



President's Report

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

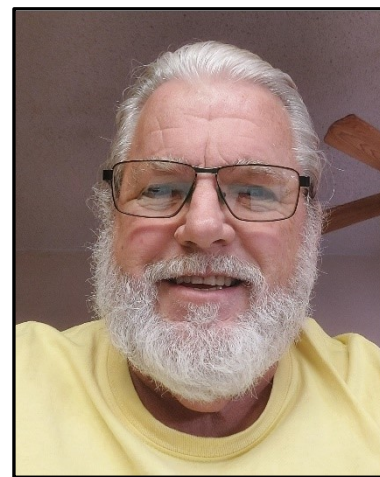
As I sit to write this it is October 15th. Once again there have been way too many accidents involving our fellow riders. As the days are getting shorter and the winter visitors are coming back, I must reinforce that you PLEASE "RIDE LIKE YOU ARE INVISIBLE" because you are to these other vehicles on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

Because we are a registered corporation, we are required by law to hold a general membership meeting once each year. This year it will be held in conjunction with our State Officers Elections. We have reserved a space at Tombstone Brewery, 3935 E Thomas, Phoenix, AZ for this event. We will be hosting this on Sunday November 12th, 2023. The times are from 11AM until approximately 2:30. All offices are up for election and nominations are open until the election. The State Officers are elected every other year and serve a two-year term, so that officers elected at this meeting will serve from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2025. As always, we need folks to step up and help run this organization and fill these positions. If you have any thoughts about running for a state office and would like to know more about what it entails please not hesitate to contact any of the officers and we will be happy to help you.

As many of you know the Motorcycle Riders Foundation held their Annual Meeting of the Minds. This year's event was in Harrisburg, PA. I was happy to be able to attend and represent all of you at this event. It has been one of the best experiences of the year for me. I have always come back more energized and excited about what we need to work on and what needs to be done to keep this mission moving forward in a positive fashion.

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

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



This month the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs will be hosting their Annual Fund Raising Event, "RIOT ON THE RIVER 2023" at beautiful Winkelman Gila River Park, Winkelman, Arizona. The event is November 2nd, 3rd and 4th. There is a smoked dinner Saturday included with your admission.

This is an Old School Biker Rally and the public is welcome so bring your friends and relatives and have a great weekend. There will be bike games and a bike show along with vendors, food and drinks. There will be live music Saturday. Admission is \$20 per person and \$30 per Couple. Camping is included with your admission.

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

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

Until Next Month!

Ride Free! Ride Safe! Ride Endorsed!

Jim

2023 BILLS AND HOW TO GET A BILL PASSED

With less than 100 days to go before the start of the 2024 legislative, how did Arizona do at passing legislation in 2023? Did you know more than 132,600 bills were introduced in the 2023 state legislative sessions across the country with almost 30,800 of them enacted?

That means the states saw a 23 percent effectivity rate for state legislatures combined this year. That is a drop from 28 percent in 2022. When working on state government affairs the volume of information can be maddening. Especially when you work on legislation in several states like we do.

The states introduced 44 percent more bills this year than in 2022. This may be due, in part, to the fact that Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, and Texas had no even-year legislative session in 2022. However, states like Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Maine introduced significantly more bills this year, with more than a 100 percent difference from last year.

Which state introduced the highest number of bills?

NEW YORK – New York saw 17,159 bills introduced. Wyoming had 361 bills introduced. Arizona ranked 25th with 1,648 bills introduced.

Which state enacted the highest number of bills?

TEXAS – Texas enacted 4,410 new bills this year. Massachusetts only enacted 21. Arizona ranked 37 with 221 bills enacted. The District of Columbia enacted over twice as many bills as Arizona.

Which state passed the highest percentage of bills relative to the number they introduced?

COLORADO – Colorado ranked first with a 77.97% pass rate. Massachusetts was last with a .020% pass rate. Arizona ranked 38th with a 13.41% passing rate.

We were able to get some really good bills introduced this past session and through the legislature and onto the Governor's desk. Unfortunately, most of our bills were vetoed. We did manage to help get a few bills across the finish line and enacted.

HB2209 Economic opportunity; industrial development authority (Carter)
HB2589 Emergency medical technicians; military reciprocity (Payne)
SB1454 Veteran suicide prevention; pilot program (Shope)
SCR1015 Initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts (Mesnard)

We were able to get some really bad freedom infringing bills killed or pulled also. Twelve ANTI-FREEDOM bills pertaining to the right to keep and bear arms by a single legislator. Oops. SB1412 Motorcycle lane splitting repeal (Wadsack) Sen Wadsack immediately pulled the bill after we spoke to her.

