

# UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL



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Mike Infanzon  
 Legislative Director

I spent a few days with the House Judiciary impeachment debates in the background while I got some work done in the office. The chasm grows further and further apart in our nation. I really hate to see our nation going at each other's throats. This isn't something new. It's been happening for many years. So many have attempted to divide us as a people. Will you let them?

### THE GREAT DIVIDE

I pulled up Webster's definition of the great divide. It is "a significant point of division." A SIGNIFICANT point of division. This goes much deeper than just a Harley/sport bike divide. Even deeper than a Diamondbacks/Dodgers divide. This type of

division signifies the demise and complete expiration of an organization, country and people. Many religions claim to know what happens after we cross the great divide. So, I am taking that approach when someone asks me what I think will happen in our future... only God knows.

### UNITED IN PURPOSE

ABATE ... A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. Yes, I know we are aimed towards education but that's what ABATE started as. United for a purpose to stop totalitarian enactments against motorcyclists. It wasn't all about helmet laws, although that was a prominent thing at the time. It was about the ability to modify your motorcycle the way you wanted. Close to 50 years later and we are still fighting the same fights. The enemies of freedom will never stop trying to limit our freedoms. We need to remain united as one voice in our purpose. ALL BIKES. ALL RIDERS.

We must be involving like minded people or groups and work together to achieve our purpose. Do you know what the goal of ABATE of Arizona is? This is right out of our Polies and Procedures (p.3):

*ABATE of Arizona Inc. is a political organization whose goals are to maintain the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists in the state, regardless of brand, size, color, etc. It is our duty to keep the membership informed of all political actions which may affect them, their*

*freedoms, or their needs.*

Can we stay united in that purpose? The Greek word "koinonia" means being in agreement with one another, being united in purpose and serving alongside one another. Malcom X was quoted as saying, "You get your freedom by not being confined. You get freedom by letting your enemy know that you'll do anything to get your freedom."

### BUILDING THE BRIDGE AND STANDING IN THE GAP

What does it mean to you when you hear "build bridges"? For me, it is to improve relationships between people who are different. Our world is changing. The relationship between humans are changing. Or that's what the "experts" sure seem to believe. Everyday, some new article hypes on one thing or another on how to improve relationships between people. I read these on one hand and then on the other I rea how divided our country is getting and how much worse it is becoming. And then we have the news stories of communities coming together. So, where does this all fall? So many are trying to build bridges between people, so many are standing in the gap for freedom.

I'm telling you folks; we are at a tipping point for freedom. Either we all come together, united in purpose and stand to fill that gap... I don't know what is going to happen.

Be Good to One Another.

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State Officers meetings are held the 1st Sunday of every month, 10:30 am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street Phoenix, AZ.- OR in conjunction with the quarterly BOD meeting.

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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

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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 Buttsback (520)247-3051 or abateofazsac@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

# News from the MRF

For Immediate Release

November 20, 2019

Senate Hearing - Highly Automated Vehicles: Federal Perspectives on the Deployment of Safety Technology Today the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation held a hearing entitled Highly Automated Vehicles: Federal Perspectives on the Deployment of Safety Technology. This hearing comes on the heels of a National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) board meeting yesterday regarding the investigation of a March 2018 crash of

an Uber Autonomous Vehicle (AV) that resulted in the death of a pedestrian in Tempe, Arizona.

The NTSB released some startling revelations in their investigation of the 2018 deadly crash. Among those that the software did not properly identify the victim as a pedestrian, it did not adequately assess safety risks and the operator of the vehicle was watching a TV show on her phone and was not watching the road. Additionally, the NTSB cited an "inadequate safety culture" at Uber.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) applauds the NTSB and the U.S. Senate for holding public hearings on AV technology and safety concerns. The MRF is committed to fighting for the safety of motorcyclists as this new technology is deployed on our nation's roadways. While we are hopeful that this

technology can reduce accidents on our nation's roads, we agree with the statement of Chairman Roger Wicker (R-MS) when he said of AV technology "I think a healthy degree of skepticism is a good thing."

During today's Senate hearing, it was especially important that two U.S. Senators specifically addressed the concerns of motorcyclists during the hearing. In a question directed to Joel Szabat, Acting Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation Senator John Thune (R-SD) asked, "In developing a regulatory framework for AVs can you speak to how other roadways users such as motorcycles are considered?" The Assistant Secretary responded by saying "Motorcyclists are well incorporated in the development of policy in the department."

Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) echoed Senator Thune's interest in motorcycles when he said, "I am avid motorcyclist. The number one reason for accidents is a car hitting a motorcyclist or a car pulling out in front of a motorcyclist."

Other Senators include Sen. Cantwell (D-WA) raised concerns about the current deployment of AVs without minimum standards from the federal government, "We need some standards."

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## Mission Statement

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

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

## FREEDOM.

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

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# President's Report



By Shirley Moore-Bizub

I would like to start by thanking all the past State Officer's for all their hard work and time they put into keeping ABATE of Arizona alive.

A little about myself I came from Spanaway ABATE of Washington. I am a life time member of ABATE and believe what ABATE stands for. I was very active with our chapter and was at the capitol regularly . I was apart of the Anti Profiling bill and The Red Light bill.

I would like to visit each chapter and attend one or two of their events

throughout the year.

I believe Bikers at the Dome in Feb. is a very important event that I would like to see as many People there as possible. This is what ABATE is about fighting for our rights and getting bills heard and passed that helps the Motorcyclist. safety and education is also very important for us.

ABATE should be a neutral ground for all motorcyclist, and enthusiast.

I would like to see our chapters grow and come together on fighting for our rights...

Remember those who support your events make sure you support theirs to.

I look forward to meeting everyone.

Thank you for keeping ABATE of Arizona alive.

Keep the rubber side down and watch for those who are not watching for you.

Your President,

Shirley Bizub  
"Moon Shine"  
M L L & R

## News from the MRF (continued)

In response, Robert Sumwalt, Chairman of the NTSB agreed by saying that "Whatever is working now is not working as well as it should." We at the MRF agree that minimum standards should be in place as this new technology becomes more and more prevalent on the roads we all share.

Chairman Sumwalt of the NTSB closed the hearing with this statement, "I think that AV technology holds great promise to improve safety, but it has to be done properly." We at the MRF could not agree more.

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stated, "As a motorcyclist it offends me when bureaucrats are discussing various inevitable, emerging vehicle and advanced roadway technologies they default to classifying us as vulnerable and in need some sort of protection. I would rather and especially in the specific case of Autonomous Vehicles we be thoroughly considered and fully recognizable and therefore not needing extra protection. As with anything affecting motorcyclists this is another example where the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will demand we remain a significant part of the strategy for roadway users."

