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States Prepare for Self-Driving Cars on Public Roads

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The rapid advent of autonomous vehicle (AV) technology has led numerous states, along with Washington, D.C., to enact legislation aimed at regulating self-driving cars on public roads. This trend represents an attempt to balance innovation with safety as AVs move from conceptual development to potential real-world application. Five states, including Kentucky, Alabama, and California, passed recent legislation covering various aspects of AV regulation, highlighting the growing urgency among states to establish comprehensive standards for their operation, insurance requirements, and integration within existing transportation infrastructures.

In Kentucky, a striking incident involving distracted drivers spurred state Representative Josh Bray to champion AV regulation. His proposed legislation, enacted this year despite a gubernatorial veto, establishes standards for autonomous vehicles, particularly for commercial trucks expected on Kentucky roads by 2026. The law requires owners of autonomous vehicles to file a safety and communication plan accessible to law enforcement, and mandates a \$1 million minimum liability insurance per AV, ten times higher than the current requirement for conventional personal vehicles. Bray sees AV technology as a viable solution to combat distracted driving incidents and enhance overall road safety.

States such as Alabama and California also crafted tailored insurance requirements for AVs. Alabama's statute stipulates \$100,000 minimum liability insurance for fully autonomous vehicles, matching the standard for human-operated vehicles. California, however, imposed a \$5 million insurance threshold for AV testing, a safeguard should an autonomous vehicle incident occur. The state has also mandated continuous monitoring and the assignment of a remote operator capable of immobilizing the vehicle if needed. This response reflects California's stringent focus on safety, especially given ongoing concerns over crashes involving partially automated Tesla vehicles currently under investigation by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Nationwide, nearly half of U.S. states have imple-

mented or amended laws addressing autonomous vehicles. These laws often range from guidelines for AV testing to comprehensive regulations governing future usage. Commercial applications are particularly emphasized, with many states seeing AV technology as a potential economic boon that could attract manufacturing and technology jobs. However, the prospect of widespread AV use has raised concerns from labor organizations, which fear a loss of driving jobs in sectors such as freight and ride-hailing.

Safety remains a central concern in AV legislation, especially for large autonomous vehicles. Although proponents argue that AVs can potentially reduce accidents caused by human error, some policymakers and constituents remain cautious. Kentucky State Senator Greg Elkins, for instance, voiced skepticism, citing concerns about the readiness of AV technology, especially for large 18-wheelers. His stance reflects a broader hesitancy among legislators and the public regarding the readiness of AVs to handle complex and potentially hazardous driving scenarios.

The insurance industry is also closely monitoring the rise of AVs. As Robert Passmore of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association notes, the core question for insurers centers on liability—specifically, determining “who was driving at the time” of an incident. The insurance sector anticipates that AVs may eventually carry similar insurance requirements as conventional vehicles, but there remains ongoing debate regarding the adequacy and applicability of traditional policies to autonomous systems.

As autonomous vehicle technology advances, U.S. states are actively laying the regulatory groundwork to manage these vehicles' integration into public road systems. From establishing minimum liability insurance levels to mandating remote operation protocols, states aim to foster innovation while prioritizing public safety and economic opportunities. Yet, as this legislative landscape develops, states continue to face challenges balancing AV industry support with concerns from labor advocates, safety watchdogs, and a cautious public. The evolution of AV regulations will likely play a pivotal role in shaping the transportation landscape of the future.

How do you feel about AVs on Arizona roads? Drop us an email about this: lobbyist@abateofaz.org

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SECURE YOUR LOAD LAW WENT INTO EFFECT September 19, 2024!!!

On ALL Arizona roads not just highways. Thanks to Senator Shawna Bolick for sponsoring this important legislation and championing safety on the roads!

Ch. 183, Laws 2024 (SB1376 - Vehicle loads; restrictions) Extends vehicle load restrictions from highways to streets and roadways, applied uniformly throughout Arizona and in all its political subdivisions. Exempts vehicles being used for agricultural purposes on a farm.

If you have questions about the new law, please contact ABATE's Designated Lobbyist, Mike Infanzon at mike@abateofaz.org



President's Report

Greetings to all my fellow ABATE of Arizona members. First, I would like to extend my thanks to all who attended our annual membership meeting on November 16th. This year we did it a little differently. Our event this year was held at the Double Tree by Hilton Phoenix North. The evening started with a cocktail/gathering hour, followed by an Italian buffet dinner. The dinner was followed by reports from our State Officers. The highlight of the evening was our keynote speaker Bob Russell. He is a member of the [Arizona Motorcycle Hall of Fame](#). It was a great evening.

