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Michael Infanzon
 Legislative Director

Lane Filtering has been legal here in Arizona for a few weeks now and so far it looks as though it is going well. I've only heard of a few negative incidents, which is great. Keep riding safe.

We have been working on the elections recently. Getting out and meeting the candidates so they know of ABATE's legislative agenda for next session. If you get a chance to meet the legislators, city council members and school board members from your area, please do.

The more they see our organization attending their events, the more they will listen to us if/when they are elected.

We have the language for our legislative bills ready for next session. So on November 9th I will begin the process of getting sponsors and co-sponsors for our bills. It's nice to know we have legislators who support our issues.

We recently awarded Representative Shawna Bolick with her "Legislative Freedom Fighter" award. This is a 3-peat for her. She has always supported everyone of our bills. Including being the prime sponsor for the Motorcycle Safety Fund extension a few years ago that was passed unanimously. We will miss her in the state legislature but wish her well on her next adventure. She was also gifted an Honorary Life Membership.

Get yourselves ready for an exciting legislative session. It's less than 75 days away.

Be good to one another.

Mike



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FMI contact Harley Pettit, (928) 530-2555, harley3787@gmail.com
 The Coyote Pass Chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at; Calico's Restaurant, 418 W. Beale St. Kingman, AZ 86401, 928-753-5005

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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!

Mohave Chapter

1451 E. Ruby Trail
 Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

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 Safety Coordinator.....Christine Allen
 Merchandise Coordinator.....Shirley "Moonshine" Bizub

Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at: VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 8641

High Country Chapter

605 W. Arabian Way
 Payson AZ 85541

Coordinator.....Barry 'Double B' Bell MAAA
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 Secretary.....Sandra 'Jane' Bell MMA
 Treasurer.....Cyndi 'Dragonfly' Williams
 Membership.....Sandra 'Jane' Bell
 Events Coordinator.....Jacque 'Daisi' Whiting...
 Safety Coordinator.....Roy 'Fatboy' Whiting
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 P.A.C.....Shawn "Yukon" Bell
 Communications.....Stephanie Mikelson
 Merchandise.....Jeff "Darkhorse" Sauer
 Media.....Denise 'Spitfire' Trolinder

BOD Rep Vacant

Until further notice, HCC meetings will be held immediately following the MAAA meetings (10:00am) the 3rd Saturday of each month. Meeting location is Sandbagger's Bar and Grill, 2051 Silver Lake Blvd., Show Low, AZ 85901.28.537.2744

Southern Arizona Chapter

Coordinator.....Amissa "Dragonfly" Huntington
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 Merchandise....."Tequila" Mike Howard

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 85705 . Meeting time is 10AM October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim Butsback (520)247-3051 or jimbutsbac@yahoo.com

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 Communications.....Nolan Steed
 Merchandise.....Rebecca Crawford

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465 E Liana Dr.
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 Social Media.....Holli Woolsey
 Safety Coordinator.....AJ Killian
 Sgt. At Arms.....Sandra Taverser
 P.A.C.....Deborah Butitta
 Communications.....Angela Buchler
 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.

Yuma Chapter

11316 S. Glenwood Ave.
 Yuma, AZ 85367

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 Vice Coordinator.....Frank White
 Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson
 Treasurer.....Robin Aitken
 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: **TheMasterlink@abateofaz.org**
 I will be sure everything is accurate for the next Issue and on the web site.

News from the MRF

Individuals Can Make a Difference!

Don't fall into the trap of believing only high-powered lobbyists or big money donors can make a difference in D.C. The average biker can and has impacted policy in our nation's capital.

A perfect example is the work of two motorcyclists in Nevada, Fred Harrell and Russell Radke. Both are long time biker rights advocates and understand the best way to get things done is to educate and develop relationships with their elected officials. Over the course of several years, they met with and befriended their local lawmaker, Congresswoman Susie Lee of Nevada. Sharing their experiences as motorcyclists and their concern regarding the

profiling of bikers they sought solutions to help address the issue.

In response to the concerns of her constituents, and as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Lee advanced committee report language to a government funding bill that seeks answers from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on the issue of profiling. The language states:

"The Committee is concerned that NHTSA may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on

Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act."

On behalf of the 70,000 riders in the Silver State and the 10 million bikers across this country, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, thanks Congresswoman Lee and her staff for meeting with, listening to and advocating for her constituents and the entire motorcycle community. Additional thanks to Russell and Fred for their tireless work to build and maintain these important relationships on Capitol Hill.

Motorcycle Fuel Debate in Europe

09/29/2022 9:40 PM

Wednesday morning, members of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) leadership team attended a virtual seminar titled "Bridging the Gap to Climate Neutrality - The Case of eFuels for Motorcycles." The event was hosted by the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers and the eFuel Alliance of Europe.

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The Masterlink is digital.

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

Mission Statement

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

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

a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of

FREEDOM.

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

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President's Report



Hello to all my fellow Freedom Fighters here at A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona!

When this article reaches everyone it will be the beginning of November and we will have just celebrated Halloween. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and had a good time, and that you all returned home safe after any parties or festivities you may have enjoyed.

As I sit to write this it is October 15th. Once again there have been way too many accidents involving our fellow riders. As the days are getting shorter and the winter visitors are coming back, I must reinforce that you PLEASE "RIDE LIKE YOU ARE INVISIBLE" because you are to these other vehicles on the road. They do not see you and they do not "LOOK TWICE", they do not respect your right of way. I want everyone to be able to enjoy riding and also to get home to your families safely.

One of the reasons we pushed so hard to get "Lane Filtering" passed here in Arizona is because motorcyclists getting rear-ended at traffic lights is one of the fastest growing causes for motorcyclists

injury and death. It has become legal as of September 24th. I have seen many riders doing this properly and safely. I have also seen many who must think that it is "lane Splitting" that is legal. Please, as you go about your daily business take the time to explain to those you interact with the proper way to filter legally and especially educate those drivers who may not be aware of the new law.

At this time our upcoming Chapter elections should be open for nominations and elections should be completed by your November meetings. The Chapter secretary should note the results and in the Chapter minutes and submit them to the State Secretary. If any Chapter has any questions of needs assistance please contact me directly.

This is also the year that each Chapter elects their representative to the Board of Directors (BOD). Be sure to include that position in your elections.

Because we are a registered corporation we are required by law to hold a general membership meeting once each year. This it will be held in conjunction with our State Annual Member Party. We will be hosting this on November 12th. The times are from 12 Noon until approximately 4PM. The location for this event is Jake's Corner Bar & Grill at 57564 N Arizona Hwy, Payson, AZ 85541. This about 20 miles south of Payson, 4 miles east of Hwy 87 on Hwy 188 near Roosevelt Lake. Jake's is an ABATE business member and they are preparing a great time for all of us. Some of what you can look forward to is FREE meal to current ABATE members. Corn Hole contest. 3-Ball Pool Contest. LIVE MUSIC Building 12 Playing. We will have ABATE merchandise for sale. We will also have a ABATE annual member meeting and financial and membership disclosure as required. There is camping available nearby so plan on coming to this event and hanging out

with your fellow ABATE members.

As always we need folks to step up and help run this organization. We are still looking for a couple of folks who would like to step up and fill a couple of open positions on the State Board. If anyone is thinking about it or needs additional information please give me a call.

