

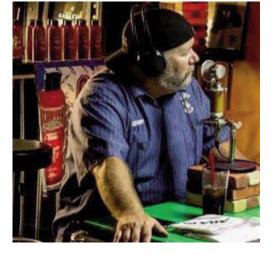
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#### **SEPTEMBER 2021**

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# LEGISLATOR SCORECARD FOR THE SSTH LEGISLATURE IST REGULAR SESSION





Bolick (LD20) House of Representatives – Rep. Leo Biasiucci (LD5) Senate – Senator David Gowan (LD14)

#### **Honorable Mentions**

Rep. Ben Toma (LD22) and Senator Sonny Borelli (LD5).

This is the second year in a row that Representative Bolick has won our Freedom Fighter award and the second year for Senator Borelli also as an Honorable Mention.

You can read the scored bills below and see the entire scorecard inside on page 7

## H2329 (Chapter 27) AIR QUALITY; OMNIBUS

Modifies the Area A and Area B vehicle emissions standards testing requirements for motor vehicles. The list of exemptions from vehicle emissions inspection requirements is expanded to include cranes and oversize vehicles that require permits, and vehicles that are not in use and that are owned by Arizona residents while on active military duty outside of Arizona. These provisions do not become effective unless on or before July 1, 2023 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approves the proposed modifications to the vehicle emissions testing program protocols as part of the State Implementation Plan for air quality. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required to operate and administer a voluntary vehicle repair and retrofit program in areas that are subject to the vehicle emissions inspection program, instead of a county with a population of more than 400,000 persons being required to operate the program in that county. Retrofit program requirements are modified. DEQ is authorized to conduct research to quantify the effects of vehicular emissions, instead of being required to conduct research to quantify the effect of alternative fuels on toxic components of vehicular emissions. Also repeals the Voluntary Vehicle Repair and Retrofit Program Advisory Committee.



Mike Infanzon Legislative Director

There was a tremendous amount of bills we tracked this session. Some had minor implications on the motorcycle community, some were just for information purposes only. Will and I refined down all the bills to these that were most impactful and lined up with the legislative priorities set by the membership last year.

Grading was done simply by how a legislator voted on the final floor vote. We gave a bonus point if they were the prime sponsor of the bill and a half bonus point if they were a co-sponsor. Bonus points are used to determine the Legislative Freedom Fighter awards.

#### 2021 Legislative Awards

Legislative Freedom Fighter - Rep. Shawnna

#### H2110 (Chapter 288) CIVIL PENAL-TIES; TRAFFIC; MITIGATION; RESTI-TUTION

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. The court is required to credit any community restitution performed at a rate equal to the state minimum wage, rounded up to the nearest dollar. AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

#### H2115 (Chapter 235) MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUND; CONTINUATION

The Department of Transportation is required to deposit \$1 of each motorcycle registration fee collected in the Motorcycle Safety Fund through June 30, 2025, instead of through June 30, 2021. AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

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#### **MASTERLINK SEPTEMBER 2021**

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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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FMI contact Harley Pettit, (928) 530-2555, harley3787@gmail.com

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Merchandise	Margie Seepber

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

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Events Coordinator	Dennis Smith
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Communications	William Cleveland
Merchandise	"Tequila" Mike Howard

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

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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.

## **News from the MRF**

For Immediate Release

August 6, 2021

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Safety Coordinator	Dixie Gray
Sgt. At Arms	Vacant
P.A.C.	Deborah Butitta
Communications	Vacant
Merchandise	Vacant

Meet us at for the VFW's very reasonably priced and tasty dinner.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,	AZ 85367
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RRMC	
Vice Coordinator	Montez (Sidetrack) RRMC
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Membership	Frank White
Events Coordinator	Vacant
Safety Coordinator	Vacant
Sgt. At Arms	Joe Toussint (Rattle) IFMC
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 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.

#### 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.

Congratulations to all from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Board of Directors.

August 10, 2021

For Immediate Release

Highway Bill Passes the U.S. Senate

Tuesday morning, the U.S. Senate

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Foundation Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame (MRF HOF). These will be

Curtin, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, "Still" Ray Fitzgerald, Richard Gray, John Eggers and Michael "Boz" Kerr.

#### **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

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## **President's Report**



By Shirley Bizub

Hello everyone,

It's that time we need to start thinking on chapter officers to be voted in for the upcoming year. Then we are trying to secure the day of November 14th for all chapters to come have food, fun, games and vote for State Officers.

So if you know a good canadate for a state officers position please nominate them, if you yourself would like to come join in at the state level please give Dee Grady your name so it can be placed on the ballots. I myself am planning on running for my same position . I know we need to get seats filled if we plan on keeping ABATE of Arizona alive still. So if you are as passionate as I am about keeping ABATE moving forward please consider running for a seat at the state officers table. New minds are always welcome there is so much that we as a family can do for ABATE, but it's takes everyone's help in doing this. Do you just belong to ABATE or are you a active member of ABATE? That is the question I challenge you to think about. These past few years have taught me so much and I only wish everyone could get the knowledge and experience I have had the opportunity to gain.

As soon as date is secured, I will contact each chapter with the date, time and place, November 14, 2021, is the day we are shooting for. It's a Sunday and we need all to participate in this voting. Also I would like each chapter to put a theme basket together to raffle off at the voting on November 14th. These will be door prizes. Need them at the office the day of the voting. Thank you for participating .

All chapters coordinator's please make sure you are getting your chapter reports in by the 10th of each month . This has been a challenge for some of you. It is the coordinator's responsibility to get them in and proof read them. I appreciate your cooperation in doing this.

Meeting of the Minds is coming up quickly. I'm hoping there are some chapters sending at least one person to attend this seminar.

Riot on the River is the first weekend in November. Please do not schedule any events this weekend; it is much appreciated by the ACMC. All tickets should have

## News from the MRF

69 to 30. The bill includes increased funding for roads, bridges, safety programs and of interest to motorcyclists, the reestablishment of the Motorcyclists Advisory Council (MAC) at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Despite the efforts of bipartisan Senators including, Tammy Baldwin (WI-D), Marsha Blackburn (TN-R), Joni Ernst (IA-R) and Ron Johnson (WI-R) the bill fails to match provisions for motorcyclists that the House of Representatives included in its version of highway bill. Nearly 500 amendments were offered to the Senate highway bill. In that group of amendments two focused on motorcyclists, one that expanded protections on the profiling of motorcyclists at check points, and one that included motorcyclists in studies of connected and autonomous vehicles. Frustratingly, these two amendments were not given a vote, as the Senate limited debate on amendments. Allowing only about 20 amendments of the 500 or so offered to be debated and voted on.

The Senate version of the highway bill now goes to the House of Representatives where Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has pledged to not bring the Senate highway bill up for a vote until the Senate passes a separate "reconciliation bill." This bill includes \$3.5 trillion in spending on sweeping programs to address climate change, health, education, and paid leave.

At this point, there are three possible outcomes to the highway bill. First, the House passes the Senate bill with no changes and the MAC is reestablished. Second, a conference committee is created where the Senate and the House merge their two bills into a new final bill. This opens the door not only for reestablishment of the MAC, but also inclusion of the check point profiling language and autonomous vehicle language from the House bill to be included in a final bill. Finally, with the September 30th deadline been sold please send your ticket stubs and money to me so I can get them all turned in.

Well that's it for this month things to remember:

1.) November 14th.

2.) Money and ticket stubs for Riot on the river . (Thank you Yuma for getting them turned in.)

3.) Chapter Reports by coordinator, proof read by the 10th of each month and sent to Eric Hampton.

4.) Put basket together for door prize during voting.

5.) Get names turned in for members running for State Officers positions

6.) Get names in of members running for Chapter positions for the up coming year.

Thank you everyone for your help. Your President, MoonShine

fast approaching, Congress could kick the can once again, extending the current highway bill for weeks, months or years...

Regardless of the potential stalemate in Washington D.C., the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is committed to sustaining the fight for motorcyclist rights. We will not rest until our voices are heard and our priorities are included in laws that protect our rights and safety. We will continue to keep riders informed of the bill's status and advise you if any calls to action are needed.