There is no secret formula to this. Well maybe a little BBQ sauce on the side.

Here are my quick tips if you want legislation enacted.

1. MAKE SURE IT'S A GOOD BILL

Bad legislation is just that... BAD. I am not only picky on who we take on as a client, but also the bills we lobby for. Never try to throw something up on the wall just to see if it sticks. You'll get a reputation for crappy bills and no one will want to work with you.

2. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A GOOD BILL SPONSOR

I work with a handful of legislators on a consistent basis because I know where they stand on a variety of issues.



Michael Infanzon

The legislators I work with on bills are the same legislators that I would vote for personally. They have integrity and are willing to listen to a constituent when needed. And I work with legislators on both sides of the aisle to get our agenda through.

Which leads me to the final tip ...

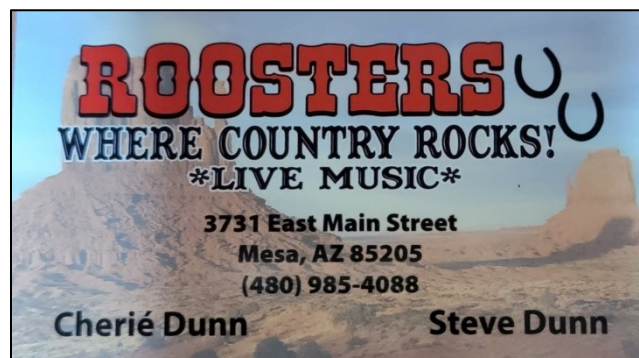
3. HAVE A GOOD GROUND GAME

Defenses may win Super Bowls, but a good ground game will get legislation passed. Email and phone calls to legislators from their constituents will get support that is needed for a committee or floor vote. I never go into a floor vote without knowing the whip count on votes. This is not only beneficial for our clients but for the legislator who is sponsoring the bill. If I can provide them with who I know will support the bill or where the opposition is coming from, they will never be blindsided.

As you see, all three things work together. What does 2024 have in store for Arizona? I have already been taking some stakeholder meetings and have a few sponsors for bills upcoming.

Be good to one another!