As many of you know the Motorcycle Riders Foundation held their Annual Meeting of the Minds. This year's event was in Des Moines, Iowa. This year I was able to attend and I was happy to see that we had 14 members of ABATE of Arizona in attendance. I believe 5 of our Chapters were represented. This year as in the past, it has been one of the best experiences of the year for me. I have always come back more energized and excited about what we need to work on and what needs to be done to keep this mission moving forward in a positive fashion. Mike Infanzon, representing ABATE of Arizona at the MOTM was privileged to be able except on our behalf the 2022 State Legislation Award presented to ABATE along with the MMA and the ACMC for our work in passing SB1273 the Lane Filtering Bill. It was fitting that Mike should be the one to except this because it was through his hard work that this was able to be accomplished. If you have not seen the photos of the aware just go to our State facebook page and it is posted there.

Once again I strongly urge everyone to consider joining the MRF. If you are already a member, Thank You. There is information on joining both on our web page and also in the Masterlink. They are the driving force for motorcyclist rights in Washington DC, and they need our support. It would also be great to see every Chapter of ABATE of Arizona to step up and become a sustaining member of the MRF. If your Chapter is not a sustaining member please ask your Chapter officers to see what it takes to do so. Information is at www.mrf.org

This month the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs will be hosting their Annual Fund Raising Event, "RIOT ON THE RIVER 2022" at beautiful Winkelman Gila River Park, Winkelman, Arizona. The event is November 3rd, 4th 5th and 6th. There is a smoked dinner Saturday included with your admission. This is an Old School Biker Rally and the public is welcome so bring your friends and relatives and have a great weekend. There will be bike games and a bike show along with vendors, food and drinks. Live music Saturday, Admission is \$20 per person and \$30 per Couple.

ABATE of Arizona will have a pop-up set up to give information and we will be selling some of our merchandise. If you are in attendance stop by and help us out. We will also be helping the ACMC by selling 50/50 tickets. Come on out and help us support the ACMC.

Remember to Please support those businesses and organizations that support ABATE and the motorcycling community. The cost of being a business member is very reasonable and includes a monthly advertisement in the Masterlink along with a listing on our web page and two memberships in ABATE. Talk to businesses that you deal with about becoming an ABATE business member.

As always membership drives our organization. Spread the word! Always keep a few of our membership tri-folds with you and wear your ABATE gear when attending events. People need to be told about ABATE and they will not just join, You Need to Ask Them!!

Until Next Month!

Ride Free! Ride Safe! Ride Endorsed!

Jim



Handlebar Recall On Nearly 1,100 Harley-Davidson Nightsters

<https://blog.bikernet.com/>

Faulty welds on these Harley-Davidson motorcycles could cause the bars to break.

by Dustin Wheelen from <https://www.rideapart.com>

Harley-Davidson Nightster made a triumphant return to the Sportster lineup in 2022. We last saw the blacked-out bobber in 2012 as the Evolution-powered Nightster 1200 (XL1200N). Ten years later, the revived model benefits from the Motor Company's new 975cc Revolution Max V-twin and an innovative under-the-seat fuel tank. Those technological advancements don't eliminate all teething problems, unfortunately.

On August 4, 2022, Harley-Davidson received a complaint from a 2022 Nightster (RH975) owner that the left portion of their handlebar broke off while riding. After performing warranty analysis and investigating the matter, the brand potentially received one additional claim related to this issue between August 5, 2022, and September 8, 2022.

Harley then informed the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the Nightster recall on October 6, 2022. According to the documents, a "weld quality issue" with the Nightster's handlebar (Part No. 55801154) "could lead to separation between the inner and outer sections." The consequences of such a failure

need little explanation, but the recall lists that "a broken handlebar can cause a sudden loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a crash."

The Milwaukee manufacturer narrowed down the recall scope to Nightsters produced between December 6, 2021 and September 9, 2022—accounting for 1,074 units. However, Nightster models produced after September 9, 2022, don't apply to this recall, as Harley employed "enhanced manufacturing controls" on those units.

After informing the NHTSA, the firm notified its dealers of the impending recall on October 11, 2022. One week later, on October 18, 2022, the brand sent notification letters to impacted owners. Once eligible customers trans-

port their Nightster to their local dealership, Harley will replace the faulty handlebars free of charge.

While the notification period ends on October 25, 2022, Nightster owners can also contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464 (Recall No. 0179). Owners can also reach the NHTSA Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153) or visit the organization's website for more details.

We're happy to see the Nightster usher in a new era for the Sportster line, but we're happier to see the MoCo addressing mission-critical issues.

Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass

The Coyote Pass Chapter will Meet at Calico's Restaurant in Kingman Tuesday October 11th at 6:00pm.

The Chapter also offers rides every Sunday and Wednesday originating in Kingman, AZ.

Harley Pettit, Chapter Coordinator, installed MotoHorn on his Road Glide and is happy with the results. No more beep beep now an automobile LOUD BLAST. Highly recommended for safety.

Harley

High Country

NO REPORT.

Mohave Chapter

On Sep. 22-24 Cynde and Paula from our chapter did a road trip from Fort Mohave to Des Moines for Meeting of The Minds. they said that they had an awesome time and learned a lot. Yesterday, Oct. 8 we held our highway cleanup on Hwy. 68 in Golden Valley, followed by pizza at Great American Pizza in Golden Valley. Unfortunately I was unable to participate this year, on Monday evening 10/3 I had a stroke and was in the hospital until Thur. afternoon 10/6. George Payntar vice coordinator and Gary Vick "G" ran the cleanup. Thank you everyone who helped. I am home and doing well, still waiting for test results as what caused the stroke. Cynde and I drove up for the pizza to see everyone. I have not driven yet since the stroke and have to admit a little nervous about getting back on the bike. I plan to reach out to a few people who have experience with this, please contact me if you have any tips.

Our next chapter meeting is Monday 10/17. Until next time stay safe and ride safe.

Tom Aydt
Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

Good day all you riders out there.

We had an annual bowling tournament on the 9th of Oct. East Valley and Phoenix Shadow Mountain. It was a good turn out. We bowled for a couple of bowling pins. The Wests Got the high score and

East Valley took home the overall pin count bowling pin. We had a lot of fun. Can't wait to do it again next year. Thank you to all that came out.

We have elections coming up in November at the next meeting. We need all positions for Officers. Please if you have any interest in being an officer please be at the next meeting, it will be on November 13 at the Arizona American Italian Club 7509 N 12th St. Phoenix, AZ 85020. @ 10:30am. Please be there.

I want to thank all of my officers for all they do. They put together a legislative town hall on the 12th of Oct. AZ Rep Frank Carroll and AZ Rep Shawna LM Bolick were there for the town hall meeting. I was not able to attend, but from what I was told it was a great discussion. I would also like to thank Michael Infanzon for his help in getting the legislators there. Thank you Mary K for the refreshments. You all worked very hard to get this put together. you should give yourself a big pat on the back. Thank you

Nolan Steed
Phoenix Shadow Mountain Coordinator

East Valley Chapter

Another well attended chapter meeting on October 9th at Post 138! Great presentation by our PAC officer – Rick Ferguson! And, a great discussion about our member's experiences with the new lane filtering law! Welcomed new members from Post 138's Legion Riders, Colleen and Duanne Fujimoto, and Lindsey Baker! We also want to welcome members of the Windsisters, Michelle Theis and Erin Berry-Schade to the East Valley Chapter! Also, welcome new members: Linda Serpa and Jonathan Ouellette!

Our Membership Committee has completed their assignment to create a script and flowchart for how to sign up individual and new business members. We have used it during recent membership booth events at Post 35, Cycle World, and the swap meet at the Pinal County fairgrounds. Lots of questions from event participants about "who is ABATE" and the lane filtering bill (lot of people don't know about it - hope we helped set things straight). Thanks to Cliff Prentice, Clem Copolillo, and Matthew Reemelin with helping out at the booths.

