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THE ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE SESSION HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN





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Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

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Lane Filtering YOU ASKED FOR IT!

The Lane Filtering bill has been dropped. Now comes the hard work and we need your

I have uploaded the pdf document for HB2285 motorcycle operation; passing vehicles. The lane filtering bill sponsored and introduced by Representative Noel Campbell. http://www.azmotorcyclelobby.com/bill-track-

Here's the breakdown of how things work:

The bill will be introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives and then assigned to committee.

This is where we need the first big push for support. The legislature has something called the Request to Speak System (RTS). EVERY-ONE needs to be signed up. It will give everyone an opportunity to voice their support for this bill. The more support we have, the easier it will be to get passed.

Request to Speak. Sign up for an account if you don't have one, dust off your password if you do. If you don't we can help. IF YOU CANNOT register in person at the State Capital, send your name and email address to lobbyist@abateofaz.org, and a volunteer will register for you!

Be ready to contact your legislators.

Pick up the phone. If a state lawmaker gets 10 calls a day on any given topic, their phone is ringing off the hook. Emails, by contrast, are easy to ignore — especially since each lawmaker gets hundreds of them every day. Don't be afraid to make a call! Be polite, introduce yourself by name as a constituent, and be friendly to the lawmaker's assistant; s/he has tons of power.

Your presence matters.

For every 10,000 people using RTS, 1,000 make a phone call. 50 attend a hearing. And 5 request a meeting with their lawmaker. This

makes showing up in person one of the most effective ways to advocate. As session progresses, I'll share more about when and how you can head down in groups to make your voices heard. This is one of the biggest reasons we host Motorcycle Day at the Dome on February 19th.

327,000 motorcyclists in Arizona are a loud voice. If we all are on the same page. Let's get this done!!!

Here are a few other bills as of right now that have been introduced and that we are tracking for you.

H2055 CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS; **COMMUNITY RESTITUTION**

A person who violates traffic and vehicle regulation statutes may perform court-approved community restitution in lieu of paying a civil penalty, surcharge, assessment or fee. The court is prohibited from assessing the time payment fee (set elsewhere in statute and currently \$20) on civil traffic violations. ARS Titles Affected: 28

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

H2060 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES; SAFETY FEATURES; PROHIBITIONS

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

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

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We meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM at the VFW POST 7968, 250 S Phelps Dr. in Apache Junction, AZ 85120. You do not have to be a member to attend so come on by and say hello. Riders of all types of bikes, and even non-riders, are always welcome

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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

DOT Releases AV Guidance 4.0 In conjunction with the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas last week, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao released Ensuring American Leadership in Automated Vehicle Technologies: Automated Vehicles 4.0' (AV 4.0). The current guidance takes the approach of showing the unity of the Administration and other government agencies about looking towards the future of autonomous vehicles.

The current guidance has not changed the hands-off approach of

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the DOT on AV regulations, and we at the MRF will continue to engage with Congress on the importance of meaningful AV legislation. The House and Senate continue to work together on draft legislation and we will let you know when it is introduced.

You can read AV 4.0 in its entirety

https://www.transportation.gov/av/4

CALL TO ACTION - END MOTOR-CYCLIST PROFILING SUPPORT H.RES.255

As we move into the second half of the 116th Congress, we still have more work to do to advance our 2020 legislative priorities. With your help,

we can make sure that Congress takes steps to help end the unfair profiling of motorcyclists around the country.

Let's keep the momentum going and ask the U.S. House of Representatives to join their colleagues in the U.S. Senate to pass H.Res. 255. If you have answered our previous calls to action over the past year on motorcyclist profiling, please make sure you click the take action button for our updated profiling engagement! We currently have over 125 bipartisan cosponsors and we would like to increase that number to signal to Congress that this issue is still important to the bikers in America. If your representative is already a cosponsor, the system will send them a thank you on your behalf which also encourages

them to ask their colleagues in the House of Representatives to join them.

TAKE ACTION NOW: Tell Congress that targeting a motorcyclist because of his clothes, cut or motorcycle is discriminatory and needs public attention. Support H.Res. 255.

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 Moore-Bizub

Hello ABATE family,

It's been a busy month inviting people to join us at Bikers at the Dome February

19 2020. I encourage everyone to try and make it and let every one you know we would love for them to join us fighting for motorcyclists rights is a big part of what ABATE is all about.

" LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE "

I for one am not willing to let some one who does not ride try to make a law on what i can or cant wear while riding. Only you know what will keep you safe on the road . Stand up and let your vote & voice be heard. There is power in numbers and I feel ALL motorcyclists need to come together and stand as ONE . UNITED.

I would like to see ABATE apparel being worn while you're out in the community let people know what ABATE is our accomplishments as well as our goals. Its a good way to start up conversations with fellow riders. Carry applications on you, you never know who might just share the same passion as we do. . " riding " and care about our rights. Invite them to your chapter meeting or a event your having make that new person at the meeting feel like they are important to ABATE each and every one of ABATE is a key to our success in keeping riding free in Arizona. If they are not from your area send them to there nearest chapter. I would like to see more chapters in the Mohave area and in other areas of Arizona. If you have ideas, I want to hear them . I hope to meet many of you at the Dome on February 19, 2020.

Moving on, I would like to see each chapter have a minimum of 3 members to help out at Too Boke for Sturgis. This is OUR event and we can't depend on a few people to do everything with each chapter doing their part everyone can have some time to enjoy this event. So please ask your chapter family who would be willing to step up to the plate

and help out. They can do a few hours a day or as many hours or days they are willing to help out. That way others have time to relax and have fun. I feel with everyone's help we can make this a Great event only to get bigger and better each year.

Let's make "Too Broke for Sturgis" a biker rally no one will want to miss year after year.

Keep the rubber side down watch for those who are not watching for you on the road. Be safe.

I'd like to Thank everyone who has reached out to me with their support I really do appreciate it. That's it for this month My Arizona ABATE family.

M L & R Your President, Shirley Bizub (Moon Shine).

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the safety features of a fully autonomous vehicle or partially autonomous vehicle by modifying the vehicle's computer program, mechanically modifying the vehicle, or placing any physical device, including a weight, on the vehicle's steering wheel.

