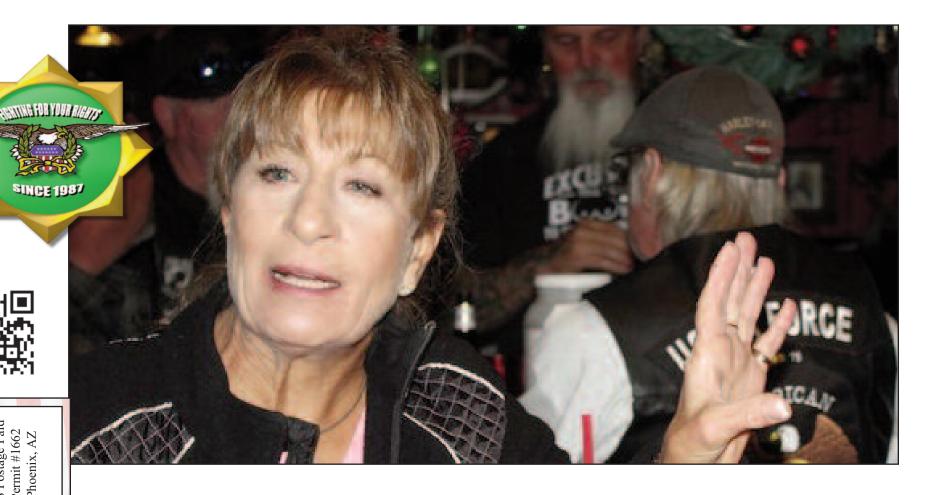
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## RIDE FREE DEBORAH BUTITTA





Michael Infanzon Legislative Director

Losing friends is part of life, but why does it have to hurt so bad at times? On June 4th, my friend Deborah passed away from injuries sustained in a tragic motorcycle crash. I feel a loss of not only a friend but also someone who has been an outspoken supporter of my lobby efforts for the past six years. The motorcycle community has lost an advocate. Not only in Arizona but on a national scale also.

There has been a tremendous outpouring of condolences to her family, including her motorcycle rights family. We all have our own memories of this pioneering woman, and I would like to share a little of mine.

I have been the lobbyist for ABATE of Arizona going on 7 years now. Although I was recruited to be our lobbyist by Mary K and Mike S., it was Deborah who made the Board of Directors motion to appoint me. I remember it was up in Star Valley hosted by the High Country Chapter. I really had no clue as to what I was getting myself into. She called, texted and emailed me consistently encouraging me to stay true to the cause and I'd be ok. No matter what, I knew that she had my back and her loyalty was unwavering.

You see, Deborah was the first motorcycle lobbyist in Arizona. Not the first "female" motorcycle lobbyist but the very first! It was her and StillRay back in the day that set the bar as high as it is and much of the early successes that the SMROs in Arizona made legislatively were because of her tenacity. That woman refused to take no for an answer. And we in Arizona are better for it.

She then set her sights on the national scene. The MRF is better because of her. I won't get into the accomplishments she made or all that she was awarded. I will tell you that she will be missed by her MRF family and that there is a void that can't be filled.

I am a member of 12 different SMROs because of her encouragement. I have stuck it out when I was planning on resigning because of her and a few others.

I will tell you that I will miss my friend. Ride Free





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The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the American Legion Post 138(107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282, SE Corner area of Broadway and Mill). Post 138 opens around 9a.m. and serves a great inexpensive buffet breakfast before and after our meeting. Come and hang out before or after the meeting! Riders of all types of bikes, non-riders, and non-members are always welcomed to attend!

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at

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FMI contact Barry 'Double B' Bell MMAA doublebHCC@gmail.com, 928-892-8864 High Country Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday at 10 a.m. at The Moose Lodge in Star Valley. Contact: azoutlaw66@hotmail.com

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Communications	William Cleveland
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The Southern Arizona Chapter will meet the third Saturday of the month. We will gather at the Northwest Tucson Moos Lodge, 2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705 . Meeting time is 10AM October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim Butsback (520)247-3051 or jimbutsback@yahoo.com

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Safety Coordinator	AJ Killian
Sgt. At Arms	Vacant
	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 11:00.

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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Membership	Doug Kreag
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:

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

## **News from the MRF**

June 22, 2022

## MRF FLASH ALERT

Today, President Joe Biden will ask Congress to enact a threemonth gasoline tax holiday. Biden will ask that both the 18cent-per-gallon federal tax on gasoline and the 24-cent-per-gallon tax on diesel be suspended.

Many leaders in Congress, including those from his own

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The Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and the Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Tom Carper (D-DE) worry that suspending the gasoline tax would drain needed funds from the Highway Trust Fund. The gas tax, which funds the Highway Trust Fund, is the major source of money for the federal government's road and

party, are skeptical of the plan.

infrastructure improvement plans. In last year's \$1.2 trillion-dollar infrastructure bill close to half of the money came directly from the trust fund.

Historically high gas prices and concerns about inflation are forcing the Biden administration to seek quick and immediate relief for consumers. However, whether a gas tax holiday results in lower prices is something many in Congress are doubtful of.

Additionally, Congressional Democrats remain worried about the upcoming midterm elections and are balancing their own political futures vs. those of the president. The next few days and weeks will be a test to see if President Biden's plan on the gas tax can gain support in a closely divided Congress.

## **Mission Statement**

We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote

motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

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

and individuals who share

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

## FREEDOM.

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

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## **President's Report**



Well another great party is now in the books as they say. Well "Too Broke for Sturgis" has come and gone for 2022! As I sit to write this we still have not had a final accounting and the debriefing meeting is still to come. By the time this edition of The Masterlink is published we should have firm numbers to tell us how we did this year. Preliminary numbers put us at an increase over last year in attendance and I believe everyone had one heck of a good time!

I want to congratulate the entire Too Broke Committee on a terrific job that they did this year. This group of dedicated ABATE members have donated hundreds of hours for the betterment of our organization and the entire motorcycling community. Not only did their hard work make for a profitable event that helps fund all of the work we do around our state, they did everything they could to make sure that everyone who attended had an amazing weekend and a memorable time at TBFS!! Well done guys!

On behalf of the members of ABATE I would like to thank all of our sponsors who helped to make this event a success. First of all the fine folks from Mormon Lake Lodge for once again providing an amazing location at which to hold an event like this. This facility is unique in that it provides all the amenities needed. I would like to thank all the sponsors without whom we could not put this event on. I ask all of our members that when you are in need of a product or service that is provided by one of our sponsors that you consider using them. Without these fine folks' support we could not have made this the success it was.

