

# *Mark Buckner March 30, 1954 - March 15, 2025*

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation and in fact, the entire motorcycling community worldwide, have lost a leader, a mentor and a friend. Mark Buckner ended a long and hard battle with cancer on March 15, 2025. This is perhaps the only battle he ever lost.

Mark served in countless capacities in the motorcyclists' rights movement, including Executive Director of ABATE of Colorado, President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and most recently as Executive Director for the MRF.

He has also been inducted into

numerous halls of fame, among them, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame as a Freedom Fighter, the American Motorcyclist Association Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame.

He was a tenacious freedom fighter and pulled no punches. He didn't have to agree with someone in order to be able to find a way to work with them. He was an incredible leader, mentor and friend

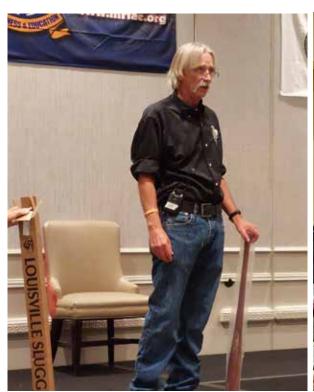


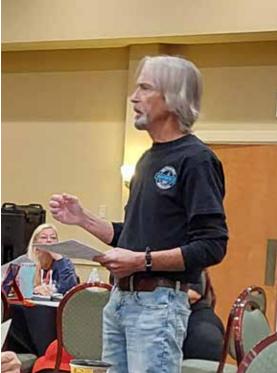
for everyone on two wheels. He had many friends and colleagues across the country and around the world. Mark has ridden motorcycles in places many of us only dream of.

He was a wonderful recruiter of members and leadership into the biker rights movement. Many of today's leaders can share experiences about being "Bucknered".

His contributions and dedication have resulted in tremendous advances in motorcyclists' rights and he will be greatly missed by all.

Ride in Peace Mark.





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#### **Board of Directors for 2025**

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Board of Director meetings are held via Zoom on the 1st Saturday of Jan, Apr, Jul, & Oct after the State Officers meeting. Members are Welcome.

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#### ABATE of Arizona

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State Officer meetings are held the 1st Saturday of every month, 11:00 am via Zoom. Members are Welcome.

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# Every level of member is important to the survival of our organization.

#### **Supporter:**

#### Joins a SMRO.

Believes that it's important to be a part of it.

Goes to a meeting occasionally.

#### Advocate:

Goes to every meeting but just doesn't want to take that next step and be an officer.

Volunteers only after being asked.

#### **Activist:**

Goes to every meeting.

Holds office.

Volunteers for every event.

Recruits new members.

Goes to MRO events on their own dime.

#### Radical:

Goes to every meeting and event.

Does everything to support the SMRO. Holds chapter and state offices.

Joins other chapters.

Volunteers for anything needed that promotes the SMRO.

Actively recruits their friends, family members, and co-workers.

#### Which one are you?

You get more back when you put more in.
Camaraderie, riding buddies, a sense of purpose, feeling of accomplishment

#### **READY to CHANGE LEVELS?**

Your Chapter & State Officers welcome your interest & enthusiasm Talk to them about how YOU can help grow & strengthen ABATE of Arizona

#### **President's Report**

Greetings to all my fellow ABATE members. As I sit down at my trusty computer, I am happy that Spring has finally sprung, and we are experiencing some of the best riding weather here in Southern Arizona where I happen to live. Unfortunately, the weather man is also reporting that we will be well into the 90's this coming week. I guess spring only lasts a few days and then right into summer in Arizona.

One of the main bills we are supporting is SB 1107, the bill to extend the Motorcycle Safety Fund and add language to make sure that the funds cannot be swept by the legislature. It has passed through the Senate and cleared committees in the House, and it should be on the floor for a vote before this is published. I wish to commend the folks at EPIC Policy Group and everyone who worked so hard on this legislation. I hope that every member of ABATE will take the time to get registered on the Request to Speak system at the Capitol. This does not require you to actually speak at the legislature but allows you to enter your support or opposition to Bills right from your computer. If you need help or have any questions on how to get registered in the system, please send me an email and I will forward it to someone who can help you get registered.