ARS Titles Affected: 28 First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2243 APPROPRIATION; WIDEN-ING; INTERSTATE 10

Appropriates \$50 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department

of Transportation to widen Interstate 10 between Chandler and Casa Grande. ARS Titles Affected: 41 First sponsor: Rep. Shope (R - Dist 8)

H2285 MOTORCYCLE OPERA-TION; PASSING VEHICLES

The operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle is permitted to overtake and pass another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel in the same lane and to operate the motorcycle between the lanes of traffic on a street that is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel with

a speed limit that does not exceed 45 miles per hour, if the motorcycle is traveling at a speed that does not exceed 15 miles per hour.

ARS Titles Affected: 28 First sponsor: Rep. Campbell (R - Dist 1)

S1078 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES; PRORATION

The Department of Transportation is authorized to prorate the annual vehicle registration fee for a registration of less than 12 months. The Dept is prohibited from collected a vehicle registration fee retroactively for any period that the vehi-

cle was not registered if the current owner of the vehicle was not the owner of the vehicle during any part of the period in which the vehicle was not registered. Retroactive to August 31, 2019. ARS Titles Affected: 28 First sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18)

The Motorcycle Safety Fund extension will be introduced by the time this goes to print. Representative Shawnna Bolick has agreed to sponsor this for us. Watch the ABATE facebook page for updates.

US Supreme Court Takes Up Motorist Shooting Case

https://www.thenewspaper.com

The US Supreme Court is poised to decide whether police can be held accountable for shooting an innocent motorist. The high court justices agreed to take up the case of Roxanne Torres, who was shot twice by Albuquerque, New Mexico police as she sat in her Toyota in an apartment parking lot on July 15, 2014, after having dropped off a friend.

Four New Mexico state police officers had staked out the area, hoping to serve a warrant on Kayenta Jackson. Officers Janice Madrid and Richard Williamson were wearing black tactical gear, and Torres did not recognize them as police

when they came and tried to open the locked door of the Toyota unannounced.

Thinking she was about to be carjacked, Torres decided to drive forward to get away. The officers claimed they were in danger -- even though neither was in the vehicle's path. They fired thirteen 9mm rounds into the Toyota, striking Torres twice. Wounded, Torres continued driving out of the complex until she reached the hospital in Grants. The officers decided to charge Torres with assault and fleeing a police officer. Torres decided to fight back by suing them for violating her constitutional rights.

The Tenth Circuit US Count of Appeals

held that because to bullets did not stop Torres that she had not been "seized" for to purposes of the Fourth Amendment. As such, she was not entitled to sue the officers for use of excessive force in violation of her constitutional rights.

"The result in this case serves to emphasize just how uneven our society's 'playing field' is," Rutherford Institute attorneys wrote in a friend of the court briefing. "Civilians can be civilly and criminally liable for the most minor of physical contact; the officers' actions here could hardly be described as minor, and yet two circuits would absolve them of any liability under Section 1983. As the institution most often responsible for striking the

proper balance between police power and personal liberties, this court should act to narrow this imbalance."

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Cato Institute also joined the suit to argue that police misconduct should not be ignored simply because a suspect was shot -- but not "stopped" by being killed. They also argued that because other appellate courts in similar cases came to conclusions that differed from the Tenth Circuit, the same police conduct would be legal in one part of the country but illegal in others. Police are involved in over 50,000 shootings each year.

Motorcycle Maintenance for Safety

https://www.motorcycling.ca

The first step should always be to wash the bike. You just can't work on a dirty bike and it gives you the opportunity to find faults. Older bikes used to vibrate stuff off. While newer bikes aren't as susceptible, you can't predict the extent of neglect. Loose nuts and bolts, nail in the tire, missing brake lever are good catches during a cleaning.

Motorcycle tires are designed to operate

over a very small pressure range. The sportier the tire, the narrower the range. Tires will always lose air over time. Tire pressure relates directly to tire operating temperature. The lower the pressure, the hotter the tire runs and the faster it will wear. If a tire is too hard (too much pressure) it will run cooler but on a much smaller contact patch. Also not good. The key is to find the optimum pressure to balance stick and mileage. Monitor the pressures weekly to stay there. An old guideline was the 10% rule. If your cold

tire pressure was 30 psi and the hot was 33 psi you were good. If it was 36 psi hot, you need to bump your cold pressure.

Tire condition is another key factor. Lots of tread isn't great if the tire is 10 years old. Rubber hardens with age and traction decreases. Under inflation can cause the tire to whoop out causing high and low spots. Traction will be compromised.

Brakes...they only slow you down.

Perhaps appropriate in racing but a vital function on the street. It's a good idea to do a visual inspection of pads and discs. If you have drum brakes the arrow on the actuating arm will give you some indication of the wear. Like tires, brake pads are only good for so many heat cycles. Their performance will decrease so gradually that you may not notice until you really need them.

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Chapter Reports

High Country Chapter

It has been cold and snowy in High Country, so there has not been a lot of riding lately. Although we did see a Goldwing Touring Group blast by us the other day when it was just 27 degrees. We sure hope they saw that big icy patch in Strawberry before they hit it.

But when the weather gets too cold to ride (comfortably – we still have a couple of crazy people in our chapter), we get to work planning our upcoming year's events

Recently, our Chapter Coordinator sat down with the heads of the other motorcycle organizations in our area to coordinate our event calendars so we would not be competing with other and so we could attend each other's events. Attending each other's events is one of our favorite things to do when it warms up.

We have also begun planning our 16th Annual Wild in the Weeds Rally which is held every year during the first weekend in May. It will be held at Punkin Center Bar & Grill in Tonto Basin, as it has been for the past several years. This venue makes it easy to stay cool, have cold beer, hot food, and lots of fun with just enough room for camping and bike/people games (definitely the highlight of the event) and great live music in the evenings. Remember the dates: May 1, 2 and 3, 2020. Go to WildInTheWeeds.com for the latest information.

Remember, you have a permanent invitation to come and see us. If you can, drop by the Moose Lodge in Star Valley a little before 10 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the

month and join us for our monthly Chapter Meeting. We would love to see you.

Mohave Chapter

NO REPORT.

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

Hello from Phoenix!

