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President's Report

Greetings Fellow Freedom Fighters!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Great Holiday Season! This year looks to be a very good year for ABATE of Arizona and the other SMROs here in our state. There are several upcoming events that we are looking forward to.

First there is the opening day of the Arizona Legislature in January. It is on Monday January 8th, 2024. There is nothing planned for this day as the legislators will be preparing for the sessions.

We will be hosting a Lobby Day on tentatively January 29th. There will be more info to come as details are worked out. Get familiar with your district and legislators so you can make appointments and meet with them.

Motorcycle Day at the Dome is put on by the State Motorcycle rights organizations here in Arizona, ABATE of Arizona being one of them. This year it is on Saturday April 13th, 2024. It is a day set aside for motorcyclists from all around the state to ride to the Capitol and rally to let them know the issues that are important to us and to get them to support us. This is a day to get the media attention and let them know we are active. ALL ABATE members are urged to attend and to contact their Representatives and Senators.

If you cannot make it to the Capitol, please be sure and call or email you Legislators that you wish them to meet with the motorcyclists who are in attendance.

May is also Motorcycle Awareness Month. Start planning your Awareness events now! Every Chapter should be hosting an event to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. Please document your Chapter's event and send the story to the Masterlink.

Also coming up is the annual BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY! This is hosted by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation on May 20 & 21, 2024. Every year Motorcycle Freedom Fighters from all over the United States converge on Washington DC in May to walk the halls of Congress and meet with the Senators and Congressmen in order to further the legislation that is important to motorcyclists on a Federal level.

This is an amazing event.



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

As it gets closer more information will be coming out. Many of our membership are also members of the MRF which works on a National Level for us. I encourage ALL ABATE of Arizona members to join the MRF and support their work. Several of our ABATE Chapters are also MRF Sustaining Members and if your Chapter is not please ask your Chapter Officers why not and how your Chapter can become a Sustaining Member of the MRF.

As we begin a new year I what to express my thanks to all of the members who have served as officers this past year, on both the state and chapter level. I also wish to thank all of those who have stepped up to fill positions in their chapter and on the State Board of officers. As I write this we are finalizing the details for our officers training. This will be held at the Arizona American Italian Club in Phoenix where our State office is located. I expect to see ALL officers in attendance if possible. Details will be sent as they are available.

The strength of an organization like ABATE of Arizona is its membership. Without members we cannot accomplish the good work that we try and do. It takes many hands pulling on the rope to get the job done. I want to thank all of the members of ABATE of Arizona for being here and supporting the cause of motorcycle rights here in Arizona. If you think we are doing a good job please tell your friends and other riders you encounter what we do and who we are and encourage them to join. If for some reason you feel we are not doing what we should or you know an area we may want to look in to, please contact any of the State officers or any of your Chapter officers and pass the information on to us.

Until next month!

Ride Free!! Ride Safe!! Ride ENDORSED!!

Jim

ABATE of Arizona Morns the Loss of a Freedom Fighter

Shirley "Moonshine" Moore-Bizub, Past President of ABATE of Arizona, passed away on December 29 after a short illness. She was an absolutely amazing person. She loved everyone and will be missed by her partner, Gary 'G' Vick, her children and grandchildren and her many, many friends.

Shirley was originally from Washington, where she was very (very) active in ABATE of Washington, before moving to Kingman Arizona in May 2019, where she joined ABATE of Arizona almost immediately upon arrival. Shirley was very passionate about many things. She loved ABATE and was a long-time member of ABATE of Washington, former President of ABATE of Arizona in 2020 & 2021 and held many different positions in ABATE of Arizona Mohave Chapter.



She also loved animals and donated many hours helping For Love of Paws rescue shelter (<https://www.fortheluvofpaws.org>) and also on Facebook), helping wherever she could. She and G even adopted 6 shelter dogs themselves. Shirley had such a big heart, and she had an unbelievable amount of energy. She was the first to help anyone in need whenever she could. Anytime. Always.

In ABATE of Arizona, as well as having served as President, she had been the current State Runs and Events Coordinator, very active in the Too Broke for Sturgis events, handling merchandise but also anywhere else she could be helpful. You would always find her at events selling 50/50 or serving food or just jumping in anywhere she could help.



She will be missed by so many people. Our hearts go out to Gary "G" and Shirley's children, grandchildren, and her entire family as well as all her friends.



We love you and will miss you greatly Moonshine!!



She was passionate about motorcycles and motorcycle rights.

EVC Chapter Welcomes Business Member Legacy Builders

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I joined ABATE because of the sense of welcoming the members gave me when I was first introduced, Brian explains. With an opportunity to speak to like minded people and also build a network, I saw this as a good opportunity to be a part of something great.

