



President's Report

Greetings to all my fellow Freedom Fighters!

As I sit to write this report, I just recently returned this week from Winslow Arizona and our annual fund raiser event, "TOO BROKE FOR STURGIS"! As most of you should be aware, this year's event came real close to not happening at all.

Mormon Lake Lodge and Campground was sold this past year. The new owners did not respond in any way to our multiple requests to get a contract and lock in dates for our event for this year. Because of this we were forced to try and find another location that could provide what we need to hold this event. Luckily we were put in touch with the new owners of the Winslow Rodeo Grounds. They had recently acquired the facility and had plans to turn it into an event center. After touring the area and meeting the owners and representatives from the city of Winslow, we decide to go ahead with holding our event in Winslow Arizona.

Due to the late date we had to work with we were forced to not only change the location but also the event dates. This was a major undertaking for all who volunteered to help organize it. There were many advantages with this new location. First of all we have much more room for camping, almost double the acreage. The arena is much larger and the location is less than 2 miles from downtown Winslow, and the "Standing on the Corner" plaza.

I want to take the time to thank absolutely everyone who was in any way involved in planning, volunteering or in any way working to make this year's "TOO BROKE" happen. It was a major effort and I am in awe of all of you who worked so hard to pull it off. I also wish to thank our hosts, Lonny and Sharon Gose, who are the owners of the Winslow Rodeo Grounds. They have only owned the property since last fall and did an amazing job completing all the improvements that needed to be done for our event. I also want to thank Mayor Cano and her staff for all they did to make this event happen. The support of the City of Winslow and the various groups that helped us was second to none.

To all the sponsors and vendors who came out and took a chance on an outdoor event in a new location and a new date, THANK YOU for all your support. I hope to see all of you back again in 2024!

We will work hard to make next year's event bigger and better.



As always happens when putting on an event such as this there were several problems and issues we had to overcome. Some were small and easily handled but some were larger and took special effort by the staff. Thanks to all who helped put out those fires and kept the ball rolling in the right direction.

There were a few disappointments with this year's event. I was saddened by the lack of attendance by the membership of ABATE of Arizona. As I walked the grounds and talked to many of the attendees, I was surprised that most of the people there were not members of ABATE. We were fortunate to sign up many of these folks. "Too Broke for Sturgis" is the one statewide fund raising event put on by our organization. We hear from the membership that they want us to continue to work hard at the State Capitol and with local governments to protect our rights and safety. We can only do this by raising enough funds to support those efforts.

We need our members to come out and support our efforts to raise the necessary funds to do our work. If I had to make a guess I would say we had less the 15% of our membership in attendance. I ask ALL ABATE members; please make an effort to come out for next year's 'Too Broke for Sturgis'. Mark your calendars and start putting a few dollars aside so you can attend. If you are not a camper, there are many hotels and motels in the area. If you cannot make the entire weekend, please at least come for one day and show support for our organization.

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Next year's event will be held on June 20th through 23rd. We also need our members to step up and work this event to make it a success. If are interested in helping please make sure to contact the committee when they are recruiting volunteers. Many hands make light work.

We had a great turn out for the T-shirt contest, and for the people games. The bike games were also well attended and a lot of fun and laughs. Plan on coming and joining in the various events next year. The committee strives to put on an event that is a real value for the cost of admission. For your admission fee you get three nights of camping along with three nights of live music. You also get to participate in the games and bike show etc. There is also the vendor village where you can sample different foods and shop. I do not know of any place you can get all that for less than \$15 a night.

Please plan on joining us at next year's 'Too Broke for Sturgis'.

Ok, enough of that now on to other business. It is once again that time of year where we need to start planning for our future. It is time to open nominations for officers for the upcoming terms. On the State level, anyone interested in running for a state office should submit nominations to the MasterLink Editor by September 15th so they can be published in the October issue. Please include a campaign article/speech including your reasons you are running and a photo if possible. Please remember that all State officer positions are for a two-year term.

On the Chapter level all officer positions are one year term. Chapters should be accepting nominations at this time and elections should be conducted by the November meeting at the latest. After Chapter elections are finalized the Chapter Secretary shall provide the State Secretary with an updated officers list and contact information for all the officers. I want to thank all officers who step up to fill these positions. Without your dedication our organization would not be able to survive.

