

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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Michael Infanzon
 Legislative Director

This session has been an interesting one. We have been able to kill a few really bad bills and still attempting to get some positive legislation passed and onto the Governor's desk. This list is only the transportation related bills but if you go to the ABATE of Arizona website under Legislative/Legislative Update you can find the entire list of relevant bills you may be interested in.

BILLS STILL IN PROCESS

SB1312 Vehicle mileage; tracking; tax; prohibitions

This state, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions are prohibited from establishing vehicle miles of travel reduction goals or targets in developing any transportation or land use planning or selecting transportation or transit projects. This state, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions are prohibited from tracking or maintaining a record of a person's vehicle miles of travel.

This state, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions are prohibited from imposing or collecting any mileage fee or tax, a per-mile charge, fee or tax or any tax or fee based on vehicle miles traveled by an individual in a motor vehicle.

SCR1018 Prohibit tax; monitoring; vehicle mileage.

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to prohibit the state, counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions from imposing a tax or fee on any person based on vehicle miles traveled or imposing any rule or law to monitor or limit the vehicle miles traveled of a person in a motor vehicle.

HB2063 Appropriation; State Routes; 238; 347

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$13 million from the State Highway Fund in FY2022-23 to the Department of Transportation to distribute to the City of Maricopa to design and construct improvements to State Route 238 and/or State Route 347. Reduces the FY2022-23 appropriation from the State Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation for the design to widen lanes along State Route 347 between Interstate 10 and the City of Maricopa to \$6 million, from \$19 million.

HB2080 Emergency alert technology; vehicles; devices

Beginning January 1, 2025, all new motor vehicles and portable wireless communication devices sold in Arizona are required to contain "emergency alert technology" (defined).

HB2288 Roundabouts; right-of-way; large vehicles

The operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total length of a least 40 feet or a total width of at least 10 feet may deviate from the lane in which the operator is driving to the extent necessary to approach

SB1097 Truck routes; designation

For ordinances or resolutions enacted on and after January 1, 2020, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or a local authority may only restrict or prohibit a "vehicle of legal size" (defined) from operating on a highway that is a "major arterial street" (defined) and that connects two or more local jurisdictions if ADOT or the local authority conducts a test drive or applies a vehicle template on the highway that shows that a vehicle of a legal size may not safely operate on the highway. A highway that does not have a "truck restriction" (defined) before being annexed by a local authority cannot be incorporated into an existing truck restriction that is passed on or after January 1, 2020 unless the highway meets the criteria in this legislation. A local authority that passed an ordinance on or after January 1, 2020 that is inconsistent with these provisions is required to repeal or amend the ordinance to comply with this act within 90 days after the effective date or the ordinance is invalid. AS PASSED SENATE

SB1234 Prohibition; photo radar

State agencies and local authorities are prohibited from using a photo enforcement system to identify violators of traffic control devices and speed regulations. Statutes authorizing and regulating photo enforcement systems are repealed. Contains a legislative intent section.

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ABATE OF ARIZONA LOCAL CHAPTERS

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

Coyote Pass Chapter

Coordinator.....Harley Pettit
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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

BOD Rep.....Harley Pettit

East Valley Chapter

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Communications.....Joe Silk

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 9am. 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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Vice-CoodinatorGeorge "Jungle George" Payntar
Secretary.....Cynde Aydt
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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
Vice Coordinator.....John 'Irish' Goldin
Secretary.....Sandra 'Jane' Bell
Treasurer.....Cyndi 'Dragonfly' Williams
Membership.....Denise 'Spitfire' Trolinder
Events Coordinator.....Jacque 'Daisi' Whiting...
Safety Coordinator.....Roy 'Fatboy' Whiting
Sgt. At Arms.....Bill 'Silverback' Howard
P.A.C.....Shawn "Yukon" Bell
Communications.....Sandra Tavaresl
Merchandise.....Jeff "Darkhorse" Sauer
Media.....Denise 'Spitfire' Trolinder
BOD RepBarry "Double B" Bell

Until further notice, HCC meetings will be held immediately following the MMAA meetings (10:00am) the 3rd Saturday of each month. Meeting location is Monica's Cafe, 1100 West Hall St, Show Low, AZ 85901

ABATE High Country Chapter, P.O. Box 3424, Show Low, AZ 85902

Southern Arizona Chapter

Coordinator.....Jeremy Krauss
Vice Coordinator.....Anissa "Dragonfly" Huntington
Secretary.....Monica Byrne
Treasurer.....Monica Byrne
Membership.....Jim Butsback
Events Coordinator.....Robert "Gizmo" Welton
Safety Coordinator.....Darron Huntington
Sgt. At Arms.....J.D. Dare
P.A.C.....William Cleveland
Communications.....VVVVVV.....Judi Miller
Merchandise.....Lael Clark

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

Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

P.O. Box 54041
Phoenix, AZ 85078-4041
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One T 623-313-8663 text only
Vice Coordinator.....vacant
Secretary.....Gwen Zolber
Treasurer.....Lyn Peterson
Membership.....Mike Rudd
Events Coordinator.....One T, Scot Williamson
Safety Coordinator.....Ernie Lizarraga
Sgt. At Arms.....Paul Whaley
P.A.C.....vacant
Communications.....vacant
Merchandise.....vacant

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the AZ Fraternal Order of Eagles 7575 N 67th Ave.Glendale, AZ 85301
 Breakfast 9am to 11:00 FMI: Chapter Coordinator Scot Williamson

Yavapai Chapter

465 E Liana Dr.
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
Coordinators.....Tim Thomas
Vice Coordinator.....Dan Tumey
Secretary.....Dixie Gray
Treasurer.....Dennis Banners
Membership.....Holli Woolsey
Events Coordinator.....Vacant
Social Media.....Holli Woolsey
Safety Coordinator.....AJ Killian
Sgt. At Arms.....Sandra Taveres
P.A.C.....Dennis Banners
Communications.....Angela Buchler
Merchandise.....Dennis Banners

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
Coordinator.....Alex R. Montez (Sidetrack) RRMC
Vice Coordinator.....Frank White
Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson
Treasurer.....Robin Aitken
Membership.....Doug Kreg
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

Battle Lines Being Drawn

In August 2022 California Governor Gavin Newsom announced, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved, an executive order requiring sales of all new passenger vehicles be zero-emission by 2035. While the California directive doesn't include motorcycles yet, motorcyclist advocates in the Golden State have warned that motorcycles will be an obvious next target.

Unsurprisingly, other states quickly followed suit and enacted similar policies. Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland have all sought to put similar restrictions in place. In total 17 states have laws that bind their emissions regulations to those of California.

However, leaders in many states, including those that are obliged to follow California's lead, are pushing back. In Colorado, the Energy Office said, "While the governor shares the goal of rapidly moving towards electric vehicles, he is skeptical about requiring 100% of cars sold to be electric by a certain date as technology is rapidly changing."

Virginia governor Glenn Youngkin was even more forceful, "I am already at work to prevent this ridiculous edict from being forced on Virginians. California's out of touch laws have no place in our Commonwealth."

This month the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted down a bill that would have forced New Hampshire to match California's emissions goals.

Congressional Republicans are also joining the fight against the California policies. Last week H.R. 1435 was introduced, titled the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act." H.R. 1435 would amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines, effectively overruling California's move. Within just a week, 66 cosponsors from 26 different states joined in support.

The movement isn't contained to the United States. Last month, the European Parliament formally approved a law to effectively ban the sale of new gas and diesel powered vehicles in the European Union starting in 2035. But Europe, too, is seeing push-back. Farmers in the Netherlands have taken o the streets in protest of emissions regulations.

Member nations of the EU are also expressing a desire to make changes to the newly enacted policy. Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia are discussing what changes they'd like to see to the European Union's 2035 plan.

This issue is not new to the MRF. Our 2023 legislative agenda includes this priority: "Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endanger the future of motorcycling."

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



important to motorcyclists. I know Mike will detail all that they have been working on and what is already in the planning and organizing stages for next session so I will leave that to him.

I want to thank everyone who came out to Motorcycle Day at the Dome on March 4th. This year was a little different as we held it on a Saturday and it was more of a rally than a lobby day. With the election of a new Governor and her new administration we could not get a assigned date during the week until at least the end of May. They also cut back on allowing events on the lawn in front of the Capitol building. Because of these changes we jumped on the first available date and held our rally on a Saturday. We had hoped that because it was not a work day for most folks that we would have a larger turn out. For the first time doing it this way I thought it went off pretty well. I want to make sure that I thank the ACMC and especially Billy for bringing their sound system and letting us use it. We learned a lot this year and we look forward to improvements for future events.

Well it is that time of the month again. I have procrastinated as long as possible and the warnings from our Editor Eric are coming fast and furious. Every month we have a deadline of the 15th to get all our articles into the Masterlink so he can edit and layout the format etc. and still get it out in a timely manner.

