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 Legislative Director

As we are preparing for the election in November and the new session in January, workload is increasing. The voter guide is published and uploaded to the ABATE state website. Take a look and use it as a tool when you are making your choices as to who to vote for. It is just a tool, not the end all recommendation list.

UPCOMING:

Arizona Bike Week is coming this month. This will be a great time to make a membership push for your chapters.

The General Election is November 3rd. Be an informed voter. Vote like a motorcyclist.

Then we roll into the holiday season. A few of us have plans to do some community service and outreach starting with Veterans Day all the way through the New Year. Keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved.

By the time this is published, Christopher and I will be back from Meeting of the Minds held in Indianapolis. Christopher was awarded the Young Activist Scholarship Award this year by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness and Education. Only two recipients from the entire country were recognized this year.

What is the Young Activist Scholarship Fund?

Biker "Freedom Fighting" activists have recognized for some time that our membership and leaders are aging, and that there is a need to encourage younger people to become involved in motorcyclists' rights. To that end, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness and Education (MRFA&E) has created a scholarship fund to recognize deserving candidates who are a minimum of 18 years old and not over 30 years of age who otherwise may not be able to attend the MRF's Meeting of the Minds conference. The MRFA&E has dedicated a limited amount of seed money to the scholarship fund to get things rolling. The MRFA&E is looking for additional contributions from

individuals, national, state and local organizations and businesses that would like to participate in the program. You can go to mrfae.org to make a donation to the YAS fund.

Since 2004, the MRFA&E Young Activist Scholarship is a successful program to activate our youth into defending biker rights for the future. The program started with the MRFA&E donating \$750.00 the first year to get it rolling and generous donations from MRF members. The first year the MRFA&E could afford to send one candidate and the second year this program doubled to two winning candidates with larger donations. Our third year we doubled the winning candidates to four. Individuals, National, State, and Local Organizations and Businesses are encouraged to continue their donations so we can grow this program even more for the future. Grants are being explored as a way to fund this but it still is a ways down the pike.

Christopher is the second ABATE of Arizona member to be awarded the accolade of Young Activist. The first was Charity Stuart in 2012. As we incorporate our younger members to become more involved in the fight for motorcycle rights, we must continue to develop the future leaders. With that said, we will be providing leadership training for those who would like it. 2021 will be a great year for ABATE of Arizona. Get off the bench and get involved.

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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:

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

. Please make sure your Chapter has representation.

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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

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 Payson AZ 85541

Coordinator.....Bill Hensler
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 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

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 Phoenix, AZ 85078-4041

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 Secretary.....Lyn Peterson
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 Sgt. At Arms.....Jerry Davis
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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

Southern Arizona Chapter

6888 N De Chelly Loop
 Tucson, AZ 85741

Coordinator.....Anissa "Dragonfly" Huntington
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 Safety Coordinator.....Darron Huntington
 Sgt. At Arms.....J.D. Dare
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 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
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 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
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 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

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 Secretary.....Cynde Aydt
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 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
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 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

For Immediate Release

Friday August 21, 2020

Motorcyclist Profiling Pushed in the House

Today the Co-Chairmen of the House Motorcycle Caucus, Rep. Burgess (R-Texas) and Rep. Walberg (R-Michigan), released a letter they authored to Speaker Pelosi and Republican Leader McCarthy asking for a vote on the House floor of H. Res 255, the motorcyclist profiling resolution. Joining Reps. Burgess and Walberg as signatories on the letters were Rep. Balderson (R-

Ohio), Rep. Peterson (D-Minnesota) and Rep. Raskin (D-Maryland). These five bipartisan lawmakers should be commended for seeking a vote in the House of Representatives on this topic. The Senate passed an identical version of this resolution in 2018 and action by the House of Representatives is overdue.

Click here to view the letter

In the past three Congresses similar resolutions have been introduced in the House. In the 114th Congress H. Res 831 garnered 18 cosponsors, in the 115th Congress H. Res 318 had 37 cosponsors, and in the now H. Res 255 has 138 cosponsors and counting. This continued growth of cosponsors demonstrates that the issue of motorcyclists profiling is not going anywhere.

Put simply, 32% of House Members are

cosponsors of this resolution. It is time for the House of Representatives to act! We, as motorcyclists, demand our concerns and grassroots work not be ignored. We have spent far too long fighting this battle to be ignored any longer.

A vital tool in driving awareness and education of the issue with lawmakers has been the Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP). For over 5 years the MPP has sought to collect data on the profiling of motorcyclists and use that data as a tool to change public policy. The MPP has been at the forefront of the fight to pass state laws on profiling. Four states, Idaho, Maryland, Louisiana and Washington have all passed state laws to address the issue in part because of the efforts of the MPP.

This year the MPP hit a milestone with 10,000th respondent to its annual survey.

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.

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

We at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) commend the MPP for achieving this milestone. We at the MRF have used the data provided by the MPP to educate lawmakers and make the case that profiling is real and happening in their home states. If you haven't taken the MPP 2020 survey yet, please click here.

Thank you to these five Congressmen and the Motorcycle Profiling Project for leading the charge on this important topic. Now get to work Congress and pass this bipartisan resolution!

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President's Report



By Shirley Bizub

Here we are ready to start October. Is it me or does it seem like the months are just flying past us? As you all know I will be heading to Indiana in a couple of weeks, so my next report should be filled with some very useful information, I am hoping. Meeting of the Minds, this will be my first. So, it should be interesting.

I want to thank each Chapter for all their hard work they do to help keep ABATE of Arizona going. If it wasn't for all of you, there would be no ABATE of AZ. So Thank You. I appreciate all of you and your dedication.

Hoping to see more photos in MasterLink of any of your Chapter events. I know Mohave is planning their Halloween Party. That's always a hoot. So if your

Chapter is planning any event, please post it in MasterLink so other Chapters can participate.

If you would like to see any event that ABATE can do, please notify me. I would love to hear all your great ideas and maybe we can put them into action.

Chapters don't forget to get your budget turned-in the beginning of October. It is only about 3 weeks away.

Stay safe and watch for those who are not watching for you on the road.

We are also needing the names of who will be helping at Riot on the River. We need to discuss things beforehand, and I need the shot glasses turned-in the

beginning of October. So please get with me or Lil Bit for how we can get them. Thank you for your help and support.

That's it for this month, and if you know any silk screeners, we are currently looking for a business to do ABATE shirts and patches of all kinds. So if you know someone, please send me their info.

ML&R
Moonshine

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE AT YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS?

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

Qualifications for Registration

To register to vote in Arizona you must meet the following qualifications (A.R.S. § 16-101):

Be a United States citizen

Be a resident of Arizona and the county listed on your registration

Be 18 years of age or older on or before the day of the next regular General Election

You cannot register to vote in Arizona if (A.R.S. § 16-101):

You have been convicted of a felony and have not yet had your civil rights restored*

You have been adjudicated incapacitated by a court of law.

*Note: For a first-time felony conviction, civil rights are automatically restored upon completion of a person's sentence and payment of any fines and restitution.

How to Register to Vote

Online

If you have an Arizona Driver License and/or an Arizona non-operating I.D. card issued by the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) you may register to vote

through Service Arizona EZ Voter Registration

Log on to Service Arizona.com

Select your language preference, then click "Begin/Update Voter Registration" Verify your voter eligibility

Enter your information in the required fields

Verify address information

You can now select your party preference If you are having trouble logging in to the Service Arizona website, you can print off a Voter Registration Form and fill it out with your new information. After you finish, mail the completed form to your County Recorder's office and your information will be processed.

By Mail

You can either print off a form online or request that a registration form be mailed to you from your County Recorder. After completing the voter registration form, mail it to your county recorder's office.

In-Person

You may visit your County Recorder's Office and fill out a registration form in person.

Address Confidentiality Program Members

You should only register to vote through the ACP process.

After you have successfully registered to vote you will receive a voter registration card in the mail within 4-6 weeks.

Update Your Voter Information

You should update your voter information if any of the following apply:

You recently moved to a new address

Your name has been legally changed

You would like to change your political party affiliation

Online

If you have an Arizona Driver License and/or an Arizona non-operating I.D. card issued by the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) you may update your voter registration online.

Log on to Service Arizona

Select your language preference, then click "Begin/Update Voter Registration"

Verify your voter eligibility

Enter your information in the required fields

Update your address if you have moved, otherwise select No on question A & B and click continue.

You can now update any other information that has changed, including your name or party preference

If you are having trouble logging in to the Service Arizona website, you can print off a Voter Registration Form and fill it out with your new information. After you finish, mail the completed form to your County Recorder's office and your information will be updated.

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Former motorcycle cop teaching safety, passion on two wheels

Chapter Reports

High Country Chapter

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

Highway 87 from Mesa to Payson. The 7-mile one lane restriction on the north-bound side of the road is supposed to be over by now. The restriction was caused by having to replace more than that many miles of guard rail that burned during the Bush Fire earlier this year. With that restriction gone, there has never been a better time to ride north and visit our business partners (like Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson or Tonto Rim Bar & Grill in Star Valley).

High Country's next event will be our annual Chili Cook-off event in October. This is the event that raises money to pay for our annual Barbie Hensler Memorial

Toy Run which allows us to provide Christmas to as many deserving Rim Country children as we can. We do not know if the Chili Cook-Off will be held this year but, currently, we are going to try. Watch your email and Facebook pages for more information as the 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

Here it is time for another chapter report, where does the time go? If any fellow ABATE brothers or sisters are up in the Golden Valley area feel free to join us at

our monthly meeting at the VFW in Golden Valley, see the Masterlink for the address. Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm, join us for tacos at 5:00 pm.

