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Michael Infanzon
 Legislative Director

2023 – Fifty-sixth Legislature – 1st Regular Session
 Every session brings new obstacles and challenges, and the upcoming session will be no different. With so many new legislators this session, the “getting to know you” learning curve will take a while. I am glad we have been attending events throughout the election cycle to get to know most of the new freshman legislators.

With the new year, new legislature,

new blah blah blah... I wanted to share a few goals I have for the 2023 session.

Obviously getting our legislative agenda passed into law. Some of those close to me find it funny how I try to get bills passed unanimously. That’s my ultimate goal.

Have all of our members be signed up for email legislative alerts and registered for the RTS system.

Increase the membership of ABATE to 1% of the motorcycle riders in Arizona. That would be approx. 3500 members total.

See! Three goals. I could use your help on all three of these. Be involved with your chapters. Talk to your chapter PAC and membership folks. If your chapter doesn’t have that role filled, think about stepping up and filling the role yourself.

PAC officer training at the State Officer training will cover these three areas in detail. Even if you aren’t a chapter officer, I’d encourage you to show up.

Be good to one another!



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Coyote Pass Chapter

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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

Coordinator.....Joe Silk , email: miterangers@msn.com, phone: 480-628-8598
 Vice Coordinator.....Stacy "Liberty" Baldwin
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 Treasurer.....Cliff Prentice
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 Events Coordinator.....Stacy Baldwin
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 Membership.....Joe Silk
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The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the American Legion Post 138(107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282, SE Corner area of Broadway and Mill). Post 138 opens around 9a.m. and serves a great inexpensive buffet breakfast before and after our meeting. Come and hang out before or after the meeting! Riders of all types of bikes, non-riders, and non-members are always welcomed to attend!

Mohave Chapter

1451 E. Ruby Trail
 Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

Coordinator.....Tom "Papa Smurf: Aydt
 Vice-CoodinatorGeorge "Jungle George" Payntar
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 Membership.....Cynde Aydt
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 P.A.C.....Dennis Lange
 Communications Officer.....Rebecca Morgan
 Safety Coordinator.....Christine Allen
 Merchandise Coordinator.....Shirley "Moonshine" Bizub

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

High Country Chapter

605 W. Arabian Way
 Payson AZ 85541

Coordinator.....Barry 'Double B' Bell
 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.....Barry 'Double B' Bell
 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 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

Southern Arizona Chapter

Coordinator.....Jeremy Krauss
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 Secretary.....Monica Byrne
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 Membership.....Jim Butsback
 Events Coordinator.....Robert "Gizmo" Welton
 Safety Coordinator.....Darron Huntington
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 Communications.....William Cleveland
 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 October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim Butsback (520)247-3051 or jimbutsback@yahoo.com

Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

P.O. Box 54041
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 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 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020. FMI: Chapter Coordinator Nolan Steed

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465 E Liana Dr.
 Chino Valley, AZ 86323

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 Vice Coordinator.....Dan Tuney
 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.....Deborah Butitta
 Communications.....Angela Buchler
 Merchandise.....Vacant

Meet us at for the VFW's very reasonably priced and tasty dinner.We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott 86301. 11:00 to socialize, meeting starts by 11:00.

For more information. Contact ycabateaz@gmail.com or call Dan @ 928-308-9911. See us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz/. Meet us at 5 for the VFW's very reasonably priced and tasty dinner.

Yuma Chapter

11316 S. Glenwood Ave.
 Yuma, AZ 85367

Coordinator.....Alex R. Montez (Sidetrack) RRMCMC
 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

NHTSA Put on Notice Regarding the Profiling of Motorcyclist

12/23/2022

This week, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed to a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending package that funds the federal government through September 2023 and avoids a government shutdown. Attached to that 4,155-page bill is a request by Congress to learn more about the profiling of motorcyclists.

Within the funding section for the Department of

Transportation, language was included that states: 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.

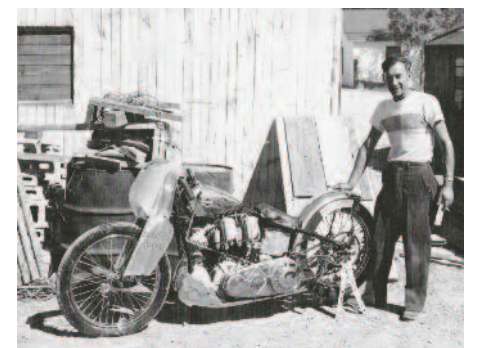
For years the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has worked to address the profiling of motorcyclists.

We believe this action by Congress is an important step that will continue the dialogue on this topic. We cannot thank Rep. Susie Lee of Nevada enough for her leadership on this issue. Her willingness to seek answers from NHTSA is why this language was included in the final bill.

We hope that when NHTSA responds to the request from Congress, we will have more information to share with you.

Thank you for your continued support of biker rights and the MRF.

As always Ride Safe and Ride Free.



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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



Greetings Fellow Freedom Fighters!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Great Holiday Season! This year looks to be a very good year for ABATE of Arizona and the 8 Chapters in our state. There are several upcoming events that we are looking forward to.

First there is the opening day of the Arizona Legislature in January. It would be great to see as many motorcyclists as possible to be at the Capitol to let the new legislature know that we are involved and willing to make

make our voices heard. We have a new Governor so there may be big doings. We will let everyone know when we find out what is happening.

Motorcycle Day at the Dome is put on by the State Motorcycle rights organizations here in Arizona, ABATE of Arizona being one of them. We have not yet received an assigned date from the State as I am writing this. It is a day set aside for motorcyclists from all around the state to ride to the Capitol and set appointments to meet with their legislators and let them know the issues that are important to us and to get them to support us. All the SMROs are involved. ALL ABATE members are urged to attend and to contact their Representatives and Senators. If you cannot make it to the Capitol please be sure and call or email you Legislators that you wish them to meet with the motorcyclists who are in attendance.

Also coming up is the annual BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY! This is put hosted by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in May. Every year Motorcycle Freedom Fighters from all over the United States converge on Washington DC in May to walk the halls of Congress and meet with the Senators and Congressmen in order to further the legislation that is important to motorcyclists on a Federal level. This is an amazing event. As it gets closer more information will be coming out. Many of our membership are also members of the MRF which works on a National Level for us. I encourage ALL ABATE of Arizona members to join the MRF and support their work. Most of our ABATE Chapters are also MRF Sustaining Members and

if your Chapter is not please ask your Chapter Officers why not and how your Chapter can become a Sustaining Member of the MRF.

This past November the State Officers and the Board of Directors hosted our Holiday/Christmas Party and Social. This was a great way to get our ABATE members from various Chapters to come together and socialize and just enjoy a little Holiday Happiness. I feel that this was a great success. We had a good turnout, and we are going to look into doing more of these types of events throughout the year. I feel it is important for members of the different Chapters around the state to get to know each other and to spend time together. It seems that the only time we get to do this is at Too Broke for Sturgis and most of us are way too busy working and putting on the event to enjoy each other's company.

We are an all volunteer organization and as any such group we depend on our members to step up and fill officer positions and various chairman jobs etc. Without all the dedicate individuals who donate their time and talents, the great work we accomplish could not be done. So thank you to every member who has stepped up to fill an officer position in their chapter or who has volunteered to work a membership table at an event or made phone calls and sent emails etc. Without you we would cease to exist.

The strength of an organization like ABATE of Arizona is its membership. Without members we cannot accomplish the good work that we try and

do. It takes many hands pulling on the rope to get the job done. I want to thank all of the members of ABATE of Arizona for being here and supporting the cause of motorcycle rights here in Arizona. If you think we are doing a good job please tell your friends and other riders you encounter what we do and who we are and encourage them to join. If for some reason you feel we are not doing what we should or you know an area we may want to look into please contact any of the State officers or any of your Chapter officers and pass the information on to us.

The ABATE Officers training will be held on Saturday January 7th, at the Arizona American Italian Club, 7509 N 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ. I want to invite all members to attend this training. If you are not an officer of your chapter but would like to learn more about the different positions and what they entail this is the perfect opportunity to do that. It is also a good idea for every chapter to have more than one person familiar with the duties of the various officers. We are all volunteers and we all have families and other responsibilities that take our time and attention. By having someone familiar with the duties, you can have someone to fill in if other responsibilities take an officer away for a time. The BOD will also have a meeting and everyone is invited to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Until next month!
Ride Free!! Ride Safe!! Ride ENDORSED!!
Jim

Rim Country Bands Together to Save Christmas

When the new Mayor of Payson, Chris Higgins, called Cecilia (CC) Ransom to notify her that this year's Toys-4-Tots drive was not happening, the two of them immediately jumped into action to see what could be done to take up the slack.

CC Ransom was the 2022 coordinator for the 20th annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run. She works with the Greater Payson Moose Lodge 852 in Star Valley which actually sorts and distributes the toys, clothes and gifts collected each year. While Chris Higgins started to organize area businesses to provide an additional Community Toy Drive, CC Ransom notified Shelley Fowler at the Moose Lodge in Star Valley to "get ready to be slammed with requests for help".

In an average year, Barbie's Toy Run, sponsored by the High Country Chapter of ABATE of Arizona, is able to serve the needs of about 200 children from toddler through teenager in the Rim Country area from Tonto Basin to Payson to Tonto Village and Pine-Strawberry. Realizing that number might double was a cause for concern.

Meanwhile, CC, Shelley and Chris Higgins had come up with a plan to cross-promote each other's activities via web sites and flyers and work together to collect gifts, share lists, and help fulfill the needs of each group's efforts. Shelley at the Moose Lodge also stepped up their game with special dinners and other efforts that, in the end, netted over \$3,000 in donations.

On December 10th, the day of the actual toy drives, many activities came together to collect the items and funds needed to ensure over 300 Rim Country area children from families that need a bit of help this Christmas, were met.

Chris Higgins had been able to keep the planned Golf Scramble happening, lined-up free movies at Sawmill Theatres as well as get toy collection boxes into 20 area businesses. Then, in addition to other events and commitments, he was the DJ at the Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run that took place at Midtown Yard in Star Valley.

Despite the current times we are in, the turn-out for Barbie Hensler was better

than anticipated, particularly with the arrival of Payson's own Old Bastards Motorcycle Club (OBMC) who, literally, saved the day with their donations of toys as well as raffle and silent auction purchases. This was doubly appreciated as the OBMC is currently fund-raising for their own annual Christmas Hams on Hogs dinners that they provide for more than 20 area families every year!

In the end, nearly 40 area businesses and organizations came together to ensure Christmas will happen for everyone on both the Moose Lodge and the Community Toy Drive lists.

The 20th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run was able to raise over \$3,700 and 5 truckloads of toys and gifts. Coupled with what the Moose Lodge had already brought in, they were able to cover any shortfalls in the Community Toy Drive and all the organizers and participating businesses were able to breathe a sigh of relief.

The list of people and organizations that banded together to save Christmas this year is long and, surely, missing some

names, but High Country Chapter of ABATE of Arizona (which was also conducting a toy run in Show Low on the same day) would like to thank the following organizations and people without whom none of this could have happened.