Well as I sit writing this it is the Ides of March. Many of you know the history of this date going back to the Roman Senate. It was a day of National celebration for the Romans which was dedicated to the Roman God of War and the Senators used this celebration to lure Julius Caesar so they could assassinate him by stabbing him over 20 times. I guess we should be glad our elected officials behave at least a little better.

So far this year has been a very busy one at the state Capitol. I want to thank our legislative team of Mike and William for all the amazing work they have put into following those items

This past month I have had the pleasure of several of our relatives being in town escaping from the end of winter back in the Midwest. It is an annual thing; they finally had enough of winter by around March 1st and come down to visit and thaw out. Their annual visit reminds me how very lucky we are to live here in Arizona where we have miles of wide open spaces and roadways. We can ride all year at least in most of the state. We can ride from desert to mountains, city to rural areas, all in a few hours. Living in Tucson, in the winter we go from the desert up to Mount Lemmon and play in the snow. There are miles of off road trails for those

who wish to ride in the dirt and plenty of historical routes like route 66 for those who want to do that. Every year at TBFS there are several groups who run up to the Grand Canyon or to many of the other locations around the northern part of Arizona.

We are blessed that we ride in relative freedom here in Arizona, but that freedom can disappear in a flash if we do not keep diligently watching and fighting for our right to ride free. In order to keep up the good fight we need to work on increasing our numbers and talking to our fellow motorcyclists about getting involved. I challenge all the members around the state to each recruit one member to join our ranks. If everyone in ABATE of Arizona signed up one new member a year our numbers would be staggering in no time and the powers that look to infringe on our right to ride free would cower when we speak.

Let us all, ABATE of Arizona members, try to continue this positive momentum and do all we can to help promote Motorcycle Rights and Awareness and the benefits of membership in ABATE of Arizona. There are many events coming up in the next couple of months where we can spread the "gospel" of our great organization. Think about whom you know or who you may encounter while going about your daily business or when you are out riding that would be an asset to our organization. ASK THEM to join! Many people say when asked why they are not members, that they were never asked. When you are attending Bike Nights and other organization's events and runs, PLEASE wear your ABATE shirts and paraphernalia. Let them know that you are an ABATE member and that we are supporting their

event. We cannot expect other groups to support our events if they do not realize that we are supporting their event because we are not advertizing who we are. Make sure that every time you go to any of these functions that you have several ABATE membership flyers with you so if someone expresses interest in what we do you can leave them with the Information.

In closing I just want to encourage everyone to keep up the good fight! Our efforts really do pay off and our voices do get heard. It is a long process so do not get discouraged if a bill does not pass or if it feels like you are not getting through, YOU ARE! Keep on writing those emails and making those phone calls. It is not only your right but I feel it is our obligation to let our elected officials know how we feel and that we are paying attention to what they are doing. It is important that you know who your elected officials are both here in Arizona and also in Washington D.C. And it is also important that because of your efforts and calls etc. that they learn who you are!

Remember always that we are not a just a motorcycle group, WE ARE A FREEDOM ORGANIZATION!

As always, until next month!

RIDE FREE!

Jim



Legislative Update (continued)

FAILED BILLS

SB1122 Transportation tax; election; Maricopa county

If approved by the voters at a countywide election, a county with a population of 3 million or more persons (Maricopa) is required to levy a tax of up to ten percent of the transaction privilege tax rate as of January 1, 1990. The tax levied will be in effect for 15 years. Specifies the distribution of net revenues from the tax levy, with 80 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for freeways and other routes in the state highway system, and 20 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for major arterial streets. Beginning January 1, 2026, a regional public transportation authority is established in a county with a population of 3 million or more persons that approves a county transportation excise tax.

SB1245 VLT; cities and towns; counties

Counties and municipalities are required to use vehicle license tax monies for purposes related to transportation.

SB1697 Highways; bicycle paths; walkways; prohibition

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is prohibited from accepting federal monies to pay for the construction, maintenance or expansion of a highway or state route if the acceptance of the federal monies is conditioned on the design and construction of a bicycle path or pedestrian walkway as a component of the highway or state route. ADOT cannot plan, design or construct bicycle paths or pedestrian walkways that are parallel to and separate from a highway or state route. Applies to a highway or state route that exists before, on or after the effective date of this legislation.

DISCUSSION ONLY

SB1393 Off-highway vehicle user fees

Establishes the Off-Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement Safety Fund (OHVLES Fund), to be administered by the State Treasurer and distributed in specified percentages to each of the county sheriff's offices. Of the user fees collected from off-highway vehicle use indicia, 30 percent must be deposited in the OHVLES Fund, instead of in the Arizona Highway User Revenue Fund.

VETOED BILLS

SB1535 Transportation; 2023-2024.

By July 31 of each year, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) would have been required to report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) on the progress in improving motor vehicle division wait times and

vehicle registration renewal by mail turnaround times. By February 1 of each year, ADOT would have been required to report to JLBC staff how ADOT spent ADOT's dedicated portion of an authorized third party electronic service partner's fee retention on an information technology system in the prior fiscal year. By August 1 of each year, ADOT would have been required to report to the JLBC Director ADOT's share of fees retained in the prior fiscal year by an authorized third party electronic service partner that has an authorized service website for ADOT. Monies from the State Highway Fund would have been prohibited from being spent on projects that reduced the capacity for motor vehicle travel. AS VETOED BY GOVERNOR. In her veto message, the Governor called this a "purely-partisan budget" and expressed her hope that elected officials will remain open to bipartisan solutions for Arizona.

Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass

Coyote Pass Chapter

This is the tentative riding schedule for March 2023

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| Wednesday 1st | LHC Hangar 24 |
| Saturday 4th Chuck Wagon | BHC Silver Dollar |
| Wednesday 8th | KGM Airport Cafe |
| Saturday 11th | LHC Sam's Place |
| Wednesday 15th Denny's Restaurant | BHC Searchlight |
| Saturday 18th Kitchen | KGM Grandpa's |
| Wednesday 22nd Tacos | LHC Chico's |
| Saturday 25th | BHC Coyote Cafe |
| Wednesday 29th Lilo's Restaurant | KGM Seligman |

High Country

The High Country Chapter had 18 members in attendance for our February meeting, and was well represented at the Freedom Rally at Wesley Bolin Plaza. Three HCC members are scheduled to attend the Accident Scene Management Course at Arrowhead Hospital. Please note that our meetings will be held at Monica's Cafe at 11:00 AM on the third Saturday of each month until further notice.

Barry 'Double B' Bell
High Country Chapter - Coordinator
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Mohave Chapter

It is terrible when life gets in the way of riding, sad to say I currently have some things going on that put riding in

a much lower priority. Earlier this morn-

ing when on the computer I just realized that it is time for the chapter report. At our last chapter meeting on February, 20 we voted on Saturday, April 22nd, for our next highway cleanup. I have asked George the vice coordinator to set up and coordinate the cleanup. At the start of the meeting I informed the chapter about my neck and throat cancer and that I would be stepping back for awhile with my chemo and radiation for the cancer. We did not discuss bike week as Shirley was absent.

I ask fellow members of ABATE of Arizona members 2 things; your prayers and please don't mention anything about my cancer on FB, I don't want to be a FB drama king.

Until next month ride safe and stay safe

Tom Aydt
Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

Had our meeting on March 12th And that was our last meeting at American Italian Club

We have been working on a place to move on the West side because all our officers are on the West side less travel time. Now to work on getting new people to join ABATE.

Our new place will be 7575 N 67th ave Fraternal Order of Eagles.

First meeting will be April 16th 10:30am come early for breakfast 9am to 11am. See you all there with your smiling faces

East Valley Chapter

Held our chapter meeting on March 12th at Post 138 with several new faces and with 25 in attendance. Our PAC officer gave us a summary of the current bills and had a discussion about Day at the Dome and the postponement of Kong's law. In attendance was our newest business member, Dobson Lakes Family

Chiropractic, and so we gave Anthony and Erin a group welcome. Business members represent ABATE so let's all support them!

Working on updating the chapter history and need input from all members.

We received our new chapter logo'd shirts. If you are interested we have mens and womens sizes available. \$20 for short sleeve and \$25 for long sleeve. We are working on getting window decals that match the shirt logo and also working on design for arm sleeves.

Held an informal meeting at business member, Brick and Barley in Tempe, on March 15. We formally presented owners Chad and Whitney their patches and certificate. We are working with Brick and Barley to setup a bike night for all ABATE members to attend. In an effort to introduce the ABATE business membership offering we have been holding informal meetings at various local bar/taverns such as Jolie's, Good Time Charli's, Dirty Blonde Saloon, and Hungry Monk.

An update on Post 138 relocation— informed by the post that we can now hold our last meeting on June. The post is still on track to move to a new location in Tempe on McClintock, south of Apache. Post 138 is still in need of funding to support their relocation efforts — please support their events.

