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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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We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott 86301. 11:00 to socialize, meeting starts by 11:30.

For more information. Contact ycabateaz@gmail.com or call Dan @ 928-308-9911. See us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz/>. Meet us at 5 for the VFW’s very reasonably priced and tasty dinner.

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Yuma Chapter meets the second Thursday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the pm. We meet at the community Christian Church, 6480 US Highway 95 (between 3E and Araby in the back building). For additional information contact Frank White (Hound) at 209-327-0814.

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I will be sure everything is accurate for the next Issue and on the web site.

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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

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President’s Report



By Shirley Bizub

Hello ABATE of Arizona family!

Another month is gone. I hope many of you got the chance to go to Too Broke For Sturgis. If not you sure did miss a good one this year.

July State officers meeting will be on July 10th; in honor of Independence Day we will not have our usual meeting day.

I would like/appreciate some feed back on the poem I put in the Master Link last month on page 10. I felt this could apply to ABATE members.

I would also like to know if anyone is interested in having an ALL chapter BBQ/pot luck in either August or September. I look forward to hearing from the chapters letting me know if this is something each chap-

ter would like to partake in. There could be some games to play, raffle items, etc.

Be safe everyone and hydrate! It seems when the sun comes out people are likely to forget how to watch for others on the road.

ML& R,
Moon Shine

News from the MRF

June 11, 2021

For Immediate Release

Highway Bill Passes First Hurdle in the House

Legislation authorizing roughly \$547 billion for highways and other surface transportation over five years advanced in a House panel, despite opposition from Republicans who objected to what they called Green New Deal climate initiatives.

The legislation (H.R. 3684) would authorize \$343 billion for roads, bridges, and safety, \$95 billion for passenger and freight rail, and \$109 billion for transit. It aligns with many of President Joe Biden’s infrastructure priorities.

Working into the wee hours on amendments, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee adjourned early Thursday after approving the measure on a 38-26 vote. Only Republicans Brian Fitzpatrick (Pennsylvania) and Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (Puerto Rico) voted with Democrats in support of the bill.

Included in the bill were three motorcycle related priorities that also made it into the

2020 version of this same bill.

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The House Ways and Means Committee now must take up the bill to determine the funding mechanism for the \$547 billion the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee just authorized. The full House of Representatives is expected to vote on final passage in late June or early July.

Pet Projects Return

For the first time in a decade “earmarks” returned to the House of Representatives. An earmark is an allocation of government funds directed at specific recipients. These recipients are determined by Congress and it limits the discretion of the executive branch agencies in dispersing funds.

In other words, Congress specifically says which projects get money and how much. This is sometimes referred to as “bringing home the bacon” or “pork barrel spending.” Individual lawmakers steer federal money back to their districts for specific named projects. The highway bill was long a bastion of earmarks with the 2005 version of the bill featured 5,671 of them.

However, famous earmarks like the “Bridge to Nowhere” lead to criticism of the process and eventually earmarks were banned in 2011.

Earlier this year, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) announced that starting this year House lawmakers would be able to request funds for specific projects in the next highway bill.

Proponents of earmarks have long argued

they help “grease the wheels” in Congress enticing lawmakers to support legislation because they have skin in the game. They also argue as Rep. DeFazio said, “The discretion to fund projects should not be reserved for State or Federal bureaucrats,” adding “Elected representatives know the infrastructure needs of their district and should be allowed to identify projects and advocate on behalf of their constituents in legislation.”

However, concerns about corruption as well as wasteful and excessive spending have led many to resist the temptation of earmarks.

The bill passed this week by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure included 5.7 billion in earmarks dedicated to 1,473 local project requests by lawmakers. The bill includes 1,067 projects from Democrats, 403 from Republicans, and three bipartisan ones.

With many Republicans in the Senate opposed to earmarks it is unclear if a final highway bill will contain the nearly 1,500 projects that were included in the House bill.

COVID-19 vaccinations being offered at Laconia Motorcycle Week

https://blog.bikernet.com

by Naoko Funayama from https://www.wmur.com

The 98th Annual Laconia Motorcycle Week kicked off on Saturday with big crowds, nice weather and COVID-19 vaccinations.

A National Guard Tent was set up at the rally headquarters to distribute the vaccine.

“We’re just appreciative of the opportunity to serve the state of New Hampshire. This is the highest level that we can do as Guardsmen for our state is to serve us in

a public need,” said Staff Sgt. Dante Davis Jr. of the Army National Guard. “It’s just the sincere appreciation of not only our state but just Americans all around the world.

Event organizers also set up hand sanitizer stations to make hand sanitizer readily available.

COVID-19 guidelines weren’t the only safety guidelines event organizers emphasized this year. Organizers have asked Granite Staters to be cautious of traffic and speed, and ask that people try to maintain a safe distance from bikes when driving.



News from the MRF

For Immediate Release

June 16, 2021

State Reps Program Director Doc D’Errico

To all our MRF members,

It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness

the MRF announces the passing of our State Reps Program Director Doc D’Errico. Doc was in a motorcycle crash this spring; he fought a great fight but in the end his injuries were too much for his body to overcome. Doc was a dedicated freedom fighter and a true inspiration to all of us. His drive, desire, and dedication will be deeply missed by his MRF family. Doc was the Chairman of the

Massachusetts Motorcycle Association; our thoughts and prayers go out to the MMA and to all of Doc’s family and friends.

The family has asked for privacy at this time, and we ask everyone to please respect their wishes during their period of grief. Arrangements will follow and be published as the family announces them.

We have lost a true freedom fighter, but his memory will live on with us as we continue to carry out our mission that Doc so deeply believed in.

Ride free Doc and rest in peace.

Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass

NO REPORT.

Mohave Chapter

Hello all, I am submitting the Mohave Chapter report early due to Too Broke for Sturgis, report is normally due by the 10 th. of the month. I will be at Too Broke and refuse to bring my computer to the rally. I know all of us are looking forward to Too Broke, especially after 2 years passing since the last one.

On May 15 th. we did our highway cleanup, we had about 1 mile left out of 4 but had to quit because we ran out of bags, went thru 50 bags. Since our last meeting on May 18 th. we have gained 4 or 5 new members. One of the new members is Congressman Paul Gosar of Arizona, his membership is due to the efforts of Denny Lange our PAC coordinator, great job Denny. Congressman Gosar is very active with motorcycle rights in Washington.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Too Broke. Ride safe and stay safe.

Tom Aydt

Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

NO REPORT.

Superstition Chapter

NO REPORT.