I would also like to thank all of our vendors. I hope everyone got to walk around and see some of the great things available in the vendor area and taste some of the wonderful food items that were offered.

If you did not have the opportunity to attend this year's TBFS event please mark your calendars for next year! This is ABATE of Arizona's one state wide fund raising event and every ABATE member should try to attend and dedicate themselves to volunteer and work this event for the good of our organization. I understand that sometimes it is not possible for everyone to make it to these events, BUT an organization such as ours with HUNDREDS of members, should not be as shorthanded as we were. If not for the hard work and dedication of a small group of our members and the support of several other clubs and volunteers we would not have been able to accomplish this.

I could keep on listing those individuals and Clubs that stepped up and volunteered their time and efforts in support of our great motorcycling community but I would miss some and I do not wish to lessen their importance or our appreciation of them. SO to everyone who worked to make this event great, no matter what you did or how long you worked, THANK YOU!!!

Many times when you attend an event you see that "A portion of the proceeds" will go to some cause. I want to assure everyone that ALL the proceeds go towards continuing the

fight for "Freedom of the Road". This helps pay for our newsletter The Masterlink. It funds our lobbyists and our delegations to Bikers inside the Beltway in Washington D.C. It allows us to send participants to conferences such as "The Meeting of the Minds" put on by the MRF. The information and knowledge gained by attending these seminars and workshops is extremely valuable in dealing with issues here in Arizona. It also makes it possible for ABATE of Arizona, to be able to fund our annual "Motorcycle Day at the Dome".

The musical entertainment for the weekend was provided by "Last Train to Juarez" on Thursday evening, "The Bayou Bandits" were scheduled for Friday but had to cancel at the last minute, "Skarlett Fever" who were scheduled for Saturday were able to step up and perform both Friday and Saturday thus saving the day. Thanks to all the musicians who entertained us over the weekend.

As I stated at the beginning, this event takes a staggering amount of man hours to put it on. I want to make sure that all of the volunteers who worked the many jobs needed know how much we appreciate them and their dedication to our organization. It takes a lot of volunteers to work registration, membership, to handle traffic control, to work the merchandise tent, to man the gates and check points, to sell 50/50 tickets and I could go on and on. Everyone who volunteered no matter at what capacity, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!

Lastly I wish to thank the most important people of all, those who attended this year's event! By their attendance they have helped ABATE of Arizona to be able to continue to work hard for the rights of all motorcyclists and to help educate not only motorcyclists but ALL drivers as to the importance of being aware of riders on our roads.

I know the Too Broke for Sturgis committee is always looking for some new blood to join the Too Broke committee. I would like to see more members from other chapters outside of the Phoenix metro area become members of the TBFS committee. It is time to start teaching

others what is done and how this event comes together. It is also important that we get fresh ideas. Just because we have always done it one way does not mean there isn't a better way. Please talk it over amongst your chapter members. We are also interested in any ideas you may have to help make this event bigger and better. Please write down your ideas and share them with the Too Broke committee. Remember that this is your organization and therefore TBFS is YOUR event. Please let us try and make it the great event we all know it should be!

Remember that reason that more motorcyclists are not members of ABATE is because they have never been asked to join. SO when you are out with other riders at an event or maybe you just ran into another rider at the gas stop, ASK! Always carry a membership tri-fold with you. The time to organize and fight for our rights and freedoms is BEFORE they are gone!

Please be aware that The Masterlink is your newsletter too! If you or your Chapter or members hold an event or ride, or attend any events or socials with the various organizations throughout our state, PLEASE take some photos and write a short story/description of the event and submit it to The Masterlink. We always need additional material to fill the pages and we would rather cover the happenings here in Arizona and give coverage to our fellow riders and their groups for functions and events they are having, so don't be shy, submit some photos and/or an article!

Until next month!!
RIDE FREE!! RIDE SAFE!! RIDE
ENDORSED!!
Jim



# INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLING ADVOCATE DEB BUTITTA KILLED IN ARIZONA CRASH

For Immediate Release

June 4, 2022

#### International Motorcycling Advocate Deb Butitta Killed in Arizona Crash

It is with a heavy heart and a great sense of loss that the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) shares the passing of Deborah Butitta. Deb had been committed to serving and protecting motorcyclists' rights at the state, federal and international levels during the last four decades. Deb was taken from us due to internal injuries suffered in a motorcycle crash after a truck turned left in front of her on June 3, 2022.

Deb was particularly active with

ABATE of Arizona, holding many different offices through the years, and in 2001 was selected as the first designated lobbyist for the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (AZCMC). Deb was a member of many state motorcyclists' rights organizations, including the MMA of Arizona. She also served on the MRF Board of Directors for many years and was instrumental in the formation of MRF A&E (Awareness and Education), a 501(c)(3) charitable, non-profit organization created to assist the MRF in providing resources to promote motorcycle awareness and 'share the road' programs, along with all aspects of motorcycle safety education including rider training. A highly successful businesswoman in her own right, Deb was

extremely well connected, not only in the motorcycling community and industry, but legislatively and in some very influential social circles as well. These relationships were of incredible value to the bikers of Arizona and the entire country.

Deb's accolades and awards are many, including being inducted into the MRF Hall of Fame in 2020 and the Sturgis Hall of Fame and Museum in 2021. Deb is a past winner of the MRF President's Cup (2003), the MRF Founder's Award (2017), and the MRF Lifetime Achievement Award (2020). Among her many other duties, Deb served as the MRF's State Representative for Arizona for 14 years. For several years now, the MRF has

given the 'Deborah Butitta Award' to it's highest performing State Representative in her honor. A true leader, Deb had a profound influence on many of her fellow activists. Few people have dedicated so much of their life or contributed as much to motorcycling as Deb Butitta. Personally and professionally, her passing leaves a tremendous void in our "family".

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## **Chapter Reports**

## **Coyote Pass**

NO REPORT.

## **High Country**

On May 21 2022 a High Country Chapter meeting was held at the Moose Lodge in Star Valley with Woody Phillips as the presiding officer. MMAA member Sandra 'Jane' Bell was nominated and confirmed by vote to the office of Secretary. On June 4, a meeting was held at the 'Victorian House' in Show Low prior to a run supporting BACA with Woody Phillips presiding. MMAA members John 'Irish' Goldin and Barry 'Double B' Bell were nominated and confirmed by vote to the offices of Vice Coordinator and \Coordinator respectively.