As I sit to write this, it is the week before Thanksgiving. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday and were lucky enough to spend time with family and friends. At this time of year as we all are planning our Holiday celebrations, please take the time to slow down and take a breath to enjoy all that we have. Be careful as you are traveling around and dealing with the hustle and bustle of the holidays

and be mindful of those around us who may not be as attentive as they should be due to the stress of the season. Please be extra careful when riding or driving during this time.

At this time of year most of us attend many different events such as holiday parties, toy runs for less fortunate kids and various food drives to name a few. Whether you are attending with your chapter members or with another group or family members, we would love to know who and what events you are supporting. Please take a few photos and write a short article about the event or charity along with the group or club sponsoring the event. Send those to the *MasterLink*. When attending these events, please wear your ABATE gear and let those hosting the event know that you are an ABATE member and



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that you are supporting their event.

By the time this goes to publication all of our chapters should have completed their elections. Our organization can only exist because of the dedication and hard work of volunteers. Without members to step up to officer positions our organization would fail to even exist. I wish to thank all of the newly elected officers in all

of the chapters around our state for all that you do and for stepping up to serve. I also would like to thank all of the outgoing officers for the time that they dedicated and all the hard work that it takes. I also want to thank the State Officers that have served and all the members of the Board of Directors. It takes a lot to run our organization.

Once again, I would like to thank all the members of ABATE of Arizona for allowing me the honor to serve and represent you. I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday season no matter how you personally choose to celebrate. May you and all of those you love and care about be happy and healthy. Happy New Year to all!

Ride Free, Ride Safe,
Ride Endorsed!

Jim

*see more photos on
pages 18-20*



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The East Valley Chapter meets at 10:00 AM on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the American Legion Post 138 1264 W University Dr, Mesa NE Corner of Alma School & University ###

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PAC.....Open
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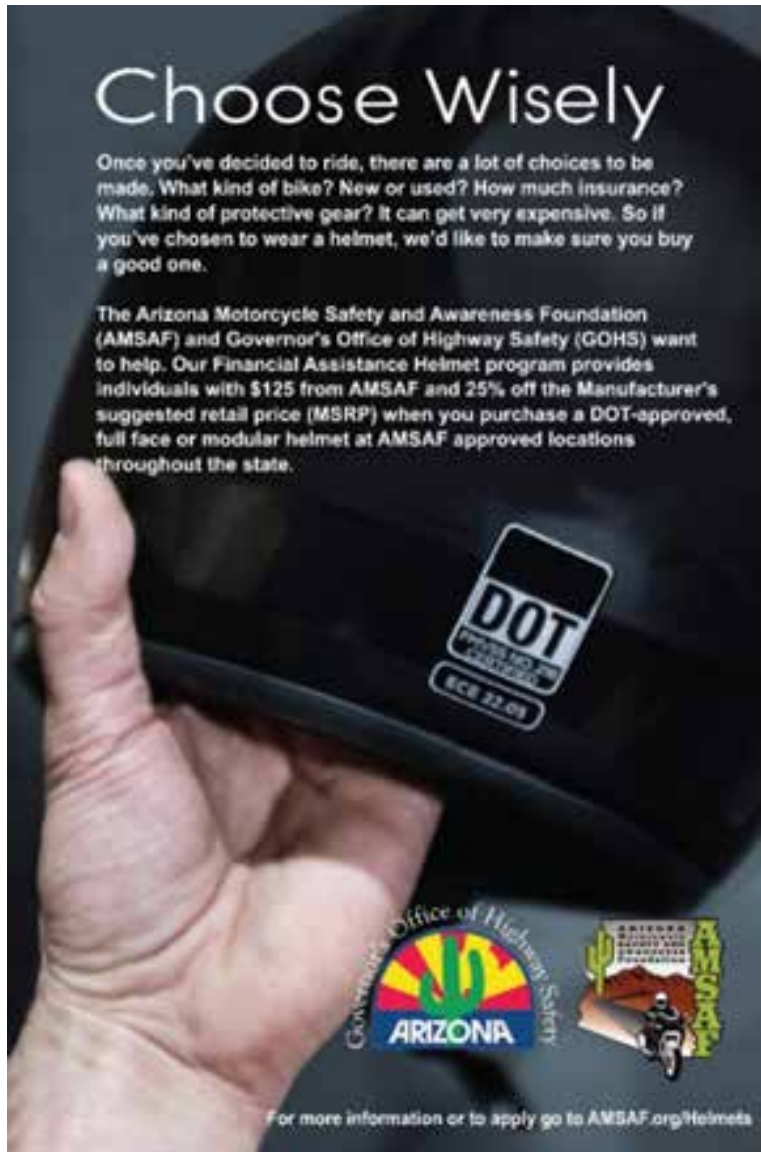
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The Southern Arizona Chapter meets the third Saturday of the month at 10AM at the Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge 2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705
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Meet us at 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month VFW Bucky O'Neill Post 541 202 N Arizona Ave ; Prescott 86301
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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.

