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Mike Infanzon
 Legislative Director

September was a busy month. Thirteen meetings with elected officials and 3 with candidates who are poised to win their election. Strategy to get all of our bills passed next session was set and discussed with several key legislative supporters.

The 2020 Voter Guide is pub-

lished and available on the ABATE webpage in case you didn't receive it in your email inbox.

September was full of meetings as well. Both in person, phone meetings and of course Zoom. (FYI. I still laugh at zoom meetings because of the video ad of the guy in a zoom meeting without pants on.)

Two meetings with Congressional representatives – Congressman Schweikert himself and Congresswoman Lesko's staff.

We took ten meetings with state legislators to discuss the upcoming legislative agenda. State Senators Brophy-McGee and Townsend. State Representatives Lieberman, Bolick, Andrade, Espinoza,

Carroll, Sierra, Butler and Kern.

Took a meeting with Phoenix City Councilwoman Ann O'Brien.

Motorcycle Day at the Dome: The February date we requested was not available. The earliest date is April 12th on the House lawn. I made the decision to go with that date and we began the project timeline.

Our November and holiday season doesn't look like it will be slowing down at all either. Lots of things we still need to complete before session begins on January 11th.

Don't forget to vote.
 Mike

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ABATE OF ARIZONA LOCAL CHAPTERS

A.B.A.T.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

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 Southern AZ.....Judi Miller
 Yavapai.....Deborah Butitta
 Yuma.....Frank White
 SuperstitionVacant

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:

ABATE of AZ, 7000 N 16th Street, Suite 120 #434, Phoenix, AZ 85020

. Please make sure your Chapter has representation.

BOARD APPOINTED OFFICERS

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www.abateofaz.org and www.toobrokeforsturgis.com

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

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

High Country Chapter

605 W. Arabian Way
 Payson AZ 85541

Coordinator.....Bill Hensler
 Vice Coordinator.....James Crull
 Secretary.....Amy Edwards
 Treasurer.....Lee "Cheyenne Kid" Thompson
 Membership.....Cecilia "CC" Ransom Phillips
 Events Coordinator.....Cecilia "CC" Ransom Phillips
 Safety Coordinator.....Vacant
 Sgt. At Arms.....Mark "Griz" Mathews
 P.A.C.....Vacant
 Communications.....Forrest "Woody" Phillips
 Merchandise.....Cecilia "CC" Ransom Phillips
 BOD RepForrest "Woody" Phillips

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

Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

P.O. Box 54041
 Phoenix, AZ 85078-4041

Coordinator.....Nolan Steed
 Vice Coordinator.....Howard Michael Rudd
 Secretary.....Lyn Peterson
 Treasurer.....Tara Rudometkin
 Membership.....William Driggers
 Events Coordinator.....Nolan Steed
 Safety Coordinator.....Ernie Lizarraga
 Sgt. At Arms.....Jerry Davis
 P.A.C.....Chris Beals
 Communications.....Howard Michael Rudd
 Merchandise.....Dee Grady

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

6888 N De Chelly Loop
 Tucson, AZ 85741

Coordinator.....Anissa "Dragonfly" Huntington
 Vice Coordinator.....Al Pesqueria
 Secretary.....Judi Miller
 Treasurer.....Dawn Detelj
 Membership.....Jim Butsback
 Events Coordinator.....Jessica Stockam
 Safety Coordinator.....Darron Huntington
 Sgt. At Arms.....J.D. Dare
 P.A.C.....William Cleveland
 Communications.....William Cleveland
 Merchandise.....Jessica Stockam

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

Yavapai Chapter

465 E Liana Dr.
 Chino Valley, AZ 86323

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

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

Yuma Chapter

11316 S. Glenwood Ave.
 Yuma, AZ 85367

Coordinator.....Frank White
 Vice Coordinator.....Vacant
 Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson
 Treasurer.....Lisala White
 Membership.....Frank White
 Events Coordinator.....Vacant
 Safety Coordinator.....Vacant
 Sgt. At Arms.....Vacant
 P.A.C.....Vacant
 Communications.....Carolyn Morgan
 Merchandise.....Vacant

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

Mohave Chapter

1451 E. Ruby Trail
 Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

Coordinator.....Tom Aydt
 Vice-Cordinator Vacant
 Secretary.....Cynde Aydt
 Treasurer.....Roxanna Payntar
 Membership.....Cynde Aydt
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Emmette Tucker
 Events Coordinator.....Shirley Bizub
 PAC.....Dennis Lange
 Communications Officer.....Vacant
 Safety Coordinator.....Vacant
 Merchandise Coordinator.....Vacant

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

Superstition Chapter

Coordinator.....Marc Schultz
 Vice Coordinator.....Reg Vallelunga
 Secretary.....Becky Pennington
 Treasurer.....Leslie Weinel
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....George Pederson
 Membership Coordinator.....Becky Pennington
 Events Coordinator.....Duane "Disco" Tone
 PAC.....Brian Schmidt
 Communications Officer.....Susan Grimmer-Potter
 Safety Coordinator.....Clayton Crull
 Merchandise Coordinator.....Sadie Schultz

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

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

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

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

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

News from the MRF

Meeting of the Minds

If you weren't one of the over 300 Motorcycle Riders Foundation members at this year's Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) in Indianapolis, you missed a great time! Over two full days, riders from around the nation attended presentations on everything from developing strategic organizational plans to learning about public relations in a changing world.

Most importantly, MOTM is about building and growing relationships between bikers. This once a year event allows lifelong friends to reconnect and

is an opportunity to make new friends. The event also allows bikers from different states to share stories and ideas for protecting and defending our cherished freedoms.

A special thanks to Fred Harrell, Director of Conferences, ABATE of Indiana and all the other volunteers for their hard work pulling off this event. We look forward to another great event next year in Georgia!

U.S. Senator Speaks to Bikers

The capstone of the weekend is the banquet on Saturday night. This year, thanks to the work of ABATE of Indiana, U.S. Senator Todd Young spoke at the banquet. A member of the Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation, Senator Young discussed the importance of passing an infrastruc-

ture bill that will help rebuild our roads and bridges.

As a former United States Marine, he spoke passionately about the need to protect freedom of speech and expression. He closed by talking about his hope that even in these trying times, we can come together and start to heal some of this nation's wounds. Thank you, Senator Young, for your powerful words.

International Attendee

Now MOTM will never be confused with the United Nations but this year we had a special international guest. Phillip E.P. Woods II from ABATE of Liberia flew all the way from Africa to attend the event! A few lucky attendees walked away with ABATE of Liberia t-shirts and Phillip presented MRF Vice President Jay Jackson with a Liberia Flag. You

never know who you will run into at MOTM!

Awards

It wouldn't be a MOTM without awards. Below is a list of 2020 award winners from around the country. These award winners have demonstrated a commitment to motorcyclists, and we thank them for their tireless efforts.

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Would you like to receive *The Masterlink* digitally? It is posted monthly on the ABATE website - www.abateofaz.org. Opt out of the receiving the *The Masterlink*? Please contact the ABATE Office if you would like to no longer receive a hard copy of *The Masterlink*. contact jpsilk2264@gmail.com

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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Full Color Back Page (10-1/4" w x 16" h)	\$400.00	\$950.00	\$3,300.00

President's Report



By Shirley Bizub

Okay, I must say going to Meeting of the Minds was a good experience for me! I have picked up some tools that, after

discussing with officers, we will be sending questions to each chapter to get your opinion on some statistical planning for each chapter.

Riding season is here make sure to check the air pressure in your tires and the tread on them. Ride Safe.

Anyone having an event or run please make sure to post in the Master Link.

I want to thank Mohave, Yavapai, and High Country chapters for getting me the shot glasses and/or other items I requested to take for the ABATE basket at Riot on the River. I knew this was not going to be an easy task to do. Thank you for those who are planning to get them to me before the end of the month. For Riot on the River we still need people to step up and help out; get with me so I can let the AZCMC know how many volunteers we will be having from ABATE of Arizona.

Also, we are looking for anyone interested in being on the Too Broke for Sturgis Committee. We are always looking for creative minds to help out.

I hope everyone has received the new trifold membership application forms. Please send your thoughts on them and what we could add or subtract. These are OUR trifolds, not just one or two people's.

Discussions for possibly a Christmas party to be held in Phoenix with White Elephant (gift exchange game). If interested in attending please get with Lil' Bit and let her know. We will be having a membership drive at the beginning of the year more to come on that in the near future.

We are currently looking for someone to do an audit for ABATE and this would be pro bono. However, the person or persons would receive paid admission into Too Broke For Sturgis and a TBFS shirt, also a paid one year membership into ABATE. SO, if you

know someone who has the credentials and would be willing to do this for us, please contact the chairman of the board or one of your state officers. Thank you for your assistance with finding the right person for this position.

