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BEYOND THE BALLOT: THE POWER OF PAYING ATTENTION TO LOCAL POLITICS IN ARIZONA



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Local politics often get overshadowed by national and international events, but they are just as important, if not more so. Following local politics can have a significant impact on your day-to-day life and the community you live in. In this article, we will explore why it is essential to follow local politics and how it can benefit you.

Influence on Daily Life

Local politics has a direct influence on our daily lives, from the quality of the roads we drive on to the safety of the neighborhoods we live in. Local politicians make decisions that affect the local economy, education, public safety, and social programs. For instance, they decide on issues such as garbage collection, zoning laws, and the allocation of funds to the local schools. By keeping up with local politics, you can have a say in the decisions that affect you and your community.

Access to Decision-makers

Local politicians are often more accessible than their national counterparts. They attend local events, hold town halls, and are more responsive to emails and phone calls. If you have concerns or want to voice your opinion, it is easier to do so at a local level. Engaging with local politicians can lead to a more responsive and accountable government.

Opportunities for Civic Engagement

Engaging with local politics is a great way to get involved in your community. Local politicians rely on the support of the community to get elected and stay in office. By attending town hall meetings, volunteering for campaigns, and voting in local elections, you can make a difference in your community. Local politics provides opportunities for citizens to engage and take an active role in shaping their community.

Promotes Accountability

Local politicians are accountable to their constituents. By following local politics, citizens can hold politicians accountable for their decisions and actions. If you are not satisfied with a politician's performance, you can voice your concerns and vote them out of office. Local politics provides a platform for citizens to promote accountability and transparency in government.

Provides a Training Ground

Local politics provides a training ground for aspiring politicians. Many national politicians started their careers in local politics. By getting involved in local politics, individuals can gain experience, build a network, and develop skills that are transferable to national politics. Local politics provides a stepping stone for those who aspire to make a difference on a larger scale.

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The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM on the 3rd
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 serve
a great inexpensive buffet breakfast before and after our meet-
ing. Come and hang out before or after the meeting! Riders of
all types of bikes, non-riders, and non-members are always
welcomed to attend!

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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
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Secretary.....Sandra 'Jane' Bell
Treasurer.....Cyndi ‘Dragonfly’ Williams
Membership.....Denise ‘Spitfire’ Trolinder
Events Coordinator.....Jacque ‘Daisi’ Whiting...
Safety Coordinator.....Roy ‘Fatboy’ Whiting
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Until further notice, HCC meetings will be held immediately
following the MMAA meetings (10:00am) the 3rd Saturday
of each month. Meeting location is Monica's Cafe, 1100 West
Hall St, Show Low, AZ 85901

ABATE High Country Chapter, P.O. Box 3424, Show Low,
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The Southern Arizona Chapter will meet the third Saturday of
the month. We will gather at the Northwest Tucson Moose
Lodge, 2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705
. Meeting time is 10AM

Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

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

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2nd
Sunday of each month at 12:30p at the VFW Post-1433, 7618
N 63rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301

Yavapai Chapter

465 E Liana Dr.
Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Coordinators.....Tim Thomas
Vice Coordinator.....Dan Tumey
Secretary.....Dixie Gray
Treasurer.....Dennis Banners
Membership.....Holli Woolsey
Events Coordinator.....Vacant
Social Media.....Holli Woolsey
Safety Coordinator.....AJ Killian
Sgt. At Arms.....Lori Kludt
P.A.C.....OPEN
Communications.....Sandra Tavares
Merchandise.....Dennis Banners

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

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

Yuma Chapter

11316 S. Glenwood Ave.
Yuma, AZ 85367

Coordinator.....Alex R. Montez (Sidetrack) RPMC
Vice Coordinator.....Frank White
Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson
Treasurer.....Robin Aitken
Membership.....Doug Kreag
Events Coordinator.....Vacant
Safety Coordinator.....Vacant
Sgt. At Arms.....Joe Toussint (Rattle) IFMC
P.A.C.....Vacant
Communications.....Vacant
Merchandise.....Vacant

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

EDITOR’S NOTE:

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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

Bikers, Bikers Everywhere!

This week bikers from across the nation
descended on Capitol Hill. The 2023
Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s (MRF)
Bikers Inside the Beltway was the
largest event in the 14-year history of
the event! Motorcyclists from 34 states
made the trip to Washington, D.C. to
advocate for issues that matter to the
street rider.

The list of policy concerns was long!
Issues include: right to repair, preserving
the internal combustion engine, profiling
of bikers, autonomous vehicles, ethanol
mandates, the definition of a motorcycle,
and the creation of a Motorcyclist
Advisory Council within the Department
of Transportation.

In just one day, all 435 members of the
House of Representatives and 100
Senators received an informational pack-

et from the Motorcycle Riders
Foundation (MRF) explaining who we
are, what we’ve done, and what we want.

Working with our State Motorcyclist
Rights Organization (SMRO) partners,
sustaining clubs and the National
Council of Clubs we earned many impor-
tant victories. In 2022 we saw the pas-
sage of an anti-profiling
resolution,answers from the National
Highway Traffic Safety Administration

on autonomous vehicles, and language
requiring a report from the Department
of Transportation on policies related to
the targeting of bikers.

Perhaps the best part about Bikers
Inside the Beltway is the buzz that
occurs on Capitol Hill when hundreds
of bikers roam the halls on Congress.
They not only hear us, but they see us!

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 to all my fellow Freedom Fighters, supporters of motorcycle rights and ABATE members!

As I sit down to write this monthly report I look back through my notes and see everything that happened this past month. Our Legislative Director Mike Infanzon has been working hard on all the legislation that has anything to do with motorcyclists.