Southern Arizona Chapter

Greetings from the Southern Arizona chapter. We currently have no functions upcoming. Although we are looking forward to Too Broke for Sturgis hope to see a lot of you there - Anissa

Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

Policy Matters: Good ideas get better with more input

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

If only there were a “good idea” fairy who could swoop down and grace us with brilliant insights. Instead, good ideas are birthed through a curiosity to find a better way, and they become shaped through experience and expertise. A good idea doesn’t wither during conflict or debate. Rather, it becomes stronger through the process.

As this session is close to concluding, I considered the path that laws take from idea to passage. It’s not straightforward, and that’s by design. The democratic process makes creating good laws a lengthy, even messy, process. This allows other viewpoints to be considered as bills

wind through committee evaluation, amendments, floor debate, and approvals from both chambers – sometimes multiple times – before they get sent to the governor for signature.

However, Arizonans have raised concerns that not all voices and viewpoints are being heard in legislative chambers. For example, an Associated Press report showed that bills from Democrat lawmakers were rarely heard this session. Of the 755 bills introduced by Democrat lawmakers this year, only 22 advanced to the governor’s desk. And only 17 were filed into law. I know that a few really good ideas for bills came from the Democrat side of the aisle.

Further, a group of lawmakers raised seri-

ous concerns that they – along with nearly all their colleagues and the public at large – were again being shut out of the budget process. As is the case most years, only a handful of House and Senate leaders, legislative staff, and the governor’s office crafted the state’s \$12 billion budget agreement during closed-door meetings and private conversations. The resulting budget bills were largely kept from the public’s view until hours, even minutes, before lawmakers had to vote on them. This secretive process denies lawmakers the opportunity to fully consider these measures and for taxpayers to have their voices heard.

Our lawmakers should seek to bring more people to the governance process. When the process excludes voices and limits

opportunities to contribute, we lose the collaboration that makes the democratic process so special. And anyone who wields their power to exclude others from the process would be well-served to remember that they represent **EVERY-ONE** in their districts and not just a select few.

Good ideas are not partisan just like bad ideas are not partisan, so it’s imperative for lawmakers to consider differing viewpoints. This certainly wasn’t the case during this legislative session, but we now have eight months before the next session starts to work toward ensuring all Arizonans can have their voices heard.

If you do not have a seat at the table, you’ll be on the menu.

Laconia Motorcycle Week prepares for return of bigger crowds, vendors

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

by Andy Hershberger from
<https://www.wmur.com>

LACONIA, N.H. — Laconia’s Motorcycle Week will have a very different look and feel than it did in 2020

The declining COVID-19 numbers are making a big difference this year as Laconia gets ready for the 98th annual Motorcycle Week.

“It means we’re getting back on to life and back on to what we all do best in the

hospitality industry, so we were grateful to have it last year, but this year is especially important,” said Cynthia Makris, Motorcycle Week president.

There was a rally last year, but it was a completely different event. It was held in August instead of June, crowds were down and the normal carnival atmosphere suffered.

One difference this year will be the vendor tents. Last year, just four nonprofits were allowed to set up shop in Laconia. This year, there will be more than 200 tents selling everything from T-shirts to

leather goods.

Officials said that alone will be a big draw for the event.

“It’s huge this year, especially after all our businesses have gone through in the last 12 to 15 months,” said Scott Myers, Laconia city manager. “And this really kicks off the summer season. It gives it a jump start because schools aren’t quite out yet and it’s not really family vacation time.”

Officials say safety measures will be in the form of awareness, hoping visitors are

mindful of where the state and the country are at in terms of the pandemic.

“We’re encouraging everyone to still remain socially distant when possible,” said Jennifer Anderson, of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association. “We’re going to have handwashing stations and sanitizer stations available.”

Officials said the best way to be socially distant is for people to get on their bikes and ride.



MOTORCYCLE Tariff Battles Continue

<https://www.bikernet.com>

Americans for Free Trade – a broad coalition of businesses, trade organizations including the MIC, and workers united against tariffs – worked to encourage dozens of members of Congress to sign on to a letter regarding exclusions for Section 301 tariffs. The letter went to

Katherine C. Tai, the new United States Trade Representative for the Biden administration.

The MIC, the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, and the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association also sent a joint letter to Ambassador Tai, outlining concerns the associations have with China

tariffs, European Union tariffs, and with implementation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, better known as the USMCA free-trade agreement.

"We continue to work with our champions in Congress to encourage the new administration at the USTR to provide exclusions from tariffs on goods like

motorcycle safety clothing, helmets, parts, and accessories," said Scott Schloegel, senior vice president at the MIC GRO. "Tariffs are taxes, raising prices paid by consumers of powersports products."

--MIC

Coast to Coast

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

SYNTHETIC FUEL COULD PARDON MOTORCYCLES FROM ELECTROCUTION

With governments around the world establishing firm deadlines for eliminating gasoline-powered vehicles, the technology that has driven transportation for more than a century isn't ready to go the way of the dinosaur just yet, and combustion engines may be given renewed hope with the advent of synthetic fuels that are nearly as green as going electric.

Synthetic petrol, diesel and aviation fuels are all the subject of heavyweight pilot projects and are gaining interest fast as they eliminate the CO2 emissions from transport without the need for end-users to switch to new tech, according to motorcyclenews.com.

“While biofuels already offset their emissions to an extent, synthetic fuel takes a more direct approach by stripping CO2 from the air and combining it with hydrogen to create a petrol replacement,” explains MCN. “By using wind, solar or hydro-electric to generate the electricity for the electrolysis, the process is sustainable, and while engines using the fuel still emit carbon, the same amount is reabsorbed in the fuel-making process.”

The idea of using electricity to create synthetic petrol and then to burn that fuel in combustion engines might seem wasteful but the benefits are also significant, reusing existing infrastructures and giving new life to billions of combustion engines rather than reducing them to scrap. With similar power density to normal petrol, synthetic fuels also mean you don't need to lug vast batteries around.

Several synthetic fuel projects are underway, including investments by Porsche and BMW, and the World Rally Championship is due to use 100% sustainable fuel as soon as next year.

While many governments seem keen on switching from combustion tech to all-electric vehicles in order to achieve carbon neutrality, “synthetic fuel could mean that more than 100 years' worth of bikes have a future.”

MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS STRUGGLE TO DELIVER NEW BIKES
Like other manufacturers struggling with supply chain breakdowns, due in large part to the COVID-19 restrictions worldwide, motorcycle makers are coping with shortages of raw materials and parts and an unreliable global transportation system to fill showroom floors.

Complications from the pandemic have affected many of the logistics and production constraints, but bike firms are facing other challenges in getting motorcycles and parts to customers, including a global shortage of semiconductors, fluctuating demand, unpredictable sales and international trade tensions. Supply-chain disruptions, transportation bottlenecks and labor shortages are now pervasive throughout the motorcycle industry and many others.