Michael Infanzon



2023 Bills

DATE	CLIENT	BILL No.	F/A/N	SHORT TITLE	FINAL	Sponsor
11-01-23	NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	HB2003	For	Corporate income tax; rates	03/21/2023 - DP - Senate Appropriations	Livingston
15-03-23	AZCDL	HB2019	For	Licensing; permitting; criteria; clarity	04/18/2023 - Signed	Grantham
23-03-22	ARIZONA VETERANS	HB2062	For	License plates; special plates	05/01/2023 - Signed	Martinez
06-03-23	ARIZONA VETERANS	HB2064	For	Property tax exemption; disability; qualifications	04/18/2023G - Signed	Carter
27-03-23	NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	HB2209	For	Economic opportunity; industrial development authority	06/19/2023 - Signed	Wilmeth
22-03-23	NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	HB2228	For	Sales; home solicitation	04/18/2023 - Signed	Gress
25-01-23	EPIC Policy Group, Llc	HB2242	For	Unclaimed property; notice; distribution	03/20/2023 - DP - Senate Finance	Livingston
25-01-23	ARIZONA VETERANS	HB2320	For	National guard; active duty combat	01/19/2023 - House 2nd Read	Kolodin
06-02-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	HB2332	For	Firearms safety; training; schools	04/17/2023 - Vetoed	Bliss
27-03-23	ARIZONA VETERANS	HB2336	For	Tuition; family; posttraumatic stress; suicide	03/28/2023 - DP - Senate Appropriations	Shah
31-01-23	AZ CITIZENS DEFENSE LEAGUE INC	HB2394	For	Firearms; sovereign authority	04/18/2023 - Vetoed	Smith
31-01-23	ABATE, MMAA	HB2419	For	Moving violations; injured pedestrians; penalties	02/01/2023 - HELD - House Transportation & Infrastructure	Gress
27-03-23	AZ CITIZENS DEFENSE LEAGUE, INC	HB2429	For	Occupational licenses; convictions	03/30/2023 - DISC/HELD - Senate Judiciary	Wilmeth
13-02-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	HB2544	For	Arizona manufactured; modified firearms	05/16/2023 - Vetoed	Diaz
15-03-23	ARIZONA VETERANS	HB2589	For	Emergency medical technicians; military reciprocity	04/12/2023 - Signed	Payne
15-03-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	HB2617	For	Carrying of firearms; constables	05/19/2023 - Vetoed	Bliss
13-02-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	HB2667	For	Disruption; educational institution; concealed weapon.	05/16/2023 - Vetoed	Jones
13-02-23	ARIZONA VETERANS	HB2670	For	State agencies; veterans status; inquiry	08/01/2023 - Signed	Travers
13-02-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	HB2705	For	Schools; safety training; pilot program	04/04/2023 - DP - Senate Appropriations	Biasiucci
13-02-23	ARIZONA VETERANS	HB2725	Neutral	Appropriation; department of veterans' services	03/28/2023 - DP - Senate Appropriations	Marshall
31-01-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	SB1096	For	Firearms; contracts; prohibited practices	03/28/2023 - Vetoed	Carroll
06-02-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	SB1109	For	Prohibited weapons; muffling device; repeal	04/11/2023 - Vetoed	Rogers
25-01-23	EPIC Policy Group, Llc	SB1138	For	Business; discrimination prohibition; social criteria	06/12/2023 - FAILED - House Third Reading	Hoffman
15-03-23	NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	SB1162	For	Home-based businesses; restrictions; prohibition	04/04/2023 - Vetoed	Kaiser
25-01-23	ARIZONA VETERANS	SB1206	For	Commercial vehicles; penalty; civil; criminal	05/08/2023 - Signed	Gowan
06-02-23	NPCC, AZFITA	SB1260	For	Small businesses; income tax; rate	04/18/2023 - Signed	Mesnard
13-02-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	SB1300	For	Disruption; educational institution; concealed weapon	03/08/2023 - House 2nd Read	Rogers
06-02-23	ABATE, MMAA	SB1312	For	Vehicle mileage; tracking; tax; prohibitions	06/12/2023 - DPA - House Committee of the Whole	Hoffman
07-02-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	SB1331	For	Schools; parents; firearm possession	04/17/2023 - Vetoed	Shamp
13-02-23	MARY AND JOSEPH FOOD AND DRUG COMPANY, LLC	SB1382	For	Pharmacy benefit managers; certificate requirements	04/18/2023 - Signed	Shamp
13-02-23	ABATE, MMAA	SB1393	For	Off-highway vehicle user fees	02/13/2023 - DISC/ONLY - Senate Transportation and Technology	Kerr
06-02-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	SB1428	For	Political subdivisions; gun shows; preemption	04/06/2023 - Vetoed	Wadsack
13-02-23	ARIZONA VETERANS	SB1454	For	Veteran suicide prevention; pilot program	06/20/2023 - Signed	Shope
13-02-23	NPCC, AZFITA	SB1559	For	Businesses; fees; income tax reduction	06/12/2023 - FAILED - House Third Reading	Kaiser
03-04-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	SB1713	For	Nonprofit security grant program fund	04/03/2023 - DP - House Appropriations	Gowan
08-03-23	AZCDL, AZFITA	SCR1015	For	Initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts	06/13/2023 - Transmit to Secretary of State	Mesnard
13-02-23	ABATE, MMAA	SCR1018	For	Prohibit tax; monitoring; vehicle mileage	03/15/2023 - DP - House Ways & Means	Hoffman

ABATE of Arizona



Annual Membership Meeting
November 12th 11am - 3pm
Tombstone Brewing Company
3935 East Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ 85018





BALLOT FOR STATE OFFICERS ELECTION 01/2024-01/2026 TERM

(Vote for ONE person per position by marking an "X" next to their name)

Your ABATE of AZ Membership Number _____

President

___ Jim Butsback
___ Write in _____

Vice President

___ Paula Beall
___ Write in _____

Secretary

___ Mark Krumrey
___ Write in _____

Membership

___ Cynde Ayndt
___ Joe Silk
___ Write in _____

Safety

___ Matthew Reemelin
___ Write in _____

P.A.C.

___ Stacy Baldwin Montgomery
___ Write in _____

Communications

___ Judi Miller
___ Write in _____

Runs/Events

___ Stacy Baldwin Montgomery
___ Write in _____

Sergeant-at-Arms

___ Write in _____

Merchandise

___ Damian Paige
___ Write in _____

Proposed revisions to A.B.A.T.E of Arizona, Inc. BYLAWS
(Posted on www.abateofaz.org)

___ Approve ___ Disapprove

***Two Ways to Vote**

1. Attend the November 12, 2023 11am Annual Membership Meeting at Tombstone Brewery.
2. Vote at your Chapter prior to the election and have a Chapter Representative deliver ballot to November state membership meeting.