Thank you, Greater Payson Moose Lodge 852 and, especially, Shelley Fowler. Thank you, Chris Higgins, Cindy Condit, Nancy Hubbs, Barbara Huber, Robert Mell, John at Midtown Yard, Cecilia Ransom, and the OBMC of Payson. Thank you, Craig at Sawmill Theatres, KRIM-LP FM 96.3, Tonto Amateur Radio Association, Miller Autoworks, Buchanan Construction, Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Buffalo Bar & Grill, El Rancho Mexican Restaurant, Garvin's RV & Adventures, Double D Bar & Grill, Pine Creek Fudge, Ponderosa Market, Pinewood Tavern, The Lodge at 5600 and Bandits Restaurant & Dirty Cowboy Saloon

Last, but certainly not least, a special Thank You to Barbie Hensler. We know you were watching over us and we miss you. Merry Christmas!



Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass

The Coyote Pass Chapter had its monthly meeting December 13th. I presented the dues increase and other BOD meeting items.

The Coyote Pass Chapter has bi-weekly rides out of Kingman, Lake Havasu City, and Bullhead City every Sunday and Wednesday. Everyone is invited. Contact harley3787@gmail.com for further information, or call 928-530-2555 and leave a message.

High Country

The High Country Chapter postponed our membership meeting until January. With so many opportunities to serve those who are less fortunate in circumstance, we supported our MMAA members in their assistance to local families. Likewise, we encouraged our Payson area members, past members and friends to support the Barbara Hensler Toy Run on December 10th in the Payson area. The HCC has grown to 61 members and have three Business members join us in our efforts. I am blessed to be surrounded by good people doing good things for their community, along the path to ensuring our freedom of the road. I wish you and yours a blessed holiday season and thank you for your support of ABATE of Arizona - High Country Chapter.

Mohave Chapter

On Saturday, December 10th, the Mohave Chapter held their Christmas party at the VFW in Golden Valley. The turnout was not super, about 15 members attended. We had plenty of delicious food, a few games and a good time was had by all. This Saturday, December 17th, a few of us will be participating with BUMA (Brotherhood United Motorcycle Association) with Wreaths Across America riding our motorcycles or going in a car going from the VFW in Golden Valley to the cemetery in Seligman to place wreaths on veterans graves. After the ceremony we will head to Lelos in Seligman for lunch.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until next month stay safe and ride safe

Tom Aydt
Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

Good evening fellow 2 and 3 wheeled friends.

This will be the last report as Coordinator. One T will be the new Coordinator as of Jan. we have a lot going on right now. We just voted on doing a gun raffle so keep your eye's for tickets. There is also a lot of talk about changing the location of the meeting. Some of the officers and members would like to see the meeting further on the West side. They are checking into a few locations. Stay tuned and keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement.

Want to give a big shout out to all my officers that have been by my side for the last three years. I could not have done it without any of you. I am not leaving ABATE I am just taking a break from being an Officer. This has been a great experience, a lot of work and a lot of driving from the East side to the West side. Thank you to all My Officers.

Thank you

Nolan Steed

East Valley Chapter

Another well attended chapter meeting on Dec 11th at Post 138! We had several members who have not attended in the past – hope to see them at future meetings. Great presentations by our PAC, Merchandise, and safety officers. Our safety officer added a bit of entertainment to his presentation by conducting a couple of holiday games: Reindeer Hoop Toss and Ugly Sweater contest. Thankyou Matthew Reemelin for making the meeting fun!

An update on Post 138 – we can hold our last meeting on Feb 12th. The post has tentatively secured a new location in an shopping center on McClintock, south of Apache. Post 138 is in need of funding to support their relocation efforts – they recently conducted a fundraiser at Brick and Barley, A Neighborhood Bar. We have secured a temporary meeting location (we hope this to be temporary) for our March 2023 meeting in case 138 does not find a new home.

Our meeting was attended by two winter guests from ABATE of South Dakota – Linda and Bob Askren. At the end of our meeting, Linda and Bob signed up as members of the East Valley Chapter! It was great to discuss the mutual activities of our two ABATE chapters with Bob and Linda.

We welcome our new business members: Whitney Winfield and Chad Zaneis, owners of Brick and Barley A Neighborhood Bar and Tanya Parisia and Chris Rodriguez, owners of AZ Braid Baby! Whitney and Chad signed on as business members during Post 138's fundraiser. Chad and East Valley members, Jim and Joe Silk, are from the same home town of Kalamazoo, Michigan and all three have played ice hockey together (along with East Valley member, Jordan Silk) in the local adult leagues. Please stop by and support Chad and Whitney's establishment – you will see that they have prominently displayed our new business member supporter sign! Tanya and Chris signed up during a membership booth event at Cycle Gear – Mesa. Tanya and Chris are avid riders and support ABATE's mission of awareness and safety! Please support Tanya and Chris by purchasing their merchandise – they sell some cool looking helmet braids which increase your awareness to drivers!

We have a few more membership booth opportunities available in January and February. The Cycle Gear (and all Arizona locations) opportunity is always the 2nd Tuesday of each month. These booth events introduce ABATE to people who do not know what ABATE is and what we stand for. Thankyou 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 program is in support of ABATE's awareness mission statement and needs the support of all chapters!

A year end review of our chapter:

We have increased our membership from a low of 110 members to 185. Our goal by the end of next year is to significantly increase our individual and business memberships. FYI: Based on a ratio of population versus membership – the Yavapai chapter has the greatest participation.

We have added eight business memberships

We have added two club memberships

New members have brought in new ideas and support of chapter activities – new members are the lifeblood of a chapter!

Thank you to our chapter members for your support of our chapter throughout the year and wish our members and all state members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Southern Arizona Chapter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Southern Arizona Chapter!

Anissa "Dragonfly" Huntington

Yavapai Chapter

We continue to set up our ABATE EZ up for events for membership and our numbers are still going up. This in part is due to our officer's hard work and dedication to our chapter.

We've started a meet and greet event thanks to Sandra Tavares setting up and running the first one with huge success with over 35 members showing up at Bob's Billiards in Prescott Valley. We'll hold the event once a quarter, next one being Saturday the 14th of January at Bob's Billiards at 5pm.

Elections were held and Representative Quang Nguyen District One has kept his position and Representative Elect Selina Bliss was elected starting in January. They will be a great asset for ABATE and motorcyclist rights. Thank you, Michael Infanzon again for introducing both to our chapter.

Our annual Rock n Rode event will be on the 8th of April next year with an off-road ride and a street ride. Starting with breakfast and ending with food and entertainment. Look for the flyer coming out soon.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Cheers for now and safe riding to all.

Tim Thomas
Coordinator, Yavapai Arizona Chapter

Yuma Chapter

NO REPORT.

Harley-Davidson To Unveil 2023 Motorcycle Lineup

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

On January 18, we get to see the 2023 motorcycles from the iconic Milwaukee Motorcycle Company

The Motor Company will also detail its 120-year anniversary Homecoming event.

Harley-Davidson does things differently; Always has, (probably) always will. For example, while most motorcycle manufacturers scrambled to showcase their latest lineups and brand-new models at EICMA 2022, the Motor Company remained aloof. With all the hubbub settling down from Milan, it looks like Harley's finally stepping into the spotlight.

The Bar and Shield will reveal its 2023 motorcycle lineup on January 18, 2023. The announcement will stream live at 10 a.m. CST on Harley-Davidson's website. Presenters won't just unveil the first wave of 2023 Hogs but also highlight the brand's new accessories and gear.

During the event, the firm will also divulge details about the first annual Harley-Davidson Homecoming to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 13-16, 2023. While we can confidently forecast music, food, and entertainment at the 120th-anniversary celebration, Harley will expand on the event's schedule,

venues, ticket packages, and lodging.

"2023 marks the 120th Anniversary of Harley-Davidson during which we'll honor our rich heritage, celebrate with our fans and riding community, and reveal our newest motorcycles and product offerings," revealed Harley-Davidson President and CEO Jochen Zeitz. "Please join us as we kick off our 120th Anniversary with exciting new model introductions and a peek at what we have in store for the landmark year ahead."

The news comes during a time of transition for H-D. The American OEM recently discontinued the long-running Evo-powered

Sportster lineup but rumors of a Pan America 975 variant keep hopes high for 2023. The company also continues to move toward a remote/work-from-home model as top brass considers options for reconfiguring Harley's Milwaukee headquarters.

It's safe to say that the brand is juggling several initiatives as 2022 draws to a close. That's even more reason to tune in on January 18, 2023, and see what Harley-Davidson has up its sleeve. After all, they always seem to do things differently.

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

Greetings A.B.A.T.E. Members,

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona has done an outstanding job over the years keeping operating costs as low as possible while achieving our mission; protecting motorcyclists rights, promoting rider safety and public awareness.

In order to keep up with inflation, we will be increasing our membership dues by \$5.00 per year. This will be effective

January 1st, 2023. The new dues will be Singles \$30, Joint \$45, Clubs \$150 and Businesses \$150. The dues for Charter, Sustaining and Life members will remain as is.

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Coast to Coast

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CONGRESS REQUIRES NHTSA TO FORCE AUTOMAKERS TO MONITOR DRIVERS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has announced that roadway deaths in the U.S. are at crisis levels, on pace to exceed the 42,915 fatalities in 2021, the greatest number in 16 years, as Americans returned to the road following pandemic stay-at-home orders.

With alcohol-related crashes being a leading cause of highway deaths in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board is now recommending that all new vehicles in the U.S. be required to have blood alcohol monitoring systems that can stop an intoxicated person from driving.

The NTSB's recommendation also calls for systems to monitor a driver's behavior, making sure they're alert.

Under President Biden's infrastructure law, Congress required NHTSA to make automakers install alcohol monitoring systems within three years. The legislation doesn't specify the technology, only that it must "passively monitor" a driver to determine if they are impaired.

NHTSA and a group of 16 automakers have been jointly funding research on alcohol monitoring since 2008, and has hired a Swedish company to research technology that would automatically test a driver's breath for alcohol and stop a vehicle from moving if the driver is impaired. Another company is working on light technology that could test for blood alcohol in a person's finger by touch. Many cars now have cameras pointed at the driver, which have the potential to limit impaired driving.

In 2020, the most recent figures available, 11,654 people died in alcohol-related crashes, according to NHTSA data. That's about 30% of all U.S. traffic deaths, and a 14% increase over 2019 figures, the last full year before the coronavirus pandemic, the NTSB said.

Once the technology is ready to be implemented in automakers' new models, near the end of 2024, it will take years for it to be in most of the roughly 280 million vehicles on U.S. roads.

BEST/WORST DRIVERS IN THE U.S. Everyone seems to think their state has the best (or worst) drivers in America, but quotewizard.com dove into the data to determine, based on their criteria, which states actually do have the Best and the Worst Drivers traveling their roadways.

Drivers were evaluated on four factors to determine overall driving quality: accidents, speeding tickets, DUIs, and citations. States that are considered the worst had the highest numbers of driving incidents, while states with the lowest numbers of incidents are considered the best.

After analyzing over 10 million insurance quotes to find out where the best and worst drivers reside, it was determined that the Five Best States were 1) Connecticut, 2) Michigan, 3) West Virginia, 4) Delaware and 5) Arkansas, while the Five Worst States were 50) Utah, 49) California, 48) Iowa, 47) Wisconsin and 46) Ohio.

Among those in the top five, Connecticut ranks best in citations and DUIs, while among the bottom five, Utah ranked worst in speeding, second worst in citations, fifth in accidents and 8th in DUIs. For more rankings in each category, visit www.quotewizard.com.

UNVACCINATED AT HIGHER RISK OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

If you passed on getting the COVID vaccine, you might be more likely to get into a car crash. Or at least those are the findings of a new study published in The American Journal of Medicine. During the summer of 2021, Canadian researchers examined the encrypted gov-

ernment-held records of more than 11 million adults, 16% of whom hadn't received the COVID vaccine.