At our January meeting our former Chapter Coordinator Will Driggers passed-the-patch to Nolan Steed, our new Chapter Coordinator for 2020. Will is keeping Chapter membership responsibilities and Nolan continues to manage Chapter runs & events. Other Chapter officers for 2020 are Tara Rudometkin as Treasurer, Lyn Peterson as Secretary, Dee Grady as Merchandise officer, Mike Rudd as Vice Coordinator, Jerry Davis as Sargent at Arms, Ernie Lizarraga as Safety officer, Christopher Beals as our chapter PAC and Robb Felder as chapter representative on the Board of Directors. We currently have an open position for Chapter Communications Officer. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact Nolan at our next Chapter meeting or send an email to the gmail address below.

In addition to the reports given by each Chapter officer, the Chapter discussed 2020 event planning, upcoming rides in April/May, new merchandise, fundraisers ideas and outreach to our former members. Please attend our chapter meetings to get involved in the planning or to join in on the fun. We're off to a great start and have big plans for the year. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, now is a

great time to reconnect with your ABATE brothers and sisters.

If you would like to receive chapter communications by email, please send a request to the gmail address below, or follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/groups/shadowmoun-

This year, please show your commitment to ABATE of Arizona by maintaining your membership status. You can renew or join ABATE at any of our meetings, events or online at:

www.abateofaz.us/members Thank you for your support.

Ride Safe & Live Free!

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Superstition Chapter

NO REPORT.

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Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

Yavapai chapter members Dan, Deborah and A. J. joined with ABATE (state and other chapter members) for the January 4th training at the AAIC. We meet with some amazing folks, some whose stories inspired us, and also saw all the same 'ol cool cats that attended for a very informative time training in our new/previous/ongoing positions. It was all good!

Our chapter is currently looking at Meetup.com as a platform to reach new members, grow our chapter's membership, and to use as a mechanism to teach others about the basic fundaments of organization, and also linking it to our state's website. More to follow on this topic.

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

Lastly, member update we have 66 members and 6 business members. Special thanks to our business members: Legends Harley Davidson (formerly GCHD), Mormon Lake Lodge, Barefoot Bob's Billards, El Charro Norte, Mark's Beergarden and Star Island Motorsports. Visit them if you're up here in Yavapai County.

Ride Long and Ride Safe - Cheers!

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

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

Motorcycle Maintenance for Safety (continued)

A lot of brake fluids are hygroscopic, meaning they will absorb water. When that happens, your fluid boiling point decreases and your brakes might get spongy. New fluid every spring is a great idea.

Lubricating fluids are the life blood of

your machine. Regular attention will extend the life of your bike and indicate the potential of any problems before they occur. If you have a chain, check its tension and condition. Be nice to it and feed it some lube on a regular basis. A broken chain can become a safety concern as it locks the back wheel or leaves you

stranded. If the six feet of broken chain decide to wrap around your countershaft sprocket you have another expensive problem called cracked engine cases.

A mechanic once told me that there are no bad mechanics, only bad tools. If you are up to your own maintenance make sure you have the right tools. Knowledge can be gained in service manuals, YouTube videos and courses. If not, establish a good relationship with your local service dept and trust your bike to the pros.

Motorcycle fuel tank device to check petrol quality in real time

https://blog.bikernet.com

by Abhinand Venugopal from https://www.rushlane.com

Soham Mohanty has created a device that can tell if the petrol being filled in your vehicle's fuel tank is adulterated or not.

One could argue that Lexus sells some of the best-looking luxury vehicles in the global automotive market. The Japanese automaker, under the wings of Toyota, not only believes in good automotive aesthetics and design, but is also determined in finding out the right talent in this field.

As part of this, the brand's Indian division recently concluded Lexus Design Award India (LDAI) 2020 and selected the creative design project by Soham Mohanty in the 'Conceptual Category – Student' stream, to be showcased at the

prestigious Milan Design Week scheduled for April 2020.

Soham's project, dubbed as Accufill, aims to bring absolute peace of mind to motorcycle riders in the world of rising fuel thefts at fraudulent petrol stations. Accufill is a piece of sensor-based equipment that employs ultrasonics to determine fuel density and quality, while also ensuring that the user gets the right amount of fuel for the price he/she pays. As we know, fuel isn't cheap at all and prices are only seeing a climb.

In Soham Mohanty's words, Accufill helps bring transparency between riders and the staff at various petrol stations. Basically, it is a user-friendly device to check petrol quality. By ensuring only the right content goes into the fuel tank, Accufill indirectly aids in improving engine life and reliability of related com-

ponents such as the fuel-injection (FI) system.

To make a better understanding as to why a device such as Accufill is an important need, millions of litres of fuel are adultered each year; petrol with naphtha and diesel with kerosene. This information was shared by none other than the Indian Ministry of Transport.

According to SIAM (Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers), around 20 million two-wheelers (and counting) are sold in the country every year. For the same reason, if at least half of the new products are equipped with Accufill, there will be a significant drop in fuel-station-oriented frauds. To completely eradicate this in due course, all two-wheelers should come equipped with Accufill or a similar device, right from the factory or dealership. An advanced form of the

device could be developed for fourwheelers and larger commercial vehicles as well.

Accufill is not the only design project/idea that will make its way to the Lexus Design Event at the venue of the Milan Design Week. Binayak Mondal's 'Able' — an engineering solution that helps a person who cannot walk, easily transfer his/her body from bed to a wheelchair (in sitting position), without any external aid — also won LDAI 2020 in the Conceptual Work – Open Category stream.

The Lexus Design Award India 2020 panel awarded 12 design entries on social impact. A total of 885 entries were made from across the stretches of India.





Coast to Coast

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

ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS URGED TO SUPPORT FEDERAL ANTI-PRO-FILING MEASURE

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the Confederations of Clubs is calling on all motorcyclists nationwide, from patch holders to independents, to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of House Resolution 255, a bipartisan antiprofiling measure being considered in the U.S. House of Representatives that is identical to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate on December 11, 2018.

H.Res.255; "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," was introduced early in the 1st Session of the 116th Congress (2019-2020), on March 26, 2019 by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), and currently has over 125 bipartisan co-sponsors.

As defined by both nonbinding Congressional resolutions, S.Res.154 & H.Res.255, "motorcycle profiling" means "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle

related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

Concerned riders can contact their U.S. Rep. by calling the Capital Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and request that they join their colleagues in cosponsoring H.Res.255 to help thwart law enforcement from unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and

RPM ACT TO PROTECT RACING HAS BEEN REINTRODUCED IN CON-**GRESS**

Legislation to protect the right to convert street vehicles into dedicated racecars -known as the RPM Act -- is "well positioned" to become law in 2020 now that new versions of the bill have been introduced in Congress, according to the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), an industry trade association representing the specialty automotive industry.