Mike Infanzon is in Washington D.C. to attend the Annual Michael “Boz” Kerr Biker’s Inside the Beltway.

This annual event is put on by our friends at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). This event is a way for motorcycle rights activists to gather and lobby the members of Congress. Mike informed me that he had meetings set with every single member of the Arizona delegation. This is amazing and a reflection of how hard he is working for all motorcyclists in Arizona. We will continue to contact all the members of Congress that represent Arizona by telephone, email and also contacting their local offices here in Arizona. Mike will update everyone on the results of his whirlwind trip to our Capital when he returns. Watch for his updates in the Masterlink next month.

This past month of May was also Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. I know many of our cities and towns have issued proclamations designating May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month as well as the State. I hope that all of our chapters have partaken in various events to promote motorcycle safety around our state. Thank you to everyone for all you do to make Arizona safe for ALL motorcyclists.

I had the privilege of attending the Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation’s (AMSAF) fund raising dinner “Riding for the Long Haul”! They are

actively working on educating the public on safety and awareness to help reduce crashes and fatalities in Arizona. The offer financial assistance for motorcycle training, the purchasing of helmets and now they have added assistance for Accident Scene Management classes, both the basic class and the advanced class. For more information go to www.AMSAF.org.

I have been trying to attend all of the monthly ACMC meetings when possible. I made the ride up to Phoenix the last week-end in April to attend the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC) monthly meeting. For those who may not know ABATE of Arizona is a Charter member of the ACMC. The ACMC meets monthly and allows MCs from around the state to get together and discuss various topics that affect the motorcycling community and the motorcycle clubs in particular. ABATE works with the ACMC on legislative issues and other issues that come to light. The meetings are moved to different locations throughout the state every month to allow more clubs to attend.

As always ABATE and the Too Broke committee is in need of volunteers to help with this event. This is a great way to support our organization and to meet others from around the state who are also volun-

teering. Please consider stepping up and volunteering at Too Broke for Sturgis! I look forward to seeing many of our members up at the new location At the Winslow Rodeo Grounds. Remember that the reason more of your fellow motorcyclists are not members of ABATE of Arizona is because they have never been asked to join! If every ABATE member recruited just one new member every year our numbers would double every year and we would be a force to be reckoned with. So ask every rider you meet if they are a member, if they are not ask them to come to a meeting and learn who we are and what we stand for. ASK THEM TO JOIN! The time to organize and fight for your freedoms is BEFORE they are all gone!

Until next time!

Ride Free!

Ride Safe!

Ride Endorsed!

Jim

American Creates Beer-Powered Motorcycle

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

An American Has Created A Beer-Powered Motorcycle,

Claims It Could Reach Speeds Of Up To 240 Km Per Hour

Ky Michaelson, is an American infamous for unusual inventions. His past accomplishments include a rocket-powered toilet and a jet-powered coffee pot. Now his latest invention is: a beer-powered motorcycle.

Speaking to Fox9, Ky explains that the unique motorcycle has a 14-gallon keg with a heating coil instead of a gas-powered engine. This coil heats the beer up to 300 degrees, which then becomes super-heated steam in the nozzles, making the bike move forward. Ky’s garage in Bloomington is where he built this unique motorcycle that runs on beer (or is it steam?).

Ky told the publication that he aims to do what others have never done. He blamed the rising prices of gasoline as a reason

for not finding it useful for powering a vehicle.

Ky, is nicknamed ‘Rocketman’ for being the first civilian to launch a rocket into space.

The motorcycle could reach speeds up to 150 miles per hour (240 km per hour) as per Ky. He hopes to take the bike to a drag strip soon to test its capabilities. The unusual inventor also noted that any liquid, including Red Bull and Caribou Coffee, could fuel his bike.

So far, Ky’s vehicle has made it to a few local car shows, where it won the first position. Ky had also shared a video on his YouTube channel 9 months ago, featuring his son presenting detailed information about the motorcycle.

Ky Michaelson, a space and movie stunt enthusiast, has created many such innovations in the last few years and converted his home into a museum.



Monster Energy Team of the World’s Best Competing Athletes in Japan

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

Monster Energy Is Bringing the Heat to Japan with Its Team of the World’s Best Competing Athletes

Monster Energy, The Official Energy Drink Partner of X Games Chiba 2023, Is Bringing the Heat to Japan with Its Team of the World’s Best Competing Athletes

Three-Day Action Sports Spectacle Features more than 110 of the World’s Best Athletes in BMX, Motocross, and Skateboarding at ZOZO Marine Stadium on Tokyo Bay from May 12–14, 2023

CHIBA, Japan – May 11, 2023 – X Games is back in Japan! The world’s premier showcase in action sports competition will return to Japan for the second consecutive year. Monster Energy, the official energy drink partner of X Games, is proud to bring some of the world’s biggest names in competitive BMX, motocross, and skateboarding to X Games Chiba 2023 from May 12–14.

Following the success of last year’s event

in Japan, X Games Chiba 2023 marks the 67th edition of X Games since the event’s inception in 1995. For three action-packed days, the action sports world will focus on ZOZO Marine Stadium on Tokyo Bay with a total capacity for 30,000 spectators.

The Japan edition of X Games is bigger than ever: More than 110 athletes from 20 countries will compete for a total of 33 medals in 11 events across three sports. This year, Moto X Best Trick will be contested as a medal event for the first time in Chiba.

All competitions will stream live globally across XGames.com, YouTube, and Twitch, supplemented by behind-the-scenes, athlete-curated, and complementary content on @XGames social media accounts.