We continue to support new membership opportunities and promote ABATE by setting up a membership booth at various bike events. We have been a regular participant at the Mesa Cycle Gear every 2nd Tuesday of each month. We are getting more attention at Cycle Gear with more people coming up to our booth asking about ABATE and also questions about the lane filtering. Actively looking at the various motorcycling events to add our membership booth to their vendor offerings. A big thanks to our membership for supporting our membership booth opportunities!

Presented the motorcycle awareness program to Westwood and Red Mountain High schools. A big thanks to Suzanne "Q" Jensen for coming out to help with the presentation. Also thanks to Rick L from American Legion Riders for helping with the outdoor demo. We have two schools remaining, Skyline and Mt View. Awaiting schedule for Mesa HS. The program needs support from all state chapters — there are drivers education classes(our preferred venue) outside of the east valley — Glendale, Dysart, Show Low, and Tucson. It is preferred to present to the high school classes but it doesn't need to be a drivers ed class — could be a general assembly or another class that is attended by all senior students. For more information on training, please contact MAP coordinator — Jim Silk(the MAP program is documented on www.abateofaz.us). The program is in support of ABATE's awareness mission statement and needs the support of all chapters!

Southern Arizona Chapter

The Southern Arizona Chapter had a successful Run for the Fisher House! We raised nearly \$1800 to support veterans and their families at the VA hospital in Tucson. Now that the snow is finally melting, we'll be welcoming spring with our biannual roadside cleanup in Whetstone during our April meeting. Our next chapter meeting is at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 18th, at the Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge on Ruthrauff Rd just east of I-10.

Submitted by Jeremy Krauss, Chapter Coordinator

Yavapai Chapter

NO REPORT.

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

NHTSA Responds to Questions from Congress

Just before the end of 2022, Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan and 26 of his colleagues in Congress sent a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regarding recent crashes that involve motorcycles and cars believed to be in self-driving mode.

The response from government regulators has some key takeaways:

"NHTSA is actively working to educate consumers and the media that automated driving system (ADS) technologies are not self-driving technologies, and that drivers must always remain engaged in the driving task."

"Crashes involving motorcycles account for less than 2 percent of all reported crashes involving ADS."

"NHTSA is conducting research on how vehicles equipped with crash avoidance technologies react to motorcycles, bicy-

clists and other vulnerable road users in various scenarios."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is committed to aggressively working with lawmakers to address obvious safety gaps in the deployment of this new technology. While we appreciate that NHTSA is conducting research on this topic, on this topic, motorcyclists are not "vulnerable road users", motorcyclists are simply road users.

Additionally, it's unacceptable that consumers falsely believe this technology, deployed on our roads, allows them to sit back and relax while in the driver's seat. The safety of the nearly 10 million bikers on our nation's roadways requires that all roadway users act in a responsible manner.

As always Ride Safe and Ride Free.



MOTORCYCLISTS LEAD ATTACK ON TORT REFORM

In a rare display of muscle both political and physical, angry motorcyclists have crammed hearings at the Florida Capitol demanding changes to fast-moving legislation they fear will blunt their chances of suing when injured in an accident.

Many in the crowd wore 'Bikers over Billionaires' T-shirts, mocking Gov. Ron DeSantis' own 'Don't Tread on Florida' campaign shirts. They've been calling out the governor, who they accuse of caving in to insurance companies and other big donors by supporting the legislation.

The tort reform push (HB 837), a priority of DeSantis and House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, is set to go before the full House Thursday. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved its version (SB 236) of the measure Tuesday night.

--John Kennedy
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"Read the whole tamale on USA Today." -
-Bandit

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BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO PREVENT ICE BANS

U.S. Representative John Joyce (R-PA) along with more than sixty Republican cosponsors has introduced House Resolution 1435 "To amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines."

Titled the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," H.R. 1435 was introduced March 8 and is designed to protect Americans' right to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles, and the measure was introduced in response to the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) plans to ban the sale of new internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles by 2035. The Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act would restrict the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing any waiver for new regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICEs).

The bill follows action in August 2022 by CARB which approved new requirements on automakers that would effectively ban the sale of new ICE cars and light trucks by 2035 in favor of so-

called zero-emission vehicles, like plug-in hybrid, full battery-electric, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

Lawmakers supporting H.R. 1435 say it is important that the EPA does not permit CARB's ZEV (zero emissions vehicle) mandate to take effect, as it could lead to 17 other states that have followed all or part of California's previous clean-car rules adopting similar proposals.

H.R. 1435 has been referred for consideration to the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee.

EU LAWMAKERS APPROVE 2035 BAN ON NEW FOSSIL FUEL VEHICLES

The European Parliament has formally approved a law to effectively ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in the European Union from 2035, aiming to speed up the switch to electric vehicles and combat climate change.

The landmark rules will require that by 2035 carmakers must achieve a 100% cut in CO2 emissions from new cars sold, which would make it impossible to sell new fossil fuel-powered vehicles in the 27-country bloc.

EU countries agreed to the deal with lawmakers last October, but still need to formally rubber stamp the rules before

they can take effect. Final approval is expected soon.

The car CO2 law is part a broader package of tougher EU climate policies, designed to deliver the bloc's targets to slash greenhouse gas emissions this decade.

STATES CONSIDER ANTI-PROFILING, LANE SPLITTING AND HELMET LAWS

Legislatures are a hotbed of pro-motorcycle activity from coast to coast, with many states considering laws to prohibit anti-biker profiling by law enforcement, allow motorcyclists to filter between traffic lanes, and doff the lids.

Tennessee, for example, has two such legislative efforts: SB 1450 would create a four-year pilot program excluding adults 21 and older from wearing a helmet unless they are insured under the state's Medicaid program (companion bill HB 0042 failed in House subcommittee); and companion bills HB 1454 and SB 0298 which "authorizes two-wheeled motorcycles to be operated between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane on certain limited access highways and interstate highways when the speed of traffic is 25 miles per hour or less."

For most riders in the U.S., lane splitting is considered illegal, but more and more

are considering legislation that re-examines the scope and possibilities of such maneuvers, such as Colorado's HB 23-1059 that seeks to fund a feasibility study to determine what a safe lane splitting law for Coloradans might look like.

The bill is titled "A Bill for an Act Concerning Studying Permitting Motorcycles to Drive Around Motor Vehicles Traveling in the Same Direction" and, if passed, the study would be conducted jointly by the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado State Patrol.

A new lane filtering bill is under consideration in Oregon again in 2023, and the text of SB 422 is substantively identical to a broadly bipartisan bill that was passed in 2021 to allow riders to operate between lanes of slow-moving traffic on a highway, but that bill was vetoed by then-governor Kate Brown. The biggest difference between then and now, is newly-elected Governor Tina Kotek, although she has not stated her position.

Lane splitting would still not be allowed in Missouri, but low-speed lane filtering in certain situations would be fine if HB 1046 passes. According to the legislative language, lane filtering "between rows of slow-moving vehicles" would be allowed within the state, but lane splitting between fast-moving traffic

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ABATE IS:

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- Promote and present motorcyclists and motorcycling in a positive and safe manner.
- Help prevent motorcycle crashes and promote crash survival through rider education, and public awareness campaigns.
- Encourage ongoing federal research programs such as use of E15 fuel in motorcycles, inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing transportation emerging technologies, and improvements in safer roadway design strategies.
- Promote rider skills training

ABATE of Arizona has developed a program with the mission to provide motorcycle awareness training to all drivers and soon-to-be drivers on the road in Arizona. Instructors provide a one hour program to students in driver education classes throughout the state.

Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

MAP is available to be presented to civic organizations as well as most businesses that hold safety meetings. FMI: map@abateofaz.org

ABATE accomplishments:

- 1992** Opened HOV lanes to motorcycles
- 1993** Helped prevent mandatory helmet legislation in Arizona
- 1997** Established handlebar height elevation to shoulder height
- 2001** Established Motorcycle Safety Fund
- 2002** Established Arizona Motorcycle Safety Council
- 2004** Established veteran plates for motorcycles
- 2007** Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Pima County
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- 2013** Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Maricopa County
- 2015** Eliminated restriction on handlebar height
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- 2017** Reestablished Motorcycle Safety Fund for 5 years
- 2017** Helped pass the Teen texting bill
- 2017** Helped pass the Civil Forfeiture changes
- 2018** Introduced Anti-profiling legislation
- 2018** Stakeholder for Lane Splitting Bill
- 2018** Stopped the adoption of California emissions standards in Arizona
- 2018** Helped pass "Pam's Law" - Aggravating factor for injuries to pedestrians and motorcyclists by distracted and

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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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would not.

The introduction of this bill comes about two and a half years following the repeal of Missouri's state helmet law. Nebraska has hopes of becoming the 32nd state with partial or no helmet laws, with the introduction of Legislative Bill 91 on January 5, 2023, which would exempt riders 21 or older who have passed an approved rider training course.