You can read the opening statements or watch the hearing by clicking the link below:  
Highly Automated Vehicles: Federal Perspectives on the Deployment of Safety Technology

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### HOUSE INTRODUCES MOTORCYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL REAUTHORIZATION ACT

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressmen Mike Gallagher (R-WI) along with Reps. Chris Pappas (D-NH), Harley Rouda (D-CA), and Troy Balderson (R-OH) introduced bipartisan legislation, Motorcycle Advisory Council Reauthorization Act. The bill reauthorizes the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) for six years and ensures national motorcycle organizations regain seats on the council.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), along with our partners ABATE of Wisconsin, ABATE of Ohio, Harley-Davidson, and American Motorcyclist Association, have been hard at work over the past month ensuring the future MAC

membership is representative of the riding community. This legislation clarifies the membership of MAC which now will include five highway engineering experts from state or local governments, one state or local traffic safety engineer who is a motorcyclist, one roadway safety data expert on crash testing and analysis, and one representative from each of the following groups: a national association of state transportation officials, a national motorcyclist foundation, a national motorcyclist association, a national motorcycle manufacturing association, and a national safety organization.

"As the feds address the vast roadway infrastructure issues and emerging technologies surrounding vehicles and roads, there isn't a more appropriate time to re-establish the Motorcycle Advisory Council," said Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "It was originally and effectively designed to give motorcyclists a voice with regards to the unique challenges we face on two and three wheels when it comes to roadway design."

The MRF is encouraged that this legislation will ensure that motorcyclists will continue to have an open dialogue with government officials about the unique characteristics and challenges that motorcyclists face when they are not adequately considered or accounted for as infrastructure programs are being discussed and implemented. We want to acknowledge and commend the relationships that our state motorcyclist rights organizations (SMROs), specifically ABATE of Wisconsin and ABATE of Ohio, established with their elected officials through attending events such as our annual lobby day, Bikers Inside the Beltway. This event, along with active engagement with members of Congress in their home districts, helps the MRF identify the champions of motorcycle issues and achieve our goals.

"We are pleased that our elected representatives from the state of Wisconsin continue to lead the charge in advocating on behalf of the motorcyclists in the country," said Steve Panten, Legislative Director for ABATE of Wisconsin, Inc. "I am encouraged that years of building relationships, both in our State and by coming to Washington, D.C., every year, continues to elevate our issues on Capitol Hill. We urge other SMRO's to take the opportunity to do the same."

The MAC, initially authorized in the SAFETEA-LU in 2005, allotted four of the ten members to consist of representatives from the motorcycling community

from various state and federal motorcycle associations. In the FAST Act of 2015, Congress re-established the Motorcyclist Advisory Council in the Highway Bill to advise the Federal Highway Administration on "issues of concern to motorcyclists." However, the MRF was disappointed the re-established MAC only included one seat for a representative of a national motorcycle organization.

The Motorcycle Advisory Council provides the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with expert first-hand knowledge of motorcycle issues. "Motorcycle registration is at an all-time high, but this increasing popularity has brought with it increasing risks, such as fatal accidents," said Rep. Gallagher. "Motorcycles require specific – and in some cases different – requirements of roads, and we need an open dialogue between the motorcycle community, infrastructure experts, and the federal government to discuss these challenges." The MAC serves as the only official forum for the motorcycle community to have an open dialogue with the federal government to discuss concerns with infrastructure design, issues with intelligent transportation systems, and other areas of safety affecting motorcycles on the road.

"With the number of motorcycles currently on the road, it is critical that the road designers and transportation engineers understand the way that motorcycles and motorcyclists interact with the roadways as well as other vehicles using those same roads," said Ed Schetter, Executive Director for ABATE of Ohio, Inc. "Motorcyclists need to be present to help recognize those needs and ensure that motorcycles maintain their place on the road and can be safely operated into a future where technology is creating more and more challenges."

For Immediate Release

November 25, 2019

### The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Executes Strategic Alignment

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce we have renewed our Governmental Affairs Consulting Agreement with Husch Blackwell

Strategies (HBS) for another year. We will continue to be represented by lobbyist William "Rocky" Fox of HBS.

Tiffany Cipoletti, formerly the MRF's Director of Operations, will now serve as our Director of Government Relations. In her new role, she will focus on carrying out the MRF's Legislative Strategy, provide support for our national motorcyclists' lobby day held annually in May known as Bikers Inside the Beltway, she will also remain the Editor of our magazine, the American Bikers Journal.

To maintain focus on our legislative imperatives, we have decided to move our offices into HBS office space located inside the Congressional beltway.

Consistent with our desire to have the Washington D.C. Operation focus on our legislative strategy we have entered into an administrative contract with JPK Services.

JPK services will be responsible for membership services, day to day accounting, provide phone services, and support Bikers Inside the Beltway and Meeting of the Minds.

The MRF's phone and e-mails will not change, our mailing address will now be: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation P.O. Box 250 Highland, IL 62249.

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stated that this has been in the works for some time and he commended the MRF Board of Directors in having the wisdom to align our D.C. resources to maintain sole focus on our legislative activities while improving member services, the administration of the MRF, and importantly in a cost-effective structure through an independent contractor.

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December 9, 2019

### Mark Buckner Inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to congratulate Mark Buckner, past president, longtime leader and MRF Freedom

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## Chapter Reports

### East Valley Chapter

This will be East Valleys last chapter report. As many of you know, East Valley is merging into the Superstition Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. on January 1st. We think this merge will keep A.B.A.T.E. strong in the east valley. We hope you all will embrace this change and support the Superstition Chapter by coming to our meetings and events. In saying goodbye to East Valley, we would like to acknowledge the people behind this chapter in its beginnings.

This chapter was started in Redbone and Patty Schneider's back yard over 30 years ago. Redbone and Patty started the East Valley chapter with people like Shorty Owens, Bob Gumpfey, Neil and Judy Cline, Mike Turngren and many more. I personally have been in this chapter for over 25 years. We have lost some and some are still with us. We're all still dedicated to the same principles and beliefs as in the beginning. Brotherhood, community, helping others, volunteering, and defending your motorcycle rights. Without people like this the motorcycling community would look very different today. God bless you all.

We have never cared what type of bike you ride. This organization has and will always be about protecting your rights as motorcyclists no matter what you ride. We're all brothers and sisters in the wind.

I have made a lot of life long great friends because of this chapter so everyone give a tip of your hat to Redbone and Patty and all the Originals for getting us started and making us one of the strongest chapters in Arizona over all these years. We love you all.