This time of year, is always a very busy time with many, many events. Clubs and organizations of all types hold their first events of the year. There is Arizona Bike Week coming soon and Country Thunder in April. As I always say, please as you attend these events, wear your **ABATE** shirts, hats etc. and let them know that you are an ABATE member and are supporting their

event. This will also let other attendees know that you are an ABATE member and maybe you can strike up a conversation and recruit a new member. Membership drives our organization and without new members we will not be able to continue the good work we are doing. Please promote ABATE to your fellow riders and help grow our organization.

This past month I had the pleasure of being contacted by two different ABATE members from out of state that were here in beautiful Arizona enjoying our great weather. The first was Diesel Dave from ABATE of Oregon who was helping someone who was moving to



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our state. We had a nice conversation about how we both were experiencing the same issues with membership and trouble getting officers to step up. We exchanged info and I look forward to continued exchanges in the future. This past week I was also contacted by Sylvester from ABATE of Minnesota who was here visiting in Sierra Vista and was traveling through Tucson on his

way to Las Vegas with his wife. Again we had a good conversation over the phone but unfortunately our schedules did not allow us to meet in person. These types of interaction are one of the benefits of belonging to ABATE of Arizona. You can contact other ABATE members in the state you visit and immediately have a friend with much in common who can give you local information to improve your trip.

As Always, please be careful out there.

Ride Free, Ride Sober, Ride Endorsed!

Jim





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#### How Motorcycle-Friendly Is Your City? Take the Quiz

For motorcycle enthusiasts, few things are as critical as feeling safe and welcomed on the roads of their city. Yet, not all cities are created equal when it comes to motorcycle-friendliness. From dedicated parking areas to community education on motorcycle awareness, there's much that cities can do to support their motorcycling communities. But how do you know where your city stands? Let's find out.

#### Why Does Motorcycle-Friendliness Matter?

Motorcycle-friendly cities do more than just benefit riders. They enhance overall road safety, boost local economies through motor-tourism, and foster stronger community ties. When a city supports motorcyclists, it also promotes responsible riding, improved road-sharing practices, and greater safety awareness among all drivers.

#### Take the Quiz: Is Your City Motorcycle-Friendly?

Answer the following questions to see how your community measures up:

Dedicated Motorcycle Parking: Does your city have clearly marked, motorcycle-specific parking areas downtown or near major attractions?

Road Condition: Are roads regularly maintained, clearly marked, and free from hazards like potholes or loose gravel?

Awareness Campaigns: Does your city actively promote motorcycle awareness and safety through signage, media campaigns, or community events?

Motorcycle Safety Courses: Are motorcycle safety and training courses readily available within your community?

Community Involvement: Does your local government actively engage with motorcycle clubs and advocacy groups when planning infrastructure or safety improvements?

Traffic Regulations: Are local laws accommodating toward motorcycles, including sensible lane-filtering policies and noise regulations?

#### **Scoring Your City:**

- 0-2 Points: Your city has significant room for improvement. Consider advocating for better infrastructure and motorcycle awareness.
- 3-4 Points: You're on the right track, but there's still work to be done. Increased dialogue with local policymakers could drive meaningful change.
- 5-6 Points: Congratulations! Your city is setting a standard for motorcycle-friendliness. Continue supporting

and promoting these positive practices.

#### What Can You Do to Improve Your City's Score?

Even the best cities can enhance their motorcycle friendliness. Here are practical steps you can take:

Engage with local leaders and advocate for dedicated motorcycle infrastructure.

Join groups like ABATE of Arizona, which help to amplify riders' voices.

Participate in community safety initiatives and education programs.

Support local motorcycle-friendly businesses to encourage further community engagement.