COVID's butterfly effect on trade has also left empty shipping containers stranded in some parts of the world and a shortage of them where they're needed, pushing up shipping costs and causing further delays.

One major manufacturer had complete motorcycles aboard the Ever Given, the cargo vessel that ran aground and blocked the Suez Canal shipping lanes, which was subsequently seized by the Egyptian government and remains officially impounded months later.

For consumers, a combination of increasing raw materials costs, shipping difficulties and problems securing parts could lead to price increases as firms battle to meet demand.

INITIAL HIGHWAY BILL CONTAINS MOTORCYCLE-FRIENDLY PROVISIONS

The Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act (INVEST in America Act; H.R. 3684), a half-trillion-dollar surface transportation reauthorization bill that sets the funding and rules for various ongoing U.S. Department of Transportation programs, specifically highways, transit and rail, has passed initial muster including pro-motorcycle provisions.

On Thursday, June 10, The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee voted 38-26 along mostly party lines to approve the massive funding measure, which includes three initiatives that would benefit motorcycle riders;

SEC. 3011: STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING, not only expands prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, but also prohibits law enforcement activities that “otherwise profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers.”

SEC. 3013: MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL, reauthorizes the MAC to “advise the Secretary, the Administrator of the National Highway

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ABATE IS:

- A Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO)
- For Bikes & Riders, regardless of Race, Creed, color, sex, age, machine or gear
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- 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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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)

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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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Traffic Safety Administration, and the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists,” including “barrier design, road design, construction, and maintenance practices, and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation systems technologies.”

The entire 2021 highway bill will next be taken up by the House Ways and Means Committee before advancing to the full House floor.

OREGON GOVERNOR VETOES LANE-SPLITTING BILL
Despite resounding bipartisan support, Oregon Governor Kate Brown (D) has officially vetoed Senate Bill 574, which would have allowed motorcyclists to travel between lanes of slow-moving traffic under certain conditions.

Gov. Brown sent a letter to the House and Senate on May 26 informing them of her decision to veto S.B. 574; “I have several concerns with the bill as currently drafted, particularly related to public safety and noncompliance,” Brown wrote in her veto message.

Under S.B. 574, motorcyclists would have been permitted to travel between lanes on multi-lane highways with a speed limit of at least 50 mph, but only when traffic had slowed to 10 mph or less on those roads. Motorcyclists riding between cars could travel no more than 10 mph faster than the flow of traffic.

Proponents said the bill was a compromise from past attempts to legalize lane splitting in Oregon and drew a distinction between the proposal and the law in California, where riders can travel in between cars at faster speeds.

Supportive motorcyclists testified in favor of the bill in droves, arguing the policy would help riders avoid being rear-ended in stop-and-go traffic, and would help clear congestion. Many pointed to a study from the University of California, Berkeley, that concluded lane splitting can be safe under certain

conditions.

California has long allowed lane splitting, and Montana recently passed a law similar to Oregon’s failed proposal. Utah now allows riders to “filter” through traffic stopped at an intersection, while Hawaii permits motorcyclists to utilize the shoulder when traffic is congested.

MOTO INDUSTRY REPORTS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AT AN ALL-TIME LOW
With industries leading the way into a newer, brighter, cleaner future for transport, a new report from Forbes released a series of studies carried out by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) demonstrating that fatality statistics have been fluxing in favor of automobiles and trending against motorcycle safety.

According to the studies cited, motorcycle fatalities have increased to 21.46 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles driven when measuring intel gathered between 2009 and 2018, meaning that motorcycle riders’ risk has been increased by 15-21% -- and equating to 22 times that of automobile drivers.

By contrast, automobile fatalities are at an all-time low, with 1.11 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles driven stated for the same time frame.

Data like this contributes to creating the Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessments (HARAs), used to determine Functional and Technical Safety Concepts, which guides design requirements for a new vehicle and in turn creates a safer product.

“Per a recent 2021 report prepared for Congress,” writes Forbes, “The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has urged NHTSA to address the design of motorcycles including the following: - requiring motorcycles to meet performance standards for passenger vehicle crash warning systems; - mandating that new motorcycles manufactured for on-road use come equipped with antilock braking systems;

and - developing standards for stability control systems for on-road motorcycles.”

SEATBELTS FOR MOTORCYCLES
A new patent filed by Italdesign reveals a Smart Seatbelt System for motorcycles, describing all-new technology that they believe to be the answer to road safety for riders.

Of course, in the event of accident, riders are frequently taught to let the bike go. Disconnecting from the vehicle can reduce the severity of injuries, as the rider avoids entanglements with the machinery. To suit the seatbelt harness system for such unplanned dismounts, engineers at the Italian design firm equipped the software to detect when it's best to detach the apparatus.

For instance, if the rider t-bones another vehicle, the onboard computer could determine that it's best to lock the user in place, avoiding an additional collision with the vehicle itself. However, that doesn’t save the rider from tipping over with the motorcycle or scooter, as two-wheeled vehicles aren’t self-balancing. Conversely, in a high-speed crash, the system may eject the rider to decrease the likelihood of injury.

It all sounds a little James Bond-ish, but its inventor hopes the novel idea could attract non-riders, though the system may restrict passenger accommodations and slightly resembles a child’s car seat.

A THIRD OF MOTORCYCLISTS WOULD STOP RIDING IF ELECTRIC REPLACES GAS
A new survey conducted by the Motorcycle Action Group (U.K.) has shown that nearly a third of motorcyclists would give up riding rather than switch to an electric-powered motorcycle, reflecting strong opposition to governments’ plans to electrify transportation and phase out gasoline engines.

The British government is currently working towards an ambitious plan to end the sale of petrol and diesel powered four-wheel vehicles in 2030, and it is presumed the ban will eventually

cover all modes of transport.

The participants were asked whether they would be prepared to accept a full ban on petrol-powered motorcycles in future. Of 4,805 respondents, just 8% said they would, while 31% would be prepared to quit riding if their choices were limited to electric models.

For now, motorcycles have been a little forgotten in the government’s crusade to get petrol banned, but it likely won’t stay that way forever as 55% were ‘completely opposed’ to the idea of a future without gas-powered motorcycles, while a huge 83% wanted to see groups come together to oppose a ban on petrol and diesel.

FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR NCOM CONVENTION IN DES MOINES
With the 36th annual NCOM Convention in Des Moines, Iowa just weeks away, plan NOW to join with hundreds of like-minded biker’s rights activists from across the country, July 23-25, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport, located at 6111 Fleur Drive.

