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Mike Infanzon
 Legislative Director

The Arizona Legislature has informed members and staff that it will extend its recess and assess the coron-

avirus situation again at the end of the month.

Lawmakers adjourned on March 23 after passing a bare-bones emergency state budget and hoped to reconvene on April 13 to finish the yearly session.

House Speaker Rusty Bowers said Tuesday, April 7th,

in an email to members and staff that it will not yet be safe to reconvene.

Bowers said he and Senate President Karen Fann would give members ample notice before they are called back into session.

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

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

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

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P.O. Box 54041
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 Communications..... Vacant
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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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6888 N De Chelly Loop
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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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Coordinators.....**Dan Tumey**
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 Merchandise.....**All Officers**

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

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

Mohave Chapter

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Coordinator.....**Tom Aydt**
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 Sergeant-at-Arms.....**Shirley Bizub**
 Run Coordinator.....**Shirley Bizub**
 PAC..... Vacant
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 Safety Coordinator..... Vacant
 Merchandise Coordinator..... Vacant

Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month 10:00 AM at: VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 86413

Superstition Chapter

Coordinator.....**Marc Schultz**
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 Membership Coordinator.....**Becky Pennington**
 Run Coordinator.....**Duane Tone**
 PAC..... Vacant
 Communications Officer.....**Susan Grimmer-Potter**
 Safety Coordinator.....**Clayton Crull**
 Merchandise Coordinator..... Vacant

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

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

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

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

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

News from the MRF

Immediately after passing the 2.2 trillion-dollar stimulus, Congress began planning for a 4th COVID-19 related bill. Initially, Nancy Pelosi indicated that infrastructure would be the main focus of the next large piece of legislation. However, Friday afternoon, she changed her tune and said that infrastructure would have to wait. Congress now will attempt to pass another bill similar to the CARES Act with a focus on extending

enhanced unemployment insurance and doubling forgivable loans administered by the Small Business Administration.

This shift in focus does not mean that infrastructure will be ignored. President Trump has publicly announced his preference for a massive infrastructure package. Additionally, with the current highway bill set to expire at the end of September, the timing to do something seems near.

It is still unclear what the size and scope of any infrastructure bill will end up being. There could be a focus strictly on "shovel ready

projects," or it could incorporate the long-planned Highway Reauthorization. Regardless of what the final bill looks like, we as motorcyclists need to make our voices heard.

This simple call to action outlines four Highway Bill priorities that were approved in September at Meeting of the Minds for the 2020 Legislative Agenda. Let your voice be heard and make sure that in a rush to pass massive legislation, the priorities of motorcyclists are not forgotten.

<https://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/write-a->

Mission Statement

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

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

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

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President's Report



By Shirley Bizub

Well, I am hoping everyone of you are safe and well. This virus is just whipping through the world. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone. Hopefully it will leave as quick as it came. But it isn't looking like it will. If there is anything that I can do, let me know I'm not mak-

ing any promises but I will try to do what I can to help. If you feel depressed I want you to know I will make myself available to talk if you feel the urge. Times like these can hit people in different ways so reach out to those friends who seem distant, they might need a friend to talk to.

Let's hope we all can be out riding together real soon and enjoying the sunshine together.

Hope everyone stays safe and your holiday was a good one.

ML&R
Moonshine
Shirley Bizub

Phone Banking

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

With so many of us being forced to stay at home at this time, there is still a way for you to be an advocate without leaving home. It's called **PHONE BANKING**.

Political phone banking is a process in a political campaign to reach out to voters for canvassing or getting out the vote, via phone calls. It is often carried out using a call center software, via commercial phone banks or voluntary phone banks (run by volunteers).

Quite clearly political campaigns whether big or small, presidential or for a school

board, win by getting the most votes. A big part of this goes to the process of campaigning: reaching out to voters and letting them know who you are, what you stand for and why they should vote for your candidate.

In today's world, there are many ways campaigns use to attract your attention; the traditional way is through broadcast media like radio, TV or simply newspapers. The more modern way, one that is gaining a lot of traction, is through social media, email and online advertising.

Campaigning works most effectively when there is a personal touch associated with it. After all a voter might be more

influenced to support a campaign when he/she is convinced agreeably by a volunteer, right? This is why door to door canvassing is so useful for getting heard as well as learning more about your voter. Unfortunately, for larger campaigns or ones that have a time restriction, it just isn't possible to visit every voter. Besides, without a large pool of volunteers scaling with door to door canvassing is almost impossible especially right now.

This is where phone banking comes in. You can now reach out to voters on their phone in a manner both personal as well as efficient.

How long does calling a single voter

take? Just 3 minutes, sometimes even less.

Just imagine- if you have four or five volunteers calling voters, you can reach a large number of voters in a very short amount of time. And if canvassing is combined with phone banking then the two can be extremely effective in improving voter turnout as well as increasing supporters. Talk about killing two birds with one stone!

Be an advocate! Call up the campaign for the candidate you are supporting and volunteer to phone bank for them.

Elections Have Consequences

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

It's a different world. So much has changed in the past 30/60 days that we really don't recognize our country any longer. I read and hear from people who believe this virus is caused by:

1. A man-made deliberate attack on our freedom
2. A consequence of global warming
3. Someone ate a bat
4. The deliberate attempt to win an election by tanking our economy.

Honestly, I don't care what you believe this is from. It has changed the perspective of our nation so dramatically, that I don't think we will ever go back to the normal of before.

There are a few things I do know. Our freedoms are under attack. We read of a father being arrested because he was out at a park with his daughter. We read of motorcyclists in Springfield Mo. Being cited for violating a "stay at home" order because they went for a ride. Two years ago, motorcyclists in our nation were being stopped for wearing a face covering. Look at the population now.

If you think that there are individuals and

organizations who will not use this virus as a reason to strip us of our freedoms all in the name of "public safety", you're mistaken. If you think that it will not happen in Arizona, you're mistaken. Phoenix mayor Kate Gallego issued a proclamation asking residents to turn in their neighbors for "health order violations". Tucson has done the same thing. I equate these to tyranny reports. If you are outside washing your motorcycle, you could be "turned in" for violating a health order. There have been individuals in our nation who have been cited for driving their car without a protective mask. In the car, by themselves! BY THEMSELVES!!! And don't forget your "travel papers"!

While we need to do whatever it takes to protect the health and safety of the public, doing so by stripping personal freedoms and installing a tyrannical governmental overwatch is not something I am prepared to just swallow.

For years, our government has attempted to limit the freedoms of motorcyclists. ABATE has always been the organization to stand in the gap for motorcyclists in Arizona. Here are some highlights of what ABATE has accomplished in the past 7 years:

2013 Eliminated yearly motorcycle emis-

sions testing in Maricopa County

2017 Successfully prevented mandatory helmet legislation; Reestablished Motorcycle Safety Fund for 5 years; Helped pass the Teen texting bill; Helped pass the Civil Forfeiture changes

2018 Introduced Anti-profiling legislation; Introduced Class M license requirement to register a motorcycle; Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill; Advocated against the adoption of California emissions standards in Arizona; Helped pass "Pam's Law"

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

2020 Meetings with cities to discuss motorcycle profiling; Introduced Lane filtering legislation

Elections have Consequences

The primary for Arizona state elections is on August 4 and the General election is on November 3. All state legislative positions are open to challengers and whoever wins will affect legislation for the next two years.

In 430 B.C., the Greek statesman Pericles said, "Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean that politics won't take an interest in you." Whether or not the new Legislature will work with ABATE at the Capitol to protect our rights can depend on whether or not you take the time to cast your vote in the primary and general elections.