We currently have state officers positions open, also. If you know someone you think would do an awesome job, let us know.

Lastly, thank you everyone for all you do for ABATE! Without all of you who are so dedicated in keeping ABATE of AZ going, we would not exist. So let's have some events and send in pictures and ideas for future things ABATE can do.

Go get some wind therapy and see you down the road. Watch out for those who are not watching for us.

Your Prez, MOONSHINE (Shirley Bizub)

News from the MRF (continued)



Thomas Paine Award: "Pastor Jack" Smith

Founders/Old Timers Award: Wanda Hummel Schultz

Lifetime Achievement Award: Deborah Butitta

Presidents Cup: Amy Allmon and Big Dave Monroe

Farmers Award: Mark Winslow

State Legislative Awards: ABATE of Wisconsin, Freedom of Road Riders, ABATE of Idaho, ABATE of North Idaho, ABATE of South Dakota

Federal Legislative Awards: ABATE of Ohio, Texas, ABATE of Michigan, ABATE of Pennsylvania, Alabama Dixie ABATE

MRF PAC Awards: ABATE of Michigan

Membership Awards: ABATE of Wisconsin, Kentucky Motorcycle Association, ABATE of Michigan

MRF Legislative Champions: Senator Gary Peters, Michigan and Representative Troy Balderson, Ohio

Ron Shepard Award: ICMS, ABATE of North Idaho

Deb Butitta Award: Jennifer DeWitz

MRF Reps Awards: Thomas Rahn (Jinx), Jennifer DeWitz, Andy Kelly, Gary Goracke, Dennis Yeager, Amy Allmon, Cindy Hodges, Skee Dodson, Lenny Young, Dale Dedrick

MRF Board Support Awards: Ryan Hubbard-support from ABATE of Illinois, Todd & Dawn Riba-support from ABATE of Minnesota, Fred Harrell-self funded, Cindy Hodges-support from CBA/ABATE of North Carolina, Doc D'Errico-self funded, Kirk Willard & Dave Dwyer-support from ABATE of Wisconsin, Deborah Butitta-self funded, Shelly Holcomb-sup-

port from ABATE of South Carolina, Deb Craig-support from ABATE of Colorado, Helen Wesson-self funded, Mark Buckner-self funded, Dave Cazal-support from ABATE of N. Idaho, Russell Radke-self funded, Dave Monroe-support from Alaska Coalition of Clubs, Duane Justus-self funded

MRF Hall of Fame Inductees: Wanda Hummel-Shultz, "Biker" Jim Rhoades, Lee Ryan, Marc Falsetti, Gary Klinker, Charlie Williams, Dave Dwyer, "Radio" Bob Letourneau, "Farmer" John Eggers, Michael "Boz" Kerr



Chapter Reports

High Country Chapter

By Woody Phillips – Chapter Communications

This report is for the November Masterlink although it is being written in October, so here is what we know at this time.

High Country's next event was to be our annual Chili Cook-off event in October. However, at our last chapter meeting, when we were to make decisions about how to conduct the Cook-Off, we had only 7 attendees. As a result, the event was cancelled. If we don't have the volunteers to run an event properly, we would rather not run it at all.

The next event, which WILL occur come hell or highwater, is our annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run which allows us to provide Christmas to as many deserving Rim Country children as we can. The Toy Run will be on Dec. 12 at the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson, AZ. The Buffalo has outside tables and an outdoor covered bar for those who are trying to socially distance. We will also have a "drive-up" toy drop-off manned in the parking lot and will be happy to help you pick-up your "to-go" items as you pass through. (I HIGHLY recommend the

wings – Best in Arizona ... says me). Watch your email and Facebook pages for more information as this event gets closer.

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.

Mohave Chapter

It is 9:24 pm, less than an hour ago I was talking on the phone with a fellow chapter member, he was not aware of the Masterlink, so I filled him in and told him how to access the Masterlink. While talking with him I realized that I have not done my chapter report for this month yet. It has been busy so far this month and it looks like it will continue.

A woman came to our August meeting, she rides a sport bike and belongs to a group called the Ruff Riders, she was concerned that we would not accept her, told her we welcome all bikers. The next day she joined ABATE and the Mohave Chapter along with her husband. Approximately 3 weeks later she was on a ride with her group, felt really short of

breath, pulled off on the shoulder, other riders she was with called an ambulance. Sad to say that she passed away at the hospital. Talked with the president of her group tonight on the phone, we are looking at combining efforts with that group to do a memorial ride with them and finish her ride. At this time no specific details are worked out yet.

This Friday, October 16 th. we are involved in a escort ride/mission along with various veteran groups, Missing in America Project. Escorting the cremated remains of 34 unclaimed veterans from a funeral home in Bullhead City to a Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Camp Navajo in Bellemont, AZ. Looking forward to this it is an honor to do this-ride/mission.

On Saturday, October 31 st. the Mohave Chapter is having a Halloween party in Kingman, AZ, please refer to the Mohave Chapter FB page to view the flyer. We would love to see some folks from other chapters come up for the party. We are busy with preparations for this party.

Until next time, stay safe and ride safe.

Tom Aydt
Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

NO REPORT.

Superstition Chapter

NO REPORT.

Southern Arizona Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

MEETING OF THE MINDS RECAP

By Christopher Beals

On a trip such as Meeting of the Minds, there are a lot of things that come to mind as to expect. To be completely honest I wasn't exactly sure what to expect other than a lot of bikes, and an award ceremony. Upon arrival I learned exactly what we were here to do and it's what we do as members of ABATE every single day, fighting for freedom. People of all walks of life from many different places and

even another country all converged and ready to fight another day. Refreshed by familiar faces and shocked to see so many more that I could not recognize, I learned this was the opportunity to learn and network to create a stronger organization that we can bring back home. Aside from excellent food and great company came breakaway sessions that made us all more efficient. 3 of the best classes I received while there were the 3R's of safety, Public Relations in a Changing World,

and beyond-face-to-face advocacy. In all of these classes I learned one specific thing, that ABATE as a whole is a living breathing body. We might have different areas we all come from, but we all are the same and must work together to achieve the goals we so desire. There was quite a lot we have fought together before and what was shocking is how difficult those battles were for other states. We need to learn more about each other and what difficulties we have had in our perspective

histories. If we don't we will see a weakened entity with important parts withering away from existence and the fight will be lost. We must modernize and respect the flow of time, otherwise we will be eroded by those changing winds. Out of all this I can say I am proud to be a member of ABATE, honored to have received the young activist award, and excited to return next year.

ALL CHAPTERS FROM STATE SECRETARY

The chapter elections are in November. I need the following information sent to me.

The name and contact information of the newly elected coordinator.

The name and contact information of the newly elected treasurer.

The name and contact information of the newly elected secretary.

Even if the newly elected is the same as last year I need the information I've request above. The email is: january1850@gmail.com.

Respectfully,
Deena Grady
State Secretary ABATE of Arizona

AMSAF Motorcycle Training Scholarship and Helmet Financial Assistance

The first Monday of each month the AMSAF Motorcycle Training Scholarship opens up and continues to open up each month on the first Monday at 8:00 am if we have money available. Check out the website at www.amsaf.org/scholarships if we have money available you will be able to get into the site. If we don't have money available you won't be able to go into it. The AMSAF Program saves you close to 50% of the original cost. All schools are MSF/MVD certified and are good but are at different prices. Check out which is best for you.

The helmet program continues to help many folks in Arizona and will save you close to 50% off of MSRP. Between AMSAF credit and the authorized dealer's 25% off MSRP you can get a great deal on a DOT full face or modular helmet. A huge THANK YOU to the below dealers for financially helping you. www.amsaf.org/helmets

The dealers are:
Desert Wind H-D
Buddy Stubbs H-D

Cycle Gear
RideNow
The Helmet Center

Next year AMSAF will have been in business for 10 years and in that time we've helped over 3000 individuals and families in Arizona. Our Mission from the beginning has been to promote safety and awareness and help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities. We've made a difference in that time. We continue to be involved with the State, Healthcare Community, Legal and many organizations and businesses in Arizona who want to help us. We continue working to get involved with the Insurance Company's. TOGETHER we can make a difference.

Are you a business or individual who wants to be involved with us and help the Community? If you are send me an email at mick@amsaf.org

Each year we've grown and we couldn't have done it without the support and help of our Executive and Advisory Board. Check out our Board members on our

website under "About us". We're very proud of this group. In addition we have had so many wonderful Sponsors, partners that have stepped up to help us and are involved in the community to a great extent.