Until Next Month!
Ride Free!

Jim

What is the HR 906 Repair Act?

This bill requires a motor vehicle manufacturer to provide to a vehicle's owner certain direct, real-time, in-vehicle data generated by the operation of the vehicle that is related to diagnostics, repair, service, wear, and calibration or recalibration of parts and systems of the vehicle.

Specifically, a vehicle manufacturer may not impair an owner's access to such vehicle-generated data or impair an aftermarket parts manufacturer from producing or offering compatible aftermarket parts. A manufacturer also must make available to the vehicle's owner, and designees, vehicle-generated data through a standardized access platform. Outside of a recall, a manufacturer may not mandate or recommend the use of a particular brand or manufacturer of parts, tools, or equipment.

As of July 1st, 32 members of the House of Representatives have signed on in support. That is twice as many as were on the bill before the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) held its Bikers Insider the Beltway event in May! The MRF is making a difference, let's keep up the pressure!

https://igniteadvocacy.com/go/you-gotta-fight-for-your-right-to-repair---support-h-r-906-/589?fbclid=IwAR1gOAD0JrW9bTMP1-eBbN_4MkfGBTyQ955MiEAD6PbsAZSR9QB_GtjPzY



Revvng Up for a Packed Fall

The upcoming fall season is set to be a whirlwind of excitement for motorcyclists in Arizona. From engaging events to legislative preparations, the motorcycle community is gearing up for a busy period. This article highlights some of the key events and initiatives taking place, underscoring the commitment of organizations like ABATE of Arizona to advancing motorcycle freedoms. I want to express our gratitude to the City of Winslow for being an open city for the successful "Too Broke for Sturgis" event and share information about the forthcoming Motorcycle Riders Foundation Meeting of the Minds, which holds special significance this year.

Too Broke for Sturgis: A Resounding Success

The recent "Too Broke for Sturgis" event not only captured the spirit of camaraderie among motorcycle enthusiasts but also showcased the unwavering support of the City of Winslow. This vibrant gathering provided an avenue for riders to come together, celebrate their shared passion, and relish the scenic beauty of Winslow, even with the windy afternoons. I would like to express my gratitude to the City of Winslow for being a gracious host and fostering an atmosphere of warmth and community.

MRF Meeting of the Minds: A Milestone in Harrisburg

One of the most anticipated events on the horizon is the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Meeting of the Minds, scheduled to take place in Harrisburg, PA. This event is particularly noteworthy as it will witness the induction of Mary K into the MRF Hall of Fame. This honor serves as a testament to the dedication and contributions of Mary K, as well as the continued commitment of ABATE of Arizona members to advancing the rights and interests of motorcycle riders. With three members from ABATE of Arizona set to be inducted into the MRF Hall of Fame, the state's motorcycle community is clearly making its mark on a national scale.

Advocacy and Strategic Alliances: Building for the Future

ABATE of Arizona's engagement extends beyond events to vital advocacy efforts and the development of strategic alliances. Ongoing meetings with legislators form a crucial aspect of this engagement, allowing for open dialogue and collaboration to safeguard motorcycle freedoms. ABATE of Arizona's proactive approach in building these alliances demonstrates its commitment to making a lasting impact on legislation and policy.

Preparing for 2024 Legislative Session: Looking Ahead

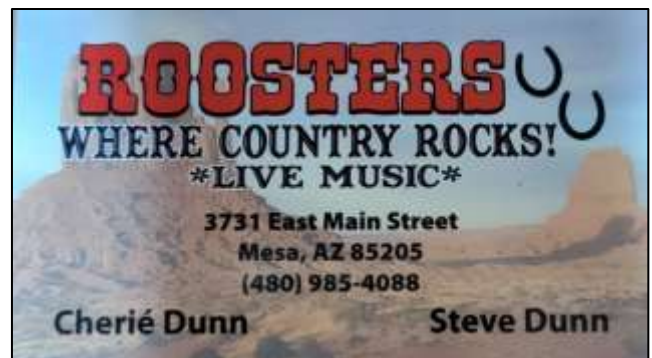
I am proud to share that preparations for the 2024 legislative session are already in full swing and underscore our commitment to ensuring that the interests of motorcycle enthusiasts are well-represented. By taking proactive measures well in advance, we aim to address potential challenges and create a favorable environment for the motorcycle community.