Avoiding the election is a vote for accepting the way things turn out, good or bad

ABATE members are activists, not spectators, and activism begins with voting. Because our members choose to get involved politically, we have made great strides for motorcycle freedom, safety and awareness and have become one of the states the rest of the country looks to and follow. How much further we can go to protect our rights in the coming legislative sessions depends on who is elected. Make a difference and VOTE!



Chapter Reports

High Country Chapter

Planning was well under way for High Country's 16th Annual Wild in the Weeds Rally, held every year during the first weekend in May, when, well, you know what happened after that.

It is sometimes easy to forget how much work and energy goes into planning these events.

Billy Hensler, our chapter Coordinator, worked with vendors, bands and Punkin Center Bar & Grill to try and find a date we could postpone the event to, but after a while it became clear to him and most of the chapter officers that postponing the event was just not going to work-out.

We are still getting ready for our annual Motorcycle Safety & Awareness event at the Mogollon Rim Visitor Center Saturday morning, May 23rd (Memorial Day Weekend). During this annual event, we serve free coffee and donuts to weary travelers heading to their favorite get-away spot for the weekend. It gives us a chance to present a favorable face to the general public and remind them to look twice for motorcycles while also giving them a little stimulant to keep them alert! Hopefully, there will be some return to normalcy by then and this event will still happen.

The weather will be improving significantly in the coming weeks and we look forward to seeing riders from down south all over Rim Country. Remember to watch for elk, deer.

Remember, you always have an invitation to come and see us. If you can, drop by the Moose Lodge in Star Valley a little before 10 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month and join us for our monthly Chapter Meeting. We would love to have you join us (after all these restrictions are lifted).

Mohave Chapter

I would like to say that this has been cheerful and happy times since my last chapter report but that would be a lie. The most tragic was the

loss of two of our state officers Ginny and Coach due to a tragic car accident in Florida, may they ride in peace together. One positive note though is how different motorcycle clubs and organizations have pulled together to help get through this, thank you for all that you have done.

It is sad to see ABATE and other motor-

cycle clubs and organizations meetings, rallies, events and rides being cancelled due to this Corona virus crap. Especially sad for myself and Cynde is to see the Too Broke for Sturgis rally being cancelled, since we moved out here to Arizona this is a rally that we really look forward to attending.

Wishing that all of you remain healthy and safe and if you get an opportunity to get out for a few rides on your motorcycle, please ride safe and have fun.

Tom Aydt
Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

Hello Phoenix/Shadow Mountain members. It's me, NavyMike, with the monthly report. I hope all is well with our members, and with all the Chapters of Abate. It grieves me to be the bearer of bad news. If you haven't heard by now, Two Broke for Sturgis has been cancelled due to the impact of covid-19 virus. My friend in China, a young lady I met in Hong Kong when I was on active duty, has been my principle source of information about covid-19 in China. I may have mentioned some of her information in the last report, but it's good to hear the same things as before sometimes.

Superstition Chapter

We at the Superstition Chapter hope you are all staying safe and well during these times. We trust all this will be resolved and we can get back to normal soon.

The month of March was a hard month for ABATE as we lost two of our members, Dave "Coach" Pennington and Gynni Giebel. They were involved in a fatal car accident in Florida. We would like to thank Season's End Mortuary for the help of getting them back to Arizona. There will be a Celebration of Life once things settle down. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The April chapter meeting was cancelled due to the Easter holiday, we hope you were able to spend time with your families.

With this being MAY remember this is Motorcycle Awareness month. Watch for proclamations across the state. Perfect month to recruit new members as well. We will be having our chapter meeting on May 10th at 2:00 provided restrictions are lifted. Watch for updates on Facebook and your email.

If you have a membership coming due, we are still here to assist you. Please call

Becky at 480-229-6578, stop by the office at 1784 W Superstition Blvd #2 Apache Junction, AZ 85120 or email supabateaz@gmail.com.

We still have raffle tickets for the motorcycle/ABATE t-shirt quilt if interested, please contact one of the board members.

The weather is perfect for riding, please be safe and stay well.

Her name is Yang, (Chinese do not use upper case letters like we do, just symbols), and she lives in the countryside but would commute to Wuhan where she worked. Wuhan is the city where we have been told the virus began. She has a brother and two uncles, as she says "trapped" in Wuhan. The city is surrounded by the Chinese Military. No one is allowed in or out, even if a person tested negative. It is a city with a water source, but food must be transport in. Yang relates the military is not allowing food to go into the city. She relates large trucks go in and out, night and day. She believes they are the trucks taking the dead to locations near the coast where the bodies are removed and then incinerated.

The city of Wuhan is slowly, in her words 'disappearing'. It is a city of 10 million or was. She has lost hope she will ever see her brother or uncles again. It is Marshall Law. What I am hearing about the virus in China is a vaccine has been produced, but not administered. It is still in the testing stage. Once the drug is prepared to be given to the populous, Yang relates none will go to Wuhan. I do not know much about what the Chinese government is saying with regard to the administration of the vaccine. I believe the truth is relayed from Yang.

OK, now I am on my political soap box. I see Senator Biden has finally stepped forward and joined the Presidents team in fighting this war on covid-19. I watched Fox10 during a 4-hour briefing with the President, his team of experts, and military personnel. The audience was a slew of journalists. I could pick out the Democrat's from the Republicans right away. The Democrat's had questions leaning more toward a political statement as opposed to a legitimate question. The Republicans just asked pertinent and poignant questions. Ah, maybe I'm just one sided? Here is my challenge. Let's all call our state representatives and ask them to take a more positive step for working together for our state. I do not see our Democratic or Republican representatives working together as poignantly as they should. Let's strive to get our state elected officials to form a coalition regardless of party. Put aside differences and, maybe, the pending problem we

have with covid-19 may work more smoothly. I compared our federal government and the problems they have with so many areas they must cover. I ask you, our members, to reach out to our state representatives and help them guide us through this battle. Maybe they could use a handful of Abate members, (biker's).

It's time to put the spotlight on our Chapter's Merchandize Officer, Deena Grady. FYI 'Dee' has related a close friend was called to an emergency meeting at his hospital. What was related was more people were checking into the hospital for the covid-19 virus after using the hand pumps at filling stations. Folks, please use gloves and paper towels when you are at the gas pumps. Also, Dee put me on to another web location called GL Garage Logic. What was related I find amazing and questionable. It was related by a Doctor named Arash, (don't know if that is the first name or not), from Harvard Medical Hospital, Pulmonary Department had found that patients with the covid-19 virus that had taken Advil or Ibuprofen died. The patients with the covid-19 virus that didn't take Advil or Ibuprofen did not die. I don't know, what do you all think?

It grieves me to tell all our Abate members that two of our greatest leaders, passed away. David "Coach" Pennington served as Board of Directors Member and Sgt-at-Arms of Superstition Chapter, and Gynni Giebel served as the State Merchandize Officer as well as the Merchandize Officer for Superstition Chapter. They died in an auto accident while visiting family in Florida. The accident happened March 16th. There was a private visitation held on March 30th at Season's End Mortuary. If you need more specific information, you can contact our State Communications Officer, Susan Grimmer-Potter or Lil Bit.

This concludes the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter Monthly Report. Be careful and safe. This is NavyMike signing off.

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.



Idaho Passes Anti-Motorcycle Profiling Law

<https://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

In the midst of the global corona virus pandemic there is not much "good news". But for motorcyclists in Idaho there is a sliver of positivity in a sea of crisis. On March 18th, 2020 the state of Idaho became the 4th state to pass a law addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling. Awaiting the governor's signature, S 1292, sponsored by Representative Robert Anderst, passed the Idaho House of Representatives on a 37-30 vote after previously passing the Senate 25-9.