U.S. Representatives Patrick McHenry (R-NC), and Raul Ruiz (D-CA), along with 30 bipartisan co-sponsors, introduced H.R. 5434, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2019 on December 16, 2019, complementing the Senate's version of the bill, S.2602, introduced October 18, 2019 by Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Joe Manchin

(D-WV).

The RPM Act, if passed, would reverse the Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 interpretation of the Clean Air Act that it does not allow a motor vehicle designed for street use -- including a car, truck, or motorcycle -- to be converted into a dedicated racecar. The bill also would protect the motorsports-parts industry's ability to sell performance products.

The legislation cleared several major legislative hurdles in the previous Congress, including passage by the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee and hearings in the House and Senate.

The practice of converting street cars into competition vehicles went unquestioned for nearly 50 years until 2015, when the EPA took the position that converted vehicles must remain emissions-compliant, even though they are no longer driven on public streets or highways.

Motorsports competition involves tens of thousands of participants and vehicle owners each year, says SEMA, with most of the vehicles being raced on the estimated 1,300 racetracks operating across the U.S. are converted vehicles that the EPA currently considers to be illegal.

CONGRESS EXTENDS TAX CREDITS FOR ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES The U.S. spending bill recently agreed to

on December 17, 2019 includes extension of tax credits for home EV charger installations, electric motorcycles, and fuel-cell vehicles. These credits were previously extended through the end of 2017, though that time the extension was retroactive, as taxpayers didn't know about the incentive during the incentive period. Now, those credits have been extended retroactively again by Congress -- covering the last two years, since 2017 -- and have been extended forward to the end of this year.

Due to an amendment made to the yearend spending bill, taxpayers will once again qualify for a 30% rebate (up to \$1,000) on costs associated with the installation of an EV charging station, a 10% credit (up to \$2,500) on 2- or 3wheeled electric vehicles such as electric motorcycles, and a \$4,000 credit for the purchase of a new fuel-cell vehicle.

These credits previously expired at the end of 2017, but will now be available through 2020. The credits are available retroactively so, presumably, this means that taxpayers can and should file amended returns for previous years.

HELMET REPEAL EFFORTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Since 1966, when Georgia became the first State to require helmet use by law,

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- · 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@aba-

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2019 Anti-profiling; encouraging prevention Memorial unanimously passed 60-0 in

2019 Mandatory helmet law with fees attached defeated once again

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Coast to Coast (continued)

America has gone through periods of nearly 100% conformity with every state except California passing mandatory helmet laws, through two federal helmet law mandates, both since repealed, to today with only 19 states and the District of Columbia requiring helmets for all riders.

Now, with state legislatures back in session entering the new year, several of those states are hoping to be the next to nix their lid law, following most recently Arkansas (1997), Texas (1997), Kentucky (1998), Florida (2000), Pennsylvania (2003) and Michigan (2012). Louisiana weakened its motorcycle helmet use law in 1999, but re-enacted it in 2004.

Already this year, West Virginia has introduced bicameral legislation on January 10th, HB 2070 in the House and SB 153 in the Senate, that would allow you to operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle without a helmet, provided the rider is 21 or older and has held a motorcycle license for at least two years. In addition, SB 154 would allow certain out-of-state residents ride a motorcycle in West Virginia without helmet.

Missouri, which last session passed a helmet repeal through both houses of their legislature, only to see it vetoed, once again, by their governor, has introduced another bill on January 9th to exempt persons 18 or older with a valid motorcycle license from wearing protective headgear while riding a motorcycle or motortricycle.

In New York, A6895, introduced January 8th, provides that motorcyclists over the age of 21 shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle, while A3004 "requires motorcycle users to wear helmets that meet the federal motor vehicle safety standards and which have been impact-tested by the U.S. department of transportation, the commissioner of motor vehicles or by an independent laboratory approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles."

Meanwhile, companion bills A214/S320 authorizes the commissioner of transportation to conduct a comprehensive study of the efficacy of motorcycle helVermont's legislature is considering S203, an act relating to motorcycle helmets, which "proposes to amend the motorcycle helmet law to only apply to motorcycle operators and riders under 21 years of age and creates an exemption from the motorcycle helmet requirement for those operators and riders who are participating in a parade."

The number of registered motorcycles in the U.S. is near historic highs, with more than 8.4 million registered motorcycles as of 2014, according to the U.S. DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is up from 4.3 million in 2000, nearly doubling over the past two decades.

NEW DRIVER ACCOUNTABILITY LAW IN OREGON

Effective January 1, 2020, it is now a CRIME for a (grossly) negligent driver to injure a motorcyclist or their passenger. It also requires careless drivers who injure riders or passengers to attend safety school and perform 100-200 hours of community service including driver training and traffic safety.

"I am proud to have written this bill and presented testimony to the Oregon Legislature," says Oregon Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) attorney Christopher A. Slater, who also serves as legal advisor to the Oregon Confederation of Clubs (COC) and ABATE of Oregon. "Hopefully this new law will help drivers to look for motorcycles and reduce rider injuries.'

WASHINGTON STATE ENDEAVORS TO MAKE ROADS SAFER

The state of Washington passed some important motorcycle-related legislation that went into effect as of January 1, 2020 in an effort to increase motorcycle safety by making motorcycle endorsement testing more rigorous, and also increased penalties if you're caught riding without a license.

Previously, the cost of getting caught without a motorcycle license was lower than the cost of actually taking motorcycle training classes, but as of 2020, it'll now cost you less to obtain the proper training than it will to get caught riding without a license. The full penalty for riding without a license will now cost \$386, with all fees considered.

Part of this has to do with Washington state's Target Zero highway safety plan, which aims to get serious injuries and fatalities on state roadways down to zero by 2030. An ambitious plan, to be sure, but one key point regarding motorcyclists is the state's intention to make the permitting and endorsement process for motorcyclists be a more meaningful evaluation of their skills and also making endorsement testing more difficult for riders seeking to get a license.