Once again, we want to thank Post 138 for their hospitality! We all need to support Post 138's relocation fundraiser event on October 29th at 1p.m. - Post 138 has been leasing their current location and it will come to the end by December. Hopefully we will continue on in their new location or need to relocate.

The annual bowling tournament between Phoenix/Shadow Mountain and East Valley was held on October 9th. Great participation by our chapter members. For the second year in a row, EV has taken home the trophies! Congrats to the Michael West family team for carrying the chapter! Dawn West's new bowling shoes made the difference! Thanks to Nolan Steed of Phoenix/Shadow Mountain for setting up the event.

Thanks to Cliff Prentice for attending the meeting of the minds event - Cliff did some great networking with ABATE of Kansas and other ABATE chapters!

The annual "Hard Ass Run" is scheduled for October 22nd. Hope to see all ABATE members and friends participate.

Presented the motorcycle awareness program at five Mesa high schools. This is part of ABATE's awareness mission statement and still needs the support of ALL ABATE membership.

Special thanks to Sharise Mayer and Suzanne Jense for enlisting the support of the Windsisters riders for helping and participating with the classes - Michelle Theis, Robin Cessna, Lei Cayson, and Erin Berry-Schade. Erin became a certified instructor - thanks Erin! Also, thanks to East Valley members Dan Widmar and Billy Shirato. The program needs trained presenters so that it can expand to other valley and statewide high schools or other organizations (does not have to be a drivers education class). Please contact Jim if you can help at the classes and or becoming an instructor and or setup an opportunity to present at other schools/organizations. There are other high schools in the state (Phoenix, Tucson, Showlow, and Yuma) which have driver education programs.

All current chapter officers have accepted nominations for next year's officers. Rick Ferguson accepted the nomination for the board of directors member.

See you at our November 13th meeting!

Joe

Southern Arizona Chapter

Chapter Officers have been selected and voting begins!!!! Chapter meeting/Road clean-up in Huachuca City is a big success!

Thank you to all who attended! Thank you to Rep. Shawna Bolick for being our Three-Time Legislator of the Year for ABATE of Arizona & Lifetime Member!!

We are now getting ready for ACMC's Riot on the River this year, see you there!!!!

Anissa "Dragonfly" Huntington

Yavapai Chapter

Hello to all,

We continue to set up our ABATE EZ up for events for membership and our numbers are up. We Supported Thunder Valley Rally in Cottonwood September 16th through the 17th in by managing a stop for the poker run and setting up our membership tent.

Five of our officers attended Meeting of the Minds in Des Moines Iowa bringing back a lot of fresh insight and motivation. It was great to see our officers so committed and hitting the ground running when they got back.

Our October meeting was all about elections and hosting Representative Quang Nguyen District One and Selina Bliss organized by Michael Infanzon who also briefed us on current events with ABATE and the state.

We'll be having a Meet and Greet for all our ABATE Yavapai Chapter members and their friends at Bob's Billiards on Friday October the 21st at 6pm.

Cheers for now and safe riding to all. Photo is at this year's Meeting of the Minds ABATE of Arizona group!

Tim Thomas
Coordinator, Yavapai Arizona Chapter

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yavapai Road Cleanup



Coast to Coast

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND AND MOTORCYCLE FAN LORETTA LYNN HAS PASSED

Country Music Star and AMA Hall of Fame inductee Loretta Lynn died in her sleep on October 4, 2022 at her popular ranch and tourist destination in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, at age 90.

The Grammy Award winning singer rose to stardom in the music industry over six decades with hit singles like “Coal Miner’s Daughter” and “Don’t Come Home A-Drinkin,” but Ms. Lynn was also a long-time supporter of amateur motocross racing, and hosted the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship at her “Loretta Lynn Ranch & Family Campground” since 1982, personally inspiring many young riders, and was appropriately inducted into the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA) Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2021 for “opening her arms and ranch to countless motocross families.”

ARIZONA LANE FILTERING LAW GOES INTO EFFECT

The new Arizona state law that allows lane-filtering for two-wheeled motorcycles under very specific circumstances

officially went into effect on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

The Arizona state legislature passed bipartisan Senate Bill 1273 in March, signed into law March 24, 2022, by Governor Doug Ducey (R), and the bill does not allow “lane splitting,” but rather “lane filtering” by motorcycles traveling between lanes of street traffic at a speed of 15 miles per hour or less. Three-wheeled vehicles, such as trikes or sidecars, are specifically not included in this change in the law.

S.B. 1273 was sponsored by Senator Tyler Pace (R-Mesa), who clarified that lane filtering and lane splitting are not the same thing. This new law now in effect will only allow for low-speed lane filtering in very specific situations, and it was crafted to resemble a similar lane filtering initiative that became law in Utah in 2019.

Lane splitting or filtering in some form are now allowed in Arizona, California, Hawaii and Utah, while states including Connecticut, Oregon, Washington and Virginia have introduced or are considering such legislation.

‘NOISE’ UNDER ATTACK IN CALIFORNIA

California Governor Gavin Newsom (D) has signed AB-2496 into law, to now require a certificate of compliance for a violation of noise limit requirements and

certain modified exhausts, and putting a “Hold” on vehicle registrations if proof is not adequately provided in a timely manner.

“AB-2496 creates a system in which, if you are cited for noise, you must provide certification to the court within 90 days of citation that your exhaust has been corrected to acceptable standards,” wrote ABATE of California in a ‘Call to Action’ opposing the measure; going on to explain that; “However, there is no system to test and certify, thus you can not get it. Further, IF you do not get it, your vehicle will NEVER be able to be registered in the State of California again. They want to remove us from the road.”

The new law requires the court to inform the Department of Motor Vehicles if a certificate of compliance is not provided within 3 months of the violation date, treating this failure as noncompliance, and requiring the DMV, before renewing the registration of any vehicle, to check whether the court has issued a hold on the vehicle registration for a violation of the noise requirements and to refuse to renew the registration until it has received a notification from the court that a certificate of compliance has been issued.

These requirements would become operative on January 1, 2027.

FEDERAL BILL DEMANDS ANSWERS ON ANTI-BIKER PROFILING

ING Congresswoman Susie Lee (D-NV), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, has included language [House Report 117-402] demanding answers from NHTSA regarding anti-biker profiling into a government funding bill, H.R. 8294, which states;

“The Committee is concerned that NHTSA may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act.”

Additionally, cosponsors are still being sought for H. Res 366 to prevent the discriminatory targeting of motorcyclists by law enforcement, similar to the anti-profiling resolution passed by the U.S. Senate in 2018. Meanwhile, the states of Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019), Idaho (2020) and New Hampshire (2022) have proactively passed laws to curb profiling.

E-BIKES MAY SOON BE AS COSTLY TO CHARGE AS ICE BIKES ARE TO REFUEL

Rising electricity costs are impacting public charging stations, leading to increased costs for charging electric bikes

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- 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
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- 2007** Removed cap on Motorcycle Safety Fund
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- 2017** Successfully prevented mandatory helmet legislation
- 2017** Reestablished Motorcycle Safety Fund for 5 years
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- 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

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- 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
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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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that could be higher than gasoline.

Historically, the comparatively low price of charging an electric vehicle versus fueling one fitted with an internal combustion engine (ICE) has meant that for those who can afford such vehicles, the switch from gas to electric transport has been a financially beneficial one.

However, as the price of energy continues to rise internationally, electric motorcycles could soon be more expensive to charge than combustion bikes cost to fill up.