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.
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- \$50.00 tax deductible donation is required to AMSAF at time of application.
- Voucher and promo code is only valid toward one (1) Helmet purchase.
- Dealer will credit individual up front at time of purchase and invoice AMSAF.



For more information or to apply - Click in this presentation

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

Please Support Our Business Member: Peacock Custom Grafix

Peacock Custom Grafix specializes in DTG or 'Direct To Garment' printing; using an inkjet printer & digital printing technology. It is the only shop in Mohave County that offers it. Owner Tim Peacock explains, "This process sprays the ink directly onto the shirt and soaks into the fabric to act like a dye to color the

fibers. It becomes part of the shirt and will last the life of the shirt. It cannot crack or peel like other methods. We also offer Direct To Film printing, which is a vibrant color, high tech method of printing on film and then using heat transfer to the shirt. This technique has been holding up really well and is a few bucks cheaper than DTG." These techniques also allow full color printing on any color of fabric.



Peacock Custom Grafix can print on clothing, tote bags, banners, business cards, signs, and more. You can provide your own artwork or Tim



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The shop is located in Kingman, Arizona. Call for more info. 928-727-2231 or visit online at <https://peacockgrafix.com/>



MRF News: Friday From DC *Road to Zero Grants*

November 22, 2024

The Road to Zero Coalition recently announced it will accept

grant applications for its traffic safety program. The deadline to apply is January 17th, 2025. The funds, totaling \$750,000, are geared toward finding solutions to lower the number of deaths on our nation's roadways. While the Road to Zero Coalition and the National Safety Council run the grant program, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provides the money. That means these are federal dollars offered through the grant program.

Non-profit organizations may apply for the funds, which will be dispersed over one year, beginning in Spring 2025. To aid in understanding the program and the grant process, the Road to Zero Coalition has two scheduled webinars on December 3rd and 6th. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) strongly encourages every state motorcyclist rights organization (SMRO) to learn more about this program.

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard put it bluntly, "Every SMRO should apply for these funds. Let's make NHTSA

and their partners prove they care about motorcyclist safety by putting their money where their mouth is." He added, "These are taxpayer dollars. Perhaps we, as taxpaying bikers, will finally get a share of the pie."

[To learn more about the program and start the grant application click this Road to Zero link](#)

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 policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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Chapter Reports

Coyote Pass Chapter

A few members of Coyote Pass Chapter went to help out Mohave Chapter on October 19 with their highway cleanup project on Hwy. 68 in Golden Valley.

CP Vice Coordinator Mike lucked out, commenting, "Who says performing highway clean up doesn't have its rewards?"



Other than our regular November meeting, there has been no activity from our chapter. We voted to bypass our December meeting due to holiday activities, and will resume with regular meetings January 2025. We wish all members a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or whatever holiday they might celebrate. Happy New Year! We'll see you in 2025.

Coyote Pass Chapter Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. Come on out, meet some members, and learn about what ABATE is doing for you and all motorcyclists in Arizona. Support your local MRO.

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The Coyote Pass Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Calico's Restaurant, 928-753-5005 418 W. Beale St. ; Kingman, AZ 86401
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East Valley Chapter

Officer Elections took place at our November meeting. Thank you to chapter members for stepping up to fulfill the various roles!

We have had a busy membership booth schedule. These booths allow us to educate (or reeducate) riders about the lane filtering law and other aspects about ABATE. Keep showing riders (and the car drivers) the QR code (presentation on lane filtering).

ABATE of AZ's East Valley Chapter is proud to support our meeting host American Legion Post 138. Check out the barstool that we sponsored!



Rick Ferguson and I had the opportunity to present ABATE information to the Arizona Trail Riders organization. They recently put on an off-road adventure ride event in Payson in which Rick and I participated. The off-road community is not aware that ABATE indirectly supports them thru our Legislative Director's efforts. We hope to see more of the off-road community become involved with ABATE.

