



## Celebrating Freedom and Rights: A Recap of Motorcycle Day at the Dome

*April 13, 2024*



This past weekend, the Arizona motorcycle community came together in a spirited gathering for the much-anticipated Motorcycle Day at the Dome. The event, marked by camaraderie, advocacy, and unity, saw a few hundred enthusiasts and supporters converge to celebrate not just the love for motorcycles but also the shared values of freedom and rights that bind the community.

The day was filled with an array of activities, from exploring the offerings of great vendors to indulging in delicious food, ensuring that the attendees had both a meaningful and enjoyable experience. However, what truly set the tone for the day were the powerful messages delivered by our guest speakers, Representative Quang Nguyen and Maricopa County Sheriff candidate Mike Crawford, who touched on crucial issues facing the motorcycle community today.

### **The Cost of Freedom and Legislative Challenges**

Representative Quang Nguyen, known for his unwavering commitment to safeguarding personal freedoms, provided insightful updates from the legislative front. He highlighted the numerous bills introduced that sought to curtail freedoms, emphasizing the continuous battle against such constraints. His address was a compelling reminder of the cost of freedom and the vigilance required to preserve it. Representative Nguyen's recount of how these freedom-limiting bills were successfully defeated served as a testament to the power of collective action and the importance of staying informed and engaged in legislative matters.

### **Tackling Profiling and Exercising Rights**

The issue of motorcyclists being profiled by law enforcement is a concern that resonates deeply within the community. Mike Crawford, aspiring to be the next Maricopa County Sheriff, addressed this pressing issue head-on. He not only acknowledged the existence of profiling

but also offered guidance on how riders should respond if they feel they are being unfairly targeted. "Exercise your rights!" he urged, reinforcing the message that knowledge of one's rights and how to assert them is paramount in confronting and rectifying injustices.

### **A Unified Community**

Motorcycle Day at the Dome was more than just an event; it was a vivid demonstration of unity and support among motorcycle clubs and enthusiasts. The Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs, in particular, deserves a HUGE shoutout for their unwavering support and dedication to motorcycle rights. This collective spirit of solidarity and advocacy is what truly defines the motorcycle community in Arizona and beyond.

### **Looking Forward**

As we reflect on the impactful messages and the fellowship of the day, it's clear that the Motorcycle Day at the Dome was not just a celebration but a call to action. It reminded us of the ongoing challenges in protecting our freedoms and rights, the importance of community, and the power of standing together in advocacy.

We extend our gratitude to all the motorcycle clubs, attendees, speakers, and vendors who made the day memorable. Let's carry forward the momentum and continue to champion the rights and freedoms that bind us as a community. Together, we ride stronger.

Although Motorcycle Day at the Dome 2024 may have come to a close, the journey towards ensuring the freedom and rights of motorcyclists goes on. Stay tuned for more updates and remember, in unity there is strength.

Michael Infanzon, Legislative Director  
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## President's Report

Greetings to all my Brothers & Sisters of ABATE of Arizona. May is upon us as this issue comes out. Spring has finally come to the entire state of Arizona. Those of us in the desert areas have had good weather but the high country and mountain areas of our great state are now fully into riding weather. As always the calendar is full of events and we all look forward to getting out and seeing friends and associates around the state that we may not have seen since last fall.

May is also Motorcycle Awareness Month. Throughout this great country of ours, organizations and municipalities are issuing proclamations and holding events to increase awareness of motorcycles on our nation's roads and highways. Please help spread the word and let folks know that it is everyone's responsibility to be careful and to "Look Twice-Save a Life". If you attend any of these events please take photos and report back to us what is being done around our state to bring attention to this cause. Remember to send any stories and photos in to the *MasterLink* so we can share them with our membership.

May is also the month that we celebrate our Moms! Mothers Day is May 12th this year. I would like to express ABATE's best wishes to all of the Mothers out there in our ranks. I hope all of our Mothers have a very special Mother's Day and for those who are no longer with us, we will cherish those memories of our Mother's Love.