Since that time we have enrolled several new members and are seeking nominations for other offices. I am personally humbled by the legacy of the High Country Chapter and can assure you that those elected are passionate in the fight to protect our freedom and promote a greater level of awareness to tho e with whom we share the road. We have a fine example of leadership from Woody Phillips and thank him and C.C. for their years of dedication. I would like to thank the officers and members of the Mountain Motorcycle Association of Arizona for their participation in the High Country Chapter and helping facilitate this transi-

Please note that meetings will no longer be held in Star Valley. Show Low meeting information will be posted to our Facebook page as soon as it is available.

B.B. Coordinator - High Country Chapter

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## **Mohave Chapter**

Cynde and got back from Too Broke about 3:00 this afternoon and had a rude awakening, a nice 84 to 85 at Morman Lake and returning to Fort Mohave 114. Mohave had 5 members present at Too Broke, another 5 were planning on coming and life happened and they cancelled out. Cynde Aydt put in many hours at membership, Shirley put in many hours with merchandise. The remainder of us did our 2 shifts of various positions. As a personal goal I would like to see 15 - 20 Mohave Chapter members present next year. All said and done it was a very good time.

Our next chapter meeting is June 20 th. That is about all I have, my brain is still

numb from Too Broke

Until next month side safe and stay safe.

Tom Aydt

Mohave Chapter Coordinator

#### Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

Good afternoon to all you Motorcycle riders. I don't have a lot to report this month. For most of us we were at Too Broke for Stugis. We didn't have a meeting this month. I do want to talk a little bit about Too Broke. I would like to say what a great event it was. Have to give a big shout out to the Too Broke committee. They worked there but off trying to put this event together. Had a few hiccups but they fingered it out and moved on with the event. Great Job Too Broke committee.

For those of you that don't know we lost a great freedom fighter this last week. Deb Butitta was a hard working woman. She held many positions on the state and the federal level in the motorcycle rights organizations. She sat on the BOD for ABATE of AZ and on the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. She will be missed. Ride free young firecracker.

Thank you

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## **East Valley Chapter**

A big thanks to our membership for their on-site support of Too Broke for Sturgis! Our members stepped up to:

Run the bike show ballot counting spread sheet program. Recorded results of almost 200 votes in less than 30 minutes – Thanks Clem Copolillo! This year we were able to award the trophies while the bikes were still parked at the arena!

Rick Ferguson, generously sponsored the Bruce "Meltdown" Newkirk Memorial Bike show but left his morning coffee at

the campsite and helped teardown the merchandise tent and other items.

Redbone created some great trophies for the event winners. He also took on the Mormon Lake Security's task by confronting some after hour loud music campers.

Cliff Prentice, Stacy Baldwin, and Jason Montgomery volunteered to work various shifts at registration and merchandise.

Thanks to Matthew and Julie Reemelin for going above and beyond by volunteering to lead security, first aid, registration and various other out of the normal tasks. Matthew helped design, fabricate, and do on-stage tailoring of the Ms Too Broke sash! Just amazed at what Matthew created!

Special shoutout to Michael Williams for helping fix the event electrical distribution system and helping a vendor get back on-line after a generator failure — the event couldn't have gone without your support Michael! Thanks to Siren Williams to helping out with the electrical issues also!

I am probably forgetting a few more names but it was great to see other East Valley members in attendance. Even some of our old timers(Jack and Joe) showed up on Saturday!

Proud to announce our newest member and the 2022 Ms Too Broke for Sturgis winner – Lei Cayson! Lei will represent ABATE throughout the year at various events. Way to go Lei!

Several other East Valley members were in attendance from Sons of Liberty Riders and Old Koots on Skoots!

Jim Silk was in charge of the bike games, people games, and the other events. Jim introduced the "swinging balls" people games contest this year – it was a great event and cheered on by all event attendees.

Now that TBFS is over we will embark on obtaining new business members and making sure we support our current members. Our newest business member is D&D cycles in Tempe. We hope to see membership applications from several TBFS vendors.

The Sons of Liberty Riders are planning rides either on the 3rd Sunday or Saturday of each month. Look at our facebook page for event details.

We intend to send one members to the upcoming meeting of the minds event this

year.

Still working on planning or resuming these chapter events: Chili Cookoff or Spaghetti Feed(we can access the nearby Post 2), bowling challenge, and the famous "Hard Ass Run".

See you at our July 10th meeting!

Joe Silk

East Valley Chapter Coordinator

## Southern Arizona Chapter

Southern Arizona Chapter voted today, Saturday, June 18, 2022, 12-1 in favor to change our meeting location. ALL meetings starting on our next meeting on Saturday, July 16, 2022 (Still the 3rd Saturdays of each month) will take place at 10am at our new location: Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge, 2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705

Hi everyone hope all is going well for you. Not a lot is going on here in Southern Arizona. Please check out our new merchandise online. Also do not forget we are having a monthly bike night the first Monday of every month at Tommy's on stone and Glenn. July bike night falls on 4th of July should be a blast. We will be voting this month to change the venue of our meeting from Kettle restaurant to the Northwest Moose Lodge on I-10 and ruthrauff. They have become our newest business member. We are mourning the loss of Deb as are all of you and former vice coordinator Don Boule' Rip.

Ride free

Ride endorsed

Be safe out there.

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Be safe out there.

## Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

## Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

## **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

Washington, D.C. —The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released its early estimate of traffic fatalities for 2021. NHTSA projects that an estimated 42,915 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes last year, a 10.5% increase from the 38,824 fatalities in 2020. The projection is the highest number of fatalities since 2005 and the largest annual percentage increase in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System's history.

The full-year estimate of 2021 traffic fatalities also provides a look at state-level estimates during the pandemic. As in 2020, all 10 NHTSA regions are estimated to see increases in fatalities. Forty-four states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are all projected to have had an increase in traffic deaths, as compared to 2020.

Preliminary data reported by the Federal Highway Administration show that vehicle miles traveled in 2021 increased by about 325 billion miles, or about 11.2%, as compared to 2020. Data estimates show the fatality rate for 2021 was 1.33 fatalities per 100 million VMT, marginally down from 1.34 fatalities in 2020. While the fatality rate continued to rise in the first quarter, it declined in the other three quarters of 2021, compared to

2020.

Additionally, the traffic fatalities in the following categories showed relatively large increases in 2021, as compared to 2020:

Fatalities in multi-vehicle crashes up 16%

Fatalities on urban roads up 16%

Fatalities among drivers 65 and older up 14%

Pedestrian fatalities up 13%

Fatalities in crashes involving at least one large truck up 13%

Daytime fatalities up 11%

Motorcyclist fatalities up 9%

Bicyclist fatalities up 5%

Fatalities in speeding-related crashes up 5%

Fatalities in police-reported, alcohol-involvement crashes up 5%

When these estimates are finalized, it may mark a grim milestone for motorcyclists, the first time more than 6,000

motorcyclists were killed on the nation's roads since NHTSA has begun tracking them.

## AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Topeka, Kan. — Governor Laura Kelly recently signed Senate Bill 313 into law. The legislation permits the operation of driverless-capable vehicles, without a human driver, with the automated driving system engaged under certain circumstances and created an Autonomous Vehicle Advisory Committee. The bill requires the membership of the Committee to include legislators, other appointees and organization representatives. The Committee will consist of 29 members and notably includes a seat for a representative of ABATE of Kansas. The AMA applauds ABATE of Kansas for engaging with legislators to ensure that motorcyclists have representation on this newly created group.

The bill requires the AV Advisory Committee to report activities and any recommendations regarding the use or regulation of autonomous vehicles in the state on or before July 1, 2023, and each subsequent July 1. The report will be submitted to the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. The provisions establishing the Committee will sunset on July 1, 2027.

## OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Pismo, Calif. —Friends of Oceano Dunes is suing the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District and its board members for the illegal expenditure of funds earmarked for the support of offhighway vehicle recreation. The trust is funded through fees and taxes from offhighway vehicle usage. The California Code of Civil Procedure "permits a taxpayer to bring an action to restrain or prevent an illegal expenditure of public money," according to the lawsuit. "Friends' members are taxpayers in this state, and the expenditure of public funds under a void contract constitutes waste under the statute.'

A 2021 court ruling invalidated the APCD's 2014 agreement to implement its dust rule. Formally called Rule 1001, the dust rule required state parks to reduce the particulate matter blowing from the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area or face fines of \$1,000 per day.

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## **Coast to Coast**

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

## GAS PRICES FUEL MOTORCYCLE

Gasoline prices are soaring to new heights daily, with many consumers considering two wheels instead of four, so as fuel surges past five dollars a gallon, motorcycle sales are skyrocketing.

A typical motorcycle will get you an average of 44 miles per gallon, while an average car gets you around 24 mpg.

That fact is not lost on new bike buyers, as new data from the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) shows bike sales are up more than fourteen percent year over year, and many consumers who are switching to two wheels are looking at bigger bikes.

Coinciding with the boom in bike sales, consumers have a strong demand for rider training and education as well. According to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), class enrollment increased 48% from 2021 to 2022.

PAIN AT THE PUMP IS MAKING BIKERS RIDE LESS, AND MORE Gas prices have surged to record levels causing what economists and strategists call "demand destruction," where the prices will affect actual consumption. They have already begun to cause a shift in driving habits.

The average U.S. retail gasoline prices have risen by over 30% since the start of the year, according to data collected by analysts at RBC Capital Markets. As recently reported in Newsweek; "These prices are affecting how Americans spend time on the road, including how they ride their motorcycles."

Motorcycle sales site Cycle Trader recently surveyed 2,209 shoppers on the effect of the high prices. Among the respondents, 35% said that high gas prices have caused them to adjust how they ride.

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) claims that 10 million U.S. households have at least one motorcycle, so that translates to roughly 3.5 million riders feeling the sting at the pump. Among those who have made changes, 34% of riders have decreased how often they ride, cutting down on recreational trips or only going out when necessary. Another 21% said that they have decreased the distances that they ride, while 12% have stopped riding entirely until gas prices go down.

However, many motorcycle riders have adapted their time on the road in different ways, opting to ride more. Roughly half of those who have made riding adjustments have increased their biking as a fuel-efficient alternative to driving their cars and trucks that require more gas.

AS FUEL COSTS SPIKE, MORE PEO-PLE RUNNING OUT OF GAS Adding yet another obstacle to avoid on the roadways, AAA reports an increase in roadside assistance calls from motorists stranded with empty fuel tanks. It seems that for lots of folks, the higher gas prices go, the lower the needle on the gas gauge goes, with many drivers running on fumes or even running out of gas.

For the months of April, May and early June, AAA Blue Grass has seen a 60% increase in assistance calls for empty tanks compared to last year's numbers when unleaded gasoline was around \$3 per gallon.

AAA, the nation's largest motor club, told FOX Television Stations that it responded to more than 200,000 out-ofgas calls from January - April, up from 153,668 at the same time last year. In April alone, AAA received 50,787 road-side assistance calls from stranded drivers out of fuel.

The surge of drivers short on cash to fill up their gas tanks has been noted by top executives at gasoline retailers who have reported that drivers are buying less fuel at the pump.

## CRIME RISES AS TRAFFIC LAWS NOT ENFORCED

Los Angeles and some major cities have stopped enforcing some traffic laws, like broken tail lights or expired stickers, all in the name of racial equity, but critics have said letting people get away with breaking the law will only lead to more crime, and the current crime wave may prove them right.

Back in March, Philadelphia became the first city to ban police officers from pulling over drivers for minor traffic violations like expired tags and broken lenses, but now the Philadelphia FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) is suing to invalidate the new city law, saying it illegally preempts existing state laws on traffic violations.

L.A., Minneapolis and the entire state of Virginia have passed similar prohibitions on low level traffic stops, which they claim disproportionately targets Black drivers.

ILLINOIS PLANS ELECTRIC VEHI-CLE REBATE, INCLUDING MOTOR-CYCLES

On July 1, 2022, the state of Illinois is

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#### **ABATE IS:**

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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
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- · 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 Fund2002 Established Arizona MotorcycleSafety Council

**2004** Established veteran plates for motorcycles

2007 Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Pima County2007 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 legislation2018 Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill2018 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

## JOIN ABATE NOW!

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## **Coast to Coast (continued)**

set to kick off a slate of electric vehicle rebates for residents -- and with fuel prices at an all-time high, the timing couldn't be better. The good news for riders, according to RideApart.com, is that street electric motorcycles are included in Governor J. B. Pritzker's rebate plans.

Some details are still being worked out, but unlike some EV rebates, the Illinois state EV rebate does include road-going electric motorcycles. A cool \$1,500 rebate can be yours if your electric motorcycle purchase qualifies (\$4,000 for electric cars), but be aware that electric off-road bikes and mopeds do not qualify, however.

Who can qualify? All Illinois residents who purchase their electric motorcycles or other vehicles in the state of Illinois after July 1, 2022 and file the appropriate forms may qualify. It's also worth noting that vehicles purchased out of state are not eligible. Plug-in hybrids are also ineligible; only fully electric roadgoing vehicles meet the eligibility criteria.