Board of Directors for 2023/2024

Rick Ferguson, Chairman
740-815-5894
chairman@abateofaz.us

Mary K Donnay, Vice Chairman
Member at Large

Coyote Pass BOD Rep.....Harley Pettit
East Valley BOD Rep.....Rick Ferguson
Mohave BOD Rep.....Gary Vick
High Country BOD Rep.....Barry Bell
Phx/Shadow Mtn BOD Rep.....Scot Williamson
Southern AZ BOD Rep.....Anissa Huntington
Yavapai BOD Rep.....Dennis Banners
Yuma BOD Rep.....Frank White

The next quarterly board meeting is
Saturday October 7 @ 1pm
at the state office.

Zoom attendance is also available.



ABATE of Arizona
Board of Directors and Officers

Board Appointed Officers

Michael Infanzon.....Legislative Director
Designated Lobbyist.....Epic Policy Group
Authorized Lobbyist.....Will Cleveland
M.A.P.....Jim Silk
Treasurer.....Cliff Prentice
MasterLink Editor.....Barry 'Double B' Bell

By-Laws Committee

Cynde Aydt
Mary K Donnay

State Officers For 2022/2023

President.....Jim Butsbach
Vice President.....Paula Beall
Secretary.....Mark Krumrey
Treasurer.....Cliff Prentice
Membership.....Cynde Aydt
Run/Events.....Shirley Moore-Bizub
Safety Coordinator.....Matthew Reemelin
Sergeant-at-Arms.....vacant
PAC.....Will Cleveland
Communications.....Judi Miller
ABATE Products.....vacant
TBFS Chair.....Sandra Tavares

State Officer meetings are held the
1st Saturday of every month, 11:00 am at

ABATE of Arizona state office
AZ American-Italian Club
7509 N. 12th Street, Suite #200
Phoenix, AZ 85020

Coyote Pass Chapter

Coordinator.....Harley Pettit
Vice Coordinator.....vacant
Secretary.....Carolyn Wiley
Treasurer.....Karon Surinck
Sgt at Arms.....Tom Love
Run Coordinator.....Mike Degrood
Safety Coordinator.....Rudy Blum
Merchandise.....Harley Pettit
Membership.....Harley Pettit
BOD Rep.....Harley Pettit

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harley3787@gmail.com

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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

Mohave Chapter

Coordinator.....Tom 'Papa Smurf' Aydt
Vice Coord..George 'Jungle George' Payntar
Secretary.....Kevin Davis
Treasurer.....Roxanna Payntar
Membership.....Cynde Aydt
Sgt at Arms.....Emmette 'ET' Tucker
Events.....Shirley 'Moonshine' Bizub
PAC.....Dennis Lange
Communications Officer.....vacant
Safety Coordinator.....Kevin Davis
Merchandise.....Shirley 'Moonshine' Bizub
BOD Rep.....Gary 'G' Vick

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/263121160987524/>

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

Local Chapters

East Valley Chapter

Coordinator.....Joe Silk
Vice Coord..... Jason 'Radar' Montgomery
Secretary.....Julie Reemelin
Treasurer.....Cliff Prentice
Sgt at Arms.....Damian D. Paige
Events Coordinator.....Stacy Baldwin
Safety Coordinator.....Matthew Reemelin
Membership.....Joe Silk
Merchandise.....Damian D. Page
PAC.....Rick 'Ferg' Ferguson
Communications.....Joe Silk
BOD Rep..... Rick Ferg' Ferguson

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The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM
(9am breakfast) on the 3rd Sunday of every
month at the American Legion Post 138
107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282

Southern Arizona Chapter

Coordinator.....Jeremy Krauss
Vice Coord.....Anissa 'Dragonfly' Huntington
Secretary.....Monica Byrne
Treasurer.....Monica Byrne
Membership.....Jim Butsbach
Events Coordinator.....Robert 'Gizmo' Welton
Safety Coordinator.....Darron Huntington
Sgt at Arms.....Rob Rogers
PAC.....William Cleveland
Communications..... Judi Miller
Merchandise.....Lael Clark
BOD Rep.....Anissa 'Dragonfly' Huntington

The Southern Arizona Chapter meets the
third Saturday of the month at the
Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge
2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705
Meeting time is 10AM

High Country Chapter

Coordinator.....Barry 'Double B' Bell
Vice Coordinator..... Shawn 'Yukon' Bell
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
PAC.....Shawn 'Yukon' Bell
Communications.....Barry 'Double B' Bell
Merchandise.....Jeff 'Darkhorse' Sauer
Media.....Denise 'Spitfire' Trolinder
BOD RepBarry 'Double B' Bell