Each year we put on a great event to promote our Mission and although the Virus has affected events this year, we've move our event to May 1, 2021. This event brings all the key individuals and business's together to help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities. Check this event out at www.amsaf.org/RFTLH it's called "Share the Road & Riding for the Long Haul". This year our focus is more on Share the Road and helping to Reduce Distracted Driving. We still have some tickets available for this event if interested. Going to be a great time with a lot of raffles, music, guest speaker and some great food.

As in any organization and as you continue to grow you look for individuals who can help it grow and bring their talent to your organization. At this time we're

looking for some talented individuals who want to be part of this organization. Below is a job description for Advisory Board Position that we have open. If interested please send your resume to Mick at mick@amsaf.org and we'll send you an application.

Advisory Board: A key to building a secure organization is having an independent advisory board of community leaders, motorcycle Safety enthusiasts and other interested people. Advisory board members are active volunteers and should reflect diversified representation from various cultures, socioeconomic groups, and urban and rural settings.

Advisory board members take responsibility for specific tasks while attending meetings and provide input and feedback. All members are expected to carry out a specific function independently.

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Coast to Coast

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

BIKERS FROM ACROSS AMERICA BRAVE PANDEMIC TO ATTEND NCOM CONVENTION
 Although smaller than normal, due to the COVID-19 threat, the rescheduled NCOM Convention held Oct. 16-18 in Indianapolis succeeded in "being here for those dedicated Freedom Fighters who were determined enough to brave a deadly health crisis to be here for each other," explained a masked NCOM Chairman James "Doc" Reichenbach.

Legal and legislative seminars and roundtables were socially distanced but fairly well attended, considering the dire circumstances, and seats at the dinner tables were mostly filled for the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet to honor bikers' rights activists such as author and filmmaker John E. (Black Dragon) Bunch II (ENTERTAINMENT); Jad Breiner - Sons of Silence MC, editor of Brothers Behind Bars (BBB) Newsletter (MEDIA); Pete Leehey - AIM Attorney, Iowa (LEGAL); with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS going to Nancy Nemecek and Fred "Sarge" Matthews, and NCOM's RON ROLOFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD presented to John Bilotta Jr., Operations Director for ABATE of Virginia.

Dates and location for the 36th annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Convention in 2021 have yet to be finalized, so stay tuned for further details as they are announced.

CALIFORNIA BECOMES FIRST STATE TO BAN GAS-POWERED VEHICLES
 Governor Gavin Newsom (D) announced that he will "aggressively move California further away from its reliance on climate change-causing fossil fuels" by issuing an executive order on September 23rd mandating that all new passenger vehicles be zero-emission by 2035.

His historic action will require all passenger vehicle manufacturers to shun internal combustion engines and fully electrify their line-up, meaning that manufacturers that wish to continue to sell in the Golden State will only be allowed to sell new electric cars and trucks after the deadline.

Motorcycles are not included in the definition of "passenger vehicles," but the order does contain a clause to achieve "100 percent zero-emission from off-road vehicles and equipment operations in the State by 2035," which would presumably include all new ATVs and dirt bikes.

The executive order only applies to the sale of new vehicles and will not prevent Californians from owning gas-burning automobiles or selling them on the used car market.

"This is the most impactful step our state can take to fight climate change," said Gov. Newsom as California has become the first U.S. state to join with 15 countries that have already committed to phase out gasoline-powered vehicles.

ATVs GET APPROVAL FOR USE ON CITY'S STREETS
 Off-road tourism got a boost with news that a city has opened its streets to side-by-side and ATV traffic. In central Wisconsin, the Tomah Police Department reports on its Facebook that "ATV/UTV routes within the City of Tomah are now legally opened for operation and use. Now that all City of Tomah signage is erected, streets within the City of Tomah are now legally opened for ATV/UTV traffic."

Some key points related to ATV/UTV operation within the City of Tomah, WI:
 - Unless otherwise posted, the routes within the City of Tomah include all roads with a speed limit of 35mph or less;
 - ATVs and UTVs may only be operated on approved routes from 6am - 10pm;
 - Operators must be 16 or older and possess a valid license and proof of insurance;

ance;
 - All other state statutes related to the use and operation of an ATV/UTV are applicable.

INNOCENT BIKER'S PERSISTENCE NETS NEW HARLEY
 The Texas biker may have deserved a speeding ticket, but he didn't think the traffic stop warranted the questioning, roadside investigation, pat-down search, or enduring an hour of detainment along the roadway waiting for a drug-sniffing dog to arrive on the scene; resulting in inconvenience and embarrassment because a law enforcement officer had guessed wrong.

Statistically, police are terrible at determining which motorists are worthy of being detained and searched, often relying on signs of a driver's deception such as twitching, fidgeting or lack of eye-contact, all of which research long has debunked as signals of lying.

"There are no nonverbal and verbal cues uniquely related to deceit," a 2011 review of deception research concluded, while a 2005 study of Texas police found officers performed barely above random chance in being able to discern a person telling the truth from a liar.

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Join A.B.A.T.E.

ABATE IS:

- A Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO)
- For Bikes & Riders, regardless of Race, Creed, color, sex, age, machine or gear
- For all Motorcycles regardless of Fraternal or club affiliation, as well as Independents
- For people interested in motorcycle safety
- For People interested in rider education
- For people interested in motorcycle awareness PSAs directed to non-Riders
- For people interested in protecting and promoting motorcycling
- A volunteer, not-for-profit grass-roots organization
- For Motorcyclist who enjoy the ride

Value

- The Masterlink
- 5 year increment Anniversary patches, Membership card
- TBFS Discount Entry, RV, Cabins
- AD&D Benefit
- Motorcycle rights and action alerts via email
- Priceless Motorcycle Awareness
- Priceless Rights
- Priceless Rider Education

ABATE of Arizona Serves to:

- Collaborate with other organizations to

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

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

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

Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

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

ABATE accomplishments:

- 1992** Opened HOV lanes to motorcycles
- 1993** Helped prevent mandatory helmet legislation in Arizona
- 1997** Established handlebar height elevation to shoulder height
- 2001** Established Motorcycle Safety Fund
- 2002** Established Arizona Motorcycle Safety Council
- 2004** Established veteran plates for motorcycles
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- 2007** Removed cap on Motorcycle Safety Fund
- 2013** Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Maricopa County
- 2015** Eliminated restriction on handlebar height
- 2017** Successfully prevented mandatory helmet legislation
- 2017** Reestablished Motorcycle Safety Fund for 5 years
- 2017** Helped pass the Teen texting bill
- 2017** Helped pass the Civil Forfeiture changes
- 2018** Introduced Anti-profiling legislation
- 2018** Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill
- 2018** Stopped the adoption of California emissions standards in Arizona
- 2018** Helped pass "Pam's Law" - Aggravating factor for injuries to pedestrians and motorcyclists by distracted and

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

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Coast to Coast (continued)

Texas police performed just under a million searches during traffic stops last year, according to figures reported to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and though "hit rates" vary by department, only about 1 in 5 resulted in contraband being found. Yet Texas law enforcement agencies seized about \$50 million in forfeited funds in each of the past five years; with proceeds split between police and prosecutors and used to fund more searches.

Police once needed probable cause that a crime was occurring to investigate motorists during a stop. But in 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed brief stops based on a lower standard of "reasonable suspicion" of wrongdoing. A later decision clarified that if the officer can't specify why he suspects a crime is afoot, a traffic stop may last only long enough to check the driver's paperwork and write a ticket or warning.

Most recent national analyses of traffic stops have focused on the disproportionate rate of police searches of Black and Hispanic motorists, though a federal measure currently under consideration in Congress could add motorcycle riders to that profiling study group.

And so this biker was relieved to finally be allowed on his way with just a ticket, but knew it wasn't right and figured his motorcycle club vest must have raised the officer's suspicions.

Innocent people rarely protest meritless searches, so finding an attorney to take his case was difficult. The overwhelming number of legal challenges occur in suppression hearings, when an officer's suspicions were correct; contraband was discovered and the defendant seeks to have the evidence tossed on procedural grounds.

With the help of an Austin attorney who represents motorcyclists, the angry biker filed a lawsuit against the Texas trooper in early 2019. Soon after reviewing the dashcam video, lawyers for the Texas attorney general's office said they were ready to settle.

According to the story posted in Insane Throttle (www.HarleyLiberty.com), the two sides agreed on \$11,000 to compen-

sate wronged rider Thomas Kost for the unjustified intrusion, and he used the settlement money to buy a new Harley.