## LEGISLATOR SCORECARD FOR THE 55TH LEGISLATURE 1ST REGULAR SESSION

#### AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

H2810 (Chapter 327) CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE; CONVIC-

son used in the commission of the offense or to facilitate the offense. Establishes circumstances under which the court is allowed to waive the conviction requirement. Does not prevent property from being forfeited by the terms of a plea agreement. A person who claims to be an innocent owner has the burden of production to show that the person either held a legal right, title or interest in the property seized at the time the illegal conduct occurred, or acquired as a bona fide purchaser a legal right, title or interest in the property after the commission of the crime. All property seized by a law enforcement agency at any time must be returned to the owner, if known, within ten business days after the property's seizure unless the owner has been arrested and charged with a criminal offense subject to forfeiture, the property is sought to be used as evidence, it is illegal for the owner to possess the property, or the property was seized for forfeiture. Within 60 days after making a seizure for forfeiture, the state is required to file a notice of pending forfeiture proceeding or return the property to the person from

whom it was seized. Establishes requirements for serving the notice of pending forfeiture. Allows an owner of the property to file a claim against the property at

a public highway in Arizona was 30 miles per hour in an area that is outside of an "urbanized area" (defined elsewhere in statute), or 40 miles per hour in an urbanized area, a person would have been prohibited from driving a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit on that highway. If the speed at which the person was alleged to have driven or the speed at which the court finds the person drove was not more than 10 miles per hour in excess of the posted speed limit, the offense would have been allowed to be designated as a waste of a finite resource and as a civil traffic violation. If the speed at which the person was alleged to have driven or the speed at which the court finds the person drove was more than 10 miles per hour in excess of the posted speed limit, the offense would have been designated as a civil traffic violation. AS VETOED BY GOVER-NOR. In his veto message, the Governor stated that his priority is passing a budget, and that he does not intend to sign any additional bills until that happens.

#### TION; PROCEDURES

The list of property subject to seizure and forfeiture is modified to require the proceeds to be traceable to an offense that resulted in a criminal conviction. Property is subject to forfeiture only if the owner is convicted of an offense to which forfeiture applies and the state establishes by clear and convincing evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture. The state is prohibited from proceeding with further forfeiture proceedings before a criminal conviction for an offense to which forfeiture applies unless no timely claims for the seized property were filed or the court waived the conviction requirement. After a person is convicted of an offense for which forfeiture applies, the court may order the person to forfeit property acquired through the commission of the offense, property directly traceable to property acquired through the commission of the offense, and property the perany time within 60 days after the notice or 60 days before a criminal trial, whichever is later. Beginning August 28, 2024, the Attorney General is prohibited from using monies from the Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund to pay salaries for full-time equivalent positions. Statutes governing various forfeiture proceedings are repealed and replaced. AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR. In his signing statement, the Governor stated that this legislation balances personal rights and property with ensuring law enforcement has the tools necessary to protect the state.

#### S1127 VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS

The definition of excessive speeding, a class 3 (lowest) misdemeanor would have been modified to include exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 20 miles per hour, instead of exceeding 85 miles per hour. If the maximum speed limit on

## **Chapter Reports**

**News from the MRF** 

**Coyote Pass** NO REPORT.

**Mohave Chapter** 

NO REPORT.

**Phoenix/Shadow Mountain** NO REPORT. **Superstition Chapter** 

NO REPORT.

#### Southern Arizona Chapter

At our meeting on 07/17/2021, we have a tentative date for our Bike night September 16, 2021 at the Buggy Wheel Bar & Grill. Our memberships have grown since our last meeting. Good to see members helping with organizing our upcoming event & volunteering at other events we are involved in. Our next meeting will be on August 21st at the Kettle Restaurant 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, AZ at 9:00am.

Anissa Dragonfly Huntington Southern Arizona Chapter Coordinator

#### Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

#### FACT OR FICTION - HELMET USE:

On a nearly annual basis the media in this country is inspired to report stories about motorcycle fatalities on our nation's roadways. Invariably, these stories paint motorcycle rider deaths as a product of irresponsible riders who live in states that have some level of helmet choice. Frequently they report statistics that prove their narrative but fail to paint a full and complete picture. The lens with which these stories are reported often takes the naïve view that crashes can be made "safer" if only bikers somehow followed government helmet mandates.

The only true solution to motorcycle safety and reducing fatalities are proactive measures, which prevent a collision from occurring at all, rather than reactive steps that may or may not offer some level of injury mitigation only after a crash has already taken place. Rider education, which prepares motorcyclists to interact with other roadway users by learning and practicing the skills necessary for hazard avoidance and developing a strategy to deal with real world traffic, is the primary component of a comprehensive motorcycle safety plan. Additionally, educating all motor vehicle operators to be alert and free of impairment as they share the road with others is critical in deterring crashes caused by inattention.

When coming across these stories keep in mind some facts that are omitted from their reports.

Fact: Over the last decade motorcycle related deaths have varied between years but for the most part remain flat. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data from 2019 shows 5,014 deaths, a decrease from the 2008 5,307 deaths NTSHA recorded. In that same time period registered motorcycles increased from 7.7 million in 2008 to 8.7 million ten years later. In other words, there are a million more bikes on the road and there were 300 less deaths.

Fact: Twenty-nine percent of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2017 were riding without proper licensure at the time of the collision. A valid motorcycle license includes a rider having a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement or possessing a motorcycle only license. Proper training and licensing are fundamental parts of motorcycle safety, taking unqualified riders off the road is a commonsense solution to lowering motorcycle fatalities.

Fact: The lack of a helmet mandate in the 31 states who have allowed freedom of choice does not prohibit someone from choosing to wear a helmet. In fact, a 2019 U.S. Department of Transportation audit showed that states without mandatory helmet laws still saw 56.5% of riders choose to wear a helmet.

Fact: A 2019 U.S. Department of Transportation Fatality Analysis Reporting System report showed that in crash study data, where helmet use was known, 36% of motorcyclists killed were not wearing a helmet. Conversely 61% of motorcycle fatalities involved a rider wearing a helmet. The remaining 3% had unknown usage. These numbers closely mirror NHTSA data on overall helmet usage which shows 64% of riders wearing helmets.

Fact: Despite the constant drum beat from safety advocates, the media and Washington D.C. bureaucrats about the ills of helmetless riders, state legislatures continue to trust the judgment of bikers. Just last year Missouri passed a modified helmet law allowing the choice to ride without a helmet to those who are qualified. In at least three other states, West Virginia, Maryland, and Nebraska there are active campaigns to change their helmet mandates and let those who ride decide.

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## ATTENTION MEMBERS IT IS TIME TO NOMINATE IN PREPA-RATION FOR OFFICER ELECTIONS

Hello Members. It's time for members to step up and help lead Our State Motorcycle Rights Organization (SMRO). The time is fast approaching November which is voting month in ABATE of Arizona. This year, 2021, in addition to the chapter officers' elections, we vote for

Communications.

#### P.A.C.

There are 3 appointed state positions. These positions WILL NOT be on the

State Officer please provide me with contact information for the nominee in the email in order for me to be able verify willingness to be a State Officer. Per the Bylaws and/or P&Ps in order for a member to be a State Officer the member shall have been a member in good standing of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc. for at least two years and during that time will have been elected to a Chapter Officer position and completed the term of that position. (I've paraphrased this statement.) IF a person does not meet these criteria, Precedent has been set that based upon life experience in a leadership position either in a job or within another volunteer organization position, Upon Approval of the BOD a person may be approved for the position to which one has been elected.

Shirley Bizub ----- State President

Cynde Aydt ----- State Membership

William Cleveland ----- P.A.C.

Nominees at this time and the position

State Officers. State officers are elected every two years; this year's election will provide officers from officer training day January 2022 through officer training day January 2024.

The elected State Officer positions are:

President.

Vice President.

Secretary.

Membership.

Sergeant at Arms.

#### Merchandise/ABATE Products.

Runs and Events.

Safety Coordinator.

State Officers ballot.

Per the Arizona Corporation Commission, in order for A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc. to remain a viable entity and retain tax exempt status A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc. Must Have a State President, a State Secretary, and the Board of Directors appointed position of State Treasurer. Without these three key officers our 30+ year old SMRO will dissolve as an entity.

Members may volunteer for any position on the ballot. Members may be nominated for a position on the ballot by another member. IF a member is nominated by another member the nominee may decline the nomination. To have your name added to the ballot you will need to notify me, Deena (Dee) Grady by email, with your name and position desired No Later Than the 12th of September 2021. IF you are nominating a member for a

The ballot will be printed in the October MasterLink. There will also be printed ballots at the annual All Membership food, fun and voting get together in November 2021. There will be lines for write in candidates on the ballots.

The following current State Officers have volunteered to be on the 2022-2024 ballot (name and position desired):

desired are:

Mike "Navy Mike" Rudd ---- State Membership

Paul "Wolfman" Whaley --- State Safety

Paul "Wolfman" Whaley --- State Sergeant at Arms

Remember without the support of its Members A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc. would not be an entity that is the largest SMRO in Arizona and the voice for rights of 200,000+ motorcycle owners in our beautiful state.