Fans can look forward to an elite display of the best in action sports: X Games Chiba is an invite-only event reserved for multiple-time X Games medalists and highly competitive newcomers to keep the

level of riding at premium levels. As the official drink sponsor of X Games Chiba 2023, Monster Energy is ready to raise the bar with a stacked team of riders, including action sports icons, defending gold medalists, and upcoming rookies.

Heading into X Games Chiba 2023, look out for the following key Monster Energy athletes and competitions:

The big spectacle in the Land of the Rising Sun kicks off on Friday, May 12, with eliminations in key BMX and skateboarding events at ZOZO Marine Stadium.

Athletes will then compete for the first set of X Games medals on Saturday in the BMX Street final. Be on the lookout for 24-year-old German team rider Felix Prangen ready to level up his silver medal in the discipline from X Games 2022 and expand his current count of four X Games medals. Also gunning for podium spots, Scotland’s own Alex Donnachie already owns gold from X Games Sydney 2018 and bronze from X Games 2021.

And with three-time gold medal winner Kevin Peraza in the session, the first medal event of X Games Chiba 2023 is bound to be a battle for the history books. Let’s go!

For the Women’s Skateboard Park final, our squad consists of bona fide legends and rising stars: Stoking the hometown crowd, 21-year-old Mami Tezuka from Hikone, Japan, is a podium favorite with X Games silver and bronze under her belt. She will face off against her teammate and mentor, 30-year-old Lizzie Armanto, known as a legend in women’s skateboarding since winning Skateboard Park gold at X Games Barcelona in 2013. Also don’t count out Brazilian Olympic skateboarder Isadora Pacheco with some big tricks up her sleeve. Monster Army rider Grace Marhoefer from Cocoa Beach, Florida, on a mission for her first X Games podium after recently winning the women’s street contest at Phoenix Am. Last but not least, the upcoming American rider Ruby Lilley is ready for the world stage. Don’t miss it!

Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass

The Coyote Pass Chapter had a successful event at the Saddle Sore Ranch Biker Event. We reached out to those that had an interest in motorcycle rights and passed out information about ABATE.

The Coyote Pass Chapter teams with the Brunch Bunch Riders in Kingman, Bullhead City , and Lake Havasu City for motorcycle rides each Wednesday and Saturday. This is a non-club riding group, everyone is welcome. Send inquiries to harley3787@gmail.com

Harley 928-530-2555

High Country

NO REPORT.

We are pleased to welcome five new chapter members since our last report. We would like to thank ABATE of Arizona business member Rick Korth at Tonto Silk Screen & Embroidery and HCC Merchandise Officer Jeff Sauer for a job well done. The chapter patches are selling fast. Seven HCC members to date have volunteered to assist at Too Broke for Sturgis.

Our membership decided to support the MMAA Carriage House Run on Saturday, May 20th in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting. Please note that our next meeting will be held at Monica’s Cafe on June 17th at 11:00 AM.

Barry ‘Double B’ Bell
High Country Chapter - Coordinator
doublebHCC@gmail.com

June 17th Meeting Location:
Monica’s Cafe
1100 West Hall St.
Show Low, AZ 85901

Mohave Chapter

On Friday, Apr. 28 and Saturday, Apr 29 our chapter was set up in 2 locations Route 66 Bike Week near Oatman and the Tri State River Run in Mohave Valley. On Friday afternoon I rode to the Tri State River Run and spent some time with Gary Vick "G" and Kevin Davis. Friday evening G spent the night in our toy hauler in the back yard, had dinner with us and spent a few hours in brother conversation, it was good to spend time with G. I am not sure how things went at Route 66, my take at the Tri State River Run is that most of the riders coming in were not local so I dont know if we had

any impact on membership, will find out at our upcoming meeting on May 15.

Our next meeting is this Monday, May 15 at the VFW in Golden Valley. I will post any further information on bike week in the next chapter report.

That is all I have for now, until next time stay safe and ride safe.

Tom Aydt
Mohave Chapter Coordinator

Phoenix/Shadow Mountain

May 14 mother's day we had our Phoenix Shadow Mountain meeting. We knew it would be a low turnout. It was a good meeting talked about Too Broke and getting established at VFW Post 1433 7618 N 63rd ave Glendale

We are looking forward to having great meetings in the near future.

Going to work hard to get the word out. I have some things in the works. We have lots of room to grow.

Our next meeting will be June 11 10:30am do to a Birthday party in the big room. And after that will be 12:30pm Second Sunday every month. Look forward to seeing you. Have fun ride safe keep the rubber side down. Till next month.

East Valley Chapter

Please take a moment to say a prayer towards the successful recovery and healing of two of our members who were involved in recent motorcycle accidents: Damian Page and Rob Van Pelt. Also, keep in your thoughts and prayers for our fallen member, Arron “Draco” Hendricks and his family. Your support of Arron’s wife and family after their tragedy reflects on the positive strength of our motorcycling community. Thanks to members and club membership for stepping up to help out the Hendricks family! The attendance by the motorcycling community at a recent fundraiser for Arron’s family at Rooster’s was impressive.

Will hold our chapter meeting on May 21st at Post 138 at 10a.m.. The guest speaker at our meeting will be speaker/author, Stacey Goodman. Stacey is a former New York police officer who was on the scene at ground zero on 9/11. She will talk about her experiences and about her book: “The Dust Never Settles”.