MOTORCYCLE MARKET TRENDS As another year comes to a close, it is a great time to reflect on what has been generally a successful year for the Powersports industry, according to Jeremy Jensen, president of the Motorsports Group at Wells Fargo CDF, who reports some consistency from previous years, unexpected strengths, and a few areas of opportunity for next year:

UTVs -- Retail of side-by-sides saw a nice rebound in the second half of the year, some of which was weather driven, and the segment continues to grow in the mid-single digits per year.

ATVs -- Sales of ATVs have been consistently solid throughout the year, and expected to be up by low single digits by the end of 2019, with much of the growth coming in the 400-600cc sector. Given typical cannibalization of ATV by the UTV sector, this is a promising result year over year.

Motorcycles -- Overall, motorcycle retail sales are very similar with 2018 levels, however, different product groups are driving strength and weakness. Sport bikes, which was a successful sector last year (specifically <500cc), has fallen back. Off-road bikes, however, will be up by double digits percentage with dual sport models also posting growth this year. Heavyweight motorcycles remain a key industry challenge as the industry continues to adjust to the preferences of the millennial generation.

Product innovation continues to be strong with technical advancements, new models, and improved performance and comfort. Whether it's being able to connect your phone, a more advanced GPS system, or an improved suspension, ven-

dors are leveraging technology and looking for ways to enhance the rider experi-

From a dealer standpoint, a great area of opportunity is continuing to focus on building the local rider community. Organize events, let people feel and experience the products, introduce diversified groups of people to powersports, and continue to leverage social media as a way to reach new audiences.

Manufacturers have their own unique approach. They're shifting to smaller displacement vehicles at lower price points and an increased focus on bringing new technological elements to the vehicles. This allows riders of all backgrounds and experience levels to have access to the industry and feel connected to the broader community. "In the end," Jensen advises, "we're trying to encourage a lifestyle, not just a product."

HONDA PATENTS VERTICAL AIRBAG FOR MOTORCYCLES The idea of fitting an airbag to the front of a motorcycle has been around for almost as long as the airbag itself, and Honda pioneered the technology on its Gold Wing over a decade ago, but for the system they recently patented, the airbag launches vertically in front of the rider instead of mounting atop the center console.

The main problem for motorcycle designers wanting to incorporate one on a bike is packaging. While cars have plenty of space within the dashboard, side pillars and seats to stash the airbag and its inflation hardware, motorcycles are almost always devoid of such space. The new system that Honda has just registered shows a small, airbag system that is compact enough that it can be mounted within the front-end bodywork of a small motorcycle or even a scooter.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes. Samuel Clemens (a.k.a. Mark Twain) 1835-1910, American writer, humorist





ABATE of Arizona Chapter Meeting Times and Locations

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-

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

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

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

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.

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We meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM at the VFW POST 7968, 250 S Phelps Dr. in Apache Junction, AZ 85120. You do not have to be a member to attend so come on by and say hello. Riders of all types of bikes, and even non-riders, are always welcome.

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IF YOU CANNOT register in person at the State Capital or the kiosk in Tucson, send your name and email address to Jennifer- legal@azcfp.org or send it to me, and a volunteer will register for you!

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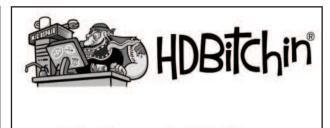
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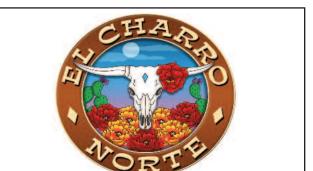




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Speed Kills Myth Alive and Well in Pennsylvania

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To the editor: Sadly, the speed kills myth is alive and well in Pennsylvania. A real 25-state analysis was done on NHTSA data, which showed that 1.6% of crashes are caused by excessive speed. Barely above zero, then.

Nowhere does anyone ever put into a bill that speed limits must be posted at the 85th percentile free-flowing traffic speed. This is so that the ticket industry can thrive. Set the limits too low, ticket barely

above them, get municipal radar and speed cameras, then watch the money flow in. Since this is still not enough, the state now wants more LIDAR and moving radar. You can expect more crashes, safe drivers cited, and lots of erroneous tickets with poor policies.

The mentioned devices [in Tim Hennessey's re-election announcement] flopped elsewhere and will here. The state wants money, whether from redlight cameras, speed cameras, stop-arm cameras, or municipal radar. Multiple

media outlets stated that after red-light cameras were installed in Philadelphia, crashes went up, yet people still say they went down. Be careful who you listen to with traffic issues.

Maximum safety on roads occurs when we have speed limits posted to the 85th percentile free-flowing traffic speed, yellow traffic lights set to actual approach speeds with realistic perception and reaction times, and stop signs only where needed.

In the meantime, we ignore issues like distracted drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Please contact your state representative, state senator, and the governor to oppose the above in Pennsylvania and demand best-practice engineering. Tickets should also be only points, no fines or surcharges.

James Sikorski Jr., Wapwallopen, PA PA Advocate National Motorists Association

Ford v Ferrari Movie Nominated for Best Picture Oscar

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Academy Award nominations for the racingthemed movie include three technical categories for editing and sound.

Ford v Ferrari, the critically acclaimed movie about the two automakers' 1960s rivalry at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, has been nominated for four Academy Awards, the awards organization announced this morning.

The lead actors—Christian Bale as Ken Miles and Matt Damon as Carroll Shelby did not get the nod for acting awards, but the film did get a Best Picture nomination. Its other three nominations were in technical categories.

The Academy Awards ceremony will be held on February 9.

The Academy Awards' nominations were announced this morning in Los Angeles, and Ford v Ferrari, as had been expected, was chosen in several categories. The movie is up for Best Picture in a field of nine nominees, among them The Irishman and Once upon a Time in Hollywood. Its three other nominations are for film editing, sound editing, and

sound mixing.

Ford v Ferrari tells the story of an upstart American team going up against the Ferrari juggernaut and emerging victorious. It has been critically praised, including by C/D, for its re-creation of three races: the 1966 24 Hours of Daytona, the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans, and a fictitious race at Willow Springs Raceway in California that establishes the relationship between the main characters, race-team leader Carroll Shelby (played by Matt Damon) and ace driver Ken Miles (Christian Bale). Neither of those actors got

Oscar nominations; in an awards ceremony held last week, Bale had been nominated for a Golden Globe as Best Actor in a Motion Picture (Drama), but he lost to Joaquin Phoenix for Joker.