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Mohave Chapter

On Saturday, Nov. 9 we had a ride or drive event going to Lelos in Seligman for lunch. There were just 4 of us that attended but it was still a good time. Beautiful weather, good food. Cynde and I drove as my bike is down with a fuel leak and Cynde was battling bronchitis. We are trying to make this a monthly event, something different than just our monthly meeting. It's an open event. Friends and others welcome. Ride or drive, your choice



On Monday, Nov. 18 is our next chapter meeting at the VFW in Golden Valley. Our main item on the agenda is our chapter election of officers for next year. Would love to have every position filled, will have to see what happens.

That is all I have for now. Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.
Tom Aydt
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*A burden heavy
to one is
borne lightly
by many.*

Chapter Reports

Phoenix Chapter

Our monthly meeting, held November 10th, was spent voting in our officers for the year. It went smoothly and we have all our positions filled. Way to go and thank you to all that step up to the plate!

Four new members also signed up. That brought our total to 17 people at the meeting.

It was another great meeting with friends and some laughter. Topics discussed included profiling, lights that won't change, and taking pictures of uncovered loads and sending them in.

Michael Infanzon, our ABATE of AZ Legislative Director, provided the following information: To report an uncovered load, make note of where you saw the vehicle, the date & time, and the license plate. Call your local PD non-emergency number with those details. If photo[s] were taken [vehicle, license plate, etc] those go to the local PD as well.

If there is a street light that is not working -- it won't trigger & change for a motorcycle -- make note of the location, direction of travel, what lane you were in, and time of day. Send that info to mike@abateofaz.org

The next Phoenix Chapter meeting will be on December 8. There will be a white elephant gift exchange that should be fun. Anyone can attend. The suggested gifting cap is 20\$.

Hope to see you then,
One T signing off for now.

Kelly Durbin Marshall sent along this message,

"I am excited to introduce myself to all of you as the new Communications Officer of the Phoenix Chapter.

In this position I am responsible for developing and delivering key messages while maintaining the ABATE brand and enhancing the organization's reputation.

"A little about me. I was born and raised in the Midwest and have lived in AZ for 3 years. I have 3 sons and 7 grandchildren. I work as an accounting clerk in Phoenix. I am a member of the Moose Lodge- Goodyear, and HOG Chapter 5112- Goodyear.

"In my spare time, my husband and I like to tour AZ on our Harley, hang with friends and our spoiled dog Zena.

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you won't see a shadow"

Thank you Kelly for becoming Phoenix Chapter's new Communications Officer!

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Southern AZ Chapter

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10am at the

Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge,
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Yavapai Chapter

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Meet us at 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month at

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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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A Fond Farewell to AriZona Rider Motorcycle News

By Mary K. Donnay
A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc.
Past State Chairman

November 7, 2024

Back in the day, not so long ago, when we wanted to know what was going on in the local motorcycle world and find events, we rode our bikes to the local motorcycle dealership or after-market shops to pick up a copy of *AriZona Rider Motorcycle News*, *Arizona Biker Information Guide* (AZBIG), *The MasterLink* (A.B.A.T.E. of AZ), the *Motorcycle Patriot* (MMA of AZ), the *Spokesman* (ACMC) and flyers from clubs and other organizations.

These days, dealerships I've been to won't allow us to leave event flyers if the event doesn't feature the dealership as a starting or stopping point, because otherwise "it draws customers away from our business" and motorcycle accessory shops think "flyers clutter our counters and people look on-line instead".

With the coming of the digital age, internet and smart phones, now we must look on-line for events, and we get real-time information. This technology has caused the demise of almost every small publication in the world. *AriZona Rider Motorcycle News* is no exception.

Journalist, Editor-In-Chief and Owner, Betsy "Fallout" Newkirk, dedicated the last 26 years to serving and supporting the Arizona biker community. She and her husband, Bruce "Meltdown" Newkirk, together created and successfully ran *AriZona Rider Motorcycle News*, attending, taking pictures and writing about events, as well as incorporating other motorcycle journalists, like Waldo and Lady Jewells.

Motorcycle Rights have always been a part of their DNA. They helped promote A.B.A.T.E. of AZ and MMA of AZ continuously by promoting our events in advance, attending and taking copious notes, and post-event write-ups with pictures.

They always took pride in getting the back story of the events they featured. What is the organization about and where do the proceeds go?

It is indeed sad that we are losing the last independent Arizona biker publication. However, take comfort in knowing that Betsy is the current Editor of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona's monthly publication *The MasterLink* and remains active in the A.B.A.T.E. East Valley Chapter. We will continue to see her and her work. Be sure to thank her for her dedication and support to ALL Arizona bikers.