Meanwhile, bills to restrict the profiling of motorcycle riders by police are under consideration in Oklahoma (HB 2426), Kansas (SB 108), Missouri (SCR 3) and Texas (SB 616).

BANISHING KIDS FROM MOTORCYCLES

While some states require that a passenger's feet touch the footpegs in order to legally ride on the back of a motorcycle, indicating adequate physical stature, New York and Georgia are attempting to take it a step further by restricting passengers by a minimum age.

A2690 in New York would "Prohibit children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle," while SB71 in Georgia states; "Manner of Riding Motorcycle; motorcycle passengers shall be no younger than 16 years of age," and both bills have been referred to their respective committees where staunch opposition can be expected from rider groups.

ITALY TO LIMIT VEHICLE ACCESS PRIOR TO OLYMPICS

In 2026, Italy will host the 25th Winter Olympics, and with activities planned throughout the surrounding areas, the Italian government has kicked its Olympic preparations into overdrive with initiatives like the "Dolomites Low Emission Zone", which stands to limit access to the mountainous region starting in 2024.

Under the proposal, aimed at "Lowering noise and carbon emissions prior to the 2026 Winter Olympics," authorities would limit access to the Dolomite Mountains by instituting a reservation system to reach the passes by vehicle.

A government official told a German

media outlet, "We want less noise, we want fewer emissions and that requires a new legal construct."

While the local governments already got the ball rolling, the plan requires approval from federal ministries in Rome before moving forward. If approved, Italy could institute a vehicular quota for the Dolomites region with aims to "exclude particularly noisy vehicles and to set and comply with a maximum volume of traffic."

Though officials cite the Milano Cortina Olympic Games as the initiative's driving force, they also hope that the Dolomites Low Emission Zone has a lasting impact.

FRANCE PROHIBITS EV "GREEN-WASHING"

While EVs may represent the future of mobility, most electric automobiles, motorcycles, and e-scooters can't fully stand by their zero-emissions claims, and for now, in France at least, manufacturers can no longer claim carbon neutrality if their production and recharging processes emit greenhouse gases.

Nearly all electric-powered vehicles produce no greenhouse gases directly, however, many mining and manufacturing processes emit CO2. The same goes for EV charging, which doesn't draw from electric sources exclusively. Many EV naysayers cling to this conundrum as an argument against the imminent transition, but many OEMs can no longer make these claims in France. Instituted on January 1, 2023, the new law prohibits manufacturers from claiming a vehicle is carbon neutral if the same can't be said of its production or recharging stages.

Up to this point, the country has championed EV-promoting bills, but the latest bill takes aim at the advertisement practices adopted by many electric mobility brands. Under Article L229-68, a company cannot claim that a product is carbon neutral unless it provides substantiation, and should an OEM maintain greenwashing verbiage in its advertising without the aforementioned proof, authorities have the right to fine the legal entity €100,000 (\$105,500 USD)

to ensure their customers are not duped.

TAYTAY INSTITUTES "NO HELMET POLICY"

The former Kingdom of Taytay in the Philippines has enacted an executive order forbidding riders from wearing helmets.

Back in 2009, Republic Act 10054, or the Motorcycle Helmet Act was signed into law in the Philippines, mandating all motorcycle riders, as well as their pillion (passengers), to wear a safety helmet designed specifically for motorcycle riding. But this year, Mayor Allan De Leon signed Executive Order (EO) No. 62, Series of 2023, which now "prohibits motorcycle riders, as well as their pillion, from wearing their safety helmets, masks, and similar objects while riding on municipal and barangay roads within the territorial jurisdiction of Taytay."

The new law was enacted in response to the rising incidents involving "unknown motorcycle driving assailants" who "carry out crimes and escape arrest from police authorities," and authorizes deputized enforcers to require riders and their pillions to remove their helmets, balaclava, or similar face covering while riding on city streets.

Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO), slammed Taytay's new rule, calling it "another knee-jerk legislation" that compromises the safety of motorcycle riders and their pillions. "Our lawmakers need to learn how to do research and study fair legislation before they even try to make the rules," said Jobert Bolanos of MRO.

WORLD'S LARGEST CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE SHOW A HUGE HIT
"The Success of Motor Bike Expo 2023 Will Be Remembered," say organizers of the 'world's largest custom motorcycle show' reporting an attendance of 160,000 people and showcasing 720 companies from 35 different countries spread out over 100,000 square meters of indoor/outdoor exhibition space!

This homage to our industry also used 7 pavilions, 5 outdoor areas, and hosted breathtaking shows with "hundreds of demo rides, more than 100 scheduled

events and more than 3,000 motorbikes on display."

Motor Bike Expo is "a trade fair that focuses on motorcyclists and the use of motorcycle components, accessories, clothing [and more]," held annually in Verona, Italy.

NCOM CONVENTION RISES IN PHOENIX

The 38th annual NCOM Convention is coming soon, so plan now on being part of one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in the world. To be held over Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, located at 2100 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe, Arizona, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) welcomes all motorcyclists to the "Valley of the Sun" for a convention of ideas on how to address issues of common concern.

Concerned riders are encouraged to attend and participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road. Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

Be sure to reserve your hotel room now by calling (480) 967-1441, and mention NCOM for our Special Room Rate. Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$110 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only, and you can preregister online at www.ON-A-BIKE.com or by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) at (800) 525-5355.

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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 Monica's Cafe, 1100 West Hall St, Show Low, AZ 85901

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 Fraternal Order of Eagles 7575 N 67th Ave. Breakfast 9am to 11:00 FMI: Chapter Coordinator Scot Williamson One T 623-313-8663 text only

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

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.

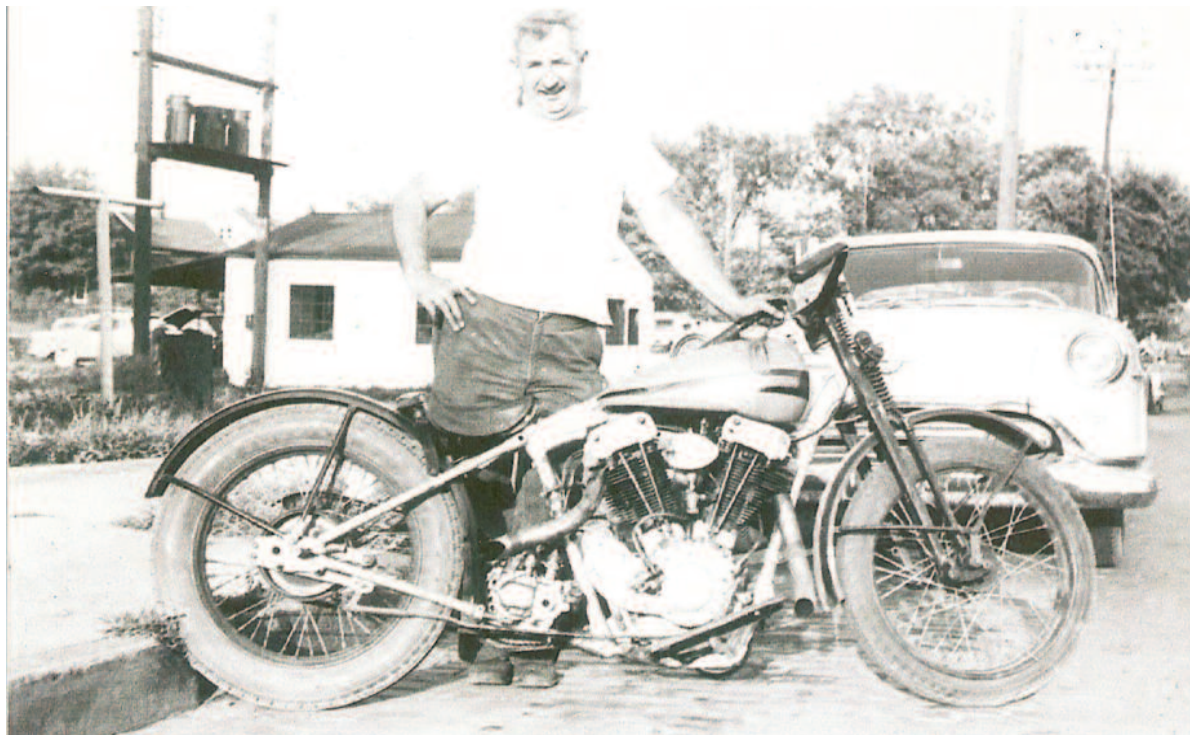
Yavapai Chapter

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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SONS OF SPEED 2023

Sons of Speed has always been an enjoyable event for me to attend and cover. I really like that people have taken the time to keep these classic motorcycles running and even more to the point, actually racing them. This event is exploding I am not the only one who feels that way, the event was packed. Attendance was up and so were the new classes and number of riders racing.