Assuming the price of gasoline doesn't outpace the cost of electricity, a study summarized by VisorDown.com reports that costs per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity at 'rapid' charging stations in the U.K. have increased by 42% in the four months from May 2022 to September 2022; "That has led to charge costs per mile that are not far short of fill-up costs per mile."

Whatever the case, fueling or charging your motorcycle is only going to get more expensive, it would appear.

RUSSIAN ATTACK ON UKRAINE CAUSING POTHOLE IN THE U.K.
Hostilities between Russia and Ukraine is being touted as the reason for much of the financial troubles in the world today, and the British Local Government Association (LGA) is now claiming that the Russian led invasion is preventing pothole repair work as costs increase.

So aside from other more obvious wartime after-effects, like higher gas prices and utility bills, the war between Russia and Ukraine is apparently being felt in even more wide-reaching areas. One of the areas that are being reported to have been hit hard by the conflict is road building and repair. The RAC in England reports that around 60% of the bitumen used to build new roads, and repair potholes, was bought from Russia. With trade embargos on the nation now in force, the cost of carrying out these repairs is said to have risen, with the LGA claiming a 22% increase.

A recent study by the LGA concluded that prior to the Russian aggressions, the UK's pothole problems would have taken

ten years to rectify, costing around £12 billion (\$13.5B US) in total.

FRENCH COMPANY TESTING PLANT-BASED ASPHALT

The worldwide movement towards a greener future of mobility doesn't stop with the vehicles, but also the roads we drive and ride on. Indeed, infrastructure plays an equally important role when it comes to sustainability, and this is something that many countries have overlooked in their efforts to go green, but not France, as it's now ready to test a new plant-based asphalt called Biophalt.

Currently, asphalt roadway surfaces are made primarily out of petroleum crude oil, a far cry from carbon neutral, so French company Eiffage has been working on an alternative to traditional asphalt since 2018, called Biophalt, that is said to offer the same benefits as asphalt while taking the crude oil out of the equation. The technology has so much potential, that in 2019, it was given an award by the Roads and Streets Innovation Committee of the Ministry of Ecological Transition.

Biophalt sets itself apart from traditional asphalt by making use of a vegetable binder instead of crude oil. Moreover, in terms of traffic volume, climatic resilience, traction, and durability, Biophalt has similar attributes to conventional asphalt. It is also applied at mild temperatures and has a reduced production temperature requirement, both of which provide energy savings. With all of this, Biophalt claims to have a carbon-neutral footprint.

Recently, the southwest French department of Haute-Garonne made the decision to test the Biophalt mix from Eiffage by resurfacing a mile-long section of road, in hopes that Biophalt will soon set the entire road infrastructure on a new course.

SELF-DRIVING CAR 'DRIVERS' GIVEN GREEN LIGHT TO WATCH VIDEOS

As world governments move towards a full rollout of self-driving cars on the roads, one rule is being introduced in the United Kingdom to allow 'drivers' to watch videos while the vehicle is in motion! After a consultation on the mat-

ter, the U.K. government is now set to allow those in control of self-driving cars to watch videos while driving down the road.

The changes came when the government updated the highway code earlier this year. At the time, it was done to consider the new autonomous technology and incorporate it into the rules of the road, but this new rule could cause vulnerable road users to be put at risk. It concerns watching content that is not related to the vehicle (films, TV, music videos, social media, and emails) on the vehicle's built-in display screens built into the cockpit. These are generally used to change the settings of the car, relay information to the driver, or provide navigation assistance, though many can now be set to display videos via internal or external storage devices, with some being able to surf the Internet either through 5G or Wi-Fi.

The move will likely strike fear into the hearts of vulnerable road users, such as motorcyclists, as it's already been widely reported that many self-driving cars do miss "seeing" us in some circumstances. At this time, autonomous car manufacturers claim that the liability lies with the driver of the vehicle to spot the danger and take back control of the vehicle, so how badly is an operator's concentration and reaction time impacted by watching a movie, or playing a game?

BMW just announced AirConsole to allow owners to play both single- and multiplayer videogames from the comfort of the driver's seat to "make every waiting situation in the vehicle an entertaining experience."

'WALKING DEAD' STAR JOINS 'THE BIKERIDERS' CAST, JAX RETURNS FROM THE DEAD

For your Moto-tainment pleasure, Hollywood sources report that "The Walking Dead" star Norman Reedus has become the latest celebrity to join the cast of "The Bikeriders," a fictional film inspired by the photography of Danny Lyon and his 1967 book of the same name, and follows the rise of a fictional Midwestern motorcycle club. Seen through the lives of the members, the club evolves over the course of the decade from a gathering place for local

outsiders into a more 'sinister gang'.

The biker theme is fitting for Reedus, a longtime rider whose 'TWD' character Daryl Dixon is known for riding a motorcycle across the show's 11 seasons. The 53-year-old actor also hosts the travel series "Ride with Norman Reedus" as he hits the open road to explore biker culture.

In other 'Dead' News, Charlie Hunnam has reportedly hinted at resurrecting his Jax Teller character, who died in the final episode of "Sons of Anarchy," for a redux role.

MOTORCYCLE POKÉMON TO HELP GAMERS EXPLORÉ POKÉ-UNIVERSE

Two new Legendaries, Koraidon and Miraidon, are here to aid in your exploration of the newest games in the Pokémon franchise. In the 26 years since Pokémon was first released, it's gained a lot of fans around the world, and while pedal-powered bicycles have been a part of Poké-canon since the beginning, traditional motorcycles haven't been -- until now!

On November 18, 2022, Nintendo is set to release the two newest games in the franchise worldwide -- Pokémon Scarlet and Pokémon Violet -- on the Switch. As has become customary, a pair of Legendary Pokémon (differentiated from normal Pokémon by both their rarity and their comparatively expansive powers) will adorn the box art for these games. They're new to the franchise; their names are Koraidon and Miraidon -- oh, and they transform into motorcycles.

That's important, because these two new games mark another first in the franchise: They're both open-world roleplaying games (RPGs), and with so much space to explore, these Pokébikes will help your character ride across the newest region in the Poké-universe, Paldea.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion."

~ Alexander the Great (356 – 323 BC)
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ABATE of Arizona Chapter Meeting Times and Locations

Coyote Pass Chapter

The Coyote Pass Chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at; Calico's Restaurant, 418 W. Beale St. Kingman, AZ 86401, 928-753-5005

High Country Chapter

Until further notice, HCC meetings will be held immediately following the MMAA meetings (10:00am) the 3rd Saturday of each month. Meeting location is Sandbagger's Bar and Grill, 2051 Silver Lake Blvd., Show Low, AZ 85901.28.537.2744

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 Buttsback (520)247-3051 or jimbuttsback@yahoo.com

East Valley Chapter

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 209-327-0814. 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 11:00.

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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Introducing Ladies Riding Group - The Windsisters

By Joe Silk

The Windsisters of Arizona, is a private group of lady riders who enjoy the freedom of riding motorcycles of all kinds (just like our ABATE state membership) within the state of Arizona. They are at 758 members strong and growing!

Their membership plans rides based on their member's riding skill, encourage their members to organize individual "shout out rides", share fun adventures, share stories, mentor and instill confidence in new riders and each other's riding skills, and provide advice and wisdom to others within their membership. Also, they encourage members to show off (with their Facebook page) their individual uniqueness of adventure as well as their unique motorcycles with which they choose to adventure on with!

They make efforts to encourage one another to become the best riders in any situation and treat everyone with respect, especially taking pride in supporting law enforcement, and our military, by participating in their events and rides.