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Saturday January 6 @ 12:00 pm
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PAC.....Dennis Lange
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Safety Coordinator.....Kevin Davis
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BOD Rep.....Gary 'G' Vick

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held
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Secretary.....Stacy Montgomery
Treasurer.....Jesse Roberts
Sgt at Arms.....Damian D. Paige
Events Coordinator.....Stacy Montgomery
Safety Coordinator.....Matthew Reemelin
Membership.....Joe Silk
Merchandise.....Damian D. Page
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The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM
(9am breakfast) on the 3rd Sunday of every
month at the American Legion Post 138
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Vice Coord.....Anissa 'Dragonfly' Huntington
Secretary.....Monica Byrne
Treasurer.....Monica Byrne
Membership.....Jim Butsback
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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Meeting time is 10AM

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Vice President.....Paula Beall
Secretary.....Mark Krumrey
Treasurer.....Cliff Prentice
Membership.....Cynde Aydt
Run/Events.....Stacy Baldwin Montgomery
Safety Coordinator.....Matthew Reemelin
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Gary Crawford
PAC.....Stacy Baldwin Montgomery
Communications.....Judi Miller
Merchandise.....Damian Paige
TBFS Chair.....Sandra Tavares

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

ABATE of Arizona state office
AZ American-Italian Club
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Phoenix, AZ 85020

High Country Chapter

Coordinator.....Denny 'Hawk' Dowell
Vice Coordinator.....Steve 'Triker' Williams
Secretary.....vacant
Treasurer.....Steve 'Triker' 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.....Marty Bernal
Merchandise.....Vacant
Media.....Denise 'Spitfire' Trolinder
BOD RepBarry 'Double B' Bell

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The HCC meets immediately
following the MMAA meetings (11:00am) the
3rd Saturday of each month at
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Show Low, AZ 85901

Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

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

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Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held
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 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
 BOD Rep.....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

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

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

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

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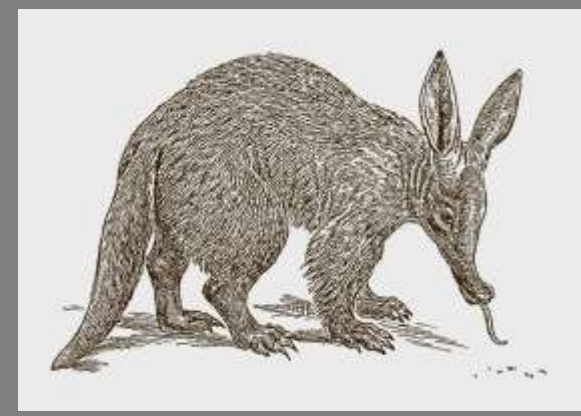
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EVC Completes MAP Presentations

The East Valley Chapter completed the fall semester motorcycle awareness program. We presented the program to 800 students at seven east valley high schools. Thanks again to East Valley members, Erin Berry – Schade, Glenn Gussak, Jay Durarte, and Dan Widmar.


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. Also, keep getting the word out on the lane filtering. We present the lane filtering at the MAP class but there is still more work left to do in educating other riders and the car drivers.

Contact: Joe Silk, 480-628-8598
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Upcoming Events


- Jan 8th: **Opening day of Arizona Legislature**
- Jan 29th: **Lobby Day** (tentative)
- Mar 9th: **East Valley Chapter – Hard Ass Run**
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- Apr 13th: **Motorcycle Day at the Dome**
- May 20th: **-Bikers Inside the Beltway –**
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East Valley Chapter

We held our annual Christmas fun time chapter meeting at Post 138 on the 18th. Thanks again to Matthew Reemelin for the Christmas games and the Christmas jokes!

Welcomed our new business member, Brian Smith of Legacy Builders to the East Valley Chapter. Brian is an insurance broker who can help with your life and health insurance needs.

We have been introducing the riding public to ABATE at several membership booths. East Valley chapter was sponsored by American Legion Post 138's Run to the Gun event on Dec 9th. Thanks to Jeff Gorall and Damian Paige for helping out.

As always, be on the lookout for all free of charge membership booth spaces – there are several bike event facebook pages from which to investigate booth opportunities. If an event is motorcycle related there is no reason they should not provide a free of charge vendor space. All riders (ALR, HOG, RC, and Facebook riding groups) who want to ride free should be an ABATE member!

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

We have set a date for East Valley's Hard Ass Run – Mark your calendars for March 9th. It is going to be a long hard on your ass ride!

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Chapter Reports

High Country Chapter

Our December meeting was postponed in support of the MMAA scheduled members Christmas party. Our regular meetings will resume on the third Saturday of each month at 11:00am immediately following the MMAA membership meeting.

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Mohave Chapter

Our next chapter meeting will be January 15, 2024 at the VFW in Golden Valley. We also voted to having New Year pot luck dinner and party at the VFW on January 13th.

Hoping that all had a very merry Christmas and wishing a happy New Year to all.