Races have several different classes for types of engines.

One example is the 45 Class has now grown to 36 racers.

Sons of Speed debuted in 2015 and has now become a highlight of Daytona's annual Bike Week motorcycle rally. Racers include expert motorcycle restorers, motorcycle industry notables, Harley-

Davidson dealers and professional racers. Riders and viewers know that the challenge is not just winning the race, it's making sure that the motorcycle, which may be 70 to 100 years old, makes it to the finish line.

I ended up in Shelly Rossmeyer's Pit watching Berry Wardlaw, Chuck Kennedy and Rebel Glover keep her bike running in top condition. Prior to the race Shelly's bike went to Berry's shop Accurate Engineering in Dothan, Alabama for tuning and runs on the new racing dyno he recently installed. They found some problems, when running on the dyno, fixed them and the end result is her bike ran the best it has ever performed.

While the races are the big thing, it was also a time to see friends and get to spend some time with them and catch up

Chris Callen, the emperor of Cycle Source was in the pits next to us. He's gone from helping with the races to working the pits and this year entered a bike. He ran 28 second laps and won a couple of heats and made the main event. He'll be back.

In the final race of the day Moonshiner Josh Owens crashed coming out of turn 3 and received serious injuries and was taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

At the time of this writing he is recovering. Friend and brother racer Freddie Bollwage reported on his condition.

Josh has two broken legs, both kneecaps, ankle, broken neck and lower back injury. He had surgery and is alert and doing well considering the extent of his injuries.

There was no head trauma or internal bleeding.

Freddie thanked everyone for their prayers. Please keep them coming.

There will be a Go Fund Me set up in the near future to help with the hospital expenses and recovery. We will keep you informed as we get more information,

New this year was also NASCAR's Kyle Petty doing a show for Northern Tool + Equipment. Twin Power also had a set up there as well as some new sponsors

I'll be back next year, can't miss it!

--Rogue

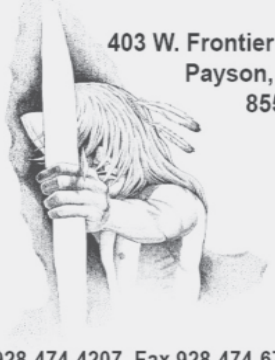
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5/6 {Sat} Int'l Female Riders Day {IFRD} ride to Superior AZ. Meet 9am at Superstition Harley

Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600



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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ABATE of AZ email system

ABATE of AZ email system was no longer working dependably so a new email system is being put in place to replace it. This system will be a primary way the membership will be informed of important ABATE of Arizona issues, as

well as events and meetings.

We are emailing requests to all ABATE members asking them to opt into the new email system in a process that will require several weeks. When you receive

one of these e-mails please respond so that you will be included in this important communications tool.

We hope to have the system ready to use by the end of April. Here is an example

of what the email request to “opt in” to the new email system looks like.

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Indian Motorcycle Racing Leads National Championship

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INDIAN MOTORCYCLE RACING LEADS MISSION® SUPER HOOLIGAN® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOLLOWING SEASON OPENER AT DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

2022 Super Hooligan® Champion Tyler O’Hara Takes Early Points Lead Following Back-to-Back Wins At Daytona Doubleheader

Indian Motorcycle Racing Comes Away with Podium Finish in Mission® King of the Baggers,

O’Hara Ranks Fifth In Season Standings with 21 Points, McWilliams Eighth with 19

MINNEAPOLIS (MARCH 14, 2023) – Following an offseason that expanded the competitive landscape with new manufacturers lining up for the MotoAmerica® Mission® Super Hooligan® National Championship (SHNC), it was Indian Motorcycle Racing and its factory team claiming the top two spots on the leaderboard, following the season-opening doubleheader at Daytona International Speedway. Piloting a pair of S&S®-built

Progressive® Mission® Foods Indian FTRs, reigning SHNC champion Tyler O’Hara and teammate Jeremy McWilliams each left Daytona with a pair of podiums, including back-to-back victories for O’Hara and third and second-place finishes for McWilliams.

On Friday, March 10, O’Hara strategically tailed RSD Indian FTR privateer Bobby Fong for nearly the entire six-lap race. Waiting for the final lap to strike, O’Hara was able to carry more speed through the chicane and go up and around the outside of Fong to capture the season’s first win by .0064 seconds. McWilliams rounded out the podium to complete the Indian FTR podium sweep.

“Bobby was running fast all weekend and gapped me for a period until I was able to make up some ground. The lap-per through the chicane definitely played a big role as I wasn’t sure if I was going to be able to draft pass him on the finish,” said O’Hara. “But what a fun race, and for Indian Motorcycle to sweep the podium just shows how impressive this Indian FTR really is.”

Race 2 on Saturday, March 11, was filled with plenty of action. After an early crash caused a red-flag restart, it was a five-rider group at the front of the pack.

Pushing hard in the group, KTM rider Andy DeBrino lost his front end and laid his bike down, while Fong encountered a technical issue – making it a three-rider run for first between Harley-Davidson rider Corey West, O’Hara and McWilliams. While West ultimately crossed the finish line first, a post-race bike inspection found an illegal air intake that resulted in a disqualification – awarding O’Hara his second win of the weekend and earning McWilliams a second-place finish.

In the MotoAmerica® Mission® King of the Baggers (KOTB) class, O’Hara reached the podium with a third-place finish in Race 1. While the Indian Challenger had been running fast all weekend, even clocking the weekend’s fastest speed on a bagger at 182 mph, both O’Hara and McWilliams suffered technical issues in Race 2. Indian Motorcycle Racing concluded the opening rounds at Daytona with O’Hara in fifth (21 points) and McWilliams in eighth (19 points) on the season’s leaderboard.

“Our issues this weekend were specifically with our tires, MotoAmerica is a spec tire series, we are only given one choice for tires for Daytona and they failed with our higher speeds after four

laps, but our new bikes are performing incredibly well, with a significantly higher level of both handling and power, as evidenced by both our riders registering speeds of more than 180 mph throughout the weekend,” said Gary Gray, Vice President – Racing, Technology and Service for Indian Motorcycle. “At the end of the day, the performance of our Indian Challengers, coupled with our success in the Super Hooligan class has us feeling extremely optimistic and incredibly motivated heading into the second round in Atlanta.”

The 2023 KOTB and SHNC seasons continue with Road Atlanta April 21-23. For more information visit MotoAmerica.com.

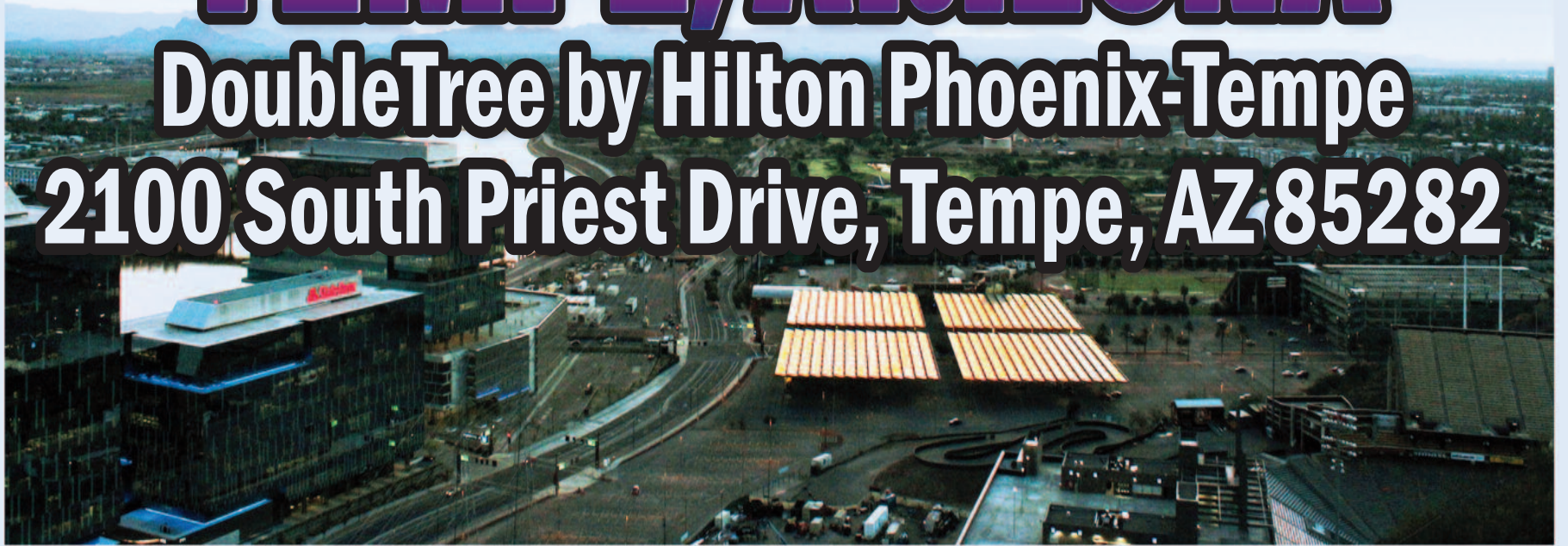
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Sturgis Rally History: Bullock Hotel Basement

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By Bandit and Mike Rungy

This is wild. It brings up memories of wild times and early issues of Easyriders Magazine.

