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Michael Infanzon
 Legislative Director

The House of Representatives hit their first deadline, the last day for sponsorship of bills before the seven-bill limit begins. Last day for introduction of bills is Monday, February 6th. Two full weeks in session and House Representatives have dropped 539 bills and I am expecting at least 300-400 more by deadline.

The Senate is a little slower off the line with only 62 bills introduced in the first two weeks. But the Seante has a later deadline for bills.

Representative Matt Gress (LD-4) has sponsored and introduced our first bill of the session. HB2419 – moving violations; injured pedestrians; penalties. This will increase penalties for someone who was cited for a moving violation such as running a red light, etc and causes injury or death to a pedestrian, bicyclist, or motorcyclist. Representative Gress is a active motorcyclist and knows how much ABATE is trying to mitigate injuries and fatalities. This act may be cited as "Kong's Law" in memory of Greg "Kong" Dilley. Kong was the ACMC lobbyist for a few years with me at the Capitol. He was a founding member of the Leathernecks MC and an ABATE member.

Hopefully, this bill will be a constant reminder to watch out for motorcycles.

Don't forget the 3rd Annual Kong's Poker Run will be on February 189th starting at VFW Post 720 (4853 E Thomas Rd) at 9a. Hope to see y'all there.

Be good to one another.



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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 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!

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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

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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

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

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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

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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 AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020. FMI: Chapter Coordinator Scot Williamson

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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.

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Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson
Treasurer.....Robin Aitken
Membership.....Doug Krag
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

MRF Road Show 2023

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The start of a new year means many state motorcyclist rights organizations are holding their annual meetings. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is always honored to be invited to attend and present at these events across the country. This weekend representatives from the MRF were in Michigan and Kentucky discussing the MRF's 2022 accomplishments in Washington, D.C. and our goals for 2023.

These meetings are a great opportunity to share with riders around the country some of the things we are working on. We discussed our victories on issues like motorcyclist profiling and autonomous vehicles as well as work we have ahead of us on things like the Motorcyclist Advisory Council. While many of the attendees at these events are MRF members some are not, so educating bikers about the MRF is an important part of these presentations.

In Lansing, Michigan the ABATE of Michigan event was joined by Congressman Tim Walberg.

Congressman Walberg is the Co-Chair of the House Motorcycle Caucus, the 2017 MRF Legislative Champion of the Year and a longtime Michigan motorcyclist. These meetings are a great opportunity to share with riders around the country some of the things we are working on. We discussed our victories on issues like motorcyclist profiling and autonomous vehicles as well as work we have ahead of us on things like the Motorcyclist Advisory Council. While many of the attendees at these events are MRF members some are not, so educating bikers about the MRF is an important part of these presentations.

The KMA/KBA's Freedom Fighter's Forum in Bowling Green, Kentucky was attended by Congressman Brett Guthrie. Congressman Guthrie is a member of the powerful Energy and commerce Committee which has jurisdiction of important government agencies to motorcyclists like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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



February the weather is better and you have been able to get out and put it in the wind.

On January 7th ABATE of Arizona had our officer training for all the chapter officers throughout the state. It was great to see everyone there. There were many familiar faces of folks who have once again stepped up and volunteered their time and talents for the benefit of all of us, and there were also a lot of new faces in the crowd of those who have taken the plunge and became officers for the first time. It is very heartwarming to see that this great organization is in such capable hands.

While on the subject of membership I really would like to emphasize that in order to keep ABATE of Arizona a viable organization, we all need to do everything we can to promote membership in ABATE. If every member would recruit just one new member we would double our membership. Think about that and the impact it would have. If those in the state legislature saw our numbers growing at that rate they would take notice and realize that the motorcycle community is a force they have to pay attention to. SO please as you attend events or are out for your rides, be sure to carry several of our membership hand outs and ASK other riders to join and support ABATE. It is not enough to just hand them a form, you need to ask folks to join.

Too Broke for Sturgis is coming up. Please save

the dates – June 6th – 9th. We are planning on holding it at Mormon Lake Lodge up in the beautiful Coconino Forest. The property has been sold and we are still waiting on the new owners to get us a contract for the event. We are at a standstill until we have a confirmed location. There will be all the usual distractions so for more information please go to www.toobrokeforsturgis.com and check it out. This is OUR event and how well it comes off reflects on ALL of US. In order to make it as great an experience as possible for all those folks who come up and drop their hard earned dollars to support US, we need YOUR help! Please plan on being one of those who rides up and supports motorcycle rights here in Arizona, and while you are there please volunteer to work at least one shift to help make this event be as great as it can be.

We will be changing our Motorcycle Day at the Dome to a weekend event. Many of our members cannot or do not attend when it is held on a weekday. Our event is on the Capitol calendar for March 4th. We will be holding a rally type event at the Wesley Bolin plaza across from the Capitol. It is very important that we show our elected officials that the motorcycle community is united. Contact your state representatives and your Senator and invite them. If for some reason you cannot attend this most important event, contact those folks anyway and let them know you are involved and paying attention to their voting record.

I am not sure how many of our members take the time when they are on-line with their computers (goofing off at work) to check out the ABATE of Arizona web site. There have been many improvements to the site and it is a great tool for all our members and you can even pay for a new membership or renew an existing membership. So next time your boss isn't around and you're tired of playing games, check out www.abateofaz.org and see what you have been missing.

It is also important that everyone remembers the Masterlink is not just ABATE of Arizona's newsletter, it is YOUR newsletter too! Please feel free to take photos and write up a little article of the events that you and your fellow riders attend. It helps spread good will with the organizations hosting these events and runs and lets them know that they are appreciated. It will also let folks know what they missed and may help get the word out for the next time the event is held. Send the information to TheMasterlink@abateofaz.org. Our editor is always looking for news and stories affecting the motorcycling community. If he cannot fit it in one month he may carry it over until space allows. So let's all fill the pages with what's happening here in the Arizona.

Until next time! Ride Free!
Jim

Buzz Aldrin, living legend, gets married on 93rd birthday

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

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Buzz Aldrin, second man to walk on moon, gets married on 93rd birthday. Former American astronaut Buzz Aldrin got married to his longtime partner on his 93rd birthday.

Former American astronaut Buzz Aldrin got married to his longtime partner on his

93rd birthday. Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, is the only surviving member of the Apollo 11's three-member crew that made up the historic moon landing mission of 1969.

Aldrin, who turned 93 on January 20, announced his marriage in a post on social media. He said that he and his "longtime love" Dr Anca Faur had tied the knot in a small ceremony in Los Angeles.

"On my 93rd birthday & the day I will also be honored by Living Legends of Aviation I am pleased to announce that my longtime love Dr. Anca Faur & I have tied the knot," he said. "We were joined in holy matrimony in a small private ceremony in Los Angeles & are as excited as eloping teenagers."

This is Aldrin's fourth marriage. His wife, Dr Anca Faur, 63, serves as the Executive

Vice President of Buzz Aldrin Ventures, according to the Daily Mail.

Buzz Aldrin was part of the historic moon landing of 1969 aboard Apollo 11. The jacket he wore while walking on the moon with fellow astronaut Neil Armstrong was auctioned for \$2.7 million last year.