Rides have been minimal due to our hot weather here in Mohave County, but it does seem like it is finally starting to cool off some now, so hopefully more rides will be coming. Our bike night working with the Brotherhood United Motorcycle Association (BUMA) is still on hold in Laughlin, NV due to the Covid thing (the bar is still closed). Plans are still progressing for our Halloween party on Saturday, October 24th.

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

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Sturgis SD - 2020 City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Update

The San Diego State University IZA study regarding the COVID-19 cases resulting from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is blatantly faulty. The study concludes that nearly 20% of the COVID-19 cases reported in America from August 2 to September 2 are due to the event. This outrageous conclusion is antithetical to actual case data as numerous State Officials across the United States have been actively seeking to tie any COVID-19 case to the event. Despite these active efforts, fewer than 300 cases have been identified nationwide. The careless ease with which mainstream media outlets have published a report that multiplies that factual data by 1,000 is shameful. The absolute preposterousness of the conclusion is further demonstrated by the results of the community-wide mass testing which occurred after the event, where there were 26 positive cases out of 650 patients tested.

The City of Sturgis holds those affected by COVID-19 in our thoughts and prayers as the virus continues to impact our nation and world. We recognize that individuals were exposed to the virus on their trip to, from, or while at the Rally, but the data reported by health officials across the nation show that the impact from the event was a mere fraction of what was projected and anticipated by many of the experts. The continued media focus on infection and the hope of increased transmission rates and death, following this event are reminiscent of the models that told us that locally our hospitals would be overwhelmed, we would have a massive lack of ventilators, and 3-5% of us would not survive. Fortunately, as we have seen, the underlying assumptions of these models were unfounded and categorically inaccurate, just as is the conclusion of this report.

Here's the really strange aspect to the media. If they keep attacking freedom and honesty shortly no one will believe anything they print, and they will go out of business like so many media sources.—Bandit

Coast to Coast

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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National Coalition of Motorcyclists
(NCOM)

NCOM CONVENTION ROLLS ON DESPITE CORONAVIRUS
 It's not too late to plan on attending the 35th Annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, so mark your calendar now for the weekend of October 16-18 at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis) to join with hundreds of like-minded bikers rights activists from across the country in the fight for our rights!

Lectures and roundtable discussions will feature legal and legislative issues such as anti-profiling and "Save the Patch" efforts; with "Protect Your Rights/Probable Cause" and "Vulnerable Road Users Legislation To Protect Our Riders" seminars; attorney talks on "Freedom of the Road and the Use of the Courts" and "Five Things Every MC Organization or Club Should Know"; Special Meetings for Women in Motorcycling and Clean & Sober Roundtable; as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting. Renowned EMT Dick "Slider" Gilmore will present his "Save a Biker's Life" seminar on The Golden Hour.

A highlight of the NCOM Convention

will be the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet, recognizing outstanding freedom fighters for their contributions to the cause, and featuring James "Hollywood" Mececarri of Insane Throttle Motorcycle Magazine as dinner speaker.

With the Indianapolis Convention heading into the home stretch, you should pre-register now by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. For more info, click on <http://onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/convention.html>

FAKE NEWS: STURGIS RALLY NOT A "SUPER-SPREADER"
"NO, THE STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY DIDN'T SPAWN 250,000 CORONAVIRUS CASES," read the Reason magazine headline of Sept. 10, about a month after the rally that drew almost a half million bikers to South Dakota. "In plain reality, State Officials could only trace 260 cases to the biking event, an egregious and oft repeated lie goes unchecked," challenged FOX-News TV host Laura Ingraham on Sept. 10.

We were told by the mainstream press that the August gathering of bikers was a "super-spreader" that was responsible for dispersing COVID-19 to more than a quarter-million Americans (266,796), making it the root of about 20% of ALL

new Coronavirus cases in the U.S., or so said researchers from the IZA Institute of Labor Economics, and national news outlets ran with it no questions asked.

"The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally represents a situation where many of the 'worst-case scenarios' for superspreading occurred simultaneously," the researchers write in the new paper, titled "The Contagion Externality of a Superspreading Event: The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and COVID-19," which also reported that the rally cost public health \$12.2 billion.

Not so fast, replied the City of Sturgis in a prepared statement; "The San Diego State University IZA study regarding the COVID-19 cases resulting from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is blatantly faulty," countered city manager Daniel Ainslie. "Their outrageous conclusions are antithetical to actual case data as numerous State Officials across the United States have been actively seeking to tie any COVID-19 case to the event. The careless ease with which mainstream media outlets have published a report that multiplies factual data by 1,000 is shameful."

The IZA paper "isn't science; it's fiction," Governor Kristi Noem (R) added.

JUDGE RULES PENNSYLVANIA LOCKDOWN ORDERS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Lockdowns and stay-at-home orders affect us all in many ways, but motorcycle riders in particular are impacted by problems such as traffic and transportation complications, event cancellations, as well as supply chain breakdowns that influence cost and availability of parts for maintenance and repairs. Therefore, it's interesting to note that a federal district court in Western Pennsylvania has held that certain COVID-19 mitigation measures ordered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Conceding the efforts were a "well-intentioned effort to protect Pennsylvanians from the virus," Judge William S. Stickman, IV nevertheless held that portions of the orders issued by Governor Tom Wolf (D) violated the First Amendment as well as the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. Issued Sept. 14 in *Butler v. Wolf*, the court found:

- Limits on gatherings of certain sizes -- up to 25 people indoors and 250 outdoors -- violated the First Amendment right of assembly;
- Orders closing "non-life-sustaining" businesses violated both the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the 14th

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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
- 2007** Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Pima County
- 2007** Removed cap on Motorcycle Safety Fund
- 2013** Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Maricopa County
- 2015** Eliminated restriction on handlebar 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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Amendment; and
- A stay-at-home order as implemented violated the Due Process Clause.

The Commonwealth has announced it will appeal the decision.

Unlike the few earlier cases where judges limited gubernatorial power under state constitutions, Judge Stickman found that Pennsylvania's virus mitigation efforts violated the U.S. Constitution; thus, according to the National Law Review, his opinion arguably raises issues that could impact COVID-19 mitigation orders nationwide.

DEMAND FOR RIDER TRAINING STAYS STRONG DURING PANDEMIC

Through statewide lockdowns and pandemic precautions nationwide, and months into the Coronavirus crisis, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation reports seeing strong demand for rider education across the country, with many states and locales experiencing an increased training volume over last year's numbers despite operating under reduced capacity due to local rules.

"Last month, we beat our sales forecast for MSF curriculum materials, and that original prediction was made a year ago, before any of us had heard of COVID-19," said Robert Gladden, MSF vice president of training operations. "Also, we blew right through the forecast on log-ins, with many current and potential riders visiting us on the web and gaining some good motorcycle education through their computers and mobile devices."

The MSF has conducted 26 vRETS webinars for thousands of RiderCoaches, has provided interim training guidelines on moving classroom activities to safer environments outside on training ranges, and implemented a COVID-19 waiver and release that enabled many course providers to resume training at public facilities.

"The fact that training volume remains high, with classes scheduled well into autumn, is a testament not only to the hard work and dedication of the MSF training community, but also to the pop-

ularity of motorcycling as hundreds of thousands of students seek out MSF instruction," said Gladden, adding "We're pleased and proud to help them become riders and remain lifelong learners."

OFF-ROAD CYCLE SALES SOAR AS MORE RIDERS PLAYING IN THE DIRT

Off-highway motorcycle sales rocketed 50.3% in the first half of the year compared with the same period last year, while dual-purpose motorcycle sales jumped 20.9%, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council Retail Sales Reporting System.

"The pandemic has amplified what's positive about getting out on motorcycles," said Erik Pritchard, president and CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Council. "You can get out of the house, have fun with your loved ones, and still maintain social distancing."

Off-highway motorcycles include dirt bikes, trail bikes, competition motorcycles, and other motorized two-wheelers that cannot be used on public roads. Dual-purpose motorcycles are street legal and are also designed to be used on off-road trails.

At the same time, on-highway motorcycles saw sales in the first six months up 6.4% from 2019.

"There are many benefits to motorcycles and scooters," according to Pritchard. "In normal times, studies have shown that they help alleviate congestion. During this pandemic, being on a motorcycle means being able to avoid crowds and lessening the chance of spreading and picking up germs. And many riders say it adds fun to a normally mundane commute."

MOTORCYCLE THEFTS DECLINE IN THE U.S.

Unlike cars, which have a plethora of anti-theft security features, motorcycles are pretty much left to the mercy of thieves, and it would appear that a lot of riders have become more vigilant in securing their beloved bikes in ways to prevent motorcycle theft.

Motorcycle theft is at an all-time low

over the past four years, according to a report by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) that states in 2019, pre-pandemic, a total of 40,380 motorcycles were stolen, compared to a rather alarming 46,467 bikes poached in 2016, down more than 13%. In addition, of all the bikes stolen in 2019, nearly half of them were recovered.

It's interesting to note that the most popular make of motorcycle to fall victim to theft comes from Honda, with a total of 8,122 bikes stolen in 2019. Yamaha comes in second place with 6,495 bikes poached, while Harley-Davidson sits in third with 4,737 bikes lost to theft. Suzuki and Kawasaki follow shortly after. Interestingly, premium brands like Ducati, KTM, and BMW aren't as frequently stolen.

MANUFACTURERS SPEAK OUT AS CALLS TO BAN NOISY MOTORCYCLES SPREAD

Manufacturers have their view on the growing campaigns to limit the noise of motorcycles or ban them altogether from certain popular routes, and have intimated they will need to factor in new solutions for upcoming models amid a wave of bans, fines and restrictions being imposed on perceived noisy motorcycles around the globe.

While the debate over the 'nuisance' caused by certain motorcyclists has raged for years, the argument is increasingly taking on a more volatile tone in Europe as councils wage war with legislation and bans being imposed on certain routes.

