



by ABATE-AZ Legislative Director Michael Infanzon

Hey there, Freedom Fighters!

We need to have a little chat. It's not about the latest gear, the best routes, or even the state of the roads. It's about something just as crucial, if not more so – voting. Yes, you heard that right. Voting. I know, I know, politics can be a bummer and you'd rather be out riding but stick with me here. It's important, and it directly impacts our way of life, our freedom, and our rights.

### **Voter Turnout: The Sad Reality**

Let's get straight to the point. In my legislative district, the voter turnout was a pitiful 26.64%. Yep, you read that correctly. Just over a quarter of eligible voters bothered to cast their ballots. Meanwhile, there are 300,000 motorcyclists in Arizona. Imagine if we all decided to vote – the roar of our collective voices could be deafening.

### **Close Races and Every Vote Counting**

Here's the kicker: the average margin of victory in a local city election is just 4-7%. In state legislature races, it's less than 15%. We're talking a couple of hundred votes deciding who makes the rules that affect our daily lives and our riding freedoms.

Consider the 2022 elections:

- The Arizona State Senate races had an average margin of victory of 28.4%. Not too tight, but still important.
- The Arizona House of Representatives saw an average margin of victory of just 12.4%. Now, that's getting closer to home.
- In the U.S. Senate race, Mark Kelly won by a margin of 4.89% over Blake Masters. That's not a lot, folks.

In the House races:

- David Schweikert edged out Jevin Hodge by a mere 0.88 percentage points.
- Juan Ciscomani beat Kirstin Engel by just 1.5 percentage points.

You see where I'm going with this? Every single vote can tip the scales.

### **The Stakes for Motorcyclists**

For us motorcyclists, the stakes are particularly high. Legislation around safety laws, mandatory helmet requirements, road maintenance, and even emissions standards can significantly impact our community. If we want a say in these decisions, we need to show up at the polls.

### **How to Register and Vote in Arizona**

First things first – you need to be registered to vote. If you're not, no worries. It's quick and easy. Just head over to [vote.gov/register/arizona](https://vote.gov/register/arizona).

Once you're registered, make a plan to vote. Whether it's voting early, voting by mail, or showing up on Election Day, know your options and be prepared.

### **The Power of Being Informed**

Now, let's talk about being informed. Voting isn't just about showing up; it's about making educated choices. Get to know the candidates and their stances on issues that matter to you. Pay attention to local and state races – these often have the most direct impact on our lives. I put together a Legislative Scorecard for both the Senate (<https://abateofaz.org/legislative-updates/senate-scorecard.pdf>) and the House (<https://abateofaz.org/legislative-updates/house-scorecard.pdf>).

### **Why Bother?**

You might be thinking, "Why should I bother? My one vote won't make a difference." Well, let's break down that myth.

In 2022, the U.S. Senate race in Arizona was decided by just 125,719 votes out of over 2.5 million cast – a margin of 4.89%. That's tight.

In the 2020 U.S. House races:

- Arizona's 1st District saw Tom O'Halleran win by just 3.22%.
- In the 6th District, David Schweikert's victory margin was 4.35%.

In 2020 we had an Arizona House race decided by less than 50 votes. These numbers prove that every vote counts. Your vote can be the one that makes a difference.

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**All Bikes, All Riders**



***Why Your Vote Matters, continued from page 1***

**Make Your Voice Heard**

As members of ABATE of Arizona, we pride ourselves on being advocates for motorcyclists' rights. But advocacy doesn't stop at rallies and meetings. It continues at the ballot box.

So, let's do this. Let's register to vote. Let's stay informed. And let's vote. Because when we all vote, we can create a thunderous impact that no politician can ignore.

**Quick Steps to Get You Voting**

1. **Register to Vote:** Go to [vote.gov/register/arizona](http://vote.gov/register/arizona) and follow the simple steps.
2. **Get Informed:** Research the candidates and issues. Know what's at stake.