They found that the unvaccinated people were 72% more likely to be involved in a severe traffic crash -- in which at least one person was transported to the hospital -- than those who were vaccinated. That's similar to the increased risk of car crashes for people with sleep apnea, though only about half that of people who abuse alcohol, researchers found.

Of course, skipping a COVID vaccine does not mean that someone will get into a car crash. Instead, the authors theorize that people who resist public health recommendations might also "neglect basic road safety guidelines."

The findings are significant enough that primary care doctors should consider counseling unvaccinated patients on traffic safety -- and insurance companies might base changes to insurance policies on vaccination data -- the authors suggest.

This isn't the first time that researchers have examined the link between behavior and vaccination status, as a 2021 study published in the Journal of Bioeconomics found a correlation between self-reported risky driving and having skipped their flu vaccine.

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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

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THE ROAD TO DECARBONIZATION Decarbonization Is The Goal, But What's The Best Way To Get There? The European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) wants to take multiple approaches.

On December 6, 2022, the ACEM hosted a panel discussion about its vision for decarbonization. Although the discussion's stated intention was to talk about how the industry plans to address a multitude of sustainability issues as we all progress toward the year 2030, what it evolved into was a spirited debate about the comparative merits of the evolution of combustion engines (such as with so-called e-fuels and hydrogen) and electrification.

While all panelists of course had their own points of view, the general consensus seemed to be that lowering emissions is a goal we must all work toward, but that putting all the industry's technological eggs into one metaphorical basket isn't a good idea, for a number of reasons.

From a technological perspective, electric motorbikes currently work best for low-voltage urban mobility, not high-speed, long-distance leisure pursuits. That's where the debate about e-fuels (or synthetic fuels) and hydrogen come into play, because both those means of fueling mobility can potentially offer the benefits of long-distance, high-speed travel on motorbikes.

Infrastructure is also a major concern -- fast-charging and swappable batteries require additional infrastructure investments that are both extensive and expensive, while e-fuels can theoretically make use of existing traditional fuel infrastructure.

When discussing decarbonization, the tendency is to think about emissions in terms of tailpipes, but considerations about how the raw materials to build either combustion or electric vehicles are sourced, assembled, and delivered to customers should also be part of the conversation.

Additionally, concerns about diversifying the industry's approach to decar-

bonization were strongly expressed, with the global pandemic shining a bright light on the pitfalls of overly concentrating parts of supply chains in a given geographical area. The current European energy crisis and ongoing Russian war make calls to diversify energy sources (and resources) all too clear.

How this will all evolve is difficult to predict, but strong calls for "technology neutrality" as the industry moves toward decarbonization were echoed up and down the panel.

EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE GROUP CALLS TO MAKE MOTORCYCLING AFFORDABLE

With inflation worries and cost of living increases, the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations (FEMA) sees bikes as valuable transport tools and has issued an impassioned plea for motorcycle affordability. In particular, FEMA spelled out their position on keeping motorcycle taxes reasonable, as well as taking other measures to encourage motorbike ridership as a viable form of everyday transport.

FEMA believes that motorcycles can be a strong tool in the fight against transport poverty. As the name suggests, that's when the cost of transportation to simply live your life (get to and from work and/or school) is prohibitively expensive.

Moto commuting is a way of life for all kinds of everyday people in many countries, and is highly valued for its practicality, and that's why FEMA encourages governmental and legislative bodies to do what they can to encourage ridership. For example, taxes on motorbikes should be lower than those found on cars, because they're smaller and lighter in weight, and they cause less wear and tear on public roadways.

Similarly, FEMA also discourages restrictions on motorbikes in urban city centers when they're ideal vehicles for getting around congested city streets, and can help reduce traffic if more people are encouraged to choose bikes over cars.

Bicycles and e-bikes have their place --

but so do motorbikes, and FEMA wants to see more legislative encouragement of moto commuting as a way to combat multiple transport problems across Europe.

FIRST HONDA 'ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE' ON PARADE

Art imitates life, and sometimes, life imitates art, which may be the case with Honda's latest parade float, which they designed to lead the 134th annual Rose Parade in 2023, featuring electric vehicles including "a Honda electric motorcycle."

The overall float design, which Honda has titled "Forever Determined," represents Honda's current (pun intended) emissions-lowering initiative, across all of its many and various vehicular segments; Honda's first all-electric SUV, the electrified Acura ARX-06 race machine, a HondaJet Elite II aircraft, the Honda eVTOL concept vehicle, and an unspecified 'motorcycle'.

Remember, Honda aims to achieve total carbon neutrality across the company by 2050, as well as get 100 percent of its new vehicle sales in North America to be all electric by 2040.

While Team Red has introduced electric scooters and trikes in other markets, so far it has yet to introduce its first electric motorcycle anywhere -- no road bikes, no dirt bikes, no electric bike concepts -- nothing yet, until maybe January 2 in Pasadena...everybody loves a parade!

YAMAHA GOES 'GREEN' WITH PLANT-BASED MATERIALS FOR FUTURE BIKE DESIGNS

On November 17, 2022, Yamaha Marine announced that it will begin using certain parts in some 2024 personal watercraft and sport boat engines that are made from a new material. It's a plant-derived, cellulose nanofiber-reinforced resin product, and in Yamaha's own words; "Yamaha Motor is examining the utilization of CNF reinforced resin not only in marine products but also in motorcycles and a wide range of other products in the future."

Cellulose nanofiber "is made from

wood-derived fiber (pulp) that has been micro-refined to the nano level of several hundredths of a micron and smaller, cellulose nanofiber is the world's most advanced biomass material."

Their definition goes on to state that "because CNF is derived from plant fibers, the environmental impact from production and disposal is low. Due to its light-weight characteristics, the modulus of elasticity has the same level of strength as that of aramid fiber, which is known as a high-strength fiber, and has thermal expansion on par with glass. CNF also has excellent gas barrier properties against oxygen."

ROMANIAN MOTORCYCLISTS OBLIGATED TO CARRY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

And here's why we need Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs) at every level, from local to international; In the European country of Romania the highway code does not distinguish between cars and motorcycles, so as a result, a motorcycle must carry a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit and two reflective triangles, just like a car.

Romanian motorcyclists' organization MotoADN played a significant role in the political process to end this obligation by launching a petition requesting the Romanian Parliament, the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of the Interior to exclude motorcycles and mopeds.

The petition gathered more than 8,000 signatures in just a few days, and the end result is that a draft law that provides for the elimination of the obligation for motorcyclists to have a fire extinguisher, reflective triangles and a first aid kit was recently approved by the Senate.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The only Zen you find on the tops of mountains is the Zen you bring up there."
~ Robert M. Pirsig (1928-2017), author of 'Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance'



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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 October through March and 9AM April through September. FMI contact Jim Butsbak (520)247-3051 or jimbutsbak@yahoo.com

East Valley Chapter

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

Yuma Chapter

Yuma Chapter meets the second Thursday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the pm. We meet at the community Christian Church, 6480 US Highway 95 (between 3E and Araby in the back building). For additional information contact Frank White (Hound) at 209-327-0814. We would love to see you there.

Yavapai Chapter

Meet us at for the VFW's very reasonably priced and tasty dinner. We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at the VFW Post 541 in Prescott - 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott 86301. 11:00 to socialize, meeting starts by 11:00.

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

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Knock-off? Motofino Streetboy V-Maxter 300 Looks Eerily Familiar

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

by Enrico Punsalang from <https://www.rideapart.com>

The Chinese domestic market is littered with motorcycles that will have you looking twice. Why? Because you'll be wondering why the bike you're looking at looks like some weird caricature of some other more popular bike from an actual reputable manufacturer. Don't get me wrong, not all made-in-China bikes are blatant copycats—I mean, look at the likes of Benelli and CFMOTO, brands which are rapidly expanding their foothold in the global market.

That said, we're not here to talk about reputable Chinese motorcycles today, as we've been doing that quite a bit following EICMA 2022. Instead, let's take a look at the newest kid to copy someone

else's homework, the Motofino Streetboy V-Maxter 300. While I was chuckling under my breath typing that name, I couldn't help but realize that the flavor of the month, if you will, of Chinese motorcycle makers is cruisers. We previously talked about copycat Chinese sportbikes like the Moxiao Funny-Gale, and the Finja, a ZX-10R clone. This time around, Chinese manufacturer Motofino thought it'd be a good idea to get in on the sporty cruiser segment.

What better "sporty cruiser" to imitate than the Harley-Davidson Sportster S? The newest member of the Sportster family has received global acclaim owing to its unique styling and killer performance. As such, it's not surprising that the Steetboy V-Maxter 300 used the Sportster S as...let's just call it inspiration.

Up front, the Streetboy has a wide oval

headlight like that of the Sportster. It even copies the lines of the Milwaukee roadster with its fuel tank and seat and tail section. Heck, even the "Streetboy Motofino" font emblazoned on the fuel tank is a direct copy of Harley's typeface.

Granted, the Streetboy misses out on some of the Sportster S' defining features. For instance, it doesn't get the humongous and wide 150-cross section front tire. Neither does it get the raised exhaust system reminiscent of vintage flat trackers. It also doesn't get the low-slung stance of the Sportster S, instead opting for a more generic, somewhat dorky stance.

From a performance perspective, the Streetboy doesn't even begin to compare to the Harley Sportster S. However, it's interesting to see that the bike makes use of some familiar underpinnings. For a

few years now, fellow Chinese manufacturer QJ Motor has been working with Harley-Davidson for a smaller V-twin powered model specific to the Asian market. As it would turn out, other manufacturers have been getting their hands on this engine, including the Streetboy, which packs the same 300cc V-twin engine. Mated to a six-speed manual transmission, it sends power to the rear wheel via a belt-driven six-speed manual transmission.

At the end of the day, the Motofino Streetboy is just one of hundreds, if not thousands, of motorcycles that imitate the styling of popular models in China. As such, the likelihood of this bike making its way to the international market is pretty slim. Having said that, small-displacement models from Harley-Davidson are set to make their way to the Asian, and maybe even European markets, soon.



Ice Speedway Berlin Is Back: coming March 2023

https://blog.bikernet.com

by Janaki Jitchotvisut from <https://www.rideapart.com>

It's been three long years, but in 2023, Ice Speedway Berlin is back on the international racing calendar. If you'll be in Berlin, Germany, on March 3 and 4, 2023, and you're interested in taking in some of the best ice speedway racers from Germany and beyond doing their thing, then you'll probably want to get your hands on some tickets.

The last Ice Speedway Berlin took place from February 27 through March 1, 2020, and was one of the final major motorsport events prior to global pandemic-related shutdowns. If you're unfamiliar with the sport, we wholeheartedly recommend that you check out this video, which was taken during day two of the 2020 Ice

Speedway Berlin event.

The 48th Ice Speedway Berlin event in 2023 will be a bit different from what's gone before. After the bad luck of the past few years, everyone was hopeful that a normal Ice Speedway event in Berlin would be able to happen in 2022. However, problems arose with machinery related to maintaining the ice surface of the track, and a 2022 event was not able to go forward. After that issue was solved, though, another one popped up to take its place.

Due to a breakdown in discussions between event organizers and the FIM, for the first time, the Ice Speedway Berlin event will have neither European Championship nor World Cup status. While international racers are invited to attend, it will not be a regular, sanctioned event that is part of a larger championship

calendar—something very unusual for this event, indeed.

