

A publication supporting the rights, safety and freedom of all motorcyclists through education and legislation

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!



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Mike Infanzon
 Legislative Director

Let the games begin!

The Arizona 55th Legislature First Regular Session has officially begun! There is so much to do this session since last session was cut short by the COVID shutdown. A few months ago, I shared the legislative goals and agenda for our organization that was based upon membership's responses to the Legislative Issue Survey.

Here is how it turned into actual bills:

LANE FILTERING: Only to be permitted on surface streets and when traffic is at a stop. Purpose is to reduce rear end collisions.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUND: Thank

you to Rep. Bolick for being the Prime sponsor on this again. This extends the fund for 5 years.

CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS; COMMUNITY SERVICE: Rep. Biasiucci will be running this bill again. If a "monetary obligation" (defined) is imposed on a person at sentencing, the court is authorized to order the person to perform community restitution in lieu of the payment of the monetary obligation.

VEHICLE LOADS, COVERINGS: Making it mandatory to cover loads on ALL roads and highways.

CAUSING SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY BY USE OF A VEHICLE (KONG'S LAW): Changing applicatory factors from all to ANY. **UNENDORSED RIDERS; PENALTIES:** Adds an additional \$250 fine if riding a motorcycle without an endorsement which would be deposited into the Motorcycle Safety Fund account.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS QUESTIONS ON A CLASS D DRIVERS EXAM: Adding the requirement to have a certain number of motorcycle awareness questions on a Class D drivers' exam.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS; TRAFFIC SCHOOLS CURRICULUM: Adding a motorcycle awareness module in the required curriculum in state approved traffic schools.

FUEL TAX USAGE FOR ROAD REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS ONLY: Would make a percentage of the state fuel tax to be designate and not able to be swept to be used for intended purpose of road repairs and improvements. Having a sunset clause is acceptable.

TORT REFORM: Contributory negligence changes when no statute or ordinance was violated.

I am sure that all of these bills will NOT be introduced during this session, but now you know what we will be working towards.

I also want to let the membership know that Will Cleveland, PAC Officer for our Southern Arizona chapter, has stepped up to not only be an authorized lobbyist for ABATE but also as the State PAC officer. Will has been doing the job for awhile now and we made it official. Will's focus is going to be on the local municipal level in the Tucson area. So make sure you welcome him aboard the next time you see him.

Your lobbyists are working hard for you on the Federal level also. I've been preparing for the new Congress by taking meetings with Congressional staffers to prepare to get our agenda through on the Hill. Hopefully Will and I will be able to make it to DC this year for Bikers inside the Beltway again.

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

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

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

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P.O. Box 54041
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Coordinator.....Nolan Steed
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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

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6888 N De Chelly Loop
 Tucson, AZ 85741

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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

Yavapai Chapter

465 E Liana Dr.
 Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Coordinators.....Dan Tumey
 Vice Coordinator.....Vacant
 Secretary.....Andrew AJ Killian
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 Membership.....Suni Sommers
 Events Coordinator.....Dan Tumey
 Safety Coordinator.....Andrew "AJ" Killian
 Sgt. At Arms.....Vacant
 P.A.C.....Vacant
 Communications.....Andrew "AJ" Killian
 Merchandise.....Vacant

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.....Gilbert Hernandez
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 Treasurer.....Lisala White
 Membership.....Frank White
 Events Coordinator.....Vacant
 Safety Coordinator.....Vacant
 Sgt. At Arms.....Vacant
 P.A.C.....Vacant
 Communications.....Vacant
 Merchandise.....Vacant

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

Mohave Chapter

1451 E. Ruby Trail
 Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

Coordinator.....Tom "Papa Smurf" Ayt
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 Secretary.....Cynde Ayt
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 Membership.....Cynde Ayt
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Emmette "ET" Tucker
 Events Coordinator.....Shirley "Moonshine" Bizub
 P.A.C.....Dennis Lange
 Communications Officer.....Vacant
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 Merchandise Coordinator.....Shirley "Moonshine" Bizub

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

Superstition Chapter

Coordinator.....Marc Schultz
 Vice Coordinator.....Reg Vallelunga
 Secretary.....Becky Pennington
 Treasurer.....Leslie Weinel
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Clayton Crull
 Membership Coordinator.....Becky Pennington
 Events Coordinator.....Duane "Disco" Tone
 PAC.....Brian Schmidt
 Communications Officer.....Brina Brown
 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

January 8, 2021 - New Administration Names Transportation Secretary

Biden Picks Transportation Secretary

Last month President-elect Joe Biden selected former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, a onetime Democratic primary rival, to lead the Transportation Department.

Mr. Buttigieg dropped out of the race in March and endorsed Mr. Biden along with other moderate Democrats. Leading the Transportation Department, Mr. Buttigieg is expected to play a prominent role in the incoming Biden administration's push to rebuild the nation's

roads and bridges.

Mr. Biden campaigned on a \$2 trillion plan to rebuild the nation's infrastructure, much of it related to transportation. Mr. Buttigieg would take over a department whose most critical functions are setting transportation regulations and distributing vast sums of money, mostly to states to fund their respective highway, road and transit systems. If confirmed by the Senate, he will begin his tenure, as pressure mounts for the Biden administration and Congress to reach a deal on paying for infrastructure spending. Congress faces a September deadline to reauthorize federal funding for highways, transit, rail, and safety programs. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle point to infrastructure spending as a way to stimulate the coronavirus-ravaged economy.

House of Representatives Fails to Pass

Profiling Resolution

On January 3rd the 117th Congress was sworn in and all bills and resolutions not agreed to from 2019-2020 must be reintroduced. The MRF is disappointed that, despite over 130 bipartisan cosponsors, House leadership failed to bring this the motorcyclist profiling resolution, H. Res. 255, to the floor for a vote.

The issue of motorcyclist profiling continues to gain traction on Capitol Hill and the growth in cosponsors over the last 5-years is a testament to the work of individual MRF members and state motorcycle rights organizations. The first version of the resolution introduced during the 114th Congress had only 18 cosponsors. Two years later the version before the 115th Congress had 37 cosponsors while this version had 139 cosponsors. Additionally, the Highway Reauthorization bill that passed the House

in July of 2020 included language that focused on motorcyclists profiling.

Despite this setback our champions on Capitol Hill remain in the fight. The leadership of the House Motorcycle Caucus has already reach out to the MRF about plans to reintroduce the profiling resolution in early 2021. The MRF remains committed to seeing the House of Representatives do what the Senate did in 2018, go on the record about the need to end motorcyclists profiling!

The Masterlink is digital.

It is posted monthly on the ABATE website - www.abateofaz.org.

Mission Statement

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

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

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

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President's Report



By Shirley Bizub

Hello everyone, I hope you all are well and taking care of yourselves. I would like to send my condolences to every

everyone who has lost a brother or sister / family or friends through this pandemic. Stay strong we are all family here in ABATE or I would like to think we are.

I'd like to send my gratitude to Woody; thank you for all the years you have volunteered for ABATE of AZ. Wow!! He really has held us together many times and that is not an easy job. Thank you so much.

The State Officers have two positions needing to be filled A.S.A.P.; State Merchandise officer and State Sergeant at Arms. We also are looking for people who would like to be an understudy to the officers if you're thinking about becoming a State Officer. You can work side by side with us and see if this is a position you might like to run for in the next election (November 2021). This way you don't have to worry if you can do it or not check it out first and see. We will make sure you

have the tools you need to succeed or at least know where to look to find them.

I feel our officer training went for the most part pretty good. I can honestly say it was not your normal training but then again 2020 wasn't a normal year. It was really good to see so many people come out for the training. There were doughnuts and coffee to warm up those who rode to Phoenix. Thank you those who used ZOOM to attend. I still have a lot to learn about the use of it, but I have faith I can do it. I think this might be something each Chapter might want to think about using for their Chapter meetings might get some increased attendance; couldn't hurt trying. Mark the date APRIL 12, 2021, Motorcycle Day at the Dome. We would like to see an increase in participation numbers this year; for being heard and Photos. So, let's fill the street in front of the Capital with Motorcycles! There is power in numbers and being united fight-

ing for our rights as Motorcyclists in the State of Arizona.

Thank you again everyone for all you do whether it is at chapter level, state level or helping out where you are needed. Everyone of you helps keep us going. Until next month that's it for now. Watch for those who are not watching for you. Keep the rubber side down.