## Let's Create a Motorcycle-Friendly Community Together

Motorcycle-friendly cities aren't built overnight; they require continuous effort, community participation, and open dialogue with local authorities. By assessing how your city performs and taking actionable steps toward improvement, you can help make your community a safer, more welcoming place for all riders.

#### **How Did Your City Score?**

We want to hear from you! Share your results and experiences. What initiatives have worked well in your city, and what challenges remain? Let's keep the conversation going and continue building motorcycle-friendly communities everywhere. Share on ABATE's social media pages.

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#### **Local ABATE Chapters**

#### **Coyote Pass Chapter**

Coordinator	Eric Spurr
V. Coord	Mike Degrood
Secretary	Jeri Wise
Treasurer	Denise Green
Sgt at Arms	Tom Love
Membership	Open
Runs/Events	Mike Degrood
Safety Coordinator	Roger Green
PAC	Open
Communications	Rick Wise
Merchandise	Open
BOD Rep	Eric Spurr

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The Coyote Pass Chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Calico's Restaurant, 928-753-5005 418 W. Beale St.; Kingman, AZ 86401 ###

#### **East Valley Chapter**

Coordinator	Joe Silk
V. Coord	Jeff Gorall
Secretary	Brett Doyen
Treasurer	Laura Hershey
Sgt at Arms	Jeff Gorall
Membership	Joe Silk
Runs/Events	Ky Sisson
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PAC	Gary Crawford
Communications	Joe Silk
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The East Valley Chapter meets at 10AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at the American Legion Post 138 1264 W University Dr, Mesa NW Corner of Alma School & University ###

#### **High Country Chapter**

Coordinator	Open
V. Coord	Open
Secretary	Thomas Stocks
Treasurer	Open
Sgt at Arms	Roy Whiting
Membership	Open
Runs/Events	Jacque 'Daisi' Whiting
Safety Coordinator	Roy 'Fatboy' Whiting
PAC	Open
Communications	Marty Bernal
Merchandise	Gail Howard
Media	Marty Bernal
BOD Rep	Open

#### Contact:

https://www.facebook.com/ AbateHighCountryChapter

HCC meets 3rd Saturdays @ 10:30a, b'fast 9am @ Stanford Store, 928-537-7755 4 Apache County Rd 8235 (Stanford Rd), Vernon, AZ ###



#### **Mohave Chapter**

Coordinator	Tom Aydt
V. Coord	Open
Secretary	Cynde Aydt
Treasurer	Donna Arnold-Post
Sgt at Arms	Emmette Tucker
Membership	Cynde Aydt
Runs/Events	Open
Safety Coordinator	Terry Campbell
PAC	Denny Lange
Communications	Tom Aydt
Merchandise	Open
Media	Open
BOD Rep	Donna Arnold-Post

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at: VFW Golden Valley Post 2555 6068 Supai Dr. ; Golden Valley, AZ 86413 ###

#### **Phoenix Chapter**

Coordinator	. Scot 'One T' Williamson
V.Coord	Jay 'One Y' Williamson
Secretary	Debby Miller
Treasurer	Lyn Peterson
Sgt at Arms	Gavin Granmo
Membership	John Marshall
Runs/Events	Cliff Prentice
Safety Coordinator	Ernie Lizarraga
PAC	Mike Priebe
Communications	Kelly Marshall
Merchandise	Tiffany Granmo
BOD Rep	. Scot 'One T' Williamson

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Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 12:30pm at VFW Post-1433