Our April meeting’s guest speaker was Darla Gonzalez, Director of the Arizona Free Enterprise Club. Darla presented information on the Arizona Request to

Speak(RTS) system and why we all need to voice our concern about legislative issues that impact our lifestyles. Encourage all members to enroll in the system so that we can be aware of the issues. The second item Darla presented was Arizona Free Enterprise Club’s call to action system. The Arizona Enterprise Club’s system does a good job with call to actions by sending out either a text message or email. It is important to be connected to the issues and actions that affect our lifestyles. They do a great job describing the various bills and it is very simple to send a message to your local representative. Read thru each of their summaries and you can decide for yourself whether to support or not. To join the call to action email/mobile list for AZ Free Enterprise club, email April@azfree.org with your name and mobile # if you want text calls to action. Let her know you are from ABATE.

Still working on creating a chapter history record. Please send in your historical records. It is also a good idea for each chapter to document their history as well. As stated last month, there is a website that you can view Masterlinks prior to 2017: <https://issuu.com>. Search for ABATE. Masterlinks prior to 2011 are on paper and are stored at the ABATE office in Phoenix. If you have any other information on the East Valley chapter please forward.

We have chapter shirts in mens and womens sizes available. \$20 for short sleeve and \$25 for long sleeve.

Continue to hold informal meet and greets with membership and guests every Thursday from 4pm til 7pm(various locations). These meetings are a great way to discuss chapter future events and goals outside of the meetings or just to talk about our daily events over a “cold beverage”. You just never know what can transpire at our events. At one of our last meet and greets a table nearby inquired about ABATE and what we represented. They presented us a very generous cash donation because they were impressed with what ABATE does for the motorcycling community.

We continue to support new membership opportunities and promote ABATE by setting up a membership booth at various bike events. We have been a regular participant at the Mesa Cycle Gear every 2nd Tuesday of each month. We are observing more riders come up to our booth and ask about ABATE. Maybe we don’t get people signed up right away but at least we are getting the word out about ABATE. A big thanks to our membership for supporting our membership booth opportunities! These membership events help us to discuss lane filtering and

motorcycle rights issues to the new and seasoned riders.

Rick Ferguson and I participated in AZ Cruiser Academy’s track day event on May 13th. It was a great experience riding the track(Podium Club at Attessa) and learning new riding skills. Prior to the class, I never knew my 2013 Road King could lean over so much in a hairpin turn. We didn’t set a track record(I think Rick tried) but came away with some great riding skills. We also had a membership booth at the event – special thanks to Cliff Prentice, Ron Van Pelt, and Mark Krumrey. Look for AZ Cruiser Academy’s(Jym and Tracy are ABATE business members) next event – their event is well run and they make the event a safe and fun day!

MAP program: Just when I thought we were done for the semester we ended up adding two Gilbert schools(Highland and Desert Ridge) Special thanks to Rick Ferguson and Erin Berry-Schade. The students and the teachers at those two schools were very attentive and asked us several questions about the lane filtering and the right away issues – I think we made a great impression on all of them! We have provided a copy of the lane filtering presentation to all schools in the hopes that they will share with others. Thanks again to our membership and outside guests for their support. Keep sharing lane filtering with riders and car drivers - It is important to get the word out so that all riders(and car drivers) are aware. For more information on training, please contact MAP coordinator – Jim Silk(the MAP program is documented on www.abateofaz.us). The program is in support of ABATE’s awareness mission statement and needs the support of all chapters! Please get on board and help present the information to all non-riders(doesn’t have to be a drivers ed class) – imagine the difference you can make to reduce accidents!

Joe Silk
East Valley Chapter Coordinator

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Coast to Coast

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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“COMING TOGETHER” WELCOMED AT NCOM CONVENTION
“My goal is to strengthen the organization in a positive way to achieve our legislative goals,” announced Charlie Boone of the Concerned Bikers Association (CBA/ABATE of North Carolina) in accepting the post of Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors. Boone has been instrumental to the CBA for over three decades, and has served for several years as Region VI (AL FL GA NC SC) representative on the board of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), who added “A huge THANK YOU to outgoing Chairman Doc Reichenbach” (ABATE of Florida) for his many years of service to the organization.”

NCOM also welcomes Ed Schetter, Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio as Chairman of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, replacing retiring chairman Frank Ernst of ABATE of Minnesota.

Both join Joseph Lester, Executive Director of NCOM, in extending a welcoming hand to all motorcyclists and every motorcycle organization to join together during the upcoming NCOM Convention in Phoenix, Arizona over Father’s Day weekend, June 16-18,

2023.

“NCOM is a coming together of a broad range of biker groups & individuals, who have similar goals of protecting their rights to ride their motorcycles with as minimal intrusion from the government as possible,” said Lester, whose father attorney Richard M. Lester founded NCOM nearly forty years ago to promote communication between various groups and form an umbrella organization representing diverse clubs and organizations that share common interests.

“NCOM does its work by the monetary and legal help of the AIM Attorneys across the country, so there is no money or dues required for groups to join NCOM,” explains ‘Joey’ Lester. “I believe the future we want can only be achieved by working with other biker groups and truly believe unity of purpose and direction will achieve the best results.”

In the past this has not been the case, but putting the past in past and moving forward, NCOM is encouraging representation from groups such as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), “which has been doing an incredible job on the National Legislative front,” and the Council of Clubs along with the Motorcycle Profiling Project recognized “for helping state groups in getting anti-

profiling laws adopted locally and nationally,” to attend a “Coming Together” at this year’s 38th annual NCOM Convention.

“NCOM looks forward to working with and supports all these highly successful biker groups in any way we can, and not in competition, as we fight together for bikers’ rights legally and legislatively,” concludes Lester in a call for unity and cooperation going forward.