Contact: 'Double B' 928-892-8864
doublebHCC@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter>

The HCC meets immediately
following the MMAA meetings (11:00am)
the 3rd Saturday of each month at
Monica's Cafe, 1100 West Hall St,
Show Low, AZ 85901

Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

Coordinator.....Scot 'One T' Williamson
Vice Coordinator.....Jay 'One Y' Williamson
Secretary.....Gwen Zolber
Treasurer.....Lyn Peterson
Membership.....vacant
Events Coordinator..... Scot 'One T' Williamson
Run Coordinator..... Scot 'One T' Williamson
Safety Coordinator.....Ernie Lizarraga
Sgt at Arms.....Jay 'One Y' Williamson
PAC.....vacant
Communications.....vacant
Merchandise..... Scot 'One T' Williamson
BOD Rep..... Scot 'One T' Williamson

Contact: One T (text only) 623-313-8663

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

Local Chapters - Continued

Yavapai Chapter

Coordinator.....Tim Thomas
 Vice Coordinator.....Dan Tumey
 Secretary.....Dixie Gray
 Treasurer.....Dennis Banners
 Membership.....Hollie Woolsey
 Events Coordinator.....Vacant
 Social Media.....Hollie Woolsey
 Safety Coordinator.....AJ Killian
 Sgt at Arms.....Lori Kludt
 PAC.....Vacant
 Communications.....Sandra Tavares
 Merchandise.....Dennis Banners
 BOD Rep.....Dennis Banners

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ycabateaz>

Meet us the 2nd Sunday of each month
 10:00 to socialize, meeting starts by 11:00
 VFW Post 541

ABATE of Arizona Mission Statement

We will lobby and educate the government and 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 goals.

Annual dues support our lobbying and safety programs across the state

- Individual Membership: \$30 annually
- Joint Membership: \$45 annually
- Individual Sustaining Member: \$50 annually
- Joint Sustaining Membership: \$100 annually
- Business Membership: \$150 annually
- Club or Organization: \$150 annually
- Individual Lifetime Membership: \$350
- Joint Lifetime Membership: \$700

Yuma Chapter

Coordinator..Alex R. 'Sidetrack' Montez RRM
 Vice Coordinator.....Frank 'Hound' White
 Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson
 Treasurer.....Robin Aitken
 Membership.....Doug Kreag
 Events Coordinator.....vacant
 Safety Coordinator.....vacant
 Sgt. At Arms.....Joe 'Rattle' Toussint IFMC
 PAC.....vacant
 Communications.....vacant
 Merchandise.....vacant
 BOD Rep.....Frank 'Hound' White

Contact Frank 'Hound' White, 209-327-0814

Yuma Chapter meets the 2nd Thursday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the Community Christian Church, 6480 US Highway 95, Yuma, AZ 85365 (Between 3E and Araby - back building)

Benefits of Joining ABATE of Arizona Include:

- You will be protecting your rights as a Motorcyclist in Arizona
- You will be promoting Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Programs
- You will receive the ABATE of AZ patch to proudly wear on your vest or cut
- You will receive Discounted Admission to our annual Too Broke for Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
- You will receive \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Courtesy of American Income Life Insurance Company
- Lifetime and Sustaining Members receive a recognition patch as well as Special mention on the ABATE of AZ website and in the monthly MasterLink news letter
- Business Memberships include two individual memberships and an ad in the MasterLink news letter



▶ JOIN NOW!

ABATE of ARIZONA

American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education



ALL BIKES, ALL RIDERS

Join the fight today at www.abateofaz.org

LANE FILTERING IS LEGAL

ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 28-903 F
 The operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may overtake and pass another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel and in the same lane as the operator and may operate the motorcycle between lanes of traffic if the movement may be made safely and if the operator does both of the following:

1. Operates the motorcycle on a street that both:
 - (a) Is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel.
 - (b) Has a speed limit that does not exceed forty-five miles per hour.
2. Travels at a speed that does not exceed fifteen miles per hour.

Lane Filtering information cards are now available at your local Chapter

American Legion Post 138

The ABATE of Arizona East Valley Chapter meets at American Legion Post 138 on the third Sunday of each month. The Post was built in the early 1960's as a Church of the Nazarene.

Since then it has been various restaurants including the legionary Tempe music venue Tony's New Yorker. It even served as a scuba diving school (there is a big deep pool out back that is now inactive).

As well as providing a meeting space for the East Valley Chapter they offer an awesome inexpensive buffet breakfast prior to the meeting.