Although the 1967 film Grand Prixwon Oscars for sound, editing, and special effects, it wasn't nominated for Best Picture, and in Oscars history, no racing-themed movie has ever won Best Picture.

-by Laura Sky Brown, Car and Driver

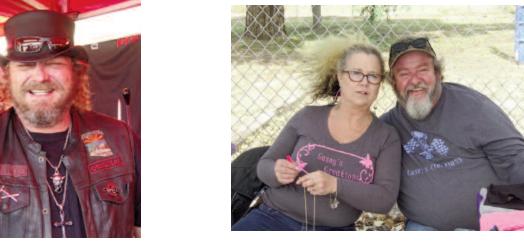




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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips - Chairman

ABATE is an acronym for American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education. ABATE is a voluntary organization.

These are the first two sentences in the Introduction of our Policies and Procedure Manual.

They describe, quite accurately, who we

are and why we exist. We aim to educate (not legislate) our elected representatives and the general public about motorcycles and motorcyclists. Why? Because we want to be able to ride without being hassled and we want to live to ride another day. Pretty simple. Simple, but not easy.

There is a saying in high-tech, "If it were easy, everybody would be doing it". Our mission is simple but getting it done is hard. It is hard because we are a volunteer organization. No one gets paid. We ask quite a bit of many of you. We ask for your time, your backs, your money, your passion! But somehow, we manage to get it done, year in and year out. How? Because we have volunteers!

During the last decade a shift has occurred in society and that shift is affecting ALL volunteer organizations, at least in the United States. I am hearing from leaders of all types of organizations that have existed, and thrived, for many decades, that "people just don't want to

volunteer anymore. We can't get new members!" This is true for ALL volunteer groups. It affects the *Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Shriners, American Legion,* and on and on. And it affects us.

But we should be able to overcome this trend because we have something in our very name that other organizations do not. Brotherhood! So why aren't we?

A recent survey was conducted of ABATE of AZ members that have let their memberships expire. What we discovered was that we were losing members because "no one ever called me", or "no one talked to me" or (the worst one), "I didn't feel welcome"! What this means is we are forgetting our roots. We are forgetting where we came from and why we are here: because we are a "brotherhood"!

If we are to live up to our name, then EVERY biker is a brother or sister. When we see someone new at a meeting, it is our duty to make that new person feel welcome, appreciated, and part of us. That is what Brotherhood means and if we are to survive, let alone thrive, we need to take this part of our name seriously.

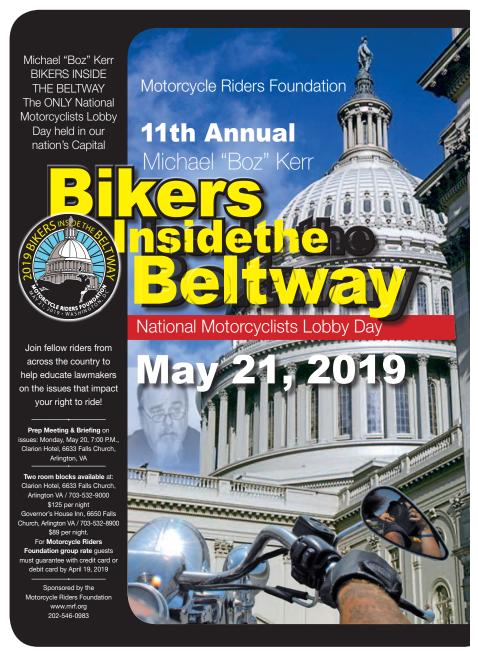
The next time you are at a rally and you are trying to get new members, or you are at a chapter meeting and you see an unfamiliar face, learn that person's name. Find out what they ride. Ask them about themselves and tell them something about you. Bikers are NOT a shy lot (generally speaking) but we can appear standoffish and cliquish when we do not go out of our way to welcome a new rider.

If we are a "brotherhood" we need to make sure we act like one. Me included.

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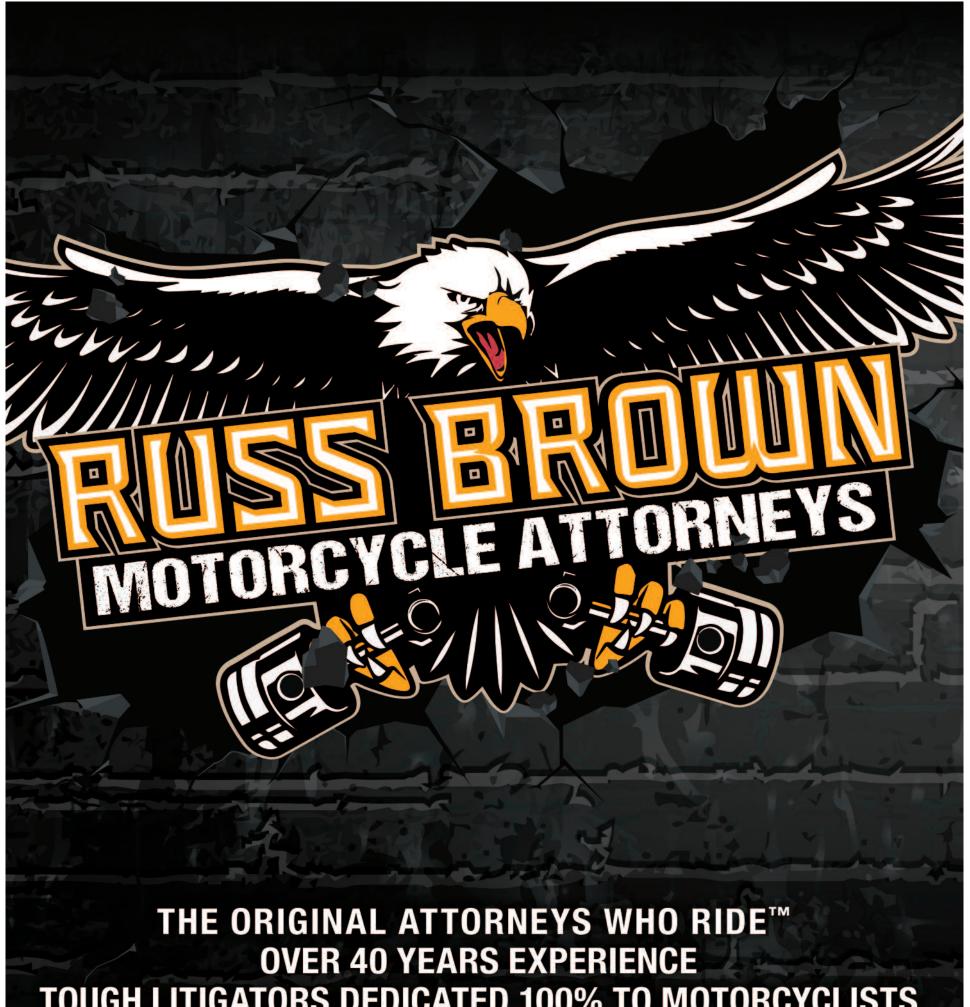
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A Blueprint For Successfully Protesting "No Motorcycle Colors" Nationwide the act of law enforcement coercing private establishments to prohibit motorcycle club-related clothing and paraphernalia has grown to epidemic levels. The National Council of Clubs, representing motorcycle clubs and their member's legitimate interests in all 50 states, stands in opposition to law enforcement coercion and encourages motorcyclists to organize and fight back!