For more information on the NCOM Convention, or to register, visit www.on-a-bike.com or call (800) 525-5355. For hotel reservations, contact the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe at (480) 967-1441.

AORA WOULD EXPAND MOTORIZED RECREATION
The American Outdoor Recreation Act has been introduced in Congress to expand motorized recreational opportunities, and the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) urges you to “Take Action!” and ask your U.S. Senators to support the AORA, S. 873.

“Enjoying time in the great outdoors is not only fun, but it’s beneficial to a person's mental and physical health,” according to SEMA. “Outdoor recreational activities are also a key economic driver in communities across the U.S., employing over 4.5 million Americans.”

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) is committed to expanding motorized recreational access on government lands, so “tell your U.S. Senators they need to expand motorized recreational opportunities by supporting the American Outdoor Recreation Act.”

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY “FLAT” AS SALES SLIP
The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has released their 2022 Motorcycle Statistical Annual, a comprehensive collection of data about the motorcycle business in America, featuring detailed information on vehicle population, owner demographics, product use, sales, market share, manufacturers, distributors and dealerships nationwide.

"While 2022 is pretty much flat compared to 2021 and 2020, it still is a significant increase from 2019," explains Buckner Nesheim, MIC Director of Research & Statistics. The industry’s reference book has been updated and the data indicates 2022 sales of new motorcycles and scooters decreased by -3.5% over the previous year, while ATVs decreased -12.7%.

"When we compare 2022 to 2019 sales, off-highway is up +36%, on-highway is up +4%, and scooters are up +12%," notes Nesheim. “Dual sport (ADV) is a tremendous growth story. Sales in this category have increased every year since

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ABATE IS:

- A Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO)
- For Bikes & Riders, regardless of Race, Creed, color, sex, age, machine or gear
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ABATE of Arizona Serves to:

- Collaborate with other organizations to

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

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

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

Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)

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

ABATE accomplishments:

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

DUI offenders

2019 Anti-profiling; encouraging prevention Memorial unanimously passed 60-0 in the House

2019 Mandatory helmet law with fees attached defeated once again

2019 Helped pass the Texting while driving, prohibition and enforcement, statewide hands-free law signed by Governor April 2019

2019 Helped pass legislation excluding “slingshot” type 3 wheeled vehicles from class M applicability signed by Governor April 2019

JOIN ABATE NOW!

ABATE Of Arizona provides a unified voice for all motorcyclists in Arizona. Add your voice to ours. Join ABATE now, for the preservation of your ability to ride a motorcycle with the freedom that's your right!!

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Coast to Coast (continued)

2016 and more dual sport motorcycles were sold in 2022 than in any other year since we started collecting data in this category in 1990."

MIC data for the full year 2022 show total powersports industry new model retail sales at -6.2% (733,537 units compared to 781,806 units in 2021). Domestic U.S. on-highway retail motorcycle sales were 297,174 units for the year (-5.4%); scooters at 22,181 units (-4.3%); dual sport models (ADV) were 72,643 units (+0.0%); off-highway motorcycles were -5.0% (145,216 units), with ATV retail sales -12.7% at 196,860 units.

MIC ADDS POPULAR "ADVENTURE BIKE" MARKET SEGMENT With the growing popularity of the adventure bike market segment, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has announced it will add a new category to its Retail Sales Report (RSR) for the first time in decades. The MIC Research & Statistics Department will divide the adventure and dual sport categories as specific types underneath the general dual heading in the April RSR.

As well, the MIC is looking for someone who understands electric vehicle technology, and is interested in government policy, to join the association staff and support the industry on EV issues, working with the MIC Government Relations Office on federal and state matters, including infrastructure, battery standards, aftermarket and dealer concerns, safety, public lands and charging availability. Resumes should go to HR@MIC.org.

NHTSA REPORTS RISE IN MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a report showing an increase of motorcycle fatalities from 2020 to 2021, citing distraction, speeding and alcohol as key factors of these fatalities.

NHTSA reported that in 2021, motorcyclist fatalities were up 7.7% from the year before, totaling 5,932 motorcyclists and representing 14% of all traffic fatalities. This is the highest number of motorcyclists killed since 1975.

With May being Motorcycle Safety

Awareness Month, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) encourages all drivers to "Expect Us, See Us," and actively search for riders and stay focused on the road, as motorcycle and scooter riders are at greater risk of not being seen.

For all vehicle drivers on the road, distraction-affected crashes rose 12% from 2020 to 2021, while speeding-related fatalities increased by 7.9%, and alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities rose 14%. The number of alcohol-impaired riders involved in fatalities jumped 19% from 2020 to 2021, and NHTSA also reported that 29% of motorcyclists killed were under the influence.

"The NHTSA data may be from 2021, but distraction, speeding and driving or riding while under the influence continue to be problems today," says Rob Gladden, vice president of training operations for MSF. "However, these are all things we can change."

WHO PROMOTES HELMET USAGE WORLDWIDE "As motorcycles proliferate at an astonishing rate, especially in low and middle-income countries, urgent action is needed to stave off a rapid rise in deaths and injuries in the coming years," stated the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2021-2030) Global Head Dr. Matts-Ake Belin.

The World Health Organization (WHO) released its first edition of their Helmet Road Safety Manual in 2006, and over the past 17 years, new data, developments, and research have influenced both helmet safety standards and manufacturing practices, so to address the needs of today's riders, WHO published the manual's Second Edition on April 5, 2023.