The East Valley Chapter Continues MAP presentations

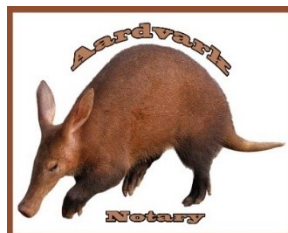
- Skyline (10/23)
- Mt View (10/30)
- Highland (11/6)
- Mesa High (11/13)
- Westwood (11/20)
- Desert Ridge (11/27)

These presentations are in support of ABATE's awareness mission statement goals. The program also presents information on the new lane filtering law and provides several visual examples – we all need to get the word out to riders and car drivers to make them aware of lane filtering.

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**Join the
 Motorcycle Riders Foundation**



Upcoming November Events

- Nov 2-4: ACMC Riot on the River 2023
 Gila River Park – Winkelman, AZ
- Nov 9-12: Rocky Point Rally
 Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day
- Nov 12: ABATE of Arizona Annual Membership Meeting
 11am – 3pm
 Tombstone Brewing Company
 3935 E Thomas Rd
 Phoenix, AZ 85018**
- Nov 18: 11th Annual Go AZ Vintage Motorcycle Show
 10am – 3pm
 15500 N Hayden Rd
 Scottsdale, AZ
- Nov 18: Loners MC North Valley Old School Bike Show
 Noon – 11:30pm
 Roadrunner Restraunt & Bar
 47801 N Black Canyon Hwy
 New River, AZ
- Nov 18: Gear Heads Car-Truck-Bike Festival
 10am – 6:00pm
 Yuma County Fairgrounds
 2520 E 32nd St
 Yuma, AZ
- Nov 19: Hells Angels Cave Creek Bikers & Bulls
 10am – 11:30pm
 Roadrunner Restraunt & Bar
 47801 N Black Canyon Hwy
 New River, AZ



ABATE of Arizona

Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass Chapter

The Coyote Pass Chapter in Kingman offers Impromptu rides every Wednesday & Saturday. Meet at the Kingman Sheriff's Office parking lot at 7:30am. KSU at 8:00am.

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East Valley Chapter

We resumed membership booths at Post 35 in Chandler and will resume a booth at Cycle Gear in Mesa in November – 2nd Tuesday from 5 til 8. Next membership booths are: Oct 21 at the Coolidge VFW's Bike/Car Show and November 10th and 11th at Scorpion HD.

Still working on the annual "Hard Ass Run" event. Looking at the 2nd weekend of November (TBD). Get involved and support the event! As always, the route is a secret but will be a great long and "hard on your ass" run.

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In addition to our weekly meet and greets, we have been hanging out at Damian Paige's (ABATE business member – Hell Mary's Holsters) various gun show booths. Damian proudly displays his ABATE membership certificate, tri-folds, and business membership sign at all events. Jack Batty, Mike Turngren and myself have even learned how to make one of the holsters!

Also, Damian (our chapter merchandise and SGT of Arms officer) has created a great looking 3x5 Arizona flag themed ABATE sticker for your purchase (\$3 each). He also designed a larger decal that we give out to the business members to display on their front door.

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 Chapter Coordinator
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Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

VFW 1433
 7618 N 63rd Ave.
 Glendale, AZ 85301

Hope to see you then.

Contact: One T (text only)
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Southern Arizona Chapter

Southern Arizona Chapter conducted our roadside cleanup in October. Several members attended the local Cycle Gear's last bike night and Gear Shifters (a small, local, motorcycle-centric business) to meet the public and continue to educate them about the ins and outs of lane filtering.

Next month's meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18th.

The Southern Arizona Chapter meets the third Saturday of the month at the Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge
 2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705
 Meeting time is 10AM

Yuma Chapter

Yuma Chapter meets the 2nd Thursday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the Community Christian Church,
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 (Between 3E and Araby - back building)

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High Country Chapter

The High Country Chapter met on October 19th at the home of John & Eileen Goldin to help celebrate John's birthday and retirement. Nominations for 2024 chapter officers were accepted.

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Mohave Chapter

On Monday, October 16 was our Chapter meeting at the VFW in Golden Valley. We are accepting nominations for officer positions and elections will be at our November meeting.

On Saturday, October 21 was our highway cleanup, we met at the VFW for breakfast, completed the cleanup and then returned to the VFW for pizza.

On Saturday, October 28 the VFW and BUMA (Brotherhood United Motorcycle Association) co-hosted a pig roast and Halloween party. This was not a chapter function but a number of us are members of the VFW and BUMA.

Until next month stay safe and ride safe.