We love you Betsy! Thank you for a job well done my friend!

Editor's Note: Thank you so much, MaryK! Thank you also to those of you who have extended positive messages & well wishes for the future.



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State Senate Election Results

The Arizona State Senate comprises 30 districts, each electing one senator. The 2024 elections saw a mix of incumbents and new candidates vying for these seats. Below is a detailed breakdown of the election outcomes by district:

District	Winner	Party	Incumbent Status
1	Mark Finchem	Republican	New
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14	Warren Petersen	Republican	Incumbent
15	Jake Hoffman	Republican	Incumbent
16	T,J, Shope	Republican	Incumbent
17	Vince Leach	Republican	New
18	Priya Sundareshan	Democratic	Incumbent

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State Senate Election Results

District	Winner	Party	Incumbent Status
19	David Gowan	Republican	Incumbent
20	Sally Ann Gonzales	Democratic	Incumbent
21	Rosanna Gabaldón	Democratic	Incumbent
22	Eva Diaz	Democratic	Incumbent
23	Brian Fernandez	Democratic	Incumbent
24	Analise Ortiz	Democratic	New
25	Tim Dunn	Republican	New
26	Flavio Bravo	Democratic	Incumbent
27	Kevin Payne	Republican	New
28	Frank Carroll	Republican	Incumbent
29	Janae Shamp	Republican	Incumbent
30	Hildy Angius	Republican	New

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State House of Representatives Election Results

The Arizona House of Representatives consists of 60 seats, with each of the 30 legislative districts electing two representatives. The 2024 elections involved a combination of incumbents seeking re-election and new candidates entering the political arena. Detailed results for each district are as follows:

District	Representative	Party	Incumbent Status	Representative	Party	Incumbent Status
1	Quang Nguyen	Republican	Incumbent	Selina Bliss	Republican	Incumbent
2	Stephanie Simacek	Democratic	New	Justin Wilmeth	Republican	Incumbent

State House Election Results

District	Representative	Party	Incumbent Status	Representative	Party	Incumbent Status
3	Joseph Chaplik	Republican	Incumbent	Alexander Kolodin	Republican	Incumbent
4	Matt Gress	Republican	Incumbent	Pam Carter	Republican	New
5	Sarah Liguori	Democratic	Incumbent	Aaron Marquez	Democratic	New
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15	Neal Carter	Republican	Incumbent	Michael Way	Republican	New
16	Teresa Martinez	Republican	Incumbent	Chris Lopez	Republican	New
17	Rachel Jones	Republican	Incumbent	Kevin Volk	Democratic	New
18	Chris Mathis	Democratic	Incumbent	Nancy Gutierrez	Democratic	Incumbent
19	Lupe Diaz	Republican	Incumbent	Gail Griffin	Republican	Incumbent

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State House Election Results

District	Representative	Party	Incumbent Status	Representative	Party	Incumbent Status
20	Betty Villegas	Democratic	New	Alma Hernandez	Democratic	Incumbent
21	Consuelo Hernandez	Democratic	Incumbent	Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton	Democratic	Incumbent
22	Lupe Contreras	Democratic	Incumbent	Elda Luna-Najera	Democratic	Incumbent
23	Michele Pena	Republican	Incumbent	Mariana Sandoval	Democratic	Incumbent
24	Lydia Hernandez	Democratic	Incumbent	Anna Abeytia	Democratic	New
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Senate Committee Chairs Announced

The Senate released its list of committee chairs. Of note is the lack of a Transportation or Commerce Committee.

The list is as follows:

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More photos from ABATE-AZ's State Membership Meeting, November 16, 2024



ABATE of Arizona held its annual meeting last night, November 16, 2024. It's rare for a legislator to hear about the long-term impact of what might seem like a minor bill. Senator Shawna Bolick learned last night about the far-reaching effects of one of her bills from four years ago: the extension of the Motorcycle Safety Fund. This legislation has significantly impacted Arizona, supporting programs like the AZ Accident Scene Management LLC (ASM) Program, led by Teresa Martinez, also known as Trauma Mama. Thanks to grants from the Motorcycle Safety Fund and financial contributions from Arizona Motorcycle Lawyers - The Husband and Wife Law Team, Law Tigers, and AMSAF - Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation, the ASM program has trained thousands of motorcyclists at minimal cost to participants. The program's classes are consistently fully booked months in advance.