A recent example in the state of Pennsylvania not only highlights the issue, but also provides a viable blueprint for successfully reversing law enforcement motivated discrimination in public accommodations. Ephrata Police attempted to coerce a local Elks Lodge into breaking a contract with the Lancaster County Motorcycle Club (LCMC) that planned on holding their annual Halloween party to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Fortunately, the LCMC, the NCOC, and Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP), organized a successful campaign blocking law enforcement's efforts.

The Background

Lancaster County Motorcycle Club is "a family friendly group using our love of riding motorcycles to help charities and benefits in our community." LCMC as a collective, have never had any interactions with any law enforcement agency, and has references from many facilities that have hosted them, or that they participated in events with. On August 15th, 2019, LCMC signed a rental contract with the Elks Lodge 1933 to hold their annual Halloween party to take place on October 26, 2019. LCMC had hired a band, and

planned on renting a taxi for any intoxicated drivers, and had a motorcycle trailer on standby as well. With food, entertainment, and safety measures in place, everything was going as planned, and shaping up to be a successful charity fundraiser. That is until the Ephrata Police decided to get involved.

State Actor Discrimination

On September 23rd, a board member of the Elks Lodge informed LCMC that their party was canceled at the behest of Lt. Christopher McKim of the Ephrata Police Department. Lt. McKim, acting under the color of state law in a official capacity, and who is also a member of the Elks lodge, had several conservations with a board member and the president of the lodge, "advising" them "not to have the party because of the possible ramifications that could happen from it." The board members of the lodge decided to have a meeting to discuss what they believed was a directive from the local police department. Lt. McKim told the board members that he was 'tipped off' by agencies that were higher than his. Lt. McKim falsely claimed that LCMC had ties to a Motorcycle 'Gang', and employed a scare tactic of asking the lodge what they would do in the event that something 'bad' happened. Based on the erroneous and sensationalized misinformation that was presented to them, the Elks Lodge decided to cancel the planned event.

LCMC Pushes Back

Lancaster County Motorcycle Club was not happy about the slanderous information that was being spread about them, and made the decision to push back. The President of LCMC made several phone calls to the president of the Elks Lodge, as

well as too Lt. McKim seeking an explanation as to why he would illegally influence a private business under the color of the law.

After several days and multiple attempts unanswered, LCMC President contacted the NCOC. On September 27th, 2019, I called Lt. McKim and requested an interview. Initially, he stated that he did not have time, and did not know what the questions were going to be in reference too. I informed him that I would be writing an article about his illegal actions, and would like to get quotes and/or his side of the story. Once this information was presented, Lt. McKim made time and decided to speak with this writer.

Ephrata Police Backpedal

Lt. McKim denied pressuring the Elks Lodge to cancel event, stating that "we", the Ephrata Police, "just wanted them to be aware of the situation, aware of the connection." He stated that he had received information from other confidential sources that "trouble can arise, not that it will arise." He stated that the police department contacts any venue that is holding an event discusses how they would handle the situation "if anything bad happened." When asked whether he, or the Ephrata Police Department is against the Elks Lodge hosting the LCMC parties, he responded "NO, not at all."

While this writer was informing the LCMC President of the conservation with Lt. McKim, the Lt. coincidentally decided to return the President's phone call. Armed with this new information, LCMC was able to secure an audience with the Elks Lodge board members to discuss the issue of having their party cancelled.

The Meeting

Majority of the LCMC, as well as this writer, were present for a meeting with board of the Elks Lodge. Many of tired and true misconception about Motorcycle Clubs were brought up in the meeting. One board member, a retired Ephrata Police officer, even insinuated that if a certain Motorcycle Club was not invited, that there was going to be violence. This same board member reaffirmed what was believed when he stated that "we were basically told not to have the party."

Armed with statistical data and evidence, as well as compelling personal and collective stories, LCMC was able to able to convince the board members that having the party would not result in any violence, and that Lt. McKims mischaracterization of them was exactly that. After the meeting LCMC was informed that all but one board member voted to allow the party to take place as originally planned.

The Party

On October 26th, LCMC held their Halloween party as planned. There were zero incidences of violence, zero complaints from neighbors, and zero involvement from any law enforcement agency. Most importantly, proceeds were able to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, which helps the families of sick children at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Children's Hospital.

This is yet another example of what can be accomplished when the Motorcycle Club community works together for Our 1st Amendment Rights.