The WHO's latest guidelines don't call out specific nations, but concentrates on low- and middle-income countries, noting that 42% of West Kenya's powered two-wheeler (PTW) riders admitted sustaining head injuries. In Vietnam, 70% of all motorcycle-related hospitalizations include head injuries. Taiwan and China report similar figures, with motorcycle head injuries accounting for 71% of all vehicle-based head injuries. In response to these numbers, WHO

claims that "helmets reduce the risk of death by over six times and brain injury by up to 74%."

"To reduce all deaths from road crashes, actions that aim to increase the use of helmets must be applied as part of a wider shift to a safe systems approach to road safety and mobility," added Dr. Belin. "The safe systems approach recognizes that road transport is a complex system with many interconnecting elements that all affect each other."

The global health organization believes the paucity of quality yet affordable helmets (including helmets for children), lacking law enforcement, and hot climates only contribute to the issue. Even when riders use helmets, improperly fastened lids undermine the efforts of regulators. "Authorities must put the laws, frameworks, and actions in place to boost the availability and uptake of safe, quality helmets," concluded Dr. Belin, citing evidence rooted in the manual.

ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSES AVAILABLE IN OHIO A new Ohio law (House Bill 23) will soon allow residents to get an "enhanced" driver's license or ID card that can then be used instead of a passport to enter Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean more easily.

Ohio is the first state in years to join the handful of other states along the Canadian border that offer enhanced licenses; Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington.

Enhanced licenses, unlike traditional licenses or even "Real ID" cards that will soon be required to board airplanes, have a radio chip that broadcasts an identification number that border guards can use to access personal information beyond what's printed on the license itself. That allows people to move more quickly through international border crossings without having to dig out and show a passport. It's similar to Clear Check at the airport.

Ohio lawmakers initially rejected enhanced licenses nearly a decade ago amid civil-liberties concerns that the radio chips could be exploited by identity thieves or used by government officials to follow people's movements, but experts say those worries seem almost quaint now as tracking technology has advanced due to the proliferation of cell phones and greater availability of peo-

ple's personal information online.

MOTORCYCLE TRAINING GRADUATES EXEMPTED FROM SKILLS TEST IN KENTUCKY Senate Bill 60, a bipartisan bill introduced by Senator Brandon J. Storm (R-D21 London) was signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear (D) on March 17, 2023 "to exempt applicants for a motorcycle operator's license who have passed an approved motorcycle safety education courses from written and skills testing required under KRS 186.480."

Under this measure, passed unanimously 98-0 in the state senate, Kentucky now joins with many other states where rider training course graduates can obtain a waiver for the riding skill test and/or written knowledge test portion of their state's license exam requirements.

BIG-FOUR TO CONDUCT JOINT RESEARCH ON HYDROGEN MOTORCYCLES Japan's Big Four motorcycle manufacturers will conduct research and development together, announcing a bold new plan to cooperatively develop hydrogen-powered motorcycle engines. Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and Yamaha executives all gathered at a Tokyo press conference on May 17 to announce the formation of HySE, which stands for "Hydrogen Small Mobility and Engine Technology."

HySE will pursue three main research and development areas, with responsibilities for each divided among the four OEMs as follows: Research on hydrogen-powered engines (Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, and Kawasaki Motors); Study on hydrogen refueling system (Yamaha); and Study on fuel supply system (Kawasaki Motors).

Clean "green" hydrogen is theoretically possible, though it's been prohibitively expensive to produce, but according to the US National Resources Defense Council, implementation of the massive hydrogen tax credit included in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 could be a game-changer in terms of clean hydrogen development incentivization for companies.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The loudest boos come from the cheapest seats." ~ Babe Ruth (1895-1948) Major League Baseball phenom



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ABATE of Arizona Chapter Meeting Times and Locations

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

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

Mohave Chapter
Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at: VFW Golden Valley, Post 2555, 6068 Supai Dr., Golden Valley, AZ 86413

Phoenix / Shadow Mountain Chapter
Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30am at the AZ Fraternal Order of Eagles 7575 N 67th Ave.Breakfast 9am to 11:00 FMI: Chapter Coordinator Scot Williamson One T 623-313-8663 text only

Southern Arizona Chapter
The Southern Arizona Chapter will meet the third Saturday of the month. We will gather at the Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge, 2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ. Meeting time is 10AM

East Valley Chapter
The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM on the 3rd 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 serve a great inexpensive buffet breakfast before and after our meet- ing. 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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OLD ROYAL ENFIELD DISCOVERED--

I wish I could send it to you. Enfield India started assembling these motorcycles in 1955. When the UK company went defunct in 1970s, Enfield India was already manufacturing them under license. Soon they owned the British company because we wanted these -- the economy was closed and Japanese and other companies including CocaCola were not allowed entry to protect the closed market. After liberalisation in economy, it meant cool Japanese bikes and cars for all. Enfield was forced to either reinvent themselves or become extinct like its colonial ancestor.

Yup, they reinvented themselves alright! Enfield is now again a global player in motorcycle industry.

The 1955 chassis was more or less the same as in this one (and same as my 2007 Bullet). Even the engine had seen very little changes since 1955 model Std Bullet.

I don't know if it's mid-life crisis wanting to own this old technology, but it's a carburetor based mechanical machine -- unlike modern motorcycles full of technology that won't work in a dystopian future (as in the novel Sam Chopper Orwell by Keith 'Bandit' Ball). I will send you some photos after they do some polishing and buffing and minor

repairs on it. In all it cost me \$1100 to make it look younger, register it as a new owner and get mandatory insurance. After 2026, I will have to again apply to the transport department for "Fitness Test" where they will decide if this vehicle is road-worthy.

Meanwhile, here is a blast from my youthful past --photos of my first Enfield from 2007.