3. **Make a Voting Plan:** Decide how and when you'll vote. Early? By mail? On Election Day? November will be here before you know it.

4. **Vote!:** Show up and cast your ballot. Make your voice heard.

Remember, folks, democracy isn't a spectator sport. It's a participatory event. Your vote is your voice. Don't let anyone else speak for you. Get out there and vote!

Be good to one another!

[For more information, contact Michael at Mike@abateofaz.org](#)

Greetings to all my fellow Freedom Fighters,

As I sit down to work on this report I am once again sad- den by the news that another motorcyclist has passed away here in Tucson. This summer has been terrible for motorcy- clists here in Tucson and around the entire State of Arizona. It seems that I hear of at least one accident every day. There are many different reasons for each of these accidents; from riders just losing control or excessive speed as well as errors by other drivers such as turning in front of the rider. There have also been many cases of red light running. I am often asked what can be done to stop these from happening. There is no quick fix. I can only suggest everyone slow down and ride within your own ability and keep your head on a swivel. Treat every other vehicle like the danger that they can be. We work with the State and local governments on measures that affect motorcyclists, but changes and education of drivers and riders take time. Please ride safely and do not ride impaired.

When this issue comes out it will already be September. The kids are back in school, and the summer is more than half over. As you travel around, please look out for the youngsters; especially near schools, and whenever you see a school bus. They are not always attentive and may dart out without look- ing.

We also need to be aware of the college students and returning snowbirds. They are not always familiar with our streets and roads and many of our traffic controls are different than what they have at home. Please be safe out there.

Our country will be celebrating Labor with a national holiday. This is to pay respects to those who work so hard to make our country what it is. The first Labor Day celebra- tion was September 5th, 1882, in New York City. During this time most Americans worked 12-hour days six days a week. It wasn't until the Adamson Act passed in 1916 that our modern 8-hour workday was established. Labor Day is also the second most dangerous holiday weekend to drive on U.S. highways. When you are enjoying this holiday with your friends and family, please be aware as you travel; and keep alert. Watch for other vehicles. We want everyone to enjoy this holiday and make it home safe.

This is the time of year when ABATE of Arizona will be planning our state membership meeting and the elections for the Board of Directors members from each Chapter. This is also the time for all Chapters to prepare for upcoming Chapter elections. The success of your Chapter depends on volunteers. We are all in this together and we all joined ABATE because motorcycle rights and safety issues are important to us. The adage "many hands make light work" is true. We need helping hands to help make the work a little easier for everyone in your chapter. Please consider stepping up and becoming an officer.

Several of us will be traveling to St Louis, MO to attend the annual Motorcycle Riders Foundation's convention known

as "Meeting of the Minds". This year is the 40th Annual of this event and they are once again holding it in St. Louis where the very first one was held. This year's event will be held Sep- tember 26th through the 29th. There will be motorcycle rights advocates from all around the country and sometimes the world. They come together and meet and discuss what is hap- pening in their states and on a national level. There are semi- nars and meetings, and an amaz- ing amount of knowledge is shared. Many of our ABATE of Arizona members also belong to the MRF, and I encourage all our members to join the MRF.

We are coming into a very busy time. The major parties have held their conventions and the primary is over. Now we enter the next few months leading up to the elections in November. I know many folks are very passionate about the upcoming election, but I would like to remind everyone that ABATE of Arizona is a non-partisan organization. We monitor our elected officials and how they vote on various bills we are following that may affect motorcyclists and we will share that with our members. We do this so YOU can make an educated choice when you go to the polls. I encourage everyone to be involved in the election process, but I also need to remind ev- eryone that ABATE does not support one party over another. When you are out and involved with any event or meeting as an ABATE member you should refrain from promoting any candidate or party. You should also not wear any shirts or caps etc. promoting one candidate. We are for ALL motorcyclists and riders and do not wish to make any member or potential member feel alienated. Please respect your fellow members and potential members.