Jack Batty  
East Valley Coordinator

### High Country Chapter

Happy New Year!

We just held the 17th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run. It was a great success and we want to thank the Rim Country District of the MMA of AZ for their continuing support of this event. This year we collected 5 pickup truck loads of toys, and raised \$3,500.00 dollars. All toys, clothes and other gifts will be distributed by the Women of the Moose, Moose Lodge #852 in Star Valley, to help children of local area families that need a helping hand this Christmas. The money will be used to support their families at whatever level is needed. The Women of the Moose use a vetted list to determine who needs what level of support and those women are angels, that is a fact! This year the list included 141 children and 47 families!

We need to give special mention to our business members and neighbors that really stepped-up to help this year. They include, Punkin Center Bar & Grill in Tonto Basin, Jake's Bar in Jake's Corner, KRIM-FM 96.3, Ironhorse Signs, Sawmill Theaters, The Buffalo Bar & Grill (Best Wings in Arizona), El Rancho Restaurant, Cheaper Sweeper, Miller Autoworks, Payson Wireless, Tonto Rim Bar & Grill in Star Valley, Old County Inn, Pine Creek Fudge & Espresso, Pinewood Tavern and the Ponderosa Market in Pine. Also needing special mention are Joanne McConnell of That Apron Shop, Susan Irons, Cindy Condit, Barbara Huber, Nancy Hubbs, Roger and Laura Ferguson, the Old Bastards MC Payson, Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of AZ, and all our friends and neighbors that contributed to make this a Merry Christmas for so many!

We also want to thank all our new and returning chapter officers for keeping High Country Chapter alive and well up here in Rim Country. We are anticipating some great things for 2020 with continued success in getting out our Motorcycle Awareness message and supporting the ABATE of AZ lobbying efforts.

We look forward to seeing all of you at

this year's Motorcycle Day at the Dome, on February 19th!

Our next High Country Chapter event will be Wild in the Weeds during the first weekend in May at Punkin Center Bar & Grill in Tonto Basin (State Route 188). Follow the planning for this event at WildInTheWeeds.com This year advance ticket sales will finally be possible and we expect the party to be as big, or bigger, and at least as much fun as ever.

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

Seasons Greetings!

It's been a busy month for our chapter. We would like to congratulate two of our chapter members on their election to the ABATE of Arizona State board. Shirley Moore-Bizub has been elected to serve as the new President of Abate of AZ and Cynde Aydt has been elected as the State Membership coordinator. Both ladies are outstanding members of our chapter and we are confident that they will serve in an above and beyond capacity.

Though the weather has turned chilly, we have been busy strengthening our ties with our community by lending our support and participation to meaningful activities. On Dec. 8th we assisted For the Love of Paws, a local animal shelter, with their pet adoption event at Petco in Kingman. It was a successful event, with 9 dogs and two cats finding their forever families. We voted to cancel our regular chapter meeting to attend the Desert Road Riders MC toy run in Kingman today. Even though the day was briskly chilly, there was a great turn out. Community children were still receiving gifts from Santa two hours after the run arrived at Hooch's. Riders came from all

over the area and a nice afternoon was enjoyed in a spirit of camaraderie and brotherhood.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Submitted by: Spirit Rider

### Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

NO REPORT.

### Superstition Chapter

As 2019 comes to an end and we begin 2020 the superstition chapter is excited to have East valley chapter merge with us we will still be the superstition chapter.

We look forward to many events such as bikes on main the first Friday of each month will be on the corner of McDonald and Main Street in Mesa Arizona. look for us in February for that day at the dome and then March for our annual event "ride the wind".

Officers of the superstition chapter there is mandatory state training at the state office January 4. Look forward to everyone being there and learning lots of new information to make our chapter great

Our chapter meets the second Sunday of the month at the VFW post 7968 to 250 S Phelps . in Apache Junction Arizona at 6:00 PM please join us for lots of information.

### Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

### Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

### Yuma Chapter

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## Motorcycles Tom Cruise rode as Captain Maverick and Ethan Hunt are now nothing short of icons

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

Top Gun 2 is set to release on 26 June next year. That is still a lot of months before Captain Maverick's glory takes over our screens. So, until then, here's a look back at the coolest Tom Cruise motorcycle moments that have been and well be.

Top Gun is about to relive on our screens soon and we can't wait to see Maverick being nothing but magnificent behind the joystick of a fighter jet or behind the handlebar of a pretty iconic Kawasaki. Yes, Top Gun 2 movie trailers have confirmed that Kawasaki GPZ900 will be back on the silver screen. Tom Cruise is one of the most revered motorcycle people in Hollywood. The other hotshot motorcyclist would be Keanu Reeves but let's just focus on the Cruise missiles for now.

Kawasaki GPZ900R – Top Gun

Tom Cruise has been doing it for decades – including motorcycles in his films. Years before a lot of us were even born, Cruise rode the Kawasaki GPZ900R for the big screen as Captain Maverick in Top Gun 1986. If you like motorcycles, this one is every bit of a celebrity as Mr Cruise is and we'll also see it in the upcoming Top Gun 2.

Kawasaki H2 – Top Gun 2

Sticking with Top Gun 2. As the GPZ900R was the fastest production motorcycle back in 1986, Maverick had to ride the fastest production motorcycle in today's day and age. Hence, the supercharged Kawasaki H2. The other good thing about seeing these motorcycles share the screen with Tom Cruise is that he does most of the riding

himself.

BMW R nine T Scrambler – Mission Impossible Fallout

The chase scenes make up a huge of reasons why we love Mission Impossible films. MI: Fallout had Cruise riding a BMW R nine T Scrambler on the streets of Paris and around the Arc de Triomphe against the flow of the traffic. Fun fact: an electric bike was used to film the tracking shots of the chase scene.

BMW S1000RR – Mission Impossible Rogue Nation

This one was perhaps the coolest chase scene of all Mission Impossible films (if you're not still swooning over 2000 Mission Impossible 2 Tom Cruise). Rogue Nation had a load of BMW Motorrads but we love

the crooked-faced S1000RR doing high-speed corners with a Tom Cruise on it.

Triumph Speed Triple – Mission Impossible 2

We're mentioning this one twice because we haven't stopped swooning over it. This chase scene with Cruise on a Speed Triple and the baddie on a Daytona remains on the top of the list of MI film chase scenes. The dual 'bug-eye' headlamp design and polished frame gave the bike a strong street-fighter look that became the trademark of the series, especially the shot where Cruise emerges from a cloud of flames astride the Speed.