The month of May is also very significant because it is also the month that we honor our Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom! It is the month we observe Memorial Day! This year Memorial is May 27th. Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to our great Nation. There are many stories of how this day had its beginnings but it all culminated when General Logan gave his official proclamation in 1868. Many of our members have served our country and many of us have friends, relatives etc. who have served or are still serving. Without these brave men & women we would not be able to enjoy all the freedoms we enjoy today. I thank all of our service members for the dedication and sacrifices they gave. So honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for us and DO NOT EVER FORGET!!

The month of May is also the month that the MRF {Motorcycle Riders Foundation} hosts Bikers Inside the Beltway. This is a day when motorcycle rights activists from around the country gather in Washington DC to meet with our Congressmen and Senators to discuss issues important to all of us who ride. This year's event will be held on May 20th & 21st. It is a great event and everyone should try and attend at least once.

We have just had our "Motorcycle Day at the Dome", on April 13th. Unfortunately I was not able to attend as I was in Chicago attending a funeral for a family member. I have heard that it was a great event with many attendees. I would like to express my thanks to all who worked so very hard on this project and to the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs

*Greetings Fellow Supporters  
of Motorcycle Rights!*

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for holding their meeting in conjunction with this event. Having such a good gathering of motorcyclists really can make a positive impression on those who work in our State Capitol.

This year's Too Broke for Sturgis Fund Raiser will once again be held in the City of Winslow at the Winslow Rodeo Grounds. We have moved the dates back to June to try and get some better weather. Although we can never predict the weather, we do try.

This year's event will be June 20 -23, with the 20th as a set up day and gate to open Thursday at noon and the event to close Sunday.

As this is a still a new venue and location there are several advantages and also some disadvantages. Nothing is perfect. There are no cabins but there are many hotel/motels in the Winslow area for those who do not camp. There are not trees on that property so we are looking into large tents to provide a shaded area.

It is a great area for riding. The Rodeo grounds are less than 2 miles from the "Standing on the Corner" site. The city is located right on Old Route 66. The Historic Meteor Crater is about 27 miles to the west. The Painted Desert is about 61 Miles to the east, as is the Petrified Forest. The famous Wigwam Motel is 33 miles to the east in Holbrook, AZ. For those looking for a longer ride, the Grand Canyon Visitors center is about 140 miles away.

The weather in Winslow for June averages highs in the high 80's and low 90's and lows in the low to mid 60's. The area only averages a 7% chance of rain on the days we are scheduled to be there. We are working with the Winslow Visitor Center and we will be providing more information in the future.

Our next step is to get to work! We need everybody to step up and help make this year's event work! We will need volunteers to help work the event and set-up. We need volunteers for every job! I would like to see every Chapter represented on the committee and volunteer list. If you want to help, contact the committee chairman or you can call me directly.

Until Next Month

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Jim



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The Coyote Pass Chapter welcomes bikers to the area for the Tri-State motorcycle events. April 25-28 is Bike Week in this area. Communities along Route 66 will be participating in "Route 66 Bike Week" sponsored by Saddle Sore Ranch. Bullhead City is hosting the Mayhem Motorcycle Rally during the same time. In Kingman, Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories is having a celebration of their own where we are manning an information booth for ABATE.

This will be a good year for our chapter. We've seen an increase in attendance at our meetings and are looking forward to the summer riding season.

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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**

East Valley ABATE members [including Joe Silk, Cliff Prentice, Steven Singer, Brent Doyen, & Colleen Meredith] recently presented Lane Filtering information and ABATE membership opportunity to American Legion Posts 35 and 91. It is our goal to make all riders and car drivers aware of the lane filtering law. East Valley has created a lane filtering Power Point slideshow which can be presented to all riding groups. The presentation slides are

on the [ABATE-AZ Motorcycle Awareness Program FB page](#).

The slideshow provides several examples of how to (and how not to) perform lane filtering. It also includes a quiz. The slideshow has been made into a movie that can be accessed via this QR code.



Please get the word out to all riding groups to ensure they are performing lane filtering correctly. It is also a good idea to share with car drivers so that they are informed. Can't present to a group? A suggestion for all members is, in addition to the lane filtering cards, create a QR code of the link to the lane filtering presentation on the state or motorcycle awareness facebook page and share that with riders and car drivers you encounter. The lane filtering information is also presented at the motorcycle awareness classes.