Nevertheless, ice speedway luminaries including Hans Weber, Max Niedermaier, and Fyn Loheider have already confirmed their attendance for the 2023 event. A good time should be had by all—both the riders participating, and also the spectators who are watching from the stands of the Eisstadion Wilmersdorf, where the 2023 Eisspeedway Berlin (as it's called in German) will be held.

Full ticketing information has yet to be announced, but we'll include a link in our Sources to the city of Berlin's official page about the event so you can learn more later.

BELOW IS A VIDEO FROM:
Eisspeedway Berlin 2020 | FIM Ice
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Championship Day 2 + Final

Championship Day 2 + FinalIt was time again for the World Championship of Ice Speedway to be a guest in Berlin, this time as a nations competition, there were 2 nice days full of action, the recordings are from day 2 on 28.

In the end, Russia won ahead of Sweden and Germany, Austria was 4th, although the last races before the two finals were still very exciting because there were only 4 points between Sweden, Germany and Austria, making it a 3 fight for the 2 team in the big final went.

However, Sweden prevailed and then went against Russia and Germany against Austria for third place.

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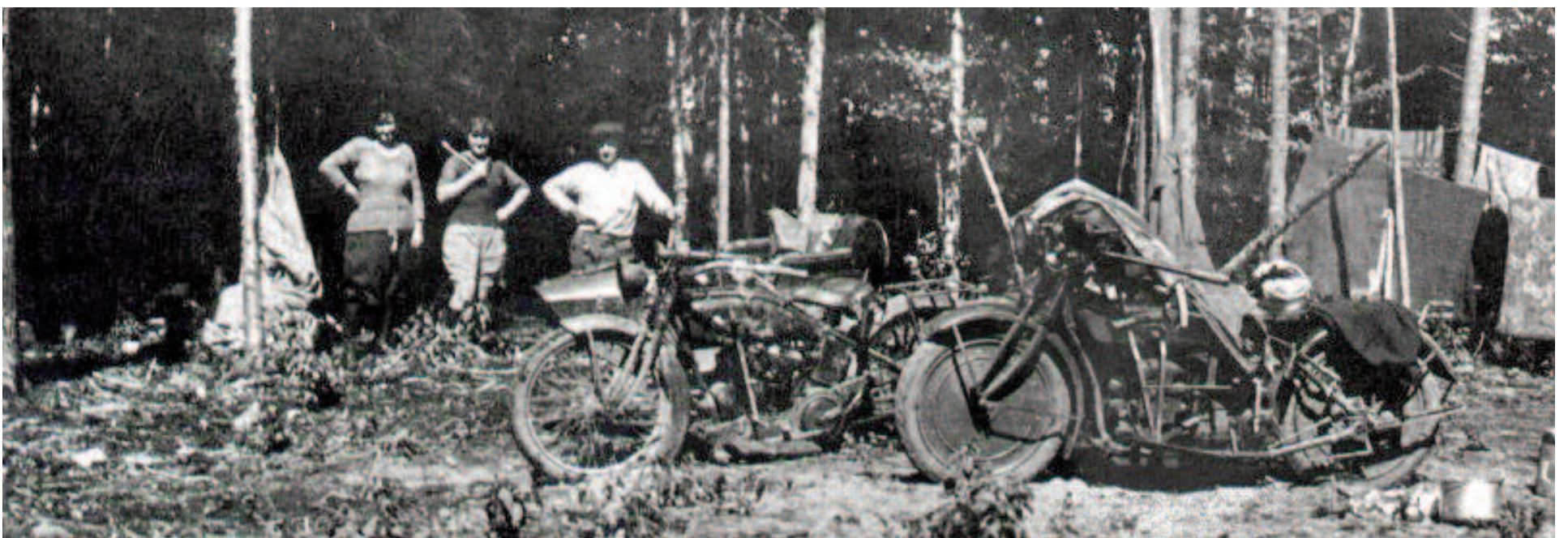
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VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: Dan Tumeay 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

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.1/14 {Sat} Superstition HD & Seductive Car Club co-host annual New Year's Car & Motorcycle Show. Details TBA. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, Az. 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, info@superstition-hd.com

1/28 {Sat} 8th annual Ride for

the Salt River Wild Horses. Sponsors include Superstition Harley-Davidson & Law Tigers AZ. Sign-in 9-11am at American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills. Last stop SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction



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

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How it works

- AMSAF Vouchers are valid towards the purchase of a \$200.00 or higher DOT Certified Full Face or Modular Street Helmet.
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- Voucher is valid for a \$125.00 credit toward qualified helmet due to grant received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.
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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.



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TOP FIVE MOTORCYCLE GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Michael Infanzon
Legislative Director

Are you someone who sets personal goals for the New Year or do you avoid them like the plague?

As a consultant, I spend a LOT of time with clients going over legislative goals and wants when it comes to public policy. The New Year is a good time to evaluate what works and does not work in your life. We humans become more contemplative in the winter as we nest within our homes while the days shorten and temperatures drop.

If you are someone who sets goals for the New Year, high five! I would like to challenge you to see if you included any motorcycle related goals to that list. If you haven't, I have some ideas for you to contemplate.

If you don't usually set goals for the New Year, maybe this is the year you try something new. I promise it won't take long or much work. In fact, once you get into it, you will have a hard time stopping.

All you need is fifteen minutes, a notes app in your phone, or my personal favorite way – a notebook and a pen. There is something more tangible about a goal when you write it down on paper. The next step is to list five motorcycle goals you would like to accomplish this year. After you create your list, place it somewhere you can see it daily so you can work towards making it happen.

HERE ARE MY TOP FIVE MOTORCYCLE GOALS TO GET YOU INSPIRED!

Go on a Motorcycle Adventure
Take a Class
Join a Riding Group
Seek Out a New Riding Buddy
Buy the Moto You Love

Here is the list broken down:

GO ON A MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE

How many years in a row are you going to say, "I wish I could do a motorcycle tour in Europe?" or "I'd love to go see the Isle of Man races." or "I wonder what that Too Broke for Sturgis event is about?"

You can insert any trip, event, or gathering.

The two excuses people use are time and money, which are legit excuses. However, if you don't take the time, it won't be given to you and more money can always be made.

You already had the guts to get a motorcycle. What if this year you go the next level and see what kind of adventure you can have on a trip? I love seeing Jeremy from our Southern Arizona chapter and the photos he and his wife post on social media. They share their adventures with others through their photos.

I have never regretted a single trip I took even when I had work deadlines, torrential downpour, lost luggage, mechanical failures, and crashes. Yes, all of that has happened. I can't recommend enough that you make sure you have insurance. It's better to be prepared than sorry!

What I gain from every trip is the experience of meeting new people, breathtaking

sights, exploring scenic roads, and eating delicious food. As busy and broke as I may feel when I leave, I return feeling beyond wealthy, more confident, and enriched.

TAKE A CLASS

Riding takes skill. I don't know anyone who has said they have too much experience.

There are programs that include a rider course to get your motorcycle endorsement. You learn to ride by a professional and not an angry partner yelling directions at you while they get upset that you're grinding gears on their too big motorcycle. Plus, insurance companies offer discounts when you take the course. Who doesn't want that? These programs often offer a level two course to continue work on basic skills.

If you feel extra motorcycle frisky, why not try a different type of riding style in a safe environment?

There are schools to learn how-to ride dual sports, off-road, flat track, practice wheelies, and race motorcycles. Whether you are a new rider or have ridden for 50 years, there is always something to learn and a way to challenge your skills.

JOIN A RIDING GROUP

One of the biggest draws to motorcycling is the community.

I have met life-long friends on group rides. While it is always a blast to explore alone, it's also fun to end a ride and be able to share what happened with friends over dinner.

There is a riding group or club for every type of rider. Many groups have off-season gatherings that make the winter pass much faster. Plus, you may be able to recruit some new ABATE members to join you.

SEEK OUT A NEW RIDING BUDDY

As we get older, it can be hard to meet new friends. Everyone is busy with family or work. Ends up, a lot of people are busy but dying for some outside human interaction, especially when it's related to adventure.

I have met some of my best riding buddies simply by asking someone to join me on a ride. I know I make it sound easy. If you're shy, or lack confidence, this could cause great anxiety.

This would be a wonderful fear to work on. You only have something to gain by a new friendship and adventure partner that may want to join you on Goals #1-3.

BUY THE MOTORCYCLE YOU LOVE

We all have our dream bike. We all have settled on a motorcycle because it was the right price, given to us, or we thought we'd love it and ended up hating it. We settle for a lot of things in our lives. What if this was the year you didn't settle and honored yourself by getting the bike you love?

Life is short. It's a shame to waste it by settling when you could live in a way that brings you joy. As you and I both know, that motorcycle is going to bring you a ton of joy!



MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION ALERT-- ALL BIKERS

ABATE of Wisconsin has been asking the State Department of Transportation to fully investigate all crashes involving not only Tesla's, but all vehicles with Autonomous Technology built in, to learn the impact of this technology on Wisconsin roads. This is our chance to help the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in getting Congress members to request the same from NHTSA.

The survey only takes a minute to complete so PLEASE, complete it and forward it on to all your family and friends. Let's get all eight Wisconsin Congress members to sign on to this very important letter.

You Have Until Thursday to Help Protect Bikers...

The Co-Chairman of the House

Motorcycle Caucus, Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan, is sending a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regarding self-driving cars and motorcycles. Crashes involving self-driving cars and motorcycles have made news over the last few months and Rep. Walberg and his colleagues on Capitol Hill are seeking answers.

In the letter to Ann Carlson, Acting Administrator of NHTSA, lawmakers are asking basic questions like, "Should motorcyclists take extra precautions when sharing the road with this new technology?"

Want to help?

CHAPTER SAFETY OFFICER WORDS OF WISDOME DEC 2022

T-CLOCK Safety Inspection Checklist

The T-CLOCK inspection checklist was devised by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation for inspecting your motorcycle to make sure there aren't any equipment or mechanical hazards. Budget adequate time to perform this inspection before you start riding. Alternatively, you can also conduct this inspection after riding your bike.

Motorcycle Safety Checklist

T-CLOCK stands for:

Tires & wheels

Controls

Lights & electrics

Oil & fluids GAS

Chassis

Kickstand / KEYS

Before hitting the road on your bike, be sure to check that your tire pressure is within safe parameters along with the condition of your tire's tread. You should also look for unusual holes, cuts, or punctures from sharp, foreign objects.

Inspect your wheels to see if your spokes are firm and intact, your rims are in proper position, the condition of the bearing seals are okay, and the ability for the wheel to spin freely.

BAD TIRE CAN ADD TIME AND TROUBLE TO A TRIP AND LEAVE YOU STRANDED FOR AWHILE, AND THE FAMILY WILL REMIND YOU BEFORE EVERY FUTURE TRIP.

Controls

Inspect your levers regarding the condition of your pivot bolt, if pivots are properly lubricated, and whether the action and position are correct. Check cables to determine that their ends and shafts are properly lubricated, signs of fraying, and no kinks or binding when turning your handlebars. Inspect your bike's hoses for any leaks and damage and make sure they connect to the proper terminals. Last but not least, check your throttle to ensure that it isn't too loose and that it freely snaps closed when released.

Lights & Electrical

Check to see if your brake and taillights are functioning properly. Switch on your headlights to see if they are angled correctly and their brightness level to deter-

mine whether they need replacement. Inspect your battery for adequate charge and to ensure that it is secured tightly. Check for any loose, frayed, pinched or corroded electrical wiring from the battery.