BLACK MOTORCYCLE CLUB SUES COUNTY OVER EVENT CANCELLATION

The East Bay Dragons, founded in the 1950s as the first all-Black motorcycle club to exist in California's Bay Area, has filed a federal lawsuit against Solano County alleging they concocted a reason to cancel a planned club event at the fairgrounds after hearing that one of the club's members had an association with the Black Panthers.

Still in its early stages, the suit claims that the Dragons planned a 60th anniversary event at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, but the event was canceled at the last minute, after the Dragons had spent thousands in fees and planning.

According to the lawsuit, the trouble for the planned August 2019 event started when a county employee learned that a member of the Dragons owned a bakery in Oakland, proudly located at the site of the Black Panthers' first headquarters

The suit claims all of this was a problem for the county employee, who allegedly remarked that the Black Panthers were "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country," and started working to cancel the Dragons' event. As a result of this, the suit alleges, fairgrounds staff invented the ruse that there was a credible threat to the safety of the event, "but there was no credible threat at all."

"This insidious belief of EBD's threat traveled all the way to Oakland and with the help of the Oakland Police Department, at the conclusion of the 60th anniversary celebration on September 2, 2019, the EBD were surrounded by Oakland Police Department officers due to racist motives," the civil complaint says.

In East Oakland, the biker club is beloved, says Councilman Larry Reid, who said their clubhouse in his district has distributed food on Thanksgivings and toy drives during Christmas.

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC GETS

COMPENSATION OVER BIKE 'PHOBIA'

A mechanic at a Harley-Davidson dealership in England has received over £60k (\$77,665 USD) settlement after being left unable to work due to "motorcycle phobia" sustained in a work-related accident with an at-fault car whose driver admitted liability.

The mechanic was road testing a customer's bike at the time of the crash, resulting in physical and psychiatric injuries, including a newfound fear of riding the motorcycles he had to work on, rendering him unable to continue doing the job he loved.

Despite receiving support from his employer, the mechanic left the bike business and now has hopes to become a photographer.

MOTORCYCLISTS 'A DANGER TO THEMSELVES' SAYS TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A transport consultation released by the Oxford County Council has branded motorcyclists as pollution emitting liabilities to safety. The paper outlines transport and connectivity plans, which are clearly biased against motorcycle riding, and goes to great lengths to champion bicycles, walking and public transportation.

Rather than just side with pedal power and walking, the public document goes on to set a worrisome precedent by labeling motorcycles and their riders as dangerous polluters; Just two of the anti-motorcycle statements read: "Statistical evidence suggests motorcyclists are a danger to themselves" and "Motorbikes are mostly still using fossil fuels to run, meaning they are environmentally unsound, not sustainable, and contribute to air pollution."

The British Motorcycle Federation (www.BMF.co.uk) has now picked up the case and are chasing the council to have the anti-biker rhetoric dropped from the official paper. "The Oxfordshire Transport Panel have cynically used the current COVID-19 crisis to attempt to force through the adoption of this outrageous Transport Plan," charged their Chairman, Jim Freeman, further stating that "The BMF urge all members to be especially vigilant at this time in scrutinizing local authorities and other bodies who may use this crisis to 'bury news' concerning similar discriminatory attitudes and moves."

BRITISH MOTORCYCLE RACER RECOGNIZED BY THE QUEEN

TT champion Ryan Farquhar, one of the world's most esteemed and successful motorcycle road racers, was awarded a BEM (British Empire Medal) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The Northern Irishman received the award for his "Services to Motorcycling" over a career that has seen him secure three Isle of Man TT wins, five North West 200 victories and nine Ulster Grand Prix triumphs, clinching an incredible total of 357 road race victories.

Farquhar says he was completely taken aback by the news of his award, saying it is "very special" to have his achievements recognized in such a high-profile manner outside of the sport itself. "I never ever dreamed I would receive an accolade like this. Motorcycle racing in general, and particularly road racing, doesn't generally get the recognition of other sports."

AIMEXPO, IMS POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Following a meeting of the MIC (Motorcycle Industry Council) Board of Directors, the difficult decision was made to postpone the 2021 AIMExpo, the industry's annual trade show, to 2022 due to COVID-19 directives "limiting gathering size, travel restrictions, and a myriad of other obstacles created by the pandemic, there are too many unknown factors limiting our ability to create a safe environment that will also deliver the experience and ROI our exhibitors and attendees expect."

Likewise, the International Motorcycle Shows (IMS) have announced that its annual November through February winter tour across the U.S. has been cancelled "as a result of COVID-19 and the risks involved with large crowds at indoor venues" and, in its place, has launched Progressive IMS Outdoors; revamping the tour's nearly 40-year stint to "transition from the traditional convention center setup to a new open outdoor experience" to take place between May and September of 2021.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The best way to predict the future is to create it."
~ Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States



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Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020. FMI: Chapter Coordinator Nolan Steed, 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 Butsbac (520)247-3051 or abateofazsac@yahoo.com

Yavapai Chapter

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

Yuma Chapter

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

Mohave Chapter

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

Superstition Chapter

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

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How to Judge a Candidate

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

Elections present voters with important choices. Whether it is a local race that will affect your community or a national race that could change the direction of the country it is a time to consider the issues which you care about and decide which candidate you support.

How do voters go about comparing and then judging candidates?

The seven steps outlined below are designed to help you judge a candidate. Decide what you are looking for in a candidate.

Find out about the candidates
Gather materials about the candidates
Evaluate candidates' stands on issues
Learn about the candidates' leadership abilities
Learn how other people view the candidate
Sorting it all out

Step 1: Decide what you are looking for in a candidate.

Candidates can be judged in two ways: the positions they take on issues and the leadership qualities and experience they would bring to office. Both are important. Your first step in picking a candidate is to decide the issues you care about and the qualities you want in a leader.

When you consider issues, think about community or national problems that you want people in government to address. For example, you may be interested in the threat of nuclear war, government funding for student loans or teenage unemployment. Those are issues.

When you consider leadership qualities, think about the characteristics you want in an effective leader. Do you look for intelligence, honesty, an ability to communicate?

Step 2: Find out about the candidates.

First find out which candidates are running in the race by going to the County Recorder and Secretary of State websites. Newspapers are another source of information.

Step 3: Gather materials about the can-

didates.

Put together a "library" of information about the candidates. Collect any information you can find on the candidates. Call campaign headquarters and watch the press. Sources of information from which you may choose include:

campaign literature, including campaign Web sites
nonpartisan online voter information like the ABATE Voter Guide
direct mail letters
press reports (newspapers, television, and radio)
radio and television ads
candidates speeches
candidate debates.

In a local race, interviews with the candidates can be helpful. For incumbents, a look at their voting records on issues that you have listed as important can tell you the candidates' positions on those issues. ABATE of Arizona has put out a scorecard for the past four years on motorcycle issues.

Step 4: Evaluate candidates' stands on issues.

As you read the materials you collect, keep a record. Do the materials give you an overall impression of the candidates? What specific conclusions can you draw about the candidates' stand on issues?

Step 5: Learn about the candidates' leadership abilities.

Decide if a candidate will be a good leader is difficult. How can you know if someone will be honest, open or able to act under pressure if elected to office? Here are some ways to read between the lines as you evaluate the candidates' leadership qualities.

Look at the candidates' background and their experience. How well prepared are they for the job?

Observe the candidates' campaigns. Do they accept speaking engagements before different groups - even those groups that might not be sympathetic? Do they accept invitations to debate? Do the campaigns emphasize media events where the candidates can be seen but not heard? Review the campaign materials. As you read the materials and watch the campaign develop, add to the Candidate Report Card. the information that pro-

vides insights into candidates' personalities and leadership qualities. For example, do campaign materials emphasize issues or just images? Are they accurate?

Step 6: Learn how other people view the candidate.

Now that you have accumulated information from campaigns and other sources, you will want to learn what other people think about the candidates. Their opinions can help to clarify your own views, but do not discount your own informed judgments. You may be the most careful observer of all!

Seek the opinions of others in your community who keep track of political campaigns. Interview three people (not family members) such as shopkeeper, neighbor, or politically active volunteer, to find out which candidate they support and why. Learn what has shaped their political opinions. Was it an event? An idea or program proposed by a candidate? A particular issue about which they feel strongly? A long-standing party loyalty? Learn about endorsements. This is a way for interest groups and organizations to give a "stamp of approval" to a candidate. Endorsements provide clues to the issues a candidate supports. Get a list of endorsements from each candidates' headquarters. Find out what these groups stand for and find out why they are endorsing this candidate.