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Open
Lou Vanden Plas

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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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V. Coord	Dan Tumey
Secretary	Dixie Gray
Treasurer	Open
Sgt at Arms	Lori Kludt
Membership	Holli Woosley
Runs/Events	Open
Safety Coordinator	Andrew 'AJ' Killian
PAC	Open
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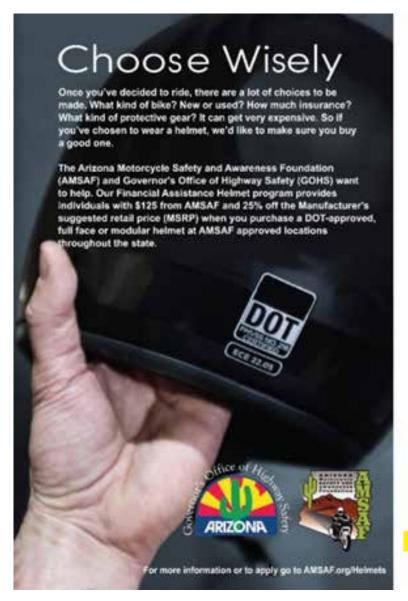
Meet us at 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month VFW Bucky O'Neill Post 541 202 N Arizona Ave ; Prescott 86301 ###

#### Yuma Chapter

Coordinator	Open
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

Contact Frank 'Hound' White, 209-327-0814 for meetings details, etc ###

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#### ABATE-AZ's Chili Cookoff & Salsa Competition

Phoenix Chapter's annual Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition took place on Sunday March 23, 2005 at the VFW Post 1433 in Glendale.

There were 23 tasters who came out to enjoy the contest and cast their votes.

Five chili entries were presented, including Mike Infanzon's 'Scorpion Sting' chili. This is described as 'only for serious chili connoisseurs' who are willing to test themselves against a Hottest Chili Award winner.

Best Chili was won by returning champion Kelly Marshall.

Second Place was Scot 'One T' Williams.

Third Place was a tie between Mike Infanzon and Cliff Prentice. It was explained that this was not Mike's 'Scorpion Chili' but a second entry he'd brought. This version was from his uncle's recipe; which won numerous chili cookoffs back in the 70s and 80s.

Best Salsa

There were 3 salsa entries in the competition, including a green salsa.

Cliff Prentice's salsa won the contest.

Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to everyone who came out to support ABATE of Arizona!







#### **Chapter Reports**

#### **Coyote Pass Chapter**

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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 ###

#### **East Valley Chapter**

Welcome new business member: Tyler Smith of XCEL Trackdays. Welcome back members: Kyle Yoder and Colleen Meredith!

Still need your help to provide contact information for the following members: Russ Abshire, Lynn Baxter, Tim Carney, Sonny Eldredge, Dorothy German, Arlene Hamilton, Robin Munn, and Linda Teunissen. It helps our state membership to have current roster information.

Our attendance at the new American Legion Post 138 has been great - it must be either the increased parking or the great coffee and donuts provided by Commander Boyle! Stop by and check out their location at NW corner of University/ Alma School Rd in Mesa. This Post is

growing more popular each month. Their membership has grown since moving to the new location.

chapter ΑII members are encouraged to update their profile in the ABATE email system - https:// abateofaz.groups.io/g/EV include a picture of yourself. It helps to associate a face with a name to other members.

The April membership booth schedule will be affected by Arizona Bike Week. The membership booth dates will be posted on the calendar https://abateofaz.groups.io/g/ at: Statewide and the ABATE State Facebook page.

Continue to share the lane filtering information to all riders. The presentation is available in a file folder under the state email system: https:// abateofaz.groups.io/g/Statewide/ files

Joe Silk

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#### **High Country Chapter**

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#### **Mohave Chapter**

The Mohave Chapter is discussing the highway cleanup and bike week in April. Next chapter meeting is on Monday, March 17, at 6:00 at the VFW in Golden Valley. It's also St. Paddy's Day, and you are reminded to stay safe and ride safe.

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held at 6pm on the 3rd Monday of the month at: VFW Golden Valley Post 2555 ~ 6068 Supai Dr.; Golden Valley, AZ 86413 ###



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#### **Chapter Reports**

#### **Phoenix Chapter**

As we get closer to the end of winter, the days are getting longer and weather is getting warmer. We look forward to bringing in April in like a lamb.

We just held our Chapter's annual Chili Cookoff & Salsa Contest. You can read about that on another page of this month's *MasterLink*.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on April 13th at 11am; at VFW Post 1433, located at 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301

We will then take a short ride to Ain't Nicks Restaurant, at 6840 N 27th Avenue in Phoenix, for lunch.