## News from the MRF (continued)

Fighter Hall of Fame member on his induction into the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) Motorcycle Hall of Fame. On Friday December 6th, during the 2019 AMA Legends & Champions Weekend.

Mark Buckner began his leadership in motorcyclists' rights advocacy in the late 1980s as the state coordinator for ABATE of Colorado. In 1992, Buckner joined the Motorcycle Riders Foundation board of directors, becoming MRF president and chairman two years later. During his tenure, the MRF implemented strategic planning processes which led to the orga-

nization's financial stability and significant growth.

Buckner continues to have a profound influence in the motorcyclists' rights community, giving seminars throughout the United States on strategic planning, organizational design and member effectiveness. Over the past 25 years, he has delivered more than 100 presentations around the country at state, regional, and national rights conferences.

In addition, Buckner has been a leader in promoting global harmonization of motorcyclists' rights organizations in the

United States and has fostered working relationships within the European motorcyclists' rights community—bonds that remains strong to this day.

Rob Rasor, former AMA President introduced Mark to the attendees while Rick Gray past MRF VP and AMA Chairman of the Board accepted on Mark's behalf; several current and former MRF Board members were in attendance. Other inductees were Kurt Caselli, Ron Lechien, Wiltz Wagner and Dale Walksler.

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, MRF Chairman

of the Board had this to say, "We couldn't be more pleased to see Mark recognized by yet another motorcyclist Hall of Fame, without question the MRF has maintained our ability to deliver on our mission and vision due to Mark's timely leadership and unique skill-set. I suspect many SMRO's around the country could say the same."

Congratulations Mark! A well-deserved honor for many years as a Motorcycling Rights Freedom Fighter.

# Coast to Coast

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## BIPARTISAN HOUSE BILL WOULD REAUTHORIZE MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL

“Motorcycles require specific-and in some cases different-requirements of roads, and we need an open dialogue between the motorcycle community, infrastructure experts, and the federal government to discuss these challenges,” said U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) upon sponsoring the bipartisan Motorcycle Advisory Council Reauthorization Act, H.R. 5234.

Rep. Gallagher, alongside Reps. Chris Pappas (D-NH), Troy Balderson (R-OH), and Harley Rouda (D-CA), introduced H.R. 5234 in the U.S. House of Representatives on November 21, 2019 to direct the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to reauthorize the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for six years. The MAC, whose authorization under the FAST Act of 2015 expires along with surface transportation programs in FY2021, provides DOT with critical firsthand knowledge on infrastructure and road safety measures and serves as the only official forum for motorcyclists to discuss motorcycle issues with the federal government.

H.R. 5234, if enacted, would require the volunteer body to submit reports to DOT every two years. DOT then would have 60 days to review the council’s recommendations and submit a report to Congress.

The measure would also clarify the membership of MAC “to include 12 members, including 5 highway engineering experts from state or local governments, 1 state or local traffic safety engineer who is a motorcyclist, one roadway safety data expert on crash testing and analysis, and 1 representative from each of the following groups: a national association of State transportation officials, a national motorcyclist foundation, a national motorcyclist association, a national motorcycle manufacturing association, and a national safety organization.”

## CONGRESS CONSIDERS CAPPING ETHANOL CONTENT OF U.S. FUEL SUPPLY

U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and U.S. Representative Peter Welch (D-VT) introduced companion bills in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives on November 14, 2019 “to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) by mitigating harmful environmental impacts of the corn ethanol mandate and advancing the next generation of biofuels that actually reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” according to a press release issued by Sen. Udall’s office.

The GREENER Fuels Act (Growing Renewable Energy through Existing and New Environmentally Responsible Fuels Act) would phase out the corn ethanol mandate and immediately reduce the amount of ethanol in fuel by as much as 1 billion gallons by capping the amount of ethanol that can be blended into conventional gasoline at 9.7 percent.

Such legislation is important to motorcycle riders, in particular, because none of the nation’s 22 million motorcycles and ATVs are certified by the EPA to operate on gasoline that contains more than 10% ethanol (E10), and using fuel containing greater than 10% ethanol can damage fuel systems and violate manufacturers’ warranties.

## MOTORCYCLING GOOD FOR MIND AND BODY

In a fresh take on a previous UCLA study we reported on earlier this year, visordown.com reports that “A study conducted by the Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behavior (INHB) has concluded that motorcyclists are less stressed and more fulfilled than their four-wheeled counterparts,” adding that “The study originally set about trying to find out if bikers were constantly riding in fear of being involved in an accident, but inadvertently proved the opposite! The results center around a certain hormone called cortisol that is released in the brain when we become anxious. Scientists

found that bikers would produce 28% less cortisol during testing than drivers on the same course.”

The study was conducted by the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at the University of California, Los Angeles, in a controlled manner, with 50 motorcyclists and 50 car drivers making their way around a closed course for 20-minutes. During this time, the team measured the user’s heart rate, cortisol, and adrenaline levels, as well as the user’s brain activity, and it’s here where the most interesting results came from:

“The results found that when riding, the subjects experienced increased sensory focus and resilience to distraction. Riding also produced an increase in adrenaline levels and heart rate, and a decrease in cortisol levels -- the kind of results you often get after a light exercise session, which also is a stress reducer.”

Concluding that motorcycles are better for you physically, as well as mentally, visordown.com claims; “The news regarding the mental well-being of motorcyclists goes hand-in-hand with a study that found that riding a motorcycle can burn anywhere between 170-600 calories an hour. As much as some people can burn in an hour at the gym.”

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- Collaborate with other organizations to monitor and support funding for practices that do not discriminate against motorcycling.
- Encourage political involvement of its membership.
- Promote and present motorcyclists and motorcycling in a positive and safe manner.
- Help prevent motorcycle crashes and promote crash survival through rider education, and public awareness campaigns.
- Encourage ongoing federal research programs such as use of E15 fuel in motorcycles, inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing transportation emerging technologies, and improvements in safer roadway design strategies.
- Promote rider skills training

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

### Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

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

### ABATE accomplishments:

- 1992 Opened HOV lanes to motorcycles
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- 2002 Established Arizona Motorcycle Safety Council
- 2004 Established veteran plates for motorcycles
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- 2017 Helped pass the Teen texting bill
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### NEW YORK POTHOLE MEASURE VETOED

Despite passing both chambers of the New York State legislature, including a unanimous 62-0 vote in the state Senate, Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) has vetoed a measure that would have provided strong incentives for more prompt repairs of road defects by expanding the state's liability for damages suffered by road users due to roadway defects, if the state Department of Transportation was notified of the defect and failed to repair it.