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SPEAKING OF BOOKS—We are revisiting my second book Outlaw Justice and I ran across this quote:

When he was a younger man, John had cared for the bike like it was his Rolls Royce. But his nature was changing. The scooter still meant more to John than any other material possession, but drugs, violence, and cheap thrills were getting in the way. What once had been his ticket to women, the key to his unbridled mobility, and his vehicle on the freeway to freedom, now shared the limelight with whiskey and white powder. His patch and the bike were John’s only property, his brothers, his sole companions.

We hope to have new model available in the near future. The last version was sold out. There is a version available in Bandit’s Cantina.

--Bandit

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NEWS FROM THE TIP OF THE CLIMATE WEATHER STATION--What a bunch of losers.

It is the knowledge they are losing the battle for hearts and minds which is what is driving radical greens to ever more frantic attempts to grab public attention. In the very near future they will be completely isolated – attention is already shifting to the next great fake crisis, the threat of malevolent AI.

One day soon, in the not too distant future, we will look on green radicals as just another kind of quirky survivalist, just another bunch of frightened people holed up in their bunkers, wasting their lives away waiting for the apocalypse which never arrives.

--WUWT

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SPEAKING OF CLIMATE DOOM—

A local company runs and operates billboards around the Sturgis, SD area. If they don’t have a customer, they have free billboard art to post from non-profits. Unfortunately, this supposedly non-profit provides them with political messages like the one above.

Last year I posted an opposing view regarding CO2 and stoves. I’ve come up with another notion. A photo of a beached

whale against a shot of an ocean mounted wind generator with the line: A WHALE OF A MISTAKE

What do you think?

--Bandit

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NEWS FROM THE LAW TIGER TEAM—American Flat Track Sacramento Mile, May 13, 2023, Gates Open at 2:00 pm

Get ready for a heart-pumping, adrenaline-fueled motorcycle racing experience at the American Flat Track Sacramento Mile, presented by Law Tigers! Held on May 13 in Sacramento, California, this event is the pinnacle of professional flat track racing, featuring top riders and teams from around the world.

Watch as competitors navigate the challenging one-mile dirt track at speeds of over 100 miles per hour, battling it out for supremacy in multiple race categories, including the AFT Twins, AFT Singles, and AFT Production Twins.

But the excitement doesn't stop there. With Law Tigers as the proud sponsor of the event, you can also expect a fun-filled atmosphere, complete with live music, delicious food and drink vendors, and plenty of other entertainment options.

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The Seal of the Department of Defense is a black and white line drawing. It features an eagle with its wings spread wide, perched atop a shield. The shield is divided into three sections: the top section contains a pattern of stars, and the bottom section contains a pattern of stripes. The shield is flanked by two olive branches. Below the shield is a scroll with the motto 'DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE' inscribed on it.

A black and white line drawing of the Mormon Lake Lodge, a rustic wooden building with a sign that reads "MORMON LAKE LODGE". A person is walking on the porch, and a motorcycle is parked in the foreground. The text "MORMON LAKE, ARIZONA" is written at the bottom.



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Here is the first one, by Bandit himself!

Title: Choices or The Economy of Life

The phone rang early. "Do you want it or not?" The temperamental voice demanded. It involved the sale of a 1945

Knucklehead, my dream ride.

I rolled over and touched the softest ass on the planet. She woke and twisted into my arms naked and wet. Her sapphire eyes blinked and we kissed. "Where are we going for our honeymoon?"

My phone blinked a text message. "Have you registered for school?" Dad. I rolled over and she climbed on top of me. As she pushed against my chest and stirred, I pondered the bobbed Harley and riding across Mexico.



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.

The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) and Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) want to help. Our Financial Assistance Helmet program provides individuals with \$125 from AMSAF and 25% off the Manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) when you purchase a DOT-approved, full face or modular helmet at AMSAF approved locations throughout the state.

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

The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation Financial Assistance Helmet Program

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- 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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- Dealer or store will give an additional 25% off of Helmet MSRP.
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- Voucher and promo code is only valid toward one (1) Helmet purchase.
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For more information or to apply go to AMSAF.org/Helmets

Too Broke for Sturgis is On!

As most of you have heard or Annual Too Broke for Sturgis event has been in a state of Limbo. Mormon Lake Lodge was sold, and the new owners have not returned phone calls or emails and we have learned that we are not the only event that has been treated way. We were on the verge of cancelling Too Broke.

Luckily, we have found what looks to be a great location for this year's event! But

because of the late date we have pushed the date back in order to get everything done in time. With the new date and new location, we will really need as many people as possible to step up and volunteer for this event. We need folks for our committee to help with the many jobs that an event of this size requires. we will also need many volunteers to work the days of the event.

So here are the details as simple as I can make it.

DATES FOR THE EVENT - JULY 27 - 30, 2023. July 26th will be set up day!

LOCATION - WINSLOW RODEO GROUNDS - 500 AIRPORT ROAD, WINSLOW ARIZONA!

Please share this information with all of

your members. Please convey our need of committee members and volunteers. Please ask anyone who is interested in being on the committee to contact me.

More information will be forthcoming when available.

Ride Free!!

Jim

Obituary For JD Dare

IN LOVING MEMORY

James Gregory Dare (JD)
June 4, 1962-April 28, 2023

James Gregory Dare. 60, of Tucson, Arizona passed away peacefully at his home on April 28th, 2023. He was born June 4th, 1962, in Wilburton, Ok, to Jack

& Arlene Dare. He was a Brother, Uncle, & family to most whom knew him. He was a truck driver with FedEx. He was an avid Motorcyclist, Supporter of Veterans, Motorcycle & Gun rights, enjoyed going camping, four wheeling, going shooting at the range. He was a Lifetime Member & Sgt of Arms for ABATE of Southern Arizona Chapter & a Lifetime Member of

the NRA & Lifetime Member of the AMA.