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Meet us the 2nd Sunday of each month
 10:00 to socialize, meeting starts by 11:00
 VFW Post 541

Quick Tips From EVC

Be on the lookout for all free of charge membership booth spaces – there are several bike events listed on various Facebook pages from which to investigate meet & greet booth opportunities.

Be prepared to sign up a new member. Learn how to use your smartphone and sign them up on the spot. (Chapter member and State Treasurer, Cliff Prentice's specialty).

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From Our Members

Membership from a member's point of view

Some things never change and, at the same time, change is constant.

Both thoughts hit me as I read the Coordinator's message from the summer of 1992.

What is the most effective way for ABATE of Arizona to accomplish their objectives? They were asking that question in 1992 and we're asking it today.

The primary answer offered by that Coordinator was building membership in general, and stimulating that membership to be active. Some things never change... we are having that very conversation in 2023. Some Chapters are struggling for their existence, while others may have relatively large membership numbers, and still have difficulty getting bodies where they're needed to support events and legislative influence.

As a member for 13 years before joining the officer ranks of the High Country Chapter, I look at membership primarily from a member's perspective. What does being a member of ABATE of Arizona mean and does it mean the same thing as it did when I first joined? I see a lot of change in the motorcycling world since the mid-2000s when I started riding. It seems to have exploded in so many ways: rider demographics, riding group opportunities, ride equipment choices, broad acceptance of motorcycle riders as mainstream among non-riders, and just the sheer number of riders. Change is constant and the motorcycling landscape looks very different today. I think it's possible that back in the day ABATE was one of the few riding group options riders had outside of clubs. So, Chapters and meetings followed the club model to fill that void – and for a great cause. Today there are so many options, many (maybe most?) supporters don't look at it through that lens – it is a political action organization. Period.

If we follow that thought, and ABATE separates from the club chapter/monthly meeting model, what replaces it? The Cause. What's most important to me as an ABATE supporter is that I know what's going on in the legislature constantly. I have access to up-to-date information about what's being worked on and know when I need to send an email, pick up a phone, show up at the Capitol. Chapters should be communication channels to their supporters, whether a supporter ever shows up to a meeting.

ABATE of Arizona is all about freedom and that applies to riders and non-riders alike. ABATE members are typically members of other groups that have nothing to do with riding but everything to do with freedom. Turn that around, and look at the non-riding folks who support freedom-focused groups and they are prime candidates for ABATE support.

One of the startling stats in The Coordinator's message from 1992 was that California's ABATE support went from 1,900 to 12,000 after their mandatory helmet law was passed. I believe we can get those kind of numbers by delivering timely, relevant information to freedom-loving Arizonans regardless of their riding status and whether we ever see them at a Chapter meeting.

Sandra 'Jane' Bell
Secretary
High Country Chapter



East Valley Chapter Pins a Win

For the second year in a row the EVC takes home the annual bowling challenge team and high score trophies.

Great time had by all!

Special recognition to Nolan Steed who had to bowl left handed due his right arm injury – that's a dedicated bowler.

Editors Note

We are seeking letters to the editor from the general membership. We reserve the right to only publish material that is consistent with the goals and mission of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona.

Thank You – [MasterLink Editor](#)

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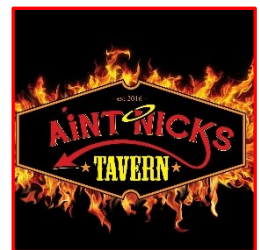
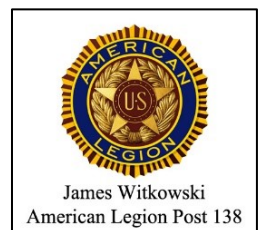
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The Electrifying Truth

An in-depth analysis of the comprehensive costs associated with electric vehicle (EV) ownership is crucial for an understanding of the economic landscape surrounding the attempted mass transition from internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEVs) to EVs. Major selling points promoted by EV advocates are lower maintenance and fueling costs over the life of the vehicle and the common claim that reductions in battery prices will eventually make EVs less expensive to own than ICEVs.

Setting aside some of the questionable assumptions used in deriving such favorable economics for EVs, no one has attempted to calculate the full financial benefit of the wide array of direct subsidies, regulatory credits, and subsidized infrastructure that contribute to the economic viability of EVs. The average model year 2021 EV would cost \$48,698 more to own over a 10-year period without \$22 billion in government favors given to EV manufacturers and owners.