S 1292 defines the term "motorcycle profiling" and prohibits the practice. And like the 3 states that have previously addressed the issue- Washington State (2011), Maryland (2016) and Louisiana (2019)- S1292 doesn't allow monetary claims against law enforcement. The Federal Civil Rights Act remains the mechanism of monetary relief for victims of profiling. Rather, state anti-motorcycle profiling legislation provides a mechanism for targeted individuals to receive dismissals and exclusion of evidence based on an illegal stop, in addition to enhanced law enforcement training

intended to curtail the discriminatory practice.

The law in Idaho is the direct result of a 5-year long grassroots effort led by Idaho ABATE. Idaho ABATE is a quintessential example of the democratic process at work. With persistence and preparation, legislative opposition can be reversed. Legislators deal with hundreds/ thousands of pieces of legislation annually. Idaho ABATE did not allow previous failures since 2017 to discourage the legislative effort. Instead of giving up, Idaho ABATE persisted and was eventually suc-

cessful educating and gaining the support of legislators that previously opposed the idea.

The Motorcycle Profiling Project congratulates Idaho ABATE, Representative Anderst, and those that supported the effort- you know who you are! Working with you was a pleasure!

Stay healthy. Stay safe. And Fight The Good Fight!

Coast to Coast

*NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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NCOM CONVENTION RESCHEDULED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists 35th annual NCOM Convention has been rescheduled for the middle of October at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street), the same location in Indiana as previously planned.

“At this time, the NCOM board urges you and your families to follow the advice of the health departments and keep yourselves safe,” said James “Doc” Reichenbach II, Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors, adding that “Losing one person is one too many.”

Stay tuned for further details as NCOM continues to monitor this deadly global outbreak and its impact on the motorcycling community.

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES CONTINUES TO INFORM

Bikers have always had a reputation for watching each other’s backs, and during these trying times the need to band together is even more critical, so know that you can continue to count on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) to keep you informed and up-

to-date on a wide range of issues of importance to motorcycling and its associated lifestyle.

Through the monthly NCOM Biker Newsbytes column, the organization will strive to provide timely and accurate information to the riding community, and we encourage all motorcycle publications, websites and internet forums to reprint and share this news source with your readers and fellow concerned riders.

To receive this free post directly to your IN-Box, simply email NCOMBish@aol.com with your Subscription request.

MOTORCYCLISTS RALLY AGAINST THE PANDEMIC

As the COVID-19 hysteria makes international headlines, the motorcycling world has come to the aid of those in need. Yamaha Motor Manufacturing has donated hundreds of respirators, Tyvek suits, and thousands of gloves and alcohol wipes to a local hospital in Georgia. Other manufacturers are donating PPE, such as Honda and Polaris.

In addition, Honda made an initial \$1 million pledge to food banks and meal programs across America, Canada and Mexico, and has repurposed its North American 3-D-printing capabilities to create protective face shields for medical providers.

Polaris, through its foundation, has donated nearly a quarter million dollars in technology to meet the needs of local students in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa to transition to distance learning, and employees have volunteered to work at a local ventilator manufacturing plant.

BMW even went as far as switching to face mask production during the global pandemic.

Kawasaki, which temporarily shut down production, is producing face shields for health care providers, and donated four 55-gallon barrels of chemicals needed for hand sanitizer.

In Italy, small motorcycle manufacturer Benelli has stepped up and donated ventilators and Tyvek suits to the Italian Red Cross, while tire manufacturer Pirelli and its partners donated \$800,000 as well as 65 ventilators, 5,000 protective suits, and 20,000 protective masks to help local health care providers.

After being forced to close its doors as a “nonessential business,” road gear company Vanson Leathers in Massachusetts revamped its facilities to produce face masks for local hospitals.

Cycle Gear and parent company Comoto are chipping in with donations of supplies and eyewear for frontline health workers.

Companies aren’t the only ones helping

out, as countless motorcyclists around the world are helping out with their time and motorcycles. The owners of a motorcycle riding school in Littleport, England, are offering people in their area to pick up prescriptions and deliver them where needed for free. Similarly, groups of riders in the Italian region of Umbria are helping seniors who can’t leave their home due to the lockdown by picking up their prescriptions and delivering them to their door. In Sudbury, Canada, members of the Warriors MC volunteered to help the Meals on Wheels service by delivering meals to local seniors on a daily basis.

In New York City, a group of motorcyclists collaborated with MasksForDocs.com to distribute personal protective equipment to doctors and hospitals. If you have an old pair of dirt bike/dual-sport, ski/snowboard, or general lab goggles collecting dust somewhere, Goggles for Docs would gladly take them off your hands, and they have over 200 drop-off locations in 35 states as well as Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, Spain and Panama.

Alamo Cycle Plex, a dealership in San Antonio, Texas even donated a new Kawasaki Ninja to a local nurse whose bike was stolen while she was busy fight-

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

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GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE MARKET IMPACTED BY COVID-19

"When the car business sneezes, motorcycles catch a cold," is an old saying in the motorcycle industry, so it should come as no surprise that as the Coronavirus pandemic has negatively impacted automobile sales, it has hurt motorcycle sales even worse.

Worldwide, motorcycle sales have plummeted nearly fifty percent, with hard-hit Italy reporting a 69% reduction. In India, one of the world's strongest bike markets, sales were down some forty percent in the first quarter of 2020, and Q2 numbers portend more dismal numbers as lockdowns and factory shutdowns persist.

China, where the virus started, not only has numerous motorcycle manufacturers who are suffering, but is also home to many parts manufacturers that other companies around the globe rely on to continue building their bikes, causing extreme disruptions to the supply chain.

Here in the U.S., financial analysts forecast the hit to Harley-Davidson sales will be about 25%, according to Reuters. The Milwaukee-based bike maker has suspended production, laid off staff and implemented salary cuts.

Even those motorcycle dealerships that have remained open have reduced hours and staffing and, even worse, are missing out on peak springtime sales.

POWERSPORTS EMPLOYEES INCLUDED AMONG ESSENTIAL WORKERS

According to newly revised federal guidelines, powersports employees, in manufacturing, distribution, sales, rentals, and maintenance, are now considered "essential workers." This clarifies that many powersports businesses nationwide can remain open, thanks to the addition of new language added to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers.

This guidance, which outlines the federal government's position on essential workers, is currently in use by 33 of the states with stay-at-home orders, and has always

listed "automotive repair" employees as essential workers. According to the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), the CISA 3.0 guidance for the transportation sector now expressly includes: "Workers critical to the manufacturing, distribution, sales, rental, leasing, repair, and maintenance of vehicles and other transportation equipment (including electric vehicle charging stations) and the supply chains that enable these operations to facilitate continuity of travel-related operations for essential workers."

JOY RIDING DISCOURAGED UNDER "STAY HOME" ORDERS

"Stay at home, shelter in place, self-quarantine, and practice social distancing," are the current buzzwords in response to the Coronavirus worldwide outbreak, but is it okay to just go for a ride? It's not a simple answer, and may vary between states depending on public mandates in place, but for many the answer is "No."

For example, Michigan State Police First Lt. Mike Shaw told WWJ News that "One of the biggest questions that we get through our social media is: 'Does the order allow me to just clear my head by driving around in my car or on my motorcycle?' -- and it does not," referring to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's "Stay Home" executive order in effect since March 24.