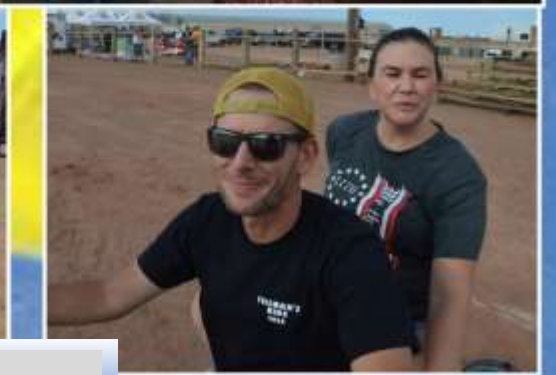


Michael Infanzon - Managing Partner
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ABATE of Arizona's ongoing strategic initiatives reflect a commendable commitment to advancing motorcycle freedoms in the state. By maintaining a forward-thinking approach and actively participating in events, advocacy, and legislative preparations, Arizona's motorcycle community continues to lead the charge in securing and safeguarding the rights of riders. As we look forward to a bustling fall season, the dedication of all involved serves as a beacon of hope for the preservation of motorcycle freedoms. Be good to one another.

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

Zoom attendance is also available.



ABATE of Arizona

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

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Coyote Pass Chapter

Coordinator.....Harley Pettit
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Secretary.....Carolyn Wiley
Treasurer.....Karon Surinck
Sgt at Arms.....Tom Love
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Mohave Chapter

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Vice Coord..George 'Jungle George' Payntar
Secretary.....Kevin Davis
Treasurer.....Roxanna Payntar
Membership.....Cynde Ayd
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

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held
the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at:
VFW Golden Valley Post 2555
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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
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The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM
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Southern Arizona Chapter

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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
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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
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The HCC meets immediately
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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
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Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held
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Local Chapters - Continued

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Coordinator.....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
 PAC.....Vacant
 Communications.....Sandra Tavares
 Merchandise.....Dennis Banners
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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

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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



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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.

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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

How it works

- AMSAF Vouchers are valid towards the purchase of a \$200.00 or higher DOT Certified Full Face or Modular Street Helmet.
- Vouchers are only valid to those dealers approved by AMSAF and listed on the AMSAF website.
- Vouchers are not valid for discounted, special order or discontinued helmets.
- Purchased helmet is non-returnable if warning tag is cut off. Helmets may be returnable at the discretion of the dealer.
- Voucher is valid for a \$125.00 credit toward qualified helmet due to grant received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.
- Dealer or store will give an additional 25% off of Helmet MSRP.
- \$50.00 tax deductible donation is required to AMSAF at time of application.
- Voucher and promo code is only valid toward one (1) Helmet purchase.
- Dealer will credit individual up front at time of purchase and invoice AMSAF.



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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

Great turnout and participation at this year's Too Broke for Sturgis Event by East Valley members. I might have missed a few but I counted 33 members who either attended or worked the event. Special thanks to the following chapter members (regrets if I missed a few of you) for helping out at the event: Matthew Reemelin for going above and beyond working at security (and a handing out a few "boo" "boo" bandages), Nolan Steed and Jim and Jennifer Silk for organizing the people and bike games, Cliff Prentice for keeping an accounting of the gate receipts, and Nolan Steed, Cliff Prentice and Rick Ferguson for helping with the setup and teardown. Also recognizing business members Matt Brown, of Tombstone Brewing, for his raffle prize donation consisting of a curated selection of Tombstone's finest brews (we also handed out several samples to guests) and merchandise, Mark DiSimone, of D&D Discount Motorcycles, for his raffle prizes and sponsorship donation, Jack Estes, of Dirty Dogg Saloon for his sponsorship donation, and Jamie Sanchez, of The Diva Cave, for her sponsorship donation.

Our July meeting's guest speaker(s) were ABATE business members, Tracy and Jym Rodriguez of AZ Cruiser Academy. They gave a great presentation on the track day event that they organize at the Podium Club. Be on the lookout for their next track day event – they teach some great riding skills on the closed course race track. Jym also spoke about his recent motorcycle adventure to the highest passable road in the world (Nepal/India area) – can you imagine to having to breath from an oxygen supply while riding? Our August guest speaker, Chapter member Clem Copolillo, will present information from his advanced riding class experience.