Celebrating 120 years of the most desired motorcycle brand

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

The Milwaukee Motor Company, with fans around the globe, turns 120 years old. There has been quite a few announcements regarding the homecoming as well as a public park on land they own. Most awaited however, was their announcement for model year 2023. They kept it under wraps through all the crowd & circus at EICMA, the biggest gathering of motorcycle brands.

This article is part informative and part editorial. Kind of like a motorcycle with aftermarket parts and a bitchy pillion onboard. Don't get me wrong, I love the brand; but seriously, who wants to be a backseat driver of this company? It seems everyone except the company executives seem to know how to 'run' this motor company.

Fans and dealerships waiting patiently for the model release would surely be impressed if not dancing in the streets. Some limited edition collectibles are of course for 'collectors', but there is plenty for us common two-wheel monkeys to run with.

Breakout makes a comeback and Road Glide is now available as a Trike too. There is a Nightster Special and a re-imagined Freewheeler.

There are seven limited edition models that future auction action happy bikers can invest upon; namely:

- Ultra Limited Anniversary
- Tri Glide Ultra Anniversary
- Street Glide Special Anniversary (Black Trim)
- Road Glide Special Anniversary (Black Trim)
- Fat Boy 114 Anniversary
- Heritage Classic 114 Anniversary (Chrome Trim)
- CVO Road Glide Limited

These commemorative bikes will be made worthwhile with special paint and styling. Only 1500 of the most exclusive (read 'expensive') CVO will be made for the whole world.

All these models have been the most popular cruisers and tourers from Harley-Davidson.

The first anniversary celebration by Harley-Davidson was when it turned 50. Those bikes got a special badge and color. Anniversaries meant something and it was valuable and memorable. Since 1980s, the Motorcycle Company realized their fans could be milked to death and that these paying customers will keep buying their motorcycle despite the machines being non-competitive in multiple factors including price and performance!

So then, Harley-Davidson started celebrating 'Anniversaries' every five years. Yup, just like they make you buy a greeting card every month at the local grocery store, the big original V-Twin started making expensive (not really 'exclusive'

now are they?) collectible anniversary limited edition models.

This year however, they and we realize it's the big 120. Especially because the revived British legend Royal Enfield, a tiny brand by comparison, managed to sell a whole lot of expensive 120 anniversary models. Enfield which became the first production motorcycle company in the world in 1901 may not be pure British but their promise of 'pure motorcycling' and large expenditure on American racing and custom build events is noticeable in the media. Enfields have been in production non-stop, though the factory and ownership shifted from England to India. They started a second assembly factory in South America and fast gaining 'traction', treading on many turfs that heavy Harley-Davidson is vacating by focusing on big bikes instead of customer-friendly-favorite Sportster.

The much mentioned Harley-Davidson CEO Jochen Zeitz treated Harley-Davidson like a 'fashion brand', like Puma, like 'Deus Ex Machina' (read that story on Bikernet by clicking here). He banished small markets and small engines. Despite the success of H-D 750cc engine in Asia and South America, he wanted to consolidate on core business, the big spenders. Unfortunately, the every American's motorcycle was being peddled to owners of German and Italian luxury cars.

Now this same dude, having happily

delivered whatever was promised to shareholders and investors on Wall Street, is making tiny 353cc engine motorcycle which are not even designed by Harley-Davidson. These are Benelli motorcycle brand engines owned by Qianjiang Motorcycles of China. These Chinese design engines will now carry the badge of Harley-Davidson in the 120th year of this historic, most-favored motorcycle brand in the world. The 353cc engine in the Harley-Davidson X350 is shared with other Benelli models. The formerly Italian brand Benelli is now a Chinese international motorcycle brand built in China.

On plus side, Americans get to buy the Breakout model after 2018, which was always available to Europeans for all these years. It gets a five gallon tank, so customers get to enjoy the Milwaukee-Eight 117 ci V-Twin a lot more than the previous smaller tank would allow.

Thanks to the 120 years of progress, electronic traction control comes as a standard for the Fat Boy, Fat Bob, Breakout, and Low Rider S. It was already standard feature on the Low Rider ST and Heritage Classic models. It's the first time Breakout, Low Rider S, and Low Rider ST will get an option of traction control. Breakout will also get 'Baja Orange' color option, first seen on the Pan America. Is that 5-Ball orange?

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Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass

The Coyote Pass Chapter had its meeting January 10th. Discussed items were multi-year membership renewals and credit card payment options. By an unanimous vote the multi-year renewal item passed whereas the use of credit cards was declined.

The BOD meeting was covered and the announcement of Rick Ferguson as the new Chair as well as Mary K. Donnay as Vice Chair.

The Coyote Pass Chapter meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Calico's Restaurant at 6pm. We ride with the Brunch Bunch Riders every Wednesday and Saturday. Contact Harley, 928-530-2555 for details: leave a message and call back number.

High Country

The High Country Chapter hit the ground running in 2023 with 68 members and three business members, nearly doubling the May 2022 count. Once again, we should recognize Denise "Spitfire" Trolinder, HCC Membership Officer. Looking forward to less snow and a bit more riding time, we have several membership drive and fundraising events in the planning stages. A highlight for this month was an opportunity for a few HCC Officers to meet with Rick Korth, owner of Tonto Silkscreen & Embroidery. Rick and his company not only have been long time supporters, they are also likely to have crafted the patches that we are wearing. Thank you Tonto Silkscreening & Embroidery.

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

Time for another chapter report and the start of a new year. Hope 2023 is a great year for everyone.

On December 17 th. a few of our chapter members and BUMA (Brotherhood United Motorcycle Association) members went to Seligman to place wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Due to cold temperature and some snow on the ground there no one rode their motorcycles. Afterward we had a delicious lunch at Lelos in Seligman.

Our next chapter meeting is on Monday, January 16, 6:00 pm at the VFW in

Golden Valley. The two main agenda items to be discussed and make plans for is Motorcycle Freedom Rally at the dome on March 4 th. and Route 66 Bike Week in April.

Until next month stay safe and ride safe.

Tom Aydt
Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

Hi all the first meeting as Coordinator went well everyone had good info to share. We had some laughs and got business done. Still looking to move to the West side have not found a place with breakfast and beverages. It needs to be quite so we can run a meeting.

Our next meeting will be the third week of month same place same time. We moved because of Superbowl. Hope to see you all then.

East Valley Chapter

Congratulations to our new State Chairman – chapter member, Rick Ferguson. Rick is going to be a great, ABATE of Arizona, leader! Thanks to Mary K (our newest East Valley member) for continuing to support ABATE as the State Vice Chairman.

Another interesting chapter meeting on Jan 8th at Post 138! Our attendance at each meeting keeps increasing each month – the welcoming and warm hospitality provided by Post 138 is definitely a factor. We had a fun event celebrating our State Treasurer's (Cliff Prentice) birthday and at the same time recognizing Elvis's birthday (same date). Thanks to Matthew Reemelin for orchestrating the event and the Elvis trivia game. Thanks again to Matthew and Cliff for injecting some fun into our meetings and thanks to all members for participating!

We also conducted a group presentation (business certificate and patches) to our new business member: Tanya Parisia of AZ Braid Baby. We hope to conduct many more presentations throughout the year. We were also provided a live demonstration of AZ Braid Baby's helmet braids – thanks Julie and Makayla Reemelin and Tanya Parisia!