Much Love & respect,
Moon Shine

Let the games begin! (continued)

Make sure you join the MRF to keep supporting our DC lobbying efforts. Here are the Federal legislative priorities:

Profiling: Continue pursuit of the House anti-profiling resolution mirroring the Senate version that passed unanimously. Build momentum for inclusion of anti-profiling language in other legislation.

Renewable Fuels: Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Autonomous Vehicles: Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations

related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

Emission Regulations: Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.

Definition of a Motorcycle: Educate policymakers and advocate for change to current definition, that better reflects the current two- and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.

Crash Avoidance: Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to

focus on crash prevention and rider education.

Helmet Laws: Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards.

Black Box: Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to opt-out of having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway

Bill): Advocate and pursue legislative efforts that impact motorcyclists in the Highway Bill, now set to expire in 2021.

ABATE of Arizona is the ONLY State Motorcycle Rights Organization advocating for motorcyclists all the way from our nation's Capital to your City Council and everywhere in between.

Be good to one another!

Mike



California MDV autonomous vehicle deployment

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -

The state Department of Motor Vehicles has issued the state's first autonomous vehicle deployment permit to Nuro Inc., allowing the company to charge a fee and receive compensation for its driverless delivery service.

The AMA objects to the deployment of

autonomous vehicles on roadways unless they can adequately detect and appropriately react to motorcycles in their immediate vicinity. Unlike an autonomous testing permit, which limits the compensation that a manufacturer can receive from the public while validating the technology on public roads, a deployment permit authorizes a company to make its autonomous technology commercially available out-

side a testing program.

The deployment permit grants Nuro permission to use a fleet of light-duty driverless vehicles for a commercial delivery service on surface streets within designated parts of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, which includes the cities of Atherton, East Palo Alto, Los Altos Hills, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Mountain View,

Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and Woodside. The vehicles have a maximum speed of 25 mph and are only approved to operate in fair weather conditions on streets with a speed limit of no more than 35 mph. Nuro has had state authority to test autonomous vehicles on public roads with a safety driver since 2017 and received a driverless testing permit in April 2020.

Chapter Reports

High Country Chapter

NO REPORT.

Mohave Chapter

Greetings to all. After 2020 was not the best of years, I was hoping that 2021 would be better, so far it is not looking promising. I guess all we can do is hope for the best and wait to see what happens.

On December 19 th. the Mohave Chapter had 2 events. During the day we participated in Wreaths Across America at the Seligman Cemetery in Seligman, AZ. We participated along with BUMA (Brotherhood United Motorcycle

Association), VFW in Golden Valley, Seligman Fire Department as well as other people from Seligman. In the evening we had our chapter Christmas party at the VFW in Golden Valley. A pot luck dinner, white elephant gift exchange and numerous games, a good time was had by all.

Today is January 9 th. and on completion of this report there is officer training and a BOD meeting.

Both can be attended either in person, via ZOOM or the BOD by phone.

Until next time stay safe and ride safe.

Tom Aydt

Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

NO REPORT.

Superstition Chapter

NO REPORT.

Southern Arizona Chapter

Well we made it through another year.

Hope to make this a better one.

We are working on a benefit in February for one of our members that is in the hospital on a respirator due to covid, also in May a Motorcycle Awareness rally.

Stay safe ride free

Anissa Huntington

Southern Arizona chapter coordinator

Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

NEW ABATE OF ARIZONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN

Greetings fellow freedom fighters,

Many of you already know me, but I want to introduce myself to those who are either new to ABATE of Arizona, or don't yet know me.

My name is Mary K. Donnay. People call me "MK" or Mary K. I am a life member of ABATE of Arizona, Inc. and the Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter Board of Directors Rep. and Chairman. I joined in 1997, when I was invited to attend an East Valley Chapter meeting by Redbone, one of our infamous charter members. East Valley has since merged with Superstition Chapter.

I've held various chapter positions, including membership officer, secretary, P.A.C., and Vice Coordinator. I was your State Secretary for 4 years, State President for 2 years, Budget Committee for a year and on the Too Broke For Sturgis planning committee for 19 years.

Boy, how times flies when you're having fun!

I'm a member of Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and American Motorcyclist Assoc. (AMA) and have attended about a dozen MRF Meeting of the Minds national motorcycle rights conferences, all Motorcycle Day at the Dome events, and am legislatively active with my state and federal legislators on motorcycle rights issues, as well as other issues.

A big "Thank You" to Woody Phillips for his time, dedication and professionalism as Chairman for the last four years. He and a few others encouraged me to take on the task as B.O.D. Chairman. I am grateful for their confidence and support, and will do my best to fulfill my duties effectively and fairly.

The B.O.D. is in charge of long-term goals of our organization, and meets quar-

terly. While State Officers are in charge of day-to-day business, and meet monthly. The BOD ensures the longevity, prosperity and fulfillment of our mission statement. We also appoint the State Treasurer and Designated Lobbyist. I will write articles to keep you up-to-date of B.O.D. activity.

Each chapter has a B.O.D. Rep., and together we consider our chapter members input to establish the Lobbyists and B.O.D. goals, make plans of action and monitor progress to ensure success. ABATE of AZ only exists with the participation of its' members and officers. Please attend meetings and contribute to the conversations, your voice matters.

Attending ABATE events ensures financial stability and continuation of the organization. If you are a life member, please consider becoming a "sustaining member". We also need to grow our membership, so carry a membership

application and "make the ask" for fellow riders, family, friends and businesses to JOIN ABATE. You can always gift a membership too. Make a goal, GET ONE NEW MEMBER this year.

I currently ride a 2006 H-D Road Glide, Fire Red Pearl. I hope to make it around to the chapters and many events, but weekday meetings will be a challenge because I work M-F, as a self-employed mobile dog groomer.

If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at chairman@abateofaz.us

Respectfully,
Mary K. "MK" Donnay
ABATE of Arizona, Inc.
Phoenix-Shadow Mountain B.O.D. Rep. & Chairman



Coast to Coast

*NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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(NCOM)*

NEW YEAR, OLD BUSINESS
With the new 117th Congress now in session, and the Biden Administration proposing a \$2 trillion transportation and infrastructure plan to reauthorize federal funding for highways, vehicle safety and public transit, before the September deadline, motorcyclists are once again tasked with including motorcycle-friendly provisions in the new highway bill.

Last session's Moving Forward Act (H.R.2), included provision to: Increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25% (to \$5.8 million); Extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints, and also prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; Require the DOT to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and include a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; Extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers; and added an amendment during a floor vote in the House to provide federal monies to collect state profiling data regarding traffic stops based on "mode of transporta-

tion." Failing to pass, like all other failed bills, the massive transportation measure will need to be dealt with all over again in the coming months, so contact your Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators to include these much-needed provisions in the newly introduced legislation by calling the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Likewise, despite having gained over 130 bipartisan cosponsors, H. Res. 255, to address the issue of anti-biker profiling on a national level, failed due to House inaction and will need to be reintroduced and re-addressed this two-year session. Once again, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the Confederations of Clubs are calling on all motorcyclists nationwide, from patch holders to independents, to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of an anti-profiling measure in the House, similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate on December 11, 2018.

As defined by the nonbinding S.Res.154, "motorcycle profiling" means "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

EPA ANNOUNCES E15 GAS PUMP LABELING
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a "Notice of Public Rulemaking" regarding labels on E15 fuel dispensers, proposing two potential changes to the current fuel pump labels, neither of which is amenable to motorcyclists or owners of small-engine equipment which can be harmed by high alcohol content gasoline.

The EPA's first proposal involves modifying current labeling to remove all warnings and prohibitions about E15 (15% ethanol blended fuel) use in susceptible engines, and their second is complete removal of the label from dispensing pumps.