We are still in need of filling officer positions of Secretary and PAC. Please let me know if interested in learning more about either.

"No road is too long when you have good company."

Kelly Marshall, Communications Officer

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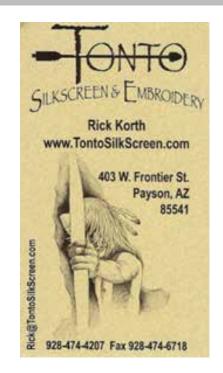
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#### Yuma Chapter

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#### Accident Scene Management Advanced Class

Scottsdale, AZ - February 22, 2025 ...

Teresa Martinez, a Registered Trauma Nurse and Instructor for Accident Scene Management USA and former ABATE of Arizona State Officer, gave an 8-hour Advanced Accident Scene Management class showing us what to do in the event you are at an accident before first responders arrive.

Her faithful partner in crime (and marriage), Benjamin Martinez, assisted and is a valuable asset to the program.

This class was held February 22nd at the Law Tigers corporate office in Scottsdale. Ari Levenbaum, owner of Law Tigers, was one of the participants, as well as Logan Roberts. American Legion Riders have been taking these classes too and many were present.

I always feel safer when I'm riding with Ben and Teresa. They're experienced, good riders, who log some serious miles and are fun to be around, meeting new friends everywhere they go.

Knowing what actions YOU can take in the event of an emergency, can and does save lives. You might even save your own life.

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In Arizona, learn about local classes taught by AZ Accident Scene Management LLC via their facebook page https://www.facebook.com/azasm1



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# Welcome New Business Member XCEL Trackdays

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# MRF News: Support H.R. 2165 The Choice In Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025

March 19, 2025 ... Congress is currently on a one-week recess, but before they left town, Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan introduced the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025. This bill is simi-lar to legislation Mr. Walberg introduced in 2023, which was passed by the U.S. House. The Sen-ate failed to move on that bill, so it died at the end of the 118th Congress. U.S. Representatives Russ Fulcher of Idaho, Gus Bilirakis of Florida and Rick Allen of Georgia have joined Mr. Walberg as lead cosponsors for the 2025 bill.

This bill focuses on protecting the internal combustion engine. It does this in two ways. First, the bill prohibits using authority under the Clean Air Act to issue regulations that mandate the use of any specific technology or would limit the availability of new motor vehicles based on the ve-hicle's engine type. Second, the legislation requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to update any regulations that result in the limited availability of new vehicles based on the en-gine.

This legislation would overturn a 2024 EPA rule, which, if not revoked, would cause about 56% of new vehicles sold between 2030 and 2032 to require electric motors.

If you want to save the internal combustion engine, ask your Representative to cosponsor H.R. 2165.

Click here to support our Call To Action: https://igniteadvocacy.com/w/817

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#### Fighting for Arizona Motorcyclists: ABATE's Legislative Update

shared by ABATE-AZ Legislative Director Michael Infanzon, mike@abateofaz.org

As motorcyclists, we understand the challenges we face on the road—both in terms of safety and unfair policies that disproportionately impact us. That's why ABATE of Arizona remains vigilant in advocating for legislation that protects our rights and improves our riding experience. Here's the latest from the halls of the Arizona Legislature.

#### **Legislation That Matters to Motorcyclists**

#### SB1092 - Protecting Against a Mileage Tax

One of the most pressing concerns this legislative session is SB1092, which aims to prohibit the implementation of a vehicle mileage tax (VMT). Such a tax could disproportionately affect motorcyclists, adding unnecessary financial burdens while doing little to address transportation infrastructure issues. ABATE strongly supports this bill and will be attending the House Government Committee hearing on March 19 at 9:00 AM (HHR 5) to advocate for its passage.

#### SB1107 - Safeguarding the Motorcycle Safety Fund

For years, the Motorcycle Safety Fund (MSF) has played a vital role in funding rider training programs, public awareness campaigns, and other safety initiatives. With SB1107 successfully passing the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee by a 7-0 vote, the bill is now headed to the House Floor for a final vote. This is a huge win for Arizona motorcyclists, ensuring that these essential funds remain available to keep riders safe on the road.