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.



ABATE of Arizona

Chapter Reports

Our informal meet and greets (open to all ABATE members and guests) are a great way to meet your fellow chapter members outside of the monthly meetings. These events (thanks to Stacey Montgomery for setting these up!) evolved from a weekly chapter officer meetup (work on chapter tasks outside of meeting). These events which are held on Wednesday (sometimes Thursday) from 4 til 7 (locations at various east valley biker friendly taverns). I think we are getting noticed by the - People are coming up to us and asking about ABATE at these events. The attendance of members and guests (including some of our long time members making an appearance) is increasing.

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High Country Chapter

The HCC showed up in strength at TBFS. Thank you everyone that volunteered for the event. The weekend of August 19th the HCC participated in the MMAA Summer Camp out at Green's Peak.

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Mohave Chapter

Well Too Broke for Sturgis has come and gone, it was a great time. I would like to compliment 2 awesome women who were very involved in putting this together, Sandra and Paula. Awesome job ladies. I know there will be meetings and discussions about how things went. Mohave Chapter had 6 members present this year, hopefully more next year.

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Mohave Chapter Coordinator

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

Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

The Accident Scene Management Program is putting on an event October 28th at the VFW post 1433. The room is big and can handle a lot of people. Training cost is \$50.00. So, let's sign up and have a good turnout. I want ABATE to show up.

Remember to tell people about what we do for them. Join us to get the job done. We need their vote!

The next meeting is on August 13th 12:30pm
 VFW 1433
 7618 N 63rd Ave.
 Glendale, AZ 85301

Hope to see you then.

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

Southern Arizona Chapter

Many thanks to those who made the first Too Broke for Sturgis in Winslow a success! While there were growing pains, this new location shows great promise and we're grateful to the City of Winslow, the Why Not Winslow committee, and the dedicated ABATE members who put in the effort to make this happen. On July 15th, we had our chapter's fundraiser gun raffle drawing, and Diana Cannon's name was drawn. Several members of the University of Arizona's academic motorcycle club attended the July meeting after learning about ABATE during a Moto Monday event at MotoSonora and bike night at Cycle Gear. Next month's meeting is on Saturday, September 16th, at the NW Tucson Moose Lodge, with breakfast starting at 9:30 AM and the meeting beginning at 10:00 AM.

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

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
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From the Tribune

Summer is a busy season for riders in the non-desert regions of Arizona, and the summer of 2023 has been (and continues to be) no exception. Too Broke for Sturgis was held in Winslow at the end of July and even though there was a very short timeline to put it together, the City of Winslow had positive things to say about it in an article that appeared in the Aug 1 2023 issue of The Tribune titled "Winslow revs it up for Too Broke for Sturgis" by Shawn White.

White presented a summary of ABATE as a political action organization and of Too Broke as ABATE's primary fundraising event, for their reading community, which reaches beyond Winslow to Holbrook, Snowflake and Taylor, all of which are traditionally served by ABATE High Country Chapter. "...The event filled restaurants and hotel rooms in Winslow and gave the city a much-needed economic boost. (Jim) Butsbak (ABATE Arizona State President) said he would be very interested in hosting the event in Winslow again in the future but wanted to give people more of a reason to get excited about visiting the area.

He is considering in the future having the campground portion open up longer than the event and encouraging participants to explore many of the nearby sites like Meteor Crater, the Grand Canyon, Standin' on the Corner and many of the other attractions the area has to offer.

With engines roaring and hearts united, the Too Broke for Sturgis event in Winslow proved to be an unforgettable celebration of motorcycles, camaraderie, and charitable spirit. As the sun set on the weekend, the riders left with memories to cherish and a reason to return."



The East Valley Chapter Continues MAP presentations

Motorcycle Awareness Program classes are coming up starting the 3rd week of October thru December. We have tentatively scheduled classes at these high schools: Mesa, Westwood, Mt View, Red Mountain, Skyline, Highland, Desert Ridge, and potentially Chandler High School. These presentations are in support of ABATE's awareness mission statement goals. If you need training on how to present to your local schools, contact MAP coordinator: Jim Silk. The program does not have to be presented to a driver's education class.