Consumers' concerns are that motorcycles and ATVs are not approved for its use, nor are most small air-cooled engines, and using incorrect hotter-burning fuel could cause premature wear, engine damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

2021 RINGS IN NEW BILLS NATION-WIDE
Working around COVID-19 restrictions and regulations across the country, bikers' rights activists are pursuing motorcycle-friendly legislation; such as in Missouri where, fresh off their helmet law repeal victory last year, they are now pushing for House Bill 490 to allow "that a motorcycle or motortricycle may be operated

on the shoulder of a roadway under certain circumstances." In similar fashion, other states are or have been lobbying for various forms of "lane-splitting" laws to allow motorcycles to travel in-between lanes of slow moving traffic, such as in Montana where riders are advocating for Senate Bill 9 to allow "motorcycle filtering," or Oregon's Senate Bill 574 "Relating to vehicle filtering in traffic slowdowns" to "allow operators of motorcycles to travel between lanes of traffic under certain conditions," or in Washington where House Bill 1106 would "Modify the operation of motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic" by allowing riders to "overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken."

In Pennsylvania, concerned riders are pushing to include new motorcycles in the state's Automobile Lemon Law (House Bill 69), which unlike most states are currently not covered by the same consumer protections as cars and other vehicles.

Concerns about conspicuity, or being seen in traffic, as well as aesthetics, have prompted motorcyclists in several states to modify their auxiliary lighting laws to allow colors other than red or amber; such as Virginia's Senate Bill 1347 which

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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

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- 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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“Authorizes the use of any color auxiliary lighting, other than blue, on motorcycles and autocycles,” or New Hampshire’s House Bill 461 “relative to motorcycle auxiliary lighting, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists’ Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission.”

Four separate states (WA, MD, LA & UT) have taken action to pass anti-profiling laws to restrict law enforcement from discriminatorily profiling bikers for traffic stops and investigative measures, and New York hopes to join those ranks with A1747 to “Require the municipal police training council to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training.”

Considering the many legal and legislative successes for motorcyclists’ rights in 2020, contending with the worst viral plague in our lifetimes, 2021 portends even greater potential!

EURO5 AXE COMES DOWN ON MANY MOTORCYCLE MODELS
They say the New Year means “out with the old and in with the new,” and as we look forward to a raft of new machinery in the coming months, the introduction of new Euro5 emissions regulations means the axe is coming down on a number of older models of motorcycles.

From January 1st, new bikes sold in the EU and UK have to comply with Euro5, which is why many new models have been upgraded for 2021, but it also means some models have been “killed off” as it was either not possible or not viable to make them compatible.

So, as we herald in a New Year, we take a moment to reflect on those we’ve lost, or are about to lose, as VisorDown.com tolls the bell for those that didn’t make the regulatory cut:

Honda has furiously updated to Euro5 specs, but their aging V4 models, the VFR800F, Crossrunner and 1200 Crosstourer won’t be updated to Euro5, partly due to expense but also to lack of sales. There’s also a big question mark against the CB1100RS and CB1100EX retro roadsters, which again, are small sellers, and their air-cooled design makes

any update difficult.

Despite a similar flurry of Euro5-driven model updates, Yamaha also sees some notable casualties, such as the R6 Supersport, FJR1300 sports-tourer, the XT1200Z Super Tenere, XV950R cruiser and scrambler-style SCR950, running engines dating back over a decade means it’s not viable to update them, although some may live on in non-EU markets.

Suzuki’s VStrom 250 and GSX250R are set to be dropped, but their new Hayabusa hyper-bike has been given an update to allow it to scrape by Euro5 eligibility for a stay of execution. Vulnerable Kawasaki models include the Ninja ZX-6R and Ninja 400, ZZR1400, plus their W800 retro, Z1000 R naked and its small-selling J300 and J125 scooters.

BMW’s C650 super scooters will fall by the wayside, though updates to their aging ‘pre-LC’ engine uses in their R nineT means the popular roadsters will ride on. Ducati’s new V4 Multistrada sees the end of the old 1260 V-twins, although the 950 and 1260 Enduro live on...for now.

Triumph’s line-up is already Euro5 compliant, but there remains a question mark around its popular, but slightly aging Speed Triple 1050 and Tiger Sport 1050, and rumors suggest a new version of both will appear in 2021 sporting a new 1160cc engine.

Legendary U.S. motorcycle-maker Harley-Davidson’s UK/EU model line-up will exclude its entry-level Street 750 plus the entire 883/1200 Sportster family.

As a significant caveat to all this, while non-Euro5 bikes will no longer be made, an agreement called ‘end of series’ rules gives manufacturers up to two years to clear unsold stock.

RECORD GROWTH FOR MOTORCYCLES IN INDIA
India is, in fact, the largest motorcycle market in the world, relying on motorcycles as a staple means of transportation for decades. So, it’s important to recognize, especially amidst a global pandemic, that December registered record growth for motorcycles in India with

double digit growth for nearly all major manufacturers.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, leaving many of the country’s 1.353 billion population unemployed, and the recent implementation of the BS6 standard resulting in increased pricing, the motorcycle industry in India has posted incredible growth in the closing month of 2020.

For starters, according to RideApart.com, Yamaha posted 33% year-on-year growth last month, selling 39,224 motorcycles in December alone. When compared with other markets, Yamaha India sells as many motorcycles in a month as would be sold in a year. The same can be said for homegrown manufacturer, Royal Enfield, taking the global market by storm, posting tremendous 35% growth in December by way of selling 65,492 new units. Indian motorcycle company TVS also posted 13% year-on-year growth amid all the challenges 2020 threw on the table, boasting an impressive 258,000 two-wheelers sold.

Speaking of this year, nearly all motorcycle manufacturers in India have stepped up their game for the 2021 model year, meaning we can expect the motorcycle industry in the country to get even stronger.

ENGLAND ENTERS NEW CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN, IMPACTING BIKING

The U.K. is yet again inflicting another full lockdown, due to the deadly China Virus spread, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson initiating tough new stay-at-home orders for at least seven weeks until at least mid-February.

Those looking to their motorcycle as an escape route to deal with implications of the pandemic could put them in violation of COVID-19 guidelines and risk being fined. The U.K has moved into Tier 5, the highest level of COVID-19 alert the nation has seen, and with that you may now only leave the house if you have a “reasonable excuse,” written into law and the police can fine those in breach for the first offense of £200 (\$273.19USD), doubling up for further offenses up to a maximum of £6,400 (\$8,742.18).

England and Northern Ireland have joined Scotland, Wales and Ireland in implementing the toughest travel restrictions since the original lockdown last March, meaning that in all four Home Nations you can only ride a motorcycle as transport under certain circumstances, and being caught riding not as part of an ‘essential journey’ could levy a hefty fine.

As in previous shutdowns, certain essential businesses will be allowed to stay open, and while that list includes vehicle repair and MOT (Ministry of Transport) testing services, motorcycle training and test centers are not included and all types of vehicle driving tests are suspended.

This latest lockdown has also seen all motorcycle related activities stopped immediately including track days, trials and endures.

NORWAY PLANS TO STOP ALL NEW COMBUSTION VEHICLE SALES BY 2025

Norway’s national government intends to drastically cut its greenhouse gas emissions in half by the year 2030, aiming to become a zero-emission country by 2050, so by 2025 the current plan is to completely do away with the sale of all new combustion vehicles (including motorcycles).

By way of ratcheting up public incentives for EVs (Electric Vehicles) in reducing taxes, tolls, parking and ferry fees; battery electric vehicles have already outsold piston-powered cars, making up 54% of total car sales overall in Norway.

"In Norway, we tax what we don't want and we promote what we want, and the consumer has, in this way, actually the opportunity to make the right choice," Norsk elbilforening secretary-general Christina Bu told the Huffington Post.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “The successful revolutionary is a statesman, the unsuccessful one a criminal.”
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High Country Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at The Moose Lodge in Star Valley. Contact: chicknbone@live.com or 928-970-1134

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

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

Yavapai Chapter

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

Yuma Chapter

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

Mohave Chapter

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

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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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3 activism tips that could also be useful on Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is as good an occasion as any to show loved ones just how you feel.

Maybe this year, you've chosen to put your message on candy hearts, in the form of a playlist or on a handmade card.

Or maybe, like many are this time of year, you're a little stumped about how to get your message across.

If so, the good news is — because you're an activist — you already have the know-

how to connect with people and effectively share your ideas. This is especially true if you've been applying the Activist 101 principles for the past year or so. Messaging is a quintessential part of being an activist. These articles have been taking a deep dive into crafting effective, potent messages and how to deliver them.

But if you haven't yet had a chance to follow the articles, fear not. Here are some quick messaging tips that you can use on Valentine's Day — and when advocating causes you believe in:

Understand other people's world views, as well as your own.

