



Riding Towards Safer Roads: ABATE of Arizona's Advocacy for Motorcycle Safety and Rights

From Michael Infanzon
Legislative Director ABATE of Arizona

Hello ABATE of Arizona family, friends and supporters! As we find ourselves in the thick of summer, it's a great time to talk about something near and dear to all of us: motorcycle safety and rights. With somewhat decent weather enticing more riders onto the roads, it's crucial that we step up our advocacy efforts to ensure every journey is as safe as it can be.

Why Motorcycle Safety Matters Now More Than Ever

Motorcycle riding is a passion for many of us—it's not just a mode of transportation but a lifestyle. However, with this passion comes the responsibility to advocate for safer roads. Recent statistics show a worrying trend: distracted driving incidents are on the rise, and motorcyclists are often the most vulnerable on the road. This summer, ABATE of Arizona is leading the charge to make a real difference.

Our Key Advocacy Areas

1. **Stricter Penalties for Distracted Driving:** Distracted driving poses a significant threat to all road users, especially motorcyclists. We will be pushing for legislation that imposes stricter penalties on those caught using their phones or engaging in other distractions while driving. This is not just about punishment but about deterrence and fostering a culture of attention and care on our roads.

2. **Infrastructure Improvements:** Safe roads aren't just about good driving habits—they're about good road conditions. We are advocating for infrastructure improvements that include better road maintenance. These improvements to infrastructure can drastically reduce the risk of crashes and make our rides smoother and safer.

3. **Awareness Campaigns:** Education is a powerful tool. We are ramping up our efforts to raise awareness about motorcycle safety through community outreach and public service campaigns. By educating drivers about the unique challenges faced by motorcyclists, we hope to foster a more

respectful and vigilant driving culture. We have been partnering with [AMSAA](#) to bring more awareness to motorcyclists and drivers alike.

How You Can Get Involved

Advocacy isn't a solo endeavor—it's a collective effort. Here are some ways you can help:

- **Join Our Rallies and Events:** We frequently organize rallies and events to promote motorcycle safety. Your participation not only shows support but also helps raise public awareness. Even if it's showing up to a bike night, it makes a difference.
- **Spread the Word:** Use your social media platforms to share our messages and campaigns. The more people we reach, the stronger our impact.
- **Engage with Policymakers:** Reach out to your local representatives and let them know that motorcycle safety is important to you. Personal stories and constituent voices can be incredibly persuasive.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep up with our latest news and advocacy efforts by following us on social media and subscribing to our newsletter.

A Community Effort

At ABATE of Arizona, we believe that every rider deserves to feel safe on the road. Our advocacy for stricter distracted driving penalties, better infrastructure, and increased awareness is driven by this belief. But we can't do it alone—we need your support to make these changes a reality.

This summer, let's ride towards a safer future. Together, we can make a significant impact. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to motorcycle safety and rights.

Be good to one another.

[For more information on any of these topics, contact Michael at \[Mike@abateofaz.org\]\(mailto:Mike@abateofaz.org\)](#)

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Greetings Fellow supporters of Motorcycle Rights!!

We are heading into a very critical time for all of us. The election season is on us!! The candidates have hit the ground running and the primary is right around the corner. This year is the election year for our state legislators. There are many who are running for re-election and they are well known in their districts but there are many more that are trying to get elected in the other chamber or trying to unseat the current office holder. Make sure you know what your district is and who are the candidates running in your area. Mike Infanzon has prepared a "scorecard" for those in our State Legislature and how they voted on issues important to motorcyclists. Please use these as some of your tools when deciding to whom you will give your vote: [2024 House Scorecard](#) and [2024 Senate Scorecard](#).

When researching candidates, pay attention to their voting records and where they stand on issues that will affect motorcyclists. If you find a candidate that you feel is deserving of your vote and who supports the issues that are important to us, please support them any way you can. Then help spread the word that this candidate is someone motorcyclists should get behind. Tell your friends and fellow riders. This is how we can make a difference. Also remember that if there is an issue that comes up that is important to you, CALL OR WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS! They work for us and need to know where you stand. If they do not hear from the motorcycle community they will continue to be influenced by those who wish to limit our freedoms! This is also very important on the national level. ABATE works hard with the [Motorcycle Riders Foundation](#) on many issues on the Federal level. Do not forget to check where your Senate and Congressional candidates stand on various motorcycle safety and awareness issues.