Respectfully, Deena Grady State Secretary ABATE of Arizona NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

HIGHWAY BILL PASSES HOUSE INCLUDING MOTORCYCLIST-SUP-PORTED PROVISIONS The U.S. House of Representatives passed the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America" or INVEST in America Act (H.R. 3684) on July 1, 2021 by a mostly partisan vote of 221-201. The five-year \$715 billion surface transportation and water infrastructure bill directs federal investments in roads, bridges, transit, rail, and clean water programs, and also contains several key provisions benefiting motorcycle riders;

SEC. 3005: GRANT PROGRAM TO PROHIBIT RACIAL PROFILING was amended to include grant funding to include "the costs of collecting, maintaining, and evaluating data on the driver's mode of transportation at traffic stops" to help determine biker profiling by law enforcement.

SEC. 3011: STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING, not only expands prohibitions on motorcycleonly checkpoints, but also prohibits law enforcement activities that "otherwise profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor

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the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers."

SEC. 3013: MOTORCYCLIST ADVI-SORY COUNCIL, reauthorizes the MAC to "advise the Secretary, the Administrator of the National Highway 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."

H.R. 3684 specifies that motorcycles must be taken into consideration when the Department of Transportation (DOT) conducts safety studies on autonomous vehicles.

Additionally, the Highway Bill earmarks \$5,760,000 in 405 safety funds to states for motorcyclist safety in the next fiscal year, and increases program funding by more than a third annually through 2025.

Once the Senate passes their own version of the highway bill, both chambers will come together in a Conference Committee to iron out any differences before sending the bill to the President for his signature. Time is of the essence, as the current surface transportation bill expires on September 30.

RIGHT TO REPAIR MAKES HEAD-WAY

Consumers may soon have more choice over where to take products, from vehicles to smartphones, to be repaired following a new Biden Administration executive order intended to promote right-to-repair protections.

In a broad-ranging executive order aimed at increasing competition in the marketplace, President Biden has asked the Federal Trade Commission to draft regulations that would prevent manufacturers from stipulating that these and other devices can be repaired only by authorized personnel.

Tucked into the executive order that covered 72 initiatives to promote competition in the U.S. economy, Biden specifically asked the FTC to crack down on "unfair anticompetitive restrictions on third-party repair or self-repair of items."

The new directive to the FTC comes a couple of months after the commission delivered a 54-page report to Congress that concluded "there is scant evidence to support manufacturers' justifications for repair restrictions."

The order is a significant win for the

right to repair advocates who have long championed a consumer's choice to have their technology fixed either by third parties or on their own, rather than solely by the manufacturer. Right to repair argues that anyone should have access to the OEM parts, manuals, and software needed to perform those repairs

repairs. MIC 'RIDE WITH US' INITIATIVE AIMS TO GET "NEW RIDERS, RID-ING MORE"

"Ride With Us" -- the powersports industry's multifaceted market expansion program -- has been officially launched by the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC).

"In late 2019 at MIC's Communication Symposium, we shared the MIC's vision for growing ridership – more riders, riding more," said Paul Vitrano, chairman of the MIC Board of Directors and senior vice president/senior assistant general counsel of Polaris, in the announcement. "We were excited to begin operationalizing the plan in early 2020, but the pandemic caused us to pause and refocus our efforts on helping powersports businesses remain open."

"While we were navigating the coronavirus, we also were working hard to prepare for the post-pandemic environ-

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## Join A.B.A.T.E.

#### **ABATE IS:**

• A Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO)

 For Bikes & Riders, regardless of Race, Creed, color, sex, age, machine or gear
 For all Motorcycles regardless of

Fraternal or club affiliation, as well as Independents

 $\cdot$  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.

 $\cdot$  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 again2019 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

#### JOIN ABATE NOW!

**ABATE** Of Arizona provides a unified voice for all motorcyclists in Arizona. Add your voice to ours. Join ABATE now, for the preservation of your ability to ride a motorcycle with the freedom that's your right!!

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ment," said Erik Pritchard, president and CEO of the MIC. "Our preparation included a number of initiatives tied to each phase of the new rider journey ---Inspire, Explore, Engage, and Integrate -- as well supporting new-rider education initiatives.

The MIC is leading a task force composed of industry-leading marketing talent to help develop the program. As a part of the 'Ride With Us' program, the MIC is also delivering new 45-minute first-ride experiences for people who have never ridden a motorcycle before.

"Our industry has needed a unifying market expansion effort targeting potential and returning riders, and the MIC is delivering it with Ride With Us," said Vitrano. "We urge all industry stakeholders to rally around this initiative as it rolls out to support people at every stage of their journey to becoming a lifelong rider.

EMISSION-FREE MOTORCYCLES PLAY KEY ROLE IN U.K. TRANS-PORTATION PLAN

The British government plans to ban the sale of gasoline-powered motorcycles, and from 2035 all new motorcycles must be zero emission, with powered two-wheelers (PTW) set to play a key role in a new Government Transport Decarbonisation Plan following years of behind the scenes campaigning from the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA).

The Department for Transport announced the radical new plan earlier this month, which pledges to end the sale of all new, non-zero emission road vehicles by 2040 at the latest, as well as phasing out the sale of all new non-zero emission heavy goods vehicles in that timeframe.

The 220-page DfT plan states that the government will "consult this year on a phase out date of 2035, or earlier if a faster transition appears feasible, for the sale of new non-zero emission powered two and three wheelers."

Unlike in some previous transport announcements, motorcycles and scooters have been considered from the outset, thanks to consultations between the MCIA and government ministers spanning the past three years.

"Motorcycles, scooters and other forms of Powered Light Vehicles will play a key role and we are extremely happy this has now been recognized," said MCIA chief executive Tony Campbell, adding that "Only a fool would think that the motorcycling sector could be treated separately from everything else going on in the world." U.S. AND E.U. LEADERS REACH TRUCE IN RETALIATORY TARIFFS WAR

The current European and U.S. trade dispute dates back to 2004 when both parties accused one another of unfairly subsidizing aircraft giants Boeing and Airbus. In 2018, the World Trade Organization declared both sides guilty, allowing the U.S. to implement \$7.5 billion in tariffs and the E.U. to retaliate with \$4 billion in duties.

Over the years, the retributive approach on both sides extended the tariffs beyond the aircraft manufacturers, and from French wine to American whiskey to Harley-Davidson motorcycles, the tax rates ballooned. In 2018, the dispute intensified into an all-out trade war when former President Donald Trump imposed new steel and aluminum tariffs on several NATO allies.

That decision spurred the E.U. to hit back with a series of tax hikes that would have levied a 56-percent tariff on American motorcycles over 500cc. Luckily, the E.U. relented, delaying the measures until December, 2021. However, that didn't solve the impending trade crisis for brands like Harley-Davidson.

At the European Union-United States Summit in Brussels, Belgium, on June 15, 2021, U.S. President Joe Biden and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen reached a truce in the 17year Boeing-Airbus spat. The agreement will go into effect on July 11, 2021, and will suspend the tariffs for the next five years. The truce not only mends trans-Atlantic trade relations, but also lays the groundwork for both parties to unite against a common threat in the aircraft industry: China, a major threat due to its overproduction of steel and aluminum. MORE COUNTRIES BANNING GAS-

#### POWERED MOTORCYCLES

It seems that more and more nations are beginning to adopt a policy of allowing only brand new electric-powered vehicles to be sold in their jurisdictions in the near future, and now Indonesia, Southeast Asia's largest motorcycle market with more than 112-million motorcycles on its busy streets, has declared that no more new internal combustion engine (ICE) motorcycles should be sold in the country by 2050.

Singapore also adopted a similar policy by banning motorcycles they consider "old" from their streets by 2028. India, as well as some European nations, had already enacted similar measures earlier. Now, Canada is the newest country that's taking on drastic measures to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions.

In a recent announcement from the Canadian government agency, Transport Canada (TC), they are accelerating the complete eradication of ICE-powered vehicles by outlawing them by 2035 -which is 5-years earlier than the original 2040 plan.

"Today, we take another important step on the road to net zero by accelerating our zero-emission vehicle targets to 2035," said Seamus O'Regan Jr., the Canadian minister of natural resources. "Achieving this target will require all Canadians, and businesses big and small, to embrace the change and go electric.

Like other countries initiating combustion vehicle sales bans, the plan is to end new vehicle sales, and does not mention plans for older vehicles. Most such plans rely on older vehicles eventually phasing themselves out as they become impractical to repair and own over time.

MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE INSPECTIONS MAY HIT EUROPE IN 2023

The idea of mandatory periodic technical inspections (PTI) for motorcycles in Europe has been looming for some time now, since 2104, but new information indicates this legislation could be coming sooner than expected.

In fact, the Ministry of Transport (MOT) has confirmed it is preparing a

decree in the Council of State to establish a date and basic parameters for inspections starting in 2023.

European Parliament wants mandatory inspections for motorized two-wheelers in every state of the European Union, while the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Association (FEMA) argues that such a Europe-wide law is unnecessary, citing existing inspection regulations, a low risk of accidents due to technical defects, and possible collusion with inspection companies.