On any Windsister ride event they ask that all riders ride at their own risk and refrain from drinking until kickstands are down for the day. All their posts relate to motorcycle related activities with safety being number one on all rides, big or small.

Michelle Theis (East Valley ABATE member and motorcycle awareness program supporter) is Windsister's founding member and the administrator of their FB page. Michelle strives to do an excellent job with creating enjoyable rides to

unique places, with additional fun activities or places to stay overnight, eateries, and entertainment. If itineraries need adjusting she is great at informing everyone, especially to keep everyone safe! Michelle and the rest of the membership ensure that Windsister rides and events are always a blast!

Other rides include a ride created (by East Valley Chapter Merchandise Officer – Suzanne "Q" Jensen) for the World Wide Steel Cowgirl Ride, and the Annual International Female Ride Day!

In addition to being a great group of ladies who are very diverse, fun loving, kind, and enjoy and celebrate their open road sisterhood adventures, some of them are also ABATE members! Windsisters members Michelle Theis, "Q", Lei Cayson, Sharise Mayer, and Erin Berry-

Schade are East Valley Chapter members, and have stepped up and supported ABATE's awareness mission statement. Also, with encouragement by Sharise Mayer, Windsisters Robin Cessna, Michelle Theis, Lei Cayson and Erin Berry-Schade (our newest certified motorcycle awareness presenter) supported and participated in the recent Motorcycle Awareness Program classes presented at Mesa School High School drivers education classes! ABATE hopes to see more Windsisters as ABATE members supporting future events!

Take a look at some of the fun photos of Windsister's adventures and recent activities ABATE of Arizona lady riders, consider joining them on their next adventure!!

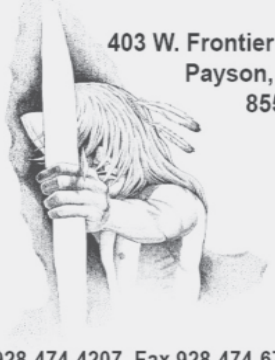


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Speed Camera Blocking On The Rise Worldwide

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Opponents of automated ticketing in Australia and the UK are taking to the streets to protect fellow motorists from being trapped by mobile speed camera vans. The TikTok user speedingticket-suk last week posted a video of a man who parked his own van in front of a GanBwyll Gosafe speed camera van in Wales. The man stood smiling as he deprived the photo radar device of the clear view of the road it needed to operate (view video). The video also shows motorists driving past honking their horns in support.

In New South Wales, 17-year-old activist Beau Jackson has recruited individuals to assist him in traveling to speed camera sites with warning signs that deprive the photo radar vans of their ability to trap motorists. Local companies have also begun supporting Jackson's efforts, with one firm supplying thirty professionally made warning signs.

In Schwetzingen, Germany, vigilantes used black spraypaint against the speed camera on Karlsruher Strasse on Tuesday, according to local police. In

Kevelaer, the red light camera located at the intersection of Winnekendonker Strasse and Schloss Wissener Strasse was smashed on Monday, September 26.

In Poissy, France, on Wednesday, black spraypaint blinded the speed camera on the RD190. In Montpellier, the speed camera on the Avenue de l'Europe was destroyed after being rammed by a car on Monday, September 26. Around the same time, the speed camera on the RD785 in Plouneour-Menez that had just returned to service after a previous

attack was blinded with blue spray-paint. Also toward the beginning of the week, the speed camera near Vernoux-en-Gatine was blinded with spraypaint. This is just one of the automated ticketing machines in the area that are disabled on a monthly or weekly basis.

Events Calendar

Saturdays Oct-Dec 2022 { 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17 } : Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120 from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600

Sundays October 2022 { 10/16, 10/30 } : Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 7:30a, Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ East Valley Chapter meeting ~ 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

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix-Shadow Mtn Chapter meeting. 10:30a-noon at AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St, Phoenix. Food & drinks available.

Wednesdays in October 2022: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 7:30a, Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: SHD-HOG hotline 480-346-0626, main 480-346-0600, Info@superstitionhog.com https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/

Thursdays {Sept 22 – Nov 3, 2022}: CycleRides.com Bike Nights at The Shops at Norterra {2460 W Happy Valley Rd. Phoenix} from 6-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ. Live Music, Vendors, and Restaurant Specials.

10/8 {Sat} Bikers For Boobies – fundraiser to provide mammograms plus financial assistance to cancer victims. 2022 sponsors include Law Tigers AZ FMI: withatwistmh@gmail.com

10/9 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet – AZ's Largest Motorcycle Swap Meet @ Pinal County Fairground, 512 N 11-Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande. {Exit 194 from I-10} from 8a~1:30pm. Gates open to sellers 6am, public 8am. \$5 @ gate [kids under 12 years free]. Spaces are 20x15 = \$40/ea. First come, first served. All bike brands welcome. Turn your spare parts into cash. Find rare parts, antique, & more. No dogs except service dogs. Sponsored by Law Tigers AZ. FMI: MJ 480-209-8521

10/14-16 {Fr-Sun} Run to the Rez 2022, Veterans Honor Motorcycle Run. Apache Gold Casino, San Carlos, AZ. "The Most Spiritual Ride in Arizona". Honor Ceremony for Veterans, + Poker run, live

music, BBQ, motorcycle raffle, & more. FMI: 928-961-6002 or email johnrezrider@yahoo.com

10/22 {Sat} East Valley ABATE Chapter's Hard Ass Run. Mystery Poker Run! 350+ mile ride. Rain or Shine! Reg 6:30a-8am @ O'Kelley's Bar & Grill, 2120 W Guadalupe Rd, Ste 17, Mesa. \$25/sgl, \$35/2-up. Next location is given at each stop. Last bike in 6pm. High/Low Winners, First in Prize, 50/50, Ammo Raffle, Costumes Optional. FMI: 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com

10/22 Chili Cookoff Challenge hosted by ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter from 1-4pm at Sandi's Hideaway, 1896 Silver Lake Blvd, White Mtn Lakes, 95812 \$5/pp. Ask about cooks rules & entry fees. FMI: doublebhcc@gmail.com

B.O.D. 2023 Calendar

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc. ~ 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

B.O.D. meetings will be held at 1:00PM on the below dates at the A.B.A.T.E. Phoenix office located upstairs in the AZ American Italian Club at 7509 N. 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020. Meeting attendance is also available on ZOOM. Member attendance is encouraged. Contact "secretary@abateofaz.org" for on-line meeting address and password info.

2023; January 7th ~ April 1st ~ July 8th ~ October 7th

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Annual Bowling Tournament



News from the MRF (continued)

The movement to end the use of fossil fuels in Europe has gained steam in recent years. As part of this plan the European Union has proposed that all new cars registered as of 2035 will be zero-emission. While motorcycles and other two wheeled vehicles are not yet included in this directive the writing is on the wall.

The eFuel Alliance and motorcycle manufacturers in Europe are seeking ways to end the use of fossil fuels while not fully embracing the electric motorcycle. Just like in the United States, motorcyclists and their allies remain skeptical of full electrification.

Concerns regarding range, grid dependability and charging locations voiced by those in the U.S. are also concerns of Europeans. To push back against electric motorcycles and expand options for bikers, many believe the answer is the use of eFuels. eFuels are climate-neutral synthetic fuels produced from renewable energy sources, including solar, wind and hydrogen. However, the cost and production concerns of eFuels remain to be fully flushed out.

The motorcycle sector has a \$20.5 billion impact on the European economy and is seen as key to many of the transportation problems facing Europe.