Help spread the word on all the good things that ABATE has accomplished and the work we still have going forward. While you are out riding and attending groups events, talk about ABATE. Wear your ABATE gear so everyone knows you are an ABATE member. Most riders do not know about ABATE and have not joined because nobody has ever asked them to join. ASK THEM!

Until next month please ride safely and look out for the kids, the college students, and the snowbirds.

RIDE FREE! RIDE SAFE! RIDE ENDORSED!!

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Treasurer..... Denise Green
Sgt at Arms.....Tom Love
Membership.....Open
Runs/Events.....Mike Degrood
Safety Coordinator.....Open
PAC.....Open
Communications [acting].....Mike Degrood
Merchandise.....Open
BOD Rep .....Open

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The Coyote Pass Chapter meets the second
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East Valley Chapter

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Secretary.....Julie Reemelin
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Membership.....Joe Silk
Runs/Events.....Open
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The East Valley Chapter meets at 10:00 AM
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Secretary.....Thomas Stocks
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Runs/Events.....Open
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 Membership.....Jim Butsbach  
 Runs/Events.....Open  
 Safety Coordinator.....Darron Huntington  
 PAC.....George Moses  
 Communications.....Open  
 Merchandise.....Open  
 Media.....Open  
 BOD Rep .....Anissa Huntington

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 Secretary.....Dixie Gray  
 Treasurer.....Open  
 Sgt at Arms.....Lori Kludt  
 Membership.....Holli Woosley  
 Runs/Events.....Open  
 Safety Coordinator.....Andrew 'AJ' Killian  
 PAC.....Open  
 Communications.....Open  
 Merchandise.....Dennis Banners  
 Media.....Open  
 BOD Rep .....Dennis Banners

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 V. Coord.....Frank White  
 Secretary.....Open  
 Treasurer.....Douglas Kreag  
 Sgt at Arms.....Open  
 Membership.....Douglas Kreag  
 Runs/Events.....Open  
 Safety Coordinator.....Open  
 PAC.....Open  
 Communications.....Open  
 Merchandise.....Open  
 Media.....Open  
 BOD Rep .....Frank White

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 for meetings details, etc

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

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

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## MRF News: *Friday From DC - California Updates Of Interest*

August 23, 2024 ... In the last week, two legislative items from California caught our eye. Both issues could impact not only those who live, work or visit the Golden State, but could have lasting impacts across the nation.

First, as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reported earlier this year, lawmakers in Sacramento are considering legislation to require new vehicles sold in the state to have passive intelligent speed assistance systems installed. This system would alert the vehicle operator by visual and audio signals if they exceed ten (10) mph over posted speed limits. ABATE of California's lobbyist firm, the Lombardo Group, met with the author of the bill and successfully negotiated an amendment to exclude motorcycles from the list of motor vehicles defined in California Vehicle Code Section 415. The battle lasted seven (7) months. They were additionally supported by the Modified Motorcycle Association of California, the California Motorcycle Dealers Association, the United Motor Vehicle Coalition of California, the Biker Rights Organization of California and other groups. The hard work on the bill, SB 961, resulted in an amended version with motorcycles stripped out of any mandate.

Secondly, another bill, SB 615 may impact the push towards electric vehicles (EV). The bill would make a battery or vehicle manufacturer responsible for collecting and reposing batteries. Comments the MRF submitted in January to the California Air Resources Board addressed this issue. The MRF stated, "Disposal of these vehicles at end of life is very worrisome. The batteries needed to power them contain materials that are harmful to our soil and groundwater."

Finally, a story this week out of California involving a Tesla Semi Rig crashing and catching fire is also making news. According to media reports, firefighters had to rotate on and off the scene due to smoke coming from the wreckage, described by a California Highway Patrol official on the broadcast as "toxic."

While the push to kill the internal combustion engine remains strong, perhaps some are starting to realize the obvious pitfalls of a push toward an all-electric vehicle marketplace.

Congratulations to the bikers in California who fought to exclude motorcycles from the speed restriction devices! We will continue to track their efforts on these two issues and any others that impact riders.