Do you know why you have the views you have? Are they based on culture?

Society? Values? We craft and communicate our messages through these lenses, even if subconsciously. And other people receive messages through their own lenses.

Understanding where people are coming from can help you create a more personalized message.

Be genuine

This may seem like a given, but often we try to jazz up our messages so much that they are no longer relatable. It's safe to assume the person you're trying to get a message to prefers honesty and authenticity over jargon.

Narratives are powerful

You can make a message even more effective by adding your own personal touches. Sharing your own stories when crafting a message for someone else can make it even more meaningful. The recipient of the message is more likely to engage. Your story is worth telling.

As activists, we wouldn't be able to make an impact in policy without crafting smart, meaningful messages. But these skills are also useful when communicating in general.

There's always more to learn about being an activist. For more tips and advice, follow this column.

Happy Valentine's Day!

HOW TO OBTAIN BILL INFORMATION

When seeking detailed information on any legislative bill, the first thing to do is to access the legislature's main bill information page. This is done by clicking on the bill number (if it is a hyperlink) or by going to the main page of www.AZLEG.gov and entering the bill number where indicated. The page that appears contains 6 menu items as follows:

Overview: Lots of information here, but generally we are only interested on how the votes went, by clicking on "Standing

Details" for standing committee votes, or "Show THIRD" for third reading or final votes.

Bill Status: A more detailed way of finding out how the votes went and how members voted. It also includes every step that the bill has gone through. Note that this is specific to House or Senate action. One must choose which.

Videos: All hearings are videotaped. Here is where we access the videos. Most are extremely boring, but some are quite live-

ly.

Sponsor/Keyword/Sections: Most useful info here is the list of sponsors/supporters. The rest of the info is seldom used by us citizens.

RTS Current Bill Positions: List of individuals and/or organizations that expressed a vote via the Request to Speak System. This is very useful in determining who is in favor of or against the bill. Also useful as a tool to see how we are doing as against the opposition.

Documents: Includes the full text of all the bill versions and all the summaries. Sometimes bills are amended substantially along the way, leading to an end product quite different from the original. For this reason, it is usually best to pay more attention to the latest versions of both the bill text and/or the summary.

Have fun!

HOW TO USE RTS (REQUEST TO SPEAK)

Using Request to Speak (RTS) AZ Legislature Information System (ALIS)

For those legislators who listen to citizen input, a major source of information is the testimony rendered at committee hearings, both in person and remotely. The following are instructions on how to provide opinions at committee hearings without being there physically.

NOTE: Testimony at hearings can only be done for bills that are scheduled for standing committee hearings (e.g. appropriations, education, etc.). For all bills, scheduled for hearings or not, one may provide citizen opinions via other methods, like e-mail, telephone, etc.

First, one must register. This has to be done at the Phoenix capitol or the Tucson legislature office, using one of the various

terminals available. Individuals can register other individuals. All that is needed is an e-mail address and a name. Once registered, one may log in as often as desired, using one's home computer. To do so, this is the procedure to follow:

1. At your home computer, go to <https://apps.azleg.gov/Account/SignOn>
2. Sign on using the e-mail address and

password you used when you registered at the capitol.

3. Choose "Request to Speak"
4. Choose "New Request" from the Request to Speak menu found on the left-hand side of page.

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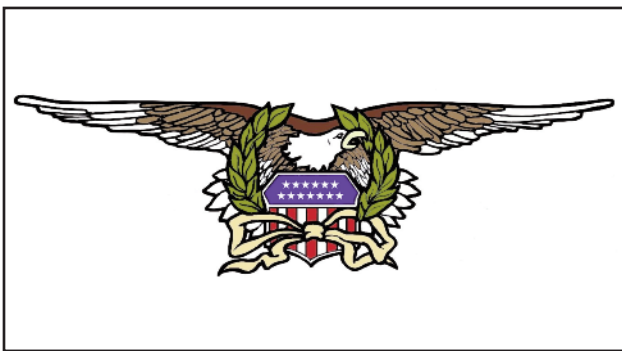
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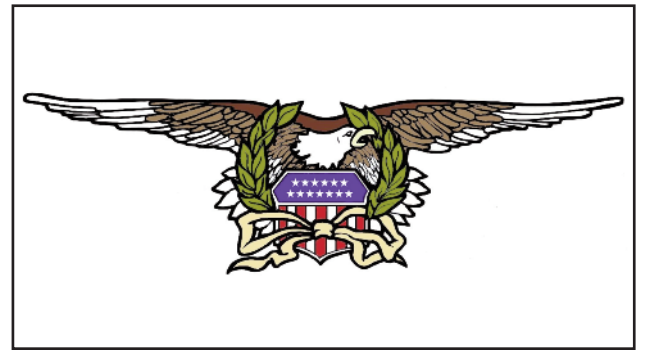
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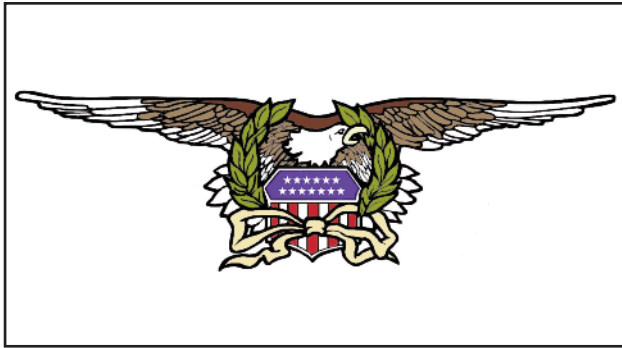
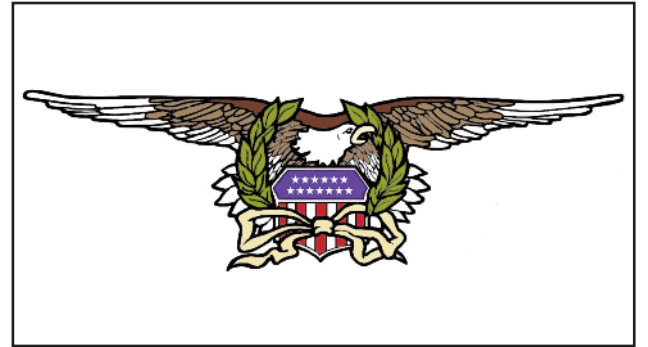
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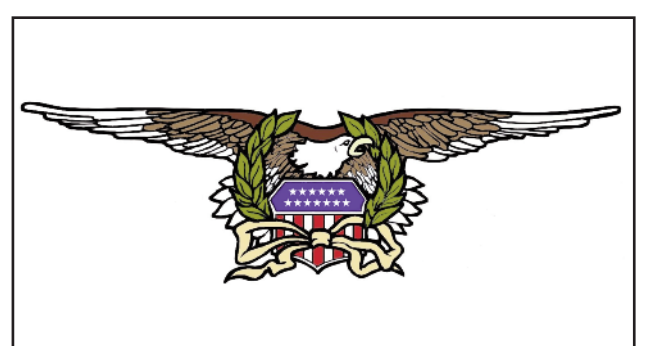
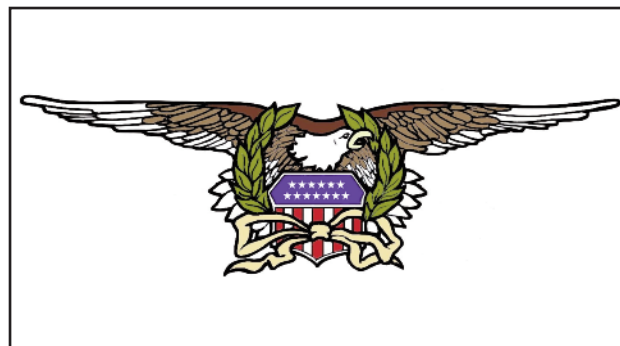
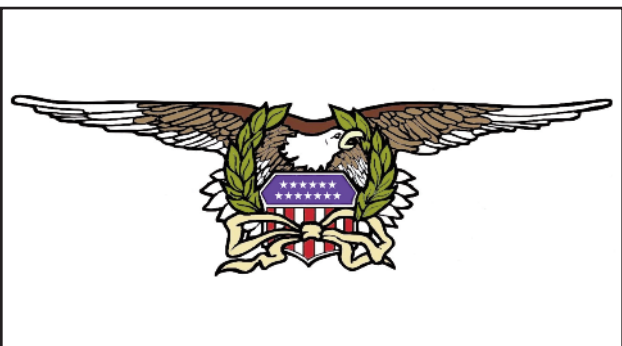
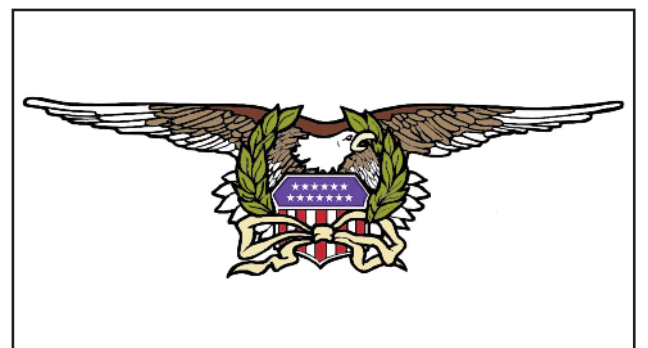
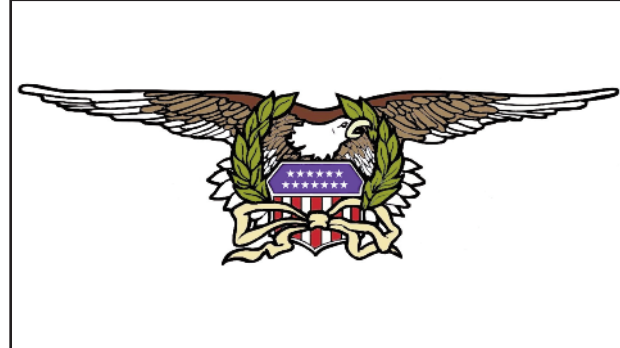
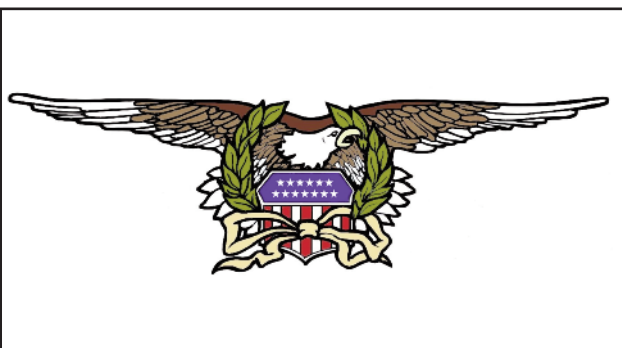
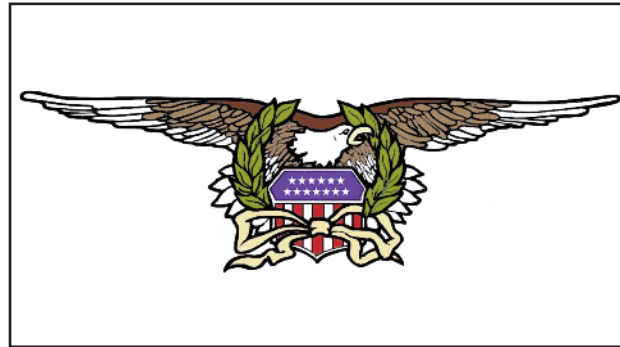
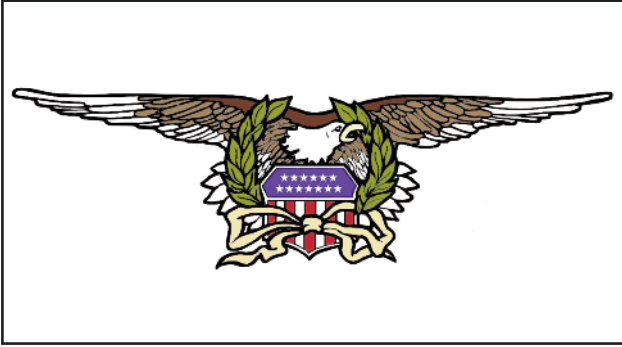
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HOW TO USE RTS (REQUEST TO SPEAK) (continued)