In addition to agenda items covering legal and legislative issues of concern to all riders, from helmet laws to lane-splitting to anti-profiling, this year’s Convention will feature a presentation on “The Demise of Gas-Powered Vehicles” by the NCOM Legislative Task Force.

Reserve your hotel room at (515) 287-2400, and mention NCOM for Special Room Rates.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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ABATE of Arizona Chapter Meeting Times and Locations

High Country Chapter
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coyote Pass Chapter
The Coyote Chapter of ABATE meets at the American Legion Building, 225 E. Oak St. Kingman, AZ 86401, on the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm.

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<p>The 36th annual NCOM Convention in Des Moines, Iowa is coming up soon, so the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) requests your kind assistance in promoting this important event by helping distribute the attached flyer in your publication and/or website/Facebook or e-Blast.</p>	<p>a part of one of the largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world. This year's NCOM Convention, to be held JULY 23-25, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport, located at 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines, will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists to America's Heartland to address topics of concern to all riders.</p>	<p>encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.</p>	<p>Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.</p>
<p>THANK YOU in advance, and we hope to see you there! Bill Bish, NCOM Board of Directors / Public Relations Liaison</p>	<p>Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.</p>	<p>In the meantime, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have passed away over the past year, since last October's NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc"</p>	<p>Be sure to reserve your hotel room now by calling (515) 287-2400, and mention NCOM for our Special Room Rate.</p>
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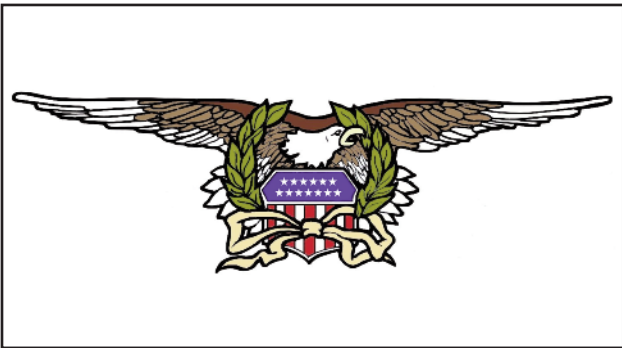
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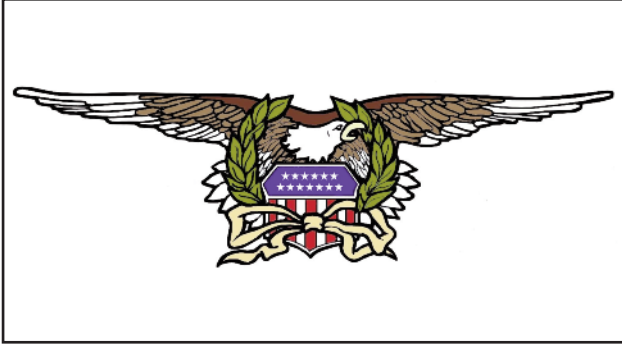
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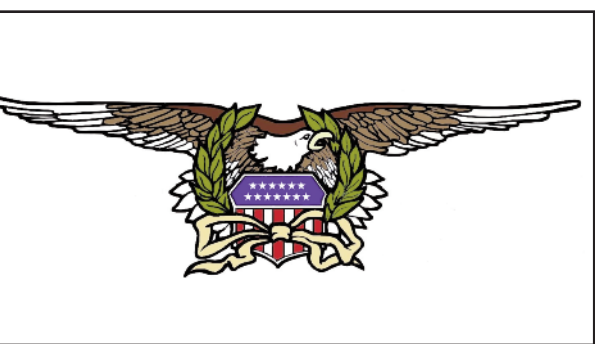
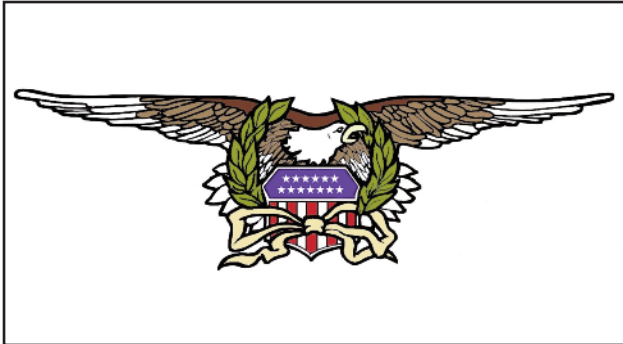
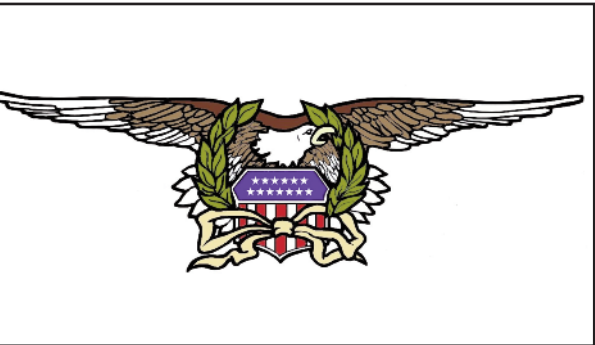
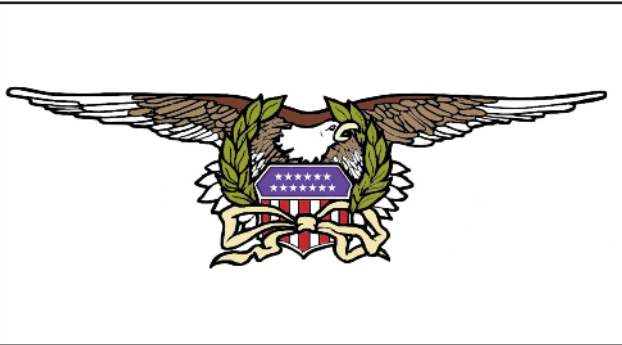
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Wednesdays in June: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. KSU 7am. FMI: SHD-HOG hotline 480-346-0626, main 480-346-0600, Info@superstitionhog.com

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6/5-6 {Sa-Sun} New Basic Riders Course 2 Day Class at Superstition HD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ. FMI: SHD 480-346-0600

6/10-13 {Th-Sun} Too Broke For Sturgis 2021 hosted by ABATE of AZ at Mormon Lake Lodge campground & arena. Music by Bayou Bandits, Unchained, & Moonshine Voodoo. \$40/pp, \$5 discount for ABATE members. Adults-only {18 years & older}.30+

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A look at legislation ideas – Lane Filtering