[Read California SB 961 Here.](#)

[Read California SB 615 Here.](#)

[Read About Tesla Big-Rig Fire Here.](#)

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## Chapter Reports

### Coyote Pass Chapter

The Coyote Pass Chapter has seen some growth in our chapter, slow but steady. We have elected some new officers, and still have positions to fill. We are looking forward to sponsoring a bike show in the future, alongside one of the local car clubs. We'll be sure to post it on our Facebook page when the plans have solidified.

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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

Several of our chapter members did the trek to Sturgis, SD this year. While at Sturgis, Cliff Prentice attended ABATE of South Dakota's annual meet up. Cliff must have impressed a few people there because I have been receiving emails from SD members asking if he can move up there and serve as one of their officers! Laurie Kobold-Fowler and Brett Wilson posted some great pictures of their backroad trek; including one from the Forrest Gump movie location in Monument Valley. Also at Sturgis was business member



Andy Myers of Motorcycles and Coffee. He had a vendor spot there serving their great coffee and merchandise. Everyone's photos look like they had a great time and look very "PG". Perhaps one day we will need to get these members together at a meet and greet and have them personally share the photos that they did not post onto their Facebook pages.

In addition to members attending Sturgis, members of Old Koots on Scoots (Tony Bunker, Mary Mayne, and others) did an epic "Geezers Ride" in the month of July. Their trip was 12 Days, 4000 Miles, 5 western States, 25 miles away from the Canadian border, Several National Parks, Millions of curves, Amazing scenery, and lucky for them – No Rain!

At our July meeting, Chapter and business member Rick Ferguson gave a very informative presentation on what is "Affordable Housing". We see that term used in the news lately and appreciate Rick's professional discussion.

Rick Ferguson has volunteered to take the lead on our chapter's annual "Hard Ass Run". He will be holding planning meetings to work out the stops and other activities. All members are requested to assist Rick with our



annual ride!

We have been conducting a joint membership booth with our business member AZ Boot Boutique at the Texas Roadhouse bike night events. The Roadhouse is located at 8510 S Emerald Drive in Tempe; south of IKEA - NW of intersection of Priest/Warner. Event attendees get to look at some of the boots, look at some of Hell Mary Holsters samples; and learn about ABATE, the lane filtering law, and other benefits of supporting your local Motorcyclists' Rights Organization.

If all goes well with American Legion Post 138's liquor license transfer, we hope to have our first chapter meeting at their new location either in September or October.

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The East Valley Chapter meets at 10AM (9am breakfast) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at American Legion Post 138. September's meeting will be at 107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe near SE Corner of Broadway and Mill unless announced otherwise

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### Mohave Chapter

I am afraid I don't really have anything new and exciting since my last chapter report. Things are still status quo here in Mohave County and it is still HOT here. Will definitely be happy when we get some cooler weather.

I noticed that in the last *MasterLink*, Betsy inserted a picture of Cynde and myself from Too Broke next to our chapter report. Betsy is doing an awesome job with the *MasterLink*. Thank you for all you do Betsy. We appreciate your work. { ed: Thank you ! }

Until next month stay safe, cool, and ride safe if you are riding.

Tom Aydt, Mohave Chapter Coordinator

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### Phoenix Chapter

Hi all. We had a great turnout of 27 people for our August 11th meeting. We have filled our officer slots, so we are good to go. And of course there was a lot of great information to get out.

The 50/50 paid out 300\$.

The night before the meeting we were at Bike Night with the Veterans MC, talking about ABATE and some of the things coming down the Pike. Bike Night is every second Saturday night from 7pm to close at VFW Post 1433, at 7618 N 63rd Avenue in Glendale. It was a good turnout. Just a gathering of bikers having fun. We are going to do more events to get the word out.



Next meeting is September 8th. Hope to see you then.