With noise-measuring devices already being trialed in some countries, the German Federal Council launched the "Initiative Against Motorcycle Noise" in May calling for bans for those who flout the rules. Then in June, the Austrian state of Tyrol imposed bans on motorcycles emitting 95dB of stationary noise – encompassing a number of high-selling models.

Moreover, there are increasing calls for action in Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France too as a result of these precedents.

According to www.visordown.com,

"The impact of such measures if they threaten to become the norm across Europe could have big ramifications for the motorcycle industry with manufacturers needing to factor in legislation when developing brand-new models, leading to toned down engine approaches."

Stefan Pierer, ACEM (Association des Constructeurs Européens de Motocycles) President and Head of KTM and Husqvarna said: "As an association of the major global motorcycle manufacturers, ACEM has drawn up specific plans for sustainable and timely measures to combat the volume problem. The association and its members work closely with European legislators to solve the problems that can arise from exceeding the permitted noise limits."

PORNHUB TEAMS WITH ITALIAN E-BIKE COMPANY FOR 'FREE RIDE'

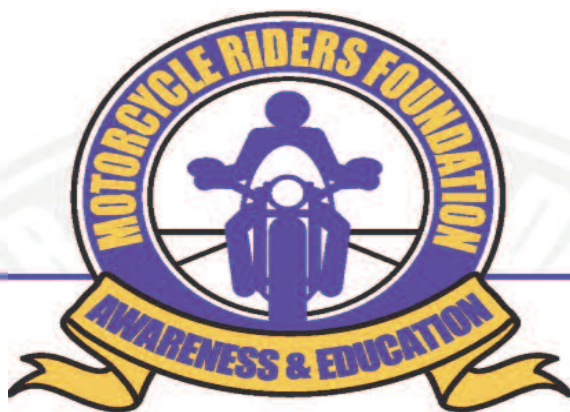
The world's largest adult streaming video service Pornhub teamed up with Italian e-bike sharing company MiMoto for a "Free Ride" promotion in Italy.

Accessing more family-friendly platforms, Pornhub has become known for its unusual crossover strategies, such as making its Premium service free in Italy to "lessen the pressure of lockdown during the Coronavirus crisis."

"PornHub thought that offering a free ride on our scooters could be a good way to bring people together in a different way," announced MiMoto. "The partnership between a green sharing service and the most important company in the adult entertainment sector is a perfect example of how society can come together to change paradigms and evolve in a responsible way, also by uniting two companies with such different contents." Hubba-hubba!

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Believe nothing, no matter where you read it or who has said it, not even if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and common sense."

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

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

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

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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

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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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Are You Using SMART Grassroots Tactics?

Do you have an issue you care about? Maybe it's stopping a local gas tax increase or supporting a bill in the state legislature.

This passion is good, but it's important you don't rush headlong into your grassroots campaign. Before you get started, ask yourself these questions to make sure the tactics you're using are SMART: Are my tactics STRATEGIC?

Are your tactics going to help you achieve your overall goal, or are they just tactics you've used in the past? Before deciding to use a tactic, stop and ask yourself why.

Are my tactics MEASURABLE? How will you know your tactics are effective if you don't know how to measure them? Instead of "we'll knock on lots of doors," break out the actual number of doors you plan to hit so you have specific goals.

Are my tactics ATTAINABLE? If there's only four of you, the goal of knocking on every door in a town of

100,000 people might be impossible. If you're a group of grassroots citizens, blanketing the airwaves with ads is probably too expensive. Make sure your tactics are ambitious but still within reach.

Are my tactics RELEVANT? If your goal is to educate the public about a policy proposal, a sign-waving rally might be a good tactic. But if your goal is to convince a county board of supervisors to change its land-use policy to protect private property rights, a sign-waving campaign probably isn't going to be as relevant to your overall goal as attending supervisor meetings or organizing a letter-writing campaign.

Are my tactics TIMEBOUND? When will you be deploying each tactic and when will it be ending?

Remember the article on Alinsky's seventh rule for radicals: "A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag."

Take the time to use SMART tactics, and your activism will have a much better chance of success.

MRF ALERT

Tracking Autonomous Vehicle Testing

Whether the general public knows it or not, autonomous vehicles (AVs) are being tested on our roads every day. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, as well as other transportation groups, have voiced our concerns about the deployment of these "test vehicles" on our nation's roadways. In many cases, the type of vehicles being tested, their capabilities and the roads they use has not been public knowledge.

This week, in response to these concerns, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) unveiled a new website that allows individuals to see where autonomous vehicles are being tested. While only a pilot program, the website allows users to see the cities where tests are taking place, the make and model of vehicles, the number of vehicles being tested and, in some cases, the actual streets where the AVs are deployed.

Currently, a limited number of states and manufacturers are participating in the program. The participating companies are Beep, Cruise, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Local Motors, Navya, Nuro, Toyota, Uber, and Waymo, with data available in numerous states.

"Through this initiative, the Department is creating a formal platform for Federal, State, and local government to coordinate and share information in a standard way,"

said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

We encourage you to visit the website and see if AVs are being tested in your town. Feel free to share this information with non-riders as well, since all roadway users will be impacted by the testing of AVs. Remember this data is constantly being updated so check back often.



I had a blast in Sturgis

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I was tested two days ago, and I have never been contacted by the Chinese Covid. I was much more likely to get it if I stayed in LA. But they seem to leave that side of the equation out. The odds of getting covid from a rally rider is 1 in

1,200,000. Supposedly 700 become infected every day in LA. Only 250 got infected somewhere (maybe not in Sturgis) during the Rally period, like three weeks. Daily you have a 1 in 17,462 chance of catching it every day in LA.

Freedom and Motorcycles Work, but

some folks can't stand it. Check this: **Here is some Fake News:**

Results Are In: Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Was A COVID 'Super Spreader' Costing Billions
Anyone with a brain could tell that putting on the gigantic Sturgis Motorcycle

Rally this year would be a bad idea. Now we have a scientific study to affirm this was a worst-case scenario, an event that appears to be accountable for 250,000 cases of COVID-19 at a public cost of \$12 billion.

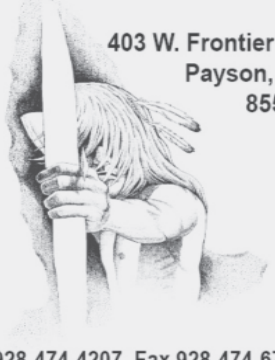
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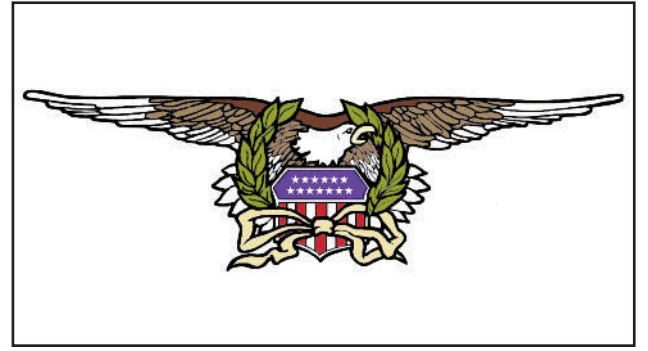
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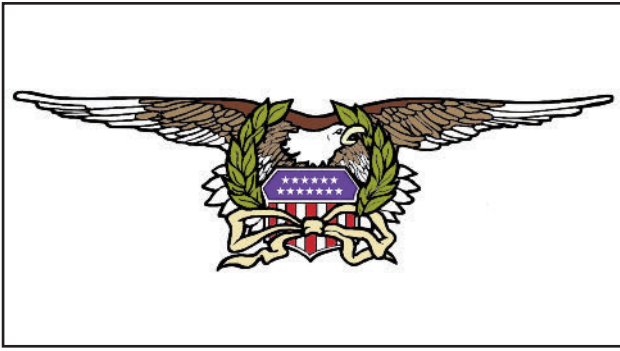
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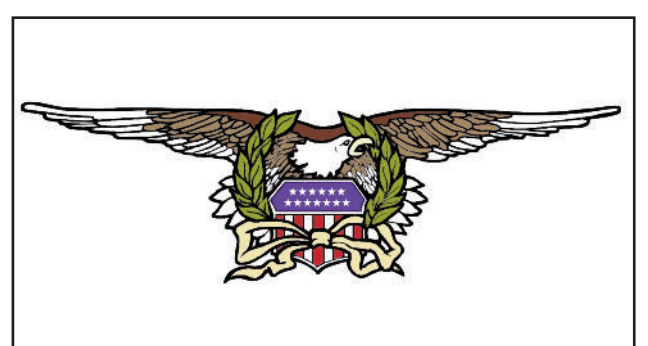
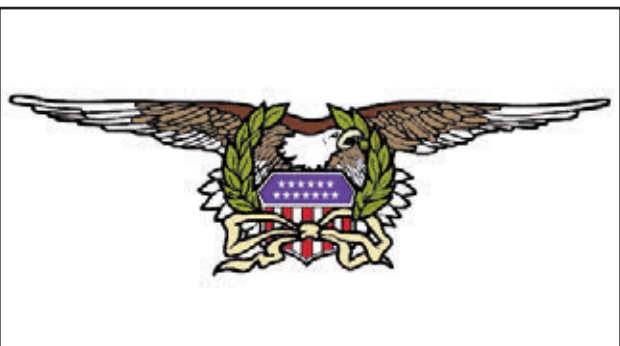
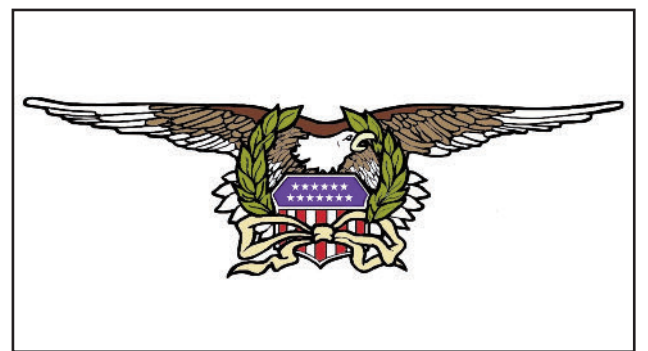
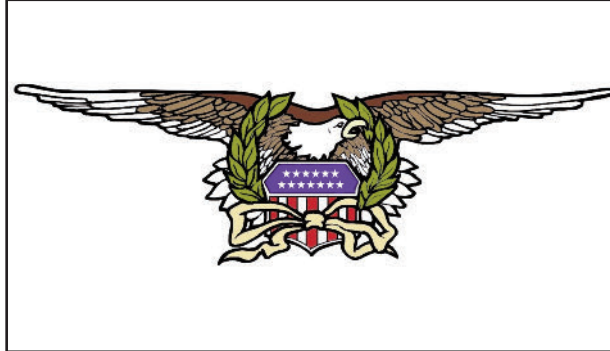
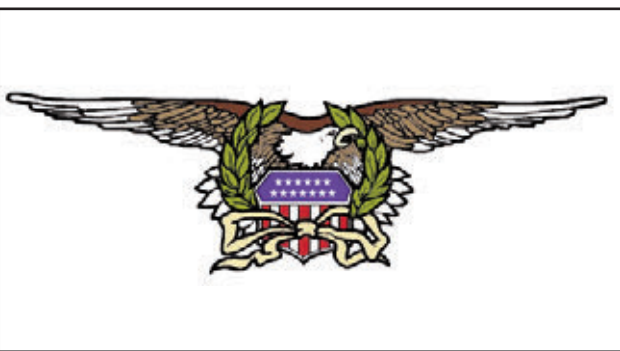
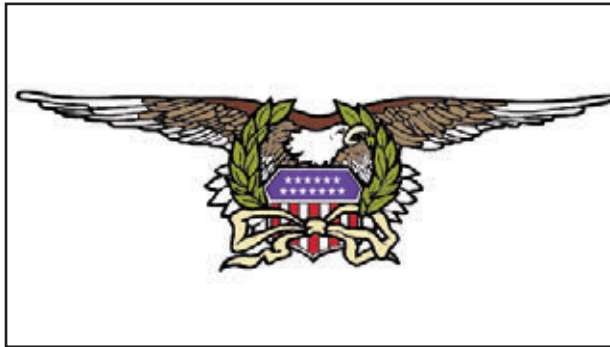
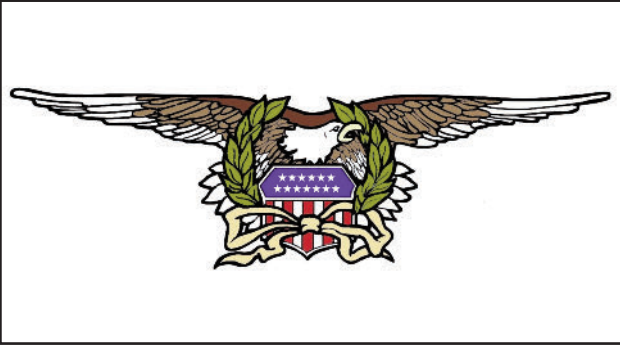
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Events Calendar