A typical PTI is expected to include a visual inspection of running gear (lights, tires, brakes, etc.), as well as a sound inspection and pollution test, to be performed at a certified inspection station. However, at this time, it is unclear how often these checks will happen and what the exact details will be.

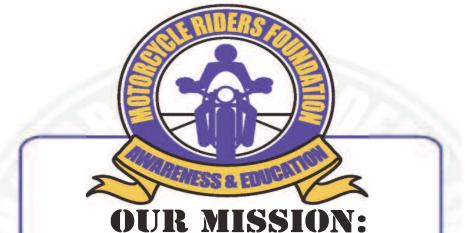
EASYRIDERS ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL

Easyriders magazine was known as the "biker's bible" for over 50 years, before ceasing production in 2019, but now Classic Easyriders will kickstart a new era beginning this December, drawing on its rich heritage as an integral part of the biker lifestyle.

"Our industry needs a paper magazine as well as a digital presence now more than ever before, to capture and promote the American motorcycle culture," says editor-in-chief Dave Nichols.

While there will be no nudity as in the original Easyriders, Classic Easyriders (www.ClassicEasyriders.com) will bring readers the look and feel of biker magazines of the 1970s and '80s, with fresh new choppers, bobbers, classic motorcycles and the latest builds by today's top builders. The monthly magazine will also include interviews with biker legends and showcase motorcycle-related parts, products and accessories. QUOTABLE QUOTE

"A page of history is worth a volume of logic." ~ Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935), U.S. Supreme Court Justice





## **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 Yuma Chapter The Yuma ABATE chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. We meet at the Copper Min Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd 85367. We woul

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#### Phoenix / Shadow Mountain Chapter

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

#### Southern Arizona Chapter

The Southern Arizona Chapter will meet the third Saturday of the month. We will gather at the Kettle Restaurant meeting room. 748 W Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85713. Meeting time is 10AM October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim 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/.

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.

#### **Covote 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.

## **ABATE of Arizona Business Members**

AZ Legal Docs & Services 928-532-0632

Ain't Nick's Tavern 602-242-2345

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NW Tucson Moose Riders

Old Bastards MC - Payson

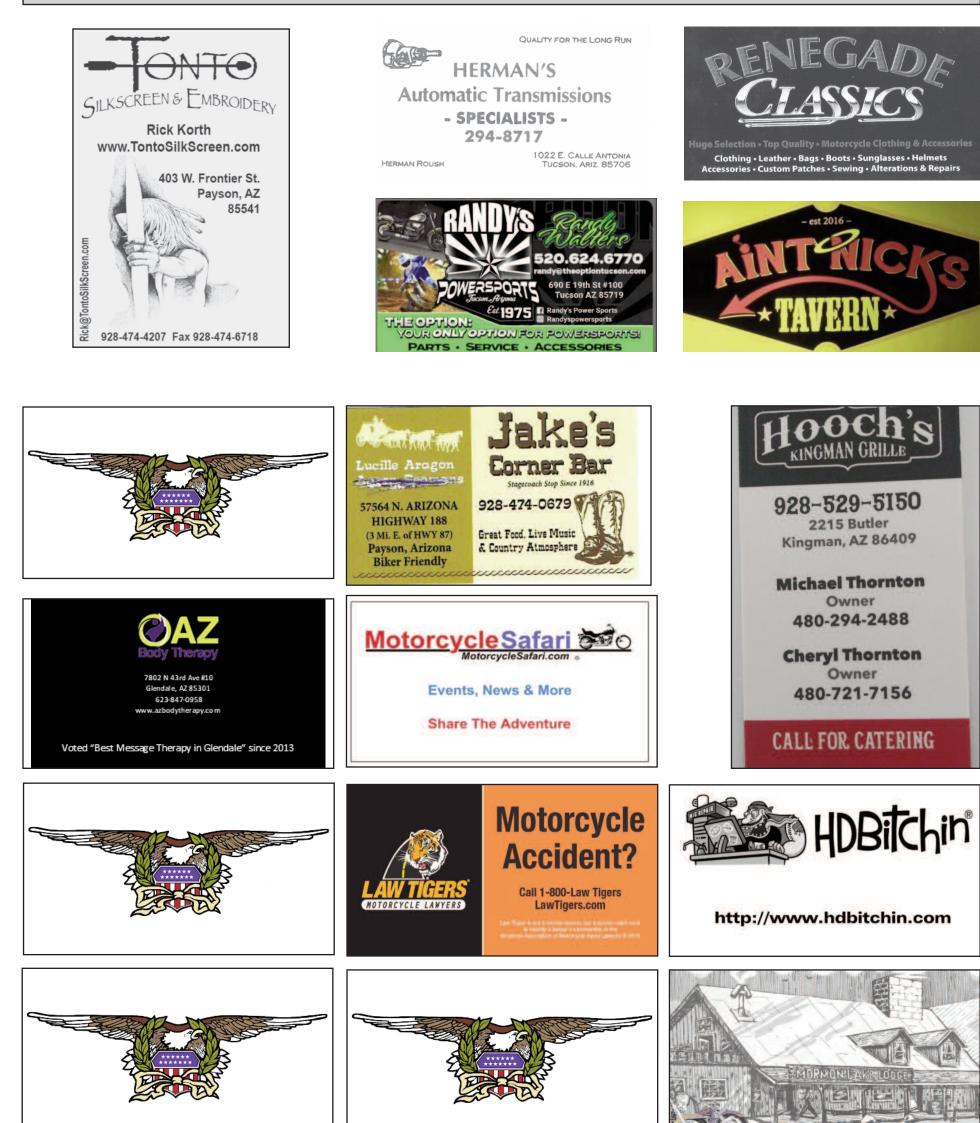
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Sacred Skulls MC

VFW Riders Post 549

## **2021 House Scorecard**

State Representative	District	Party	Session	HB2110	HB2115	HB2329	HB2810	SB1127
ABATE of Arizona Position	District	Tarty	Grade			Support		Support
Final Result			Grade	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Vetoed
Judy Burges	1	R	А	~	~ ~	~	NV	V
Quang Nguyen	1	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Andrea Dalessandro	2	D	D	x	~	~	~	x
Daniel Hernandez, Jr.	2	D	В	~	~	~	~	x
Andres Cano	3	D	D	x	~	~	~	x
Alma Hernandez	3	D	B+	~	~	~	~	x
Charlene R. Fernandez	4	D	D	x	~	~	~	x
Joel John	4	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Leo Biasiucci Majority Whip	5	R	A+	~	~	~	~	~
Regina E. Cobb	5	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Brenda Barton	6	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Walter Blackman	6	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren	7	D	F	Х	V	V	~	x
Myron Tsosie	7	D	В	~	~	~	~	x
David L. Cook	8	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Frank Pratt	8	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Randall Friese	9	D	D	x	~	~	~	x
Pamela Powers Hannley	9	D	D	х	~	~	~	x
Domingo DeGrazia Minority Whip	10	D	D	x	~	~	~	x
Stephanie Hamilton	10	D	D	x	~	~	~	x
Mark Finchem	11	R	B+	~	~	x	~	~
Bret Roberts	11	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Travis W. Grantham Speaker Pro Tempore	12	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Jake Hoffman	12	R	В	~	~	x	~	~
Timothy M. Dunn	13	R	A	~	~	· · ·	~	~
Joanne Osborne	13	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Gail Griffin	14	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Becky A. Nutt	14	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Steve Kaiser	15	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Justin Wilmeth	15	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
John Fillmore	16	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Jacqueline Parker	16	R	В	~	~	x	~	~
Jennifer Pawlik	17	D	D	~	~	~	X	x
Jeff Weninger	17	R	A	~	~	~	×	~
Mitzi Epstein	18	D	B	~	~	~	~	x
Jennifer Jermaine	18	D	D	x	~	~	~	x
Diego Espinoza	19	D	B	~	~	~	~	x
Lorenzo Sierra	19	D	B	~	~	~	~	x
Shawnna Bolick	20	R	A+	~	~	~	~	~
Judy Schwiebert	20	D	D	~	~	~	x	x
Kevin Payne	20	R	B	~	~	x	~ ~	X
Beverly Pingerelli	21	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Frank Carroll	21	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Ben Toma Majority Leader	22	R	A	~	~	~	~	~
Joseph Chaplik	22	R	B	~	~	x	-	~
Joseph Chapitk John Kavanagh	23	R	A	~	~	× •	~	~
Jennifer Longdon Assistant Minority Leader	23	D	B	~	~	~	-	
Amish Shah	24	D	В	~	~	~	-	x
Russell "Rusty" Bowers Speaker	24	R	A	~	NV	~	~	<i>x</i>
Michelle Udall	25	R	A	~	~	~		~
Michele Odali Melody Hernandez	23	D	B	~		~		
Athena Salman	26	D	В	~		~		x
Reginald Bolding, Jr Minority Leader	20	D	B	~		~	-	<i>x</i>
Diego Rodriguez	27	D	B	~		~		x
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Kelli Butler	28		B		-	~	~	<i>x</i>
Aaron Lieberman	28	D	B	~	-	~	~	<i>x</i>
Richard C. Andrade	29	D	D	<i>x</i>	-	~	<i>·</i>	<i>x</i>
César Chávez	29 30	D	D	x	~	~	<i>·</i>	<i>x</i>
Robert Meza	30	D	D	<i>x</i>	-	~	~	x