I have a neighbor in Deadwood who works for the Deadwood Historic Society. He called the other day about an article published in Easyriders around the Deadwood Whorehouses. Just before the article was published the feds raided and put an end to prostitution in the Black Hills forever, sorta...

Michael Runge, the City Archivist and Collections Manager called to get permission to feature the article with like art in the recently refurbished Bullock Hotel basement. As it turns out the hotel was restored and upgrade by Adrian Newkirk, a longtime friend of mine and builder of the Hamster Lodge in Spearfish.

Built in the year 1895, Bullock Hotel is one of the finest and the oldest hotels in Deadwood. Thanks to the extensive restoration and renovation it underwent in 1990, its historic charm and alluring vibe was retained. This historic hotel gets its

name from the original owner Seth Bullock. Some believed it is haunted by the ghost of Seth Bullock himself, who was a major player in the growth of Deadwood and a buddy of President Theodore Roosevelt. Ghost tours are offered.

I don't know about the ghost, but a recent Bullock Hotel owner brought Adrian a haunted dog from Arizona. The pup is meaner than 14 Pitbulls on meth.

During my conversation I brought up my connection to the rally through Easyriders Magazine and how we covered the event in 1978 with Billy Tinney photography and in 1979 Michael Lichter shot the shit-house burning action and suddenly little Sturgis, population of 5,000, became home to the wildest motorcycle rally on the planet.

A rumor surfaced around rally numbers, which can't be confirmed. The year ER covered the rally 12,000 riders attended. The next year it doubled to 24,000 and so on until the 50th Black Hills Rally brought over 500,000 maniacs to the Sturgis region. Who knows, but it sound good and Michael Rungy ran with it.

He spoke to Billy Tinney and I spoke to Michael Lichter who told me about a strange movie theater where he crashed with Billy. The city of Sturgis had a motorcycle curfew at the time and towed his motorcycle away in the middle of the night.

Here's a portion of the letter Mike Rungy sent to Billy Tinney recently after asking to interview me about the magazine's impact on the rally for the Deadwood Historic society.

Thank you again for calling me last Thursday about your article and photography in the January 1981 Easyrider Magazine on the closing of the Deadwood houses. Enclosed please find a copy of this article in its entirety. As discussed on the phone, I am interested in hearing more about this interview, your ties to Keith "Bandit" Ball, and your involvement in covering/photographing Deadwood and the Sturgis Rally for Easyriders magazine. As you know, the Sturgis Rally has grown exponentially in the last 40 years. This growth has also impacted our community of Deadwood, making it a tourist destination for motorcyclists.

The City of Deadwood Archives annually collects ten oral histories on a variety of topics related to Deadwood. The Sturgis Rally has been one of the ideas tossed around for several years. Both you and Bandit's involvement in making the Sturgis Rally a national destination through Easyriders Magazine is something worthy of recording for posterity. In the not-too-distant future, mainly when I see him next, I will be having the same conversation with Bandit about this topic. If I can find him.

I am also interested in any additional photographs of the Pam Holiday interview that did not make the magazine story along with any images of Deadwood you may have taken as part of the Sturgis Rally. If you have time, I would be interested in scheduling another phone call with you. Could you please let me know what dates and time work the best for you?

Thanks again for the call and I look forward to continuing our conversation.

Best,
Mike



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NATIONAL ROADWAY SAFETY STRATEGY

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In January of 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation, led by Secretary Pete Buttigieg, published the “National Roadway Safety Strategy,” (NRSS) which serves as the playbook for revamping our current roadway system. It spells out the following goals and corresponding implementation strategies for:

- Safer People
- Safer Roads
- Safer Vehicles
- Safer Speeds
- Post-Crash Care

USDOT National Roadway Safety Strategy | US Department of Transportation

On Friday, February 3, while Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog was sleeping off his annual workday, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) issued a press release titled, “The Institute of Transportation Engineers Supports USDOT’s Call to Action.”

In this two-page document, very lengthy by most standards, the ITE announced its full support in “addressing the roadway safety crisis” and proudly proclaimed that they are part of an elite group of “First Movers,” those organizations and businesses that are “all in” in terms of leading the charge for

change.

The press release goes on to define their support in the form of a delivery of a “wide range of products to support widespread adoption of the Safe System Approach.” Their products, more aptly called projects, take the form of education, training, and certification. Calling all traffic engineers!

What does all this mean, you ask?

Certainly, we are on the verge of sweeping change, as we move from a strategic national template for roadway safety to education, training, implementation, and safety messaging focusing on human “frailty.”

These changes are not cosmetic; they are systemic, far-reaching, and represent a huge undertaking. The National Roadway Safety Strategy is characterized as a collaboration between the Office of the Secretary of Transportation and the Operating Administrations (OAs): the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, (FMCSA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). Truth be told, there are scads of other players

exerting influence on this regulatory scrum, including social activist groups, Political Action Committees, and other special interests.

Proven Safety Countermeasures | FHWA (dot.gov)

The NRSS outlines numerous departmental actions and their corresponding targeted completion dates. I’ll highlight two critical components:

Safer Roads...

Modify the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Device (MUTCD). The MUTCD, administered by the Federal Highway Administration, is a compilation of national standards for all traffic control devices, road markings, signage, and traffic signals. This would not be the first time the MUTCD has been modified, and we anticipate that these changes will, among other things, pave the way for more state autonomy (call it free rein) in implementing traffic regulations. (Thankfully we have at least one member who has intimate knowledge of the MUTCD, its evolution, and its unraveling, of which a whole book could be written.)

Safer Speeds...

Remove the 85th-percentile speed engineering study as a consideration in setting speed limits regardless of the type of roadway. What would replace the

85th percentile? The NRSS will provide “improved” information to set speed limits through a range of methodologies. Hmmm.

Rest assured, the NMA will be monitoring not only the implementation of the NRSS but also the political posturing and the marketing spin through campaigns such as “Speeding Wrecks Lives.”

Now, more than ever, we need your support!

Your rights are being taken away in the name of safety. To use Pete Buttigieg’s own words, “Zero is the only acceptable number of deaths and serious injuries on our roadways.” And they seemingly won’t stop until they reach this utopia.

On the USDOT website, they call out these priorities: equity, climate, safety, and transformation.

Clearly, there is a larger agenda. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

--By Stewart W. Price, President of the National Motorists Association



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Roland Sands Design and Indian Motorcycles rev up for dominance

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Roland Sands Design and Indian Motorcycles rev up for dominance and good times in 2023 Mission Foods King of the Baggers and Super Hooligan Road Racing Championships

Long Beach, CA – The Roland Sands Design Indian Motorcycles King of the Baggers (KOTB) and Mission Super Hooligan (Mission SHNC) race team is excited to announce their participation in the upcoming Moto America season, kicking off at Daytona Motor Speedway on March 9-11, 2023.

The team is comprised of two talented riders, Bobby Fong and Kyle Ohnsorg, who will both be taking on double duty

racing Indian Challenger Baggers in King of the Baggers and racing Indian FTR 1200's in the Mission Foods Super Hooligan AMA National Championship.

Bobby Fong, 32 years old from Stockton, CA will be piloting the Sacramento Mile/SDI Racing, LLC/Roland Sands Design/Indian Motorcycle Challenger and was the only non-factory KOTB rider to win a Mission Foods Challenge, as well as a main event in 2022. Fong will also be racing the Roland Sands Design Indian FTR 1200 in the Mission Foods Super Hooligan, marking his first time racing the Indian FTR. With great pre-season testing times, Fong is confident he can compete for race wins at Daytona and a series championship.

Kyle Ohnsorg, 28 years old from Oak Grove, MN, will be piloting both the Roland Sands Design Indian Challenger in KOTB as well as the Roland Sands Design Indian FTR 1200 in the Mission Foods Super Hooligan races. Ohnsorg is an Electro-mechanical Engineer at Indian Motorcycle and has been the Chief test rider for the Indian factory team, helping develop the current FTR 1200 platform. He is ready to show the paddock he is capable of winning a championship.

“We are thrilled to be back racing with Moto America this season and have Bobby and Kyle representing our team on the track,” said Roland Sands, owner of Roland Sands Design. “Both riders have a proven track record of success and we believe they have what it takes to com-

pete at the highest level in both the King of the Baggers and Super Hooligan classes.”

Fans can catch all the action from the Roland Sands Design Indian Motorcycles King of the Baggers and Mission Super Hooligans Race Team on Moto America’s live streaming platform, Moto America Live + www.motoamericaliveplus.com.