Oils & Fluids

Check fluid levels for your fuel, oil, brakes, transmission, coolant, and final drive. Make sure there aren't any fluid or oil leaks. Furthermore, you should inspect the color of your fluids to make sure there isn't any grime, carbonation, or contaminants that could interfere with the safe operation of your bike's essential systems.

GAS IS ONE OF THE FLUIDS OF LIFE FOR YOUR BIKE!!! YOUR WIFE WILL NOT LIKE PUSHING ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND SHE WILL NOT LET YOU FORGET.

Chassis

Inspect your bike's chassis for signs of wear and tear – and possibly cracks in your chassis – such as peeling or lifting in the paint along with damaged, loose, or missing fasteners, clips, and pins. You should also check your bike's chain or belt for proper tension and lubrication. Examine your bike's suspension system

for smooth motion and proper adjustment.

You should also check the bearings for your bike's steering head and swingarm: While the front wheel is off the floor, pull and push the lower fork legs to see if they are loose. Do the same thing for the rear wheel while it is off the ground.

Kickstand AND FOR ME KEYS

Inspect your motorcycle's kickstand to see if it retracts properly. Examine it for warping or other damage. If your side-stand or centerstand is loose when retracted, check the cut-out switch and springs for damage or wear

IF IT IS BROKEN OR LOSE THE BIKE MIGHT NOT START

AN EXTRA KEY MAY BE EXTRA HELPFUL.

LAST THOUGHT AS THE OLD TV SHOW HILLSTREET BLUES WOULD SAY LET'S ROLL,

"AND LET'S BE CAREFULL OUT THERE."

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Business Member Spotlight Article

Whitney Wingfield and Chad Zaneis, owners of Brick and Barley A Neighborhood Bar are proud, as a business member, to support ABATE of Arizona. Brick and Barley is a supporter of motorcycle causes such as "Biker for Boobies", American Legion Post 138 fundraiser, and other biker events. Check out Brick and Barley and notice that

Whitney and Chad have prominently displayed their ABATE of Arizona Business Member Supporter sign!

Come and discover a new experience: Brick & Barley offers a comfortable and versatile setting so whatever mood you're in, you can feel at home while sitting at the bar or on our patio drinking a drink or

eating an eat. They have televisions at all angles for any sports event you can think of and plenty of craft beers on tap for you to enjoy.

Come on out to enjoy the Brick and Barley, A neighborhood bar . You will truly be amongst friends!

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New Business Member Spotlight

Introducing AZ Braid Baby and its business owner and operator, Tanya Parisia. Tanya and her partner, Chris Rodriguez, have been building their business together since May of 2022 and have poured a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into it.

Tanya and Chris were introduced to ABATE of Arizona's business membership opportunity by East Valley chapter members, Matthew Reemelin and Cliff Prentice. Tanya and Chris joined ABATE because they are very passionate about motorcycle safety and awareness and recognize that their association with ABATE is important because its mission statement supports their passion about educating the community about motorcycle safety and awareness. Tanya and Chris's passion about educating people about the new lane filtering law is demonstrated

with shirts that they designed and printed with the Lane Filtering law, ARS 28-903.F, information. They both ride daily and understand the dangers and hazards but they choose to ride day after day because they believe true happiness is achieved while on two wheels and wouldn't trade it for the world. They further support ABATE's education and awareness mission because they do not want to have to trade in their world because of an uninformed and uneducated driver.

The idea for AZ Braid Baby came from the struggle of trying to find a truly unique QUALITY pair of braids for Tanya's helmet, and unfortunately to no avail. The color options were limited, the materials were cheap and the mounts kept breaking. Tanya thought to herself: "I

can make these, and better". And, so she did!

Not only are AZ Braid Baby's hair color and effects options limitless, they are in the final stages of designing and testing their own patented, DURABLE helmet mount!

In the first stages of product development and testing, it was just Tanya riding around whipping the braids back and forth, up and down, this way and that. She noticed that the more movement the braids had, the more noticeable she was. And that's where their motto "STAND OUT, BE SEEN" was born. Kids notice and love the "silly lady" with crazy colored hair on a motorcycle just as much as their parents do. Tanya's braids were get-

ting attention and drivers were smiling, waving and even rolling down their windows to compliment her design. Tanya believes that the more drivers that see her, the better chance she has of getting home safely. Tanya's design indirectly helps to support ABATE's awareness of motorcycles mission statement.

AZ Braid Baby's products are designed to bring more attention to the rider in the hopes of making more drivers aware of them and thus allowing them to make it home safely every day, in style. Every rider deserves to get home safely and AZ Braid Baby will get you noticed in custom braids designed by YOU.

AZ Braid Baby – "STAND OUT, BE SEEN". (in style)



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Bike-Farm Melle wins European Biker Build-Off 2022

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Indian Motorcycle Dealer Bike-Farm Melle wins top spot with a nearly 3:1 voting ratio

Last weekend, during the Custom Bike Show in Bad Salzuflen, Germany, the finals of the European Biker Build-Off saw Indian Motorcycle Dealer Bike-Farm Melle gain nearly three times the votes with their Indian Chief based Longfork Chopper "Purple Haze" over Harley-Davidson Bielefeld to take the title.

First held in 2007 and the highlight of the famous Custom Bike show, the European Biker Build-Off sees two teams competing to complete their custom bike in just three days, live, under the eyes of the trade show visitors. This year's title fight was even more exciting as both finalists come from the region, just 30km from each other: Bike-Farm, the Indian Motorcycle dealer from Melle and Reibchen + Stegemann the Harley Davidson dealer from Bielefeld.

From Friday to Sunday at noon, the creation

of two extraordinary custom bikes could be followed on the show stage and by 1 pm on the Sunday, the time had come: Judgement Day. With 529 to 179 votes, nearly a 3:1 ratio, the audience chose Bike-Farm's 'Purple Haze' Indian Chief chopper as the clear winner.

"A classic long fork chopper based on the 2022 Indian Chief! It's absolutely stunning what the Bike-Farm crew has created here. This bike radically brings to flower the seeds that are at the core of the current Chief lineup: The spirit of the past combined with the technology of today." said Ola Stenegård, Director of Industrial Design at Indian Motorcycle. "We always had the builders in mind during development and we worked really hard to make the reimagined Indian Chief a delight to work on. So, it's such a pleasure to see this great canvas to create motorcycle art."

Not only has 'Purple Haze' been completely designed around the current air-cooled Thunderstroke 116 engine, it also still features all the electronic amenities of the orig-

inal Chief Dark Horse from which it evolved: from ABS to GPS navigation, via the touchscreen of the original gauge now cantered in the revised Chieftain tank.

Other core components have also been adopted and adapted from the original bike such as the footrests and brake systems. The frame, with a full 48° rake, was manufactured by the Dutch experts VG Motorcycle Specials, and all other components are custom-made by the Bike-Farm crew: Sheet metal parts such as the tank cover with integrated gauge and GPS transmitter to the fender were created in-house just like the sissy bar, seat, wheels, handlebars, final drive, intake and exhaust system. Even the seal-less, oil-free fork with its Teflon-lubricated sliding tubes incorporating Progressive Suspension Cartridges. Finally, Lange Metallveredelung took care of the chrome surfaces, while Vossi Lackcenter Melle traditionally handled the finishing of the paint.

"The entire bike was created within just eight weeks," as workshop manager Tristan

Frische recounts. "With four men, we wrenched, shaped and turned day and night. All the more we are delighted with this title. Not only have all the electronic features been retained, but also the fully road legal, including remaining Euro 5. So, this dream bike will soon be seen quite regularly on public roads."

In case anyone feels inspired to build their own Longfork Chief Chopper: the VG frame is available for order at Indian Motorcycle Melle, the Indian Chief, of course, at any official Indian Motorcycle dealer.

More information about the 'Purple Haze' and Bike Farm/Indian Motorcycle Melle can be found on www.indian-melle.de and on their social profiles at Facebook and Instagram.

For more information on Indian Motorcycle visit IndianMotorcycle.eu and follow along on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS

 LEFT TURN Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down	 RIGHT TURN Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clenched	 STOP Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back
 SLOW DOWN Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down	 SPEED UP Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward	 HAZARD IN ROAD On left point with left hand On right point with right foot
 FOLLOW ME Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward	 COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front	 PULL OFF Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head
 SINGLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger pointed up	 DOUBLE FILE Arm straight up with index and middle finger up	 RIDE STAGGERED Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up
 FUEL STOP Point to fuel tank	 COMFORT STOP Arm extended with clenched fist with short up and down motion	 REFRESHMENT STOP Fingers closed with thumb to mouth
 TURN SIGNAL ON Extend arm while opening and closing hand	 POLICE AHEAD Tap top of head or helmet with palm of hand	

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Safe Motorcycle Riding Tips for Women

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No, there isn't a new seafaring hover-bike unveiled here. We men may be comfortable in same fixed clothing and gear on motorcycles, well-worn, tested & true. However, women have such a range of choices, they often end up selecting a two-wheeler that's most commonly known and popular, based on their daily clothing.

Everyone is aware of female motorcycle riders in the Western nations, who can straddle a heavy Harley-Davidson or Triumph or safely manage breakdowns on restored vintage models. There are famous female motorsports professionals including record holders such as Valerie Thompson or 2022 WXC National Champion Rachael Archer from AmPro Yamaha Team.

Women in Asia however seem to be on scooters. They don't prefer trousers as travel wear most of the week even in metropolitan cities and urban, hip joints. Sometimes, because pants look weird for them in public places. Most of the times its because they have such a wide range of ethnic and Western wear dresses that trousers are "just a stupid thing Men are stuck with at the workplace."

I was thinking of upcoming weekend's motorcycle trip and the women who are riding regularly and are on Royal Enfields. These are the heaviest bike you will find on most Asian roads for men and women. Only the financially wealthy or celebrity seem to have V-Twins or SBKs. Consideration is also the expense of maintenance of such big bikes and large amount of fuel it consumes.

With options and popularity of light-weight and middle-weight motorcycles gaining ground, many developing nations have found new customers for motorcycles in women population. Previously only seen on scooters, they are now more comfortable straddling the motorcycle and beating the stereo-

type.

While it may be common for women in North America or Europe to be seen riding a heavy bagger or land speed record prototype, women elsewhere have to deal with bad roads, congested traffic, roadside vendors and no available parking.

Here are some basic points that women aspiring to ride a motorcycle can benefit from. Get going and enjoy the thrill of the open road. Long distance riding trips is possible with modern tech and gadgets leveraging the power of information, directions, road side assistance and community development for female riders.

1. Buy the motorcycle which is right for you and not the one that your best friend is riding. Trends are great but a suitable bike does not have to be the one everyone rides.

2. Become acquainted with your motorcycle's features, specifications, limitations and power. Don't let it surprise you far off from home.

3. Get the mandatory and basic gear such as riding boots, gloves, eye protection. Your safety is your responsibility too.

4. Get a pre-purchase demonstration and trial ride to see if you believe in the product. It costs quite the penny, it will be with you for a long while, its something you should be able to depend on. So take trials on different models and find your match!

5. Practice in a safe setting. Take an experienced motorcycle rider along. Make sure you are not practicing on public roads and have access to first aid and other assistance. Practice makes perfect and soon it would be your second nature, with natural reflexes.