Under current law, motorists who suffer damage due to defects on local roads may pursue damages against the locality at any time during the year so long as the municipality had advance notice of the defect, but those who suffer damages due to defects in state roads may pursue these damages against the state only if the incident occurred between May 15 and November 15. A.1235, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas J. Abinanti (D-Westchester County), and S.5422, sponsored by state Sen. Timothy M. Kennedy (D-Buffalo), would have expanded state liability for potholes on state highways year-round.

Potholes and roadway defects can not only be dangerous to drivers but can prove deadly for motorcyclists, but Gov. Cuomo, who rides and has promoted state tourism aboard his Harley-Davidson, vetoed the legislation on November 25, 2019. Similar measures, endorsed by the Automobile Association of America and the state Trial Lawyers Association, were proposed in 2014, 2015-16 and 2017-18, but never made it out of committee.

### ANOTHER STATE INSTITUTES THREE-WHEEL "AUTOCYCLE" RECLASSIFICATION

A new "Autocycle" classification will allow consumers to operate a Polaris Slingshot with a standard driver's license in the state of Wisconsin. Residents of Wisconsin can now operate the three-wheeled Slingshot with a standard driver's license, rather than the previously required motorcycle license or endorsement. The reclassification will take effect immediately.

With a steering wheel and side-by-side

seating, state policymakers recognize Slingshot's operator skills mirror those required for a valid state driver's license rather than a motorcycle license and as such, the need for the unique Autocycle classification.

The Slingshot is now classified as an Autocycle in 44 states, including all states bordering Wisconsin. Three states classify the Slingshot as a motorcycle, which requires a motorcycle endorsement or license; Alaska, Massachusetts and New York.

### MINNESOTA CITY SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT TO RIDE AN ATV ON CITY STREETS

The Superior, Minnesota city council is considering a referendum on ATV use, and is seeking public input to determine whether or not it should be legal for ATVs and side-by-sides in the city.

According to a report on SuperiorTelegram.com, a council member has "introduced a resolution that would place an advisory referendum on the April 7, 2020 ballot to gauge public sentiment for allowing ATVs and UTVs to use any city street except those deemed exempt because of state and local laws or safety concerns," and may let voters decide if all city streets and alleys could be open to use by all-terrain and utility-task vehicles.

The Superior City Council wouldn't be bound to act based on the outcome of the election, but if the measure is well-supported by the public, the councilman would introduce an ordinance to that effect.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE RESISTS EXIT RENUMBERING

United States highways have been switching to one consistent exit numbering system over the years, and in most states exits now share their number with their closest mile marker, making it simpler for travelers to locate their position and estimate distances between where they are and where they're going.

A few northeastern states have been slow to switch, however, and New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu (R) believes that holding onto the old sequential exit numbers for the sake of tradition is more

important than progress and consistency.

But the renumbering decision isn't entirely up to the individual states, as the federal government has threatened to withhold federal highway funding from states that do not comply with the directive to reassign exit numbers by mileage.

On Twitter, Governor Sununu said, "Exit numbers are a point of pride for some of us in NH -- and we shouldn't let Washington bureaucrats threaten to take that away!"

Numbering exits by mileage is what the rest of the country does, and those few remaining states holding out should probably do the same for consistency for travelers everywhere, though admittedly, this has become less of an issue now that most vehicles, even motorcycles, have GPS capability and can make better decisions based on better information.

### TASMANIA BANS THE WEARING OF "OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANG" INSIGNIAS

Laws banning the wearing of insignias of five "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMCG)" has gone into force in Tasmania (an island state of Australia), and their majority Liberal Government "makes no apologies for being tough on criminals and is delivering on our strong plan to keep Tasmania safer from organized crime."

The legislation "applies to an organization that displays prohibited insignias that causes the public to feel intimidated and threatened," and their new laws relate to five OMCGs -- Bandidos, Outlaws, Devils Henchmen, Black Uhlans and Rebels, which officials say "sends a clear message that crime gangs are not welcome in Tasmania."

### ROYALS POSE ON A MOTORCYCLE FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS CARD

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton and Prince William, along with their three children, Prince George, Prince Louis and Princess Charlotte, casually posed on a motorcycle for their 2019 Christmas card, in stark contrast to last year's more traditional family photo!

The Cambridge Household's Holiday

card features all five aboard a British-brand motorbike with a sidecar and the salutation; "Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year". Prince William, a longtime motorcycle aficionado, is second in line to the throne behind his father Prince Charles.

### SAVE THE DATE - 2020 NCOM CONVENTION IN CIRCLE CITY

Mark your calendar for May 8-10, 2020 and plan on joining hundreds of fellow bikers' rights activists at the 35th annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, over Mother's Day weekend. The first race ever held at the Circle City's world-famous "Brickyard" was with motorcycles, and over a century later we're still in it to win!

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The 2020 NCOM Convention will be held at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street) and all motorcyclists are welcome to attend and participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions.

Reserve your hotel room now for the special NCOM rate of \$129 by calling (317) 352-9775. Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

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### Phoenix / Shadow Mountain Chapter

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020. FMI: Chapter Coordinator Mike Schneider, 602-549-1044, [mike@squarepegpromos.com](mailto: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 Butsbak (520)247-3051 or [abateofazsac@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:ycabateaz@gmail.com). See us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz/>.

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

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## Accident Rate Continues To Drop On US Roads

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Despite more vehicles on the road than ever before, the number of accidents in the US continues to drop.

NHTSA report cover

America's roads growing safer, even as states push speed limits as high as 85 MPH. The US Department of Transportation last month counted 6.7 million accidents reported by police in 2018 -- a 2.4 percent drop even as the number of vehicles on the road surpassed the all-time record.

"New vehicles are safer than older ones

and when crashes occur, more new vehicles are equipped with advanced technologies that prevent or reduce the severity of crashes," National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Acting Administrator James Owens explained in a statement.

In 2018, there were 1.13 fatalities for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled, compared to 1.17 in 2017 -- a 3.4 percent reduction. Preliminary 2019 numbers are even better, with a fatality rate of 1.06 posted for the first half of the year. Fatality figures are from the agency's fatality database, which contains the most reliable statistics. Numbers for injury and property damage accidents come from

NHTSA's recently revamped crash sampling database that makes nationwide estimates based on a representative sampling of police reports. The system estimated 1.9 million injury crashes and 4.8 million property damage collisions, which combined with 33,654 fatalities for a total of 6.7 million incidents. Accidents that only result in property damage accounted for 71 percent of accidents.

"There was a statistically significant increase in property damage only crashes from 2017 to 2018," NHTSA's research note explained. "This increase is primarily related to changes in property damage reporting criteria at some data collection sites."