James was known to all as JD, he truly lived his life to the fullest from traveling the USA on his motorcycle. He always talked about doing “Run for the Wall” and finally did that on March 14th, 2019. He met several veterans along the ride &

had them sign the Half Helmet pictured. He had the biggest heart, was always there to listen when you needed someone to talk too, if you needed help he was there. He was a genuinely kind, caring & loving to all.



Royal Enfield aims to roll out uniquely differentiated electric bikes: CEO

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Iconic motorcycle manufacturer Royal Enfield is investing for development of differentiated electric motorcycles in India, said CEO B Govindarajan. Interestingly, the company is also creating a supplier ecosystem around its Chennai-based plant, funded by a capital expendi-

ture of INR 10 billion in the current fiscal year.

Royal Enfield has commissioned a very capable team and has started commitment of very deep investments in terms of product development, product strategy and in the product testing and development area, he added.

Further, the CEO noted that the company has made a strategic investment in electric Stark Future EV company and now teams from both companies are working well.

“Currently, we have laid a robust long-term product and technology roadmap on

electric vehicles and towards developing the supplier ecosystem – its our focus as of now,” Govindarajan noted.

When asked about network expansion in the domestic market, Govindarajan said the company currently has about 2,100 retail outlets across India, a mix of studio stores and dealership outlets.



State Safety

It has been a terrible month for motorcyclist in Arizona and the ABATE family. The East Valley chapter was hit extremely with a shooting death of one of our members and the terrible accident of our Master of Arms. There have been four orher in the valley that have reached out after accidents. I have done way too many hospital visits this past month.

So with that, May is Motorcycle Safety Month and with our partners in the motorcycle world we need to be ever diligent in promoting motorcycle safety and our rights as motorcyclist. I did a questionnaire last mont at Cycle Gear bike night about safety and safety equipment and was semi surprised at the results. The

question asked was what is safety to you? The response that surprised me was the most important thing for personal safety is my brain and to be ever aware of my surroundings and the outhers around me when I ride. Remember May is motorcyle safety month.

Matthew Reemelin, ABATE State Safety

Officer

PS: we have a lot of chapters and people if you have a need of prayer or hospital visit I am here for you all and our chapter's. If I can't physically be there I can get someone to be there just about anywhere, just let me know.

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SINGLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger pointed up	DOUBLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up	RIDE STAGGERED Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up
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Life-long Freedom Fighter - Still Ray Fitzgerald

Sadly, the motorcycling community has lost another life-long motorcycling freedom fighter. STILL RAY FITZGERALD died peacefully in hospice care in Prescott, Arizona on May 2nd.

Still Ray was an ABATE of Arizona life-time member since January 1, 1987. He had been ABATE Yavapai Chapter Coordinator, ABATE of Arizona

Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs Chairman, the Journeymen Motorcycle Club President, the first Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Club Rep., a member of the Sturgis Motorcycle Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame, and a Prescott City Councilman.

Still Ray was instrumental in building the

bridge between motorcycle clubs and the MRF. It was his idea to bring the Motorcycle Club Representative into the MRF Board while enhancing our Sustaining Motorcycle Club Membership program at the same time.

Few are as dedicated to motorcycle rights and involved in their communities' policies as this man was. It's no surprise that

Still Ray and Deborah Butitta were close friends, a strong alliance, and made stuff happen.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, May 13th, 12:00PM at the Prescott Fair Grounds, 840 Rodeo Drive, Prescott, Arizona 86305.



AMSAF

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona supported the Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) by purchasing a table of 8 seats at their annual fund-raiser "Riding for the Long Haul". It was once again held at the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium in Phoenix, and attended by Rick Ferguson, Mary K. Donnay, Jim Butsback, Cliff Prentice, Matthew & Julie Reemelin, Michael Infazon, and Holli Woosley.



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Young Activist Nomination Request



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Young Activist Scholarship Fund Nomination Form

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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.

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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.

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Japan’s Big Four motorcycle manufacturers will conduct research and development together.

May 17, 2023, Japan’s Big Four motorcycle manufacturers announced their brave new plan to co-operate on development of hydrogen-powered motorcycle engines. Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and

Yamaha executives gathered together at a Tokyo press conference with the surprise announcement of formation of HySE — which stands for “Hydrogen Small Mobility and Engine Technology.”

Additionally, apart from these four biggest Japanese moto manufacturers, Kawasaki Heavy Industries Limited and Toyota Motor Corporation will also join HySE as special members. Having the latter two companies on board is significant as they have independently advanced

their own hydrogen-powered research in their respective fields.

While HySE will focus on motorcycle engines, they plan to develop other hydrogen-powered engines for small mobility needs, as well.

The unrivalled HySE organization jointly announced a plan to pursue research and development in three main areas, with responsibilities for each divided among the four OEMs as follows:

Research on hydrogen-powered engines (Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, and Kawasaki Motors)

Study on hydrogen refuelling system (Yamaha)

Study on fuel supply system (Kawasaki Motors)



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July 27 – 30, 2023 Winslow, AZ



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Live Bands Thurs, Fri & Sat

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Bike Contest, Bike Games, Poker Run & Walk, People Games.

Beard, Tattoo & Wet T-Shirt Contest

Tent & RV Dry Camping Available

\$40.00 weekend includes tent camping \$35.00 members

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Must be 18 or over



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