We are holding informal officer meetings outside of our chapter meetings to discuss and plan our merchandise and events. Our past meeting was held at our business member, Brick and Barley. We have

laid out a tentative plan to hold several riding and fundraising events and collaborative events with other state chapters.

An update on Post 138 relocation – informed by the post that we can now hold our last meeting on March 12th. 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 have secured a temporary meeting location (we hope this to be temporary) for our April 2023 meeting.

Our membership and business membership continues to increase. We welcome the following business members to the East Valley Chapter: Dobson Lakes Family Chiropractic (sponsor of the 2022 TBFS) and The Diva Cave (vendor and sponsor of 2022 TBFS). Dobson Lakes Chiropractic (Dobson & Baseline, Mesa) has been taking care of the Silk family for over 20 years. If you were at this past year's TBFS you would have noticed the great variety and selection of mens and womens clothing and accessories offered by the Diva Cave (store front at: S. 6th Ave & E. 34th St, Tucson). Business members represent ABATE so let's all support them!

We will continue to support new membership opportunities and promote ABATE by setting up a membership booth at various bike events. We will be participating at the Mesa Cycle Gear every 2nd Tuesday of each month. We have tentatively schedule booths at various American Legion Post events and bike/car shows. These booths have been a rewarding experience to talk to people about ABATE and our accomplishments. We hear from several people how much they admire what ABATE has done for riders. We tell them that they too can be "admired" by becoming an annual member. A big thanks to our membership for supporting our membership booth opportunities!

The motorcycle awareness classes are tentatively scheduled for the last week of February or first week of March. 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, 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!

And, the results of our AMMO raffle are: 1000 Round Winner – Mary K, 500 Round Winner - Michael and Stacy Wolff

Southern Arizona Chapter

The Southern Arizona Chapter held its December meeting and Christmas party on December 17 and its first 2023 monthly meeting on January 21 at the Moose. One of the major topics is preparations for the Fisher House Run March 11 starting at the Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge and ending at the American Legion Post #109. This is the chapter's annual fund raiser for the Fisher House at the Tucson VA Hospital.

Judi Miller Communications Officer,
ABATE of AZ, Southern AZ Chapter

Yavapai Chapter

Hello to all,

We continue to set up our ABATE EZ up for events for membership and our numbers are still going up. Last event was Prescott Trail Riders monthly meeting. Tim Thomas and Dan Toomey updated the group on the latest accomplishments and what's going on at the State Level.

The 14th Meet and Greet went well at Bob's Billiards in Prescott Valley. All Officers were present to meet the members and their friends as they arrived. We all were able to answer their questions and brief them on the latest with ABATE in Arizona and MRF at the national level.

All for now, we are all looking forward to this year's Too Broke event and will our members and officers will be there to help. Congratulations on Sandra Taveres volunteering to be Project Manager.

Cheers for now and safe riding to all.

Tim Thomas Coordinator, Yavapai
Arizona Chapter

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

Celebrating 120 years of the most desired motorcycle brand (continued)

For the first time, Road Glide is available as a 'Trike', though only in select markets; namely US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Even Europe doesn't get this reliable comfy puppy. It's weird because there are already plenty of Road Glide trikes seen on the road – albeit built by some custom builder or the customer himself. Harley-Davidson saw the light shining like freshly mint money and realized the potential of this model as a factory-made trike.

The H-D Road Glide Trike has 18-inch rear wheels, Milwaukee-Eight 114ci engine, fancy infotainment system, Daymaker LED headlights, bobtail read fender, et al.

There is more money than meets the eye. It seems, the H-D research team found that there are young couples in their 20s and 30s desiring a comfortable performance driven trike. So its not just for old people who can't push or pick up a Road Glide!!! We have seen those photos of young Hollywood folks on

Can-Am Spyderys. Well, imagine a couple choosing to experience the engaging of all five senses instead of a sitting 'indoors' in a van or RV? Wouldn't this Road Glide Trike be a dream come true? Factory-fitted, certified, bonafide, under warranty, and guess what, a collectible as well!

The engineers at Harley-Davidson emphasized that people don't realize how much safety and handling is measured and 'incorporated' in their trikes. For example, an extended rake angle makes it harder to tip over. So be careful customizing your brand new models. Use authorized parts and accessories from H-D or the warranty goes far away.

The Nightster Special still has the Revolution Max 975T engine but gets a handlebar riser to compete against Indian Rogue. It also gets a passenger seat. The design team for this one was young and dug into the AMF years of Harley-Davidson Sportster. The 'special' tank on the Nightster Special mim-

icks the logo of that era. Featured in this photo, the Industrial Yellow color makes it look very retro and desirable. You think?

The Freewheeler Trike front end, headlamp nacelle, tank console, hand and foot controls, engine and exhaust all get blacked out. The very opposite direction from the chrome finish this trike had last year. It also gets 18-inch rear-wheels. There are pinstripes with the stylized logo. The effort propels it toward the 'Tourer' range of models.

Softails will be available in the maximum among the limited edition anniversary models. Total of 3,000 Fat Boy units and 1,700 Heritage Classic units. There will be 1,600 units each of the Street Glide Special and Road Glide Special. The Ultra will have 1,300 units out and Tri Glide Ultra trikes will be limited to 1,100 units. CVO Road Glide will be limited to 1,500 units only.

Pricing and availability in various markets will be announced soon.

Of course, these can't be all that's offered. What's happening with the ADV Pan America and the Electric LiveWire? So much more awaited by one and all, especially after the boss announced that H-D will be all-electric in the near future. One can also expect lot of activities at the H-D Museum and for those mortals who can't buy one or more motorcycles, there will surely be 'limited-edition' apparel, tee-shirt tie-ins and new jackets and boots....

The big 120th birthday party itself is slated for July 2023, full of entertainment, festivities, and all things Harley-Davidson. So stay tuned and start counting your cash for the countdown.

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U.S. HOUSE JOINS SENATE IN OPPOSING MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

On December 23, 2022, in one of the last actions of the 117th Congress before adjourning, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H. Res.366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

The House now joins with the U.S. Senate in passing separate resolutions opposing the discretionary profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, defining it as; "motorcyclist profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

Sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), House Resolution 366 garnered 103 bipartisan cosponsors, and is similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by the U.S. Senate in 2018 which likewise urges state law enforcement officials to

condemn the discriminatory policy.

Accordingly, H.Res.366 states; "Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives –
(1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
(2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
(3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials."

Meanwhile, in addition to the federal efforts to prevent anti-biker profiling, the five states of Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019), Idaho (2020) and most recently New Hampshire (2022) have all enacted laws at the state level to curb profiling.

NHTSA CHALLENGED ON ANTI-MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING
On December 20, 2022, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed to a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending measure that will fund the federal government through September, avoiding a government shutdown, but attached within the funding section for the Department of Transportation is language from House Report 117-402 inserted at the request of Rep. Susie Lee (R-NV) that questions

the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about their role in the promulgation of anti-motorcyclist profiling;

"The Committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (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."

SAVE THE PATCH: MONGOLS M/C KEEP THEIR TRADEMARK LOGO
The Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club can keep their trademark logo, a back-patch typically worn on jackets and vests by members, thanks to a Ninth Circuit ruling handed down on January 6, 2023. But the three-judge panel also declined to overturn the 2018 criminal conviction of the organization on federal racketeering charges, reports Courthouse News Service.