October 2020

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10/7-11 {Wed-Sun} Arizona Bike Week at WestWorld in Scottsdale. [rescheduled from April]

10/10 {Sat} Concealed Carry Class at Superstition H-D, 10a. Must preregister. \$50 per person. Learn how to safely and legally carry your firearm. Call and reserve your spot today 480-346-0600. SHD is located at 2910 W Apache Trail,

Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

10/11 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet – AZ's Largest Motorcycle Swap Meet takes place on Sunday October 11, 2020 at @ Pinal County Fairground, 512 N 11-Mile Corner Road. {Exit 194 from I-10} Gates open to sellers 6am, public 8am. \$5 @ gate [kids under 12 years free]. Spaces are 20x15 =

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ABATE of AZ Inc. is looking for someone to help us audit our books on a Pro Bono basis.

ABATE of AZ is looking for someone to help us with our annual financial audits. This is a requirement of our Bylaws and is a routine function that needs to be completed annually for each chapter as well as the state office.

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CHINESE COVID TESTING ISSUES

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PCR tests look for pieces of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in the nose, throat, or other areas in the respiratory tract to determine if the person has an active infection.

It does not help determine who had an infection in the past.

- It also does not help determine if a person who was exposed to COVID-19 will develop active infection during the two weeks after exposure.

In some people, the virus can only be found by PCR for a few days at the beginning of the infection, so the test might not find the virus if the swab is taken more than a few days after the illness starts.

- In some people, the virus can be found by PCR in the nose and throat for several weeks, even longer than the time that they are actually contagious to other people.

- This test requires certain kinds of swabs that are in short supply.¹ If they allow folks to handle their own test, they are very inaccurate.

Antigen tests look for pieces of proteins that make up the SARS-CoV-2 virus to determine if the person has an active infection.

- It does not accurately rule out those who are not infected.

- Antigen tests are less sensitive than PCR tests, meaning there may be false negative results.

- Negative tests should be treated as presumptive. If a healthcare provider is concerned that the person has COVID-19, even after a negative antigen test, then the test result should be confirmed with PCR testing.

Antibody Test, also called Serology test looks for antibodies, specifically IgM and IgG, against SARS-CoV-2 in the blood to determine if there was a past infection. Antibodies is what gives your body the immunity to a particular virus.

A negative antibody test means that the person may not have had COVID-19 in the past. However, they could still have a current infection, and the antibody test was collected too soon to give a positive result.

- It can identify people who had an infection in the past, even if they had no symptoms of the illness.

- In some cases, it could help determine when COVID-19 illness occurred, since we know that IgM is formed before IgG and that IgM goes away before IgG.

- It can help determine who qualifies to donate convalescent plasma (a blood product that contains antibodies against COVID-19 and can be used as a COVID-19 treatment).

- If lots of people take the test in a community, it can help public health leaders and researchers know what percentage of the population has already had COVID-19.

- It may be negative if it is used too close to the beginning of an infection, which is why it should not be used to detect active COVID-19 infection.

- In areas where there have not been many cases of COVID-19, many of the positive test results will actually be false positives (see Positive Predictive Value²). Some antibody tests have low sensitivity³ and specificity⁴ and thus may not produce reliable results.

- Some antibody tests may cross-react with other coronaviruses that are not SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, leading to false test results.

- We do not know yet if having antibodies to the virus that causes COVID-19 can protect someone from getting infected again or, if they do, how long this protection might last. Until scientists get more information about whether antibodies protect against reinfection with this virus, everyone should continue to take steps to protect themselves and others, including staying at least 6 feet away from other people outside of their home (social distancing), even if they have had a positive antibody test.

If positive, the health department will interview the antibody-positive person about symptoms and if they were around someone who had COVID-19. If the person had symptoms or was around someone with COVID-19, the health department may recommend they get a PCR test. No contact tracing will be performed.

- If negative, no public health activities will be performed.

--Dr. Hamster

Harley Courts Mahindra, Bajaj, and Hero For Indian Partnership

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by Dustin Wheelen from
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Harley-Davidson has been trying to find its way in a rapidly modernizing world for years now. In the saga's latest installment, the Milwaukee-based brand ditched Matt Levatich and installed Jochen Zeits as the new President and CEO, changes have been swift and steady. From potentially nixing the Bronx to creating a Chief Digital Officer role, the new regime is implementing its Rewire plan without batting an eye.

With the company projecting jobs cuts in 2020 and speculation that the Street lineup will bite the dust, many Indian outlet are reporting that Harley's Bawal factory could soon shut down. As the MoCo shifts its Asia Pacific operations to Thailand, talks with Mahinda & Mahinda, Hero Motocorp, and Bajaj are only fueling more rumors about the American brand's future in the country.

Similar to KTM's partnership with Bajaj or BMW's TVS deal, the Bar and Shield could be seeking an affiliate to manufacture midsize motorcycles for the Indian market. Harley's courtiers also include auto industry heavyweight Mahindra &

Mahindra. As the owners of Classic Legends, the brand behind the Jawa revival and current BSA name-holders, the subsidiary could match the Motor Company's retro aesthetic and satisfy its need for a global supply chain.

We should note that spokespeople from all brands involved are refusing to comment on the potential partnerships at this moment, but the talks certainly align with Zeits' cost-cutting efforts. While the brand plans to focus on high-potential segments and markets, a presence in India is key for global success. Harley seems to be moving forward with its China-exclusive model 338R, and a similar tactic

could benefit the MoCo in India.

We may be reading the tea leaves at this moment in time, but with cruiser sales continuing to dwindle in the U.S., Harley's global presence will be more important than ever. Catering to the two most populous countries and the largest motorcycle markets in the world will be critical for the brand's future. For now, we'll have to wait and see if the company's Indian factory closes by the end of the year and whether that begins a whole new phase of Harley's ever-evolving modernization plan.

Three models of Royal Enfield motorcycles to be built in Argentina

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Royal Enfield, a classic English motorcycle brand but now belonging to an economic group from India opened on Tuesday its industrial complex in Campana, Argentina where it commenced the manufacturing of three models.

The Campana factory in Argentina is the first country to make the motorcycle outside India with an investment of some US\$ 80 million and the creation of 100 jobs.