Speaking of elections, it is now time to start preparing for your Chapter elections. I know that it is easy to sit back and watch as others fill positions in your Chapter, but I ask all ABATE members to take an accounting of themselves and their talents that could be a real asset to your Chapter. Then, consider stepping up and becoming an officer in your Chapter. Talk to you current officers about any position you may be interested in and feel you can make a contribution to. Most officer positions are not nearly as much work as many members believe. Many of our Chapter officers have been working

in various positions for many years and would really like to turn the job over to someone else; but will keep stepping up because they do not want to see the Chapter struggle when a position is vacant.

The success of your Chapter depends on volunteers. We are all in this together and we all joined ABATE because motorcycle rights and safety issues are important to us. The old adage that "Many hands make easy work" is true. So lend a helping hand and make the work a little easier for everyone in your Chapter. Consider being an officer.

Once again I want to promote that, in September, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is once again putting on their National Motorcyclist Conference which is known as the "Meeting of the Minds". The convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, September 26 – 29, 2024. The location is the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, Mo 63134. If you are not yet a member of the MRF, I strongly urge you to join.

As you go about your daily business, please remember to support those businesses and organizations that support ABATE and the motorcycle community. Talk to the businesses you support about becoming a Business Member of ABATE. Note that these businesses do not have to be bike shops or dealers. Anyone who believes in the freedoms of the road and motorcycle awareness and safety is a potential ABATE Business member.

Help spread the gospel of ABATE while you are out riding and supporting other groups and clubs. Always keep several membership tri-folds with you. Wear your ABATE gear when attending other groups events and let them know you are an ABATE member. Very few folks will just walk up and ask to join. They need to be asked. ASK THEM!

Please remember that the *MasterLink* is your newsletter too! We need pictures and articles to fill the pages of our paper. PLEASE take some photos wherever you go and write a short story/description of the event and submit it to the *MasterLink*! Everyone likes to see their picture in a paper. We always need additional material to fill the pages. We would rather cover the happenings here in Arizona and give coverage to our fellow riders and their groups for functions and events they are having. So, don't be shy. Submit some photos and/or an article!

Until next month!

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

Meet us at 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month VFW Bucky O'Neill Post 541 202 N Arizona Ave ; Prescott 86301

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MRF News: *The Silly Season*

July 24, 2024 ... The term “Silly Season” goes back to the 1800s and refers to a time when journalists faced a dilemma: Washington D.C. is on summer break, European governments are on vacation, but the space newspapers typically devote to politics must still be filled. So, stories about beating the heat and how celebrities are managing would become top headlines.

Fast-forward to 2024, there is no shortage of high drama surrounding politics this summer. Following the assassination attempt on former President Trump in Pennsylvania, he was declared the official Republican nominee at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. President Biden has now declared he will not run for reelection, so journalists will overanalyze how the Democrats will address choosing their nominee by the end of their National Convention in Chicago next month. Plus, difficult as this may be to believe, this week will start the 100-day countdown to Election Day on November 5th!

While much of the focus will be on the race for the White House, we motorcyclists must not lose sight of the other critical races. All 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives are up for reelection and 35 U.S. Senate seats are being contested. The balance of power in both houses of Congress is razor thin, so just one or two seats can swing control from one party to the other.

At the state level, eleven (11) states will have the Governor’s office on the ballot. Amazingly, 5,793 state legislative seats from coast to coast will also be decided, in addition to determining the thousands, if not tens of thousands, of local offices.

2024 is shaping up to be a tremendously busy year in politics. If the last few years have taught us one thing - elections matter. Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian or Independent, having your voice heard is important!

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has a long track record of working with lawmakers from all political parties. So, no matter who comes to Washington, D.C., the MRF is ready to defend the rights of ALL bikers!

Stay engaged! Ride Safe Ride Free


About Motorcycle Riders Foundation: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states’ motorcyclists’ rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policy-makers in Washington and beyond.