Motorcyclists often say, "It's not if you'll go down, but when and how bad." Programs like ASM, alongside rider training and helmet scholarship initiatives, aim to reduce injuries and improve outcomes when accidents occur. While we may never know exactly how many lives have been saved, the impact of these efforts is undeniable—and it all started with a legislator who deeply cares about her community.

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Why Motorcycle Awareness Programs Matter More Than Ever in Arizona

Motorcycle awareness has always been a critical issue in Arizona, where year-round riding weather invites enthusiasts to enjoy the state's scenic highways and open roads. However, as population growth, increased traffic, and evolving urban infrastructure intersect, motorcycle awareness programs are more essential than ever. Arizona's unique environment, combined with rising traffic and accident statistics, necessitates a renewed emphasis on educating the public and fostering safe, respectful road-sharing behaviors between motorcyclists and drivers. This article examines the importance of motorcycle awareness programs, their impact on safety, and why Arizona needs to prioritize these initiatives for the foreseeable future.

1. Arizona's Growing Population and Increased Traffic

Arizona has seen one of the nation's most significant population increases in recent years, with the influx bringing both economic benefits and infrastructure challenges. More people translate to more cars on the road, often leading to higher traffic density and more complex driving environments. While Arizona's wide-open landscapes offer plenty of room for rural rides, the growing urban sprawl and congestion in cities like Phoenix and Tucson are posing new hazards for motorcyclists. Unlike cars, motorcycles are smaller and often harder to spot, especially in the busy rush-hour traffic that has become common in Arizona's urban areas.

Motorcycle awareness programs aim to address this issue by educating drivers on how to share the road responsibly with motorcyclists. These programs teach essential skills, such as checking blind spots, recognizing the space that motorcycles need, and understanding that motorcycles maneuver differently from cars. The increased awareness helps reduce accidents, ultimately creating safer roads for everyone.

2. Rising Motorcycle Fatalities: A Troubling Trend

In recent years, Arizona has faced a disturbing trend in motorcycle fatalities. According to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), while motorcycles represent a small percentage of total vehicle registrations, motorcyclists are disproportionately represented in fatal crashes. In 2023, nearly 10% of all traffic fatalities in Arizona involved motorcycles, despite motorcycles comprising a much smaller share of total vehicles on the road.

This statistic underscores the critical role that awareness programs play. By promoting respect for motorcyclists and teaching drivers to recognize their presence on the road, these programs can directly contribute to low-

ering fatality rates. Arizona's Department of Public Safety (DPS) has consistently highlighted the importance of safety education, particularly because motorcyclists are more vulnerable than car drivers due to the lack of physical protection. Awareness programs that teach drivers to avoid common mistakes—like following too closely or failing to yield—could be the difference between life and death for riders.

3. A Unique Climate for Year-Round Riding

Arizona's warm climate and scenic landscape make it one of the most attractive states for motorcyclists. Riders from around the country flock to Arizona for its clear skies and beautiful desert vistas, which are accessible year-round. However, this benefit also introduces certain challenges. Unlike states with seasonal limitations, Arizona's roads are filled with motorcycles throughout the year, which requires constant driver awareness and education.

Motorcycle awareness programs play a significant role in educating drivers about the year-round presence of motorcyclists. These programs foster a mentality of perpetual vigilance among drivers, as opposed to states where motorcycle season is limited to warmer months. In Arizona, drivers need to be motorcycle-conscious every day of the year, not just during certain seasons, which makes the work of awareness programs even more crucial.

4. Rapidly Changing Infrastructure and Increased Urbanization

The rapid development of Arizona's urban centers has created complex driving environments where traditional driving habits must be adjusted. For instance, newly built expressways, multi-lane intersections, and roundabouts require drivers to develop greater spatial awareness and adaptability. In these environments, motorcyclists are often at higher risk due to reduced visibility and the increased potential for driver distractions.

Motorcycle awareness programs equip drivers to better understand the specific needs and vulnerabilities of motorcyclists in complex traffic scenarios. Programs can train drivers to anticipate the behavior of motorcycles, recognize lane-sharing and lane-splitting practices (where permitted), and avoid sudden lane changes that could endanger motorcyclists. In cities like Phoenix, where the urban landscape is evolving rapidly, such training is indispensable for ensuring safe interactions between motorcyclists and other road users.

5. New Riders and the Importance of Educating Both *continues on page 24*

Why Motorcycle Awareness Programs Matter More Than Ever in Arizona

Drivers and Motorcyclists

As motorcycling grows in popularity, particularly among younger demographics and new residents unfamiliar with Arizona's unique road conditions, the number of new riders on Arizona's roads is increasing. Motorcycle awareness programs are essential not only for drivers but also for new riders who may lack experience navigating complex traffic or unpredictable weather.