East Valley Chapter members continue to support membership booth opportunities; recently at Scottsdale HD and other venues. 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. One of our business members, AZ Boot Bootique, hosted a bike event at their Ahwatukee location on April 17th.

American Legion Post 138 is moving to a new location at University and Alma School. For now, our meetings thru June will still take place at the Post's Broadway/ Mill location. Please support their May 4th and other events related to the move. If you have building materials or labor that can be used to remodel the new location, please contact Post 138's Commander.

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**High Country Chapter**

Our April meeting was a short one, due to the Memorial Ride for our brother Barry Groom. Discussion included getting price quotes on tee-shirts. I welcomed our new SA Roy Whiting and also welcomed our new secretary Thomas Stocks.

I brought up bringing back HCC's Wild in the Weeds bike event. It would have to be for next season as it's too late this year; but hope to get it on next year's agenda.


We are looking for a new meeting location. May's meeting will be on May 18 at the MMAA's Carriage House Run.

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### Mohave Chapter

#### Road Clean Up in Golden Valley

Tom Aydt, Coordinator of Mohave Chapter based in Golden Valley shared,

Today was highway cleanup in Golden Valley on Hwy. 68. Mohave and Coyote Pass Chapter members worked together to get this done. Special thanks to Eric Spurr and Mike Degrood from Coyote Pass. Although we were not large in numbers today, we got the job done; one of the benefits of working together. Thank you everyone.



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### Phoenix Chapter

#### Biker Chili Cookoff with ABATE's Phoenix Chapter

ABATE of Arizona's Phoenix Chapter hosted their first Biker Chili Cookoff on March 24th. The event was held from noon-4pm at VFW Post 1433, located at 7618 N 63rd Avenue in Glendale.

Five cooks brought chili. Kelli Marshall won first place & collected the \$50 prize. Mary Kay won 2nd place & received \$40. Stuart Smith won 3rd place for \$30. Congratulations to each of you!

Chapter Coordinator One T announced that 3 new members signed up that day "with more to come" adding, "We are getting the word out!"

Event Coordinator Cliff Prentice shared that this will be a yearly event, held on the 4th Sunday of March. Additional activities are planned to be included as well.

Everyone had a good time & the Chapter looks forward to seeing even more people there next time.


VFW Post 1433 is a Business Member of ABATE-AZ. Phoenix Chapter holds their meetings there on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm. For more information, contact One T via texting to 623-313-8663.



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**Southern Arizona Chapter**

The Southern Arizona Chapter held their roadside cleanup in Whetstone this month. We had participants from the Moose Riders as well as some geocachers, and it was a great time. We also had members in attendance at Tucson's largest Cycle Gear bike night, the Motorcycle Day at the Dome, and the local cars and coffee events. We're preparing for next month's Run for the Fisher House on May 18th and will be rescheduling the JD Dare Memorial Ride soon. Additionally, we're finalizing our annual chapter fundraiser with a grand prize of a full week at a cabin in the White Mountains. We have "Lane Filtering is Legal" waterproof and UV-resistant stickers. Next month's meeting is at 10am on Saturday, May 18th, at the

Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge, and the Fisher House run will commence immediately afterwards.



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**Yavapai Chapter**

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**Yuma Chapter**

is reorganizing  
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## Thank you to Gypsy's Roadhouse for Your Continuous Support of ABATE-AZ

Members of the East Valley Chapter, as well as several State-level officers, recently gathered to presented Gypsy's Roadhouse owners Bill and Liz Voss their 17-year business membership certificate. Bill and Liz are one of ABATE's long-standing business members! Thanks Bill and Liz for supporting all motorcyclists' rights to ride in our great state! Bill and Liz were signed up long ago by chapter member Jim Silk at one of ABATE's Too Broke for Sturgis events! Support those who support our right to ride free in our great state of Arizona!

Bil commented, "Gypsy and I will ALWAYS be a part of such a wonderful service organization like ABATE! Thank you for all you do for riders' rights!"