Besides the Indian company authorities, the inauguration counted with the attendance of Argentine president Alberto Fernández, the governor of Buenos Aires province, Axel Kicillof and the Development minister, Matias Kulfman, who also announced the government's plan of soft credits for the purchase of the motorbikes in 48 installments at an interest rate half the estimated inflation.

The Indian group in Argentina is represented by SIMPA, which also imports other world motorcycle brands, such as KTM, Husqvarna, Vespa, Aprilia, Piaggio, Moto Guzzi and Can-Am.

Martin Shwartzm the Simpa group opera-

tions head said the three models which are to be built in the factory are the Interceptor and Continental GT (both 650cc) and the world famous double purpose Himalayan, with a 411cc engine.

Although a percentage of the motorcycle parts are imported, the three models to be manufactured in Campana also have a percentage of Argentine parts.

"This production development not only has created jobs but with the manufacture of parts in Argentina, allows for more accessible prices", president Fernandez said.

Royal Enfield to commence local assembly of three of its motorcycles in Argentina

from <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com>

Royal Enfield on Wednesday said it will commence local assembly of its motorcycles in Argentina in partnership with Grupo Simpa, its local distributor in the country since 2018.

This will be the first time in Royal Enfield's modern history that motorcycles will be assembled and produced outside the company's manufacturing facilities in Chennai, India, the company said in a statement.

The local assembly unit in Argentina will be based at Grupo Simpa's facility located in Campana, Buenos Aires.

"To begin with, the plant will locally assemble three motorcycle models – the Royal Enfield Himalayan, the Interceptor 650 and the Continental GT 650 – starting this month," it added.

Commenting on the development, Royal Enfield CEO Vinod K Dasari said: "Royal Enfield has been working steadily to grow and expand the middleweight motorcycling segment globally and also to increase our footprint in important global markets."

The company has grown its international presence significantly and now has a wide retail presence across 60 countries, he added.

"With a strategic view to cater to growing demand and to gain significant market advantage, we have been pursuing our plans to set up local assembly units across specific markets in the Asia Pacific region and across South America. In the first of these, we are very happy to announce the first CKD (Completely Knocked Down) assembly plant in Argentina," Dasari said.

Argentina, which is among the biggest mid-

size motorcycle markets in Latin America, and other South American countries have been an important market for Royal Enfield.

"Ever since we commenced sales since 2018 in Argentina, we have received a resounding response to our motorcycles from consumers. The local terrain and topography create the perfect canvas for riding our motorcycles, especially the Himalayan. The initial success of the 650 Twin motorcycles has also been very encouraging," he said.

Dasari said Royal Enfield is deeply committed to focusing on becoming a part of the fabric of the country's rich motorcycling culture.

"Our decision to start assembling our motorcycles in Argentina is testament to our long term commitment and increasing confidence in the market," he added.

Royal Enfield had set up retail operations in Argentina in March 2018, with its first store in Vicente Lopez, Buenos Aires.

Since then, it has expanded its retail network and currently has 5 exclusive stores in Argentina. Overall, Royal Enfield has 31 exclusive stores and 40 other retail touch-points in all Latin American countries.

My Trip to Sturgis 2020

AZ Rider

As June rolls around, ABATE of AZ's Too Broke for Sturgis is always quite an event. Well, at least usually – this year's cancellation was appalling!!!

June also seems to kick off by hearing from who of my friends are willing to ride up to the biggest motorcycle event of the summer in Sturgis, South Dakota. I start getting the texts and phone calls. They go kinda like this, "When are you leaving?" "Which way are you going?" "How many days on the road?" So let me take ya back to my first ride in 1987.

I had just gotten a great job and was given two weeks of vacation in August. I had just purchased a brand new Harley Heritage softail. The farthest I had ever been was to a HOG rally in Breckenridge Colorado. Now I was going to do a solo to the rally. Back then it was a sleeping bag and a tent with very few items; all wrapped up in a bag, with bungee cords everywhere. No GPS. I was

a terrible map reader but off I went. Since then I've gotten pretty good at it.

You hear this all the time as you travel, "Are you going to Sturgis?" Every gas stop people thought I had a sign on my head "ask me where I am going" and they did! As you get closer to the event the bikes just seem to pour out of every off-ramp and freeway and back road. I stopped in Lusk Wyoming for a beer and a burger at the Silver Dollar Saloon, and this stop has become a tradition ever since.

Sitting in the bar I met up with a group of guys and gals who asked me to join their group for the last part of the ride. It was the best thing I did. When we pulled into town the sights of thousands of bikes and people will never be captured in pictures or stories from magazines. 'Unbelievable' is the only word that came to mind. My first beer in the Dungeon Bar opened my eyes to see everyone looked kinda like me! There were sunburned faces with white around the eyes and the smell of

leather, suntan lotion, cigarettes, and body odor. I was there!

Now fast forward to 2020, the 80th Annual Rally.

I read in the Rapid City Journal that, according to the Dept of Transportation, attendance was a little over 365k ... that's down just 7.5% for the week from last year. Based on my visits to the event, attendance felt like about the same as the 75th. We went to the 50th and the 75th which were both packed.

No one could care less about the covid media frenzy. We saw no one wearing masks at all!!! We were normal for a week!!!

There are so many things to see and do while you are there; demo rides, shopping, bike shows the hill climb & drag races, and tons of great concerts too. But Harley did not have demo rides. Boo!!! There were many 'celebrity imperson-

ators' there, including two Elvis guys posing with a 'painted lady'. We did see a few vendors spots open here & there. I have done this ride over 15 times and it is never ever a bad ride. It's an adventure that you have to put on your summer list and get out of this darn heat. Only once have I ever done only the freeway to get there and never again. The backroads through the twisties of Colorado can be cold and wet; but we have learned to stop and let the storm pass and move on with no issues. Campgrounds are good deals and I always recommend staying at the Buffalo Chip at least once, to see what it's about. Now I have moved down to a little quieter place.

Going to Sturgis next year? You bet! Life is about adventure. It's your turn to go! Ride safe and I'll see you on Main Street!

Jim Silk

Red Light Camera Company Co-Owner Charged In Bribery Scheme

<https://www.thenewspaper.com>

Federal prosecutors have formally charged another photo enforcement executive with bribery. Omar Maani, co-founder and co-owner of the photo ticketing firm Safespeed must appear before US District Court Judge John Robert Blakey on Friday to answer the accusation.

Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) secretly recorded Safespeed representatives offering cash to suburban Chicago, Illinois, officials in return for their support for installing highly profitable red light camera systems. A judge last month ordered the

recordings of Crestwood mayor Lou Presta taking bribes sealed because of the possibility disclosures that might harm innocent third parties.

Maani is thought to have been wearing a wire to help trap Patrick J. Doherty, who was a Safespeed salesman by night and the chief of staff to Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski during the day. Tobolski on Tuesday admitted that he took \$250,000 in bribes and cheated on his taxes. The information so far released by the US attorney's office does not link Tobolski to the Safespeed scandal, aside from his chief of staff conspiring with Maani to bribe Oak Lawn village trustees into signing a red light cam-

era deal with Safespeed on February 25, 2014.

Maani, Doherty and someone only identified as "Individual B" funneled the Oak Lawn bribe through a close relative of the village official. Doherty was recorded telling Maani that the money was being paid to the relative "just on the chance of, uh, that we can get the other ones in Oak Lawn and get [unnamed Oak Lawn trustee] on our side."

Tobolski is also cooperating with federal investigators in the red light camera probe that has so far secured an admission from Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Martin A.

Sandoval, that he did in fact take bribes from a Safespeed representative in return for his work to kill anti-photo enforcement legislation. The legislative champion of speed cameras, state Senator Terrance P. Link (D-Vernon Hills), was charged with tax fraud.

More than a dozen public officials, lobbyists and executives have been convicted in photo enforcement corruption schemes besides the one unfolding in Illinois (view full list). Similar scandals have been uncovered around the globe (view the red light camera and speed camera CrimeLine).



Dunlop Giving Away Harley-Davidson Through Humble Heroes Project

from <https://www.sfgate.com>

The winning nominee will receive a free 2020 Harley-Davidson XL1200 Sportster Roadster provided by Dunlop Motorcycle Tires.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. (PRWEB) September 04, 2020

There are humble heroes all around us—the ones you don't hear about, who forego sleep and work impossible hours in constant danger, the ones who battle on the front lines of the pandemic and put themselves last to take care of us first.

There are many words to describe them—professional, compassionate, selfless, dedicated, brave, tireless—but we simply

call them Heroes.

At Dunlop Motorcycle Tires, we want to honor these Humble Heroes by giving you the opportunity to nominate a health-care worker or first responder who went above and beyond during the pandemic, and we'll reward one individual with a new 2020 Harley-Davidson® XL1200 Sportster Roadster™.

Dunlop has a special appreciation for those who stepped up during the pandemic. Our factory in Buffalo, NY was designated essential early in the crisis, and our associates showed up, masked up and continued to do what they do best every day—build premium tires for the American motorcyclist.

Harley-Davidson's Sportster Roadster was a natural for this project. Dunlop has been a trusted original-equipment tire supplier to Harley-Davidson for more than 35 years—over ten million Dunlop tires have rolled off the motor company assembly line—and the iconic Sportster is popular among new riders and offers many customizing variations.

To emphasize this, Dunlop Motorcycle Tires is collaborating with long-time partner Roland Sands Design (RSD) to create custom variations of the Sportster over the coming months featuring different Dunlop tires. The winner of this contest will receive a new 2020 Harley-Davidson XL1200 Sportster Roadster in stock condition. RSD's builds will showcase what a great platform the stock Sportster is for

customizing, and you will be able to follow along through Dunlop and RSD social networks: #humbleheroes, #wearedunlop, #ridedunlop, @rolandsandsdesigns, @ridedunlop.