Awareness programs serve a dual purpose: they educate drivers about motorcycles, but many also offer resources for motorcyclists, including courses on defensive riding and accident prevention strategies. This is especially important for younger or newer riders who might not be as experienced in defensive riding techniques. By equipping both drivers and riders with the knowledge they need, these programs create a safer environment that benefits everyone on the road.

6. The Financial and Emotional Impact of Motorcycle Accidents

Beyond the immediate physical danger, motorcycle accidents carry substantial financial and emotional costs. Motorcyclists involved in crashes face high medical expenses, rehabilitation costs, and potential loss of income. Families of accident victims often endure emotional and financial burdens that can last for years. These accidents also strain Arizona's healthcare system, leading to economic costs that ripple through the community.

Motorcycle awareness programs, by reducing the likelihood of accidents, play a vital role in minimizing these financial and emotional impacts. They underscore the importance of proactive education in saving not only lives but also resources. By investing in these programs, Arizona can mitigate the broader social costs associated with motorcycle accidents, benefiting both individuals and the state as a whole.

7. Building a Culture of Respect and Shared Responsibility

One of the most powerful outcomes of motorcycle awareness programs is the creation of a culture that respects and values motorcyclists as equal members of the road community. By promoting the concept of shared responsibility, these programs help dismantle the "us vs. them" mentality that can arise between car drivers and motorcyclists.

In states like Arizona, where motorcycles are a common sight, fostering mutual respect on the road is essential. Awareness programs encourage drivers to see motor-

cyclists not just as other vehicles but as individuals with the same rights and responsibilities. This shift in mindset contributes to a safer, more inclusive road culture, where all users—whether they drive a car, ride a motorcycle, or use other forms of transportation—understand the importance of being vigilant, considerate, and mindful of one another's safety.

8. Legislative Support for Motorcycle Awareness Programs

The importance of motorcycle awareness is increasingly recognized at the legislative level. Arizona has enacted laws aimed at improving motorcycle safety, such as requiring helmets for riders under 18 and implementing strict penalties for traffic violations that endanger motorcyclists. However, awareness programs complement these legal protections by addressing the root cause: lack of knowledge and awareness among drivers.

Support for these programs can come in various forms, including grants, public safety campaigns, and integration into driver education curriculums. By advocating for sustained legislative support, Arizona can ensure that motorcycle awareness remains a priority and that these programs receive the funding and visibility they need to continue their life-saving work.

Conclusion: Why Now Is the Time to Strengthen Arizona's Motorcycle Awareness Programs

As Arizona's roads become busier and urbanization continues to transform the state's driving landscape, motorcycle awareness programs are an indispensable tool for ensuring the safety of motorcyclists and drivers alike. These programs address the unique challenges Arizona faces: year-round riding conditions, a rapidly growing population, and changing infrastructure. By educating both drivers and riders, these initiatives reduce the risk of accidents, save lives, and foster a culture of respect and shared responsibility on Arizona's roads.

Now more than ever, Arizona needs to invest in motorcycle awareness programs that reflect the state's changing dynamics. From legislative support to public education campaigns, every effort counts in making Arizona's roads safer for everyone. For those who drive and ride, the message is clear: motorcycle awareness isn't just a seasonal concern—it's a year-round commitment to safety, respect, and shared responsibility.

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Speed Limit Changes in Phoenix

10-31-2024 ... Item 31 Amend City Code - Section 36-158, Schedule I, Local Speed Limits at 20 Locations (Ordinance G-7314) – Citywide was passed in Phoenix City Council yesterday.

Speed limits are established under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 28-703, which requires an engineering study and traffic investigation. The Phoenix City Code and Charter require that all changes to local speed limits on City streets be

approved by City Council in the form of an amendment to Phoenix City Code.

The Street Transportation Department conducted a comprehensive review of the speed limit ordinance and is recommending local speed limit changes at 20 locations, as summarized in the pdf attached. Seventeen changes are related to road and traffic conditions. The three other changes are additions to the speed limit ordinance for newly constructed and

annexed roadway segments. As with all recommended speed limit changes, they are based on traffic investigations conducted with the engineering judgment of Street Transportation Department staff.

The related traffic studies can be viewed at <https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/speedlimitchange>.

Watch your speedometer. Watch for speed limit signs. Some in your neighborhood may be changing soon.