Like many other states, Michigananders are instructed to avoid all unnecessary travel until the order is lifted. "You are supposed to stay at home," Shaw said. "The reason for that is if you break down, the police are going to have to come out there, the tow truck driver, and you're making contact with all those people," Shaw explained. "If you get in a crash we're gonna have to come out there and police up that crash (not to mention the hospital)."

People are permitted to drive to their jobs, the grocery store or other places they need to be, and police will not be stopping travelers to ask where they're going, so if your state limits travel to essential needs, you're of course allowed to ride your motorcycle.

If you do ride, be sure to plan your trip ahead and avoid contact with other people. Pay at the pump with a credit card

instead of going inside the gas station. Wear gloves, a full-face helmet or mask. After your ride, clean and disinfect your bike, helmet, gloves, and phone.

On the bright side, the roads are clear and most police officers won't be pulling people over for minor traffic infractions, or going a couple of miles over the speed limit.

REAL ID POSTPONED AMID CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Travelers have myriad other things to worry about, thanks to the COVID-19 virus, but federally compliant driver's licenses are not among them for now.

Real ID is the federally compliant driver's license that was, until recently, supposed to be required for boarding a domestic flight beginning October 1st (if you didn't use some other form of acceptable identification, such as a passport), but is now postponed until Oct. 1, 2021.

The desire for a more secure form of identification is based on legislation that became law in 2005, on the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission.

IDAHO ENACTS ANTI-PROFILING LAW

Idaho Governor Brad Little (R) signed SB1292 into law on March 26, 2020, making Idaho the fourth state to pass legislation to "provide that law enforcement shall not engage in motorcycle profiling," and now joins the states of Washington, Maryland and Louisiana.

The bipartisan measure, pushed by Rep. Robert Anderst (R-Nampa) for the past three years to forbid "motorcycle profiling" by police -- deciding to pull someone over or arrest or search them solely because they're riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle gear -- handily passed the Senate by a vote of 25-9 on February 26, and then 38-29 in the House on March 18.

As they have for the past two years, motorcycling enthusiasts and members of motorcycle groups turned out in big numbers to testify in favor of the bill, saying they've been profiled by law enforcement officers when they were abiding by all laws.

"This is not an anti-law enforcement bill," Rep. Anderst told the legislature. Instead, he said the process has helped improve the relationship between law enforcement and motorcyclists.

ALL WACO CHARGES DISMISSED
Blaming his predecessor for bungling the prosecution, newly elected district attorney Barry Johnson has announced he is dropping all remaining charges against bikers caught up in the deadly 2015 shootout involving police who had surrounded motorcycle club members attending a regularly scheduled Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents meeting at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas that left nine bikers dead, 20 seriously injured, and 177 arrested as "gang members" on RICO charges of "engaging in organized criminal activity."

Former District Attorney Abel Reyna, who failed his re-election bid, ultimately dropped charges against all but 24 and re-indicted them on riot charges. Those were the cases that came to an end March 31, 2020. Only one case was ever prosecuted in court, and that ended in a mistrial.

Any further effort to prosecute the case would be a "waste of time, effort and resources," said D.A. Johnson in a prepared statement, adding that Reyna should never have issued such a blanket arrest warrant. Three officers who were accused of firing indiscriminately into the crowd were cleared by prosecutors in 2016.

More than 100 bikers have filed multi-million dollar civil rights lawsuits alleging that McLennan County, the city of Waco, local law enforcement, and others violated the plaintiffs' civil rights by arresting them without probable cause after the shooting.

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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 Nolan Steed, steednk@gmail.com

Southern Arizona Chapter

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

Yavapai Chapter

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

Yuma Chapter

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

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month 10:00 AM at: VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 86413

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

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Laconia Motorcycle Week organizers consider delaying 2020 event

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by KC Downey from
<https://www.wmur.com/>

Organizers to decide by end of April

LACONIA, N.H. — Organizers of Laconia Motorcycle Week will decide by the end of this month whether to reschedule this year's event because of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

They are discussing a move of the event's

start from the weekend of June 13 to the weekend of August 22.

The head of the Motorcycle Week Association said it would be great for morale to keep to the original schedule, but safety must come first.

Still considered one of the largest motorcycle gatherings in the country, the event is now in its 97th year.

For more information, visit <https://laconiamcweek.com/>.



In order to qualify for the August 2020 primary ballot, candidates must collect signatures from voters in the legislative district. By signing a nomination petition, it does not mean you have to vote for that candidate in the primary or the general election. This is just to get their name on the ballot.

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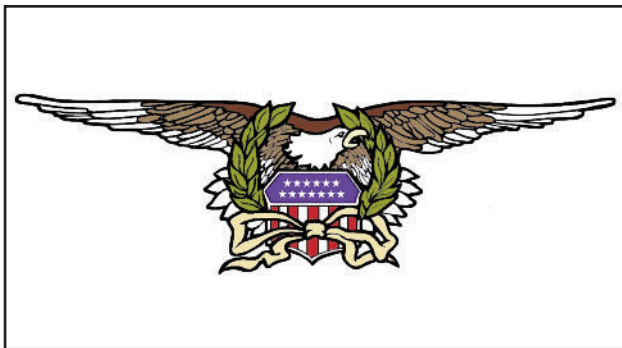
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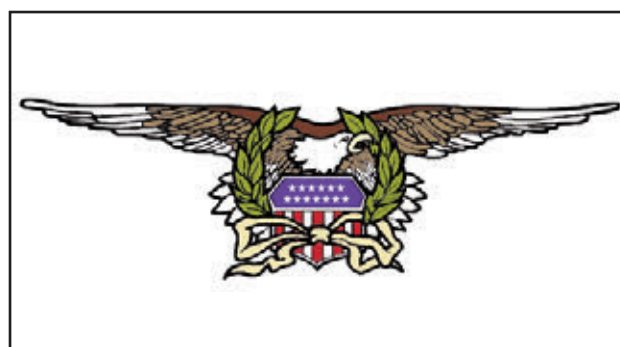
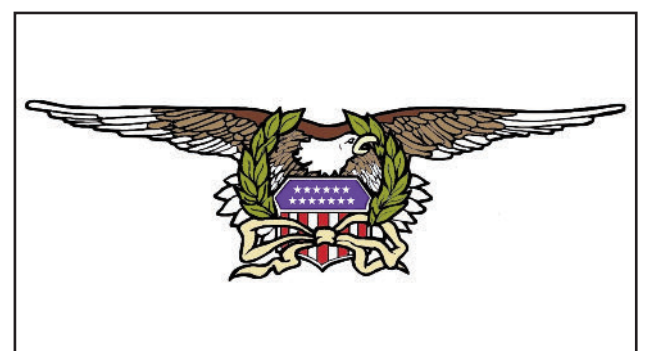
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This is where we'd normally tell you about our Advertisers upcoming events... but since so many event plans are 'up in the air' we have pulled this to prevent confusion or mixed messages. So this'll

be a pretty short section.

Looking down the road, we can tell you that Arizona Bike Week has rescheduled their dates to October 7-11, 2020

AZ's Largest Motorcycle Swap Meet, scheduled for May 10 at Pinal County Fairground, has shown NO change to that plan so far. If we are advised of any cancellation or postponement we will let you know.

Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa has cancelled their May event, with June TBD. We hope that by the time their scheduled summer hiatus concludes that they will be back for their September launch. We'll let you know as we know.

Royal Enfield Photon Electric Motorcycle Launch Price £20,000 approx.