Tom Aydt
 Mohave Chapter Coordinator
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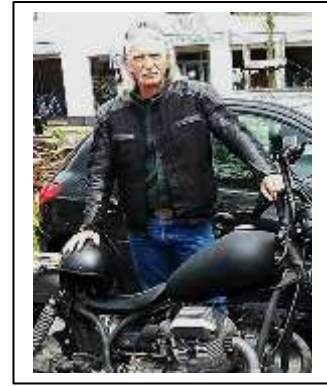
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Is Green the New Gray Area?

From The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

By Mark Buckner
Executive Director – Motorcycle Riders Foundation



For as long as I can remember – which is getting to be a LONG time! – those of us who love riding motorcycles and have devoted a large part of our lives to preserving and protecting our way of life have been telling anyone who would listen that the enemies of motorcycling don't just want to pass more and more restrictive laws where we're concerned. Their ultimate goal is to get us off the road entirely. A prime example of this is the recent push to outlaw internal combustion engines, just one of the issues the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and our partners in the state motorcyclists' rights organizations and the motorcycle aftermarket are fighting head on.

So why are internal combustion engines under attack? The Biden administration is calling for one in two new cars sold in the 2030s to be fully electric. Federal incentives intended to prop up 'green' proposals have been pushed through Congress. In some states, these initiatives have become all the rage, calling for the elimination of all internal combustion engines and the end of fossil fuels as an energy source. California's plan to ban all internal combustion engines by 2035 is the most obvious of these, while similar plans have been launched around the country and the world. On the surface, that might sound bleak for those of us who love our gasoline-powered bikes, cars, trucks, and boats, but there may be good news on the horizon. As more research is coming to light from a feasibility, a financial, and an environmental perspective, initiatives targeting zero greenhouse gas emissions are being reexamined.

The Connecticut state legislature, like their counterparts in California, initially targeted the elimination of internal combustion engines by 2035, but has now decided to pump the brakes, killing Senate Bill 1145 which would have set unattainable greenhouse gas emission goals. Part of that bill would have penalized non-compliant parties up to \$25,000 PER DAY for not meeting stated objectives, labeling the penalties as a 'tax'. Other uncoordinated decarbonization 'roadmap bills' are still being considered in Connecticut, but the all-out push to join states like Massachusetts, California, and others is on the decline.

Ohio is pushing back as well. Their state legislature recently passed House Bill 201, signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine. HB 201 prohibits state agencies, counties, or townships in Ohio "from restricting the sale or use of a motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle." It also specifically prohibits a state agency from adopting the California emissions standards for motor vehicles. ABATE of Ohio played a major role in getting this law on the books. In northern Europe, Norway, which had targeted zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, is likewise backing off on its plan as its feasibility becomes less certain.

None of this is to say that we shouldn't be concerned about pollution. We absolutely need to address these issues, especially in our major cities. But the outright elimination of vehicles powered by fossil fuels is not the answer.

Regarding the general public's opinion on an all-electric solution, many people are less than enthusiastic about moving away from gasoline-powered alternatives. According to the Sierra Club, in 2022 66% of car dealerships did not have an electric vehicle for sale. We can only assume that's because there was no market for them. Today, thousands of car dealerships around the country are pushing back on the Biden plan, saying they can't sell the electric vehicles they already have in stock. Car manufacturers are backing off as well, curtailing production of new EVs. Why is that?

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First and foremost, electric vehicles are expensive. Some studies suggest that people who can afford to buy all-electric cars represent a finite group, and that many of those consumers have already purchased an EV car or truck, meaning the available pool of buyers is shrinking. Also problematic is that due in large part to the high cost of battery replacement, there is a very small market for used electric vehicles.

Basically, no one wants to buy them knowing that a big repair bill is headed their way. While battery technology will likely improve in coming years, as of today that technology and questions about the cost of building a sufficient charging infrastructure are major concerns for consumers.

Finally, we should never forget that for the 'nanny state' crowd, going all the way back to Ralph Nader and the original safety-crats of the 1960s, the mantra has remained the same. That being, where safety is concerned, the public can't be trusted to make their own decisions or manage their own risks.

In other words, these fine folks think they're smarter and better equipped to make policy decisions than us mere citizens. In their delusionary 'Road to Zero' world - where there will be zero accidents and zero fatalities - the best way to get there is to get rid of what they consider to be dangerous activities - like riding motorcycles. Eliminating internal combustion engines could go a long way towards achieving that goal.

Just as we have since the 1980s, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is standing up for motorcycling, fighting against issues like the elimination of internal combustion engines, and we need every concerned rider to join us in our mission. If you are not already a member of the MRF, my only question to you would be 'why not?'

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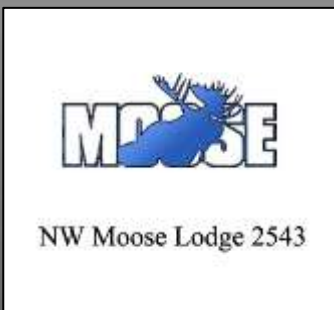
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