5. You now have several options as to how to choose a bill on which to render your opinion, but the easiest and fastest way to go is to enter the bill number at "Search Phrase", then click on the "search" button.

6. The search results page comes up

7. At the bottom right, click on "Add Request"

8. Choose your position from the three provided: For, Neutral, or Against.

9. Next, choose whether you actually want to be present at the hearing and speak. Your choices are: Yes, No, or Only if Necessary. Most of the time you will be choosing "No".

10. Next, go to the comments section and state your opinions, but this is optional.

Keep in mind these are public comments, for the record. Everyone has access to these comments. Anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of public opinion.

11. Next, click on "Submit" and you are done. Now you can start the process again for the next bill you wish to render an opinion on.

Going through the 11 steps is a lot easier than it may seem when reading the instructions, and it gets easier every time you do it.

Have fun!



Choose Wisely

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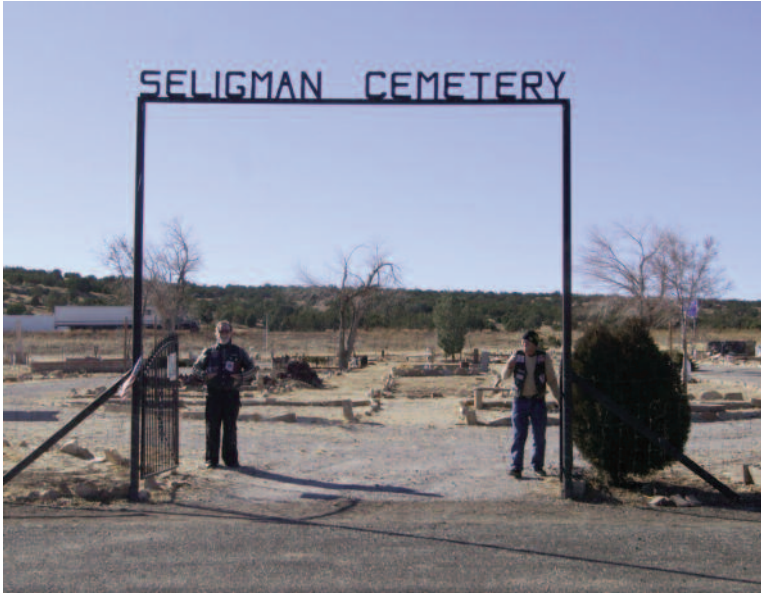
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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



On Saturday, Dec. 19 the Mohave Chapter took part in Wreaths Across America at the Seligman Cemetery in Seligman, Az .with BUMA (Brotherhood United Motorcycle Assoc.) placing wreaths on the graves of veterans. Working at the cemetery is primarily a BUMA project.

Other groups participating with BUMA and the Mohave Chapter of ABATE are: VFW Post 2555 in Golden Valley, Seligman Fire Department and community members from Seligman.



Too Broke for Sturgis Motorcycle Rally 2021

By Susan Grimmer-Potter aka Lil Bit
\$40 per person, ABATE members get a \$5.00 discount

The 30th Annual TOO BROKE FOR STURGIS (TBFS) (www.toobroke-

forsturgis.com) motorcycle rally will be held for the 18th year running at Mormon Lake Lodge dry campgrounds and arena, June 10th to 13th, 2021. TBFS is the annual fund-raiser event benefiting ABATE of Arizona, AZ's largest motorcycle-rights organization, focused on pro-

tecting motorcyclists' rights, increasing public awareness of motorcycles, and promoting rider safety. This event draws approximately 1400 motorcycle enthusiasts from all over the country. It's 4-days of camping and socializing, featuring live music Thursday, Friday and Saturday

nights, a poker walk, raffles, people games, motorcycle games, wet t-shirt contest, tattoo contest, beard/mustache contest, and Miss Too Broke for Sturgis contest. This all adult (18-year and older) event goes on, rain or shine.



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Outsiders MC Tacoma Aaron Targeted by Law Enforcement

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The Motorcycle Profiling Project believes that Aaron Martinez, a member of the Outsiders Motorcycle Club and the Washington State Council of Clubs, is the victim of a malicious prosecution. Aaron is being accused of recently brandishing a firearm while traveling on Interstate 5. The accusation is baseless. In fact, Aaron

has taken a polygraph and the results were conclusive- the accusation is 100% false.