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

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

This one-off Royal Enfield electric motorcycle was made by Newtown-based Electric Classic Cars

Global automotive industries have termed EVs as the future of mobility and many environmentalists (actual and keyboard warriors) are glad about it. However, an ideal balance between electric vehicles and petrol hybrids would be the best scenario if the world really wishes to cut down emissions drastically. The reason for this is that many countries still depend on coal power plants to generate electricity. Hence, a world of only electric vehicles could only accelerate emissions, indirectly.

On the bright side, the push towards electric mobility has introduced an array of interesting products. This ranges from the cost-effective Tata Nexon EV we have here to high-end performance cars such as Porsche's Taycan Turbo S. Newtown-based (in Wales) Electric Classic Cars have done something similar at a smaller yet equally interesting scale.

Dubbed as the Royal Enfield Photon, the project is essentially a Royal Enfield Bullet with an electric powertrain. It's a one-off product like most other commissioned Porsche, Land Rover or Volkswagen projects from Electric Classic Cars. Attention to detail seems to have been one of the top priorities in the EV since it does not look like a half-baked design. The uber-retro electric motorcycle is finished in a beautiful

shade of British Racing Green with neat-looking Gold pinstripes against gloss black. The quilted leather seat is done in tan.

Purists may argue that it has ditched the original 'Royal Enfield charm', but it's often forgotten that the current line of Bullet products employs an archaic architecture — especially in terms of output-to-displacement ratio. The story could take a twist when the next-gen '350' models hit the market.

The Royal Enfield Photon is powered by a 12kW (almost 16bhp) hub motor coupled to four 2.5kWh lithium-ion batteries. To integrate the electric powertrain, the engineers at Electric Classic Cars had to make significant changes to the stock downtube chassis frame. The air-cooled battery pack can be filled from empty in

about 90 minutes using any mainstream charging facility. It has a real-world riding range of 130km (claimed) as well.

While 16bhp does not impress on paper, EVs are mostly about good torque characteristics right from zero RPM. While the Photon is no rocket from the get-go, it has a much more enjoyable RPM band compared to its original ICE counterpart. The motorcycle tops out at 112km/h.

Hardcore Royal Enfield fans would surely miss the 'thump' and NVH associated with a Bullet, alongside its affordable price tag. Yes, a regular Royal Enfield in the UK is significantly cheaper at about £4,699 (roughly Rs 4.45 lakh) compared to the Photon's estimated asking price of £20,000 (just under Rs 19 lakh).



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BMW(NEW YORK) — Trudy Hardy is no stranger to motorcycles.

Hardy, a licensed street rider for 20 years and former executive at British carmaker MINI, now sells the “2-wheeled side of life” as vice president of Motorrad of the Americas, BMW’s motorcycle division. Her position puts her in charge of motorcycle operations in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Argentina and Brazil and she oversees the brand’s 150 U.S. stores.

Few women hold high-level executive roles in the motorcycle industry even as the number of female riders has jumped to 19% in 2018 up from 10% a decade ago.

Hardy, who was appointed to the position last July, views women as an important part of Motorrad’s business, which has been primarily men in the 45 to 55 age group.

“We’re broadening the range [of bikes]

we have ... ones that have lower ride height or adjustable suspensions,” she told ABC News at Motorrad’s U.S. headquarters in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. “Women need to be comfortable on the bikes they choose.”

She added, “We want to expand our audiences. There’s a lot of untapped potential for us.”

Last week BMW unveiled the R 18, a retro-styled bike geared toward the U.S. market and Motorrad’s first entry in the cruiser segment. The bike’s ergonomic design allows for relaxed riding and optimum control, making it appealing to women. Motorrad’s entry-level bikes, the G 310 GS and G 310 R, were also built and priced to attract female riders, according to the company.

Genevieve Schmitt, founder of Women Riders Now, an online magazine, said women are the fastest-growing demographic in motorcycles versus young men and baby boomers.

“It seems to be exponentially growing,” she told ABC News.

There are two reasons women are turning to bikes, she said: more gear in women’s sizes and the rise of female enthusiast groups on social media. She has also noticed an emphasis on female-focused advertising when there are women executives in the industry.

“I was personally very excited to see BMW choose a woman for that leadership position,” she said, referring to Hardy. “BMW tends to be seen as a conservative company. She was the most qualified candidate — for sure.”

Mark Hoyer, editor-in-chief of Cycle World magazine, pointed out that there has been an increase in ride events and tours marketed directly at women, such as Babes Ride Out and The Suffragists Centennial Motorcycle Ride. Harley-Davidson has also led the charge on getting more women excited about bikes by hosting “Women-only Garage Parties,” a concept it piloted in 2006 with its dealer network.

“The industry has evolved significantly in the last 10 years,” he told ABC News. “It

tended to be more masculine ... an old time, chest-pounding culture.”

More women are signing up for safety training and the proliferation of online groups and platforms has encouraged women to take up motorcycling, said Andria Yu, director of communications at the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC). Women riders spend an average of \$574 a year on tires, routine repairs, maintenance, replacement parts, modifying equipment and accessories compared to \$497 that men spend, according to the 2018 Motorcycle Industry Council Owner Survey. Female entrepreneurs are also filling a much-needed void in the industry by manufacturing gear cut specifically for women, Yu noted.

Yu, a former journalist, started riding in 2001 to save money on her long commute to work and was soon hooked.

“I just found riding to be so much fun,” she said.

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The COVID-19 Pandemic Shuts Down Arizona's Premier Motorcycle Event

TBFS 2020 Attendees – After deep consideration, A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona (ABATE) has made the difficult decision to cancel the 29th Annual Too Broke For Sturgis (TBFS) event scheduled for June 11-14, 2020 at Mormon Lake, AZ. Due to the uncertainties and extent of the COVID-19 pandemic, ABATE can no longer justify inviting all you to TBFS 2020.

ABATE's flagship fundraiser TBFS is officially cancelled for 2020 out of an abundance of caution and for the health and safety of our musicians, vendors, volunteers, staff, sponsors and the surrounding community of Mormon Lake

Although our event takes place outside the current CDC's eight-week ban, we made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event as there is no timeline as to when restrictions and quarantines might realistically end. We respect the CDC's guidelines which, in all probability, may be extended for an unknown length of time. Further, ABATE acknowledges that this virus has and will continue to impact our communities' health and financial wellbeing. **Take care of each other!**

I know this comes as a disappointment to ALL OF YOU, especially to the loyal bikers that have supported Too Broke for Sturgis since 1991. **We thank all of you!** ABATE looks forward to resuming Arizona's Premier Motorcycle event next year!

Our hearts go out to anyone directly or indirectly impacted by the COVID-19 virus. To those who are sick, we extend to you our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery.

Please support A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona or your state MRO (Motorcycle Rights Organization) in any way you can. We will get through this together where we can continue to fight for the rights of ALL BIKES, ALL RIDERS.

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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

a result, the committee made the extremely difficult decision to cancel the event for 2020.

To their credit, the committee considered pretty much every option available, but events, and decrees, kept conspiring against them. I don't know if it was when Coconino county decided to stop issuing food vendor permits, or the worry that Mormon Lake Lodge itself might be shut-down for the event, but I applaud their willingness to discuss every aspect of the planning and their diligence in considering the many different scenarios that might play out before tallying their final votes in the matter.

Covid-19. So THAT happened.

The timing could hardly have been worse for the Annual Too Broke for Sturgis rally and fundraiser for ABATE of Arizona. The timing could hardly have been worse for the Annual Too Broke for Sturgis rally and fundraiser for ABATE of Arizona. As

I believe we are all really disappointed, but you have to also consider that it costs a great deal of money to put on this event and with no guarantee of recouping the expenses, and making a profit (this is a fundraiser after all) the committee realized we just could not take that risk and I fully concur with that assessment.