Mike Infanzon
Legislative Director

The 55th Arizona Legislature 1st Regular Session had not even Sine Die yet, but we were already working on the 2022 legislative agenda for motorcyclists in Arizona. Lane filtering is on top of our agenda

right now. Since we will be attempting to offer the same legislative language as Utah has in place, it is good to see how the lane filtering legislation has helped with reducing motorcycle fatalities. Here is what Utah Representative Walt Brooks – Utah 75th House District has to say: “In 2019, working in collaboration with

the Utah Department of Public Safety, the Utah State Legislature passed legislation that allowed for lane filtering by motorcyclists under certain prescribed traffic conditions. In 2018, our state saw 28 fatalities involving motorcyclists on such roads. With the lane filtering policy in place, that total dropped to 18 fatalities in 2019, and fell further in 2020 with only 8



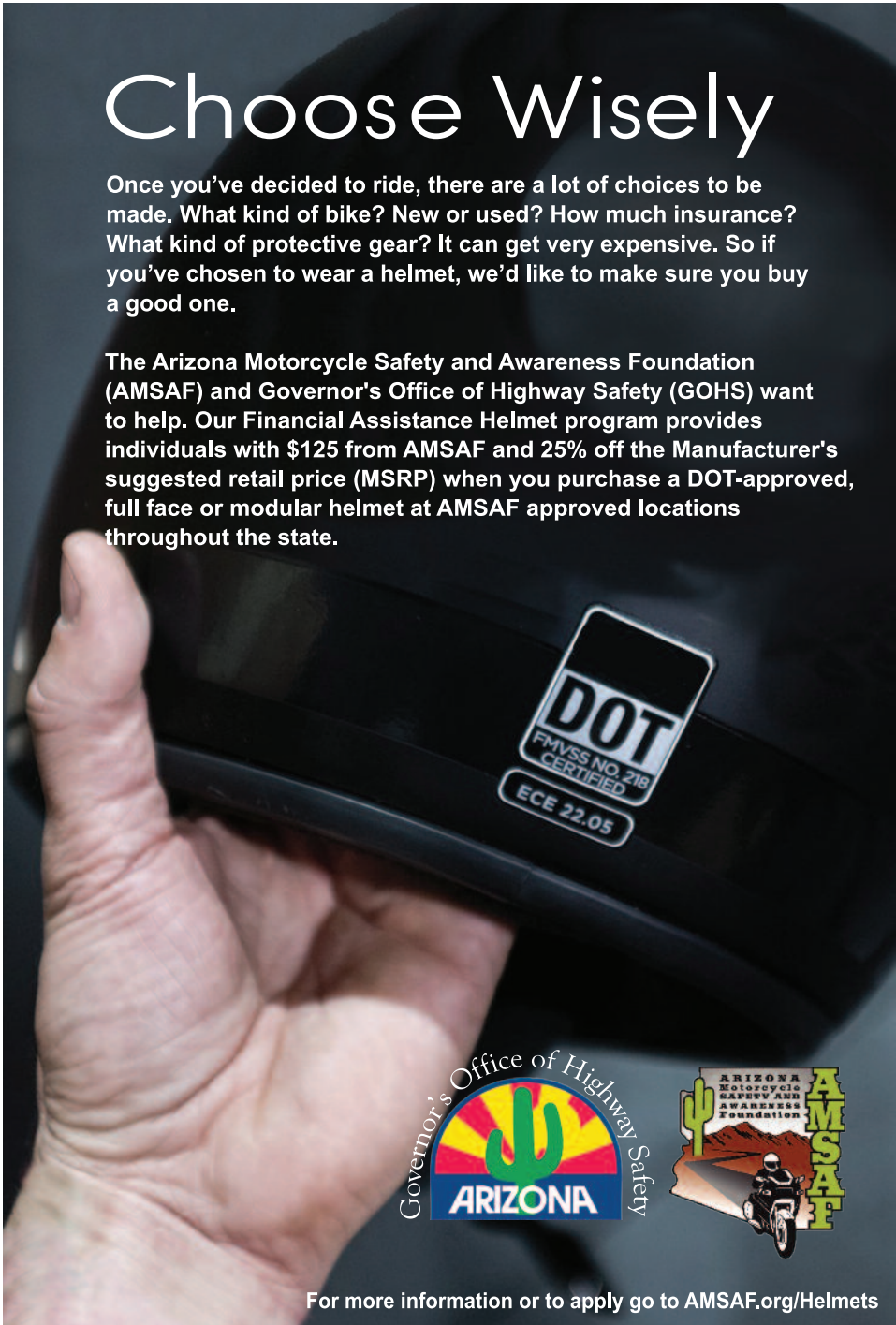
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High Country Chapter Takes a Break

by Woody Phillips

After more than 19 years, the High Country Chapter of ABATE of Arizona finds itself unable to conduct business due to a lack of officers. This situation, brought about by several members retiring at the same time while the current Secretary is recovering from surgery, has left the chapter without the requisite three key officers necessary to carry on business. Namely, a Coordinator, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom need to be different individuals. Billy Hensler, the current Coordinator was forced to cancel the last two meetings due to a lack of volunteers.

Like many volunteer organizations, ABATE is finding it more and more difficult to get members to step-up to take on positions of responsibility within the organization as a whole, and within the chapters in general. This situation has come about for many reasons despite the fact that overall membership has remained relatively constant for the last several years.

The major problem here seems to be an issue with burn-out of members with long-time experience. Most members that have been in positions of responsibility with ABATE have done so for many years and often in many positions. While

membership has remained relatively constant, it has not shown the growth necessary to bring in new members that might have the time and ability to help actually run the organization.

The current plan for High Country Chapter is to get together during the normal meeting time in July to see if there is enough interest to keep the chapter going, or if it would be better to place it in “Stand Down” status for a while or, possibly, to even close the chapter and allow the current members to move to other chapters or become “At Large” members. “At Large” members are full members of ABATE of AZ, who do not belong to a

particular chapter and their status is “Independent”.

If you are an active chapter member, or inactive chapter member and would like to renew, would like to participate in deciding the future of the High Country Chapter, including the annual Chili Cook-Off and the annual Wild in the Weeds fundraiser/party, come to the next chapter meeting at 10 am on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at the Moose Lodge in Star Valley located at 4211 State Route 260 in Star Valley, Arizona.

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Approximately US \$ 276,000 was presented to State of Tamil Nadu, India which is the home of Royal Enfield. Its commitment to extend support to the state

government is being accompanied by other initiatives in the region, the company said.

Chennai: Royal Enfield, part of Eicher Motors Ltd, has committed INR 20 million to the Tamil Nadu Disaster Relief Fund for the Covid-19 relief works in the State. The cheque for this was handed

over to Chief Minister M K Stalin by Vinod K Dasari, CEO, Royal Enfield, at the Secretariat on Tuesday.