Stephen Stubbs, the Mongols general counsel, called the ruling "a victory not only for the Mongols Motorcycle Club, but for all motorcycle clubs, freedom, and America as a whole."

As backdrop to the now-infamous courtroom battle with far-reaching implications for America's biker community; after a decade-long prosecution 77 members were convicted, as was the Mongols organization itself, under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). A federal jury ordered the club be fined \$500,000 and forced to forfeit a large stockpile of vests, guns and ammunition seized by federal agents in raids. The jury also decided the club should forfeit their trademarked patch over to the government.

Months after the verdict, U.S. District Judge David Carter said the Mongols could keep their trademark, ruling that such a forfeiture would violate its First Amendment rights to free speech and association, and would also constitute an excessive fine prohibited by the Eighth Amendment.

Both parties appealed. The Mongols argued the organization wasn't an indictable "person" under the RICO statute. The federal government asked the Ninth Circuit to simply dissolve the Mongols' trademark, effectively allowing anyone to buy and sell products with the design.

In a unanimous opinion, U.S. Circuit Judge Holly Thomas wrote that the RICO law's forfeiture provision only

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ABATE of Arizona Serves to:

- Collaborate with other organizations to

monitor and support funding for practices that do not discriminate against motorcycling.

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

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

Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

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

ABATE accomplishments:

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

DUI offenders

- 2019 Anti-profiling; encouraging prevention Memorial unanimously passed 60-0 in the House
- 2019 Mandatory helmet law with fees attached defeated once again
- 2019 Helped pass the Texting while driving, prohibition and enforcement, statewide hands-free law signed by Governor April 2019
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allows the government to seize property, not destroy it.

Attorney Stubbs applauded the appellate ruling, saying that the "Mongol Nation is thrilled to push back against government overreach and win this important freedom of speech battle, first in the federal district court, and then at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals," and adding that "The Mongol patch is a symbol of the esteemed brotherhood of its members, and the Ninth circuit stood strong against the government's unconstitutional attempt to ban and extinguish important symbolic free speech."

HARLEY-DAVIDSON GOING ALL-ELECTRIC

American motorcycle company Harley-Davidson, known for its large-engine heavyweight cruiser motorcycles, is transitioning to become an all-electric brand, explains its CEO Jochen Zeitz.

"At some point in time, Harley Davidson will be all-electric," he told Dezeen in an interview. "But that's a long-term transition that needs to happen. It's not something you do overnight."

The Motor Company launched its first electric motorcycle in 2018, named LiveWire, and according to Zeitz electrification is the next logical step in the evolution of the brand that was established 120 years ago.

"If you look at the past 120 years, the company has always evolved, never stood still," he said. "Now, like the founders did at the time by trying to reinvent or invent something unique, that's obviously something that we as a company brand need to do as well."

Harley's planned timeline to become fully electric is longer than many other auto companies, however, with several leading car brands stating that they will be all electric by 2030.

WYOMING LAWMAKERS PROPOSE BAN ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A group of GOP Wyoming state lawmakers want to end electric vehicle sales there by 2035, saying the move will help safeguard the oil and gas industries, which employ thousands of people in the state.

The measure, introduced to the state legislature on January 13, was sponsored by six state legislators, who said in it that electric vehicles will hinder Wyoming's ability to trade with other states. According to "The Hill," the bill states that citizens and industries would be encouraged not to purchase electric vehicles before the ban goes into effect.

"The proliferation of electric vehicles at the expense of gas-powered vehicles will have deleterious impacts on Wyoming's communities and will be detrimental to Wyoming's economy and the ability for the country to efficiently engage in commerce," the bill reads. The legislation further states that adding new power charging stations would require "massive" amounts of new power to "sustain the misadventure of electric vehicles."

Fifteen other states, meanwhile, including New York and California, have moved to ban gas-powered vehicle sales.

UGANDA TO GIVE RIDERS A FREE ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE

Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni is looking to go green, by handing out a free electric motorcycle to all of the region's riders. President Museveni is planning on tackling pollution by providing riders with a completely free electric motorbike, including the region's 100,000+ Boda-Boda riders, who are self-employed motorcycle taxis.

The system will be a trade-in, with riders swapping their current petrol bike for a new fully electric motorcycle, and the government is installing a network of charging stations across the country to support the move.

With around 70 percent of East Africa's transport being handled by lightweight small-capacity bikes, the scheme looks set to remove many of those machines from the region's roads.

LEGENDARY MOTORCYCLE DAREDEVIL ROBBIE KNieVEL -- R.I.P.

'Captain Robbie Knievel' followed his famous daredevil father, Evel Knievel, into the high-flying, bone-shattering world of motorcycle stunts, going on to break all of his dad's jump records

and even successfully clearing the fountains at Caesars Palace that famously nearly killed the elder stuntman. Decked out in star-spangled leathers, Robbie Knievel landed more than 350 jumps over a death-defying 30-year career, and he died January 13, 2023 of pancreatic cancer at his home in Reno, Nevada at age 60.

FORMER MOTORCYCLE RACER AND OTHER YOUNG ATHLETES 'DIE SUDDENLY'

A former NFL defensive tackle and a champion motorcycle racer are the latest examples of apparently healthy people dying suddenly amid evidence the COVID-19 mRNA shots are causing serious heart damage at a rate exponentially higher than for previous vaccines.

Citing the available scientific evidence, an article on WND.com claims that "Prominent cardiologists tie alarming trend to COVID shots" and they believe the best explanation for the rampant "sudden and unexpected" deaths and cardiac events in otherwise healthy people, such as 35-year-old Keith Farmer, a four-time British motorcycle racing champion, and 45-year-old Adrian Dingle, who spent five seasons with the San Diego Chargers, is the COVID-19 vaccines.

In the past, long before the COVID vaccines, athletes who died suddenly typically were diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an abnormal thickening of the heart, or premature heart blockage. Nowadays, athletes are thoroughly screened to rule out those conditions.

Peer-reviewed literature shows the vaccines can cause myocarditis, the article reports, which is an inflammation of the heart wall that can lead to heart failure and sudden death.

STURGIS CHARITABLE DONATIONS SURPASS \$2 MILLION

Motorcyclists who took part in the Sturgis Buffalo Chip charity events for 2022 raised a generous \$400,000 for Veterans, charities for children and the community. The figure pushes the grand total that Sturgis Buffalo Chip has raised for charity during the Sturgis Rally to over \$2.1 million.

"We are continually blown away by our guests' desire to give back," said Rod Woodruff, president of Sturgis Buffalo Chip. "People from all over come here to let loose and have a fun vacation, and yet they still take the time and spend their hard-earned dollars to give through Buffalo Chip charity events. With the help of all our friends, we've raised over \$2 million to help children, injured American war veterans and our local community. Just two years ago, we broke the million-dollar mark, and now we're over two million. We are so blessed to be part of the giving spirit of the motorcycle community."

END OF THE ROAD FOR MAYANS M.C.

The titular Santo Padre biker club is calling it quits, as it's been announced that the TV series "Mayans M.C." is set to ride off into the sunset at the end of its upcoming fifth season. The news comes from FX network boss John Landgraf during an executive session at the Television Critics' Association winter press tour.