Look into campaign contributions. Where do the candidates get the funds to finance their campaigns? Do they use their own money or raise funds from a few wealthy donors, from many small contributors, or from Political Action Committees? Many types of information about campaign contributions must be reported to the government and are watched by the press. Check the newspaper for stories on campaign finance. How might these campaign contributions affect the candidates' conduct in office?

Throughout the campaign, opinion polls will be taken by a variety of groups to evaluate public support for the different candidates. Polls reveal who is leading at a certain point in the race. As you read the polls, ask these questions: Who sponsored the poll? Were all the figures released? What kinds of questions were asked? Were they slanted or unbiased? Who were respondents selected - randomly or such a way to include all segments of the popu-

lation? How many people were included in the poll sample?

Step 7: Sorting it all out.
Review the information in your Candidate Report Card and compare all the candidates. Ask yourself these final questions:

Which candidate's view on the issues do you agree with the most?
Who ran the fairest campaign?
Which candidate demonstrated the most knowledge on the issues?
Which candidate has the leadership qualities you are looking for?

Is the choice clear? If so, pick a candidate.

Evaluate candidates' use of television

More and more, people tune in to television for their main source of information. Television is a visual medium dependent on good pictures and timely events to tug at your emotions and keep your interest. Candidates are aware of the potential power of television and try to use it to their advantage. For instance, in a newscast, the picture you see of a crowd with banners and balloons cheering a candidate may have been staged by a media advisor whose job is to make the candidate look good on television. As you watch news coverage of campaigns, be aware of staged events and try to find out what the candidate is saying about the issues. When you watch political ads you need to be aware of how the media influences your reactions. Ask yourself some questions as you watch. Did you find out anything about issues or qualifications? Or was the ad designed only to affect your attitude or feelings about a candidate? How important were the script, setting and music?

Seeing through distortion techniques.

All candidates are trying to sell themselves to voters. Sometimes their language is so skillfully crafted that they distort the truth in way that are difficult for even the most careful observer to detect. Here are some examples of distortion techniques that you should watch for as you review candidates' campaign materials.

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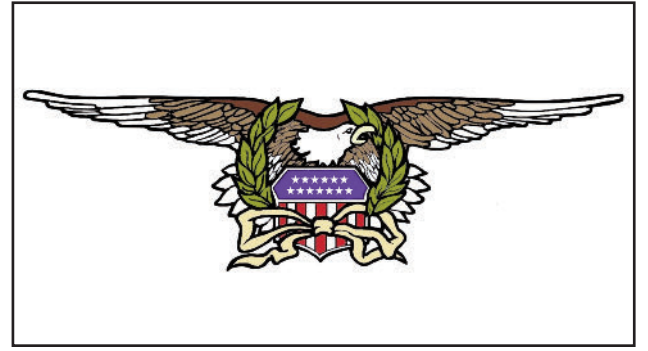
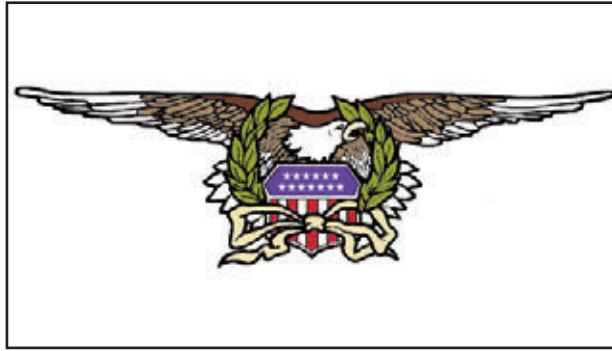
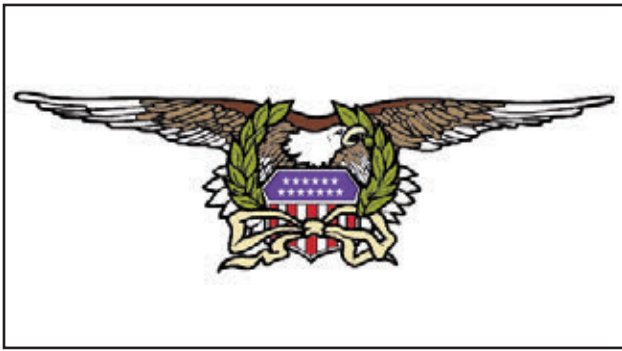
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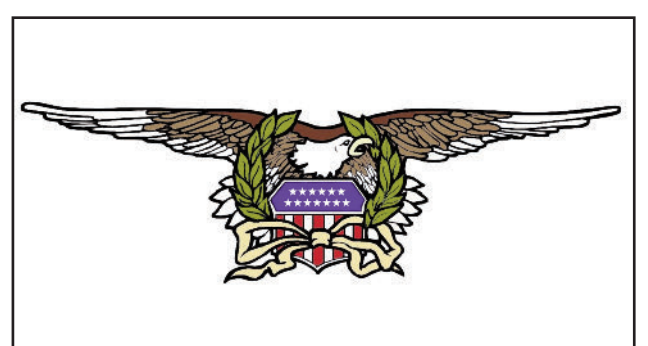
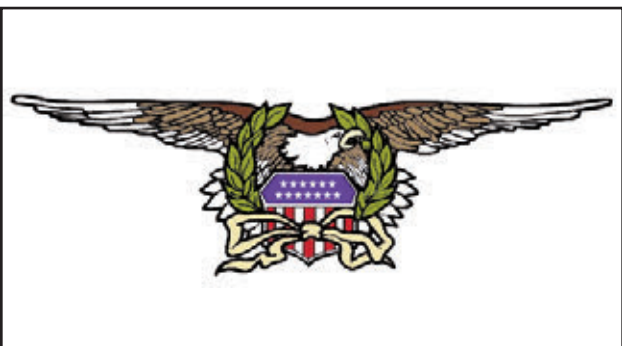
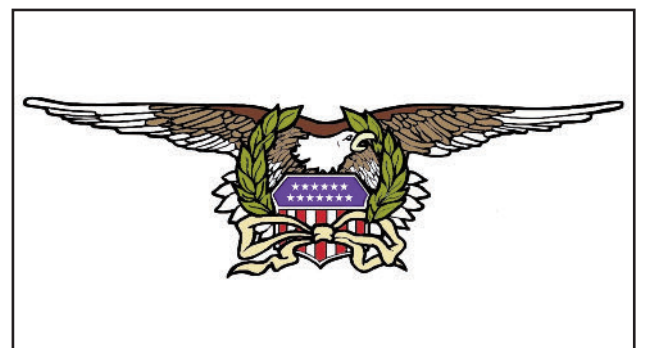
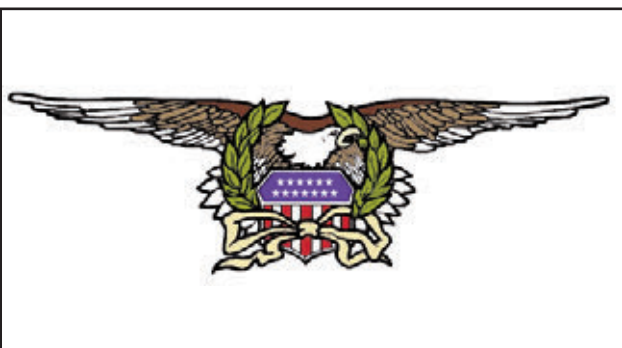
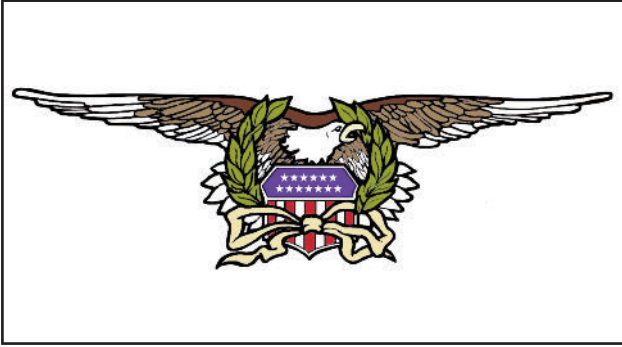
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10/11 {Sun} CANCELLED ... 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet – AZ's Largest Motorcycle Swap Meet at Pinal County Fairground

10/17 {Sat} Hard Ass Run. Proceeds support ABATE-AZ Superstition Chapter. Sign-in 7-

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10/17 {Sat} CANCELLED ... Bikers For Boobies | b4b2013@hotmail.com

10/18 {Sun} Troll's Sunday FunDay Meet up 8:30am at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction AZ, in the westside parking lot. KSU at 9am. The run is 300 miles ish. 1st stop Jakes Corner for b'fast. Gas stops in Payson, Show Low, Globe. Last stop at Wahoo's Restaurant & Bar in Gold Canyon around 5pm for dinner. FMI: TrollsBikerWorld@gmail.com or 480-346-0600

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How to Judge a Candidate (continued)

Common distortion techniques:

Name calling/Appeals to prejudice:
 These are attacks on an opponent based on characteristics that will not affect performance in office. References to race, ethnicity or marital status can be subtly used to instill prejudice.