Luckily, we have enough money on hand to get through the rest of the year and plan an even bigger and better event for 2021. So, if this was going to happen, at least it picked a good year for us to weather the storm financially.

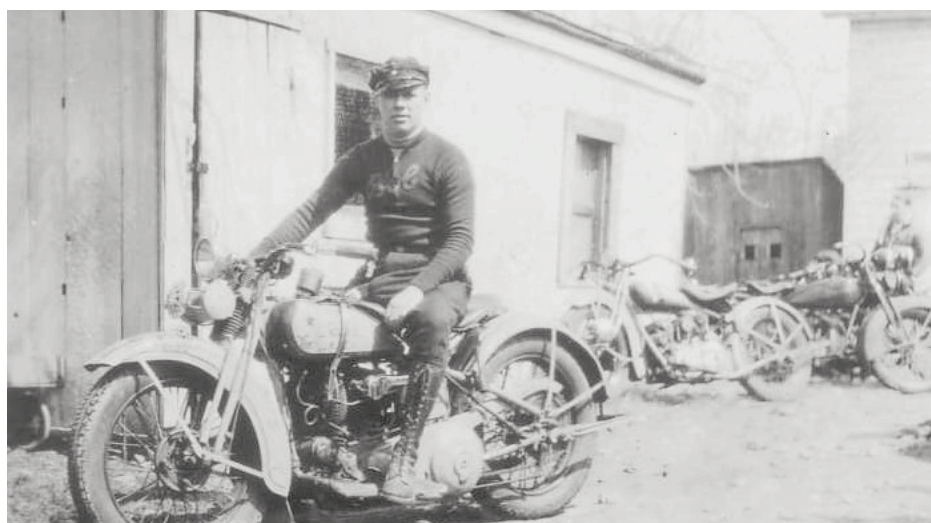
Now, for some REALLY bad news. This past month ABATE of AZ lost two officers that will leave a real hole in our hearts for a very long time. David (Coach) Pennington, Board representative for the Superstition Chapter, and Gynni Giebel, State Merchandise Coordinator, lost their lives in a horrible car accident while visiting David's family in Florida. This has been a tremendous shock to many of us. ABATE of AZ sends our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of Coach and Gynni and to the family of Samantha Green of Fort Meyers Beach who also died in the accident.

details associated with dealing with the funeral home in Florida to allow Coach and Gynni be returned to Arizona. Our thanks also go to ABATE of AZ club members, the Templar Crusaders MC, for paying the fare to have Gynni returned to us.

I could not be prouder of our motorcycling community and how we all come together during times of hardship and sadness to support and help each other. Please be safe and well. Things will be better soon.

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MEMORIES OF GYNNI GIEBEL AND DAVID "COACH" PENNINGTON

"It is with tears in our eyes and holes in our hearts that we notify you of the passing of two of the very best ABATE of Arizona has to offer." Gynni Giebel and David "Coach" Pennington who were visiting family in Florida were killed in an automobile accident March 16, 2020. This is paraphrasing the beginning of an email sent to ABATE of Arizona members on April 6, 2020.

I personally did not know Gynni well and, unfortunately, do not remember if I met Coach or not. So, when Susie, the State Communication Officer, asked me to write this article for the Masterlink, I was reluctant to accept such an important task. Susie had me reach out to people in ABATE who knew these two amazing people.

I spoke with Duane "Disco" Tone, and he told me he was the person who introduced Gynni and Coach to each other. What a wonderful memory to carry! He talked Gynni and Coach into driving Disco's cage as the chase vehicle for their

first Four Corners Rally. He said they had a wonderful time. As soon as Coach was able to get his bike, they rode together a lot. Disco started a motorcycle rider web page called Zoo Crew Motorcycle Rides. Gynni and Coach were very active in this endeavor, supportive in all ways, which included pitching-in with teaching newer riders how to ride safely in a group. Coach had the Big Green Tent at Bike Week. Both Gynni and Coach were very Active in ABATE. Gynni was State Merchandise Officer and, also, the Merchandise Officer for the Superstition Chapter of Abate. Coach was BOD member as well as the Sgt-at-Arms for Superstition Chapter of Abate. Coach's favorite band was Voodoo Moonshine. They loved riding, and they loved each other. They will be greatly missed by many.

I also reached out to Big Rob Thomes of Old Koots on Scoots. With his kind permission, I have copied the text of his email verbatim.

"Coach was a very passionate guy, loved his kids, his life and Gynni. I don't think we have had another brother come into the club with as much pride and enthusiasm as Coach. He was the perfect team player, first to call on you if you were down or needed help. He loved giving back to the community and belonging to something larger than himself. He supported children's sports...hence the name Coach....breast cancer, military veterans, wayward children, Hospice and many other charities. He was a proud Father, proud Veteran and proud Old Koots on Scoots. His booming voice and passion to make everyone around him happy will be missed dearly. He held you guys in the highest of regards too, always talking about ABATE and everything you guys do.

Miss Gynni was the love of his life, she was a beautiful soul. She was always there with a smile and a kind word. She loved her children, her friends and her MC family. She constantly thanked us for being part of our club, happy to belong,

to help and to make it better. She also was so proud to be part of ABATE, she talked about it frequently. Her love for Coach, life and the Club could be felt whenever she was around...and when she wasn't you could plan on a nice text or a call asking how you were.

We lost a brother and a sister on the same day, that loss will never be forgotten...the only solace the club finds is the fact that they were together when they passed on and that's right where they both dearly wanted to be...together.

Thank you, Dee, for doing this. Thank you for giving them an honorable mention. They both will forever be Old Koots on Scoots...OKOS Forever Forever OKOS!!!!"

Respectfully,

Dee Grady
State Secretary ABATE of Arizona

BMW's most 'avid motorcycle rider' is a woman. (continued)

Hardy's team of 50 U.S. employees includes 14 women, some of whom are avid riders. But knowing how to ride "is not a prerequisite to work here," she said. "It's not for everybody and I never push it on someone who does not feel comfortable on two wheels."

For Hardy, being on a motorcycle "is an escape mechanism," she said. "I love the feeling of really being in control."

But convincing Americans to embrace Motorrad's "make life a ride" slogan has been a challenge for the brand and industry leader Harley-Davidson. Motorrad delivered 175,162 bikes globally in 2019, an increase of 5.8% from 2018. BMW, however, acknowledged that 2019 was a "difficult market environment" for the brand, with sales in the U.S. and Canada totaling 15,116 units. Harley-Davidson's

U.S. bike sales in 2019 fell for a fifth straight year and the company recorded its lowest global motorcycle shipments in a decade. The COVID-19 pandemic will also likely put a serious dent in industry sales with the closure of manufacturing plants and dealerships.

Hoyer said the decline in motorcycling could partly be attributed to the high barriers of entry and associated costs. The used market now accounts for 70% of motorcycle transactions, according to Hoyer.

"You're not giving up much when you buy used," he said. "They're affordable and the safety and stability control have improved immeasurably."

He added, "Bikes, like Harley-Davidsons, have traditionally held their value."

Schmitt said industry sales never really bounced back from the Great Recession in 2008 and 2009.

"Young people have so many enthusiast options available to them now," she said. "They live differently than their parents and grandparents."

Hardy conceded that Motorrad's demographic has been "aging a bit" and her focus now is bringing younger riders into the brand and "targeting the right person with the right bike." The BMW name has also presented its own challenges.

"We have this perception that we're expensive to own — we need to overcome this," she said. "We have some very affordable and attainable bikes that have a lot of safety equipment on them that our

competitors do not."