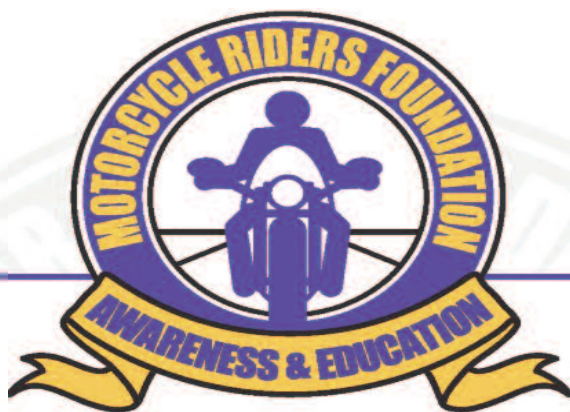
The "Sons of Anarchy" spinoff, which originally premiered on the network in 2008 and lasted until 2014, centers on a fictional motorcycle gang on the California-Mexico border, and it's set two and a half years after the events of 'Sons'.

2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 38th annual Convention is scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of fellow concerned riders from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders, with agenda items dealing with legal and legislative issues affecting all motorcyclists, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists as they become available.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Daredevils don't live easy lives."

~ Kelly Knievel, brother of 'Captain Robbie Knievel' (05/07/62 - 01/13/23)



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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

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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A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona Announces New Board Chairman ~ Rick Ferguson

By Mary K. Donnay and Betsy Newkirk,
AZ Rider Motorcycle News
January 15, 2023

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc. is proud to announce Richard "Rick" Ferguson, our 2023-2024 Chairman of Board of Directors. Rick, his wife Maja – a designer and stager, plus their two children Benjamin and Madeline are

Realtors® within the Coldwell Banker Realty network. Their well-orchestrated team is the Ferguson Approach <https://fergusonapproach.com> serving clients in the Southeast Valley of Phoenix Arizona.

Rick is a former military officer (US Army Field Artillery). He is also retired from the corporate consulting world; with emphasis on management, sales and mar-

keting. He has extensive experience as a former lobbyist for a large pharmaceutical corporation. Rick is extremely organized and methodical, and brings a high level of positivity to his relationships.

When not working, Rick loves riding motorcycles with his kids and friends. He is an active member of A.B.A.T.E. East Valley Chapter and American Legion

Riders, as well as a Commissioner on American Motorcyclist Assoc. (AMA) Recreational Road Riding Commission.

Please welcome Rick to the A.B.A.T.E. family. He may be reached at (480) 359-1004 or via email at chairman@abateofaz.org or rick@fergusonapproach.com



Vance & Hines Launches New Limited Production Handmade Stainless Steel Air Intake

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Vance & Hines Launches New Limited Production Handmade 90-Degree Stainless Steel Air Intake, Inspired by Popularity of Custom, Performance Baggers

Santa Fe Springs CA – January 19, 2023 – Vance & Hines today announced the VO2 Falcon Stainless, a limited production, hand-welded, 90-degree stainless steel air intake, inspired by the

handmade exhaust systems that are common on the top professional and street race bikes. The intake fits all Milwaukee 8-powered Harley-Davidson motorcycles from 117ci motors down to 107ci, except those with fairing lowers.

The VO2 Falcon Stainless is manufactured by Vance & Hines welders in Santa Fe Springs using high grade, 304 stainless steel tube and is hand TIG welded from pie-cut segments. The process yields a striking array of color

and pairs perfectly with a stainless steel 2-1 exhaust system, like the Vance & Hines Hi-Output RR. The system includes a precision CNC-machined, billet aluminum winged mounting plate and an integrated breather assembly. It features the same slant-nosed, high volume oil-media air filter that is used across the VO2 Falcon Lineup.

“High performance baggers, inspired by King of the Baggers and BRL, are the hottest Harley customizing trend around

the world,” said Mike Kennedy, president of Vance & Hines. ” This new limited-production product not only delivers great air flow, but is the finishing touch to a great looking, go-fast bagger.”

Refer: www.vanceandhines.com

The VO2 Falcon Stainless retails for \$749.99 and will be available in February 2023.

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Events Calendar

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Saturdays Jan-Apr'23 { 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15 }:
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Sundays January 2023 { 1/8, 1/22 }:
Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet 9:30a, Kickstands up at 10a. 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, mit-erangers@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, yca-bateaz@gmail.com

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

Wednesdays in January 2023:
Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride

with our HOG Members. Meet 9:30a, Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: SHD-HOG hotline 480-346-0626, main 480-346-0600, Info@superstitionhog.com
<https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/>

2/4 {Sat} 2nd annual Be The Miracle Ride for The Bridge For Community Services {FCS}. Presented by K2 Electric & the Ascendants MC. Ride starts/ends at Desert Wind HD, 922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa. Registration opens at 9am. \$25/pilot, \$10/passenger includes lunch 11-3pm. Award ceremony at 3pm. \$250 high hand, \$100 low hand. Live music & lots of fun! All proceeds benefit The Bridge FCS. FMI: ascendantsmc@yahoo.com ; www.thebridgefcs.org

2/26 {Sun} Ladies Day at Lucky Strike Cycles, 1121 S Wilbur Street, Suite 1, Mesa 85210. Come learn about the care and maintenance of your bike from Striker and other industry professionals. Starts 1pm. Hotdog lunch provided. Raffles & more. RSVP: 480-398-0457, text 602-718-6767, or Paige@LuckyStrikeCycles.com

3/29-4/2 {Wed-Sun} 26th annual AZ Bike Week at WestWorld in Scottsdale.

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

Choose Wisely

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

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

The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation Financial Assistance Helmet Program

How it works

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- \$50.00 tax deductible donation is required to AMSAF at time of application.
- Voucher and promo code is only valid toward one (1) Helmet purchase.
- Dealer will credit individual up front at time of purchase and invoice AMSAF.



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

State Safety

You have a choice. Ride your ride. You decide. Thanks to ABATE we still have choices in how and what we Ride. Morbid thought
 How likely is a motorcycle death?
 The national fatality rate was just under 5 percent, meaning that the odds of surviving a motorcycle crash are just over 95 percent. There are over 8 million registered motorcycles in the United States. Only one in every 1,600 motorcyclists will die in a crash. Not up for debate just information.
 Motorcycle safety tips

- Take a safety course. ...(there are scholarships available)
 - Check the weather before heading out. ...(conditions change, let's be smart)
 - Wear motorcycle gear. ...(choice is yours, for me the works)
 - Inspect your motorcycle before each ride. ... (TCLOCK from last months article)
 - Obey traffic rules, use your signals and drive the speed limit.
 - Be visible. ...(braids, helmet covers, bright colors)
 - Be observant and watch for road hazards. ...(be ever vigilant, head in the game)
 - Stay at a safe distance. (know your bike)
 - First-aid kit (I can help you get in contact with one)
 - Take an advanced rider course (there are scholarships)
- Added thought from recent article that was sent to me by a friend, there is controversy out there. People are writing articles about just about anything and they are gaining support. There was a recent

article correlating the Covid vaccine (lack there of) to reckless behavior and car accidents, and it said one was more likely to be in a car accident if you did not get the Covid vaccine. I do not believe this but this is the junk that is getting published. We need to be ever vigilant to protect our rights, as freedom fighters of ABATE ARIZONA. Just an after thought maybe we need to collectively work on writing evidence based articles about motorcycle riding and culture and safety.