6. City riding finds everyone in a hurry. Don't be aggressive and watch out for surprises at every corner and traffic signal. Defense is the best offense for

many motorcyclists, male or female, in city rush hour. Be kind. Give pedestrians the best possible signals and horn alerts. Everyone on road may not be attentive and may even be listening to music on earphones or talking / typing on phone. So don't let your guard down just because its the same route to college or office or marketplace.

7. If you are in touch with other women who enjoy two-wheels on a daily basis, even if not all of them have a motorcycle, form a group. Share and care about your experiences on motorcycles Vs others on a scooter.

8. Let go and give a pass to those with an ego !!! Many a times, there will be those men, women and children who feel joy and respect for a woman choosing to ride a motorcycle instead of a scooter. Sometimes you may also meet those on motorcycles or cars wanting to challenge your skills for no fault of yours. Let go but be determined. Be bold but give their fat ego a pass. The way of the two-wheeled warrior is to discourage unsafe riding rather than instigate. Your good vibes will bring support from any and all on the road.

9. There are Laws and the Unlawful. You must stay tuned to changing news about motorcycling laws and regulations in your city. For example, motorcycles may not be allowed on some expressways to allow high speed transport for larger vehicles or flyovers closed for repairs. Helmets are often mandatory and actually beneficial -- they will keep your hair & skin protected from the elements apart from safe in a mishap. Yup, ask your dentist for some horror stories of motorcycle riders if you don't believe me.

Just because the signal is green or it's the correct lane does not mean there won't be drivers / riders who break the signal or drive on the wrong side of the road. You may have to accommodate these unlawful fools while managing your ride to and fro. Never let anyone convince you to ride under the influ-

ence of alcohol because "there are no cops on that route" or "you only had one drink". Treat yourself as a princess and take command of your own self and your motorcycle.

10. Often, motorcycle manufacturers include a bonus called RSA, which is Road Side Assistance, free for the first year. Whenever you face a technical problem or breakdown of your motorcycle, you will be able to call the Toll Free number to get support from the nearest registered mechanic. This can include a range of issues such as tyre puncture, empty petrol tank, battery fuse fault, even towing for a road accident.

If the motorcycle has a major fault and under warranty, they will tow your bike to the nearest Authorised Service Center. This way, you can have assured support not just in cities but most other regions within the nation.

RSA is not common for scooters but getting common with middle-weight motorcycles such as Royal Enfield, Honda CB 350, BMW G 310, KTM 390, Hero XPulse 200, etc.

Even if its not included, you can buy one from an RSA service provider. Also, for second year, if you choose a custom insurance policy, the RSA can be included in insurance renewal / modification as an add-on to the policy document.

Now get out and ride! Tell 'em Bikernet.com sent ya. Get yourself a 5-Ball Racing gear while you are planning your next adventure.



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Royal Enfield Opens New CKD Facility in Brazil

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Royal Enfield strengthens commitment to Americas region with the inauguration of new CKD facility, the third motorcycle assembly unit in South America and fourth across the world.

Milwaukee, WI (Friday, December 9, 2022) – Royal Enfield, the global leader in the midsize (250cc – 750cc) motorcycle segment, today began a new chapter on its journey in the Americas region, and specifically in Brazil, with the commencement of operations of its new CKD (complete knock down) assembly facility. This is a significant step forward in Royal Enfield's plans in LatAm, and reiterates the brand's commitment to the region, as Brazil is a strong market for Royal Enfield.

Located in Manaus, capital of Amazonas state, the new facility is the fourth Royal

Enfield CKD assembly unit across the world—after Thailand, Colombia and Argentina—in addition to its state-of-the-art manufacturing and ancillary facilities located in India.

With an assembly capacity of more than 15,000 units per year, the local assembly unit in Manaus is a modern facility that will cater to growing demand in the country. The facility will engage in local assembly of the entire lineup of Royal Enfield motorcycles, including the Classic 350, the Meteor 350, the Himalayan, and the 650 twin motorcycles, Continental GT and the INT. With this setup, Royal Enfield can now ensure seamless and quicker delivery timelines for motorcycles in Brazil.

Speaking at the inauguration of the new facility, Royal Enfield CEO, B Govindarajan, said, “Royal Enfield has been working extensively to grow the

middleweight motorcycling segment globally. With markets like the Americas region, Europe and the Asia-Pacific growing significantly, it has been our strategic intent to be closer to these markets and grow the business. We commenced on this journey a couple of years ago and have set up strategic assembly facilities in Thailand, and in Argentina and Colombia in LatAm. Brazil has been a very strong market for Royal Enfield, and is soon poised to be the single largest market for us outside of India. We have seen growth of more than 100% since 2019 here in Brazil. We are very happy to launch our fourth CKD facility globally here in Brazil and this is testament to our commitment to the region and the market potential, and to our growing community of riding enthusiasts in the market. We are confident that this facility will help us grow the mid-segment market here in Brazil while enabling us to efficiently cater to the growing demand.”

Brazil has been a critical market for Royal Enfield since the brand's market foray in 2017. Having made significant strides in the country and across the entire Americas Region, Royal Enfield is now among the top five players in the midsize motorcycle segment in markets such as Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Mexico and North America. With a burgeoning consumer base and a significant retail network in the region, the new local assembly unit will be a critical boost for business growth in the LatAm Region.

About Royal Enfield: The oldest motorcycle company in continuous production in the world, Royal Enfield made its first motorcycle in 1901. A division of Eicher Motors Limited, Royal Enfield has created the midsize motorcycle segment in India with its unique and distinctive modern classic motorcycles.

Honda Reveals First Look of Electric Motorcycle

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

by Dennis Chung from <https://www.motorcycle.com>

It's been a couple of months since Honda outlined its electric motorcycle plans, which included a mix of mopeds, scooters and three large-sized “Fun EVs” destined for North America by 2024 and 2025. The initial announcement included a teaser image of two motorcycles and a scooter.

Today, Honda released another glimpse of a future electric motorcycle in, of all places, a rendering of its float for the 2023 Rose Parade.

As the presenting sponsor for the 13th time, Honda will once more be the lead float in the Rose Parade. This year's float, called “Forever Determined,” is part of an ongoing brand marketing campaign promoting the company's initiatives including its plans for electrification. Honda says it's pursuing a goal for carbon neutrality by 2050, and having North American vehicle sales be 100% electric by 2040.

The float shows several Honda vehicles, including the all-electric Prologue SUV, the Acura ARX-06 hybrid race car, a Hondajet Elite II plane, and a prototype Honda eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft). Also nestled in there is what is simply described as “a Honda electric motorcycle”.

The rendering shows a naked motorcycle that looks very similar to the Honda CB500F, but with a large module that presumably houses the batteries and electric motor in place of the engine.

It's difficult to draw too many conclusions from a portion of a sketch of a parade float, but it is worth noting that every other element of the float besides the motorcycle is a product that actually exists in a further stage of development. The Hondajet Elite II was revealed in October, the Prologue is expected to enter production in 2024, and the ARX-06 will be competing in the 2023 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. The eVTOL is still at the concept stage, but Honda has at least revealed some information about it.

The electric motorcycle remains a complete mystery, with Honda not even giving it a name in its press release (presented in full below). That gives us two possible theories. Either the electric motorcycle is so early in development that it's just a

mock-up with no relationship to an actual product, or “a Honda electric motorcycle” is all American Honda is willing to say about the project at this stage.

Given Honda's stated goal of releasing a “fun EV” motorcycle by 2024, the latter seems more likely. With the parade taking place on Jan. 2, it's possible Honda will provide more information on its first electric motorcycle before the end of the year.

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HONDA PRESS RELEASE BELOW :
Honda Determination to Advance Future of Mobility Set to Shine at 2023 Rose Parade

Honda brings ‘Forever Determined’ brand campaign to life as inspirational float for 134th Rose Parade®

From the road to the racetrack to the skies, Honda's float will feature a range of mobility products, as Honda prepares for an electrified future

Honda float will serve as the stage for ‘Rose Parade Opening Spectacular’ for the first time, featuring musical performance by multi-platinum artists, Fitz and The Tantrums

All-new 2023 Honda CR-V hybrid and 2023 Pilot TrailSport SUVs are official vehicles

Honda will bring its latest brand marketing campaign to life aboard an inspirational float that will lead the 134th Rose Parade on January 2, 2023. Honda's “Forever Determined” Rose Parade float showcases Honda's commitment to making people's lives better by constantly advancing mobility through innovative technology and sheer determination. Honda's “Forever Determined” float marks the 13th time that Honda has led all floats as Presenting Sponsor of the Rose Parade.

Honda will kick off the 2023 Rose Parade with its float serving as the stage for the “Opening Spectacular” for the first time. Honda is proud to announce that the Rose Parade “Opening Spectacular” will feature a musical performance by multi-platinum artists, Fitz and The Tantrums, performing their latest high-energy, infectious new single, “Let Yourself Free.” Honda and Fitz and The Tantrums will be joined by youth singers and the Rose Parade Youth Dance Group, a collection of talented youth dancers, who will help to redefine the term “dance floor-ready bounce” during their “Opening Spectacular” perform-

ance.

The “Forever Determined” Rose Parade float highlights new initiatives that Honda is taking on – from the road to the racetrack to the skies – as Honda prepares for an all-electric future. Honda is pursuing the global goal of carbon neutrality for all products and corporate activities by 2050, including a vision for 100% electrified vehicle sales in North America by 2040.

“Our determination to advance the future of mobility is embodied in the Honda products on our parade float and in the 2023 Rose Parade theme of ‘Turning the Corner,’” said Jessika Lauder milk, Assistant Vice President of Marketing for American Honda. “Honda continues to embark on new initiatives utilizing our core technologies that will help people make their own lives better, today and tomorrow, and we're proud to showcase that in this year's Rose Parade.”

“Forever Determined” 2023 Rose Parade Float Brings Honda Mobility Products to Life

The groundbreaking Honda products featured on the “Forever Determined” float showcase innovative technology, driven by the ideas and sheer determination of Honda engineers. Represented on the base of the float is the Prologue, Honda's first all-electric SUV, arriving in 2024, as well as the electrified Acura ARX-06 race machine that will soon compete in the 2023 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, and a Honda electric motorcycle. Flying high above are the Hondajet Elite II, the fastest, farthest and highest-flying aircraft in its class, and a product of the future, the Honda eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft) which will fly on a new layer of the sky that is much closer to the ground than the existing layer used by airplanes and is a key part of Honda's future “mobility ecosystem.” Honda's 2023 Rose Parade float is powered by a specially configured 3.5L V6 engine from Honda.

Official Honda Rose Parade Vehicles
The Pace Car of the 2023 Rose Parade is the all-new hybrid-electric 2023 Honda CR-V hybrid, the most powerful and fuel efficient CR-V ever. Perfect for daily life or weekend escapes, CR-V is America's outright best-selling SUV of the past 25 years and the all-new 2023 CR-V hybrid backs up its rugged new looks with a more fun-to-drive personality, excellent fuel economy ratings and increased capability. This all-new hybrid-electric 2023 Honda

CR-V represents the latest step in Honda's effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and progress toward the ultimate goal of achieving a carbon-free society. The all-new CR-V hybrid will be built at both Honda's Indiana Auto Plant in Greensburg, Indiana and East Liberty Auto Plant in Ohio, continuing the 40-year legacy of Honda's commitment to build products close to the customer*.