Gypsy's Roadhouse is located at  
5122 E. McDowell Road in Phoenix AZ  
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Find them online at <https://gypsysroadhouse.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/269642269885722>

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# Vice-President's Report

I hope everyone had any awesome and safe time in April with all the rallies and get togethers in Scottsdale, Kingman and on the Colorado River. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and we need to continue with the great work that we are doing to make the public more aware of the motorcycle community.

Another important piece of information is the 2024 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey. The Motorcycle Profiling Project [MPP] hosts this survey on their website. The information collected helps lobbying efforts at both state and national levels. No personal information is required to participate. I encourage everyone to look at and please fill out the survey. I feel that this is important information for the motorcycle community.

With only one month away from Too Broke For Sturgis, the fundraiser for ABATE of AZ, it is crunch time for the amazing volunteers who make this event happen. If you have not signed up, please remember to and to help out where needed.

A positive thought will always bring positive results. There's a lot of crazy stuff going on the world. Let's all try to be more caring & respectful of each other.

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# Legislative Report

From Michael Infanzon  
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### Legislative Update

Politics is the name of the game as we wind down this session. Both sides of the aisle have been name calling. As of this writing, the legislature is only working on Wednesdays until further notice.

### Bills Signed/Filed into Law:

1. Ch. 70, Laws 2024 (HB2370 - Oxygenated fuel; federal approval; extension)
2. Ch. 76, Laws 2024 (SB1055 - Off-highway vehicle study committee; extension)

### Bills Awaiting a Floor Vote:

1. SB1052 - All-terrain vehicles; definition (Await 3rd Read)
2. SB1567 - Off-highway vehicles; education requirement (Await 3rd Read - HELD)
3. SB1680 - Minors; motorcycle helmets; citations (Await 3rd Read)
4. SB1376 - Vehicle loads; restrictions (Await Concur & Final Read)

### Failed Bills this session

1. HB2332 - Traffic; vehicle laws; cities; prohibition
2. HB2545 - Annual vehicle emissions testing; exemption

3. HB2546 - Vehicle emissions; exemption
4. HB2866 - Electric vehicles; registration fee
5. HCR2018 - Tax prohibition; vehicle mileage; monitoring
6. SB1003 - Prohibition; photo radar
7. SB1010 - Vehicle mileage; tracking; tax; prohibitions
8. SB1681 - Slow driving; left lane; penalty
9. SCR1001 - Photo radar prohibition

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### New Business Member: VFW 1433 Joins ABATE of Arizona

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### Rain Initiation

I'd never ridden in the rain before. A light sprinkle, yes, but not a fer' real rain where the sky opens up and dumps buckets like there's no end to the well. Recently, though, that gap in my rider experience was filled.

We'd had a good meeting of our Legion Rider group and decided to chance the clouds and ride up to Roosevelt Lake, an hour and a half away, for lunch. It was a beautiful ride up the Pinal Mountains, winding through Superior, Miami, and Globe, AZ before heading west again to skirt around the lake to the marina. It was a little cool for a t-shirt coming through a few of the passes, but, for the most part, it was warm, with the sun darting in and out between the clouds.

As we turned onto AZ Hwy 188, we could see a small, but dense dark cloud off in the distance, dropping a gray sheet of rain right over the lake. As we got closer, it became clear that it was between us and our destination. Actually, it looked like it was parked right over our destination. Our Director, an experienced rider with more than 40 years on two wheels, called a halt, and we turned around and went back to Judy's, a favorite down-home kind of diner in Globe.

We had a good lunch, with good conversation – as is always the case with this group. Then we headed home.

Unfortunately, as we dawdled in the diner, the clouds had swirled along the mountain ridges, morphing into one long, dark gauntlet thrown down over our route. There was no way around it. In the grumbling of thunder, we could hear the Fates laughing at our feeble attempt to avoid our drenched destiny. We donned our leathers and/or rain gear and headed into the storm.

Now, I have heard the stories for more than two decades: riding with one hand spread across the face and bubble-gum stretched over the lips to protect from the stinging drops; water pouring down the neck of the jacket to pool in the seat, until you're no longer sure if you're riding downhill or upstream. What I hadn't heard was how the pelting rain can hit your eyeballs, causing the eyelids to close involuntarily, leaving you blind... as you ride down a steep and curving mountain highway.