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## **Events Calendar**

#### September 2021

Saturdays 2021 { 8/14 , 8/28 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600,

https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/

Sundays 2021 { 8/8, 8/22}: }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600, https://www.facebook.com/superstition-chapter3774/

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 11a at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: Dan Tumey 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

Wednesdays in August: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. 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 https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/ 8/14 {Sat} Ride or Tie Dye at Superstition HD 10am & 3pm. Bring that old white Harley® shirt in and turn it groovy! We will provide the rest! White bandanas will be available to purchase as well. RSVP please – Space is limited Superstition Harley-Davidson® - 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: SHD 480-346-0600

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8/19 {Th} Bike Night w/ Superstition

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8/29 {Sun} Motorcycle Parts Swap Meet at Superstition Harley-Davidson® from
9am - 12pm. Reserve Your Space Today!
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## Choose Wisely

Once you've decided to ride, there are a lot of choices to be made. What kind of bike? New or used? How much insurance? What kind of protective gear? It can get very expensive. So if you've chosen to wear a helmet, we'd like to make sure you buy a good one.

The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) and Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) want to help. Our Financial Assistance Helmet program provides individuals with \$125 from AMSAF and 25% off the Manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) when you purchase a DOT-approved, full face or modular helmet at AMSAF approved locations throughout the state. The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation Financial Assistance Helmet Program

# How it works

- AMSAF Vouchers are valid towards the purchase of a \$200.00 or higher DOT Certified Full Face or Modular Street Helmet.
- Vouchers are only valid to those dealers approved by AMSAF and listed on the AMSAF website.
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- Purchased helmet is non-returnable if warning tag is cut off. Helmets may be returnable at the discretion of the dealer.
- Voucher is valid for a \$125.00 credit toward qualified helmet due to



- grant received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.
- Dealer or store will give an additional 25% off of Helmet MSRP.
- \$50.00 tax deductible donation is required to AMSAF at time of application.
- Voucher and promo code is only valid toward one (1) Helmet purchase.
- Dealer will credit individual up front at time of purchase and invoice AMSAF.





For more information or to apply go to AMSAF.org/Helmets

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SENATOR	District	Party	Session	HB2110	HB2115	HB2329	HB2810	SB1127
ABATE of Arizona Position			Grade	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Final Result				Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Vetoed
Karen Fann President	1	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Rosanna Gabaldon	2	D	D	X	~	~	~	x
Sally Ann Gonzales	3	D	D	X	~	~	~	x
Lisa Otondo	4	D	D	X	~	~	~	x
Sonny Borrelli Majority Whip	5	R	A+	-	~	~	~	~
Wendy Rogers	6	R	А	-	~	~	~	~
Jamescita Peshlakai	7	D	D	X	~	~	~	x
Thomas Shope	8	R	А	~	~	~	~	~
Victoria Steele Minority Whip	9	D	D	X	~	~	~	x
Kirsten Engel	10	D	D	X	~	~	~	x
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## **2021 Senate Scorecard**

## Federal Judge Rejects Red Light Camera Racketeering Lawsuit

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US District Court says motorists cannot sue Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois over corruption in its red light camera program.

#### Judge Robert M. Dow Jr

#### By Richard Diamond

The ongoing bribery conspiracy investigation surrounding red light camera operator Safespeed does not give individuals a right to challenge the validity of the automated tickets issued by this system, a federal judge ruled on Friday. US District Judge Robert M. Dow Jr said motorists lacked the necessary standing to bring the lawsuit filed last year, even though six

motorist Lawrence H. Gress. He sued, demanding refunds for every fine issued to a driver from red light cameras that were installed as a result of bribes to public officials.

"All predicate acts committed by defendants and the enterprise are related and were committed with a common scheme in mind: to bilk Illinois citizens and the citizens of other states out of fines generated by red light cameras placed by bribing public officials and concealing those bribes and public corruption to ensure that the red light cameras could continue to generate mountains of cash," Gress's attorneys argued.

Under the federal RICO statute, a plaintiff must show he has been directly harmed by the unlawful conduct of the conspirators. The first problem for Gress was that he never paid the \$100 ticket. Judge Dow found that meant he never suffered any injury, despite the threat to withhold money from his state tax return. Even if he had paid, Judge Dow did not see the connection between bribery and the ticket.





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public officials and company representatives currently have accepted felony convictions or face criminal indictment for what they did in connection to the automated ticketing program.

Safespeed gave its salesmen a 3.5 percent cut of every ticket issued by camera systems they sold as an incentive, and this incentive worked better than expected. Tony Ragucci resigned his position as mayor of Oakbrook Terrace as news of the Federal Bureau Investigation's probe into Safespeed became public. The feds reportedly seized \$60,000 in cash from Ragucci's home, and salesman Patrick Doherty last month said he wanted to reconsider his not guilty plea to the charge that he bribed mayors to win lucrative payoffs from Safespeed. The plea withdrawal hearing is set for September 7.

Oakbrook Terrace's red light camera issued the citation that was mailed to

"Plaintiff's theory that these bribes -rather than his own actions -- caused his injury presumes that if Oakbrook Terrace had not contracted with SafeSpeed, the city would not have contracted with another red light camera operator -- which seems implausible given the alleged land rush by would-be red light camera providers into municipalities southwest of Chicago following passage of the state law authorizing use of red light cameras," Dow wrote. Do you have time and skill set to do management of a 501 c 3 company? Taking applications for dedicated person to be the Chairman of the Board with Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education, Inc. (MRFA&E)

MRFA&E holds an annual board meeting in person during the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation's annual Meeting of the Minds Conference. This meeting is required. Currently this is a non-paid position.

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Deborah Butitta Chairman of the Board Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness and Education, Inc. 928-308-1117

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## More from Too Broke for Sturgis





















## Lemonade Stand of 8-year old is popular attraction at Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

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by Brie Stimson from https://www.foxnews.com

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally a boon for boy, 8, running 'donations only' lemonade stand.

Young Wyatt Dennis says he's saving half the money for college, donating some to a children's hospital — and having some fun with the rest. Motorcycle Rally kicking off this weekend in South Dakota.

Wyatt Dennis opened the stand last year to earn a little money toward a Lego set he wanted, according to FOX 9 in Minneapolis. By the end of the day, he had earned the money plus \$200 for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

"So now, 50% goes to college, 30% goes to St. Jude and the rest goes to — last year it was Legos, this year it's a dirt bike," Dennis told FOX 9. nearby campground posted about him on social media, allowing him to raise \$4,500 for the children's hospital so far.

Dennis doesn't charge for the lemonade but donations are appreciated, according to FOX 9.

"If you are traveling between Rapid City and Sturgis on your bike, stop by the Tilford road exit!!" Derek Swain posted on Facebook last Monday. "There is a motorcycle loving little boy who is giving away free lemonade and water to any and every one. Please stop by and give him a huge thank you and show off your rides!!! The lemonade is DELICIOUS!!!! Also, tip the damn kid, it's hot out, and he's gonna need to start saving now for that Harley."

After Swain found out Dennis was donating most of the money to the hospital and for his college, he added, "Get out there and support a kid doing some good in this world."

Swain's post had been shared more than 64,000 times by early Sunday.

A motorcycle-loving 8-year-old's roadside lemonade stand has become a popular attraction at the annual Sturgis

This year, Dennis' entrepreneurial venture went viral after someone staying at a

The Sturgis rally will continue through next Sunday, Aug. 15.

## Suffragists motorcycle ride stops in Missoula to celebrate 19th Amendment

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by CNN from https://kvia.com

MISSOULA, Montana (Missoulian) — A group of 24 women packed their motorcycles, zipped up their jackets and revved their engines Wednesday before heading out on Day 5 of their three-week crosscountry journey celebrating women's right to vote. The Suffragists Centennial Motorcycle Ride was originally scheduled for 2020 in honor of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, but it had to be postponed for a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I thought, what better way to celebrate women's freedom than the emblem of freedom, of freedom on a motorcycle, because that's what it's done for me," said event organizer Alisa Clickenger of North Carolina. "That's what it's done for all of these other women."

Clickenger began riding motorcycles nearly 25 years ago while in the midst of a divorce. She described herself as a shy housewife prior to finding her community through motorcycling, which ultimately changed her life.