Several states stopped allowing police to report the estimated damage from a crash as "unknown," a change that results in more incidents being recorded as a reportable crash.

Figures from the NHTSA database also show that in 2018, there were 492 fatal rear end collisions at intersections in 2018. Supporters of red light cameras often downplay the seriousness of rear end collisions as "minor fender benders" since the use of automated enforcement is known to increase the number of rear end accidents (view studies). About 65,000 accidents nationwide involved buses.



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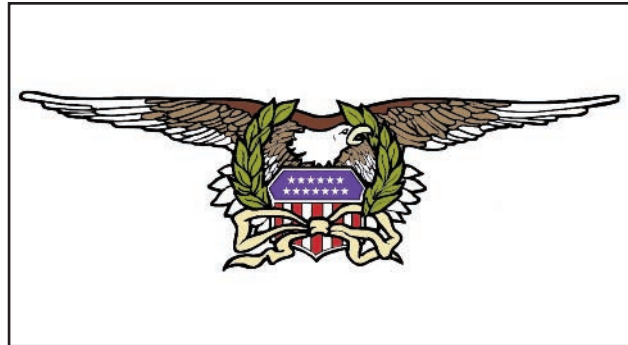
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# Events Calendar

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1/12 {Sun} 2020 Classic Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet at Motorcycle Mechanics Institute – 2844 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85027. Setup: 6a, Show/Swap Hours: 8a-1pm. First space \$10, Add'l Spaces \$5/ea. Presented by Phoenix Road Runner Chapter of AMCA. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ.

1/18 {Sat} 10th annual Skin & Steel at

the American Legion Post 2 [2125 S Industrial Park Ave] in Tempe. 10a-4pm, rain or shine. Tattoo & Motorcycle contests, vendors, & more. Music by 'Moonshine VooDoo Band'. Free admission. Benefits American Legion Rider Programs. FMI: 480-967-2968 | Skin.SteelAZ@gmail.com

1/25 {Sat} 5th Annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sign-in 9-

11am at American Legion Post 58, 16837 E Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills 85268. \$10/pp. Scenic self-paced ride thru the Lower Salt River on Bush Hwy. End Party 11a-4:30pm at Superstition HD, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction. Live Music, Beer Garden, Food, Vendors, Educational Booths, Raffle. Benefits the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group

## AMSAF Update

By Mick Degn, Executive Director

First of all, we'd like THANK YOU for your support of AMSAF. 2019 has gone by so fast and at AMSAF we have so much to be thankful for. We've been able to help the Community in so many ways. Here are just a few ways:

- AMSAF Motorcycle Training Financial Assistance Scholarship
- AMAF Financial Assistance Helmet Program
- AMSAF Facebook Tuesday Safety Tips

These programs are helping individuals and families across the State and we believe we're helping to reduce crashes and fatalities with this Education.

Our Mission is to promote motorcycle safety and awareness and help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities in Arizona. We believe we're helping to do that.

As we look at our programs, we want to thank the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Director Gutier and Governor Ducey for their support and passion to help reduce crashes and fatalities in Arizona.

We want to also thank our many Sponsors, donors and partners who help us in so many ways.

As we look ahead, we want to continue helping the community on the Motorcycle training Scholarship. Go to:

<https://www.amsaf.org/scholarships/> and sign up or share with someone you feel can use it. We want to help you save some money on this course. In our surveys cost is an issue and we want to help you get this on your bucket list of items to do.

The Helmet Program will continue to increase. This is a great opportunity for you to get a good DOT full face Helmet at a reduced cost due to our Pilot program and partnership with RideNow Powersports and Grant from GOHS during this Program. Check it out: <https://www.amsaf.org/helmets/>

AMSAF's big fund raiser each year is our Riding for the Long Haul. The name has changed to "Share the Road & Riding for

the Long Haul". See description of change and also you can go to: <https://www.amsaf.org/riding-for-the-long-haul/> to sign up and be a part of this great Fundraising event. We've got a great night planned with Special Guest Speaker and a number of activities going on along with some great food. You won't want to miss this. Mark your calendar for May 2, 2020. The start of Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month

A lot going on and again we want to thank our many Sponsors for everything you do to help us and the Community. Have a wonderful safe and prosperous 2020.



**The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation Financial Assistance Helmet Program**

- AMSAF Vouchers are valid towards the purchase of a \$200.00 or higher DOT Certified Full Face Street Helmet
- Vouchers are only valid at select RideNow locations
- Vouchers are not valid for discounted or discontinued helmets
- Purchased helmet is non-returnable (warning tag is cut off)
- \$125.00 Credit from AMSAF is due to a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety
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## From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

2020 is here with new state officers and new goals and I am very optimistic about ABATE of AZ and its mission. The mission to protect our rights to ride (Ride Free) and to improve safety (Ride Safe) for all motorcyclists continues for all riders, , no matter what you ride, or where. Dirt, touring, street, cruiser, or trike; we are working for you.

But what exactly does Ride Free mean? And what exactly does Ride Safe mean?

Ride Free means to be able to ride unencumbered by regulations and laws that don't make any sense or that infringe on your right to ride what you want, where you want, wearing whatever you want. Of course, we encourage good citizenship so these things have to be realistic. But then, we demand the same from those who would impinge on those rights. Like everything else in modern society, creating a line in the sand (any line in any sand really) tends to cause some level of conflict and so ABATE of AZ maintains a committed and vigilant lobbying capability to protect our rights in all legislative matters. But, at the end of the day, we just want to be left alone to ride our machines on the best, most scenic, highways and trails that Arizona offers the world.

Ride Safe means that at the end of the ride, we come home uninjured. Pretty

simple until you think about it. In order for Arizona's riders (or our visitors who ride) to come home uninjured, we need them well-trained, riding safe bikes, on safe roads. However, we also need those with whom we share the roads and trails to ALSO be well-trained, driving safe equipment, on safe roads.

So how are we achieving these goals?

Over the past few years, ABATE of AZ has built a powerful and productive legislative arm to keep an eye on proposed legislation, and even to propose legislation where it seems there is a need. In some cases, our lobbyists fight for our rights. In others, they pursue laws to make the roads safer. In 2019 ABATE of AZ has been sharing ideas with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and we expect to expand that relationship by working more closely with that office in the years to come. ABATE of AZ also has a Motorcycle Awareness Program that teaches new (and soon, we hope,

existing) drivers the need, and methods, to look out for motorcycles. Recently we have started working more closely with AMSAF to help in their efforts to train new motorcycle riders through their scholarship program. And we are helping them to advertise their new helmet subsidy program for those riders that choose to wear a helmet. All of these efforts, and more, will continue through 2020.