"Nobody has seen a crisis with the global effects of Covid-19 before, and hopefully nobody ever will again," said Mike Buckley, Senior VP, Sales and Marketing, Dunlop Motorcycle Tires. "Hard to imagine how much worse this could have been without the health care heroes and first responders on the front lines every day and night. The Humble Heroes Project is our way of giving a little back and saying thanks for all you have done."

I'm confused

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...but that's nothing new. Some of the stats they run in the news are nuts. Like they try to blame 20 Chinese Covid cases in Colorado on the Rally. Then the CDC announces that only 6 percent of the people who died all year long, passed only by the Wuhan Covid complications. The other 94 percent died of what Chinese Covid and a heart attack?

They never say 6 percent died of Chinese covid only and 100 folks died of heart

attacks, diabetes, cancers, whatever. Actually, if they did a real true analysis they would discover that this year there have been fewer accidents, car accidents, motorcycle accidents, heart attacks, etc. They would also discover that bikers proved that going outside and traveling is bitchin! Hell, they would discover that if all 465,000 rally goers stayed home, they would have had a much higher chance of catching something, getting fat, a higher depression rate and more family issues.

Here's an AMA report: STURGIS, S.D. -

COVID-19 cases in eight states have been linked by health officials to attendance at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally held in early August. The North Dakota Health Department tweeted that 17 people "who are connected to" the rally have tested positive for the virus. Other cases have been confirmed in Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming and South Dakota. The Associated Press reported more than 100 cases in total have been linked to the event, which drew a crowd estimated at more than 450,000. South Dakota does

not require that masks be worn in public.

There's more in the news, but these numbers are so insignificant they are not worth mentioning. Bottom line, this too shall pass and we're living in the best of times. Although, some folks want it to be the worst of times. Hell, they want to take you cars away, your guns away, make healthcare mandatory, give your house to a homeless drug addict, and burn your shop, so you can't work. Nuts. Don't forget to Vote!



DAV UPDATE--It is a unique chapter in DAV history

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Just as it is an unprecedented time in all our lives.

Serving as DAV National Commander has been the honor of a lifetime. And now, with our national convention canceled for only the second time in our organization's 100-year history, I will stay in this role and serve a second term as DAV National Commander. It is my honor to serve you

again.

As our great organization continues to improve, grow and adapt, we will remain dedicated to taking on the big fights for veterans like you.

In the coming year, DAV will focus our legislative efforts on securing benefits for veterans made ill as a result of exposures to toxic burn pits and Agent Orange, addressing gaps and inequities in pro-

grams and services for women veterans, improving benefits for spouses and survivors of disabled veterans, and strengthening veterans' mental health care and suicide prevention programs.

As we carry on these important fights for our brothers- and sisters-in-arms, my pledge to you remains the same: Each and every day, I'll continue fighting to ensure ALL veterans get the benefits and support they have earned — and deserve.

Thank you for standing with me in this fight as a member of DAV. With you by our side, we will take on this next chapter with vigor and make incredible progress for our nation's veterans.

Stephen Whitehead

Stephen "Butch" Whitehead
DAV National Commander



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From The Board Room



By Woody Phillips – Chairman

It is starting to look like Arizonans are getting the hang of dealing with this Coronavirus outbreak and that is

allowing some activities to finally begin to resume. During September we had a couple of events (still in the future as I write this) including the Clinton Pennington Memorial Ride out of Superstition Chapter and the Gynni and Coach Memorial Run from Mesa to New River to remember our fallen sister and brother. I expect to be writing about both events next month.

With the resumption of various charity rides and fund raisers, let's not forget to be safe and respectful of others by wearing masks, social distancing (or staying away from those that wish to. Also, don't forget that none of this has improved the skills of Arizona drivers, so be extra care-

ful out there.

Some members of ABATE of AZ have still been hard at work during all these shut-downs and missed meetings. We will begin to see the fruits of their labors shortly, so watch this space for future updates. Those of you who are Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) members should have received an email about the testing of Autonomous (driverless) Vehicles throughout the nation. This information included a link to a nationwide website set-up by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to provide information to the public about these testing programs.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/automated-vehicles-safety/av-test-initiative-tracking-tool> This link is rather long, so if you type it in (or copy & paste) you will probably want to bookmark it. This tool will allow you to see what companies are testing what types of vehicles and where throughout Arizona. Autonomous Vehicles are coming. There is no way we can stop it. But, we can make sure they are tested with motorcycles in mind, so please check out this link and the tool to educate yourselves. Please be safe and well. I hope to see all of you live and in-person really soon.

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

BIKERNET STAFF GET TESTED!

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

The good doctor came over to work on his Pandemic project yesterday and brought two Covid antibody tests, one for me and one for the Redhead, who deals with the public everyday at a local marina. I recently returned from South Dakota after the rally. Just to let you know; I'm not infecting anyone after Sturgis, I was cleared of ever having Covid, so was the Redhead.

I'm surprised anyone reads any media or watches any news programs, especially after their reports on Sturgis. Hell, I immediately refused to subscribe to the Week Magazine again after they called

the rally a Covid Spreader. The numbers were ridiculously low, but they still blamed bikers. You were way more likely to contact the disease by staying home. So, I asked the doctor to define the various tests. For instance if folks received some of the tests, they could have come into contact with the disease months before the rally. They could have also had some contact but were not contagious. The media just wanted to blame bikers.

See below:

PCR tests look for pieces of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in the nose, throat, or other areas in the respiratory tract to determine if the person has

an active infection.

It does not help determine who had an infection in the past. If the public is allowed to administer the test, it is often inaccurate.

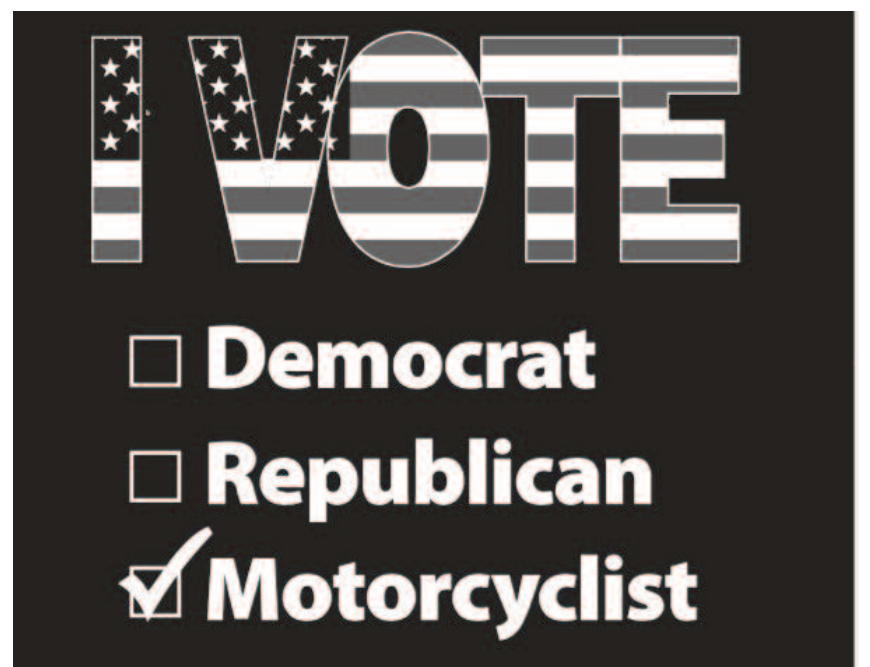
• It also does not help determine if a person who was exposed to COVID-19 will develop active infection during the two weeks after exposure. In some people, the virus can only be found by PCR for a few days at the beginning of the infection, so the test might not find the virus if the swab is taken more than a few days after the illness starts.

• In some people, the virus can be found by PCR in the nose and throat for several weeks, even longer than the time that they are actually contagious to other people.

• This test requires certain kinds of swabs that are in short supply.

Antigen tests look for pieces of proteins that make up the SARS-CoV-2 virus to determine if the person has an active infection.

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The Long Ride Home

By Woody Phillips –
Chairman, ABATE of AZ

This story is total fiction, as far as you know.

It was the middle of May, many years ago. I was living and working in Phoenix Arizona and my wife had a job that took her out of town 2 or 3 weeks each month. Rather than kicking around the apartment every weekend, I would get on my 2002 Suzuki Intruder and ride.

I loved that bike. It had a 1400 CC V-twin engine that vibrated like crazy at red lights. But once the light turned green ... Poetry in motion! It had a shaft drive and hydraulic clutch and needed damn near zero maintenance except for oil changes and brake pads. The brakes were sort of small and my habit of using the rear brake to hold the bike up when stopping at stop signs (rather than putting a foot down) caused me to use them up faster than usual.

By the way, in many places, if you don't put BOTH feet down when stopping at a stop sign, the cops will write you up for failure to stop. I know.

My typical weekend routine when my wife was on the road, was to get out of Phoenix, on Saturday morning, just as the sun was coming up to beat the heat. On this particular weekend I had a few things to do on Saturday. This made me even more antsy for a ride so I ended up leaving on Sunday morning instead. By the time I left, about 6 AM, it was already almost 80 degrees. That meant t-shirt,

jeans, gloves, no leathers.

Another routine on these trips was to go to the first intersection and turn in the direction of the least traffic. I would do this until I found myself headed out of town in whatever direction that was. On this particular day, I found myself headed north on I-17 headed toward Flagstaff. It looked like it was going to be a hot day and I had not been north for a while so, cool!

The ride up to "Flag" this particular Sunday was easy. The traffic was light and I made great time arriving at Flagstaff about 9:30 am. So now where? Hmm. I hadn't been to Page yet, so decided to keep traveling North!

Arriving in Page around noon, I grabbed a quick sandwich at a fast food joint and contemplated my next move. I did not have a map with me, and this was before every phone had Google maps, so I was just looking at road signs.