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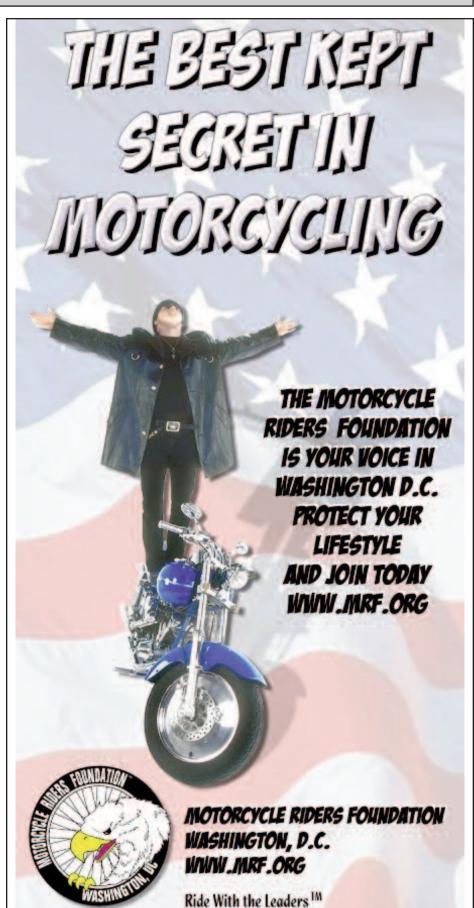
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Winter is in full swing but there's no need to pack up your bike for the season if you don't want to. One of the best parts about riding is that you have the freedom to make your own rules - that means if you like riding in the cold, you should. Check out a few of our quick tips for winter riding that will help keep you warm and safe wherever you ride.

It's All About the Layers - Gear is so important when riding in cold weather. Wearing layers while riding in the winter is ideal because you can easily control the amount of heat you need. Start with a solid base layer that not only keeps your body warm, but is made of a breathable material to keep any sweat you may produce from developing into cooled body moisture. Top your base layer with a fleece jacket with an insulated neck collar or a wind-stopping jacket depending on the temperature outside. Check out more details on specific gear and a few of our top recommendations in our "Cold Weather Riding Gear" post.

Add Winter Accessories - Use wind-screens and handguards to your advantage to keep winter rides as enjoyable as possible and not something you end up dreading. The wind is part of what we love about riding, but the screen protects both you and the bike, and handguards will ensure you maintain a steady grip throughout the duration of the ride. If you really want to take hand comfort to the next level, consider installing heated handle grips to your bike during the colder months of the year.

Check Your Tires - You should be checking your bike with the T-CLOCS method before each ride, but this is especially crucial when riding in colder weather. Make sure to check your tire pressure every couple of rides - not just before long rides, but as well as rides in new areas, and before storage because the cold weather can have an impact, even if you just filled them up. In fact, a motorcycle tire loses about 1 PSI for every 10° drop in outside temperatures. You'll also want to examine the treads of your motorcycle before each ride to make sure there's optimal traction during winter riding conditions.

Take Extra Stops - If you're freezing cold, your mind isn't going to be completely focused on the road ahead. It's more than fine to take extra stops along your route to warm up - in fact, we encourage it. During your stops, make

sure to hydrate and maybe even grab a snack to get your metabolism and blood flow going.

Have a Towing Service on Hand - In case the worst should happen, you'll want to make sure you have a towing service saved in your phone that has some kind of motorcycle experience - you never know when a problem will strike, and you want to be prepared with a company you know will not only know how to properly tow your bike, but also treat it well in the process.

Be EXTRA Cautious - If you live in an area with snow or ice, you'll need to slow down and increase your distance from other riders and cars during this time of year. This may seem obvious, but black ice comes out of nowhere, even for experienced riders - so if the road looks at all icy, it's best to take another route or switch lanes. Also, be on the lookout for salt remnants from plows that can not only tarnish your bike but decrease overall traction. Speaking of plows, they can often create cracks in roads, so you'll want to keep an eye out for any obstructions as you ride - especially ones that are newly formed, which might be hiding among snow and other winter debris.

Not all of us take riding breaks during the winter months, so we hope these tips help you stay safe and warm while riding the colder months of the year. Do you have any winter weather riding tips you'd like to share? Drop us a line in the comments below.

Check out a few bikes on Cycle Trader with heated grips that will have you ready to ride this winter:

-- Cycle Trader Blog- We hope you do this before every ride, but checking the weather forecast before you hit the road is increasingly important during the winter months. If snow is in the forecast for the day you plan on riding, we recommend sitting that ride out. While riding in snow might seem exciting, it can cause decreased visibility and ice that you'll want to avoid. We know forecasts aren't always correct, so if you are out riding when snow begins to fall, we recommend getting home or finding shelter ASAP. If the snow has you sitting around, you can always check out our most recent articles so you can still get your motorcycle fix in the meantime.

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Both Sam and Denton work at a tire plant, which is where they met. "I'd been riding my bike every day, and Denton saw it," Sam mentioned. Denton added, "We met one day in the smoking area, the local hangout for heathens and riff raff." The two started talking about bikes, and they still haven't stopped.

"When I was younger," noted Denton, "I had a cool resume of jobs in the high-performance auto world focused on racing. But when I had my daughter I had to

choose between that and a serious stable living, which is how I ended up at my day job. Sam and I would both ride to work and bullshit about motorcycles. One day, Sam said something about me doing something on his bike. Next thing I knew I was at his house working on his bike."

"We kept talking about what we could do if we had the money. This was I could do it. The café racer crowd had been doing it for years, but it hadn't really been done in the Harley world. We kept getting into more expensive personal motorcycles and modifications, getting in deeper and deep-

er, and one day Sam said, 'Why do you work at the plant instead of doing this for a living?' So I told him about my background."

"I told him, 'Are you kidding me right now?" Sam interrupted. "Denton's not a braggadocios person. He has a lot of skill and I felt there were places we could go with this."

"So, we kicked around the idea of a business for a year, but it was more of a joke at the time," Denton continued. "Sam would bring his bike over, I'd post stuff

on Facebook about it. Finally, in August 2018, we officially launched Dirty Dixie Performance on IG, and from then on out, it just started growing."

"Sometimes it's tough to push enough income to the side to invest in our business – we've done this with no investment capital because we don't want to owe anyone – so we started signing up for overtime, working 65 to 80 hours a week. All that overtime we invest in our business."

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It sounds silly, but Bodnar, a Ukraine native who now lives in Chicago, started her medical career studying the effects of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster. If people had had cheap, readily available gas masks in the first hours after the disaster, she said, they may have avoided breathing in Iodine-131, which causes radiation sickness.

The bra-turned-gas masks could have also been useful during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and for women caught outside during the dust storms that recently enveloped Sydney, she said.

"You have to be prepared all the time, at any place, at any moment, and practically every woman wears a bra," she said. Her patented devices also look pretty, no different from a conventional bra, she

According to a report on tech news site CNET, there are plans for a "counterpart device for men" in the works, though the precise shape it will take has yet to be revealed.

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