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East Valley Chapter

Thank you to members of our chapter who either attended and or volunteered at this year's Too Broke for Sturgis Rally and Fundraiser! Our chapter took home at least two trophies: Best Street Bike (Matthew Reemelin – runaway winner) at the bike show and winner of the Tug

of War contest (the 'over the hill' team of Jim Silk, Jeff Albers, Brent Doyen, and myself). Those "youngsters" on the other side of the rope wore us out. I think we all had a few "liquid and capsule painkillers" after that event. Thanks and shout out to chapter members Alan and Crystal Benjamin (Camp Jello Shot) for your hospitality and great jello shots! The shots were a hit during the band performances! I especially had a great time passing them out and meeting the TBFS attendees! The bands once again this year were great! It was great to see Last Train to Juarez return to TBFS this year! I think we should make them a yearly regular band for Saturday night! The last time LTTJ played at TBFS our stage and lighting contractor no showed and they saved our event by helping us create a temporary band stage and going into town to get us lighting. They truly go out of their way to make things right and to put on a great performance!

Also want to recognize the emcee tag team of Nolan Steed, Jeff Albers, and "Singer". They made the bike show and people/bike games a lot of fun! We were also able to hold a group photo shoot at the "On The Corner" statue. The statue looked great adorned in our chapter shirt! We were also able to adorn the flatbed Ford with an ABATE 'Look Out For Motorcycles' bumper sticker and a Hell Mary Holsters sticker! The stickers looked great next to all of the other stickers that adorn the truck's back bed.

The chapter meetings will still be held at Post 138's Tempe location until the City of Mesa approves their new location's liquor license. Will advise when we officially move to 138's new Mesa location.

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HCC was serving 'double duty' over the fourth weekend in June, with members representing at both Too Broke For Sturgis AND at the Bike Rally at Hon-Dah in Pinetop.

Thank you everyone who came out to help with the vendor booth at the Hon-Dah Rally. Too bad it rained most of the afternoon, which put a little damper on the vendors.

Our next meeting will be on August 17, during the MMAA {Mountain Motorcycle

Association AZ} campout at Greens Peak; as many HCC members will be attending.

We'll also be supporting the MMAA Toy Run, which will take place on September 21st. There will be a short meeting that morning at the Stanford Store 4 Apache County Rd 8235 (Stanford Rd), Vernon, AZ before the Toy Run begins.

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Mohave Chapter

It's that time of month for another chapter report. Our last chapter meeting was June 19th., and we had a very low turn out. Disappointing, but it seems like we always have a low turn out during the summer months. Our next meeting is this Monday, July 15th; so we'll have to see what happens.

June 20 to 23 was Too Broke in Winslow. Cynde and I worked a lot of it, but we had a good time and it seemed like all who attended had a good time. I feel bad that some people avoid Too Broke due to negativity as to time of year or location. I feel that all ABATE of Arizona members should try to attend except for important reasons and negativity is not one of them. Enough soap box for now.

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

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Phoenix Chapter

We had a good meeting of the Phoenix Chapter on July 14, with 16 showing up. I asked to fill four officer positions: Membership, Sergeant-at-Arms, Communications, & Merchandise and got them all filled. Wow! Thank you each for stepping up: John Marshall, Gavin Granmo, Kelly Marshall, & Tiffany Granmo.

We talked about the importance of motorcycle endorsements. We've got to work hard on letting people know that they have to have an endorsement.

We had a vote and changed our Chapter name back to Phoenix Chapter; taking off Shadow Mountain.

I showed off our corn toss boards. We talked about bowling in October. We've got to get a bowling team together. The East Valley always beats us!