Then I saw a sign for Monument Valley. Sweet! I had not been there yet either. I arrived at monument Valley about 3 pm. I took a bunch of photos and then decided I better get going home. It was now about 4 PM.

Not wanting to repeat any part of the ride thus far, I decided it would be cool to go by Canyon de Chelly in Chinle on the way back to Phoenix. That was a very interesting ride and the canyon made me vow to return when I had more time. It was around 6 PM when I rolled out of Chinle, headed for I-40 for the ride home.

As I reached I-40 at Chambers, AZ, and headed west, I was shocked at how far away I was from Flagstaff. I really should have picked up a map before I rode all the way out here.

I also should have PLANNED this better because as the sun was setting the temperature started to plummet. How high IS it out here anyway I wondered as it became colder and colder. As I raced down I-40 I really wished I had brought my jacket, or a hoodie, or Anything to put on. I was freezing!

I stooped in Holbrook hoping a gas station might be selling souvenir sweat-shirts, but it was May, they just had a few t-shirts and only 2 my size. I bought them. Put them on and kept going. In Winslow they didn't even have that. I kept going.

At this point it was getting difficult to hold the throttle steady. I was wondering, is Flagstaff higher than Winslow? Will it be even colder there?

I decided that I had a foolproof way to get warm. I'll go as fast as I can until I either get home, or get pulled over. At least the DPS Trooper's car would have heat.

I have no idea what the temperature was when I reached Flagstaff a little after 9 PM, but I'm guessing about -20 degrees Fahrenheit! (It was really probably around 40 degrees).

Again, I stopped for gas looking for something warm to put on. No joy. Time

to head south.

As I pulled onto I-17 I decided I was either going to freeze to death, or get a massive speeding ticket. But then I realized that from the time I pulled onto I-40 and headed west, not a single vehicle has passed me. I had passed hundreds, but no one was going faster than me, and I had not been pulled over so ... go for it! The Suzuki Intruder gets horrible gas mileage when travelling wide open. I could not see the speedometer as the cold was making my eyes tear up. Pretty much everything was just a car-sized blur or a truck-sized blue or a road sign-sized blur. Just outside of Camp Verde I had to swith to my auxiliary fuel so I ducked in to get gas and, YES, they had 2 more t-shirts that were actually too big for me, but I could get them on so WIN! By the time I started down the hill into Black Canyon City I realized I wasn't going to die of hypothermia, maybe. The slow rise in temperature descending down from Sunset Point was one of the best feelings I have ever experienced. Coming through New River I finally started to slow down and by the time I got to the Carefree Highway and turned-off, a single car had actually passed me. It was the first one to do so since I rode out of Holbrook

I rolled up to the apartment at about 11 PM after nearly 850 miles.

Getting off the bike and removing all those t-shirts I decided next time I would be much better prepared before I started the long ride home.

BIKERNET STAFF GET TESTED! (continued)

- It does not accurately rule out those who are not infected.

- Antigen tests are less sensitive than PCR tests, meaning there may be false negative results.

- Negative tests should be treated as presumptive. If a healthcare provider is concerned that the person has COVID-19, even after a negative antigen test, then the test result should be confirmed with PCR testing.

Antibody Test, also called Serology test looks for antibodies, specifically IgM and IgG, against SARS-CoV-2 in the blood to determine if there was a past infection. Antibodies is what gives your body the

immunity to a particular virus.

A negative antibody test means that the person may not have had COVID-19 in the past. However, they could still have a current infection, and the antibody test was collected too soon to give a positive result.

- It can identify people who had an infection in the past, even if they had no symptoms of the illness.

- In some cases, it could help determine when COVID-19 illness occurred, since we know that IgM is formed before IgG and that IgM goes away before IgG.

- It can help determine who qualifies to donate convalescent plasma (a blood

product that contains antibodies against COVID-19 and can be used as a COVID-19 treatment).

- If lots of people take the test in a community, it can help public health leaders and researchers know what percentage of the population has already had COVID-19.

- It may be negative if it is used too close to the beginning of an infection, which is why it should not be used to detect active COVID-19 infection.

- In areas where there have not been many cases of COVID-19, many of the positive test results will actually be false positives (see Positive Predictive Value2).

Some antibody tests have low sensitivity³ and specificity⁴ and thus may not produce reliable results.


- Some antibody tests may cross-react with other coronaviruses that are not SARS-CoV2, the virus that causes COVID-19, leading to false test results.

- We do not know yet if having antibodies to the virus that causes COVID-19 can protect someone from getting infected again or, if they do, how long this protection might last.

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MRF Membership Form

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BIKERNET STAFF GET TESTED! (continued)

Until scientists get more information about whether antibodies protect against reinfection with this virus, everyone should continue to take steps to protect themselves and others, including staying at least 6 feet away from other people

outside of their home (social distancing), even if they have had a positive antibody test.

If positive, the health department will interview the antibody-positive person

about symptoms and if they were around someone who had COVID-19. If the person had symptoms or was around someone with COVID-19, the health department may recommend they get a PCR test. No contact tracing will be per-

formed.

• If negative, no public health activities will be performed.

—Bandit and Dr. Christian Reichardt

Harley-Davidson LiveWire

Apple TV+ Unveils Official Trailer for “Long Way Up,” Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman’s Epic

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

The trailer for “Long Way Up,” the epic, new Apple Original series from stars Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman is now available. The first three episodes of the 11-part unscripted series will premiere globally on Apple TV+ on Friday, September 18. New episodes will roll out

weekly, every Friday.

“Long Way Up” reunites McGregor and Boorman for the ultimate adventure in travel and friendship after more than a decade since their last motorbike adventure around the world. In their most challenging expedition to date, the two cover 13,000 miles over 100 days from Ushuaia

at the tip of South America to Los Angeles. In order to contribute to the sustainability of the planet, the duo travels on modified electric Harley-Davidson LiveWire® motorcycles.

Using cutting-edge technology, they travel through 16 border crossings and 13 countries along with their longtime col-

laborators, directors David Alexanian and Russ Malkin, who follow in the first two electric Rivian trucks ever made.

“Long Way Up” was created and executive produced by Ewan McGregor, Charley Boorman, David Alexanian and Russ Malkin.

The Gift of an Experience

What can you give someone as a gift who deserves the world? An experience to remember. What kind of experience can you gift someone who loves to ride? You can rent a motorcycle for them in a beautiful place that they’ve never ridden—and plan some awesome routes. Here is a little about my experience with Twisted Road; maybe you’ll find inspiration to give someone the gift of a motorcycle trip (or treat yourself to one!).

A Little Backstory & Our Dilemma

My name is Avory, and I grew up in Michigan; my whole family still lives there. But for me, that cliché thing happened where “the mountains called,” and you know... Colorado got me. For my mom’s birthday this year, I wanted to share the beauty of Colorado’s canyon roads, rivers, and mountains with her. She’s been riding basically her whole life, but she hasn’t ridden outside of a few midwestern states. I figured the best way to do that was to throw motorcycle

exploring into the mix.

Then comes our dilemma: for the sake of time and convenience, I didn’t want to have my mom ride her baby, an Indian Chief Classic, all the way from Michigan to Colorado by herself. Renting her a bike was the first thought I had. While there are a few motorcycle rental companies out there, I found that Twisted Road provided the best inventory of motorcycle brands and model choices. Everyone has their preferences, and my mom is loyal to her Indian Motorcycles. Through Twisted Road, I found the only Indian for rent in all of Colorado—and it was perfect for her.

The Reservation & Rental Pickup Experience

Finding the bike on Twisted Road was easy—the website is very user friendly, and for those looking for something specific, the filters come in very handy. I was able to filter by brand to find the Indian

Scout, and was very excited to see it available.

When we went to pick it up, the owner, Derek, was really cool (as most everyone I’ve met in the motorcycle community has been!). He did a walk-around and explained the aftermarket parts he’d put on, checked the air pressure in the tires, and let us know to call or text him with any questions. It was a super easy process! Kickstand up and we were on our way.

Our Riding & Adventures in Colorado

We only had 2.5 days of actual riding, but managed to get out to some pretty awesome places. We rode Rist Canyon through Stove Prairie up to The Mishawaka for dinner out on their deck over the water; it’s a must. Sunset above the canyon and Cache la Poudre River is incredibly beautiful. The Poudre Canyon out to Estes Park was also an awesome experience. My mom’s face when she got

off of her rented Indian was like a kid on Christmas; it was the best gift I could’ve given her. She said it was the best ride she’s been on in her life.

Overall, it was an incredible experience that we’ll never forget. I think everyone could use some throttle therapy this year. There are so many beautiful places to go see, and doing so by motorcycle makes them all the more enjoyable. Whether you’re able to fly or road-trip, this is your sign that you need to pick a spot on the map and find a bike to ride for when you get there. You won’t regret it.

As mentioned before, the motorcycle community has brought some really amazing people into my life. If you’d like to connect, follow me on Instagram, @_aaaves!

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Harley-Davidson’s Most Powerful Crate Engine Now Available for Softails

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

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

Back in early 2020, Harley-Davidson announced the introduction of the Screamin’ Eagle 131, a V-Twin described as “the biggest, most powerful street-compliant engine Harley-Davidson has ever created.”

At a time of its introduction, the engine was advertised as being made specifically for Touring bikes manufactured starting with 2017. Now the Milwaukee bike maker announced the powerplant should work just as good and is available on

select Softail models.

More specifically, the bolt-in 131 is the perfect replacement for the Milwaukee-Eight engine fitted from the factory on 2018-later model Harley-Davidson Softail motorcycles.