New Business Member Spotlight

Introducing Dobson Lakes Family Chiropractic, owners Dr. Anthony and Erin Bozicevic. Anthony and Erin have been owners of Dobson Lakes Family Chiropractic since 1996. Anthony and Erin and two of their three sons, Nathan and Jacob, are all avid motorcyclists and are proud to be one of East Valley Chapter's newest A.B.A.T.E. business members. Soon one day their youngest son, Zachary will be riding with them. Dobson Lakes was also a sponsor of the 2022 Too Broke for Sturgis Rally.

Anthony and Erin met working their part time jobs while taking undergrad classes for chiropractic and nursing at Arizona State University(Go Devils!) and Mesa Community College. They moved to Davenport, Iowa in 1991 and both graduated with their degrees in 1995 from Palmer College of Chiropractic and Scott Community College. They moved back to Arizona and started their lives together as husband and wife that same year. They opened the doors in August of 1996 and have been treating and healing patients, such as East Valley's Silk family mem-

bers ever since. In 2010 Anthony and Erin got their first motorcycle and started riding in fund raisers and poker runs. They are active in the motorcycling community by helping to organize and sponsor Chandler Regional Hospital Cancer Center's benefit rides for the past five years.

Riding a motorcycle has been a great experience for them. Thru their benefit rides, they have met many more passionate riders and have expanded their friendships with even more riders.

If you spend a lot of time cruising on your bike and need to get your aching back taken care of, Dobson Lakes Family Chiropractic would like to see you and get you back on the road!

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More Events!

These event listings should be of something that is related to ABATE, its business members, and individual members.

First of all, I am not in support of listing events which are the sole benefits any particular dealership or business that isn't an ABATE supporter. The events maybe of a great cause but if they leave from a business or a dealership that doesn't support ABATE why are we giving them the exposure for free? SSHD nor Desert Wind doesn't promote ABATE of Arizona nor advertise their events so why should we be doing this.

These are events which are sponsored by ABATE business or club members that I would like to see added:

East Valley Chapter Bike Night Membership Booth at Mesa Cycle Gear – 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 5p.m. Join your fellow ABATE members and promote ABATE and its membership benefits.

American Legion Post 138 Annual Ride for Love, Saturday February 11th at 8am. Join Post 138 for their Annual Ride for Love.

Registration is \$25 per first rider +\$10 per passenger. Meal included with registration. Live Music!, Raffles!, and Auctions! This is a benefit for Zaydee This brave little girl and her family have been through so much. Zaydee was born with serious medical conditions which require ongoing medical care and additional surgeries. Her medical care has been and is extensive and expensive.

East Valley Membership Booth at Post 35 Bike Night, January 28th from 6pm til 10pm. Join your fellow ABATE members and promote ABATE and its membership benefits

Pawn Stars Poker Run, Sponsored by East Valley Chapter Club member, Old Koots on Skoots, February 18th. OKOS is proud to sponsor the FIRST EVER Pawn Stars Poker Run in ARIZONA on Saturday, February 18, 2023 to benefit the Hundley Foundation. Pawn Stars, Rick Harrison, will lead bikers through the Metro Phoenix Area on the Poker Run. Participants must visit five checkpoints along the way. The object is to have the best or worst hand at the end of the run.

Ride starts: Superstition Harley

Davidson, Apache Junction, AZ

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Kick Stands Up: 10:00 a.m.

Last Bike In & Time to Party: 3:00 p.m.

Food & Drinks, DJ, Live Music, Door Prizes and more! For more information go to www.bit.ly/pokerrunaz.com

East Valley Chapter Membership Booth at COPs Classic Car and Bike Show at Poston Butte HS on March 25th. 9a.m til 2pm. Join your fellow ABATE members and promote ABATE and its membership benefits

East Valley member shares her training class story

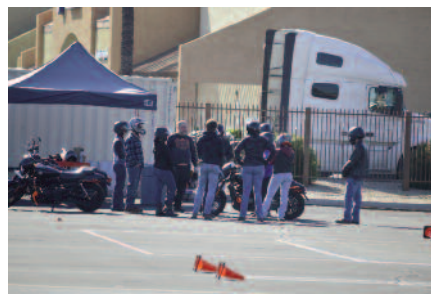
There are many different ways to learn to ride a motorcycle. You can have a friend teach you, you can take the DMV test and learn from the book, or you can take a motorcycle training course from a safety organization. Statistically, you are much more likely to be in a serious motorcycle

accident if your only training has come from a friend or family member. You are much safer and better equipped if you take a training course from a safety school like the one I attended at Desert Wind Harley Davidson dealer. It was well worth it.

After almost eight years as a passenger it was time to apply for the MRF grant money and hope for good weather to spend it on. Mark, Albert and Chelsey did a fantastic job putting the class together. My group of twelve did a good job of

completing the course and now it's time to practice and get out and ride.

Jennifer Silk- East Valley Chapter



Bike Week and Biketoberfest may be changing

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

by Eileen Zaffiro-Kean, The Daytona Beach News-Journal

Daytona Beach city commissioners batted around possible changes to Bike Week and Biketoberfest at a meeting last week, and next month local residents will have a chance to share their ideas on what they think would improve the two biker parties.

If commissioners do decide to tweak any rules, it wouldn't impact this year's Bike Week, which runs from March 3-12.

Here are four things city commissioners are contemplating changing for the future:

Approved biker rally locations could change

The city has a map that shows where it's OK to have Bike Week and Biketoberfest activities such as bands playing on outdoor stages and itinerant vendors selling everything from turkey legs to jewelry.

The map still shows some streets that no

longer have Bike Week and Biketoberfest festivities, such as Beach Street between Bay Street and the Main Street bridge, included in the areas eligible for special privileges during the events. And the map shows streets such as International Speedway Boulevard east of the Halifax River, where at least some business owners want the right to have vendors and paid parking lots during the two annual biker parties, outside the approved areas.

Commissioners will decide if they want to redraw the map to officially exclude some areas that once drew big crowds during the biker celebrations, and add new areas that could join the party.

Daytona Beach yards could become paid parking lots

City Commissioner Ken Strickland, whose zone includes the beachside north of Seabreeze Boulevard, has thrown out the idea to let homeowners who live near Main Street and Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard sell parking spots in their yards during Bike Week and Biketoberfest.

Strickland wants to give residents who put up with noise and other unpleasanties that come with the biker parties a chance to make a little money. He also wants to make it less lucrative to let a vacant lot sit empty all year except when it's being used by people willing to pay for a parking spot during Bike Week and Biketoberfest.

A few city commissioners have expressed concerns about the idea, and some of them said they would like Police Chief Jakari Young to weigh in on it.

Parking lot standards could change

Commissioners have also discussed whether parking should be allowed on unimproved lots during Bike Week and Biketoberfest. They've talked about whether the lots should meet city standards for lighting, irrigation, landscaping, level surfaces and drainage.

Deputy City Manager Jim Morris said it can get expensive to meet city codes for permanent parking lots, and land owners would probably look at the amount of money they invested and drop any plans

for using the property for new development.

City Commissioner Stacy Cantu maintains that the beachside severely lacks adequate parking, and she would prefer to see the city relax its parking lot standards to create more available spaces.