Now, she is a best-selling author and founder of Women's Motorcycle Tours

and the Women's Motorcycle Conferences.

"Motorcycling helped me grow into who I am," Clickenger said. "I want to encourage other women to learn and grow and expand outside of their self-perceived limitations."

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## Suffragists motorcycle ride stops in Missoula to celebrate 19th Amendment (continued)

She began planning the ride about three years ago to celebrate a century of the 19th Amendment, which granted white women the right to vote through the work of activists in the women's suffrage movement between the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It took more than four decades for all women to achieve voting equality in the United States.

Montana ratified the amendment in August 1919, and was one of the earliest states to do so.

The ride began at the end of July in Portland, Oregon, and will snake its way across the country, stopping in places like Sturgis, South Dakota, and Knoxville, Tennessee, before ending in Arlington, Virginia, for the Women's Motorcycle Festival and Conference.

Most of the women are retired, which Clickenger speculates is due to the longterm time commitment of the ride. But they range in experience, and for many this is their first cross-country trek.

A unique element to the group is the variety of bikes that the women are riding. They range from two- to three-wheelers, and makes and models from brands like Harley Davidson, Suzuki, Honda and Ducati. "This is not about any one brand, any one style of bike, this is about women coming together to support each other and celebrate the women that have fought for our ability to be here," said Wendy Crockett, a ride leader for the group.

The opportunity to travel the country on a motorcycle with a group of women wasn't one Crockett could pass up.

"In the course of my long-distance riding I've seen every amazing road this country has to offer," Crockett said. "It's very exciting to show it to a whole new group of ladies, but it's also really exciting to help empower women to get out on the road and maybe step out of their comfort zone a little bit."

Crockett is a certified motorcycle mechanic who lives in South Dakota. She was also the first woman ever to win the Iron Butt Rally, an 11-day, 11,000-mile endurance ride. Most recently, she's completed the same rally by riding 13,600 miles in the same period of time.

As ride leader, Crockett ensures that her group makes it safely between stops and takes them to cool locations along the way. "We cater each day to what they like so they have the vacation of a lifetime," she said.

The ride is meaningful to Crockett, because it recognizes the people who she considers the "real trailblazers," and ultimately made it possible for women like her to legally wear pants and ride motorcycles.

"We do some really cool, interesting, big things, but the strength of the women that fought for those levels of basic freedom is just really incredible," Crockett said.

Crockett continues to break barriers for women who may not feel comfortable in the motorcycle community and hopes to provide more opportunities for her daughter as well.

"By the time she's ready to ride on her own bike, hopefully it is nothing that even occurs to anybody that it is unique that a woman's on a bike and she is just another rider," Crockett said. "It's perfectly normal for her to wear a princess dress and wrench on her own bike."

Crockett's daughter will join the group, riding in a sidecar, when they pass through Sturgis. So far, the ride has been very hot but an overwhelming success, Crockett and Clickenger said. They climbed Lolo Pass before arriving in Missoula to rest on Tuesday evening after nearly 200 miles in the saddle.

They also ventured over to the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center for an event that same evening.

"We were really looking forward to the visit at the Rankin Center because she was one of the early suffragists," Clickenger said.

Betsy Mulligan-Dague, the former executive director of the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, joined the group on Wednesday to ride across the country.

On Wednesday, the group took off early in the morning to beat the heat and headed for Butte.

Above all else, Clickenger hopes that the event will empower more women to ride motorcycles and find their own personal freedom.

"There is so much more beyond what society tells us we should, or can, be," Clickenger said.







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## **FACT OR FICTION - HELMET USE:**

On a nearly annual basis the media in this country is inspired to report stories about motorcycle fatalities on our nation's roadways. Invariably, these stories paint motorcycle rider deaths as a product of irresponsible riders who live in states that have some level of helmet choice. Frequently they report statistics that prove their narrative but fail to paint a full and complete picture. The lens with which these stories are reported often takes the naïve view that crashes can be made "safer" if only bikers somehow followed government helmet mandates.

The only true solution to motorcycle safety and reducing fatalities are proactive measures, which prevent a collision from occurring at all, rather than reactive steps that may or may not offer some level of injury mitigation only after a crash has already taken place. Rider education, which prepares motorcyclists to interact with other roadway users by learning and practicing the skills necessary for hazard avoidance and developing a strategy to deal with real world traffic, is the primary component of a comprehensive motorcycle safety plan. Additionally, educating all motor vehicle operators to be alert and free of impairment as they share the road with others is critical in deterring crashes caused by inattention.

When coming across these stories keep in mind some facts that are omitted from their reports.

Fact: Over the last decade motorcycle related deaths have varied between years but for the most part remain flat. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data from 2019 shows 5,014 deaths, a decrease from the 2008 5,307 deaths NTSHA recorded. In that same time period registered motorcycles increased from 7.7 million in 2008 to 8.7 million ten years later. In other words, there are a million more bikes on the road and there were 300 less deaths. Fact: Twenty-nine percent of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2017 were riding without proper licensure at the time of the collision. A valid motorcycle license includes a rider having a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement or possessing a motorcycle only license. Proper training and licensing are fundamental parts of motorcycle safety, taking unqualified riders off the road is a commonsense solution to lowering motorcycle fatalities.

Fact: The lack of a helmet mandate in the 31 states who have allowed freedom of choice does not prohibit someone from choosing to wear a helmet. In fact, a 2019 U.S. Department of Transportation audit showed that states without mandatory helmet laws still saw 56.5% of riders choose to wear a helmet.

Fact: A 2019 U.S. Department of Transportation Fatality Analysis

Reporting System report showed that in crash study data, where helmet use was known, 36% of motorcyclists killed were not wearing a helmet. Conversely 61% of motorcycle fatalities involved a rider wearing a helmet. The remaining 3% had unknown usage. These numbers closely mirror NHTSA data on overall helmet usage which shows 64% of riders wearing helmets.

Fact: Despite the constant drum beat from safety advocates, the media and Washington D.C. bureaucrats about the ills of helmetless riders, state legislatures continue to trust the judgment of bikers. Just last year Missouri passed a modified helmet law allowing the choice to ride without a helmet to those who are qualified. In at least three other states, West Virginia, Maryland, and Nebraska there are active campaigns to change their helmet mandates and let those who ride decide.

## **NEW MOTORCYCLE SALES**

Up by Double Digits Through Second Quarter

New-model motorcycle sales among leading brands increased 15.2 percent through the second quarter of 2021, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council Retail Sales Report. The year-todate sales figures, compared to the same period last year, jumped by double digits in the on-highway and dual-purpose categories, and scooter sales were up, too.

Only off-highway sales dipped slightly through Q2, by just 3.2 percent – and that was compared to a phenomenal first half of 2020 that saw off-highway sales rocket up by 50.3 percent, among leading brands, compared to the previous year. Year-to-date sales of on-highway motorcycles were up the most, by 25.2 percent. The dual category was up 16.7 percent. Scooter sales rose 8.3 percent.

"We're seeing strong performance in motorcycle sales," said Erik Pritchard, MIC president and CEO. "Through the second quarter of 2021, the increases with street-legal motorcycles – on-highway motorcycles, dual-purpose bikes, and scooters – demonstrates continued interest in our products and the lifestyle. Our industry continues to work hard at keeping up with strong consumer demand amid supply chain pressures."

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The Fight to Stop Right to Repair Continues

U.S. House Bill H.R.4006, the Fair Repair Act, introduced by Congressman Joseph Morelle, includes an exclusion for motor vehicles but may not apply to off-highway vehicles including motorcycles, ATVs, and side-by-sides.

In a meeting with MIC Government

Relations Office staff, Congressman Morelle's staff signaled that it is not the intent to capture OHVs in the bill. The GRO will send formal letters to Congressman Morelle explaining the industry's concerns and requesting the addition of "off- and on-highway vehicles" to the exclusion. If the bill is taken up in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the GRO will continue the push for amended language.

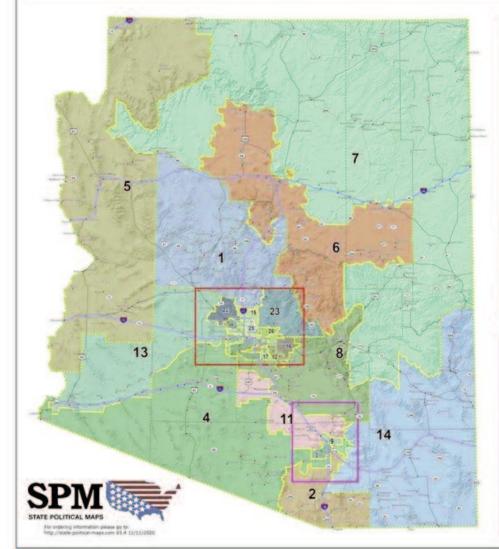
The GRO continues working to stop legislation, in more than two dozen states and Congress, that would force manufacturers to share their proprietary digital service codes with virtually anyone attempting to repair motorcycles, ATVs, or side-by-sides. If such bills are passed, manufacturers need to divulge their digital codes, which would allow anyone to tamper with critical settings and could impact emissions and safety features, as well as damage components. This type of tampering could void warranties, and dealers and company brands could be damaged by unwarranted claims of vehicle issues.