Rumor mongering:

These include statements such as, "Everyone says my opponent is a crook, but I have no personal knowledge of any wrongdoing," which imply (but do not state) that the opponent is guilty.

Guilt by association:

These are statements such as, "We all know Candidate B is backed by big money interest," that attack candidates because of their support rather than because of their stands on the issues.

Catchwords:

These are phrases such as "Law and Order" or "un-American" that are designed to trigger a knee-jerk emotional reaction rather than to inform.

Passing the blame:

These are instances in which a candidate denies responsibility for an action or blames an opponent for things over which he or she had no control.

Promising the sky:

These are unrealistic promises that no one elected official could fulfill.

Evading real issues:

These include instances in which candidates may avoid answering direct questions, offer only vague solutions or talk

about the benefits of proposed programs but never get specific about possible problems or costs.

Prepare a Candidate Report Card

List Issues: Your Priority Issues

List your positions and rank the candidates on how they stand on the issues and your positions

List the Leadership Qualities you want and rank the candidates on those qualities.

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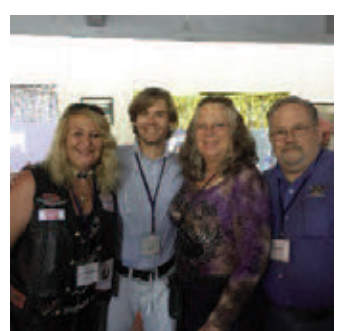
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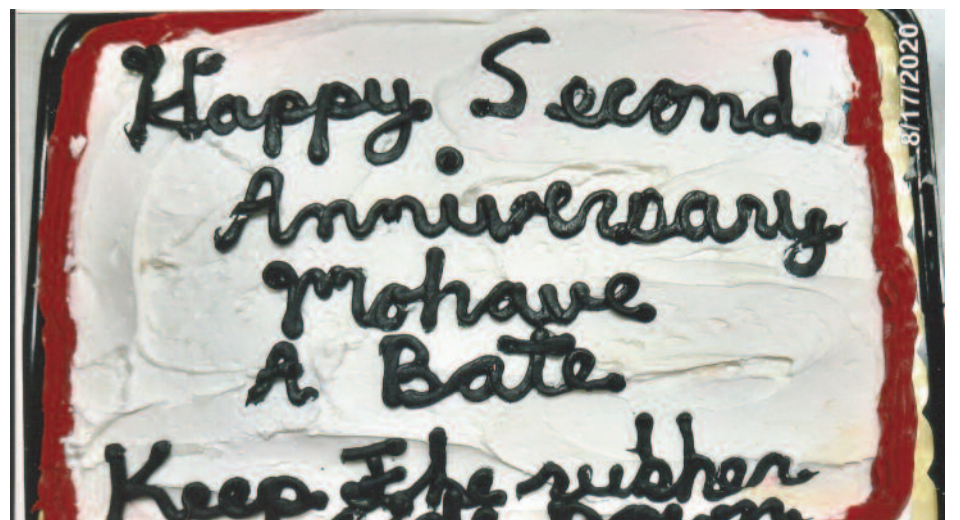
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Our August 17th meeting was our 2nd. anniversary as a chapter. Attached are 4 pictures from that meeting.

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Young Activists Scholarship Winner 2020
Christopher Beals, ABATE of Arizona

I've put extensive thought into what motorcyclists' rights means to me. I got my answer very easily. I have lived it for the last four years. I got involved with motorcyclists' rights before I had ever sat on a motorcycle. I was introduced to a world where you could be jailed for almost everything. It is not often when the world is out to get you, but in this case... It was.

Liberty made me take up the shield, plain and simple. If we are to be a free society then we must be free to choose and make our own fate. It became the mission of freedom. I believe that every motorcyclist should determine for themselves what safe practices are and what they are not.

The U.S. Constitution allows us to self-govern. Unfortunately, that was suspended for many years if you chose a motorcycle as your mode of transportation. The freedom to ride without bureaucratic overreach is what allows us to set the example for current and future riders. Motorcyclists understand that there is

always room for growth and improvement and are constantly looking for newer and safer ways to commute. Motorcyclists need to direct the flow of regulation, not any branch of government.

When liberties and your constitutional freedoms are protected, the proper example is set for the community. When we control the narrative and lead by example it makes it so much easier to spread awareness. Aside from protecting freedom of choice when it comes to helmet use, along with other freedoms, it is our primary goal to spread that awareness to educate riders and non-riders about the safety measures that we create to preserve life and liberty.

You combine all these things; the mission becomes clear and concise. Liberty leads to freedom, which leads to awareness, and awareness leads to overall safety for riders and non-riders. All anyone wants to do is ride without having to worry about losing their life or their right to prosperity if jailed.

There are so many other reasons, but this seems to sum it up as clearly:

Motorcyclists' rights equals freedom.


Young Activists Scholarship Winner 2020
Hailey Farmer, ABATE of Indiana

At my last ABATE of Indiana, Region 6 meeting, I was asked, "What do motorcyclists' rights mean to you?"

I was surprised that without hesitation I had an answer: "Freedom. Not only for me, but for my brothers and sisters who tread the road on two wheels." I chose the word freedom because its definition fits so perfectly for what organization such as ABATE and MRF fight for day in and day out. The Oxford Dictionary defines FREEDOM as... the right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hinderance or restraint. Sadly, the motorcycling community is forced to constantly fight for their freedoms in order to appease those who are not members of the community itself. Rights such as, the choice to wear a helmet, what apparel is deemed acceptable, the number of bikes allowed to travel together, and even the simple ability to travel in the same lane as cars. These

simple rights are put in jeopardy to make those who travel the roads unaware of their own surroundings more comfortable. My rights are important to me because I refuse to let someone who has never experienced the feeling of pure freedom, as we have, to have taken a long curve in a deep lean to come out with a smile on your face, to feel the wind whip around my body only to then uplift my spirit, to come over a tall hill not knowing what to expect on the other side to see a breathtaking scene that has been crafted by a greater power. In all my life I have never felt as free as I have during these moments.

Freedom has always been such a dubious word acting as an umbrella for all the freedoms mankind has available. For motorcyclists we ask for simple freedoms that do not put a heavy strain on everyday people, yet we must fight to protect the rights that we have. As a young female rider, I am proud to use the influence I have to fight for the freedoms for motorcyclists and do my part to introduce a new kind of freedom to my generation. I hope that my generation feels the freedom I've experienced and choose to stand with me in our fight for motorcyclists' rights.

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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

As I write this column for the November Masterlink, we are still in October and just days away from the conclusion of the 2020 election. Shortly, we will have a new slate (probably) of representatives at both the state and federal level and that means it is time to get our ducks in line regarding motorcycle legislation.

Here in Arizona, Mike Infanzon and his team have been diligently preparing

for this all summer. Many of you completed his legislative survey and, from that, ABATE of AZ has zeroed in on what legislation you want pursued in 2021. Several members of ABATE of AZ recently attended Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) in Indianapolis. MOTM is run by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF.org) and is our national counterpart for federal legislation. They meet annually to discuss, educate, and decide the next year's Federal legislative agenda. I encourage all ABATE members to join the MRF, but for those of you who are not members, here are their "High" priority items, approved during the recent session:

- **Profiling:** Continue pursuit of the House anti-profiling resolution mirroring the Senate version that passed unanimously. Build momentum for inclusion of anti-profiling language in other legislation.
- **Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate

and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

- **Emission Regulations:** Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- **Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to current definition, that better reflects the current two- and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
- **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.
- **Helmet Laws:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards.
- **Black Box:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to opt-out of having their personal data communicated to interested parties.
- **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway**

Bill): Advocate and pursue legislative efforts that impact motorcyclists in the Highway Bill, now set to expire in 2021. I also want to take this opportunity to mention the passing of Greg (Kong) Dilley who was a fervent supporter of motorcycle rights here in AZ as well as a member of the Leathernecks MC. "Kong" was an appropriate nickname for a man who leaves a huge hole in our hearts and our efforts to pursue motorcycle rights and motorcycle safety. He was killed by a hit-and-run driver on Oct, 3rd. We send our most profound condolences to his family, friends and brothers at the Leathernecks MC. Greg was absolutely fearless but also a true gentleman. He was one of the nicest guys I ever met and I am so happy to have known him, even if not as well as I would have liked. "Kong", we will never forget you, or all you have done for motorcycling in Arizona. Rest in Peace. Until next time, please be safe and well. Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed and, watch those intersections!