Vendor buildings could face code crack-down

The commissioners' examination of biker event policies could also lead to more buildings coming into code compliance, and becoming more attractive to year-round tenants. Currently, businesses that want to operate in a building year-round have to bring it into full compliance, but the structures Bike Week and Biketoberfest vendors rent for only a week or two just have to meet fire codes and other life safety standards.

Some buildings vendors use, for example, don't have handicap-accessible entrances and restrooms.

H-D1 Marketplace now accepting Private-party listings

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

MILWAUKEE (January 18, 2023) – H-D1™ Marketplace, the largest online marketplace for pre-owned Harley-Davidson listings, is taking the exciting step to connect a wider range of riders to their next bikes by accepting private-party listings of pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycles. This will be the first time that individual customers will be able to list their motorcycle for sale on H-D1™ Marketplace. All motorcycles listed for sale may be viewed by the thousands of customers visiting the H-D1™ Marketplace website. Customers who are interested in purchasing a bike from the H-D1™ Marketplace can either contact the private party seller or the dealer directly through the site. Rider-to-Rider financing options are available to customers purchasing from a private party, in addition to in-dealership financ-

ing.

“H-D1 Marketplace has redefined online marketplace for pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycles,” said Jochen Zeitz, Chairman, CEO and President, Harley-Davidson. “This new private-party feature will bring together even more buyers and sellers of Harley bikes. This is our next step in building the ultimate online home for the sale and purchase of pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycles.”

Private-party listings on H-D1™ Marketplace will be limited to Harley-Davidson models located in the United States. Each listing will include photos and details about the motorcycle. All bikes will also be validated by VIN and go through a review-and-approval process before the listing is launched.

About H-D1™ Marketplace

H-D1™ Marketplace was created in July 2021 to provide consumers with the most-comprehensive opportunity to search, experience, sell, customize and purchase used H-D® motorcycles from the inventories of participating authorized Harley-Davidson dealers. Today H-D1™ Marketplace offers the largest selection of dealer pre-owned H-D® motorcycles in the United States, with more than 34,000 listings by 540 participating U.S. Harley-Davidson® Dealers.

Currently focused on the USA, H-D1™ Marketplace showcases the entire selection of pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycles from participating dealers, and now also those offered by private parties. H-D1™ Marketplace is the only place to easily search for H-D Certified™ motorcycles, the ultimate in pre-owned

Harley-Davidson® motorcycles. Through the “Sell My Bike” feature, customers are able to sell their motorcycles directly into the Harley-Davidson® dealer network. Supported by Harley-Davidson Financial Services, H-D1™ Marketplace customers have access to innovative, industry-leading financing solutions, to make purchasing even easier. For complete details on making a private-party listing, go to H-D1™ Marketplace.

Go to H-D.com to learn more about the complete line of 2023 Harley-Davidson Grand American Touring, Sport, Adventure Touring, Cruiser and Trike motorcycles, Harley-Davidson Certified™ pre-owned motorcycles, Harley-Davidson Genuine Motor Parts & Accessories, Harley-Davidson MotorClothes and gear, and Harley-Davidson Financial Services.



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HANG ON FOR THE TRUTH--

Wyoming wants to phase out sales of new EVs by 2035

It's a symbolic gesture aimed at states like California.

While jurisdictions like California and New York move toward banning the sale of new gasoline-powered cars, one US state wants to go in the opposite direction. Wyoming's legislature is considering a resolution that calls for a phaseout of new electric vehicle sales by 2035. Introduced on Friday, Senate Joint Resolution 4 has support from members of the state's House of Representatives and Senate.

In the proposed resolution, a group of lawmakers led by Senator Jim Anderson says Wyoming's "proud and valued" oil and gas industry has created "countless" jobs and contributed revenue to the state's coffers. They add that a lack of charging infrastructure within Wyoming would make the widespread use of EVs "impracticable" and that the state would need to build "massive amounts of new power generation" to "sustain the misadventure of electric vehicles."

SJ4 calls for residents and businesses to limit the sale and purchase of EVs voluntarily, with the goal of phasing them out entirely by 2035. If passed, the resolution would be entirely symbolic. In fact, it's more about sending a message to EV advocates than banning the vehicles altogether. To that point, the final section of SJ4 calls for Wyoming's Secretary of

State to send President Biden and California Governor Gavin Newsom copies of the resolution.

"One might even say tongue-in-cheek, but obviously it's a very serious issue that deserves some public discussion," Senator Boner, one of the bill's co-sponsors, told the Cowboy State Daily. "I'm interested in making sure that the solutions that some folks want to the so-called climate crisis are actually practical in real life. I just don't appreciate when other states try to force technology that isn't ready."

While the resolution has the markings of a political stunt, it does allude to genuine economic anxiety. Wyoming produced 85.43 million barrels of oil in 2021, making it the country's eighth-largest crude oil producer that year. The state's Carbon County is also home to one of the largest wind farms in the US. Something that's not talked about enough when it comes to climate change is how the world transitions to a zero-emissions economy in an equitable way.

People in many rural US states are rightfully mistrustful of so-called green technologies because they haven't benefited from more recent technological shifts as much as their urban counterparts. Take the advent of the internet, for instance. In 2018, Microsoft found that many rural communities don't have access to broadband internet. That's something that has contributed to diminishing economic opportunities in those places.

Igor Bonifacic

Weekend Editor

Happy Motorcycle New Year
It's that time of year and Mecum is right around the corner. That means it's time for the annual Mecum gathering of motorcycle industry friends!

This annual event typically put on by Marilyn Stemp & Penny Osieki. This year in Marilyn's absence I am stepping up to help & we're teaming up with Tara of Main Street Moto to bring you a fun evening that will take place at Main Street Moto.

Dazzlin of Full Throttle Law & a Open Road Radio Las Vegas 1400 AM KSHP co-host will be there and is sponsoring the hors d'oeuvre's table for everyone, and open bar.

We'll have LIVE Acoustic Music, Raffles and a Free Goodie Bag.

Here are the details:
Date: Wednesday, January 25th
Time: 6PM to 9PM
Location: Main Street Moto - 831 S. Main Street Las Vegas, NV 89101

About the venue:
Main Street Moto is located in the Arts District of Downtown Las Vegas. Main Street Moto is a reputable boutique style motorcycle shop and go-to for vintage bike repairs. They have also been hosting the local monthly Vintage Bike Night for the past 12 years.

We hope you can join us for complimentary food, drinks and live music.

Please RSVP to this email or Gina's Cell Phone @ 630.460.6686 no later than January 20th.