When Illinois lawmakers hammered out this package in 2021, they included some key provisions aimed at reducing inequities in these types of programs. For one, it isn't just purchases of brandnew electric vehicles that qualify for the rebate -- it's also purchases of used EVs, which is a big deal considering the high sticker prices.

#### E.U. CLOSER TO COMBUSTION VEHICLE SALES BAN

Back in July 2021, when the European Commission -- the executive body of the European Union -- adopted a slate of proposals to lower the E.U.'s greenhouse gas emissions called the "Fit for 55" package, it called for a 55% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, and a 100% reduction by 2050.

For vehicle users, perhaps the most standout proposal in the package was a requirement that 100% of all new cars and vans be zero-emissions vehicles by

The combustion vehicle sales ban just took the next step toward becoming reality as of June 8, when members of the European Parliament (MEPs) met to discuss matters in Strasbourg, France. The body voted in support of an E.U. ban on the sales of all new gasoline and diesel cars throughout the 27-nation group, effective as of 2035. The measure passed with 339 votes for, 249 against, and 24 abstentions in total. MEPs also signed off on a requirement of a 55% reduction in CO2 emissions from automobiles by 2030, which is where the "Fit for 55" initiative gets its

This vote doesn't make the measure law throughout the European Union just yet. Now, E.U. MEPs must take the proposal up with all 27 of the E.U. member nations for final approval.

## 'TIRE POLLUTION' COULD BE THE NEXT GREEN ISSUE

As the internal combustion engine gets ever cleaner and battery power increases, "tire pollution" could become the next point of focus as a new study claims Tire Pollution is 1,850 times worse than Exhaust Emissions.

Independent British research firm Emissions Analytics tested a number of tires at multiple stages of life to reach its conclusions, contained in their report titled "Tyres Not Tailpipe," which focuses on the particulates produced when driving and riding that do not emanate from a vehicle's tailpipe.

Tires as they wear produce tiny beads of microplastics, which are so small they can be carried on the breeze and, in some cases, end up getting washed into water courses and washed out to sea. Here they can be ingested by small animals and eventually end up back in the human food chain.

While the title would have you believe it centers around tires alone, it also notes other consumable parts such as brakes as being an area that adds to airborne particulates.

The study found that no matter how clean running a petrol engine or electric motor is, there is a bigger picture to understand when it comes to localized air pollution.

And don't think the report is all about

bashing the internal combustion engine either, as it seems electric vehicles -- in particular large electric SUVs -- could produce more non-tailpipe emissions than conventional combustion engines. The report cites electric vehicles' increase in mass as being one factor that could increase tire and brake wear.

#### MILLIONS AWARDED TO WOMAN "INJURED" WITH STD AFTER SEX IN A CAR

In a stranger-than-fiction case that could have far-reaching legal ramifications, a Missouri woman was awarded a \$5.2 million settlement by a three-judge panel after claiming she got a sexuallytransmitted disease from her exboyfriend after they had sex in the back of his 2014 Hyundai Genesis. The Missouri Court of Appeals upheld the judgment against the insurance company that was entered during earlier arbitration proceedings. Reportedly, the woman had been seeking monetary damages from GEICO, which insured her ex-boyfriend's car, because she claims she contracted HPV, human papillomavirus while having sex in the

When you think of insurance payouts to cover injuries sustained in a vehicle, you'd usually imagine crashes and other vehicular accidents. But now it seems they'll also have to think about injuries incurred from getting freaky in the back of a car.

According to court documents in the case, the woman alleged that her exboyfriend knew that he had HPV, and still chose to have unprotected sex with her, without informing her of his condition. Last year, an arbitrator determined that their sexual liaison in the man's car "directly caused, or directly contributed to cause" the woman's HPV infection.

This determination is what led to the judgment that, by not disclosing his condition, the man was on the hook for the \$5.2 million in damages. While a lawsuit over contracting an STD from the insured driver may be the first of its kind, this award shows that it's not a stretch for someone to file against an insurance company for any actions occurring in a motor vehicle, or perhaps even go after their home insurance.

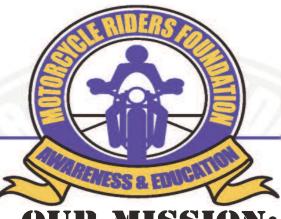
The entire insurance industry is certain to be looking at this case, because it could have ramifications in all kinds of situations, and you can bet there'll be notifications of changes to our insurance policies in the near future.

FINALLY, A FLYING VEHICLE Since before The Jetsons, we've been promised that someday soon we'd all be tooling about in flying cars, and now that dream may be about to take off. The Japanese company A.L.I. Technologies has been taking their XTurismo flying machine on the road, or over it, premiering their finished object for the Top Marques Monaco 2022 in June, an event that showcases supercars, hypercars, exclusive motorcycles, and other forms of unique transportation.

Whether you call it a hoverbike, a flying car, or some combination of the above, the XTurismo looks like a sportbike ran over a drone. The XTurismo's claimed curb weight is 300 kilograms, or a hair over 661 pounds. It's 3.7 meters long by 2.4 meters wide by 1.5 meters high (approximately 12.1 feet by 7.87 feet by 4.9 feet), has a range of approximately 30 to 40 minutes, a top speed of 80 kilometers per hour (just under 50 mph), and has a rated load capacity of 100 kilograms (or 220 pounds). The company is currently accepting preorders for the 200 initial XTurismo Limited Edition units it plans to produce, at a cost of \(\frac{1}{2}\) 77,700,000, or about \$610,710.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The price of freedom of religion or of speech or of the press is that we must put up with, and even pay for, a good deal of rub-

~ Robert H. Jackson, US Supreme Court justice (1892-1954)



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## **ABATE of Arizona Chapter Meeting Times and Locations**

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

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-

## 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

## 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 Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge, 2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ Meeting time is 10AM October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim Butsback (520)247-3051 or jimbutsback@yahoo.com

The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the American Legion Post 138(107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282, SE Corner area of Broadway and Mill). Post 138 opens around 9a.m. and serves a great inexpensive buffet breakfast before and after our meeting. Come and hang out before or after the meeting! Riders of all types of bikes, non-riders, and non-members are always welcomed to attend!

## Yuma Chapter

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-

We would love to see you there.

## Yavapai Chapter

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

For more information, please contact Dan Tumey @ 928-308-9911 or ycabateaz@gmail.com. See us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/yca

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## **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY (continued)**

The court found the APCD's agreement violated public policy because the agency adopted the agreement out of view of the public and without public input. The court also ruled that APCD staff didn't have the authority to change Rule 1001 requirements, without direction from the agency's full board of directors.