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Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 12:30pm at VFW 1433, 7618 N 63rd Ave.; Glendale, AZ 85301  
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### Chapter Reports

#### Southern AZ Chapter

As was originally mentioned in our July Chapter Report, we are raffling off a weeklong vacation at a cabin in Pinetop for April of 2025. There are actually three prizes available to win. 1st prize is a 7-night Pinetop cabin from April 25 to May 2nd 2025. 2nd prize is a Mossberg 500 Shockwave 12 GA. Third 3rd prize is \$50. Tickets are available to purchase at \$10 each or \$25 for three. The drawing will be held on December 21st. The winner does not need to be present. For those of you not in the Tucson / Southern AZ area, I can do Zelle as long as you send me your contact info so I can put it on the tickets for you. I'd then let you know which ticket numbers you have. We can arrange to mail the tickets to you if you prefer.

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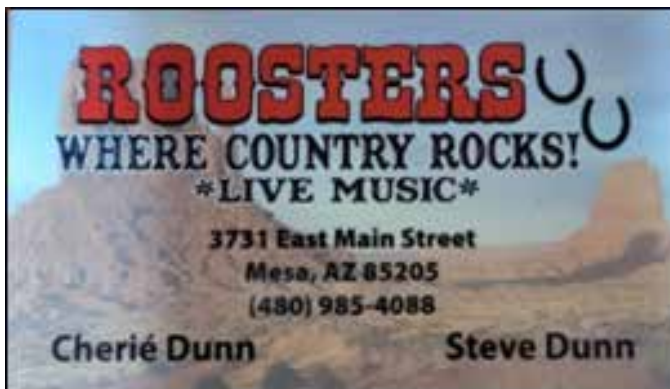
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Chad has been providing financial services such as Wealth Management, Home & Auto, and Life & Health insurance for 12 years. He's been with Farm Bureau Financial Services since 2020. Chad initially became an ABATE member because he believes being involved within his community is an important focus both personally and profession-

ally.

Further, Chad acknowledges that his association with ABATE provides him with a better understanding and education of the motorcycle community as a whole. Chad has been a guest lecturer at a few East Valley meet-

ings providing very informative information on the state of the current insurance industry.

Throughout Chad's involvement by being a member of ABATE he has gained a better understanding and an appreciation for motorcyclists and the motorcycle community.

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**Vice-President's Report**

I hope everyone is enjoying the lazy days of summer. Us up north are getting ready for winter, hahaha. September is going to be exciting for me. I'm going to meet other freedom fighters in St Louis at the 'Meeting of the Minds'. I always love the seminars given for leadership training; as well as talking to others about how to make our ABATE of AZ better. That includes learning how to be proactive instead of reactive. So that now brings me to my next project, profiling.

Profiling has been illegal since 2019 in the state of Arizona. It is a very challenging issue and very hard to prove in court. There really is no precedent of it being done before. We know it is being done but trying to get the documentation to hold up in court is challenging. So, do we let

people bully us into silence? Do we let them use us to further their propaganda? I for one know what choice I am making but I have always stood outside the lines. I value my freedom above everything.

On a lighter note, school is back in session. Crazy Ray from Bullhead has talked about working with schools to education children about motorcycles on the roads, through artwork. So, while we are watching the next generation grow maybe sit down with them and draw a picture of a biker. To me, all Twin-Vs look like a heart. And maybe that's where we need to start ... is in the heart.

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## MAP Report

### Motorcycle Awareness Program Report ABATE of AZ Motorcycle Awareness {MAP} Program

Planning is under way on the schedule for the fall semester's Motorcycle Awareness Program. We're looking to expand the classes to the Chandler, Florence, and Flagstaff High Schools. Unfortunately, the Mesa School District dropped their driver's education classes at Red Mountain and Skyline High Schools.

Classes are currently on the calendar for Mesa High School, for Highland HS in Gilbert, for Mountain View HS in Mesa, and Flagstaff HS; with more to be added. [Watch the MAP facebook page for updates at https://www.facebook.com/groups/375163338305448](https://www.facebook.com/groups/375163338305448)

If you think you would be interested in becoming a MAP instructor, contact Jim or Joe about attending a class & see what is involved.