“Our adrenaline-seeking riders asked for thrilling power and torque with reliability,” said in a statement Harley-Davidson Product Manager James Crean. “The Screamin’ Eagle 131 Crate Engine delivers exactly that. Developed by the Screamin’ Eagle performance team and factory-assembled at Harley-Davidson Powertrain Operations to ensure the highest quality standards, this high-perfor-

mance engine is genuine Harley-Davidson.”

When the engine was introduced, Harley advertised an output of 121 hp and 131 ft-lb of torque at the rear wheel when paired with Screamin’ Eagle Street Cannon mufflers, but in the Softail configuration we’re told the powerplant would churn out 124 hp and 135 ft-lb of torque, also when combined with Street Cannon mufflers.

The numbers were achieved by matching the 4.5-inch stroke of the Milwaukee-Eight 114 engine with new 4.31-inch bore cylinders and fitting high-lift camshaft, high-performance cam bearing, high-

compression forged pistons, a 64mm throttle body and intake manifold, and high-flow fuel injectors.

Harley offers the engine through authorized dealers and comes in two finish treatments, Black and Chrome or Black and Gloss Black. Making sure everyone know what V-Twin your bike is packing is 131 Stage IV badging on the cylinder heads and timer cover.

Harley sells the crate engine from \$6,195 for the oil cooled variant and \$6,395 for the Twin-cooled one. Depending on the bike it is intended for, there might be need for a new oil pump or clutch plate kit.

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Motorcycle repairmen mould scrap into fine art

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

by Pann Rethea from <https://www.phnompenhpost.com>

At a small motorcycle repair shop about a half-hour drive outside of Phnom Penh on National Road 1, passersby can't help but stop and take a look at what's for sale.

But it's not motorbike parts they're interested in, it's the works of metal art formed by fusing scraps and old tools.

Metal creatures made from bike chains, spokes and discarded shocks beckon people over to take a selfie and chat with the artists, low-income repairmen who turned to artwork after their wages took a hit due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"During the pandemic, many people have been facing financial problems, especially blue-collar workers," 36-year-old Kang Sothea, the founder of the small collection of repairmen-artists, tells The Post.

"The team of motorcycle repairmen whom I've supplied motorcycle engine oil to are losing their income. Less people come for engine oil changes, so they can no longer afford to stock the products I'm selling."

Because the repairmen have fewer jobs to fill, they often have time to chat about their mundane lives and crack jokes to cheer themselves up during hard times.

It was during one of these laidback chats that Sothea noticed a pile of discarded motorbike parts which the repairmen intended to sell to a junk collector for petty cash.

Sothea says: "I often noticed them stockpiling old rusty parts of motorcycles in the back of their workshop. The chain, sprocket-wheel, suspension, steel mudguards, nuts and screws sparked an idea [in me] to turn them into something interesting that can be sold.

Seeing different old parts of motorcycles triggered my imagination. I could see them turning into metal animals for decoration."

Having worked in engine oil distribution for three years, Sothea has become close to repairmen in different places.

These strong friendships paved the way for serious discussions to make the dream art project happen and there was a hope that it could generate additional income.

"After we met and talked about this project many times, we all brainstormed about what kind of artwork could be formed by using these old motorcycle parts and rusty tools," Sothea says.

In June, the junk artists officially formed their team under the name 'Silapak Daek OMA'.

othea says: "We now have eight members who are all motorcycle repairmen from three shop locations. Some of them are located in Kien Svay district, Kandal province, on National Road 1, some in Kandal's Lvea Em district and some are near Kuor Srov Roundabout in Dangkor district of Phnom Penh."

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Motorcycle repairmen mould scrap into fine art (continued)

Sothea admits their artwork has some flaws as the team starts to build its technical art knowledge.

“When we first tried to make a small metal scorpion from the motorcycle chain, it took us the whole day to get the right shape we were satisfied with,” he says.

Um Seiha is one of the more active members of Silapak Daek OMA.

“I was very excited to pick up something new. We’re all raw and blank pages in art, but we work in solidarity. We are good teammates, and we learn from each other.

“Every week, we come to learn from each other about how to improve our metal scrap artworks, then we’ll decide what animal or thing we should make,” he says.

So far they have created metal tarantulas,

scorpions, spiders, centipedes, dragonflies, dragons, grasshoppers, mosquitoes and king prawns. Four of their pieces were purchased and now resided in restaurants and coffee shops.

Sothea says: “When people purchase our artwork, we feel really rewarded. It’s a sign of appreciation and acknowledgment that we can grow our hobby into a skill. We keep learning and taking inspiration. We ask the experts and do online research.”

Curious onlookers who stop to observe their work motivates the group to keep moving forward.

“Despite the challenge as self-taught artists who learn from practice and continuous experience, our team spirit is still going strong. None of us has ever attended an art class. We try to learn from YouTube and Google for basic techniques. Without the help of an art instruc-

tor, our work is entirely based on our imagination and raw skills,” Sothea says.

After we finished welding a few metal animals, we displayed them outside the repair shop. There have been people coming to look and give us compliments. People we don’t know pass by and their attention is caught by our artwork. They said they really like the artwork and this encourages us to strive even further.”

After three months of endless trial and error, the team can now create pieces faster, and they’re already planning bigger projects.

Sothea says: “While we are able to create many kinds of metal animals from scraps, we’re also planning to build a bigger-sized robot and Iron Man.

“We’re studying a little more about the complex body ratio of the big structure. This time, we will also seek advice from

a professional artist. We will consult with more experts to make the body and face of Iron Man look realistic.”

Sothea is also in talks with some business venues, shops, hotels and resorts which may be interested in his work.

“Some people express their interest to buy metal artwork for decoration. Some resorts might need the whole collection to display so that they can attract more visitors,” he says.

Besides selling his artworks to help the livelihood of his team, Sothea is also hoping his work can be displayed at public places for educational purposes.

“For instance, I’m dreaming of putting metal mosquitoes in Wat Botum park. Silapak OMA can help alert people about the dangers of mosquito-borne diseases, especially during rainy season,” he says.

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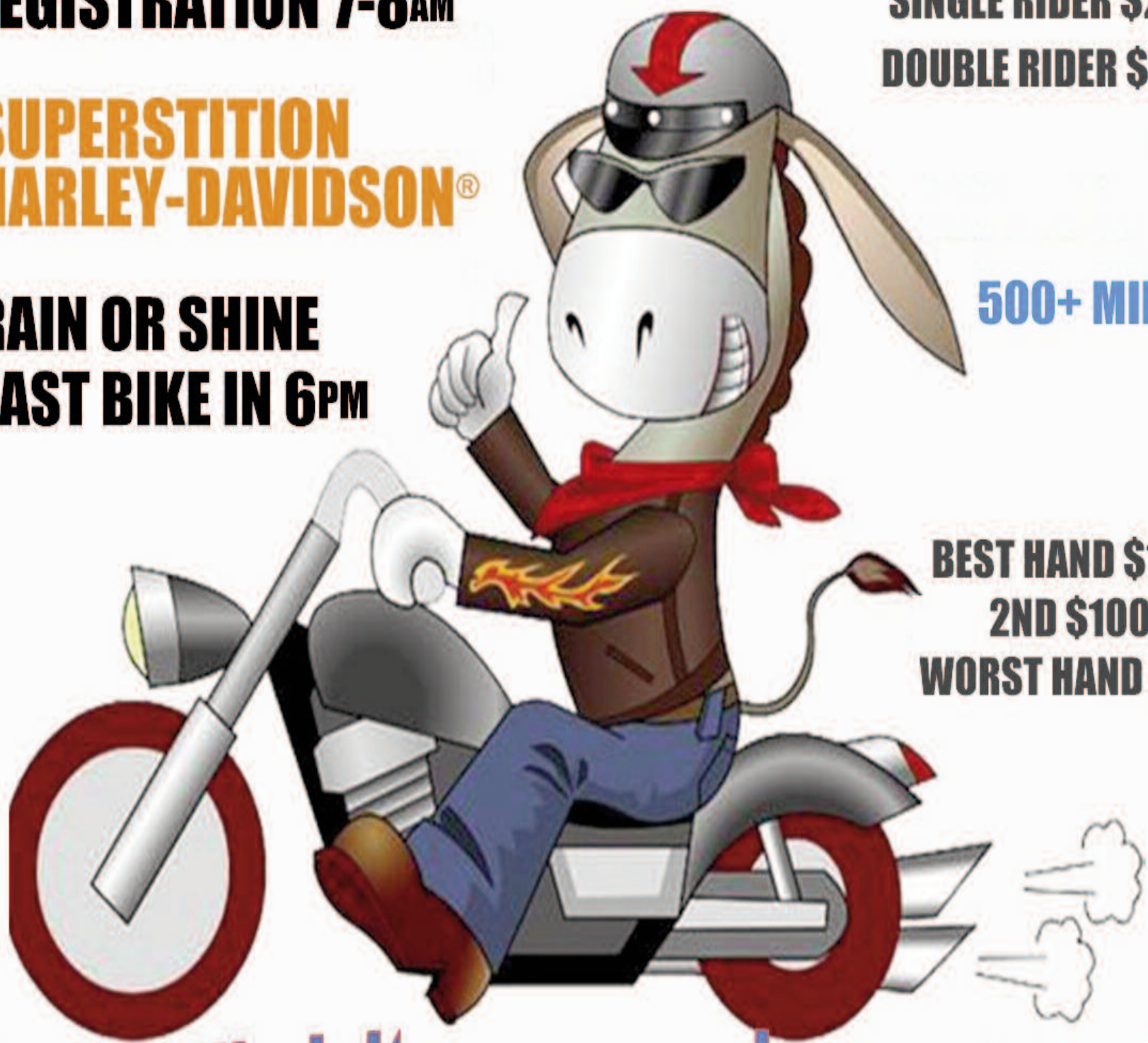
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