The ruling appears to allow State Parks

the ability to seek reimbursement from the APCD for monies expended under the void agreement, which Friends is saying exceeds \$1 million. Even though State Parks is mandated to support off-highway vehicle usage at the Oceano Dunes, its administration generally takes a passive stance at what has become a politically charged issue. MOTORCYCLE PROFILING

Concord, N.H. — Governor Sununu has signed House Bill 1000, a bill that prohibits motorcycle profiling. The popular bill passed both chambers of the legislature by voice vote before ending up on the governor's desk for his signature. New Hampshire has become the 5th state with a law regarding the profiling of bik-

ers. Special thanks and shout out to Speaker of the New Hampshire House Sherm Packard, New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization President Traci Beaurivage and John from the Granite State Brotherhood MC for their dedication and hard work.

## **Ultimate Motorcycle Road Trip Packing List**

BY WAYFARER

Road tripping on your bike is an excellent way for celebrating your love of riding

Are you planning a motorcycle road trip? Then you're in for an enjoyable time. Road tripping on your bike is an excellent way to visit scenic locations while celebrating your love for riding.

However, bringing all the necessary supplies on your trip is essential to having the best experience. To help you out, we've compiled a list of all of the most critical items you'll need for your trip. Read on to learn our ultimate motorcycle road trip packing list.

## 1. Helmet

If you forget everything else on your packing list, you should at least make sure to bring a helmet. Wearing a helmet every time you ride your bike is essential. However, on road trips, when you may be tired and have more exposure to the open road, a helmet is even more crucial to staying safe.

If you're planning to buy a new helmet for your road trip, we recommend choosing one that is breathable and comfortable so you don't feel tempted to remove it throughout your journey. However, any DOT-approved helmet should keep you safe

## 2. Tool Kit

If you do not typically keep a toolkit in your bike, now is the time to bring one along. When you go on solo road trips, you may not have friends or family members nearby to help you fix a flat tire or jump a dead battery. You also won't have any other means of transportation to get to the

nearest store and purchase the tools you need.

Your tool kit might include:

A wrench and socket set

A flat tire repair kit

An air compressor

Wheel removal tools

Screwdrivers

Jump leads

Cable ties

Spare parts

## 3. Clothing

Along with your helmet, you should also bring protective, comfortable clothing to wear while riding your bike. Specifically, you should be sure to pack the following articles of clothing

A protective jacket

Riding pants

Gloves

Boots

Riding socks

These protective layers can help keep you warm on windy rides and provide a barrier against rocks and other debris you may encounter on the road.

4. Wallet and Paperwork You should always bring your wallet, vehicle registration, and ID with you when you ride your bike. However, if you're planning a longer motorcycle road trip, you may want to take some additional paper-

Copies of your driver's license

work along, such as:

Documents with your emergency contact information

Insurance cards

Extra cash or bank cards

Health information

These items can be helpful if you experience a crash during your road trip and cannot share your contact information with emergency responders. Alternatively, having extra cash and cards on hand can ensure that you do not become stranded if you lose your wallet.

5. GPS or Maps

Some motorcyclists prefer to use paper maps for navigation on road trips. If you do plan to use paper maps, we recommend only referencing them while parked or stopped at traffic lights.

Alternatively, you may find it easier to use a GPS to plan your route and adjust to changes in traffic in real-time. If you choose to use your smartphone as a GPS, be sure to silence texts and other notifications to eliminate distractions while riding.

6. Hygiene Items

Of course, you should also pack hygiene and toiletry items for your trip. These may include:

A toothbrush

Toothpaste

Soap

A shaving kit

Hand sanitizer

Sunscreen

Bug spray

7. Safety Items

Finally, we recommend taking along a few extra items as an added precaution for your trip. For example, you may want to pack:

Protein bars or other filling snacks, in case you become stranded

A flashlight

Extra batteries

A bike lock

A location tracker for your family members or loved ones

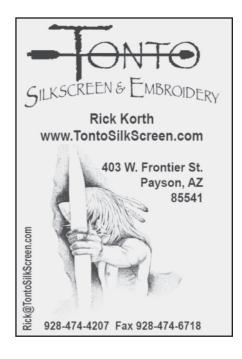
A motorcycle cover

A spare key

And finally, don't forget your free Law Tigers Riders Benefit Package.

Following the above motorcycle road trip packing list should help you pack everything you need for your upcoming trip. Once you hit the road, riding safely and cautiously is essential to avoiding accidents. However, if you find yourself a motorcycle accident victim, you can call our Law Tigers team at 1-888-863-7216 for assistance.

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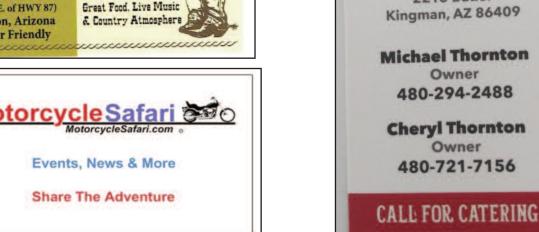
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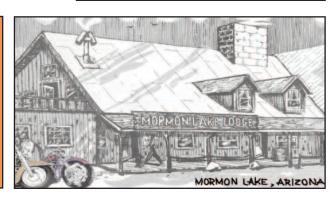














## **Events Calendar**

Saturdays Jun-Aug 2022 { 6/18, 7/16, 8/20 }: Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120 from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Super/EV Chapter meeting {June cxl'd -- going to TBFS!} ~ 10a at American Legion Post 138, 107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe. {B'fast available 9am} FMI: Joe Silk 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com

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 CON-TACT to confirm June meeting status.

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix-Shadow Mtn Chapter meeting. {June cxl'd -- going to TBFS!} 10:30anoon at AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St, Phoenix. Food & drinks available.