I couldn't see anything more than vague, watery shapes through my rain-blurred glasses, but looking over the top was like having eye surgery without an-

esthetic.

Several times, as I forced my eyes open, I realized that the road was curving, and I was headed for a steep drop on the side of the road. Plotting a trajectory based on fractional glimpses between involuntary blinks, I managed to realign with the group, praying that they could see more clearly than I.

As we descended, we reached the relatively straight roads of the valley and minimally lesser rain, where I could ride with my right hand on the throttle while I "saluted" with my left hand to minimize the visual vulnerabilities. It wasn't until I was on the home stretch that it dawned on me that I could lean over like I was riding a crotch rocket, hugging the tank so that I could peer through my short windshield. It was awkward, especially when shifting gears; and the view was still less than perfect... but it would have been a useful tip for the ride down the mountain.

Live and learn.

And avoid the rain!

*Dana Trumbull*

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### DBS at MDATD

Discount Biker Supply is under new ownership & held its 'soft opening' at Motorcycle Day at the Dome.

Here is some of what new owner Aaron 'Monster' Pomrenke & his team posted afterwards, "Thank you ABATE for having us. It's great to be appreciated and welcomed in the community and scene for everything this company has valued. To hear so many people glad to see Discount Biker Supply is back on the radar again and what's to come.

Here is what we will say as we expressed today. We ain't changing pricing or what Rhino and Tracie have built and carried. We are New owner - but not new practices. We will be adding to the line and expanding but on what we know is wanted and you all enjoy. ... P.S Tracie will be around as well so she ain't gone and leaving y'all.

Thank you again everyone for the help set up and a great soft open / Reveal!"

Discount Biker Supply will be set up at Too Broke For Sturgis in Winslow, the weekend of June 20-23. Be sure to stop by, say hi, and check out all the items they'll have to offer. Congratulations DBS and best wishes in this new venture!



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## ABATE's MAP Leads the Way to New Drivers' Awareness of Motorcycles

Updated & reprinted from April 2023  
*AZ Rider Motorcycle News*

ABATE of Arizona's Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.) has been taught to more than 40,000 students since its initial presentation.

The MAP is currently presented to student drivers education classes twice per year at seven East Valley high schools\*. The motorcycle awareness program supports ABATE's awareness of motorcycles mission statement. The goals of the M.A.P. program is to introduce students to and increase their awareness of motorcycles in today's traffic situations.

The Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.) is aimed at the target high school driver's education class audience because the future drivers of Arizona need to be aware of motorcycles before they ever get behind the wheel. It is hoped that the "future drivers of Arizona" share the program's information with their friends and family.

The M.A.P. presentation and presentation materials was originally started up by East Valley Chapter member, Sporty Jim Steckbauer. The program has come a long way from presenting with chalkboard diagrams, overhead projector slides and VHS movies to an informative PowerPoint presentation which presents awareness of motorcycles using graphics and videos from NHTSA, MSF, Texas Department of Safety, Utah Department of Safety, and ABATE of Pennsylvania's OSAL program. East Valley Chapter members Joe Silk and Jim Silk ensure that the program information is up to date and reflects current traffic situations and laws. For example, the presentation was recently updated to include information on ABATE's sponsored lane filtering bill and subsequent law. Using the current information and PowerPoint, Jim and Joe have primarily been responsible for showing students how to 'Share The Road' twice a year for the past 22 years. This coming fall will start the 23rd year.

Photos and video graphics of who motorcyclists are, what they drive, and what motorcyclists look like out there on the road

are demonstrated in their presentation. After they present some great awareness information, the students then take a short quiz on what was shown. Presenters verbally go through a nine question quiz with them, giving examples of real life experiences that relate to each question throughout.

Portions of the presentation are intended to 'personalize' the motorcyclists to the students... talking about different riders & their experiences [who], [what] their reasons are for riding, and the numerous situations [where] they might, as drivers, interact with bikes on the roadways. Now, thanks to this class, rather than seeing a motorcycle as just another vehicle on the road, these young drivers are more likely to see a motorcyclist – a person, going about his or her day.