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Riot on the River 2024

Riot on the River is a collaborative effort. There are currently more than 50 organizations in the [Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs](#); based in all areas of our state. Various clubs handle the different tasks & obligations involved in bringing this event together. This gathering has been taking place since 2007.



The park in Winkelman Arizona was again the venue for the ACMC Riot On The River, this year taking place the weekend of November 14 to 17.

Attendees were greeted at the gate by members of the Sober Riders MC for registration. All are welcome to attend. It is family-friendly, all riders, all types of bikes, from club members to independent riders.

Some started arriving on Thursday to set up camp. There was a variety of RVs and tent campers. This is a large venue, with plenty of camping space available. Clubs will often use this event as a reunion for their chapters; making for a nice weekend for them to see each other & catch up. It was cold at nights though. Tent campers definitely need to plan ahead for this trip!

There were vendors to shop, with about a dozen booths set up. They offered apparel, jewelry, custom-made hol-

sters, attorney info, & more; plus info from AIM & MRF. VooDoo Mayhem MC set up the bike wash station. The ABATE-of AZ booth was managed by Vice President Paula 'Bubbles' Beall.

Friday had DJ music through the day. The night's entertainment included a big-screen TV to show the Mike Tyson vs Jake Paul fight.

Saturday is the main day of activities. The day was gray, overcast, & a little chilly; although the sun did come through from time to time and warm things up.

First up is the ACMC monthly meeting. Issues important to the motorcycling community are discussed, including legislative concerns. The meeting also creates a unique opportunity for people who are interested in taking on the motorcycle club lifestyle and think they want to join a club to have an opportunity to meet representatives from a variety of organizations and talk to them about it.

Games, hosted by Breathe Life Riders, included a Slow Race {winner Matthew of Kilroy MC}, Gear Fast {winner Wolf, an independent rider}, the Bucket Pull {winner Ditch of VooDoo Mayhem MC}, and the Slalom

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{winner John of the Hooligans MC}.

The Bike Show, hosted by the Sun Riders MC of Tucson, had 4 categories... Rat, Vintage, Bagger, and Best in Show. Congratulations to each of the winners!

Music included 'Mary After Dark' and 'Weapon of Pride'. The live music started on Saturday afternoon. Part of the entry fee was a dinner on Saturday evening. Members of the Wolves MC of Tucson were busy all day tending the smoker of pork butts. Serving began around 3:30 in the afternoon. This was good; as the day visitors on Saturday could enjoy some music & a tasty meal before they left.

The Wet T-shirt Contest offered cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners. If you weren't there, you'll just have to use your imagination ☺

This is a weekend of good music and camaraderie. There were so many clubs and organizations represented, all socializing & enjoying themselves. It was a nice opportunity to catch up with people from around the state. I'm glad I could spend some time there.

Betsy, with additional photos from various ABATE-AZ members ☺

The APMC is hosting a Pancake Breakfast & Toy Drive on Sunday, December 15th at the Cave Creek Hells Angels MC Clubhouse, 21448 N 24th Avenue in Phoenix; starting at 8:00am.

Bring an unwrapped toy or donation(\$) and eat great pancakes!

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More photos from ACMC's Riot on the River, November 16, 2024



CALENDAR - Upcoming ABATE-AZ / Business Members / MRO Events

Dec 15 {Sun}: The ACMC is hosting a Pancake Breakfast & Toy Drive at the Cave Creek Hells Angels MC Clubhouse, 21448 N 24th Avenue in Phoenix; starting at 8:00am. Bring an unwrapped toy or donation(\$) and eat great pancakes! FMI: Bill 602-463-7886, billetldmc@gmail.com

Jan 11, 2025 {Sat}: Accident Scene Management Class {ASMC} 100 Series Basic Course; at American Legion Post 35, 2240 W Chandler Blvd. Chandler. Defray tuition cost with AMSAF Scholarship. FMI: Trauma Mama 602-908-7989, phxaz.asm@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/azasm1>



Feb 13 {Thurs}: [Motorcycle Day at the Dome ~ MDATD](#). Details to follow. FMI: Mike@abateofaz.org, 602.456.BIKE

May 17, 2025 {Sat}: [AMSAF's Riding For the Long Haul](#) event, 5:30 to 9:30pm at Marriott Phoenix Chandler - 1600 South Price Rd., Chandler, AZ 85286. Join [AMSAF](#) for an evening of tropical fun, island vibes, and fundraising! Dress in your best Hawaiian attire and get ready for: Delicious Cuisine; Live Entertainment; Silent Auction; and much more! FMI: <https://www.amsaf.org/rftlh/>

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