ROAD TRIP: General Patton Memorial Museum

<https://quickthrottle.com>

By Ray Seidel and Geri Cidot

Just east of Indio, California, is the Patton Museum where Patton trained over a million soldiers during WWII (1942-1944). In fact, the actual training area was 18,000 square miles which included California, Nevada, and Arizona. While I still have the Indian FTR 1200 S, (review December 2019 issue) I thought I'd take it out for a day ride to the museum.

Since I wrote my review of the Indian (now having the bike for five months), I've learned more about its personality, which was all for the good. One thing I hadn't noticed before is that the dash gives you a weather report on the 1200 S version. If it says "RAIN" I'll skip the hydroplaning on two wheels. I had the opportunity to use the high beams, which I learned were operated by a flip outward on a toggle switch. Great lighting on dark back roads.

My route would be from Temecula in the Inland Empire through the twisty roads of Hwy 79 out of town, and onto Cahuilla Road (CA 371), right onto the 74 to Fred Waring Drive city traffic near

Indio, then exit north for Interstate traffic on the I-10 eastbound. That's a mix of everything. For me this is two hours and 100 miles each way, and the FTR 1200 S has more than enough range for each direction. At the halfway point going out (the 371 & 74 intersection) there's the Paradise Café if one wants a cold one or a bite to eat. Usually a mix of cars and bikes parked out front.

Once at the museum there's plenty of free parking out front. It's gravel, so possibly you might want to pull up onto the concrete walkway (near the entrance) to park so you'll have shoe grip when you're ready to leave.

The museum was established in 1989 by Margit Chiriaco Rusche and Leslie Comb, along with the Bureau of Land Management. There are over 14,000 square feet of war memorabilia including a large yard of tanks from World War II through Vietnam on display. If it has been a while since your last visit, a new Chandi West Wing has been added with a library, display cases covering all wars from World War I up to Afghanistan and a well-stocked gift shop.

Desert Training Center of Camp Young

From where you'll be standing, you'll be surrounded by the perimeter of historic Camp Young. In early April 1942, troops began arriving. Extreme climates varied from 130 degrees in the summer to winter temperatures near freezing. Rattlesnakes and scorpions crawled into sleeping rolls and boots. Water was rationed to one canteen per day, while men trained for combat under the desert sun. The harsh environment taught them how to survive in North Africa.

"A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood." – General Patton

Look at the wide open spaces around you and imagine 1942, eleven camps with one million soldiers stretching 18,000 square miles – making it the largest military installation maneuver area in the world. General George Patton saw this uninhabited and desolate desert as the ideal training site for large scale tank and infantry maneuvers against the Nazi Afrika Korps in the North African desert.

What can I see?

Well placed roads and outlines of the eleven camps can be seen from the air, and artifacts from a time gone by on the

desert floor. Many of the artifacts were carried away, taking part of the story with them. For the enjoyment of those who follow you, please leave the artifacts where you find them.

One of the vehicles on display is a 1939 Cadillac. Patton did not die in combat in WWII but rather in a minor fender bender at the end of the war. This Cadillac is very similar. It took three manufacturers to supply "Jeeps" for the war effort, Bantam, Ford, and Willys Overland Jeep. Many are on display here. At the day's end, I recommend the diner next door for a meal – this place has been here for decades. And, there's a Chevron station to gas up for your trip back.

DIRECTIONS

30 miles east of Indio on the I-10 Freeway – Exit #173 at the Chiriaco Summit Exit.
www.generalpattonmuseum.com

Open 7 Days a Week * 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Active Military & Spouse are free with proper I.D.

Suggested: Worth watching the movie "Patton" (1970) and the follow up "The Last Days of Patton" (1986), with George C. Scott as Patton in both.

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Meet Tiffany Cipoletti

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New AMA Staffer Tackles On-Highway Issues

Photos by Sandy Schaeffe
Portrait of Tiffany Cipoletti

Tiffany Cipoletti joined the AMA Government Relations Department staff in Washington, D.C., in July after spending 13 years with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Cipoletti is the AMA government relations manager for on-highway issues. And she can be reached at tcipoletti@ama-cycle.org. Here is a little insight into this recent addition to the AMA staff.

American Motorcyclist: How did you get started riding motorcycles?

Tiffany Cipoletti: My first attempt to learn how to ride was on my brother's

Kawasaki KX80 back in the early '90s. My father's efforts to get me to follow my brother's footsteps into motocross, however, was a fruitless endeavor. My introduction to dirt bikes was my dad chasing me through the yard yelling, "Brake, brake, brake!" as I continued to crack on the throttle while trying to reach for the front brake and zooming straight for a telephone pole. I became an endorsed motorcycle rider in my late 20s.

AM: What are you riding now?

TC: I am down to just one motorcycle, my 2004 Harley-Davidson 883 Custom. I sold my 1982 Yamaha XS400 built into a scrambler earlier this year. I have been coveting adventure bikes and resisting the urge to test ride them.

AM: What's the best trip you've taken on a motorcycle?

TC: Can I have a three-way tie? My first long solo trip to Illinois to speak at the

ABATE of Illinois Awareness rally was a formidable experience. I had never been that far by myself, and I wasn't sure if I had the endurance to ride 2,000 miles in three days. This experience gave me the confidence that I could do and handle anything on my own, including a parking lot fix after losing parts on the interstate outside of Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

In 2018, I rode to South Dakota for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. While I did not spend much time at the rally events, I spent seven days riding the Black Hills and Wyoming.

I think the best trip I have ever been on, however, was my four-state ride in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. On this trip, I was able to ride across my first Indian Reservation in the desert, experience Monument Valley in Utah, snake my way around the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and experience the uniqueness of New Mexico.

AM: What are some of the issues you are tracking in your role with the AMA?

TC: I am preaching to the choir about the importance of protecting the future of motorcycling on our nation's roadways and beyond and promoting the motorcycling lifestyle.

As an avid rider, I am vigilant that legislation and transportation policy continues to consider the benefits and unique characteristics of motorcyclists as road users.

Some of the emerging issues that have my attention include autonomous vehicle and intelligent transportation systems, lane splitting, rider training and distracted-driving legislation.

If you have an issue in your state that affects your ability to ride freely or safely, I am eager to help address or aid in making motorcycling more enjoyable.

Clinton Pennington Memorial Ride – 2020

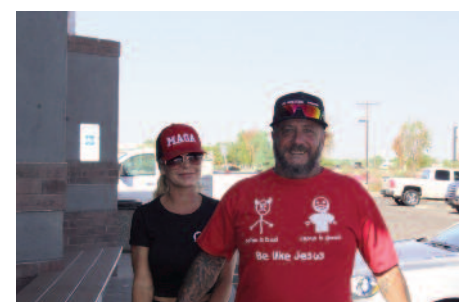
By Woody Phillips

On a gorgeous Saturday morning in Mesa Arizona, riders from across the state, including a couple from the Mountain Motorcycle Association of Arizona in Show Low, met to remember

the life of Clinton Pennington. Clint was killed a few years ago when a school bus turned left in front of him at an intersection. His death led to the formation of the Superstition Chapter of ABATE of AZ which now has more than 300 members.

After meeting at What The Hell Bar & Grill in Mesa, there was a brief memorial service, moment of silence and prayer for Clinton and his family. Then the riders saddled up for a ride to Wickenburg, AZ to the Rancho Bar 7. There we all enjoyed good food, drink and great com-

pany. There was a very good turnout for this event and everyone is looking forward to doing it all again next year.



Clinton Pennington Memorial Ride – 2020



New Orleans, Louisiana Dodges Payment Of \$25 Million Owed To Motorists

The city of New Orleans, Louisiana, calls drivers who fail to pay tickets "scofflaws" before threatening to hurt their credit rating, place boots on their cars or impose other coercive measures to enforce payment. The tables have turned, however, as the city finds itself in the position of being the scofflaw as attorneys for motorists are fighting in federal court to force New Orleans to pay back over \$25 million in speed camera tickets that were illegally issued.

The state Court of Appeals, in a ruling that the Louisiana Supreme Court let stand, said under the city's own home rule charter, that traffic regulations must be enforced by the police department. From 2008 and 2010,

however, the Department of Public Works (DPW) allowed American Traffic Solutions (now Verra Mobility) to issue tickets under DPW's authority.