Part of the presentation includes going outdoors to witness a few motorcycle 'ride bys' and having students guess the bike's speed. This helps demonstrate how hard it is to judge the speed of a motorcycle. The 'narrow profile' of a motorcycle coming at you is discussed, including how easily it can be hidden by small objects or possibly even ignored due to larger vehicles around it.

The outdoor demonstration ends with a brief demonstration on how a rider operates the bike and what a future passenger should do when riding.

Many motorcycle riders have assisted Jim and Joe with the awareness classes over the years. The greatest assistant to the class is the person operating the outdoor demonstration. Without a motorcycle rider doing these demonstration rides, the class would not be a success. It is a small part, but a huge difference to make the student drivers of Arizona aware of bikers.

\* The goal is to expand this MAP program statewide; ideally with at least one volunteer instructor in each ABATE Chapter. [The program is in need of certified instructors in the Phoenix, Tucson, Show Low,](#)



[Flagstaff, and western Arizona areas.](#) A complete script and instructions have been prepared for how to present the class. Training and or on-site help is available to get the program going in other areas.

The primary purpose of ABATE's Motorcycle Awareness Program is to spread the word about safe motorcycling and promote a positive image of motorcyclists. What better way than to speak to the future drivers of our state? The students will hopefully be better equipped car and truck drivers and also be more aware and watch out for us.

Although most of these classes are for High School students, the MAP can be presented to other high school classes (such as health class) & other organizations to help them meet their safety education requirements. There are groups promoting awareness thru rides, banners, and street demonstrations; and these are helpful. But providing visual and demonstrative awareness examples in a classroom environment ensures a lasting & more substantive impression on how to look out for a motorcyclist.

If you are interested in learning more about the MAP program, either to assist the existing classes or to get the program implemented in your area, contact Jim Silk at the contact information below.

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[Follow this link to the facebook group for the Motorcycle Awareness Program of ABATE of Arizona](#)

## Upcoming ABATE-AZ / MRO Events

May 18: [8th annual Run For Fisher House Poker Run](#) hosted by [ABATE-AZ's Southern Arizona Chapter](#). Register 11am at NW Tucson Moose Lodge #2543, 2660 W. Ruthrauff, Tucson, AZ 85705. \$10/pp. All vehicles welcome. Benefits AZ Fisher House which helps Military Families. FMI: 520-443-0285, [anissahuntington04@yahoo.com](mailto:anissahuntington04@yahoo.com)

May 20th-21st: [Bikers Inside the Beltway](#) hosted by MRF in Washington, DC

June 20-23: [Too Broke For Sturgis](#) at Winslow Rodeo Grounds, 500 Airport Rd. in Winslow. FMI: [sttravel28@gmail.com](mailto:sttravel28@gmail.com)

May 18: [Memorial Ride for Harley Pettit](#), organized by [ABATE's Coyote Pass Chapter](#). Departing from the Sheriff's station on Beale. Meet 8:30, KSU 9am. Destination Westside Lilo's in Seligman, AZ. FMI: Mike 661-332-2308, [way2coolwheels@yahoo.com](mailto:way2coolwheels@yahoo.com)

Sept 25-29th: [MRF's Meeting of the Minds](#), St. Louis, MO.

## Congressional Joint Resolution On EPA

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Friday morning, Congressman Andrew Clyde of Georgia and 30 cosponsors introduced a Congressional Review Act (CRA) joint resolution of disapproval to overturn the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) tailpipe emissions rule.

The joint resolution aims to overturn the EPA's new emission standards, announced in March, that would compel over half of all new vehicles sold to be electric by 2032.

This CRA marks another tactic lawmakers are using to push back against the EPA's recent rules and protect the internal combustion engine. The CRA is a tool Congress can use to overturn specific federal agency actions. If a CRA joint resolution of disapproval is approved by both houses of Congress and signed by the President or if Congress successfully overrides a presidential veto, the rule at issue cannot go into effect or continue in effect.

With Congress in recess and the bill freshly introduced, a bill number has yet to be assigned. Keep your eyes open for a coming "Call-to-Action" to help you contact your lawmaker regarding this joint resolution.

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