The 50/50 was 48\$
Till next month, stay

hydrated.
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Yuma Chapter

is reorganizing. Want to help share the message of Motorcyclists Rights, Safety, & Awareness in the Yuma area?
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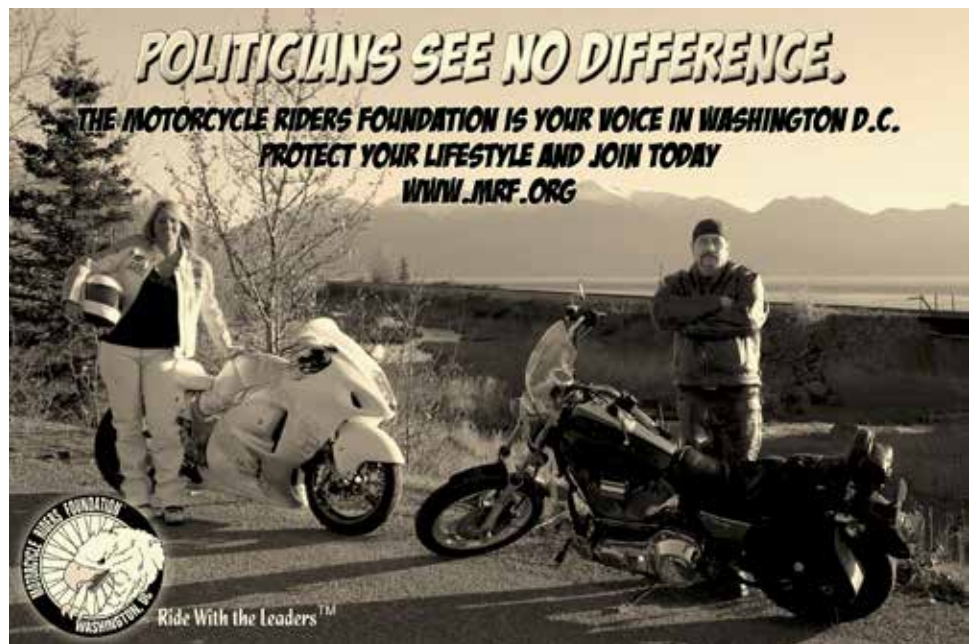
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MRF News: 2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles

July 26, 2024 ... The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released their 2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles. The 15-page report details motorcycle safety data including geographic, demographic and other factors in crashes and fatalities involving bikers.

As is often the case, how statistics are framed can shape the narrative surrounding the numbers. NHTSA lists “Key Findings” from the report. Some of the major findings include:

In 2022 there were 6,218 motorcyclists killed, 15% of all traffic fatalities. An increase of 1% from the previous year

An estimated 82,687 motorcyclists were injured in 2022, a 3% decrease from 84,898 motorcyclists injured in 2021.

35% of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2022 were not properly licensed.

42% of motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2022 were alcohol-impaired.

On these four points, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has a strong message, too many bikers are being killed and injured on our nation’s roadways! It is unacceptable that 15% of deaths on the road are motorcyclists. An easy and obvious way to help bring that number down is to ensure those on motorcycles are properly trained and licensed to operate motorcycles. Additionally, the number of alcohol-impaired deaths is disgraceful. Reducing or eliminating impaired riding would make a dramatic difference to these numbers.

However, some of the points made in the report are spun in a way we find troubling. For example, NHTSA lists as one of its key findings:

In States without universal helmet laws, based on known helmet use, 54 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2022 were not wearing helmets, as compared to 11 percent in States with universal helmet laws.

What is not highlighted is that 63% of all fatalities nationwide involved a rider wearing a helmet, based on known helmet use. Additionally, the lack of a mandate to wear a helmet doesn’t mean a motorcyclist can’t wear one. It just means

that those riding are allowed to decide for themselves. This fact is spotlighted by the fact that 11 of 32 states without a mandatory helmet law (Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Wyoming), had the same number or more deaths among riders wearing helmets as without helmets.

MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard quipped, “Looks like NHTSA won’t stop until all bikers killed are wearing a helmet!”

Another point to note is that an estimated 4.1 billion more miles were ridden on motorcycles in 2022 than the previous year. This is a 21% increase in miles traveled while fatalities only increased by 1%, showing that while the number of fatalities increased, the rate of fatalities per mile traveled decreased. One of NHTSA’s “Key Findings” for this report is that motorcycles in 2022 had a 26.16% fatality rate per mile traveled. They do not point out that in 2021 that same rate was 31.27%, giving motorcycles a reduction in fatalities of 5.11%. Meanwhile, passenger car fatalities dropped 0.07% and light trucks dropped 0.04% based on miles traveled.