Hoyer noted that Motorrad's string of recent products has helped it take market share away from competitors like Honda and Royal Enfield and buck the downward sales trend.

"Motorrad has done an excellent job of embracing its own history," he said. "The Heritage line has been very successful."

Hardy said her top goals this year as head of Motorrad USA are to create more passionate riders and to get back on her own bike. She even launched a training program for all BMW staffers who want to get a motorcycle license.

"This should be the most fun place to work in the BMW Group family," she said.



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Florida: Federal Judge Scolds Cops For Inventing Imaginary Traffic Offense

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Judge says Fourth Amendment has no meaning if motorists can be pulled over for failing to stop at the stop bar of an intersection with no such bar.

No stop bar location

Jorge Sanchez on Thursday learned that his fate would not be fully decided until June 18. Judge Roy B. Dalton Jr put off a hearing on whether charges against the motorist would be thrown out entirely until after coronavirus worries subside. Sanchez had just learned last month that misconduct by the police officers who pulled him over was so egregious that the evidence of his methamphetamine possession had to be suppressed.

On October 8, 2019, Brevard County

Sheriff's Office Sergeant Todd Beuer and Deputy Adam Steuerwald were running all of the plates for cars located near the intersection of Skelly Drive and Florida Avenue in Rockledge. They then saw Sanchez drive away from the house they were investigating. Sergeant Beuer ordered Deputy Steuerwald to come up with probable cause to conduct a traffic stop so that Sanchez could be questioned. He decided to write up Sanchez for failing to stop at a stop bar, but the justification did not pass the judge's smell test.

"Sergeant Beuer makes no bones about the fact that the stop was a pretext to investigate for drug activity," Judge Dalton explained. "Unfortunately for Sergeant Beuer, there was no stop bar at the intersection, a fact both he and the government now concede."

Sanchez did bring his car to a full stop before entering traffic, but prosecutors refused to drop the case. They insisted the officer made an objectively reasonable mistake about the law. Judge Dalton pointed out that this claim was hardly credible.

"Sergeant Beuer had walked back and forth on Skelly Drive at or near the intersection with Florida Avenue, so he had an opportunity to view the road surface condition and the general 'lay of the land,' both in his vehicle and on foot," the judge wrote. "Looking at the photographic evidence... it is difficult to imagine how a motorist might, at this particularly odd intersection, have any ability to see oncoming traffic from the left if stopped anywhere short of the point where Sgt. Beuer concedes Sanchez stopped his vehicle on this night. An added stop bar

would have made the situation worse from a safety perspective."

The stop sign is located in a circular dirt island in the middle of a rough, pock-marked extension of the parking lot with no curb or sidewalk.

"If these facts qualify as 'objectively reasonable,' then the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search and seizure is simply not applicable to a pretextual traffic stop," Judge Dalton wrote. "The court should stop imbuing the 'objectively reasonable' officer with a cloak of constitutional comfort for justifications that strain credulity and discount the facts out of deference to their necessary 'game time decisions.'"

Red Light Camera Company Profits Crash During Pandemic

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Worldwide virus lockdowns threaten the financial viability of red light and speed camera companies.

Covid virus attacks Redflex

The global pandemic and resulting restrictions on work and travel has caused a massive reduction in vehicle traffic around the world. This is putting the squeeze on red light camera and speed camera companies that depend on high traffic volume to turn a profit. Moreover, the closing of schools has entirely eliminated school bus camera operations as well as, in many jurisdictions, the use of school zone speed cameras.

Redflex Traffic Systems of Australia, the number two operator of photo

enforcement devices in the US, was struggling to stay afloat before the pandemic. The company has yet to report a profit since 2014, when its top US executives were caught and jailed for bribing officials in Illinois and Ohio. Despite declaring its manufacturing and ticketing support services as "essential" operations that must continue, the company expects major losses.

"Approximately fifteen percent of group revenue is dependent on volume-based contracts, and we anticipate our revenues from these contracts will be impacted broadly in line with the reduction in traffic volumes as well as the duration of the disruption," the company told Australian investors on Monday. "Unfortunately, the deployment of the roadwork speed enforcement contract in Pennsylvania, which commenced in March 2020, has been adjourned due to

the decision by the state to suspend roadworks."

Redflex announced it was slashing staff salaries and reducing hours for "most staff" while looking for other ways to cut costs until the travel restrictions are relaxed. Redflex stock, which stood at 68 cents per share in February closed Friday at 34 cents.

Verra Mobility, the largest camera operator in the country, saw its stock plunge from a high of \$17 in February to \$7 on Monday. The company had released its 2019 revenue results at the beginning of March, the week before the World Health Organization declared a pandemic. As a result, Verra Mobility's outlook had been enthusiastic, reflecting a net profit of \$33 million for the year based on booming revenue from tolling (up 27 percent) and auto-

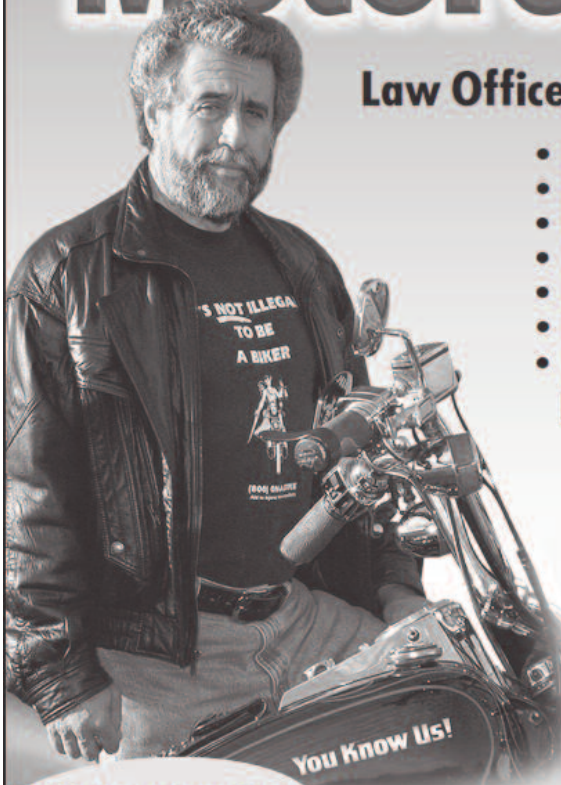
mated ticketing machines (up 34 percent for the year). The company's debt load, however, increased slightly at just over \$1 billion. The firm is now bracing for the worst.

"Due to the uncertainty surrounding the global outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, its duration, and overall business impact, Verra Mobility Corporation is withdrawing its 2020 guidance issued on March 2, 2020," the company announced on March 17. "In addition to the significant steps it has taken to protect the health and safety of its employees, the company is also taking action to mitigate the financial impact to its business by reducing variable costs across the business."