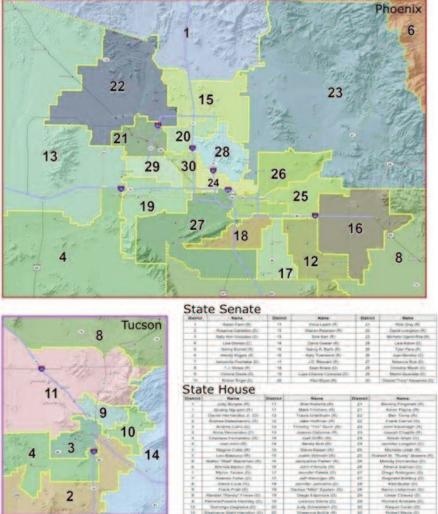
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## **Advanced Accident Scene Management Class**

#### by Mary K. Donnay

July 31, 2021 - I did it!!! I earned my "ADVANCED" patch for completing the Advanced Accident Scene Management Bystander Assistance Program, taught by ABATE of Arizona members Ben & Teresa "Trauma Mama" Martinez, RN. Held in the H.O.G. Room at Superstition Harley-Davidson, this 6-hour program teaches what to do the first 5-30 minutes after a crash, until professional help arrives. Scene safety, helmet removal for compromised airways, moving the injured, treatment of motorcycle and medical emergencies were all addressed, and more.

The class typically costs \$100. Many thanks to Mark & Alexis Breyer, The Husband & Wife Law Team at Breyer Law Offices, P.C. for a \$25 discount, and providing us breakfast and lunch.



I STRONGLY suggest you take the Basic Accident Scene Mgmt. Class and then the Advanced class. Alumni may attend future classes for a refresher, at no charge. They're open to the public, so family and friends may attend too.

Just a few suggestions anyone can use: Keep your first aid bag in your RIGHT saddle bag for easy access. Debrief all riders BEFORE you take off. (What's the route, who has a first aid kit, where is it, who has training?) It's helpful to have Benadryl for anaphylactic shock (2-25mg every 4-6 hours), honey sticks, sugar pkts. or peanutbutter filled crackers for low blood sugar (diabetics), aspirin for heart pain (4-81mg), saline or fresh water to rinse wounds & dampen gauze before applying to exposed organs, nitrile gloves (keep in your vest, jacket pocket or purse).

Prevent further injury - Move vehicles completely off the road, make yourself and the site visible. Get trauma kit, glove up. Leave 100-150 ft. perimeter for EMS.

Assess the situation - # of vehicles involved, # injured people/pets, suspected injuries, speed, safety equipment.

Contact EMS - dial 911, if no signal, try text to 911. Give the following info.; location, # injured, # vehicles, possible injuries. Stay on the line until dismissed by the dispatcher.

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S - SHOCK, If possible, lay the person flat and bend uninjured legs. Cover to keep warm, Stay calm.

S - SPINAL MOTION RESTRICTION, Head and neck injuries should be suspected in all crashes. Assist the person by telling them what you are doing and then support the head and neck.

There is SO MUCH MORE that was taught. You can find out where classes are at https://roadguardians.org. Make it home alive, ride safe, and be prepared for the unexpected. The life you save may be your own!





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#### ATTENTION ALL RIDERS

It has come to our attention that business establishments in Arizona may still be discriminating against motorcyclists. Please carry copies of this form with you at all times. Discrimination can range from a sign stating "No Colors" or "No Motorcycle Parking" or "No Motorcycle Attire" etc.,to simply being asked to leave a place of business , just because you are on a motorcycle or because of your riding attire. If anything like this happens to you, PLEASE fill out this form in its entirety and send it to the address below. Your lobbyist cannot get sponsorship for "equal access" legislation, without evidence of this type of discrimination.

Documentation of Discrimination

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS - FULL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME / POSITION OF PERSON ENFORCING POLICY:

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION (use back if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE:

\*\*\* INCLUDE ANY PICTURES OF DISCRIMINATING SIGNS POSTED \*\*\* Mail To: ABATE of Arizona 7509 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St, #200 Phoenix AZ 85020

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

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

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

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

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

**Confederation of Clubs. - (800) 531-2424** Motorcycle Clubs Fighting Against Discrimination

> Motorcycle Riders Foundation Washington D.C. Office (202) 546-0983

## **Too Broke for Sturgis #30**

Please remember ... It's so easy to get caught up in the fun and forget to drink some water & grab a bit of food from time to time. Temps in the high country are cooler ... but that sun can still bite you in the butt if you aren't careful. We're SO glad to hear that 'all's well that ends well' with these two!

From ABATE OF ARIZONA, INC. State Chairman Mary K. Donnay, "ABATE of Arizona, Inc. is grateful to everyone that took the time and effort to attend the 30th Annual Too Broke For Sturgis motorcycle rally at Mormon Lake Lodge campground. It was a very fun weekend, filled with people games, bike games, contests, vendors and entertainment.

This years' bands were Bayou

Bandits on Thursday, Unchained on Friday, and Moonshine Voodoo on Saturday.

The days were very pleasant, and the evenings were cool. Proceeds benefit ALL BIKES, ALL RIDERS, your right to ride FREE, and support our lobbyist at the AZ State Capital. Mark your calendar for June 9-12, 2022, same location, Mormon

Lake campground! Thank you!"

Sunday morning brought the sounds of people breaking camp & prepping to head home. The CMA offered a Worship Service in the Arena for those who chose to attend. As usual, it all felt like it was ending much too soon. It was a great weekend & we're glad we could be there.

B&B

## **Young Activist Nomination Request**



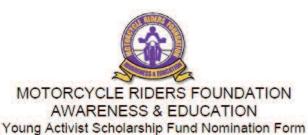
MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION AWARENESS & EDUCATION Young Activist Scholarship Fund Nomination Form

#### 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



PLEASE PRINT

DATE:

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Previous winners: 2004 Crystal Maney CBA/ABATE of NC, 2005 Robert Cuthbertson ABATE of CA and Jennifer Lynn Basden ABATE of SC, 2006 Shawn Dickie ABATE of AK, Aaron Meyer ABATE of IN, Justin "Kid" Crawford ICMS and David Duffy ABATE of IA, 2007 John 'JT' Boone CBA/ABATE of NC, Sunrise "Sonny" L Pitsch ABATE of WI and SCVR and Molly Su 'Monsoon' Van Daele ABATE of IA, 2008 Jeramie Barrett ABATE of IA, Mike Salathe ABATE of SD and Matt Huls ABATE of SD, 2009 Johnathan Propson ABATE of WI and Ben Vincent ABATE of AR, 2010 Katie Gross ABATE of MN, Jeremiah 'Sheepdog" Parent ABATE of N ID and Lori Butler ABATE of SD, 2011 Charity Stuart ABATE of AZ, 2012 Kevin Finnegan ABATE of CO and Rachel Zell ABATE of CO, 2013 Tim McCall ABATE of WA, 2015 Alyssa Eagan ABATE of CO, 2018 Jordyn Hanson ABATE of SD and Andrew Nugent ABATE of SD 2019 George Guffee Texas and Jessica Brennan ABATE of WI.

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#### Greetings Riders,

Thanks to all who replied from the newsletter last week. It was nice to have a little bit of a laugh about nothing! Click Here to View.

Finally! By the time the newsletter comes out next week, all the election madness, commercials and debate will be over. At least, we all hope so! It has been a long and bitter campaign that has been the root of a great divide in the U.S. for sure. Friends and neighbors have been at odds due to their political persuasions like no other time in history. Hopefully we can all move on after the votes are counted and begin living our lives again without controversy.

As you might know from reading the newsletter over the years, I am a bit of an adrenaline junkie. In some ways, all of us that ride motorcycles have a little bit of that in us. Some more than others. I would say that I am in the more category for sure. Some of my more extreme activities have included Sky Diving, Para sailing, Car Racing on a track and Bungee Jumping a couple of times to name a few. One of the common questions that I get when talking about these extreme activities that I have done, is, what is the most adrenaline packed activity? Mary K Donnay Robert Felder George Moses Richard Gray Mark B Hamilton Michael Infanzon Jacque Watson Ron Kool Koby Krick Dan Leeper Rita Mcneely Judith Miller

## **Ride to Whistler Bungee**

**Sustaining Member List** 

pause to question how much you trust the system. But when you take that step of no return, there has been no bigger adrenaline rush for me. And 3 seconds later, if all worked as planned, and you are rebounding from the last extension of this giant rubber band after a close look at the river, you have the most relief ever. It is probably not for everyone. But if you ever wanted to push yourself and extinguish any fears that you might have, this would probably make most fears look insignificant. Click Here for a new 1 minute compilation video that I did with Mrs. C. and I jumping. Hearing Mrs. C. screaming when she jumped still makes me laugh. Enjoy! For all of the Bungee photos Click Here.