Some other facts from the report:

35% of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2022 were speeding.

66% of fatalities occurred in urban areas.

36% of fatal crashes occurred at an intersection.

58% of deaths happened during daylight hours.

92% occurred on non-interstate roads.

It is also important to note that according to NHTSA, “For the purposes of this fact sheet, motorcycles include 2- and 3-wheeled motorcycles, off-road motorcycles, mopeds, motor scooters, minibikes, and pocket bikes.” However, in a move the MRF applauds, motorized bicycles (previously included in these numbers), have been removed from the motorcycle category and will now be categorized as bicycles.

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Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts

Our Legislative Director, Mike Infanzon has put together some significant statistics that pertain to our riding community here in Arizona. Nobody wants to think about crashes and fatalities, but it is important to always be aware and make your best choices when out on the roads.

In part, the report from AZ’s Dept of Transportation shared that:

There were 258 motorcyclist fatalities in crashes during 2023, which is the highest figure in at least 20 years and an 11.2% increase from 232 during 2022. There are more motorcyclists than ever on Arizona’s roads. Since 2019, Arizona has seen a 33% increase in motorcycle registrations, going from 209,719 to 279,569.

Overall, failure to use a safety device, such as a seat belt or helmet, saw fewer fatalities and injuries in 2023 than 2022.

In 2023, there were 361 fatalities and 3,239 injuries, while 2022 saw 376 fatalities and 3,301 injuries.

The report shows that at least 8,657 drivers involved in collisions during 2023 were engaged in “distracted driving behavior” and 62 of these distracted drivers were involved in fatal crashes. These figures are likely undercounts because drivers may not admit they were distracted or because a distracted driver died in a crash.

The complete 2023 Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts report and reports for previous years are available at azdot.gov/CrashFacts.

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Vice-President's Report

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and having new experiences. Also, hopefully everyone is staying as cool as they can. Remember to be drinking not only alcoholic beverages but plenty of water.

I want to mention a reminder that this organization is run by volunteers. Many of us give of our time and do it to help protect the right to have the freedom to choose what we can do as riders. And we are passionate about what we believe in. Our work goes toward gaining respect of other drivers on the roadways - for them to safely share the roads with us. Among ourselves and members of other grassroots organizations, we always want to remember to be respectful of each other. Our work is about respect, not recognition. And that is a difference between grassroots activists and some professional politicians.

With this year being a voting

year, the politics are getting as hot as the summer. Friendly debates and continuously sharing information about what ABATE is as a Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (MRO) are always in order. HOW you talk to someone can go a long way toward making your point. Always be respectful – even, or perhaps especially, if you find yourself in a serious and passionate debate.

Be sure and check out the Legislative Scorecards that our Legislative Director Mike prepared. With them you can see which legislators are respecting our efforts, as well as recognize which are hurting them, when you go to cast your ballots. [2024 House Scorecard](#) and [2024 Senate Scorecard](#).

Another thing I did want to mention is that our veterans seem to need our support for things that they are fighting for; such as their rights to medical needs, emotional needs,



and other things they won't talk about. I think that sometimes we forget that many riders are veterans. It's something that has been on my mind.

Stay safe my brothers and sisters, and enjoy the ride.


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Washington, D.C. — The Supreme Court’s June 28 decision to overturn so-called “Chevron deference” in a landmark case will restrict the ability of government regulators to act outside of Congressional or federal judiciary oversight, likely altering the scope and power of regulations impacting motorcyclists, from off-highway access to right to repair.

Dating to a 1984 Supreme Court decision, Chevron deference referred to the directive that federal courts accept the judgment of regulators regarding relevant law and resulting regulations. This made challenging rules, such as land closures impacting motorcyclists, difficult in the courts. The Supreme Court overturned the 40-year administrative law precedent in a 6-3 decision, eliminating the latitude given to government agencies to interpret ambiguous laws through regulations. The decision shifts the responsibility of deducing laws and the intent of Congress away from government agencies to the independent judgment of courts.