And remember, whether you ride a motorcycle, trike, or cage, when it comes to Arizona's streets, highways and trails, WE ARE ALL RIDERS!

The next scheduled Board meeting will be at the Arizona American Italian Club (on 12th Street where our state offices are located) on the 4th of January (Saturday) at 10 AM. Please feel free to attend and see how we work for you.

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

## Motorcycle club that lost members in NH tractor-trailer crash raises toys in annual drive

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ABINGTON, Mass. — It's an annual tradition for the Marine Jarheads, and this year was one of their best yet.

The New England motorcycle club made up of Marines and their spouses, plagued

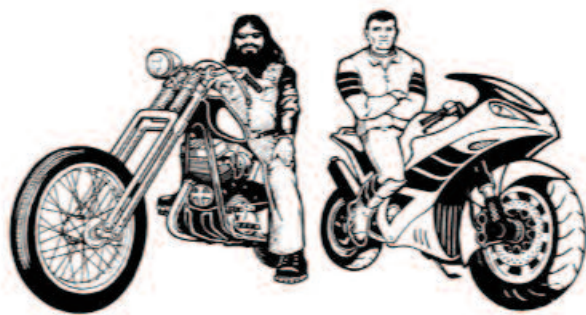
by the loss of their own in a fiery crash involving a tractor-trailer earlier this year, decided their annual toy drive was going to go on as usual.

The club's president, saying this was one of their best years so far, attributes the turnout to a strong economy.

In true holiday spirit, the toy drive brought more than just a community together – it showed the power of generosity in its purest forms, including a 7-year-old who saved up \$50 worth of her allowance to buy gifts for other children.

One of the recipients this year says she's forever grateful for the help she got in the tough year she's had.

—Jim Morelli, Boston 25 News



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## How Oakland's first African-American motorcycle club helped inspire a new TV show

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by Aaron Pruner from  
<https://www.sfgate.com>

“So I’m from the San Francisco Bay Area, and I just kind of thought, well, what do I know?” showrunner Nichelle Tramble Spellman (“The Good Wife,” “Justified”) explained during Apple TV+’s press junket for “Truth Be Told,” the newest drama to hit the fledgling streamer’s lineup.

What does Spellman know? A lot, to be honest. And, while “Truth Be Told” examines the impact of media on public opinion and the ripple effect true crime leaves in its wake, the showrunner delves deeper, using the character of Poppy Parnell (played by Oscar-winner Octavia Spencer) as an in-road to pay homage to her real-life hometown, Oakland. In the show, she examines big topics, like the class differences that exist in cities separated by a few simple bridges, and tells stories based on the nonfictional locals, like the real-life storied motorcycle club, the East Bay Dragons.

Parnell is a fictional journalist who begins questioning her role in the incarceration of Warren Cave (Aaron Paul). As her posh lifestyle and public reputation get threatened, demons from Parnell’s past bubble up, leading Parnell to venture to her old Oakland stomping grounds. Spellman found this locale to be perfect for reminiscing on her childhood, in effect highlighting the profound influence a long-running regional African American motorcycle club, the East Bay Dragons MC, had on her forming identity.

Now in its 60th year of existence, the East Bay Dragons are one of America’s first-ever all-black motorcycle clubs. The group, which initially started out as a car club in the late 1950s, rides customized Harley Davidson motorcycles (also known as choppers) and is a well-loved fixture of West Oakland. In “Truth Be Told,” Spellman illustrates the juxtaposition of that kind of East Bay and North Bay life.

“I like the idea of driving across the [Golden Gate] Bridge,” she says. “So it’s just like, you know, money Marin and then you go over [the Bay Bridge] and it’s funkier, more bluesy Oakland. So we played with that, visually. When we’re at the family bar, it looks different than it does in Marin, where it’s very crisp. The music and the soundtrack are different ... just to kind of show all the facets of this one character with Octavia.”

Part of Parnell’s character is rooted in her father’s life. Parnell’s father Leander “Shreve” Scoville, played by “This Is Us” star Ron Cephas Jones, is a former Black Panther who has put all his energy into family — both his biological one as well as his thriving biker community which, according to Spellman, is directly inspired by the East Bay Dragons.

“I remember them fondly as a little girl because they used to have this black family day picnic every year up in Nolan Park, and that was huge,” Spellman explained. “You look forward to it all year. So they were like all these tough biker guys and everything else, with all these kids around and it was a big Bay

Area event and they were kind of the backdrop of my childhood.”

The East Bay Dragons formed in 1959, during a time when the image of a black man riding a motorcycle could provoke a strong reaction. They nevertheless built up a positive reputation in the neighborhood, supporting the Oakland area while giving voice to the oppressed during a time before the civil rights movement really took off. Their friendship with the Black Panthers may have caused confusion for law enforcement, oftentimes putting the bikers in contention with police, but that bond placed the crew in the spotlight which energized members of the East Bay community.

The MC previously inspired the fictional motorcycle club The Grim Bastards in Kurt Sutter’s wildly popular FX series, “Sons of Anarchy.” However, the representation of the biker group featured in the new Apple TV+ series feels further developed. Instead of getting a passing look at Sutter’s all-black biker gang, “Truth Be Told” gives audiences a nuanced understanding of the familial connection this motorcycle club has with Parnell. That conflicted bond she has with her father and his crew makes this story component resonate. They aren’t called The East Bay Dragons in the show, but the group inspired by the real-life MC deeply anchors the plot.

For Jones, playing the biker and bar owner not only provided him a fully developed character to sink his teeth into — something he refers to as “a dream role” — the subject matter helped him tap into his own New Jersey upbringing.

“I grew up with the same exact story, and there were the same black biker movements going on,” he revealed. “My dad had a little bodega restaurant in Paterson, New Jersey, and he would keep it open because there was a bar across the street where they all would congregate and celebrate. There would be black bikers from all over the country that would drive all the way to the East Coast. I remember staying up late making hamburgers and hot dogs for these cats into the wee hours of the morning to feed these guys after they would come from the club.”

“Soul on Bikes,” a book written by East Bay Dragons’ founding member Tobie Levingston, provided insight for both Spellman and Cephas Jones, who acknowledge their shared memories of the club as all positive. And for an MC, especially one featuring all black men during a notorious time of civil unrest in America, the representation given to this East Bay community is an uncommon one. Add in the cultural differences between regions separated by a few simple bridges, and Spellman found a personal formula that ticked off all the narrative boxes for her.