#### **HB2863 - HOV Lane Access for Motorcycles**

While ABATE is currently monitoring HB2863, which prohibits trailers from using HOV lanes, we are keeping a close watch on how this legislation might impact motorcycles. HOV lane access is crucial for motorcyclists' safety and efficiency, and any changes to this policy will be scrutinized to ensure riders are not adversely affected.

#### Your Voice Matters: Get Involved

Legislation moves quickly, and we need your help to ensure that pro-motorcycle policies become law. Here's what you can do:

- Contact your legislators and voice your support for the bills we support. Make sure you are signed up for email updates and following social media.
- Attend the committee hearings and show law-makers that Arizona's motorcycle community is engaged and active.
- Stay informed by following ABATE's social media pages for real-time updates and action alerts.

#### **Advocacy in Action: Recent & Upcoming Efforts**

We have been working hard behind the scenes to advance our legislative agenda. SB1107 has strong bi-partisan support in both chambers.

#### **Looking Ahead**

With these legislative battles ongoing, ABATE remains committed to protecting motorcyclists' rights and ensuring fair treatment on the road. In the coming weeks, we will continue to monitor bills, meet with law-makers, and mobilize our members to take action.

If you want to see Arizona's motorcycle community thrive, now is the time to step up and get involved. Stay engaged, stay vocal, and together, we can make a difference.

Ride safe and stay free! Michael Infanzon Legislative Director, ABATE of Arizona



#### **Motorcycle Awareness Program {MAP}**

ABATE-AZ's Motorcycle Awareness Program was presented to 120 students at Mesa HS on February 24. Thanks go to Mark Healy for doing double duty (outdoor demo and presenting)! Also, thanks to Mesa HS teacher Mr. Arthur Hall for his continued support of ABATE of Arizona's goal to make car drivers aware of motorcycles!

ABATE member Stephen John Andros and Rich Payne (potential ABATE member), helped with the MAP presentation to 25 students at Coconino HS (Flagstaff) on February 4, 2025. Thanks to Drivers Education Teacher Mr. Jayson Blaine for conducting the presentation and his support of ABATE's Motorcycle Awareness Program. Imagine the potential to reduce accidents by making all car drivers more aware of motorcycles! Let's get all Northern Arizona drivers more aware of motorcycles!

Don't like when there are accidents in our community? Get involved!!! There are lots of FB posts out there expressing displeasure about accidents. There are over 350,000 registered bikes in this state. ALL members of the Arizona motorcycle community should get involved to help educate and make the car drivers aware of motorcycles!

The MAP presentation is geared toward not only the new drivers but current drivers. Do you know of a business or organization that would be interested in educating their employees/members to be more aware of motorcycles?

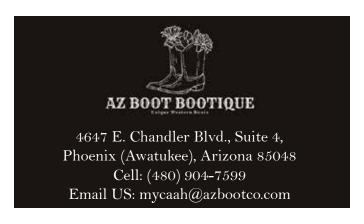
Help ABATE out by getting involved & setting up a presentation. Consider becoming a certified instructor.



#### Motorcycle Awareness Program Learning Opportunities

Before deciding that you don't want to participate in the MAP, why not check it out yourself? There is a class on June 9th in Flagstaff. Check with Joe Silk for any other upcoming dates. If someone wants to view the class in action, they need to contact Joe in advance due to school security policies. No drop-in visitors.

Perhaps once you see the class, you'll decide that it IS something you'd like to get involved in. For mor information, contact Joe Silk at 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com





Meeting host for ABATE's East Valley Chapter

C'mon out and support our Veterans!

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The Gremlin Bell and Safety

In bike culture a Gremlin Bell is a way to ward off naughty spirits. It is said to work by capturing the Gremlin in the bell and driving them crazy with the ringing of the bell, ding, ding, ding, ding... Is it working? Rumors have it that Gremlins especially like Harleys; but I will confess I like all motorcycles so am unable to say.