Despite Aaron's innocence, the prosecutor is moving forward with charges. Aaron's first court appearance is during the first week of January.

Aaron has been a longtime participant in

the movement to end motorcycle profiling, having himself been the victim of profiling over a dozen times before the law addressing motorcycle profiling was passed in Washington State. And although the law has certainly reduced incidents of profiling, it has not eliminated it. The MPP believes Aaron deserves the community's support.

If you are able to help with Aaron's legal expenses please follow the link and gift him directly through his PayPal account as a friend.

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Honda Gives the Gold Wing Bigger Trunk and Android Auto

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

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

Not a week has passed in the new year and Japanese bike maker Honda already announced the first changes to the lineup for the 2021 model year. As you might have guessed, these changes first and foremost target the iconic Gold Wing family.

The touring bike line, in production in the Japanese stables since 1974, bets even

more on its ability to handle whatever needs the rider has for long stretches of road. With that in mind, the biggest change pertains to the trunk capacity of the Gold Wing Tour.

According to the Japanese, the trunk can now hold two full-face helmets, thanks to an increase in capacity by 11 liters, to a total of 61 liters. Additionally, the passenger seat has been improved by giving it a "more relaxed angle" and taller profile, but also by making it of thicker foam.

Last but not least, the 45-watt speakers

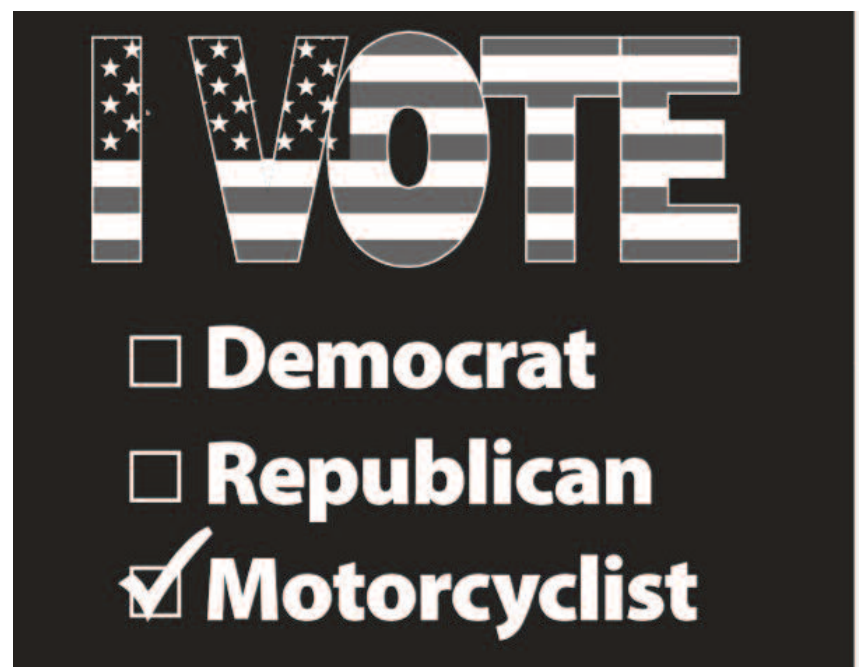
have been bettered as well, there is now a standard XM radio antenna, and optimized automatic volume-adjustment. The bike family now also supports Android Auto alongside the existing Apple CarPlay integration.

"Honda listens to its customers, a fact that is highlighted in our latest new-model announcement," said in a statement Lee Edmunds, Senior Manager of Powersports Marketing for American Honda.

"In the case of the Gold Wing and our

smallest street-legal CRF models, the 2021 iterations reflect improvements that were highly requested by people who ride them every day, and the motorcycles are better as a result. We look forward to customers getting the chance to experience the updates themselves."

Sporting all red turn signals as the single most important visual upgrade, the new Gold Wing family goes on sale in February in five variants, with prices starting at \$23,900 for the standard version and going to as high as \$32,600 for the Gold Wing Tour Air Bag DCT.





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Choices for Motorcycle Insurance for the Teen Driver

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Not every teen wants to drive a car; some would rather ride motorcycles, dirt bikes, or even scooters and mopeds. Parents can, understandably, be hesitant to allow their teen to ride and Cary Runnells, State Farm Insurance Agent in Thousand Oaks, CA has prepared a report to help parents understand the licensing, safety and insurance options available for teen riders.

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First on the list is to prepare the teen rider. The State of California requires a Class M1 or Class M2 driver license to operate a motorcycle or a "Motor Driven Cycle." The California Department of Motor Vehicles motorcycle handbook describes these vehicles as:

- Motorcycle having only two wheels and an engine that is over 150cc
- Motor Driven Cycles have engines that are 149cc or less
- Vehicles must be registered
- Driver must be licensed

Before getting his or her license, your teen needs a motorcycle permit. Teen drivers need to be at least 15 1/2 years old to get a permit and must complete a motorcycle rider training course that is given by the California Highway Patrol. Other requirements include passing knowledge and skill tests and obtain the Certificate of Completion for the motor-

cycle training course.

"Shortly before your teen is ready to apply for the permit is the time to meet with your insurance agent about insurance," said Runnells of the Thousand Oaks State Farm Insurance Agency. State Farm offers motorcycle insurance for multiple bike types:

- Factory-built motorcycles
- Motor scooters, minibikes and trail bikes (OHV)
- Classic motorcycles
- Custom motorcycles in some cases

Your insurance agent will help you determine the best levels of coverage you need to cover:

- Bodily injury to someone else or to the insured driver in the event of an accident, including uninsured motorist coverage
- Damage caused to someone else's

property while your teen is riding

Damage to the motorcycle caused by an accident and theft, fire, vandalism, and other losses — even while your motorcycle is in storage for the winter

- Attached side cars
- Emergency roadside expenses
- Damage to protective gear

"Another excellent benefit that we offer," said Runnells, "is discounts on insurance when policies are bundled and when the teen driver takes advantage of State Farm's many teen driving programs. We help you choose the best programs for your teen. Safe driving programs cover all aspects of driving any kind of vehicle safely and help instill safe driving habits."

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American Legion Posts Discriminating Against Veteran Bikers

<https://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

The National Council of Clubs (NCO), representing thousands of motorcycle club members across the country, has become increasingly concerned with the escalating reports of Veterans' Organizations, like the American Legion, denying entry to individual members of Motorcycle Clubs over the last two years. While this discrimination is not new to members of the motorcycle community in general, the expanding number of Posts that are implementing "No Motorcycle Club Colors" policies targeting fellow Veterans is cause for alarm. Reported incidents of discrimination range from all across the Nation. The most recent reports including South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The narrative is the same in all locations: "Legion Riders only, no Club colors." This has proven to not be an isolated issue, taking place at a few reported locations. Several of the American Legion Posts, Post 22 in Rapid City, South Dakota for instance, have members of state law enforcement agencies making decisions and pressuring their Boards or Executive Committees to enforce veterans discrimination based on biases born from antiquated stereotypes perpetuated by Hollywood and local law enforcement fear mongering.

Equal Access

The American Legion's 'Constitution and By-laws' state their first goal is "to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States." The denial of entry of Motorcycle Club members based on what they are wearing or their chosen method of transportation, which is a Constitutionally protected activity 1, is blatant denial of additional camaraderie many Veterans are seeking post-War but also serves as an example of discrimination of fellow Veterans. Many American Legions simply fall short even upholding their own Preamble;

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and goodwill on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.²

Statistics

According to the United States Census Bureau, roughly seven percent of the US population are Veterans. In contrast, according to the Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP) and the Profiling Survey, over 37% of Motorcycle Club Members are Veterans, five times greater than the national average. In essence, Motorcycle Club discrimination is Veteran discrimination³. According to the same survey, over the past five years, Veteran centric Motorcycle Clubs have reported a whopping 167% increase in profiling incidences. This, as any form of discrimination, should not be tolerated in today's society.

The denial of entry to an individual simply because he or she has decided to hang up one uniform and put on another that has been confirmed as a protected 1st Amendment right, should disturb all. As previously mentioned, the increased number of American Legion Posts that have begun denying the services and camaraderie veterans seek outside of their respective Clubs, is forcing veterans to choose between groups. Them versus us. Be accepted for who you are and the battles you continue to face versus hide who you are at the risk of being shunned by those who have fought before and sometimes, alongside of you. With an average of 22 Veteran suicides daily in the US, it is unconscionable that certain American Legion Posts would turn their backs on veterans, simply for their preferred manner of dress.