“Tamil Nadu is the home of Royal Enfield motorcycles and we are committed to supporting the State in all its efforts to combat the devastating second wave of the pandemic. Our commitment to extend

support to the state government today is being accompanied by a host of initiatives that Royal Enfield is undertaking in the region for the community. We continue to assess the situation closely and will extend further support to the relief and rehabilitation efforts in the long run,” Dasari said.

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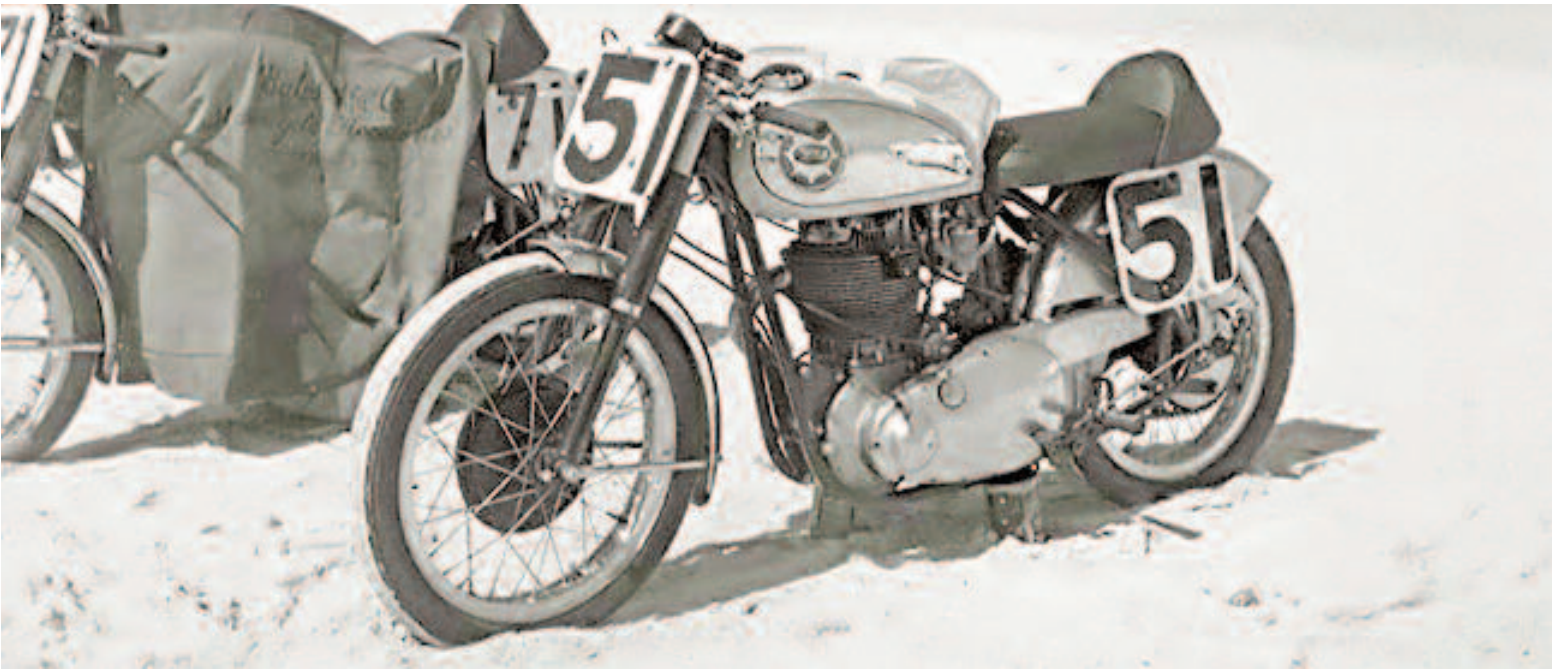
By Matt Brown

We founded Tombstone Brewing Company to bring world class beer to the

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Don’t Lose Your Momentum: How to Build on Successful Events

Building a grassroots movement is a lot like getting a freight train going. At first, it’s slow and difficult, but as it gains momentum, it can become self-sustaining.

What many novice grassroots organizers don’t know is that any slowdown in momentum at these crucial early stages can prevent a movement from getting started. They become so focused on hosting one great event with a well-known

speaker, or loading up a bus for a rally, or organizing attendees for a hearing, that they fail to think about how that event will fit into a larger strategy. Once the event is over, any excitement quickly dissipates, and by the time they’re planning the next activity, they’re starting from scratch.

How do you prevent that from happening? Here are a few tips to make sure you’re maximizing the impact of your events.

Have the next event ready.

One of the best ways to keep the momentum going is to already have the next

event or activity already planned. That way, you can use your first event to recruit for the upcoming one, keeping your activists engaged in your movement.

And the one after that.

Before you plan your event, think about how it fits into your larger strategy. If possible, have at least a month of activities scheduled so you can give attendees multiple options for additional events.

Always follow up.

Whether it’s a handwritten thank you card or an email, a final personal touch after

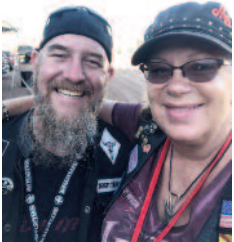
an event is a great way to reinforce your message and remind your activists to sign up for upcoming events.

Coffee. Lots of coffee.

Big events are a great way to meet people, but one-on-one meetings are where you form relationships that help you create a true grassroots community. Be sure to introduce yourself to everyone who attends and then reach out to them soon afterwards to invite them to grab coffee or lunch.

Follow these tips, and your grassroots movement will be humming in no time!

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Travis Wyman joins Harley-Davidson Factory Team for King of Baggers

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Brothers Travis and Kyle Wyman to Race Factory Road Glide Special Bikes at Road America

MILWAUKEE (June 10, 2021) – The Harley-Davidson® Screamin’ Eagle® factory racing team will field multi-talented racer Travis Wyman as a second entry in its MotoAmerica King of the Baggers road racing series. Travis Wyman will race a factory-prepared Harley-Davidson Road Glide® Special powered by a modified Screamin’ Eagle® Milwaukee-Eight 131 Performance Crate Engine. He joins his brother, Kyle Wyman, on the two-rider team for the King of the Baggers race June 11-13 at Road America near Elkhart Lake, Wis.

In addition to its factory team effort, Harley-Davidson is offering a nearly \$30,000 cash contingency program for qualified Harley-Davidson® racers competing in the King of the Baggers series.