For more information on the Roland Sands Design Indian Motorcycles King of the Baggers and Mission Super Hooligans Race Team, visit <https://rolandsands.com/2023-rolandsands-racing>

Helping Veterans : Biker Lives Matter

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Biker Lives Matter continues to provide Accident Scene Management Courses with the American Legion in Florida. Crashes and collisions continue to increase involving motorcycles and one of the most effective ways for those involved to survive is to be treated at the scene by others until more trained people like EMTs arrive.

The American Legion is a very large organization and each chapters can include a motorcycle group named

Legion Riders. Working with the American Legion organization affords out teachers to reach a lot of people. The more people trained the higher the possibility of saving more lives.

This class though open to any American Legion Member Free of Charge, was mainly for some of the officers as they would be the ones moving the process forward through the organization.

At this time the classes are being sponsored by organizations and by Attorneys like the Fran Haasch Law Group who are

well known for helping motorcyclist in Florida

Bryan York is their event coordinator and was one of the people taking this particular class. By him doing so, he has first hand knowledge and a certificate of completion. Once someone takes the course, they can better explain to others how it would benefit them.

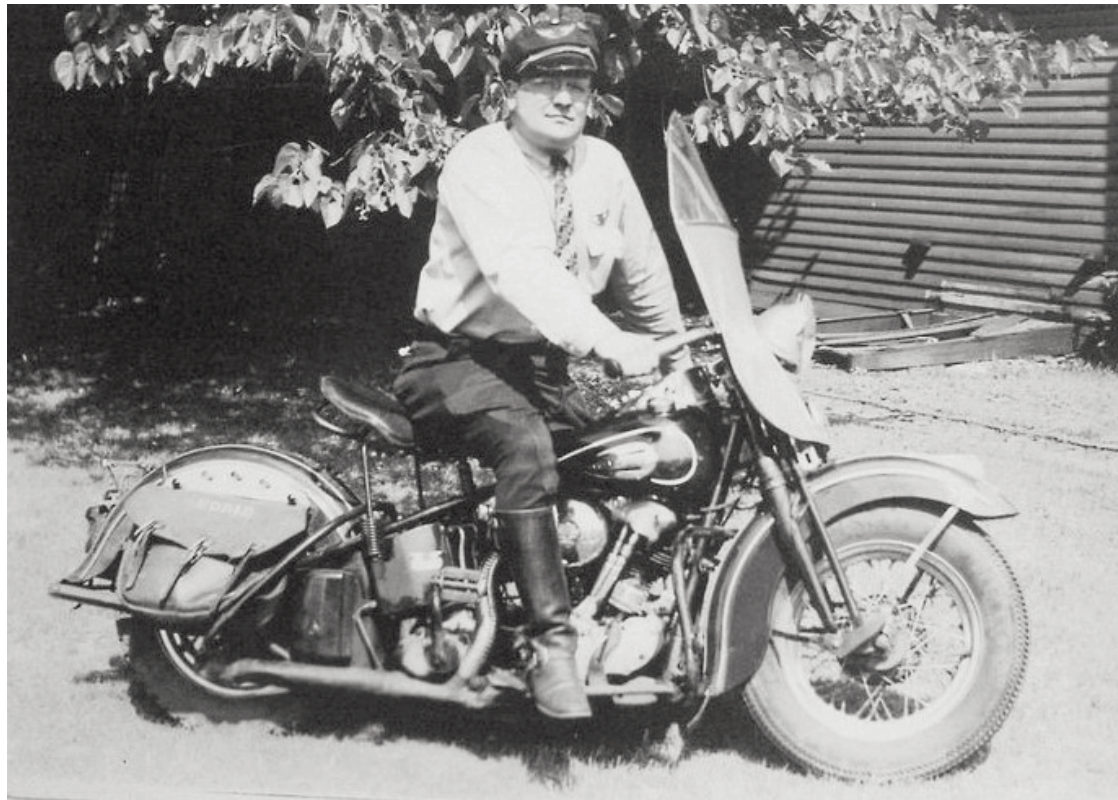
Having a trauma kit is very important. There are many different ones of various sizes. But there are also items you may have with you just as part of your normal

motorcycle attire that will further assist you. All this is taught in the class.

The class was taught by Dee MacLennan who is the Accident Scene Management Lead Instructor in Florida.

If you are in an American Legion Post and or any other organization you can have a class taught at your location.

For more information contact Dee MacLennan at secretary@bikerlivesmatter.com



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H-D Factory Team Set to Open King of the Baggers at Daytona

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By Wayfarer

MILWAUKEE (March 6, 2023) – The Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® factory racing team is prepared to open the 2023 racing season March 9-11 at Daytona International Speedway, site of the first two rounds of the MotoAmerica Mission King of the Baggers roadracing series. Kyle Wyman and his brother Travis Wyman return to ride the team's race-prepared Harley-Davidson® Road Glide® motorcycles powered by modified Screamin' Eagle® Milwaukee-Eight® 131 Performance Crate Engines. The Harley-Davidson factory team will leave nothing on the track as they fight to bring the championship title back to Milwaukee.

“In our 120th Anniversary year, we're coming at it bigger and better than ever before, as we compete to win the championship and bring back the #1 plate to Milwaukee where it belongs,” said Jochen Zeitz, Chairman, President and CEO, Harley-Davidson. “Our Screamin' Eagle factory racing team is ready for the season – and with Kyle and Travis on the track, I'm excited for what is set to be a great season of racing for our community of racers and fans alike.”

The King of the Baggers series offers exciting competition between American V-Twin touring motorcycles prepared for competition and equipped with a fairing/windscreen and saddlebags. The 2023 season will see the King of the Baggers series expanded from seven to 14 races over seven double-header weekends held in conjunction with the MotoAmerica Superbike Series.

A fan feature for the 2023 season is the Harley-Davidson® 120th Anniversary VIP Ticket Package. Offered as a three-day or one-day package, these special VIP passes include admission with fan zone and paddock access, all the MotoAmerica races including the Mission King of the Baggers practice sessions, qualifying and racing action. Each pass also includes access to premium parking

reserved for Harley-Davidson motorcycles on all three days of the race weekend, and participation in Harley-Davidson parade laps around the track on Friday and Saturday.

For the 2023 season, the Harley-Davidson factory team will be sporting custom designed livery, honoring Harley-Davidson's 120th anniversary aboard their race-modified Road Glide motorcycles, Milwaukee-Eight® 131 Performance Crate Engine. The team bikes also feature upgraded suspension components, including Screamin' Eagle/Öhlins Remote Reservoir Rear Shocks, plus competition exhaust, race tires and lightweight bodywork.

Harley-Davidson invites you to kick off the 2023 MotoAmerica King of the Baggers season with some adrenaline pumping action. Today, Harley-Davidson is premiering ‘Push the Limit,’ a film that shares the story of defending champion Kyle Wyman, teammate Travis Wyman and the Harley-Davidson Screamin' Eagle race team's 2022 championship pursuit. Check it out on Harley-Davidson's YouTube channel.

The Wyman Brothers

Travis Wyman, the owner of Travis Wyman Racing based in Las Vegas, finished second in points during the 2022 King of the Baggers season, with one race win (Road America) and three second-place finishes. The 31-year-old racer returns for his second full season with the Harley-Davidson factory team.

“I am excited about my second season on the factory H-D team and ready for the expanded schedule this year,” said Travis. “My consistent finishes last year put me in contention for the title going into the last round. With the two-race format, if Saturday does not go well, you get another shot on Sunday rather than waiting for the next race weekend. As other teams get these bikes figured out, I expect the level of competition to be tougher this season. Our Harley team is going to need to be on its game at every race.”

Kyle Wyman, 33, won three 2022 King of

the Baggers races (Atlanta, Monterey and New Jersey) and had two other podium appearances to finish third in season points. Wyman began racing professionally in flat track aboard a Harley-Davidson® XR750 and formed Kyle Wyman Racing at the age of 21 to compete at the highest level of professional road racing in the United States. Kyle Wyman is the 2019 Daytona 200 winner. He was King of the Baggers champion in 2021, riding for the Harley-Davidson factory team.

“It will be an honor to represent the Harley-Davidson brand during this 120th Anniversary season,” said Kyle Wyman. “It is incredible to be a part of the enduring history of Harley-Davidson. I've spent much of the off season working with the team to further develop our Road Glide race bikes, and I have a lot of confidence going into 2023. We will continue to see lap records fall this season, and everyone on the grid will be quicker.”

Available Support

In addition to competing in the series, the H-D Screamin' Eagle team continues to work directly with MotoAmerica to promote the series by supporting all Harley-Davidson competitors. Select performance products developed for the 2022 factory team bikes are available to all qualified racers. Teams should reach out directly to their local Harley-Davidson® dealership for availability and pricing.