“I hadn’t seen it on screen and I just thought it was such an interesting flavor to add,” Spellman continued. “Meeting the Poppy character, and if we stayed with her an entire episode just in that environment in Marin, you would just have no idea.”

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## Ride Report – 17th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run

By Woody Phillips  
High Country Chapter Communications  
Rim Country District

High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ held its 17th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson Arizona. With lots of help and support from the Rim Country District of the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona, the event was another huge success for Rim Country children and families in need this Christmas season.

No child should have to go without during Christmas and it is High Country Chapter's mission, in conjunction with the Women of The Moose, to make sure they have a happy Christmas, no matter their family's circumstances.

The toy collection party started promptly at 11 am with the arrival of the first toy collection boxes that had been distributed throughout Rim Country. During the previous month, supporting businesses, from Tonto Village to Strawberry had been collecting new toys, clothes and other gifts for children and their families for ages ranging from toddler to teenager.

Mike McCannon, owner of the Buffalo Bar & Grill, was a gracious host and made sure the beer was cold, the chicken wings were hot, and the food was delicious! It seemed like everyone was having a really fun time.

Music was provided by KRIM-FM DJ Chris Higgins who generously donated their normal fee back to the kids. There was also a silent auction and raffles, and door prizes to delight the patrons.

The annual event also featured a 50/50 and congratulations go to Bartender Lesley for

winning \$505.00. Thanks to everyone that made the 50/50 such an enormous success, and in particular ABATE of AZ State Sgt. at Arms Lee Thompson who sold over \$1,000 worth for tickets by himself!

At the end of the day, 5 pickup trucks loaded with toys, bicycles and other gifts, plus checks totaling \$3,500.00 were presented to the Women of the Moose, Moose Lodge #852 in Star Valley, who will be distributing the toys and other gifts to a vetted list of children and families in need. That list currently has 141 children and 47 families!

High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ, and Rim Country District of the MMA of AZ, wants to express their gratitude for the continuing, significant, support from Sawmill Theaters, Miller Auto Works, Ironhorse Signs, Cheaper Sweeper, and the Old Bastards Motorcycle Club.

They also want to thank Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Jake's Corner Bar, KRIM-FM, The Buffalo Bar & Grill, El Rancho Restaurant, Tonto Rim Bar & Grill, Payson Wireless, Old County Inn, Pine Creek Fudge & Espresso, Pinewood Tavern, and the Ponderosa Market for hosting toy collection boxes.

And finally, a special thank you to Joanne McConnell of That Apron Shop, Susan Irons, Cindy Condit, Barbara Huber, Nancy Hubbs, and the members of Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of AZ that provided invaluable support to this event.

Merry Christmas to one and ALL!

Photos can be found here: <https://motorcyclesafari.com/ride-report-17th-annual-barbie-hensler-memorial-toy-run/>



### 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.

**Documentation of Discrimination**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS - FULL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME / POSITION OF PERSON ENFORCING POLICY: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION (use back if needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
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YOUR NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* INCLUDE ANY PICTURES OF DISCRIMINATING SIGNS POSTED \*\*\*

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## Recall: Rear Brakes On Harley Trikes Could Activate On Their Own

by Sabrina Giacomini from <https://www.rideapart.com/>

A software issue poses a safety hazard.

The NHTSA has issued a recall by Harley-Davidson on three models of trikes that could potentially present a software issue that could cause the rear brakes to activate on their own. Here are the details.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company has issued a recall on over 12,500 trikes in the United States for a potential brake problem due to a faulty software. The

company estimates that roughly one percent of the 12,624 recalled units are actually affected by the problem. The models targeted by this recall are:

- 2019-2020 Harley-Davidson FLHT-CUTG (Classic Ultra Tri Glide)
- 2020 Harley-Davidson FLHTCUTGSE (CVO Tri Glide)
- 2019-2020 Harley-Davidson FLRT (Freewheeler)

The three models of Harley trike are equipped with an electro-hydraulic control unit (EHCUC) that manages the Trike Traction Control System. The company

found that the EHCUC could present an error and cause the traction control to respond incorrectly to a faulty rear-wheel speed signal. This could lead to one of the rear brakes to engage on its own and cause the trike to suddenly change direction. The loss of control that could result from it could ultimately cause a crash.

The Harley-Davidson dealers should already be aware of the issue and letters to the owners affected have been sent at the beginning of December. Owners are invited to make an appointment with their Harley-Davidson dealer to have their trike checked. Should the vehicle present

the software issue, the system will be updated which should eliminate the error. The service will be provided free of charge.

Should they have any questions or concerns, owners of one of the models involved in the recall are invited to call the Harley-Davidson customer service line at 1-800-258-2464 to have their VIN verified. The company's internal number for this recall is 0175. Customers are also welcome to address their inquiries to the NHTSA's hotline service at 1-888-327-4236.

## Hayley Bell named American Motorcyclist Association 2019 Motorcyclist of the Year

U.K. rider founded Women Riders World Relay, helped unite motorcyclists worldwide

PICKERINGTON, Ohio — For calling attention to the needs of women riders and for creating a worldwide connection among them, Hayley Bell of the United Kingdom has been named the American Motorcyclist Association 2019 Motorcyclist of the Year.

Bell is the founder and president of global business development for the Women Riders World Relay, a movement joined by thousands of motorcyclists from 84 countries to create a "global sisterhood of

inspirational women" and to demonstrate to motorcycle manufacturers and makers of riding gear that female riders are a formidable and growing market that deserves their attention.

The AMA Motorcyclist of the Year designation, awarded annually by the AMA Board of Directors, recognizes the individual or group that had the most profound impact on the world of motorcycling in the previous 12 months.

"For her efforts to promote the motorcycle lifestyle around the world and bring together riders from all nations and backgrounds, conveying the positive aspects

of motorcycling and drawing attention to the market potential of female riders, Hayley Bell is the 2019 AMA Motorcyclist of the Year," said Maggie McNally-Bradshaw, chair of the AMA Board of Directors. "Women riders are an important segment of the motorcycling community and they are a critical building block for the future. Hayley's efforts not only reaffirm that sentiment, but they help carry it forward at a time when motorcycling needs new riders in the fold."

Women Riders World Relay participants carried the relay baton for a leg of the journey through their countries, then

passed it along to the next group of riders. The relay brought together women from diverse cultures and bridged political differences, even across national borders.

Bell was determined that the Women Riders World Relay demonstrate that female riders "are exactly equal to other riders." Along the way, the relay drew support and participation from male riders, as well.

The full story about Bell and her accomplishments can be found in the January issue of American Motorcyclist magazine.

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