The reason I am bringing this up now is that getting to the site of the Whistler Bungee is also a great ride that you can start planning on for next Spring. We have done this ride a couple of times in this area and it is exceptional. The part I will be describing in this letter is the part from Olympic National Park in Washington, through Vancouver and up to Whistler and beyond. This was from our ride in 2015. I hope this gives you some good ideas for a good ride and a new adventure. It is a short ride on the ferry from Port Townsend to Whidbey Island which is about 55 miles long from tip to toe and is home Whidbey Island Naval Base. We entered at Fort Casey is about the middle of the Island. We headed North out of there up through Oak Harbor and then across the bridge at Deception Pass to Fidalgo Island and on to I-5. The ride up through Whidbey Island is pretty and can get a little busy with traffic in places. But the area around

Deception Pass State Park is beautiful and

well worth the ride.

We were then on our way North with destination Whistler, BC. We generally cross into Canada off of Hwy. 543 and take that straight to Hwy. 1. Not nearly as much time crossing the border and much less traffic going North because you don't have to go through Vancouver. Negotiating your way around Vancouver can be a little tricky. The traffic there is horrendous at times. There is only one major highway through there and it is packed a lot of the time, especially if you are going the wrong direction at the wrong time. Do not plan to head Eastbound on Hwy #1 later in the afternoon. There was a 20 mile backup when we were going through there. Going West wasn't that bad in mid afternoon.

Timothy Miller Todd Watson Holli Woosley"

and the pines as you climb your way up to Whistler at 5000 feet in elevation is memorable to say the least. And remember, do not feed the bears.

But the good news is, there is still another 80 miles of riding that is even better than that from Whistler to Lillooet. I would place this section of road in my top 5 that I have ridden. The road itself is laid out well, with awesome curves and twisties as you criss cross a river while looking at majestic mountain views on your right and your left. Simply a must do if you are in the area. And if you want to turn around an go back to Whistler, it is one of those roads that looks completely different going in the opposite direction. It is like you have never been on it. Put Hwy. 99 from Whistler to Lillooet on your list of roads to ride. It turns out to be one heck of a 160 mile day ride from Whistler. See photo link below for all of the photos.

For me, without a doubt would be bungee jumping. When you are standing on a bridge 160 feet over a river in the middle of the tall pines with a rubber band attached to your chest, and they open the gate and say step off, it definitely creates that moment of After leaving Olympic National Park we made our way to the ferry location at Port Townsend, WA that takes you to Whidbey Island. The cool thing about the ferries in that part of the country is that they are very motorcycle friendly. In most cases in Washington and Canada they let the motorcycles load first and get off first. Which is a very good thing for us. So when paying your ticket for the ferry, be sure to ask where the motorcycles should line up.

We made it past Vancouver on Hwy. 1 pretty well and then picked up Hwy. 99, also known as the "Sea To Sky Highway". This beautiful road takes you alongside the Howe Sound for 25 miles with scenic ocean vistas, dramatic mountain views and random waterfalls. This 64 miles of road from Horseshoe Bay to Whistler is truly one of the better roads you might ever find. The scenery as you ride through the mountains Whistler itself is a very fun little ski town that is beautifully master planned and has more Summer activities than it does winter. Plenty of lodging, restaurants and things to do. Don't forget, if bungee jumping is your thing, just 10 miles South is Whistler Bungee. Take your leap off of a 160 foot bridge. See my jump. To see the entire story from a couple of weeks ago on our Whistler Bungee experience with photos,

Enjoy your week and Please Ride Safe! Barry

## **Classified Ads**

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## Motorcycles Officially Excluded From Future Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Races

#### https://www.cyclenews.com

Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Organizers have officially decided to exclude motorcycles from competition as part of the annual Race to the Clouds.

Cycle News' own Road Test Editor Rennie Scaysbrook (Team Aprilia USA) etched his name into the history books by claiming the Heavyweight and King of the Mountain titles at the 2019 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, an event marred by the tragic passing of four-time winner, Ducati's Carlin Dunne after a crash close to the finish line (see news story).

Here is the complete statement released by the PPIHC organizers:

Motorcycle Competition Decision Announced by Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Organizers

Colorado Springs, CO (August 11, 2021) — After two years of research, deliberation, thoughtful consideration and advice from colleagues in the motorsports industry, the Board of the Directors of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (PPIHC) has made the decision to discontinue motorcycle competition as part of the annual Race to the Clouds. "Motorcycle competition has been part of the history of the race off-and-on since 1916, and has been both thrilling and tragic for competitors and fans alike," explained Fred Veitch, interim chairman of the board. "This has been a long process and a difficult decision, but we believe it is the right decision and one that is in the best interest of the organization at this time."

## Charity motorcycle ride raises more than \$95,000

#### https://blog.bikernet.com

by Vincent Ball from https://www.brantfordexpositor.ca

Organizers of the charity motorcycle run for Lansdowne Children's Centre are sending a virtual "wheelie" to their supporters.

"We raised \$95,663 and we can't thank people enough for all of their support," said Angie Turnbull, director of philanthropy, at the Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation, the centre's fundraising arm. "We had so many people, so many businesses step up this year to help out.

"It's really quite heartwarming."

Organizers of the virtual ride held during July had hoped to raise \$70,000, up from the \$33,000 generated by last year's virtual ride. The last time the event was held in-person was in 2019 when \$62,000 was raised.

This year's event was boosted by the sale of raffle tickets to win a motorcycle provided by Harley-Davidson Cambridge, Turnbull said. "We were really worried about how we were going to sell raffle tickets but when people heard about our concerns they responded," shel said. "A lot of businesses called and offered us space to sell the tickets and that was a really big help."

Turnbull said 42 riders participated in the virtual event. Past rides have attracted from 280 to 400 riders.

"We're thrilled with the results but the big winners are the 3,000 children we support." Lansdowne provides a range of services to children with physical, communication or developmental challenges in Brantford and Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk counties. It receives government funding for programs such as occupational, speech and language therapy and physiotherapy.

Money raised by the foundation through events, such as the motorcycle ride, goes to support recreational programs such as cooking, gardening and camping. In addition to building the self-confidence of the children, the programs enable them to safely socialize with other children and provides some respite for parents.

## Cameraman collides with Batman's motorcycle, filming halted

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by Jeremy Mathai from https://www.slashfilm.com

'The Flash' movie Production Halted Following Accident on Set.

The long, arduous journey to get The Flash into development and finally begin production has unfortunately met another setback, this time interrupting the actual filming of the movie. Reports out of the UK indicate that an accident has occurred on the set of The Flash while shooting on location in Glasgow, causing the apparent hospitalization of a member of the camera crew.

Glasgow Live is reporting that a camera

operator was involved in a collision with a stunt man in full Batman garb who was riding atop the Batcycle in the Andy Muschietti-directed production. Eyewitnesses claim that the cameraman, on a motorcycle of his own, accidentally collided with the Batcycle from the rear while racing down one of the city streets in an attempt to capture the action up close. There has been no official word from Warner Bros. just yet, but filming immediately paused while the crew member had to be extricated from underneath the vehicle and subsequently received medical attention. All indications are that the injured party was then treated at a local hospital, while an ambulance was seen leaving the site. However, no other details or updates are known at this time.

We recently reported on pictures taken from the UK set that showed off the newly-redesigned Batcycle that will appear in the multiverse-spanning crossover film, with the stuntman's Batman outfit pointing towards an appearance by Ben Affleck's costumed crime-fighter. Michael Keaton is also set to make his grand return to the DC universe, having seemingly hung up the cowl for good in Batman Returns nearly 30 years ago.

Somewhere in the middle of all this action, presumably, will be Ezra Miller's Barry Allen. The Flashpoint-inspired film will recount the complications that spring up as a result of some serious timeline shenanigans on Barry's part. In the famous comic series, the Flash travels back in time to prevent the death of his mother, but these actions only create another splintered universe and alternate timeline.

As of yet, it is unknown just how much of a setback this will cause production. Obviously, the health and safety of the injured crewmember are of paramount importance and we can only hope for his full recovery. Blockbuster film sets are notoriously dangerous places to work, which is why the director and producers work overtime with all involved parties on multiple levels of production to ensure a safe working environment. We'll provide more updates as they come in.