Top squads expected to run Harley-Davidson® bikes at the front of the field include the four-rider Team Saddlemen effort with returning veteran racers Cory West and Patricia Fernandez-West along with Frankie Garcia and class newcomer Jake Lewis, all competing on race-modified Harley-Davidson® Road Glide® motorcycles, prepared with the assistance of Hoban Brothers Racing. The Vance & Hines Racing team returns to the King of the Baggers series with proven series front runners James Rispoli and Hayden Gillim, also campaigning race-prepared Road Glide motorcycles.

MotoAmerica Mission King of the Baggers Contingency

Harley-Davidson will offer more than \$185,000 in cash contingency for qualified Harley-Davidson racers competing in the Mission King of the Baggers series, with a contingency payout from first to 10th place in all 14 races and a \$35,000 series championship bonus. Terms and conditions apply; please see www.MotoAmerica.com for full details, eligibility requirements and deadlines.

About the Screamin' Eagle® Milwaukee-Eight® 131 Performance Crate Engine: The Screamin' Eagle® Milwaukee-Eight 131 is a powerful street-compliant performance engine offered by Harley-Davidson. Built from the bottom up in Milwaukee, this 131-cubic-inch (2147cc) Screamin' Eagle® crate engine delivers 131 ft-lb of torque to the rear wheel, and may be installed in 2017-later Harley-Davidson Touring models.

2023 Mission King of the Baggers Schedule
(Two full races each weekend)

March 9-11: Daytona International Raceway – Daytona Beach, Fla.

April 21-23: Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta – Braselton, Ga.

June 2-4: Road America – Elkhart Lake, Wis.

July 7-9: WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca – Monterey, Calif.

July 28-30: Brainerd International Raceway – Brainerd, Minn.

September 8-10: Circuit of the Americas – Austin, Texas

September 22-24: New Jersey Motorsports Park – Millville, N.J.

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Our rights are under attack! I must call your attention to a new bill (HB 837) that was filed recently in the Florida Legislature. This bill, by the multi-billion-dollar insurance industry and corporate elites would strip away the rights of Floridians ... taking away our constitutional right to hold others accountable and responsible when they harm you, your family, or your business.

If the multi-billion dollar insurance industry were to put together a wish list of

ways in which they would harm policy holders, while at the same time attacking our access to courts, it would read exactly like HB 837.

This bill seeks to take away our rights by reducing insurance company accountability to Insureds and claimants, expand insurance company profits, take away our rights to go to the doctors we choose and ultimately increase costs that will fall back on workers, taxpayers, and health-care providers.

All this, while trying to claim that the bill

“may indirectly lower the cost of insurance.” How many of you have ever seen your auto, motorcycle, home, health, or life insurance rates ever go down?

Please join me on Thursday as we RIDE FOR OUR RIGHTS to Tallahassee to attend the House Civil Justice Subcommittee meeting, this Friday, February 24, at 8:00 a.m., where this bill will be considered. I will be there, along with countless others, making sure that the voices of actual bikers and Floridians are heard.

Statement from the Florida Justice Association (FJA) President Curry Pajcic: “Florida is under attack. The rights of every Floridian are under assault by insurance companies and corporate elites who think they can dictate which rights should be preserved and which can be tossed aside.”

Don't let them tread on Florida!!!

--Dmac

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Documentation of Discrimination

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NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT: _____

BUSINESS PHONE (with area code): _____

BUSINESS - FULL ADDRESS: _____

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WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION (use back if needed): _____

YOUR NAME (please print): _____

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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 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.



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

PLEASE PRINT

DATE: _____

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

CANDIDATE STREET ADDRESS: _____

CANDIDATE CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CANDIDATE PHONE NUMBER: _____

MEMBER OF (SMRO): _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER:

- 1) Please explain why you feel this person should be selected.
- 2) Other considerations: Explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel are appropriate! Job, Family, School, Finances, etc.
- 3)

SUBMITTED BY: _____

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Harley Financials and Growth Prospects for 2023

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Okay,

I'm not a financial advisor. I'd rather build another motorcycle than chase the stock market. But take a look at my portfolio. I have maybe 20 motorcycles, one triumph, one Indian (I had two but traded my '46 for a '50 bobbed Panhead). What does that tell you? I'm a Harley guy. All bikers have a special relationship with Harley-Davidson. The question always is: Does the factory respect and embrace that relationship?

So, the final quarter, yearend financials surfaced, but they weren't posted like they were in the past, you had to ask for them. However, the factory slipped into the mainstream media spotlight leading into 2023, in some troubling ways, and others indicate positive growth.

The boss professed going all electric. H-D planned to launch a Chinese built 350 cc model. The electric H-D component LiveWire took to its own platform and sales were down 30 percent. Ah, but this year is the 120th H-D Anniversary, which generally bodes well for sales. The M-8 seems to have issues on one hand with oil pump problems and cheap lower-end components. What about the new Sportster or the discontinued classic Sportster line, now being copied in China? Hang on 2023, there are two final thoughts: We are doomed and Indian is rising.

Where the hell do we start? How about the interview with Zeitz, the new CEO, who could be progressive or is he being bullied by

the WOKE establishment? When the term WOKE surfaces, I think of a stir-fried Chinese dish. Hopefully, in the near future we will eat it and go about the business of riding free. In the meantime, the CEO announced that the iconic brand would go all electric in the future. "It's just a matter of time." You would have thought a tsunami of press and angry bikers would have stormed the iconic gates.

Let's dig into the electric grid. The factory made the Livewire line of electric offerings a stand-alone business. What does that tell you, especially if all of H-D will ultimate be electric. Is Zeitz being smart and keeping the entities separate? If you study electric history, it's had issues all the way back to Edison and Tesla. From time to time over the last 100 years, electric has been pushed but ultimately couldn't do the job, like electric trolleys in the '30s.

The key to any business endeavor is an open and free market. Without it, we can't test the true viability of any company. Governments, behind politics, will try to shove it down our throats until the money runs out. Then we might find discarded electric vehicles all over the country.

Here's a comment from Greg Norman from Fox Business regarding the boss of Toyota: Toyota's president is questioning whether the push for the auto industry to phase out gas-powered vehicles and go exclusively electric is the right decision.

Akio Toyoda made these comments to reporters in Thailand, after the auto manufacturer said, around this time last year that it would produce 3.5 million electric vehicles

annually by 2030, according to The Wall Street Journal.

"People involved in the auto industry are largely a silent majority," Toyoda said. "That silent majority is wondering whether EVs are really OK to have as a single option. But they think it's the trend so they can't speak out loudly."

Harley owns 89.4 percent of the LiveWire group. The company went public and they launched a new model in 2022 with supposedly 100 miles of city range.

"Today we are pleased to be opening reservations for the production edition of the S2 Del Mar – our second LiveWire motorcycle and the next step in the evolution of the LiveWire Brand," said Jochen Zeitz, Chairman and CEO of LiveWire Group Inc. "The modular ARROW architecture underpinning the Del Mar, developed in-house at LiveWire Labs, demonstrates our ambition to lead in the EV space and establish LiveWire as the most desirable electric motorcycle brand in the world. We're excited about the future at LiveWire and look forward to the company creating the path to the electrification of motorcycling."

So, what's the game. Is he hoping LiveWire will take off and he'll just shut H-D down? Bada-bing.

Maybe there's another reason to keep the LiveWire group in separate buildings. This just in from Clover at Entrepreneur: Electric cars burst into flames, not every day flames.

In the days following Hurricane Ian, the salt-

water flooding in coastal areas caused the lithium-ion batteries in electric vehicles to combust.

Firefighters in Naples, Florida, needed to extinguish six blazes in EVs which had been submerged in seawater.

Heather Mazurkiewicz, a spokesperson for the fire department, said firefighters needed "thousands upon thousands" of gallons of water to extinguish the EV fires — much more than what a typical gas car fire would require.

There are serious issues with lithium batteries, and we won't know the severity until the market grows or is forced to grow. I'm just an ordinary biker, but if someone hands me something the size of a dozen postage stamps stuck together and says it will start a 118-inch Harley, I get really suspicious and concerned about my shop and home. That's a great deal of power crammed into a very small space.

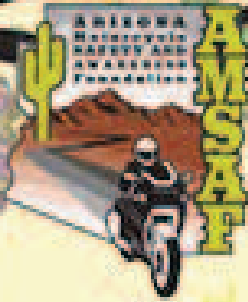
- The Del Mar Launch Edition models will feature 3 unique colors; Pacific Gray, Nightfall Blue, and Asphalt Black at an MSRP of \$16,999.

- Performance highlights include expected outcomes at production of output of 80 horsepower (59.6 kW), 184 ft-lb of torque, 75 minute 20%-80% recharge time using L2, and 431 pounds of weight, delivering projected 0-to-60 mph times of 3.1 seconds.

Issues will surface as the market grows but watch out.

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