9/16-17 {Fr-Sat} Thunder

Valley Rally #21. \$20/weekend pass. Kids 12&under free. Sponsors include Law Tigers

1/28/2023 8th annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sponsors include Superstition Harley-Davidson

# DESERT THUNDER MOTORCYCLE CLUB 35th Anniversary Party

By Mary K. Donnay

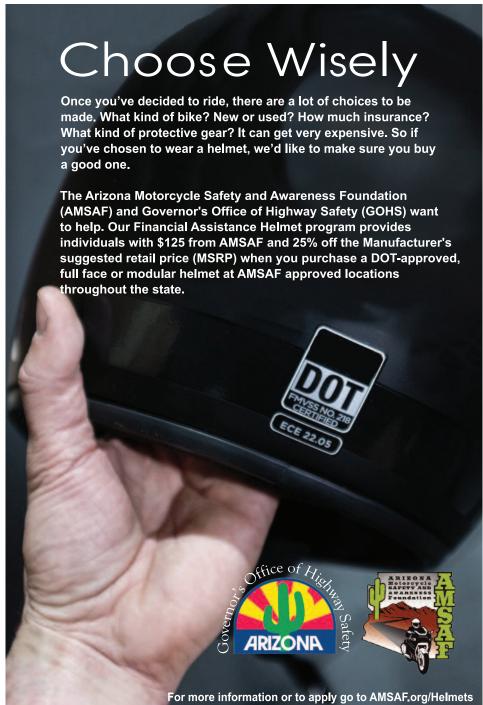
April 30, 2022 - Phoenix ABATE of Arizona congratulates DTMC on their 35th anniversary. The ACMC community came out in big numbers to help them celebrate at their Phoenix clubhouse, and Six Finger Man band played

some great tunes. Their dedication to motorcycle rights goes back to the early days of ABATE's history. We appreciate your Club membership in ABATE of AZ and support at the State Capital and Too Broke For Sturgis.









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## **Too Broke for Sturgis 2022**





































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# AMSAF's Riding For The Long Haul April 30, 2022 - Phoenix

By Mary K. Donnay

AMSAF held their annual fundraiser called "Riding for the Long Haul" on April 30, 2022 at the El Zaribah Shriner's auditorium in Phoenix. ABATE of AZ supported the event and their motorcycle safety mission by purchasing a table for 8 guests. ABATE officers & members in attendance were Jim Butsback, Mike

Infanzon, Mary K. Donnay & Smiley Mike, Tim & Judi Miller, Matthew & Julie Reemelin.

It was a 1950's themed event. They had a silent auction, bucket raffles, mystery raffle, and live auction, to raise funds to use towards their helmet financial assistance program and rider training classes.

Several motorcycle safety related VIPs

were in attendance, Alberto Gutier, Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Director, and Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers were honored and guest speakers. Other attendees included Ben & Teresa Martinez with Road Guardians Accident Scene Mgmt. (a new partner in AMSAF's vision of reducing motorcyclerelated fatalities), Jay Connor with Law Tigers, Rosi Khazoom with the Husband & Wife Law Team, Bernie & Gwen Zolber, several Chandler Motorcycle PD, and many others.

This is a very worth while cause, mirroring some of ABATE's goals and a good partner in motorcycle safety. Bravo Mick Degn, AMSAF Executive Director, for a job well done!



















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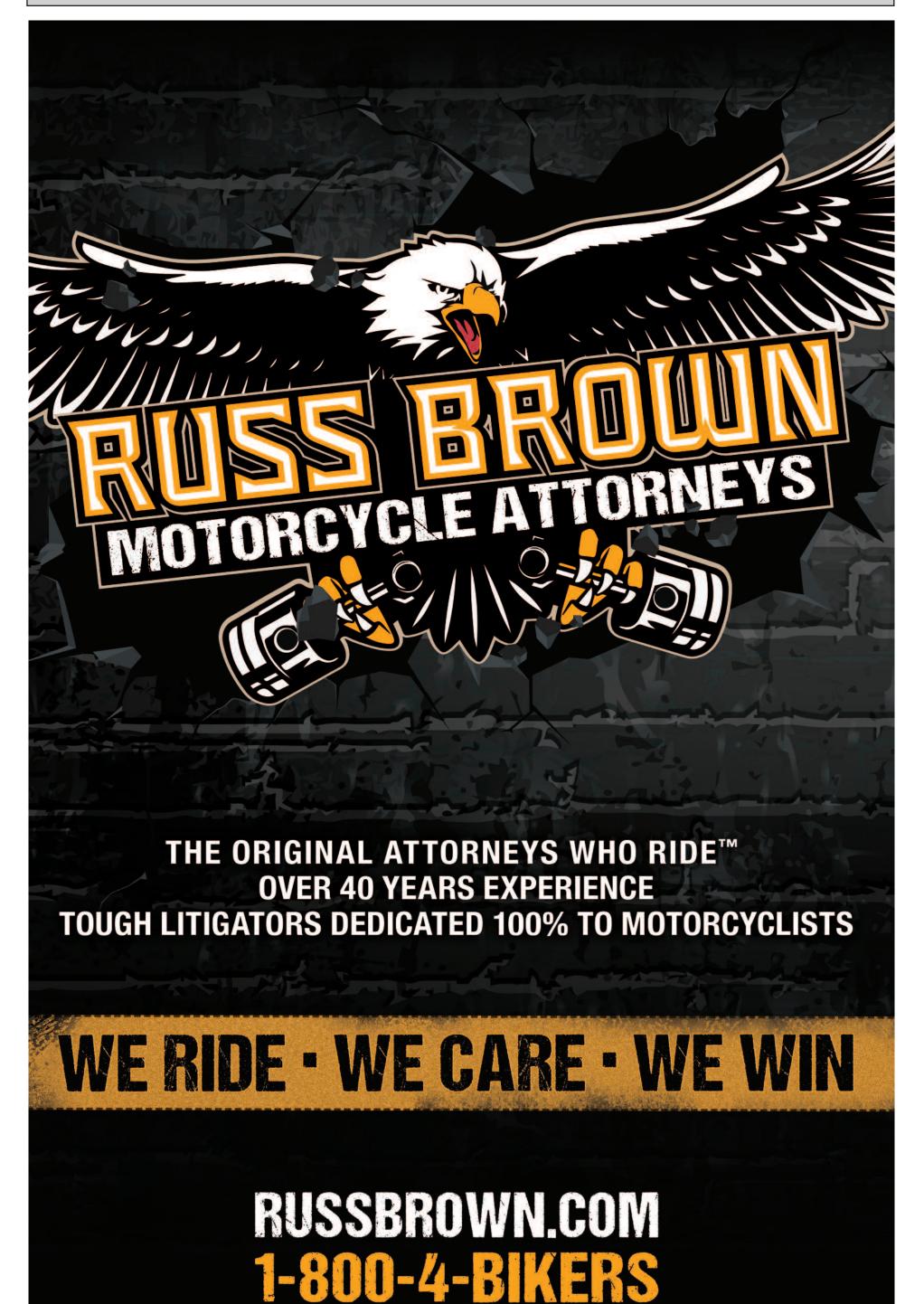
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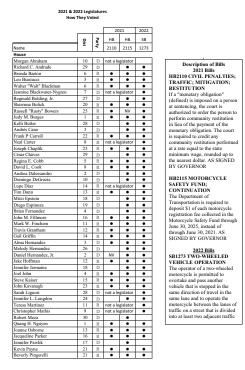