Not Anecdotal

The number of cases where American Legion Executive Committees have become comfortable with discrimination of veterans based on their attire; and their inability to acknowledge this as a confirmed Constitutional right is on the rise. Previously mentioned was that of American Legion Post 22, in Rapid City, SD where Lyle Tolsma serves as Post Commander, and is also a Special Assistant Attorney General Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), in Rapid City. Mr. Tolsma and the American Legion Executive Committee had agreed to ban all "colors" from the Post grounds regardless if they were veterans. A member of the NCO living in South Dakota requested a meeting with Mr. Tolsma and a phone call was agreed upon. During that call the NCO Representative sought to appeal the ban by collecting information and looking towards a path of reconciliation and eventually a renewed relationship between the MC community and the Post. Mr. Tolsma's reported reasoning for initiating the ban was focused on one alleged incident alleged at the Post in 2018, when the ban went into effect, and which the alleged event could not later be corroborated by any members of the Veterans Motorcycle Clubs that leased the space or attendees of the event. During that call, Mr. Tolsma continued to assert that, "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs are nothing but ...uh...organized crime and that's the bottom line. That's all they are organized crime". When challenged on the practice of lumping all MCs together, Mr. Tolsma stated, "How do we eliminate one without the other? That is the resolution we came to. It was best to avoid the situation by eliminating everybody except the Legion Riders, who are a Legion...part of us". When the NCO Representative confirmed the stance that the American Legion Executive Committee has decided to ban all other groups, regardless of whether they are Veterans MCs or Motorcycle Ministries, Mr. Tolsma stated, "That is correct".

In an effort to better clarify, another unidentified member of the American Legion Executive Committee stated, "We don't ban them but we ban them from coming in with any colors of any kind. If they are someone off the street and just come in off the street we don't have a problem with it". As anyone in the MC community knows, we are the same person in or out of the cut. The NCO Representative asserted the Constitutionally granted and Supreme Court confirmed right to wear motorcycle paraphernalia and Mr. Tolsma retorted,

"and we'll exercise our right to deny them". In an effort to find middle ground, the NCO Representative requested letting in 100% Veteran member MCs because those would be the ones to carry the American Legions forward in the future and it was answered with there being "no chance" of Post 22 opening their doors to Veterans in motorcycle clubs wearing their cut. In Mr. Tolsma's words, "not going to do that. The crew that is in here are not happy but they understand why". That statement alone confirms that wide scale bans not only hurt employees but also profitability and sustainability of membership driven Veterans Organizations.

As the conversation comes to a close, Mr. Tolsma stated, "I work for DCI, so uh...I know a little of your background. Well, do you know Detective _____ from _____ Sherriff's Office?". The NCO Representative reported he did. Mr. Tolsma continued, "I don't know if that hits home a little bit but it also ties into what I am talking about of why we make our decisions like that". What Mr. Tolsma is alluding to is a long past arrest which did not pertain to the conversation or the advancement of nurtured relationships between the MC community and the American Legion Post. Instead, it bordered on breaking "state actor discrimination laws" when using his official capacity as a state or federal enforcement agent to sway or control private industry practices. We'll continue to keep you posted on this story.

In a more recent instance in El Paso, Texas, a member of two local motorcycle clubs, one made of 100% Veterans, noticed their local American Legion Post 36 Eastwood's flag was flying upside down. Video sent in to the NCO shows four men honoring this Country by righting the flag. Communications reporting the flag and ultimate correction were met with grace by the Post Commander and the "first round is on us when we re-open" was offered. When it was realized that the patriots correcting the flag were a mix of 1%ers and Veterans MC members, the offer was only good if they did not wear any "colors" when they came in. The MC member reporting the event thanked them for the offer and stood by his First Amendment right.

In Albuquerque, NM a statement from the NM Motorcycle Rights Organization was forwarded to the NCO Veterans Discrimination group and share here.

"Post 13 in Albuquerque was friendly to us for 10+ years, hosting monthly meetings for NMMRO as well as NNMCO. In late 2018 that relationship changed when new leadership of the [American Legion] Post took over. Our monthly meetings and events brought a steady income for the Post who, in the later years of our relationship, was struggling financially. Once the new Commander was in place and several former board members were replaced, the Post stopped allowing motorcyclist events to occur. The stated reasons were drugs, alcohol, and firearms were found, observed or reported, and were never reported to us or even suspected on our part. All meetings were organized and peaceful and quiet. When I contacted the Post Commander to attempt to resolve and verify their concerns, she was unwilling to work with us. We asked for a chance to represent ourselves at the next board meeting. We were granted the opportunity to speak at

that meeting. Prior to that meeting, we notified the [American Legion] Post of our intentions to pursue legal action and press notification of discriminatory profiling. One day prior to the meeting we were contacted by the Regional Commander. He was willing to listen to our concerns and ultimately stated that they had the right to refuse service and that was backed on a national level. I attempted to reach out to the National Command, and they refused to work with us, stating that every post is self-governed and that they were not willing to intervene. I then called the [American Legion] Post 13 Commander and canceled our speaking time at the board meeting, due to their unwillingness to hear our concerns in a fair and equal forum. We notified all members of our community of these events. We are aware that several members immediately canceled their [American Legion] Post membership. The accusations of drugs, outside alcohol and firearms were never substantiated and the [American Legion] Post could not provide tangible evidence. Unfortunately, following this incident, the [American Legion] Post has continued to struggle financially. We have found that the Moose Lodge was more than willing to host us and have had a great relationship with them. We hope that this relationship is long and beneficial for both organizations."

Some American Legion Posts Continue to Stand with Us

In Corpus Christi, TX the Region 8 Texas Council of Clubs and Independents continue to have a thriving relationship starting back in 2006. The Region Chairman was granted a meeting with the American Legion Board of Directors for Post 364, where he was able to share the Region's vision of community service, event coordination, motorcycle safety and awareness, and legislative outreach. The meeting was a success and resulted in the doors being open to approximately 33 Clubs and independents riders covering South Texas. The American Legion Post continues to support Texas legislative actions related to motorcyclists' rights and safety awareness, as well as hosting Club events. The relationship has been reported as a win/win situation for both parties and they look forward to continuing the mutually beneficial exchange. American Legion Post 364 is not alone, there are other American Legion Posts that continue to maintain the mutually beneficial relationships developed with the motorcycle community. We are eager to capture more of these relationships and would encourage those positive stories be shared. Unfortunately, the number of stories related to discrimination of not just MCs but Veteran centric MCs is on the rise and has begun to eclipse those positive stories. If you have a positive story regarding your local American Legion Post, email us at veterans@councilofclubs.org.

Continued Efforts to Maintain Dialogue

In October 2019, the Texas Council of Clubs & Independents and VFW were able to work through attempts to introduce similar discriminatory language to be submitted in the VFW October 2019 General Orders but ultimately were successful in their efforts to maintain the mutually beneficial relationship moving forward.

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American Legion Posts Discriminating (continued)

So, when reports of similar discriminatory language destined for State consideration by the American Legion of Texas was reported to TCOC&I by a longtime member of the American Legion Post in Waco, there was some surprise. Again, the TCOC&I requested an opportunity to meet with State leadership during the pending resolution vote scheduled during their Midwinter Conference in February 2020. TCOC&I worked in concert with the local Waco American Legion Post leadership and members to encourage State leadership to provide information regarding the need for such wholesale discriminatory actions. Although State leadership reportedly did not reply to TCOC&I directly, American Legion members attending the Midwinter Conference reported that State leadership had received TCOC&I's certified letter as well as a letter of dissent from the Waco American Legion Post. As a result, the American Legion Department of Texas Commander initiated a meeting with the Post Adjuvant to discuss the proposed discrimination of Veterans in MCs at American Legion Posts and its origin. The resolution was intended to be voted on by the Department Executive Committee, composed of the Division and District Commanders. The Department of Texas Commander stated, "that any such vote should be by the membership, not by the leadership". The Resolution was then tabled and referred to the Americanism Committee meeting in July Convention and will be published for discussion, and the meeting could be attended by any American Legionnaire. Due to COVID19 precautions, this meeting was not held. The reporting Waco American Legion Post member felt strongly that the State Commander understood the concerns, seemingly sympathet-

ic, and insistent that "such decisions be membership based". The fight in Texas is not over, just merely put on pause.