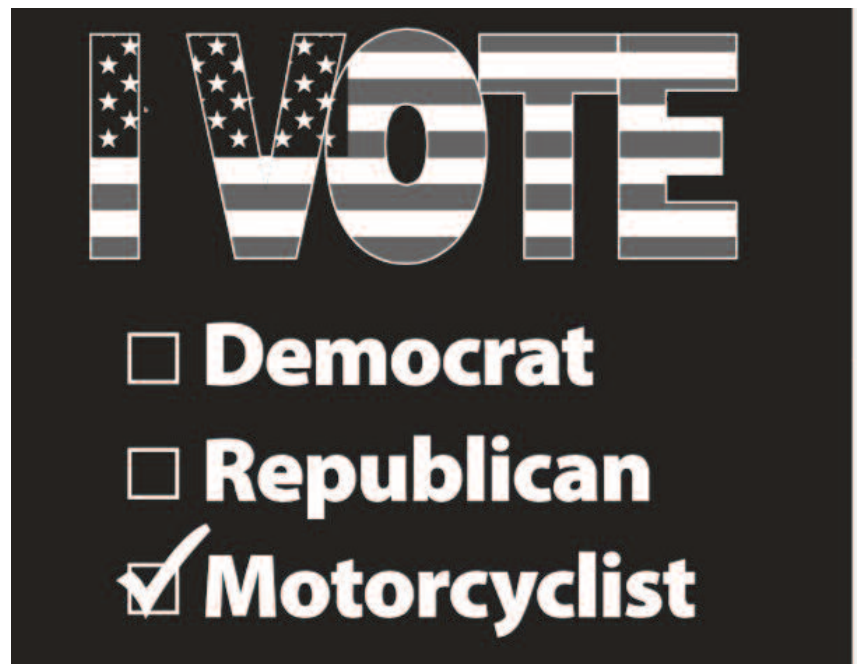
Please find the invite attached to this email.

Kindest regards,
--Gina, Penny and Tara

NEWS FROM WHEELS THROUGH TIME MUSEUM--

If you've been keeping up with our social media, you know that we've been keeping our hands covered in dirty layers of history all winter long in our shop. The two big projects on the bench right now are both Harley-Davidson Knuckleheads, a 41 and 39. Our plan for these two machines has them ending in very different places, the 41 will be restored, while the 39 will be left with its lovely patina intact.

With an engine in the chassis of the '39, it is time for finishing details to move forward. In our most recent YouTube video, Matt repaired holes in the gas tank and finally unboxed the ultra-rare '39-only rhino grain saddlebags. On the '41 project, Matt and the crew spent many hours in the shop prepping for paint and plating, and now parts are starting to come back. Be sure to follow along to see more updates on these stunning machines!



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The purpose of the Masterlink is to provide you, the reader, with access to information that supports the mission of ABATE of Arizona, which is essentially to promote motorcyclists and

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Wyoming Republicans Propose Ban on Electric Car Sales

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A group of Republican state legislators in Wyoming have proposed a ban on electric vehicles in the state until 2035 in an

attempt to protect the oil and gas industries.

The bill, which was introduced on Friday, states: "The proliferation of electric vehicles at the expense of gas-powered vehicles will have deleterious impacts on Wyoming's communities and will be detrimental to Wyoming's economy and the ability for the country to efficiently engage in commerce."

Wyoming state Sen. Jim Anderson, a

Republican and one of the bill's sponsors, told The Cowboy State Daily that the legislation came after several states moved to ban the sale of gas combustion cars, and noted that if the measure passes, "The Legislature would be saying, 'If you don't like our petroleum cars, well, we don't like your electric cars.'"

Co-sponsor Sen. Brian Boner said that the resolution would be a symbolic measure, but that it would still be meaningful.

"One might even say tongue-in-cheek, but obviously it's a very serious issue that deserves some public discussion," Boner said.

"I'm interested in making sure that the solutions that some folks want to the so-called climate crisis are actually practical in real life," he added. "I just don't appreciate when other states try to force technology that isn't ready."

Is Royal Enfield Releasing Major Updates To Its 650 Range For 2024?

by Enrico Punsalang from

<https://www.rideapart.com>

Most interesting of all would have to be a sportier Continental GT 650.

Ever since their debut back in 2018, the Continental 650 and Interceptor 650 pretty much propelled Royal Enfield to the global spotlight. Prior to the launch of these bikes, the brand had a decent footprint in Europe and Asia, with its retro-style machines being a favorite among classic aficionados. While the 650 Twins are well and truly classic in nature, they brought fairly modern performance technology to the equation.

Naturally, a motorcycle with modern-day

amenities such as ABS, electronic fuel-injection, and most of all, reliability, is something that anyone can appreciate. Throw in classic styling and an ultra-affordable price tag, and what you have is a recipe for success. Indeed, in the past five years of the bikes' existence, Royal Enfield has somehow managed to continue raking in sales by just updating colors and releasing special editions every now and then.

As such, it isn't at all surprising that the rumor mills have once again been churning. Word around the block is that RE is gearing up to drop major updates on the 650 model range, particularly to the sporty Continental GT. These updates

may indeed be foreshadowed by the components we see in the Super Meteor 650. At this point, it's important to note that Royal Enfield has yet to release any information on the upcoming 650 range, so the best we can do is speculate. Nevertheless, multiple sources suggest that the bike will break cover in time for the 2024 model year.

So, what exactly can we expect? Well, our friends at VisorDown have an interesting prediction, and it's that the upcoming Continental GT 650 will be equipped with alloy wheels, and possibly even the inverted front forks found on the Super Meteor. Should the new generation Cafe Racer be equipped with these compo-

nents, chances are it'll directly translate lower unsprung weight, which means better handling. Alloy wheels also mean tubeless tires, which also mean more options when it comes to replacing tires for performance purposes.

The Continental GT has long been involved in the world of motorsports, with Royal Enfield launching a one-make racing series focusing on the sporty classic. Indeed, if these updates come into fruition, they could make the new Continental GT 650 Royal Enfield's most performance-focused model to date.



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Documentation of Discrimination

DATE: _____ Business Phone _____

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT: _____

BUSINESS PHONE (with area code): _____

BUSINESS - FULL ADDRESS: _____

NAME / POSITION OF PERSON ENFORCING POLICY: _____

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

YOUR NAME (please print): _____

YOUR PHONE (with area code): _____

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

*** INCLUDE ANY PICTURES OF DISCRIMINATING SIGNS POSTED ***

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists NCOM- (800) 525-5355
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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
AWARENESS & EDUCATION
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: _____

POSITION (State/Local SMRO Presiding Officer): _____

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The Biker's Code

<https://www.bikernet.com>

Used to be all bikers shared a common bond, and unspoken code of respect, loyalty, and integrity that transcended words, and was built on actions.

There was never a bible written on this code, and there was no need for such. But the times are a-changin', and there seems to be a lot of new riders out there. These days the riders you see blatin' down the road are just as likely to be clad in shorts and sneakers as jeans and engineer boots.

And the roughest, toughest-looking biker, you pull up next to could be your doctor or a lawyer, and may be wearin' a Rolex watch under his or her leathers.

There's nothing wrong with that, as long as these new riders learn the code, just as us old-timers did.

Being a biker used to be about using your creativity to take a basket case old hawg, and using only grit and ingenuity, turning it into a one-of-a-kind eye dazzler, then risking your life riding a bike on the asphalt you built yourself, out of pride,

and bikers wrenched their own bikes, 'cause no one was gonna do it for 'em.

Bikers wore leather because they knew cagers would just as soon run them down as look at 'em, so they had to be intimidating. We were a breed unto ourselves, with no union, no support group, and in many cases no family (they threw us out), other than one another we had no one, and when we called a man brother, or a woman sister, we meant it.

We made it in a world of our own,

against all rules, mainstream society, and against all odds. We survived and prospered because we had a code, the bikers code, and we never took bullshit or disrespect from anybody.

As an old scooter bro once said, "It's every tramps job to school the young, and teach 'em to never disrespect the brotherhood, are they'll never live long enuff to figure out how to change the oil in their brand new motorcycle." With that in mind, the following is "the basic bikers code."

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