The all-new 2023 Honda Pilot TrailSport serves as the Sound Car for the 2023 Rose Parade. The most off-road capable SUV in Honda history, the all-new 2023 Honda Pilot TrailSport is the ultimate rugged family SUV with tough new styling, more passenger and cargo space and a class-leading combination of off-road capability and sporty on-road dynamics. Special rugged features on this all-new Pilot TrailSport include a raised off-road tuned suspension, all-terrain tires, steel skid plates and expanded all-wheel drive system capabilities. Designed in California and developed in Ohio, the all-new Honda Pilot is built exclusively at Honda's Alabama Auto Plant in Lincoln, Alabama. Since 2006, Honda has produced more than 2 million Pilots in the U.S*.

Honda's Long-standing Partnership with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses®
Honda and the Pasadena Tournament of Roses® have worked side-by-side for more than 60 years to contribute to a strong sense of community in Southern California and bring entertainment and tradition to people around the world. Honda became the Rose Parade's first-ever presenting sponsor in 2011. As presenting sponsor for 13 years, the Honda float leads the Rose Parade and showcases the annual event theme.

Honda first collaborated with the Tournament of Roses to provide two-wheeled vehicles for the 1962 Parade. Honda has been a float participant since 1977 and has provided the official Tournament of Roses vehicle since 1994. Honda continues to supply two-wheeled and side-by-side (multi-utility) vehicles for Parade operations.

*Honda vehicles are built using domestic and globally sourced parts.

Last Traditional Sportster from H-D: Why?

<https://www.bikernet.com>

Last week the final production Sportster rolled off the Harley-Davidson assembly line with grand fanfare including signatures by each member of the crew. I'm sure they were very proud.

So, what killed the iconic Sportster? Was it diminishing sales, technology, the EPA, a marketing push, Indian competition, what gives?

And will it ultimately die or be kept lively and vibrant with the current technology afforded the aftermarket?

Taking a look at the history from a couple of classic web sites paints a very interesting history from kickstart Sportsters, to electric start, to Evolution engines, disc brakes, rubbermounted drivelines, belt drives, you name it, the Sportster configuration was able to adapt with new technology right up until this year.

Here's the lowbrow history report:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON SPORTSTER HISTORY: EVOLUTION OF THE LEGENDARY MODEL BLOWING AWAY BIG TWINS SINCE 1957

The following was produced and written by Tyler M

Harley Davidson K Model
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Harley Davidson K Model
Harley-Davidson XL Series Sportsters
Right-Hand Shift Harley Sportster Years
Harley-Davidson Released The Sportster 883 In 1988

Belt Drive Made Standard On All Sportsters - 1993
All-New Frame Including Rubber-Mounted Engine For Decreased Vibration - 2004

Fuel Injection Replaces Carburetor On All Models - 2007
XR1200 Sportster - 2008
XL1200V "Seventy-Two" Model Sportster - 2015
Harley-Davidson Sportster: Tracing The Journey Of 60 Years

Check out Tyler's full report on the lowbrow site. Tyler Malinky is the CEO of Lowbrow Customs, which he founded back in 2004. An avid vintage motorcyclist, Tyler builds and races 1950s Triumph motorcycles at the Bonneville Salt Flats, in addition to building and riding both stock and custom Harley-Davidson's on the street.

Let's look at the product description of the 1200 Sportster for 2021

The Iron 1200 starts with the 1200cc Evolution engine that gives loads of famous Sportster torque. It's got a throw-back look that goes right to the roots of Sportster motorcycle, thanks to '70s-inspired tank graphics. It also features a low-slung Café solo seat, mid-mount controls, and mini ape hanger handlebars for an aggressive, two-fists-in-the-wind riding position.

Dimensions

Length 86.6 in. (2,200 mm)
Overall Width 36 in. (915 mm)
Overall Height 48.8 in. (1,240 mm)
Seat Height, Laden 25.7 in. (653 mm) 2
Seat Height, Unladen 28.9 in. (735 mm)
Ground Clearance 4.3 in. (110 mm)
Rake (steering head) (deg) 30
Fork Angle (deg) 30
Trail 4.6 in. (117 mm)
Wheelbase 59.6 in. (1,515 mm)
Tires, Type Michelin Scorcher "31" front and rear
Tires, Front Model Scorcher "31"
Tires, Front Specification 100/90B19 57H
Tires, Rear Model Scorcher "31"
Tires, Rear Specification 150/80B16 77H
Fuel Capacity 3.3 gal. (12.5 l)
Reserve Fuel Capacity, Fuel Injection (warning light) 0.8 gal. (3 l)
Oil Capacity (w/filter) 2.8 qt. (2.6 l)
Transmission Capacity 1 qt. (.95 l)
Primary Chain Case Capacity N/A
Coolant Capacity N/A
Weight, As Shipped 547 lb. (248 kg)
Weight, In Running Order 564 lb. (256 kg)
Gross Vehicle Weight Rating 1,000 lb. (454 kg)
Gross Axle Weight Rating, Front 335 lb. (152 kg)
Gross Axle Weight Rating, Rear 665 lb. (302 kg)
Luggage Capacity -Volume N/A

Engine

Engine Air-cooled, Evolution
Valves Pushrod-operated, overhead valves with hydraulic, self-adjusting lifters; two-valves per cylinder
Bore 3.5 in. (88.9 mm)
Stroke 3.8 in. (96.8 mm)
Displacement 73.4 cu in (1,202 cc)
Compression Ratio 10:01
Fuel System Electronic Sequential Port Fuel Injection (ESPFI) 3
Air Cleaner Paper cartridge type
Exhaust Black, staggered exhaust and headers with black slash-cut mufflers
Lubrication System Dry-sump

Drivetrain

Primary Drive Chain, 38/57 ratio
Final Drive Belt, 29/68 ratio
Clutch Multi-plate, wet
Transmission 5-speed
Gear Ratios (overall) 1st 9.315
Gear Ratios (overall) 2nd 6.653
Gear Ratios (overall) 3rd 4.948
Gear Ratios (overall) 4th 4.102
Gear Ratios (overall) 5th 3.517
Gear Ratios (overall) 6th N/A

Chassis

Frame Mild steel, tubular frame; circular sections; cast junctions

Swingarm Mild steel, rectangular tube section, stamped junctions; MIG welded

Front Fork 39 mm

Rear Shocks Coil-over; preload dual-adjustable
Wheels, Front Type Black, 9-spoke 4
Wheels, Front Width 2.15 in. (55 mm)
Wheels, Front Height 19 in. (483 mm)
Wheels, Rear Type Black, 9-spoke 4
Wheels, Rear Width 3 in. (76 mm)
Wheels, Rear Height 16 in. (406 mm)
Brakes, Caliper Type Dual-piston front, Dual-piston rear

Brakes, Rotor Type Solid, uniform expansion rotors (Floating front)
Brakes, Front Diameter 11.8 in. (300 mm)
Brakes, Front Thickness 0.2 in. (5 mm)
Brakes, Front is dual No
Brakes, Rear Diameter 10.24 in. (260 mm)
Brakes, Rear Thickness 0.28 in. (7.1 mm)
Brakes, Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) Optional
Suspension Travel, Front 3.6 in. (92 mm)
Suspension Travel, Rear 1.6 in. (41 mm)

Performance

Engine Torque Testing Method J1349
Engine Torque 73 ft-lb (99 Nm) 5
Engine Torque (rpm) 3,500
Lean Angle Testing Method J1168
Lean Angle, Right (deg.) 27
Lean Angle, Left (deg.) 28
Fuel Economy Testing Method Estimated City/Hwy
Fuel Economy 48 mpg (4.9 l/100 km) 6

Electric

Battery Sealed lead acid, maintenance-free, 12V, 12 amp/hour, 200 cca (per Battery Council International Rating)
Charging Single-phase, 30-amp system (375W @ 13.5V, 2000 rpm, 405W max power @ 13.5V)
Starting 1.2 kW electric with solenoid shift starter motor engagement
Lights (as per country regulation), Headlamp 55-watt low beam, 60-watt high beam
Lights (as per country regulation), Tail/Stop Incandescent
Lights (as per country regulation), Front Signal Lights Incandescent bullet turn signals
Lights (as per country regulation), Indicator Lamps High beam, neutral, low oil pressure, turn signals, engine diagnostics, low fuel warning, low battery, security system (if equipped), ABS (if equipped) 7
Lights, Rear Turn Signals Incandescent bullet turn signals
Gauges Handlebar-mounted electronic speedometer with odometer, time-of-day clock, dual tripmeter, low fuel warning light, low oil pressure light, engine diagnostics readout, LED indicator lights
Auxiliary Lamps N/A
Electric Power Outlet N/A
GPS System N/A
Reverse Gear N/A

Warranty And Service

Warranty 24 months (unlimited mileage) 8
Service Interval First 1,000 miles (1600 km), every 5,000 miles (8,000 km) thereafter 9

Okay, so let's take a look at the new 2022 Nightster technology:

NEW HARLEY-DAVIDSON NIGHTSTER MODEL STARTS A NEW CHAPTER IN THE SPORTSTER MOTORCYCLE STORY

New Liquid-Cooled Revolution Max 975T Powertrain Tuned for Muscular Torque

The 2022 Harley-Davidson Nightster model starts a new chapter in the Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle story – a leap forward in performance and design

while remaining an accessible entry point to motorcycling and the brand.

This all-new motorcycle combines a classic Sportster model silhouette with the on-demand performance of the new Revolution Max 975T powertrain and a host of contemporary electronic rider aids and features. The 2022 Nightster model redefines the Sportster motorcycle experience for a new generation of riders.

New Revolution Max 975T Powertrain

At the heart of the 2022 Nightster model is the new Revolution Max 975T powertrain. It is a liquid-cooled, 60-degree V-Twin with a torque curve that stays flat through the broad powerband – and engine performance designed to deliver strong acceleration and robust power through the mid-range. The length and shape of the intake velocity stacks, combined with the airbox volume, are tuned to maximize performance across the engine speed range. The profiles of dual overhead camshafts and Variable Valve Timing phasing on the intake valves are designed to match the performance of this engine.

Revolution Max 975T Engine Specs

Displacement 975cc
90 HP (67 kW) @7500 RPM
70 ft. lbs. (95 Nm) peak torque @ 5000 RPM
97mm bore x 66mm stroke
Compression Ratio 12:1

Hydraulic valve lash adjustment ensures quiet operation and eliminates the need for costly, complicated service procedures. Internal balancers help reduce engine vibration to enhance rider comfort and improve vehicle durability. The balancers are tuned to retain just enough vibration to make the motorcycle feel alive.

Powerful Agility

The Nightster model pairs a nimble, lightweight chassis with a powerful engine tuned for strong mid-range performance, an ideal combination for navigating urban traffic and charging along curving backroads. Mid foot controls and a low-rise handlebar put the rider in a centered, comfortable posture on the bike. Unladen seat height is 27.8 inches. The low seat height combined with a narrow profile makes it possible for most riders to confidently place feet down flat at a stop.

The Revolution Max 975T powertrain is the central, structural component of the Nightster motorcycle chassis, which significantly reduces motorcycle weight and results in a very stiff chassis. The tail section structure is lightweight aluminum. The swingarm is formed of welded rectangular steel tubing and is an attachment point for the dual rear shock absorbers.

Front suspension is 41mm SHOWA Dual Bending Valve conventional forks designed to provide improved handling performance by keeping the tire in contact with the road surface. The rear suspension features dual outboard emulsion-technology shock absorbers with coil springs and a threaded collar for pre-load adjustment.