Moving Forward

What can we do to repair the once long-standing positive relationship Motorcycle Clubs had with all of the American Legion Posts? A directive for the National Office condemning and ending the blanket ban on "Motorcycle Club Colors" would be a good start. Several members of the NCOC have attempted to contact members of the National Board, to no avail. There is hope that someone on their Board receives this and is open to healthy dialogue. Coincidentally, in the Spring 2018, Denise Rohan, the National Commander of the American Legion, was challenged by reports of discrimination of minority groups in Washington and stated:

As the National Commander of The American Legion, I am disappointed any time I hear of acrimony at one of our posts. I can unequivocally state that we reject discrimination in all of its forms. It is antithetical to who we are as Legionnaires, and I expect that every one of our members treat each other with the dignity and respect they deserve as veterans4"

The National Council of Clubs would like Commander Rohan, to confirm that discrimination of Veterans in MC paraphernalia would be included as "discrimination in all of its forms" and publicly denounce the practice of wholesale bans and acknowledge the positive impact the motorcycle community has had on sustainability of American Legion Posts around the country.

Additionally, COC's across the United States have been encouraging their Veterans to get involved, join their local Veterans Organizations because then, it shows the Veterans MC community and MC community as a whole wish these Posts to not just survive, but thrive. During a recent discussion regarding the increasing numbers of reported of wholesale bans with an American Legion Post Commander in Southern California, he stated "they need to understand how much money each MC member spends compared to the 4pm to 8pm crowd at each Legion". When asked to expound on the financial implications such wholesale bans would have on the sustainability of American Legion Posts, he continued, "When you have an [motorcycle club] event it is the life blood and doubles the month."

The problem is, reports show no one wants to pay a membership fee for inclusion into a group that does not accept them for expressing protected free speech. The same free speech that each of them have fought for. The fight that each of them has in common, regardless of the era in which they served. While looking for more history of discrimination related to Veterans Organizations, a conversation with a Vietnam veteran out of Alabama recalled his time returning from war and volunteered that,

Both the [American] Legion and VFW have history with Vietnam veterans. When we returned in the late 60's and into the 70's both organizations had declared that we had not been in a war, therefore we were not eligible for membership. In the mid 80's, when more and more WWII veterans were dying every

day, Vietnam veterans suddenly began receiving fancy engraved "invitations" to join the [American] Legion or VFW. Few did, recognizing that the invitations only came because those organizations were losing their membership base at an alarming rate".

That same discontent seems to be plaguing our younger Veterans as they come home and choose alternative organizations to find that camaraderie they miss from their days in the service. A simple Google search with the search term "Struggling American Legion Post" returns article after article, video after video; of American Legion Posts struggling due to low memberships and decreasing renewals. Substituting "VFW" for "American Legion" may yield fewer results but many share the same sad story. Those stories have proven the previous point. These local American Legion Posts have made wholesale discrimination resolutions, whether on their own or quietly under direction, to almost 40% of the MC community. Thus, eliminating a large membership opportunity.

It is time for our Veterans to speak up! No longer are the days where we silently sit by and allow others to dictate when and where we can gather, or where we can patron. If you are a member of a Veterans Organization, we encourage you to attend the board meetings and speak your minds, vote when the time comes, and change this culture content to perpetuate outdated stereotypes. Institute change protecting the notion each member is judged on merit and not appearance. Remember, Loud Bikers Save Rights!

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Should Motorcycles Be Illegal On The Road In Winter?

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

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

Why do countries have laws about this anyway?

Did you know that there are places in the world with laws that keep motorcycles off the roads in the winter? One we've covered in the past (and that you've likely heard of) is the Canadian province of Quebec. The law isn't specific to motorcycles but states that all road vehicles must be fitted with proper, homologated, winter-rated tires between December 1 and March 15.

This isn't exactly forbidding motorcyclists from taking their bikes out, of course. The most devoted riders out there who don't mind pocketing the additional expense are allowed to ride in the winter months should their bike wear proper rubbers. That could be about to change, however, as the province has apparently been considering making the use of a motorcycle altogether illegal during winter.

Similarly, in Italy, the law states that vehicles must have proper winter tires or carry snow chains between November 15 and April 15, according to Motociclismo. The good news is that there is such a thing as snow chains for motorcycles, you just have to be ready to carry the extra weight. Where things get a little icy, however, is when the roads are covered with snow and/or ice, in which case motorcycles and scooters are forbidden to circulate.

Of course, these decisions are made locally in the name of safety and there's nothing wrong with making sure people have the right tools to face the winter season but why do car rules apply to motorcycles? I can't help and wonder: should we be riding in the winter (where allowed) at all.

Before anyone gets offended and takes out their freedom flag, the simple answer to that question in my opinion is yes. If only because most of us pay for insurance and licensing year-round, I don't think the way we use our motorcycles should be limited by the season, or else the DMV and insurance companies should get with the program and quote accordingly.

My title sounds a little inflammatory, but that seems to be the road some governing

bodies are taking and we should prove them wrong. I've never tried winter riding—yet—but it's something I'll eventually check off my to-do list and I'm curious to read what you guys have to say about all of this.

So, no, I don't think winter riding should be illegal in the winter, but, I also think we could be better prepared for it. Some of you will likely still disagree with me but hear me out. You know how you can find courses to perfect your winter driving abilities, learn to control skids, and safely avoid obstacles in the snow? I think there should be the same for motorcycles.

Most winter-riding tips you'll find out there recommend that you avoid heading out when there's snow. The challenge with that is that there's always going to be a risk that, even if the roads are clear in your area, they won't be elsewhere so, really, we should be ready for that rather than try to avoid it. The same goes with the "don't go riding if it's snowing" rule—it might not be snowing where you are but it might be where you're heading.

When I say winter riding, I'm not saying "head out in a blizzard and go do skids"—I mean, you can if you want, but it's not something I recommend—but in winter, road conditions can be tricky to gauge. I'd rather be ready for the worst-case scenario. Plus, I'm always going to perceive honing my skills on more challenging surfaces and terrains as a bonus, whether it's in a car or on a bike. Moreso on a motorcycle considering the risky and vulnerable nature of the beast.

The only problem is that, as far as I can tell, based on my research, there doesn't seem to be any riding schools that offer a winter or snow program. Some racing schools might have ice-specific programs which is a potential option to consider. Feel free to share if you know of any.

I also get the feeling that motorcycle snow tires are a bit of a gimmick rather than actually useful. Don't get me wrong, I'm a strong believer in winter tires when it comes to cars but I fail to see their motorcycle counterpart offering as many advantages.

Sure, they have tread patterns and compounds that are better suited for winter.

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However, I'm not convinced that they make as big a difference as governments expect because of the physics of riding. If they were so relevant, wouldn't more companies make them?

To be fair, I've never tried a motorcycle snow tire myself and wasn't able to find any comparative information from someone who has. If you tried them, do feel free to share your experience with me and tell me that I'm wrong (or not) about this. In the meantime, I remain convinced that learning to handle a bike in bad conditions is a better

time and money investment—one that can be useful even when the snow melts away.

I even see an advantage in winter riding. Think about this: if more bikes are on the roads year-round, we could expect drivers to become more accustomed to their presence, which could hopefully result in safer roads. That's probably a little oversimplified and I have no scientific proof of this. However, considering car drivers consistently "forget" how to adapt their driving to snowy conditions every year, it's not hard to imagine that they also lose the habit of

watching for motorcycles when they're off the road six months out of twelve.

Should winter riding courses be made mandatory were they to become a thing? That's another yes on my part, at least in any areas dealing with snowy winters. However, considering riding courses, in general, aren't a prerequisite to getting your motorcycle license, I don't foresee that becoming a thing either.

Ultimately, the way I see it, bikes shouldn't become illegal in the winter. Governments

like Quebec considering crossing the line toward illegality is overkill and unnecessary. Especially when you ask people for a lot of money to license their bikes for only eight months. We, as riders, just need to be smart about it, be prepared for it, and if possible, have access to better tools to achieve that. Encourage training rather than discourage use, no? I could see some of those ice racers find new vocations in dealing with us non initiated.



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