Motorcycle tourism and events alone contribute over \$2 billion to the economies of European countries. By including all two wheeled vehicles into the numbers Europe has nearly 40 million two wheeled vehicles on the roads. The appeal of this form of transportation is obvious. The cost to commute is 1/3 that of traditional cars and because of their smaller size help alleviate much of the congestion and space issues that older, crowded European cities face.

As MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard has repeatedly warned, "Policy ideas that first appear in Europe have a history of popping up in the United

States." Speaking on that topic Karl-Maria Grugl, a member of the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers said, "Europe is setting the scene for other regions of the world. We hope that other regions of the world follow the lead of Europe."

The MRF has a long-standing partnership with the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Association (FEMA) and remains committed to addressing the challenges all bikers face together. We will monitor the fuel debate in Europe and prepare for its migration to the U.S.

Motorcycle Awareness Program Presentations

By Joe Silk

During the last two weeks of September, East Valley Chapter members Jim Silk, Joe Silk, Michelle Theis, Lei Cayson, Erin Berry-Schade(our new certified MAP instructor!), Dan Widmar, and Billy

Shirato presented the motorcycle awareness program to over 600 students at five Mesa high schools classes.

Thanks to chapter member, Sharise Mayer, for enlisting the support from the Windsisters riding group(Michelle Theis,

Lei Cayson, Erin Berry-Schade, and Robin Cessna). The program is in need of additional volunteers that can present the program(supports ABATE's awareness mission statement) at other valley and statewide high school drivers education programs.

Imagine the impact we can make if we can educate all future Arizona drivers about awareness of motorcycles!

If interested, please contact MAP coordinator, Jim Silk, at 6023121927.



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BIKE NIGHT CANCELED!

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I am shocked and extremely disappointed to announce that the Shops of Norterra has abruptly Canceled Bike Night for the rest of the season, including Thursday, October 20th. It is particularly disappointing because the crowds were incredible, everyone was having a great time and really enjoyed it. I want you to know that I pushed all the way to the very end to save this event, but it was not to be. See press release below.

I want to thank all of you that showed up to participate in this event over the first 4

nights. Your support for my events over the years has been extremely humbling, and this one is no exception as you made it a major event from the very first night! I sincerely appreciate that.

I would also like to thank our Sponsors that stepped up quickly to make it all happen. Thanks to Buddy Stubbs Harley-Davidson, GoAZ Motorcycles, Indian Motorcycles of Peoria, Law Tigers, Nash Powersports and Ridenow Powersports for their support.

Stay tuned for what I can come up with next to support the Riders of the Valley.

Thank You again for your continued support! Follow the Cyclerides.com Facebook for upcoming announcements, Click Here.

Below is the official press release from The Shops at Norterra:

Beloved Biker Community,
Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be canceling tomorrow's Bike Night event at The Shops at Norterra, as well as the rest of the series. Unfortunately, a small group of individuals has created an environment that does not promote the fun and positive atmospherics that we

hoped to bring to all of you through hosting these events. To those who have respectfully participated in and helped us create community through Bike Night, we look forward to continuing to be a space where you and your family members can eat, drink, shop and enjoy.
-The Shops at Norterra

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The AMA endorses lane splitting

<https://americanmotorcyclist.com>

The American Motorcyclist Association places significant emphasis on motorcycle operator and passenger safety. On every type of public roadway, motorcyclists encounter challenges from other roadway users and are constantly vigilant to unsafe conditions around them.

Perhaps one of the most dangerous situations for any on-highway motorcyclist is being caught in congested traffic, where stop-and-go vehicles, distracted and inattentive vehicle operators, and environmental conditions pose an increased risk of physical contact with another vehicle or hazard. Even minor contact under such conditions can be disastrous for motorcyclists.

The Hurt Report¹, the most comprehensive motorcycle crash causation study to date, noted that, "Moderate or heavy traffic was the situation at 59.2 percent of the accidents [studied]." Reducing a motorcyclist's exposure to vehicles that are frequently accelerating and decelerating on congested roadways can be one way to reduce rear-end collisions for those most vulnerable in traffic.

In many countries (excluding the United States), lane splittingⁱⁱ and filteringⁱⁱⁱ are normal practices for motorcyclists. Particularly in the highly urbanized areas of Europe and Asia, motorcycle and scooter operators are expected to pass between conventional vehicles and filter (advance) to the front of the group.

Recent events in the United States have

renewed motorcyclists' interest in lane splitting. Therefore, the AMA has prepared this position statement to aid in understanding this issue and assist motorcyclists in deciding whether to support efforts to permit lane splitting in their states. The University of California at Berkeley published a report in May 2015 that concludes that motorcyclists who split lanes in heavy traffic are significantly less likely to be struck from behind by other motorists, are less likely to suffer head or torso injuries, and are less likely to sustain fatal injuries in a crash.²

One of the recommendations in the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (NAMS)³ is: "Study the safety implications of lane splitting." In support of this recommendation, the report states:

"A motorcycle's narrow width can allow it to pass between lanes of stopped or slow-moving cars on roadways where the lanes are wide enough to offer an adequate gap. This option can provide an escape route for motorcyclists who would otherwise be trapped or struck from behind. There is evidence (Hurt, 1981) that traveling between lanes of stopped or slow-moving cars (i.e., lane splitting) on multiple-lane roads (such as interstate highways) slightly reduces crash frequency compared with staying within the lane and moving with other traffic.

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Lane Splitting

In a statement issued by the Motorcycle Industry Council in 20114, the trade group states: "In full consideration of the risks and benefits of lane splitting, the Motorcycle Industry Council supports state laws that allow lane splitting under reasonable restrictions."

For decades, California has been the only state to permit lane splitting. While not specifically permitted or prohibited in the California Vehicle Code until 2016, lane splitting has been condoned by the California Highway Patrol. In early 2013, the CHP published lane-splitting guidelines⁵ for the first time. While the guidelines did not carry the force of law and were removed from public circulation, they provided clear indicators under which a motorcyclist might be cited for unsafe or imprudent behavior. In 2016, California passed a law⁶ (A.B. 51) that authorized the state Highway Patrol to develop guidelines for legal lane splitting.

Legislatively, there has been activity on lane splitting in several states, but only California has enacted a law.

Passing legislation to permit lane splitting

may be the easiest part of the process. Significant effort would subsequently be required to educate the law enforcement community, officials and administrators within state departments of transportation and public safety, prosecutors, the judiciary and the general motoring public on the benefits to those groups and motorcyclists to make lane splitting safe for everyone. Using public service announcements and campaigns, traditional broadcast and print media, social media, and other forms of information sharing could assist in highlighting the safety, congestion reduction, and other benefits of lane splitting.

Taking into consideration that the vast majority of the motoring public does not ride motorcycles, we are certain non-motorcyclists do not understand the risks and the benefits of lane splitting to the riding community. Motorists in California being the exception, we believe it would take many years of experience and substantial and ongoing public information campaigns to educate non-motorcyclists to accept motorcyclists passing them between lanes of traffic.

The AMA endorses rider responsibility and actions that make roadways safer for motorcyclists. While research and evidence suggest that lane splitting may reduce a motorcyclist's risk exposure somewhat, we are cautious to issue a blanket endorsement supporting the practice. In particular, experience has taught us that the legislative process and the implementation of new laws are fraught with uncertainty. A straightforward lane splitting bill may easily be amended with provisions that the AMA and the motorcycling community would find unacceptable. Provisions such as mandatory helmet use in an adult-choice state or mandatory minimum medical insurance coverage provisions would quickly poison an otherwise well-intentioned effort.

