbike is when you begin to enjoy it to the heart. That's when the feeling becomes completely beautiful. The whole strategy can be fucked up by feeling exhausted and irritated. So, no matter the circumstances, keep the spirit high.

Take your motorbike to a mechanic for an expert checkup to make sure your first motorcycle road trip is the safest. Before you head out on your road trip, your bike can need a little tuning. To avoid rough times on the lane, retain all the necessary spares. A spare tube, brake cables, spark plugs, accelerator cables, etc. would usually be needed.

Take breaks

While on a biking road trip, you will need more rest than you normally take. Sitting on a bike without a break for long hours can cause saddle sores. Know when you are being asked by your body and bike to stop for a rest.

Do not go crazy with it, as it would just lengthen your trip and make it bore finally. Use the break to rest and also to check if your tank needs refueling and if your bike is in good shape. This will save you from unpleasant situations that are unforeseen.

Dress properly

It is imperative to dress properly for the road trips-particularly on a motorbike. Always try to wear riding pants, a light-weight t-shirt, a full-face hat, ankle boots, and carry the jacket you feel most comfortable in.

If you expect a bumpy ride on two wheels, for more safety, it is best to choose elbow and knee guards. Wearing tailored clothes as baggy equipment for long-distance riding may cause discomfort. If you're riding a dirt bike, here are five errors that you can stop with your gear.

You may also, last but not least, sign up for an organized motorcycle tour that will schedule everything for you in advance.

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Harley shines as CEO Zeitz's turnaround plan boosts profit

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Harley-Davidson Inc beat profit expectations on Tuesday as tighter inventories helped drive up prices and it reined in costs as part of Chief Executive Officer Jochen Zeitz's restructuring plan, sending its shares up as much as 28%.

Overall shipments were down only 6% in the third quarter, recovering from a 59% slump in the prior quarter, indicating a rise in demand for the maker of large cruisers.

The sharp recovery from the pandemic lows comes as CEO Zeitz looks to recharge the business by shifting the focus back to big bikes and traditional markets like the United States and Europe.

Harley also tightened supplies and cut production, driving up prices for pre-owned bikes, which used to be a drag on new motorcycle sales.

"We are managing inventory in line or rather a little short of demand," Zeitz said. "Dealers are selling new bike at or very close to MSRP (manufacturer suggested retail price) and higher dealer profitability."

Global dealer inventory was down 30% in the quarter and Zeitz said the company was planning to exit 40 unprofitable markets.

The company exited the world's largest two-wheeler market, India, last month and recently announced a plan to develop and sell a range of premium motorcycles under its brand name in the country along with Hero MotoCorp.

Retail sales in its biggest market, the United States, where Harley has not recorded a sales rise for the past six years, fell 10%

from a year earlier, but was much less than the 27% slide in the second quarter.

Total expenses fell 26% to \$196.9 million in the quarter.

Net income rose 38% to \$120 million, or 78 cents per share in the third quarter ended Sept. 30. Analysts were expecting a profit of 21 cents per share, according to Refinitiv

Motorcycles and related product revenue fell to \$964 million from \$1.07 billion a year earlier.



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'70 Chevy4x4 half ton, sun roof, AC winch, 2 extra motors, 350, 48K on new motor! Lookd good, runs good. \$20K takes it. Jerry 602 459 4302

1966 El Camino, pics on Facebook. 350, Turbo 350 trans, like new paint, silver,

VIN has been traced back to 1981 (as far back as their database goes) and this appears to be an original Arizona car. After having it up on a lift, no rust was

found.

Strong mid-70's crate 350 engine with Turbo 350 auto. Runs smooth and beautiful. No knocks, rattles or pings in the drivetrain. HEI electronic ignition, power steering, power brakes, oil cooler, transmission cooler. Has been converted to front disk brakes. Weiand intake manifold, 4 bbl carb, aluminum radiator. All glass in great shape. Good amped Pioneer sound system (200 watts) with lots of speakers (and brand new Rockford Fosgate subwoofers) mounted behind the

seats. Battery relocated to behind cab. Stock dual exhaust. Aftermarket underdash A/C. Trailer hitch not attached, but available. Invested over \$1500 in the brake system. Lots of new parts, i can supply a list if wanted.

After-market AC does not work right now... may be as simple as a fuse.

Dipstick needs to be replaced, I have 2 brand new ones, your choice.

Not an extreme tire smoker, but pretty

quick. Decent interior - needs door panels, headliner and sun visors. Clear AZ title.

Actual mileage unknown.

Need no help selling it. No Paypal. Cash.

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