Contact: Joe Silk, 480-628-8598
miterangers@msn.com

Upcoming September Events

Following a short breather in August after Too Broke, September will offer many event options:

- Sep 2: Outsiders "ODO" MC Toy Run
- Sep 9: Freedom Run, American Legion Arizona Post 86
- Sep 15-18: Enigma Inaugural Run
- Sep 16: 9 th Annual Americans MC Toy Run
- Sep 23: MMAA 2023 Toy Run

(Contact Double B at <mailto:doublebHCC@gmail.com> for more information on any of these events.)

No excuse for not piling up the miles in September, brothers and sisters. See you out there...

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The MasterLink

From the Archives

Circa 1994

The Fight for our Freedoms is a Never Ending Battle

Back in the early 90's we had a fight on our hands to prevent another mandatory helmet law. The federal highway funds act dictated that states would only receive funding (or withheld and/or reallocated part of the funding) if they had a mandatory helmet and seatbelt law. (sort of an infringement of states rights). The local paper was not on the side of the motorcyclist. Chapter Life Member, Bob Gumfory, had the Arizona Republic "a.k.a. AZ Repugnant" and gave Montini his two cents worth.

Bob's rebuttal was published. Did you know that Arizona had a mandatory helmet law from about 1967 until 1975?

The law was dictated by a prior highway bill that required the helmet and seatbelt laws. When the bill was updated in 1975, the language requiring both was removed and Arizona rescinded (for those 18 yrs and older) the helmet portion of the law. Belonging to an organization that collectively looks out for our right to ride is a major ABATE membership benefit.

The fight for our rights is a never ending battle and we must always be proactive. The more members we have the bigger our voice at the state capital.

Joe Silk – Coordinator, East Valley Chapter

Bob Gumfory's Letter To the Editor

Sense isn't the driving force behind E.J. Montini's column on Friday, 2/5/1993. I want to point out that the state does not lose \$1.5 to \$2 million in federal highway funds as Mr. Montini reported. The state still receives this money, but it must be diverted to highway safety programs.

Secondly, the state does have a helmet law requiring motorcycle riders under the age of 18 to wear helmets. Thirdly, he points to a local study which claims that motorcycle crash victims who don't wear a helmet are less likely to carry enough medical insurance to cover their own injuries.

Most of all motorcycle accidents are caused by the motorcyclist's right of way being violated by drivers in automobiles.

This puts the burden on the automobile driver at fault, not the motorcyclist. Does the cry of "But I didn't see him, officer" relieve the driver of his financial and legal responsibility? Common sense and the law says not.

I am also part of the public that pays into the tax rolls. Education of drivers through safety programs and riders through rider training is the key to reduced accidents and injuries, not misguided legislation.

Bob Gumfory – East Valley Chapter ABATE of Arizona

November 1994 issue of The MasterLink

An article detailed the campaign by M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) to target Arizona and other states to institute mandatory helmet laws. The logic presented by M.A.D.D. came down to the presumption that "as a group, motorcycle operators have a higher likelihood of alcohol involvement than any other vehicle operators involved in fatal crashes." In the November 1994 issue of an article detailed the campaign by M.A.D.D.

No actual statistics were cited in M.A.D.D.'s memo, but Insurance Information Institute (iii) data from 2020 shows 32% of motorcycle crash fatalities involved an alcohol-impaired operator, while 35% of car crash fatalities involved an alcohol-impaired driver. The depiction of riders as a bunch of irresponsible drunks "pissed off" ABATE State Coordinator "Wild Bill" Goodwin at the time. He went on to say "it has always been my position that FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS RIDE DRUNK. This has been the same position of all the BIKERS I have met or had dealings with since I started riding."

Wild Bill published the *name and phone number* of the director of public policy at M.A.D.D. and urged members to deliver the uncompromising message that they did not support M.A.D.D.'s position. ABATE has been successful in squelching mandatory helmet laws in Arizona since their inception, as well as promoting a stereotype-busting, safety-focused image of the riding community. Just as in 1994, this consistent and diligent effort serves everyone who shares the road today. Don't ever let up on the pressure to ensure we Let Those Who Ride Decide.

"Wild Bill" Goodwin