Motorcyclists who oppose lane splitting should remember that it is optional in California. Permitting lane splitting is not the same as requiring it, so those opposed to the practice should consider the desires of other motorcyclists who believe they would benefit from it. Lane splitting is an issue of choice.

Even with the best intentions and organi-

zation, inappropriate behavior by motorcyclists can quickly garner a large negative response from the motoring public. With the easy availability of video systems and the Internet, a few postings of public roadway stunting, such as speeding past motorists stuck in traffic, could sour a legitimate campaign to approve lane splitting in a state.

While the AMA has long advocated responsible riding practices and does not condone any behavior that violates the rules of the road, we caution that the future of lane splitting in any state could be derailed by the actions of a few irresponsible motorcyclists. Advocates of lane splitting should be prepared to counter any negative responses they receive from legislators and those responsible for implementing lane splitting laws.

Given the ongoing success of lane splitting in California⁶ and the recent enthusiasm for lane splitting and/or filtering in other states, the AMA endorses these practices and will assist groups and individuals working to bring legal lane splitting and/or filtering to their states.



MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS		
 LEFT TURN Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down	 RIGHT TURN Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clenched	 STOP Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back
 SLOW DOWN Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down	 SPEED UP Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward	 HAZARD IN ROAD On left point with left hand On right point with right foot
 FOLLOW ME Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward	 COME AROUND/TAKE THE LEAD Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front	 PULL OFF Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head
 SINGLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger pointed up	 DOUBLE FILE Arm straight up with index and middle finger up	 RIDE STAGGERED Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up
 FUEL STOP Point to fuel tank	 COMFORT STOP Arm extended with clenched fist with short up and down motion	 REFRESHMENT STOP Fingers closed with thumb to mouth
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motorcycling in a safe and positive manner through education and legislation.

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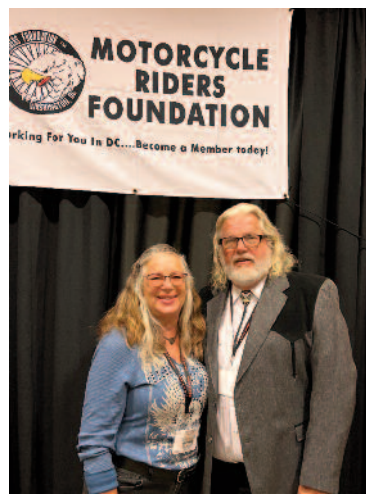


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Phx-SM legislative Townhall

By Mary K. Donnay

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc. Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter members had good discussions tonight at the legislative townhall with AZ Rep. Frank Carroll,

House of Representatives Transportation Committee Chairman. Frank has a thorough understanding and working relationship with ABATE of Arizona, thanks to Michael Infanzon's on-going lobbying efforts.

Michael Infanzon presented AZ Rep. Shawna Bolick a unique engraved trophy for being 3-year "Legislator of the Year 2020-2021-2022", and we gifted her an honorary A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona life-

time membership. Rep. Bolick's term ends this year, and she is not running for another term. We wish her well in her future endeavors.



Fox Factory Partners With Society of Women Engineers

<https://www.cyclenews.com>

Duluth, GA – October 19, 2022 – Fox Factory is proud to announce our partnership with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). In addition to the annual partnership, the company will make its appearance at the SWE National Conference held in Houston, Texas, October 20-22.

This is a fantastic opportunity to recruit talented professionals for Fox's summer internship program, interview and hire experienced engineers to help us develop next level performance products, and provide stellar professional development for current employees.

"I am thrilled that our company has started this official partnership," said Jackie Martin, Fox Factory's Chief Purpose and Inclusion Officer. "Originally, I started my career as an engineer, a field that remains heavily male-dominated. So, I

know the importance of having role models, a good support system, and a diverse network to help women professionals develop and thrive in the STEM workforce."

As part of our partnership, Fox is investing in our women in engineering and other technical roles by offering SWE annual memberships to enhance their individual development as well as their professional network. The goal is to provide more opportunities for mentoring, training, and professional growth, which will support their career trajectories and augment their contributions here at Fox.

"Growing up, I was around women who worked in male-dominated environments, such as the automotive and IT [information technology] industries," said Kayleigh Hreha, Fox Factory's Design Engineer. "I'm so proud of all the women in my life who worked hard so I can have this opportunity to be Fox's first female

Design Engineer and even more proud to work for a company that is investing in change."

As a company that engineers premium products which redefine performance on any terrain, it was a natural partnership with SWE to help discover driven engineers who will help us continue to lead in the market. It's our people who have an undying passion for progress which drives us to go further and farther for our customers.

"Innovation and ingenuity start with a spark that can be kindled by all walks of life," said Cat Vachon, Fox Factory's Inclusion, Diversity, and Engagement Manager. "Our ability to outthink, outpace, and out-innovate the competition is ever-growing due to the fresh perspectives we bring to the table."

For more than seven decades, the Society of Women Engineers has given women

engineers a unique place and voice within the engineering industry. SWE's mission is to empower women to achieve their full potential in careers as engineers and leaders; expand the image of the engineering and technology professions as a positive force in improving the quality of life; and demonstrate the value of diversity and inclusion.

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Meeting of the Minds 2022

By Mary K. Donnay

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) 38th Annual MEETING OF THE MINDS (MOTM) was held September 22nd – 24th in Des Moines, Iowa. This is their yearly national motorcyclists’ rights conference where like-minded freedom fighters come together to share what legislative successes they had and how they achieved them, so other states may pass similar legislation that preserves our right to ride the motorcycle of our choice, when and where we want.

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc. was well represented with 14 members in attendance. Several were first time MOTM attendees and promised they will make every effort to attend again. The money A.B.A.T.E. spends to help officers attend this conference, comes back to us by solidifying their commitment to our organization and gives them the tools needed to reach our goals; pass good legislation, block bad legislation, encourage rider training and safety, and promote public awareness of motorcyclists.

Katie Howard and I coordinated Friday’s silent auction, with assistance from several A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa members. Friday night was “casino night” with a surprise drag queen show. They hired a few professional drag queens, but then had 6 MRF reps dress up in drag. It was all in good fun and raised a lot of money for the MRF.

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona received a legisla-

tive award for getting Lane Filtering signed into law.

We got 2 new members: Kirk “Hardtail” Willard, MRF President, joined A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, and so did David Duffy, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa President.

I attended the “Principals of Leadership” seminar presented by Jazz, A.B.A.T.E. of MN and Sons of Silence MC.

SUMMARY: be available, let them vent, be polite, keep calm, thank people all the time, stay humble, you’re just a member who took on more responsibility, don’t think out loud, have a venting buddy (other than your spouse), be mindful of your facial expressions, don’t emotionally react, get both sides of the story, stop using “I” or “me” – use “we” or “our”. Always carry a membership trifold, don’t sell memberships at a benefit event, get new members under your wing, invite them to ride with you to a meeting, they’ll feel more comfortable and privileged, introduce new members at meetings, no yelling or demeaning at meetings – control it. Have someone CALL new members after the first meeting to invite back. Arrive to meeting early to introduce everyone. Do not use acronyms with new people, i.e.: SMRO, MRF, NHTSA. Advertise your group, not H-D. Wear something other than all H-D gear, no booze at the head table, show up at events (don’t delegate), have officer pre-meetings so they can vent BEFORE the meeting and agree to disagree, so you are united come meeting time, work as a unit.