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Locations						
Site	Website	City	Zip	County	Email	Phone
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RIDE SMART M/C TRAINING	View	PHOENIX	85023	MARICOPA	Click Here	(623) 877-5425
T.E.A.M. Arizona - Chandler/Gilbert	View	GILBERT	85233	MARICOPA	Click Here	(480) 998-9888
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Pima Community College	View	TUCSON	85707	PIMA		(520) 206-3981
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Ride Northern Arizona - Prescott	View	PRESCOTT	86301	YAVAPAI	Click Here	(928) 443-0111
T.E.A.M. Arizona - Prescott	View	PRESCOTT	86301	YAVAPAI	Click Here	(928) 771-2500
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MOHAVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	View	LAKE HAVASU CITY	86403	MOHAVE		(928) 505-3321
JB'S RESTAURANT	View	MOHAVE VALLEY	86440	MOHAVE	Click Here	(866) 668-6462

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): _____

YOUR NAME (please print): _____

YOUR PHONE (with area code): _____

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

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

Mail To:
 ABATE of Arizona
 7509 N. 12th St, #200
 Phoenix AZ 85020

Important Phone Numbers

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists - A.I.M. - (800) 521-2425
 24-Hr. Legal Assistance
 for all accidents

Aid to Incarcerated Motorcyclists A.I.M. - (800) 235-2424
 24-Hr. Legal Criminal Defense

National Legislative Hot Line - (800) 300-NCOM
 24-Hr. Motorcycle Legislative Alerts

National Coalition of Motorcyclists NCOM- (800) 525-5355
 Fighting for Bikers Rights

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Motorcyclist ticketed for violating "Stay at Home" order tells his story, SPD comments on incident

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by Jesse Inman, www.Ozarksfirst.com

SPRINGFIELD — One of seven bikers given a citation for violating Springfield's "Stay at Home" order speaks out, and police comment on the incident.

Dusty Sneed was one of those bikers given citations. He says Wednesday night, April 7, started with his group of motorcyclists riding through the city. It ended in him being among seven to get a citation.

"Nice night, why not? And so we made our round around town – literally just a loop around town," Sneed says.

After their recreational ride around Springfield, he says they stopped at the Kum & Go on Battlefield and Kimbrough to get drinks and snacks.

"And we weren't even in there for a couple minutes, literally you know – grabbing stuff and heading out after we paid for them. Some guys were getting gas. The clerk came out yelling at us saying we have to leave the property immediately or she's calling the cops," Sneed explains.

So, they left, and went across the street the Eagle Stop at 820 E. Battlefield. Sneed says the Eagle Stop was closed at the time.

"We ride over here at the Eagle Stop, finish our drinks and snacks, and a couple minutes later, about four officers swarmed on us. A couple of the officers were really nice, saying that we weren't going to get tickets or nothing like that, and then all of the sudden tickets started going – handed out left and right," Sneed says.

KOLR10 was not able to get an interview with police, but did talk to SPD spokesperson Jasmine Bailey.

She said indicated that a recreational motorcycle ride isn't deemed an essential activity, even if they did stop for food along the way.

SPD put out the following statement Thursday regarding the incident :

"On April 7, 2020 at 11:44 p.m. Springfield Police Officers were dispatched to a gas station at 820 E. Battlefield Rd in response to citizen complaints that a large group of motorcyclists were driving erratically, loitering, and were possibly intoxicated. When officers arrived, they witnessed a group of individuals in the parking lot.

After speaking with the individuals, officers could not determine any essential reason for them to be out during the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, all seven of the individuals present were issued citations for violating the City's "Stay at Home" order that is in place to address the health and safety issues related to COVID-19

A recent News-Leader story by columnist Steve Pokin related to this incident created questions about any restrictions regarding motorcycles, because the individuals cited happened to be on motorcycles. As we have noted in the past, Springfield Police Officers are not going to stop drivers solely to determine if they are engaged in essential activity. The "Stay at Home" order, does not restrict any specific mode of transportation, including motorcycles, to or from essential activities. However, drivers are reminded they should only be on the roadways when absolutely necessary."

Sneed denies that anyone was drinking, and says nobody was given a breathalyzer or a DWI.

Sneed says there were multiple groups of motorcyclists that were at the Eagle Stop, but some fled. He says those who stayed were ticketed – but only those who were driving motorcycles.

He wondered why everyone didn't get a citation, including a female on the back of one of the motorcycles, and some who were with them driving cars.

Sneed believes he was adhering to the order because outdoor activity was allowed, including riding bikes, and he thinks his motorcycle should count.

"What's the difference between riding a bike, and riding a motorcycle? One's motorized, one's not? That's what you're going to classify it as?" Sneed says.

Section 3 of the "Stay at Home" order says that outdoor activities are allowed such as "biking, walking, hiking, or running."

Bailey says that motorcycle riding is not a traditional outdoor activity, and that the "outdoor activity" in the order suggests physical exercise.

Those who received citations face up to 180 days in jail, and/or up to a \$1,000 fine.

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Harley-Davidson to hold virtual annual meeting, acting CEO says More Roads plan is working

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by Margaret Naczek from <https://www.bizjournals.com>

Amid the instability of the COVID-19 pandemic, Harley-Davidson Inc.'s acting president and CEO Jochen Zeitz reflected back on the advancements made in the More Roads to Harley-Davidson strategy in 2019.

2020 already was a pivotal year in the company's strategic plan to grow more riders and expand dealership reach, but the year became a lot more crucial as the Harley-Davidson (NYSE: HOG) looks to also overcome the difficulties during a pandemic.

With concerns over public health and travel restrictions, Harley-Davidson organized its 2020 annual shareholders meeting to be conducted virtually via a live audio webcast on May 21, 2020. The annual meeting will elect nine directors to the board, approve the compensation of the company's executive officers, approve amendments to the company's restated articles of incorporation, approve the company's 2020 incentive stock plan and ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as Harley-Davidson's independent registered public accounting firm.

"As we embark on our next chapter and seek new leadership, we are steadfast in our belief that we have both much to be proud of and much to look forward to," Zeitz said in his letter to shareholders.

On Feb. 28, Harley-Davidson announced former CEO Matt Levatich had stepped down and Zeitz would assume the role of acting president and CEO. The company is currently engaged in a search for new CEO.

In his letter to shareholders, Zeitz shared some of the company's accomplishments in 2019. While U.S. motorcycle sales continue to decline over consecutive quarters, Zeitz noted that in 2019 the rate of decline significantly tempered.

"After four years of accelerating declines, such improvement was supported by our More Roads actions, notably in how we're Amplifying our Brand and delivering on our New Products catalysts for growth," Zeitz said in the letter.

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Some other company milestones included the launch of the first Harley-Davidson electric motorcycle, the LiveWire, the introduction of Reflex

Defensive Rider System, the acquisition of StaCyc and the launch of the company's IRONE two-wheelers for children.

In its efforts to continue to grow new riders, Zeitz noted that in 2019, 75% of people who purchased Harley-Davidson products on Amazon were new to the company. Harley-Davidson dealerships that participated in company consulting engagements also saw a nearly 6% increase in motorcycle retail sales compared with dealers not in the program, Zeitz said. Internationally, Harley-Davidson also added 27 new dealerships.

"In 2019, we also continued to manage our business to address current market conditions across the globe. We expanded our Thailand plant to serve the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) markets and increase customer access with more competitive prices, and we continued our work to mitigate the bulk of the impact of recent EU and China tariffs," Zeitz said.

Zeitz said the company now expects the impact of tariffs to be significantly less in 2020 compared with 2019. According to its annual report filed in February, Harley-Davidson expects the impact of recent EU and China tariffs

to be approximately \$35 million, which is down significantly from the 2019 impact of \$97.9 million.

Zeitz also stated that in 2019, Harley-Davidson finished with 3.1 million riders in the U.S., 55,000 more total riders than 2018. Throughout 2019, the company saw 527,000 new people join the brand.

"The number of people who continue to join Harley-Davidson each year is a testament to the power of our brand and our strengthened capabilities. We are becoming a company that excels at and exists to not only build great bikes, but to build riders," Zeitz said in the letter.

Zeitz said that in 2020, the company will expand its focus from heavyweight motorcycle shipments to revenue from motorcycles and related products.

"This measure best reflects our comprehensive efforts to expand into new product segments and foster a customer-creation culture," he said, "one that is laser-focused on our riders and fans who are passionate about our great brand."

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Sincerely,
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