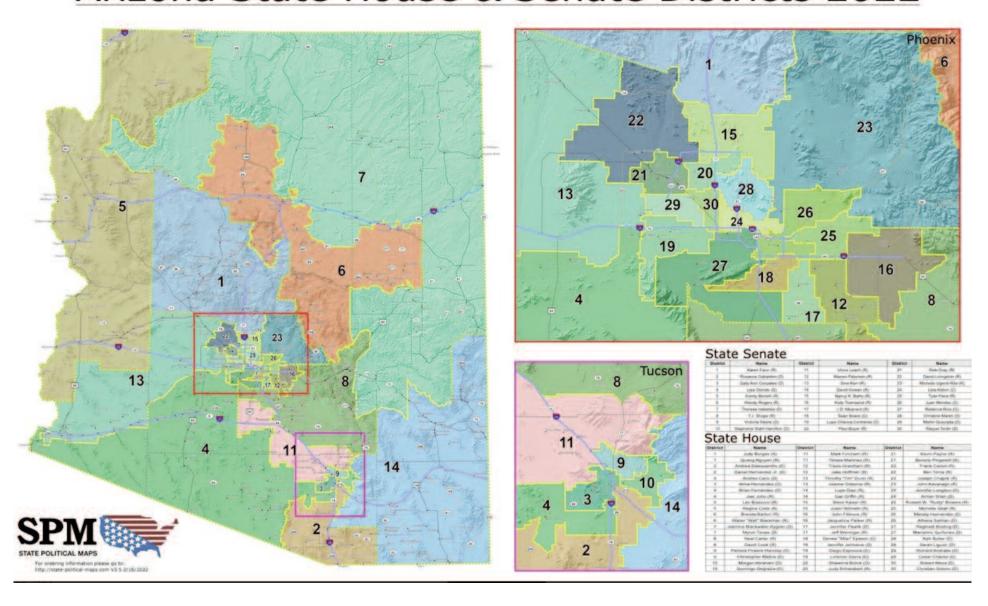
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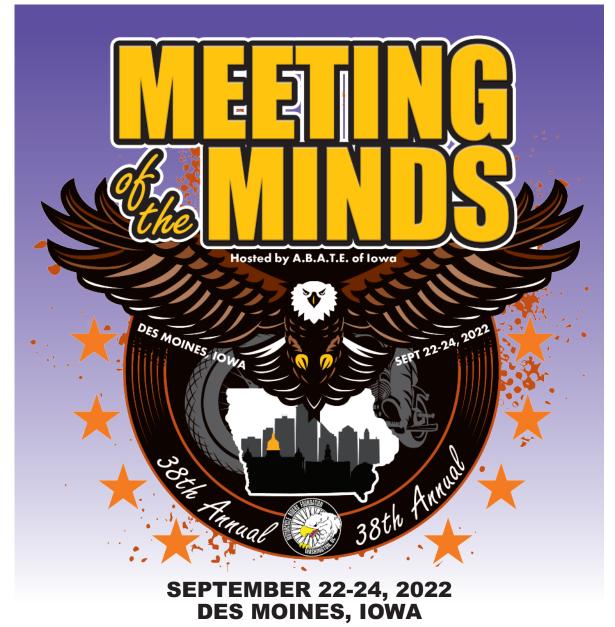












Des Moines Marriott Downtown | 700 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309 Room reservations call 515-245-5500 (mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation) Room guest rate \$119/night. Cut-off date: September 7, 2022
Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 250. Highland, IL 62249 Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 8, 2022): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member) Registration rate after Sept. 8, 2022: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member) Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet. Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

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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:	
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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



Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education, Inc. PO Box 581. Big Lake, MN 55309 202-725-5471 www.mrfae.org

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.

For more information about MRFA&E go to the website at mrfae.org

Please send resume to: deb@mrfae.org & secretary@mrfae.org

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## **Young Activist Nomination Request**



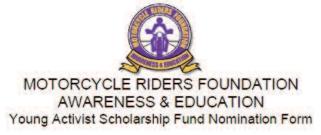
## MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION AWARENESS & EDUCATION

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 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, Luke Johnsen ABATE of CO Holly Hurst VA, 2017 Haley Wilson CBA/ABATE of NC, 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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## TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH BUTITTA

By Mary K. Donnay

ABATE of Arizona's long-standing Yavapai Chapter Board member DEBO-RAH BUTITTA died on June 4th, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident the day before, when a flatbed truck made a left turn in front of her. While small in stature, Deborah was a pillar of strength and had a positive impact on many lives, including my own. I'm proud to say she was my mentor and friend for over 25 years and I, like many others, attribute my success in life and ABATE to her advice, encouragement and support. Both of us attended many Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds conferences over the years from coast-to-coast, where I'd assist her in coordinating the fund-raising

auctions.

With not much time to prepare, we respectfully honored her accomplishments and life-long dedication to motorcycle rights during our annual event "Too Broke For Sturgis" June 9th thru 11th, by having a framed picture at event registration of Deborah receiving the MRF 2020 Lifetime Achievement award and a picture board made by her chapter officers. I spoke to the large assembled crowd in the arena on Saturday, June 11th, read the MRF death announcement and added my personal reflection. All of the Yavapai Chapter officers attended and were recognized. Redbone, charter member of ABATE East Valley Chapter, made a wooden laser etched tribute plaque, with the poem he penned called "Toast to a

Fallen Sister". Jim Butsback, ABATE of AZ State President, presented it to her chapter on stage. Many of us were in tears, and lots of hugs were shared.

We were surprised when Tyson, a coworker of Deborah's, showed up on a blue H-D V-Rod she sold him. We placed that motorcycle in first position, in front of the bike show. The framed picture I brought fit perfectly in between the windshield mount brackets. I was honored and privileged to sit on her former bike, hold the grips Deborah held for many miles, and give that bike a big hug, feeling her presence. The national anthem was sung a-cappella, a bike blessing given, then I rev'd up that bad ass V-Rod first, before being joined by hundreds of other bikes in the thunderous arena.

Deborah's legacy will live on in our hearts and minds forever. I keep thinking that in the future, I'll have to ask myself "What would Deborah do?" Stand up tall and hold your ground for what you believe in! That's what she'd do. Ride Free Freedom Fighter. Thank you for your life-long service to the biker community. We will never forget you.

Respectfully,

Mary K. Donnay ABATE of Arizona, Inc. State Chairman