The AMA has a long history engaging on issues potentially impacted by the Chevron deference ruling. Since 1924 the AMA has fought in the interest of motorcyclists, repeatedly taking on the overreach of government agencies. For example, the AMA has fought the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on multiple occasions, including working against noise regulations that would have cost individual motorcyclists thousands of dollars. The AMA also took on the Internal Revenue Service, getting it to rewrite its regulations to allow proper sales tax deductions for motorcycles.

Sacramento, Calif. — The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has scheduled a public hearing to consider amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) for Nov. 8, 2024. Over the coming months, CARB staff will continue to analyze and incorporate modifications to the rulemaking proposal including a near term step-down in carbon intensity benchmarks of 7 percent or greater, as well as refinements to feedstock sustainability provisions, zero-emission vehicle infrastructure eligibility provisions, provisions that would increase support for zero-emission vehicle fueling, and other provisions.

The amendments, if approved by the Board, are expected to be in effect in early 2025. Visit the rulemaking website for additional meeting details: arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2024/lcfs2024.

Phoenix, Ariz. — The Bureau of Land Management’s Arizona Resource Advisory Council has scheduled new meetings to discuss a variety of topics. These meetings are open to the public and will include a public comment period. The first meeting will be held on July 16 from 12- 2 p.m. (MST). Agenda items for this virtual meeting will include revisiting a recreation fee proposal for the Tonto National Forest, for which follow-up was recommended at the April 2024 meeting.

Additional meetings have been scheduled for Oct. 29-30 and Dec. 11-12, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MST. The agendas for the October and December meetings, which will be held in-person with a virtual attendance option, will include updates on BLM project work, resource management updates, including the latest initiatives and a presentation and recommendations on recreation business plan updates and fee amendment proposals. BLM Arizona is currently developing recreation business plans that would modernize the way recreation fee sites are managed.

You can find information on these meetings here. Final agendas and virtual participation instructions will be confirmed via a BLM announcement, social media, and on the council’s website. Written comments may be submitted electronically to Public Affairs Specialist Dolores Garcia, dagarcia@blm.gov, or mailed to the BLM Arizona State Office/AZ-912, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Ariz., 85004-4427.

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Sept 25-29th {Wed-Sun}: MRF's Meeting of the Minds, St. Louis, MO. FMI: <https://www.mrf.org/events/>

Nov 7-10 {Th-Sun} [ACMC {AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs}](#) hosts **Riot on the River** at Winkleman Park on the Gila River. FMI: BilletLDMC@gmail.com

Nov 16 {Sat}: Christmas Run hosted by [NW Tucson Moose Riders](#) of Lodge 2543. Meet 10:30a at [NW Tucson Moose Lodge](#), 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd, Tucson. Details TBA. FMI: 520-406-5565, lodge2543@mooseunits.org



MRF News: Less Money In, More Money Out

7-5-2024 ... Late last month, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its projections on spending and revenue for government programs over the next decade. Included in the report was the financial outlook for the Highway Trust Fund. The Highway Trust Fund is the main source of money used to fund government surface transportation and infrastructure projects. The money in the Highway Trust Fund comes through federal fuel taxes collected on every gallon of gasoline or diesel sold in the U.S.

It is a simple idea, those who use the roads help pay for the roads when they fill up their gas tanks. Unfortunately, the funding system is starting to break down, threatening the ability to maintain our roads, bridges, and infrastructure.

The recent CBO projections show an almost \$300 billion shortfall over the next decade. One of the main reasons for the shortfall is that these projections factor in recent emission rules, expected to go into effect over the next 10 years. These rules are intended to push more electric vehicles onto the roads and reducing demand for gasoline by one-third. Less gasoline sold means less revenue for the Highway Trust Fund. Mix that with the increased cost of building and maintaining our transportation network and a storm is brewing.

This funding deficit is another example of the unintended consequences of the attack on the internal combustion engine. At some point, lawmakers will be forced to address the funding gap. Rest assured, when that happens, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will be there. The MRF will fight to ensure bikers receive fair treatment and our rights defended, regardless of the fix proposed by Congress.

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