Provide Robert’s Rules for Dummy’s to chapter coordinators. Do your best, but you can’t please everyone, do not take everything personal, implement a time rule: you get to speak ONCE for 5 minutes (shuts down problem people). Start meetings on time, set up a sit down with problem people, have 2 more members with you to witness (if necessary).

Stand up and look up when speaking, side-line rambling members (“talk to me after the meeting”), new member with old idea: “That’s a great idea. We tried that before and “this” happened. If you can come up with a new resolution, maybe we can implement it.”

Make meetings fun, smile always, pay attention, don’t be on your phone, keep eye contact, no special treatment, be an example, TRUE LEADERS DO NOT CREATE FOLLOWERS, THEY CREATE LEADERS.

I also attended the “Organizational Continuity” seminar presented by Mark Buckner, A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado, MRF Past President and Board of Directors.

SUMMARY: A leaders’ first job is to find your replacement! Formerly successful organizations can fall apart when we transition to new leadership that isn’t properly prepared.

We want leaders who are there for the right reasons and know what they’re getting into, people who are motivated by principle, not self-interest. Separate the

doers from the talkers. Give tough assignments to people who can rise to the occasion. Challenge prospective leaders with harder and harder tasks and see how they perform. Failure can be the best teacher. Current leaders should clearly define what their job responsibilities are. Write them down and discuss them with fellow officers to make sure you haven’t missed anything. Then use that list to help develop new leaders. Give people who are willing to step up to the plate all the support you can, be available.

Leaders’ checklist: puts organizations’ needs above their own, welcomes a challenge, willing to learn from others, how do they handle confrontation (conflict is a natural state, be respectful and professional, listen to both sides of the conflict, take to a private place). Is the person comfortable delegating to others? (Set follow up goals.) is the person a strong communicator, take time to answer questions in a timely, respectful manner. Is the person willing to admit when they or the organization have made a mistake? Ego isn’t always a bad thing, when managed properly, it can be a huge asset. Be self-confident, NOT self-centered.

Be a mentor, not a micro-manager. Be a good listener. Don’t automatically dismiss views or opinions that may not agree with your own. Be there for the long haul, real mentors never go away.

When the new person is ready, be there to help out when requested. Otherwise, get out of the way and let them fly!



2022 A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona attendees at Meeting of the Minds
 (BACK ROW) Holli Woosley, Cliff Prentice, Angela Buchler, Dale “Animal” Dedrich, Jim Butsback, Mary K. Donnay, Dennis Banners, Katie Howard, Paula Beale, Michael Infanzon
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Young Activist Nomination Request



**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION
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 Young Activist Scholarship Fund Nomination Form**

Candidate Criteria:

- 1) Nominated candidate must be between the ages of 18 and 30 with a valid Motorcycle Endorsement on their Driver's License. 31st Birthday must fall after **Meeting Of The Minds** for that year.
- 2) Candidate must be a member in good standing of a State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (SMRO). Length of membership required in SMRO to be determined by its members if candidate is qualified.
- 3) Candidate must be nominated by their SMRO. Nominations will be accepted from either state or local (District/Chapter/Local) SMRO groups and must be submitted on an MRF approved application form.
- 4) Nomination must be submitted between October 1st and July 15th and postmarked no later than July 1st of the year for which the application is submitted.
- 5) The Candidate must also submit a minimum three hundred (300)-word essay on why biker's rights are important to them. A well written essay from the heart is like a picture or blueprint of who the candidate is; coming directly from the candidate, this gives the MRFA&E Board of Directors a better perspective of the individual. Winning candidates will be announced via an MRF E-mail News Release on or about August 15th. All candidates will be notified with a letter of thanks and encouragement to re-submit their candidacy for the next year if they are not the selected winner.

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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Why Motorcycle Clubs Are Not Gangs

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There has been a one-sided war going on between law enforcement and motorcycle clubs for many years. This war is not a literal physical conflict in the traditional sense, but rather a war of words most often played out in the media and courtrooms across America. A war over public perception. And there is no better example than government authorities and the media applying the term "gang" to vilify and persecute motorcycle clubs and their members.

The National Council of Clubs (NCOC), representing the interests of motorcycle clubs and thousands of their members nationwide, is adamantly opposed to using the term "gang" to describe motorcycle clubs. The NCOC requests that media outlets and public officials immediately discontinue the practice.

Gang labeling results in Selective Enforcement of the law and profiling, tangibly impacting civil liberties. Motorcycle clubs are First Amendment protected associations and most clubs and members are living examples of expressive conduct, as demonstrated by an irrefutable dedication to charitable causes and political

The only statistical and demographic data available invalidates the "gang" label. 87% of MC members vote and are politically active, 73% are employed, 98% have no felony record, and 38% have served in the US military.

Gang labeling and civil liberties

The term "gang" in the legislative or legal arena has a much more specific definition than in media circles and even law enforcement. In the legal context, the Due Process Clause and the 1st Amendment require that an individual be directly connected to criminal activity of the alleged gang before they are considered a gang member. This is a more stringent standard than the mere "membership in an organization" standard that the media uses for reporting and that law enforcement uses for inclusion into a gang database, for example.

In fact, when prosecuting a member of an alleged gang, evidence of criminal wrongdoing by other members of an organization that don't involve the defendant are properly excluded by the Federal Rules of Evidence because such evidence is cumulative and unduly prejudicial. This interpretation of the term "gang" or "gang member" is consistent with the First Amendment to the US Constitution. On the other hand, targeting an individual based on the "gang" label for mere membership in any organization is unconstitutional.

It's a matter of semantics with tangible implications. Being put into a gang database does not mean that an individual is considered a gang member by statute because gang databases are intended only

for investigation, not as evidence. So, a direct connection to criminal activity is not required before entering and individual into a gang database. The problem occurs when law enforcement makes a gang member determination based on the mere membership standard when enforcing statutes that legally require a direct connection to gang crimes.

Gangs, Due Process, and the First Amendment

Motorcycle clubs are First Amendment protected associations. Restrictions solely based on association in a motorcycle club violate the First Amendment. There is "no evidence that by merely wearing [motorcycle club] "colors," an individual is "involved in or associated with the alleged violent or criminal activity of other [motorcycle club] members. It is a fundamental principle that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual "merely because an individual belong[s] to a group, some members of which committed acts of violence." In fact, the Supreme Court has long "disapproved governmental action. denying rights and privileges solely because of a citizen's association with an unpopular organization." Healy v. James, 408 U.S. 169, 185-86 (1972). To impose restrictions on any person "who wears the insignia of [motorcycle club], without regard to or knowledge of that individual's specific intent to engage in the alleged violent activities committed by other members, is antithetical to the basic

principles enshrined in the First Amendment and repugnant to the fundamental doctrine of personal guilt that is a hallmark of American jurisprudence." see *Coles v. Carlini* 162 F.Supp.3d 380 (2015)

Gang labeling, Selective Enforcement, and profiling

This war of words and the perceptions they create are currently a determining factor shaping the future of motorcycle club culture because words have tangible impacts. In fact, the gang label has caused some law enforcement to unconstitutionally use membership in a motorcycle club as probable cause or reasonable suspicion for investigation or arrest without any particularized or specific justification. The recently common practice in some states of targeting and arresting members of clubs for possessing legal firearms based solely on alleged gang associations is another alarming example.

Statistical/demographic data says MC's are not gangs

The 2016-2019 National Motorcycle Profiling Surveys (NMPS) demonstrate that members of motorcycle clubs simply do not fit the demographic profile of gangs or gang members. The NMPS, the only statistical attempt to quantify the motorcycle profiling epidemic in America, is an extremely reliable data set, with 99% reliability and a 1.4% margin of error.

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