"Because the DPW had no authority under the city's home rule charter to administer, adjudicate, and enforce the original automated traffic enforcement system (ATES) regulation, the original ATES ordinance was unlawful, invalid, and null and void ab initio," the state appellate court concluded. "Because the ATES was an invalid ordinance, without effect, until it was placed under the New Orleans Police Department on November 4, 2010, the trial court correctly ruled for the immediate return of the

\$25,612,690.32 in ATES fees and fines collected from tickets."

In September, US District Judge Susie Morgan rejected the city's attempt to throw out the case, forcing the city to come up with new arguments. Municipal lawyers now insist that the court-ordered judgment cannot be paid because it would reduce the revenue available for spending by New Orleans politicians and motorists should not be allowed to turn to a federal court to enforce a state judgment.

"An obligation to pay money impacts policy because the money used to pay a judgment will be unavailable for other purposes, such

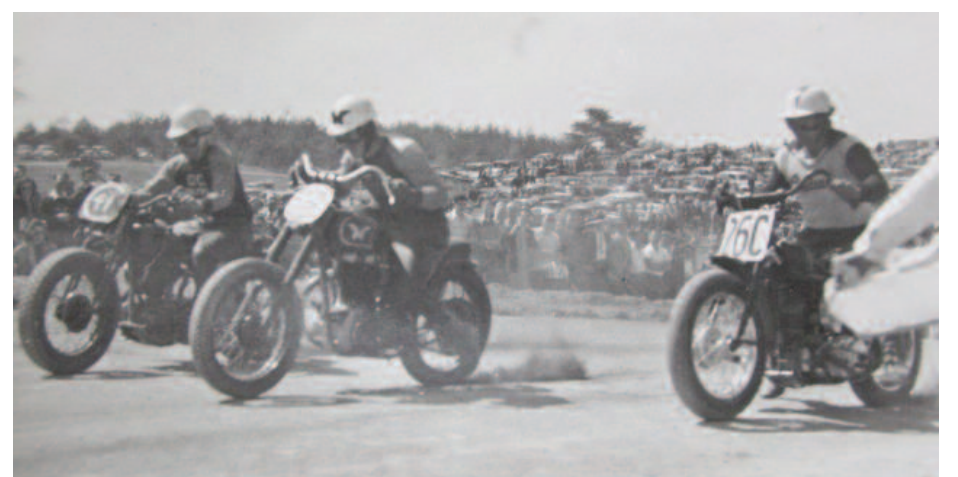
as public health and public safety expenditures," New Orleans attorney James M. Garner wrote in a filing last week.

The motorists argued that their right to property was "taken" by a government body in violation of the Fifth Amendment. Not so, the city replied, because it can just indefinitely delay paying what is owed.

"Plaintiffs cannot allege a takings because, as the Eastern District of Pennsylvania stressed, a takings claim only arises with property is legally taken," Garner wrote. "The city has not refused to pay the judgment and, therefore, the city has not taken plaintiffs' property."

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Meet Tiffany Cipoletti

<https://magazine.americanmotorcyclist.com>

New AMA Staffer Tackles On-Highway Issues

Photos by Sandy Schaeffe
Portrait of Tiffany Cipoletti

Tiffany Cipoletti joined the AMA Government Relations Department staff in Washington, D.C., in July after spending 13 years with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Cipoletti is the AMA government relations manager for on-highway issues. And she can be reached at tcipoletti@ama-cycle.org. Here is a little insight into this recent addition to the AMA staff.

American Motorcyclist: How did you get started riding motorcycles?

Tiffany Cipoletti: My first attempt to learn how to ride was on my brother's Kawasaki KX80 back in the early '90s. My father's efforts to get me to follow my brother's footsteps into motocross, however, was a fruitless endeavor. My introduction to dirt bikes was my dad chasing me through the yard yelling, "Brake, brake, brake!" as I continued to crack on the throttle while trying to reach for the front brake and zooming straight for a telephone pole. I became an endorsed motorcycle rider in my late 20s.

AM: What are you riding now?

TC: I am down to just one motorcycle, my 2004 Harley-Davidson 883 Custom. I sold my 1982 Yamaha XS400 built into a scrambler earlier this year. I have been coveting adventure bikes and resisting the urge to test ride them.

AM: What's the best trip you've taken on a motorcycle?

TC: Can I have a three-way tie? My first long solo trip to Illinois to speak at the

ABATE of Illinois Awareness rally was a formidable experience. I had never been that far by myself, and I wasn't sure if I had the endurance to ride 2,000 miles in three days. This experience gave me the confidence that I could do and handle anything on my own, including a parking lot fix after losing parts on the interstate outside of Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

In 2018, I rode to South Dakota for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. While I did not spend much time at the rally events, I spent seven days riding the Black Hills and Wyoming.

I think the best trip I have ever been on, however, was my four-state ride in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. On this trip, I was able to ride across my first Indian Reservation in the desert, experience Monument Valley in Utah, snake my way around the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and experience the uniqueness of New Mexico.

AM: What are some of the issues you are tracking in your role with the AMA?

TC: I am preaching to the choir about the importance of protecting the future of motorcycling on our nation's roadways and beyond and promoting the motorcycling lifestyle.

As an avid rider, I am vigilant that legislation and transportation policy continues to consider the benefits and unique characteristics of motorcyclists as road users.

Some of the emerging issues that have my attention include autonomous vehicle and intelligent transportation systems, lane splitting, rider training and distracted-driving legislation.

If you have an issue in your state that affects your ability to ride freely or safely, I am eager to help address or aid in making motorcycling more enjoyable.

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My Visit to Arizona Bike Week

<http://www.cyclerides.com/>

Welcome Bikers! The week of the Arizona Bike Week reboot is here and it is going to happen! It will be interesting to see how this event all shakes out and how well attended it will be. They have had to adhere to many new protocols to satisfy the Covid 19 restrictions and those are now in place. I was curious to see what this was going to look like, and wanted to give you a sneak peek, so I went over there yesterday to see it for myself. Here is what I found.

It has been a long time since we have had a motorcycle event of any kind in Arizona. It has been 18 months since we have had an Arizona Bike Week and 11 months since we have had a Cyclerides.com Bike Night at Westgate. To say that I miss motorcycle events would be an understatement. As I was pulling into the venue at Westworld and saw the setup back down on the lower section like it was years ago, I have to admit, it was exciting to see the vendor tents set up and the stage ready for some

LIVE music. With all of the other noise of 2020, I had forgotten how much I missed being around the motorcycle community. Seeing this gave me much needed hope that we will all be together sharing our love of motorcycles real soon.

Here is what you can expect when you get there. As we all know, the Covid restrictions are changing how we do pretty much everything right now and it is the same for Arizona Bike Week. In fact, once you see the setup, it is amazing that they are even pulling off being the first live music event in Arizona. The common area, due to Covid restrictions will operate like a restaurant. If you are at a table area, you will not have to wear a mask. If you leave the table to walk the vendors, get a drink, food or anything else, you will need to wear a mask. Pretty standard operating procedure no matter what we are doing these days.

As for the concert area, I found this to be very creative. I talked with Brad from ABW and he told me that the setup he has for

Bike Week comes from what they are doing in the UK. It is kind of hard to describe, but when you see it in person, it accomplishes what the restrictions require, and you are still able to watch the concert without wearing a mask if you so choose. I have taken some photos of the setup for you to see below.

But in a nutshell, it goes like this. There are pods set up to hold a maximum of 9 people per pod plus a cocktail table. These pods are arranged in aisles that are blocked off with 7 foot ped fence with 6 feet between each pod, alternating pod locations on the opposite side of the aisle.

As you can see by the photo, there are several aisles of this setup that reach to the stage that will ultimately accommodate approximately 1867 people. Outside of the pod area next to the Handlebar Saloon on both sides will be several other picnic tables that are spaced out that will accommodate many more concert goers. Video screens will be placed around the area so that all can get a

good look at the stage.

There will be a maximum of 3600 paid attendance each day, so if there is a concert that you definitely want to see, get your tickets early.

Overall, I was impressed with what ABW has done against all odds. Following the CDC guidelines and all of the State and local rules was a big task to bring Arizona our first motorcycle event of the year. I applaud them for even taking on this task. But their resolve is there to make this happen. The thought, money and time put into this project to make it happen this year was probably more work than doing the big activation. The ped fence alone to make the concert area was a huge investment that normally would not need to be there. It is not what we are used to, but nothing is right now. When you see the setup, I think you will get that little tug in your heart too that makes you happy to see motorcyclists together again doing what we like to do.

Classified Ads

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

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

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

found.

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

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

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

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

Not an extreme tire smoker, but pretty

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

Actual mileage unknown.

Need no help selling it. No Paypal. Cash.

Will not ship it anywhere. No tire kickers. No joyrides - must have cash in hand to take it for a test drive.

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