“We are ready to turn up the heat in MotoAmerica at our home track of Road America by adding Travis to the Screamin’ Eagle factory team,” said Jochen Zeitz, chairman, president, and CEO Harley-Davidson. “The King of the Baggers series is bringing big excitement for fans and we’re pleased to add to the show by expanding our team to two top riders representing Harley-Davidson and Screamin’ Eagle.”

The three-round MotoAmerica King of the Baggers series is for race-prepared, American V-Twin touring motorcycles

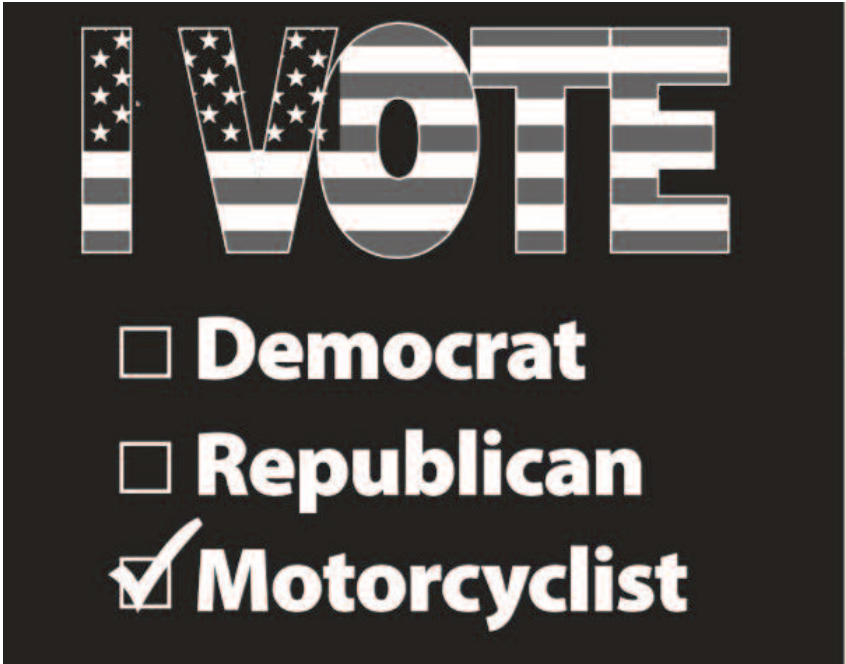
equipped with a fairing and saddlebags. In the series debut on May 2 at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, Kyle Wyman placed second on the Harley-Davidson Screamin’ Eagle factory Road Glide Special motorcycle.

Travis Wyman is the owner of Travis Wyman Racing, based in Las Vegas. He is currently also competing in MotoAmerica Stock 1000, Honos Superbike and Superbike Cup. The 29-year-old racer finished the 2020 MotoAmerica season in second place in the Superbike Cup and third in the Stock 1000 championship. Travis Wyman also competed in the MotoAmerica King of the Baggers invitational race last October at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, scoring a fourth-place finish aboard a Harley-Davidson Road Glide. Kyle and

Travis Wyman are the sons of Kim Wyman, owner of Harv’s Harley-Davidson in Macedon, N.Y.

Round two of the King of the Baggers series is June 11-13 at Road America near Elkhart Lake, Wis. The series continues July 9-11 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, Calif.

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US House Democrats Seek Government Funds For Speed Cameras

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The US House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on Wednesday will review sweeping legislation that would, among other things, encourage local governments to set up speed cameras using federal taxpayer dollars. The move would reverse a ban on federal funding for both red light cameras and speed cameras that has been in place since 2015.

The House Democratic leadership's proposed transportation reauthorization measure, dubbed the Invest in America Act, provides for a half-trillion dollars in spending with a new emphasis on passenger rail, public transit, cycling and walking infrastructure. It also adds a provision gutting the ban on taxpayer funding of speed cameras.

"Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a state may expend funds apportioned to that state under this section to carry out a program to purchase, operate, or maintain an automated traffic system in a work zone or school zone," the proposal states.

The federal government played a key role in the early development of red light cameras and speed cameras with the US Departments of Transportation (US DOT) and Defense providing critical seed money for their development prior to 1997. Five cities that were among the early adopters of photo enforcement were paid to do so by the Federal Highway Administration, including Beaverton, Oregon and Washington, DC.

The situation is different today, as photo radar firms offer "turn key" automated ticketing services for municipalities that

require no public funding. In return for the right to issue citations on a city's behalf, the company will install and operate the cameras and collect the citation money, depositing the funds in a city-designated bank account minus the photo enforcement firm's cut (whether in the form of a percentage of revenue or a fixed fee). The offer of federal funds would merely increase the city's cut of the ticket profit.

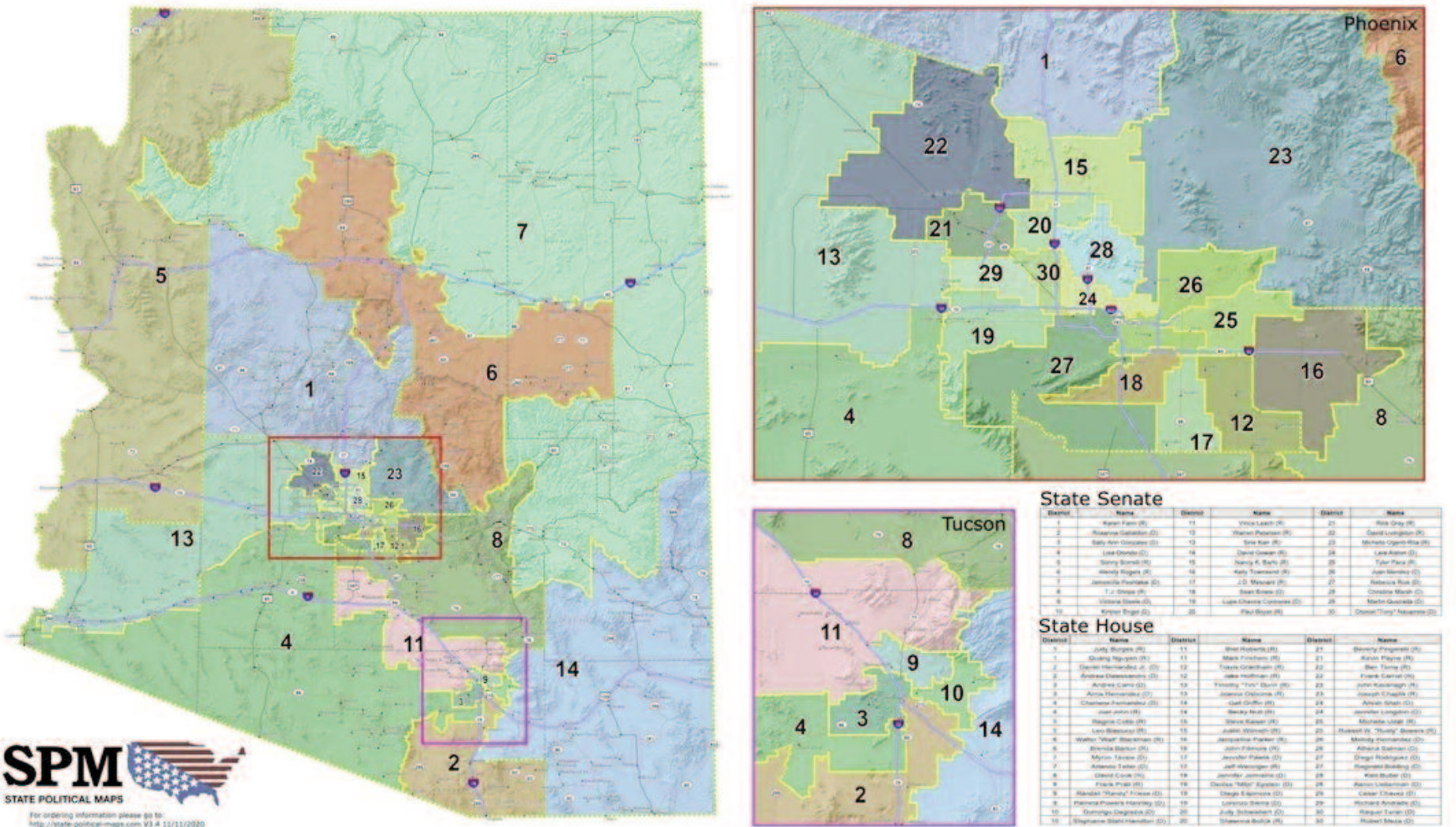
The Invest Act would also require the US DOT to begin studying school bus stoparm cameras and issue a report to Congress on their performance within two years. The 2015 Fast Act had previously required the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to collect performance data sufficient to judge the effectiveness of speed cameras and red light cameras from each state, but the agency has allowed states to, for the