All ABATE members, please step up and help support ABATE's awareness and education mission statement. This is a state-wide program. Instructors are available to train MAP volunteers to take this class into the schools.

Of course, getting the class into the schools is about making the right connections. The best point of contact is the school principal. Do you know someone within your local high school who can help facilitate that introduction? We need to hear from you!

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## Safety Report : Motorcycle Riding Tips & Reminders

The following information includes material from the AZ DOT Motorcycle Operators Manual.

- *Invest in some quality motorcycle gear and accessories*

From the AZ DOT Motorcycle Operators Manual, "When you ride, your gear is 'right' if it protects you. In any crash, you have a far better chance of avoiding serious injury if you wear: an ADOT-compliant helmet ; face or eye protection ; and protective clothing."

- *Get to know your motorcycle*

On a new-to-you bike, whether purchased, rented, or borrowed, find out where everything is, particularly the turn signals, horn, headlight switch, fuel-supply valve, and engine cut-off switch. Find and operate these items without having to look for them.

Borrowers and lenders of motorcycles, beware. Crashes are more likely to occur among beginning riders — especially in the

first months of riding. Riding an unfamiliar motorcycle adds to the problem. If you borrow a motorcycle, get familiar with it in a controlled area. And if you lend your motorcycle to friends, make sure they are licensed and know how to ride before allowing them out into traffic.

- *Make sure you leave space when following vehicles*

The best protection you can have is distance — a "cushion of space" separating yourself from other vehicles on the roadway. This will provide you with a clear view of emerging traffic situations, so that if someone else makes a mistake, you will have more time to respond and more space to maneuver, including an escape route if necessary.

- *Remember the rules of the road*

While some rules of the road are standardized within the USA, there may be local

ordinances or restrictions unique to an area where you will be riding. If you will be riding outside the US, it is even more important to do your research ahead of time. In either case, be sure & familiarize yourself to prevent an avoidable incident or ticket.

- *Complete a basic safety check before you ride*

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*Always ride your own ride.*

*Understand your skill level. Never let others draw you into riding beyond your abilities, comfort, or safety.*

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

September 14 {Sat}: [5th annual Down Biker Fundraiser](#) hosted by Bikers For Christ and Sun Riders MC at SRMC clubhouse, 7285 S Cardinal Ave, Tucson. Everyone welcome – from baggers to knee draggers. Free admission. 11a-3pm. Bike show & family fun. Meal available \$10/adult, \$5/child. FMI: Gus 520-254-2599, or [sunridersmc@hotmail.com](mailto:sunridersmc@hotmail.com)

Sept 21 {Sat}: [MMAA {Mountain Motorcycle Association of AZ}](#) annual Toy Run. Meet 8am. Location has changed to the Irish Colleen restaurant at 1676 W White Mountain Blvd in Pinetop-Lakeside, AZ. FMI: Denise 928 242-7775, [abatehccdenise@gmail.com](mailto:abatehccdenise@gmail.com)

Sept 21: Accident Scene Management Class {ASMC} 100 Series Basic Course; at VFW Post 10227, 2375 N 5th St, Prescott Valley. Defray tuition cost with AMSAF Scholarship. FMI: Trauma Mama 602-908-7989, [phxaz.asm@gmail.com](mailto:phxaz.asm@gmail.com) , <https://www.facebook.com/azasm1>

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

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

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

Nov 23 {Sat}: Accident Scene Management Class {ASMC} 100 Series Basic Course; at H-D Scottsdale, 15656 Hayden Rd, Scottsdale. Defray tuition cost with AMSAF Scholarship. FMI: Trauma Mama 602-908-7989, [phxaz.asm@gmail.com](mailto:phxaz.asm@gmail.com) , <https://www.facebook.com/azasm1>

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](mailto:phxaz.asm@gmail.com) , <https://www.facebook.com/azasm1>

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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