EV advocates claim that the cost of electricity for EV owners is equal to \$1.21 per gallon of gasoline, but the cost of charging equipment and charging losses, averaged out over 10 years and 120,000 miles, is \$1.38 per gallon equivalent on top of that. Adding the costs of the subsidies to the true cost of fueling an EV would equate to an EV owner paying \$17.33 per gallon of gasoline.

And these estimates do not include the hundreds of billions more in subsidies in the Inflation Reduction Act (2022) for various aspects of the EV supply chain, particularly for *battery manufacturing*. It is not an overstatement to say that the federal government is subsidizing EVs to a greater degree than even wind and solar electric.

Study Key Points

- The cost of producing electric vehicles (EVs) is far higher than the prices they are being sold for. Nearly \$22 billion in federal and state subsidies and regulatory credits suppressed the retail price of EVs in 2021 by an average of almost \$50,000.
- Regulatory credits with bonus EV multipliers from federal fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions standards and state EV sales mandates provide an average of \$27,881 in benefits per vehicle for producers of EVs.
- Home and public charging stations used by EVs put a significant strain on the electric grid, resulting in an average of \$11,833 in socialized costs per EV over 10 years, which are shouldered by utility ratepayers and taxpayers.
- Direct state and federal subsidies for EVs average \$8,984 per vehicle over 10 years.

The true costs of fueling an electric vehicle, including excess charging costs and subsidies, is equal to \$17.33 per gallon of gasoline, the analysis found.

It shows that electricity is a long way from becoming a cost-effective transportation fuel compared to gasoline, if ever.

The study can be read in its entirety @ <https://www.texaspolicy.com>



Request to Speak

Did you know that you have a voice at the State Capital in addition to our ABATE of Arizona lobbyists? Did you know that you can let our elected officials know your opinion?

The State of Arizona has a right to speak program. All you have to do is register at the State Capitol. If you are unable to make it down there to register, you can contact your chapter coordinator or PAC officer for assistance in getting registered.

The Request to Speak application allows you to sign in, register your opinion and leave a comment for the committee members. You do not have to speak to give your opinion to the legislature.

[Request to Speak Program Information.pdf](#)



The MasterLink

From the Archives

Circa 1992

Where Do We Go From Here?

“Where do we go from here” was the topic of discussion at the second quarterly meeting on June 12 1992 hosted by the Yavapai Chapter. There are a great deal of things we could do from starting a Bike PAC for lobbying legislators to putting on rider education courses at cost.

What’s holding us back?

Well, as anyone who has worked in MROs in the past can tell you, its participation of the general membership that is what is needed to move this organization forward. As I stated when I took on the coordinator’s position, this is your organization and ABATE of Arizona will be whatever you decide it should be. Will it be strong and influential, or will it be weak and ignored.

When runs, events, and meetings are held do you attend or do you leave that to someone else? Involvement of more of the members will bring us new officers for the future with new ideas on how to move forward.

Membership Driven.

At the B.E.S.T. of the West conference last month, I was able to speak with Mike Osborn of ABATE of California. I asked him if there was anything learned when the helmet bill passed in California and he said the main thing was to have our own house in order. Being well organized and having heavy participation by the membership is our best shot at keeping Arizona free.

We always need volunteers to help in a wide variety of areas. Call your Chapter officers to find out where you can help. Sometimes just making a phone call or writing a note to your representative is all that is needed.

The other thing we must look at is increasing our membership and getting our message out to as many people as possible. In California, before the helmet bill there were approximately 1,900 members. Now, after the bill, there are close to 12,000 members. Hindsight is 20/20, but it’s also always late. We must learn from this to prevent it from happening here. So, get involved. Talk to everyone you or meet that rides a motorcycle or just believes in freedom and get them involved too because, in the years to come, the fight for freedom will not get any easier.

Ed ‘Animal’ Bassett



Ed ‘Animal’ Bassett, ABATE of Arizona
State Coordinator 1992

From the Archives

Liberty, the condition of being free from the control of others, the power of a person to believe and act as he thinks is right. It has been promised to us in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Politicians seem to have lost sight of this very important fact. Some have even openly stated that they won’t follow the Constitution because they believe it should be rewritten.

These documents were written because of high taxes and government oppression when this country was under British rule. It is sad that we need to remind those that we elect to office of why they are there in the first place. We are under siege as never before by an administration that embraces socialism and the forfeiture of individual rights. This is why now, as in the past, we must all unite to fight for our rights.

No matter what you ride, what organization you belong to, we must act now. Throughout history people say that they just do not have time to get involved. To me, the thing to do is decide how much this word liberty is worth to you before you say that you don’t have the time. Because once lost, Liberty is the hardest thing to get back.

Mike Turngren