most part, ignore the legal requirement and send in unverified survey responses containing incorrect and incomplete data. Results in 2020 continued with states submitting check-box forms devoid of performance data.

Florida, the only state besides Missouri to take the report seriously, did offer accident numbers. The state noted there were 12,211 accidents at red light camera intersections, an increase of 17 percent from the 10,410 accidents that occurred prior to camera installation. Both rear-end and angle crashes increased.

The Senate's version of the transportation reauthorization bill, which was drafted with input from Republican senators, does not contain the provision encouraging the use of speed cameras.

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Young Activist Nomination Request



MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION
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Young Activist Scholarship Fund Nomination Form

Candidate Criteria:

1) Nominated candidate must be between the ages of 18 and 30 with a valid Motorcycle Endorsement on their Driver's License. 31st Birthday must fall after **Meeting Of The Minds** for that year.


2) Candidate must be a member in good standing of a State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (SMRO). Length of membership required in SMRO to be determined by its members if candidate is qualified.

3) Candidate must be nominated by their SMRO. Nominations will be accepted from either state or local (District/Chapter/Local) SMRO groups and must be submitted on an MRF approved application form.

4) Nomination must be submitted between October 1st and July15th and postmarked no later than July 1st of the year for which the application is submitted.

5) The Candidate must also submit a minimum three hundred (300)-word essay on why biker's rights are important to them. A well written essay from the heart is like a picture or blueprint of who the candidate is; coming directly from the candidate, this gives the MRFA&E Board of Directors a better perspective of the individual. Winning candidates will be announced via an MRF E-mail News Release on or about August 15th. All candidates will be notified with a letter of thanks and encouragement to re-submit their candidacy for the next year if they are not the selected winner.

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Canadian motorcycle racing has a big problem.

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FOREST, ON – February 4, 2021: On January 29, 2021, the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM, International Motorcycling Federation) convened via video conference for their annual General Assembly. MCC (Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada) has been petitioning to become the Canadian FIM Affiliate for several years now. FIM allows one affiliate in each country. For the last 70 years, Canada’s representative has been the CMA (Canadian Motorcycle Association). CMA has had little participation in international racing for the last few decades. During this time, there has been an overwhelming desire to rekindle international competition in Canada across all disciplines.

MCC’s quest to become Canada’s affiliate requires that the CMA first lose their standing with FIM. In 2020, FIM leadership made a motion to Expel CMA from

FIM. This motion was brought to the floor on January 29, 2021. The motion required a two-thirds majority of votes by the FIM Voting Delegates present to pass, as opposed to a simple majority. The vote fell short by 5 votes and although a majority was reached with 59% voting in favour of removing CMA, it did not meet the required threshold of 66%. 11 members abstained from voting, thus making the odds of reaching a two-thirds majority difficult to achieve. MCC was not afforded the opportunity to be considered because CMA was not expelled as the current Canadian FIM Affiliate.

While MCC is disappointed that it will not become the FIM Affiliate for Canada at this time, the membership continues to focus on positioning the organization to be the obvious and logical choice for this important role. MCC Board Chair Chris Bourque states, “I continue to be baffled by an organization like CMA, that does nothing with their affiliation, yet refuses to let it go. All the while, young and

upcoming competitors are hamstrung to test their mettle against global competitors.”

There is also frustration within the Canadian motorcycle racing community, including racers and promoters. Veteran motorcycle journalist Colin Fraser, who produces the Canadian Superbike series for TSN says “The path for Canadian racers to the world stage has been severely compromised for the last 4 decades, and we really need to change with the times.” Justin Thompson, CEO at Jetwerx International and the Triple Crown Series states, “Jetwerx continues to support the MCC bid for FIM Affiliation, for the good of the sport and for Canada.”

For now, MCC will continue to work diligently on behalf of racers and riders across Canada. According to Bourque, “In 2021 we will continue to make MCC stronger and even better positioned to take on the responsibility of leading Canada back to competitive motorcycling

at the international level through FIM Affiliation.”

About FIM
FIM is the global governing/sanctioning body of motorcycle racing. It represents 111 national motorcycle federations that are divided into six regional continental unions. FIM not only serves as a racing sanctioning body but also has non-sporting initiatives such as: Women Riders, Ride True (without impairment), Motorcycle Tourism opportunities, Public Affairs, Ride Green.

About the Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada
The Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC) is the voice of motorcycling in Canada. Our purpose is to create a better riding experience for all Canadians and to make Canada one of the safest countries in the world to ride a motorcycle. Today, there are close to one million motorcyclists riding on and off-road motorcycles across Canada.

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