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

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DATE: _____ Business Phone _____

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT: _____

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BUSINESS - FULL ADDRESS: _____

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

YOUR NAME (please print): _____

YOUR PHONE (with area code): _____

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

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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: _____

POSITION (State/Local SMRO Presiding Officer): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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BSA Scrambler At 2022 Motorcycle Live Show

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

by Janaki Jitchotvisut from <https://www.rideapart.com>

It features subtle styling changes from the Gold Star on which it's based.

In November, 2021, the revived BSA Motorcycles proudly presented its first new motorcycle in decades, the 2022 BSA Gold Star. Fittingly, the reveal took place at the 2021 Motorcycle Live show, which is the U.K.'s biggest annual motorcycle event—and which, let's not forget, is also held in the BSA birthplace of Birmingham. The new Goldie—powered by a liquid-cooled, dual overhead cam, 625cc single—was met with a mostly positive response.

Fast-forward to 2022, and the latest edition of Motorcycle Live rolled into the NEC Birmingham events hall for visitors to see all the latest motorcycles on display. Of course, BSA was there, and of course it brought the Gold Star along. The company also brought along something new—a shiny new scrambler.

At this point, we must caution you that it's only a design concept at the moment—but this, friends, is our first look at a conceptual BSA Scrambler. According to BSA, this is the first design that was developed entirely in-house at BSA's new West Midlands facility. While the team didn't offer a whole lot in the way of details, since it is only a concept, it's meant to "offer a snapshot of what the

future could look like," as well as "showcase the customization capability of BSA's Gold Star platform."

The BSA Scrambler concept is built around same 652cc single found in the production BSA Gold Star. If you need a refresher, that engine makes a claimed 45 horsepower at 6,000 rpm, in addition to 55 newton-meters (or 40.5 pound-feet) of torque at 4,000 rpm. It's also mated to a five-speed gearbox.

The concept boasts a sportier look, with a particularly grippy-looking seat cover, high front mudguard, and what at least looks to be a beefier front fork setup. Without knowing more details about what, precisely, was changed, it's difficult to offer a full assessment. The dual,

slash-cut exhaust looks more modern than the extremely traditional styling found on the Gold Star—but still exits low down on the right side of the bike, instead of featuring the high-mounted routing that's common on some other scrambler-styled bikes.

The BSA Scrambler concept rolls on a pair of Excel Takasago spoked wheels, wrapped in dual-sport Pirelli Scorpion rubber, as opposed to the Pirelli Phantom Sportscomp tires mounted on the Gold Star. There's a bit of a bash plate mounted up front, just under the radiator—though it's clearly not meant to be a serious off-roading machine.

Is Royal Enfield going Electric?

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Allegedly, New Royal Enfield Electric Bike Concept Photo Leaks Online

Is it a pre-production glimpse into the future.

When you think of the name “Royal Enfield,” the first thing that comes to mind probably isn’t electric bikes. Yet, since it’s nearly 2023, of course Enfield has a plan for electrification that it’s currently in the midst of undertaking. Now that it’s November, 2022, it seems that the OEM has recently reached the

Quality Function Development concept phase.

As recently as late October, we learned that the company is currently aiming for a 2025 release date. If that hasn’t changed, then the timing of the QFD model and product brief that our colleagues at Autocar Professional recently got to see makes total sense. For those unfamiliar, a QFD concept helps product developers integrate customer wants into a given product design. While it’s a part of the design process, it’s not necessarily what the finished production version will look like.

Dubbed ‘Royal Enfield Elektrik01,’ the front right closeup that we’re able to see

in the single QFD model shot that’s leaked so far is a fascinating design. There’s a glossy black ‘tank’ piece, which catches your eye via a reflection that highlights the matte silver frame that surrounds it. Is it a frunk? Is it an airbox? I mean, since it’s so early in its development, chances are excellent that we’re a long way off from knowing.

What is incredibly clear here is the girder front fork design, picked out in matte black. It leads up to the single round headlight, which is also matte black on this concept bike. Additionally, the photo shows a black alloy front wheel wrapped in Avon rubber, and not much else. Since girder forks are mainly seen on either extremely vintage machines or custom

builds in the current era, that design choice is certainly one way to set the Elektrik01 apart from the pack if it makes it to the production version.

Since Autocar also got a sneaky peek at the product brief, the team there has some additional insights into what they read. For those already familiar with Royal Enfield’s design choices in the 2020s, though, the idea of “neo vintage/classic” styling may be the least surprising combination of words that you would probably expect to see. They know what their fans like, they know who they are, and they’re not afraid to integrate those styling cues and choices into future designs—no matter how they’re powered.

AmPro Yamaha Announces 2023 Team

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Ricky Russell, Zach Osborne, Liam Draper, and reigning GNCC WXC Champion Rachael Archer looking to campaign for top honors aboard their YZs

MARIETTA, Ga. – December 1, 2022 – AmPro Yamaha is excited to announce a powerhouse lineup for 2023 with the signing of Ricky Russell to lead the charge in the premier class, and the addition of Zach Osborne and Liam Draper in the 250 class. Returning with the team to defend her crown in the Grand National Cross Country Series (GNCC) is 2022 WXC National Champion Rachael Archer.

Russell returns to the AmPro family looking to fight for the title aboard the all-new 2023 Yamaha YZ450F and will be racing the GNCC XC1 class, the National Enduro Series Pro 1 class, and select US Sprint Enduro rounds. The Washington State rider ended the year on a high note with a victory at the season finale to give him a pair of wins for third in the points standings and looks to keep his momentum rolling into next season.

Coming out of retirement to go off-road racing full-time is former supercross/motocross racer Osborne. A championship-proven rider with a versatile background, he will be joining the program to race the GNCC XC2 class and select US Sprint Enduro races aboard the 2023 Yamaha YZ250FX. Osborne was crowned the Pro Motocross 450MX Champion in 2020 and earned a pair of 250 titles in 2017 – the 250SX East Championship and 250MX

Championship. He was also part of the U.S. World Trophy Team at the International Six Days Enduro in 2013 and 2014, and now looks to evolve his talents into the longer more demanding off-road formats.

Draper will be joining the team to compete in both the GNCC XC2 class and the National Enduro Series Pro 2 class. Making his GNCC debut in 2018, the New Zealander looks to keep building on his forward momentum and looks to fight up front aboard the 2023 Yamaha YZ250FX.

Returning to the AmPro Yamaha program is reigning GNCC WXC National Champion Archer who will also be piloting the 2023 Yamaha YZ250FX. In addition to defending her title in the GNCC series, the New Zealander will race select US Sprint Enduro rounds.

The team is also happy to announce their AmPro bLU cRU amateur support riders with Cooper Jones and Ryder Sigety returning with the squad and the addition of Mike Delosa and Simon Johnson.

In 2023, AmPro Yamaha’s primary focus will remain on the Grand National Cross Country Series and the National Enduro Series (NEPG), as well as GNCC University and select bLU cRU special events to support Yamaha riders honing their off-road skills. Russell, Osborne, Draper, and Archer, will also have a renewed focus on the US Sprint Enduro Series as their schedule permits. Additionally, they will be assisting in the development of our AmPro bLU cRU Amateur Team riders at GNCC, US

Sprint, and JDay offroad events.

Donnie Luce – Amateur MX/ ATV / Off-Road Coordinator for YMUS

“Yamaha is pleased to continue our long association with Randy Hawkins and the entire AmPro Team. We are very excited about the team that we have assembled for our 25th season together. This association has produced numerous champions over the years while allowing us to further showcase our complete line of Yamaha Off-Road models, GYTR, and Yamalube products.”

Randy Hawkins – AmPro Yamaha Racing Team Owner

“This is going to be an exciting year for us. It’s time to get back to our roots and really show the world that Yamaha’s race machines are a step above the competition’s. We have the riders and team personnel, and we have the right equipment to win multiple championships in 2023.”

Ricky Russell – AmPro Yamaha Racing

“I couldn’t be more excited to be reunited with AMPRO Yamaha. Randy and all the guys here helped me start my GNCC racing career, so in a way, it feels like coming home and it’s good to be back. I finished off 2022 with a few Overall wins in GNCC and had career-best finishes in NEPG, so I’m very stoked to take that momentum into 2023 on the all-new YZ450F batting for championships!”

Zach Osborne – AmPro Yamaha Racing

“I’m super excited and grateful for this

opportunity. My first conversation with Randy about joining his team and the off-road community dates all the way back to the end of 2007, so for this to come to fruition at a time when I was looking for a new opportunity is just super cool! I’m excited to get the season started in a few short months and I hope to make the team and our sponsors proud. I’ve been back to full-time training for about six weeks now and things are responding well heading into the holidays and my January training camp!”

Liam Draper – AmPro Yamaha Racing

“I’m super excited to be a part of AmPro Yamaha. It’s always been my dream to be on a factory team since I first came to the USA in 2018, and now it’s a reality! I’m super happy with the bike and I’m excited to be teammates with Ricky, Zach, and Rachael. Randy also brings such a vast knowledge of the sport and I’m excited to be under his leadership!”

Rachael Archer – AmPro Yamaha Racing

“2022 was epic! I was able to push through and get consistent podiums and six GNCC wins throughout the year and win the WXC championship! I’ve been working on this championship since I was 12, so to finally take the number-one plate at 20 years old is a pretty big achievement! I couldn’t have done it without the help of my awesome team at AmPro Yamaha, and I’m super excited to be chasing another championship or two again in 2023 with them!”

Lane-Filtering Support Revs Up

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By Kali Kotoski

The 2023 legislative year could see a raft of lane-filtering legislation introduced around the country, and wherever that happens, rider safety will improve (if filtering/splitting is done correctly) and American will move a step or two closer to adopting riding/traffic practices that are standard in many parts of the world.

At a recent conference hosted by Mid-South M.I.L.E. (Motorcyclists Improving Legislation Effectiveness) in Topeka, Kan., the AMA’s On-Highway Government Relations Manager Tiffany Cipoletti gave a presentation of how to

achieve lane-filtering legislative success. She also presented the benefits of lane filtering, most notably in mitigating the chance of rear-end collisions when a motorcyclist is in stopped or slow traffic.

In recent years, lane filtering has gained steam, with laws adopted in Arizona, Utah and Montana that set requirements for permissible lane filtering. In 2021, supporters in Oregon were only stymied by a veto from the governor, despite having established bipartisan support.

“It is fair to say that lane filtering is gaining momentum,” said Cipoletti, “with more and more states inquiring about a path to introduce legislation or those that already plan to during the 2023 season.”

Mid-South M.I.L.E., an organization representing Arkansas, Kinase, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, is just one group showing interest in lane filtering.

“2023 could be a big year for lane filtering,” Cipoletti said. “As of right now, it looks like Texas, Louisiana and Virginia are well-prepared to pursue lane filtering.”

She added that groups from Washington, Oregon, Maryland, Idaho, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Idaho are, or have started, laying the foundation for a legislative push. But Cipoletti reminds prospective states that legislation is not a one size fits all arrangement despite recent successes.

Different bills and approaches could work for different states. But she stressed that gathering support from elected representatives and state agencies needs to go hand-in-hand with grassroots advocacy.

“The place we don’t want to be is when a bill lacks enough support to get out of committee, she said. “The demographics are starting to change, and more riders appear open to supporting lane filtering. If all goes well, we could see maybe 12 lane-filtering bills introduced across the country, and that possibility is exciting.”

To stay current on the latest developments in lane-filtering legislation, subscribe to the AMA’s Action Alerts at AmericanMotorcyclist.com/subscribe-rights.