With a name like Reemelin I have had the nickname of Gremlin most of my life. The word 'gremlin' was used by my father to teach people how to pronounce our name.

Then he would say "like the car" or "the creature that wreaks havoc on mechanical things". Then he would share how he learned about the bell with his first motorcycle. He also was known to say the bell does not replace good mechanics and maintenance but may help in the forgetful-minded

person that does not keep his machine in proper condition.

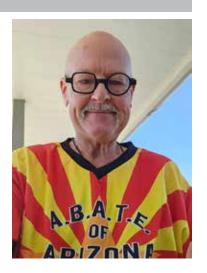
Can you put a Gremlin Bell on any motorcycle? I would say yes, but there is a little more to the story. Tradition says your Gremlin Bell should be given to you by a friend. You should not just buy and put one on your motorcycle. The bell should be hung low on the bike to keep the Gremlins off. There are lots of superstitions in motorcycling.

I would recommend keeping your bike in top shape. Do as I say and not

as I have done and do. Safety is more than a bell!

But every time I hear the bell on a motorcycle I look to see if I can spot a gremlin holding its ears and running away. The picture is of a Gremlin Bell that I often give to a friend.

Be Safe Out There!



Contact:
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#### LANE FILTERING IS LEGAL

ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 28-903 F
The operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may overtake and pass

another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel and in the same lane as the operator and may operate the motorcycle between lanes of traffic if the movement may be made safely and if the operator does both of the following:

- 1. Operates the motorcycle on a street that both:
- (a) Is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel.
- (b) Has a speed limit that does not exceed forty-five miles per hour.
- Travels at a speed that does not exceed fifteen miles per hour.

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

On ALL Arizona roads not just highways. Thanks to Senator Shawnna 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 Legislative Director,

Mike Infanzon at mike@abateofaz.org





March 21, 2025 ... In recent years, California has implemented policies that require rapid growth in market share for electric vehicles and threaten the survival of the internal combustion engine. These plans and others threatening older and classic cars have begun to face increased pushbacks in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento.

Lawmakers in Congress have set their sights on revoking many regulations approved at the end of the last presidential administration, some of which have allowed California to shape custom emission standards. Using the Congressional Review Act (CRA), Congress has the power to overturn rules and regulations issued by agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) if they fall within a specific "lookback window" for review. To do this requires a simple majority in both the House and Senate, so the Senate filibuster rule does not come into play.

While the CRA process deals with rolling back regulations already in place, there is growing talk of revoking the unique power the State of California wields to set its own standards to begin with. Increasingly, lawmakers are discussing options that would revoke the ability of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to seek waivers from the EPA permitting them to craft their own emission rules outside of federal guidelines. Revoking this waiver process would mean California must comply with the same rules as the other 49 states.

California state lawmakers are also looking at rolling back some of the state rules regarding emissions. Under current law, vehicles manufactured before 1976 are ex-



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empt from biennial smog checks. Cars at least 35 years old may also be exempt, provided they are insured as collector motor vehicles, comply with emissions standards for their time and pass a functional inspection of the fuel cap and a visual inspection for liquid fuel leaks. The proposed legislation would expand the exemption to all vehicles at least 35 years old, so long as they are insured as collector motor vehicles, no fuel cap or leak inspection required.

Senate Bill 712, as it is known, has gained some national headlines due to support from comedian Jay Leno, a lifelong car collector with a collection of more than 180 cars and 160 motorcycles. Leno said of this issue, "California's smog check laws for classic cars need to be updated - they vary too much from state to state, and California's rules don't match up with neighboring ones."

There is no question the discussion surrounding the survival of the internal combustion engine is evolving. Both federal and state officials are starting to rethink the rapid electrification of our transportation network and the need to preserve the internal combustion engine. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to see the debate on this topic change and will fight for your right to ride whatever type of motorcycle you want.

#### [ Join the MRF ]

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.

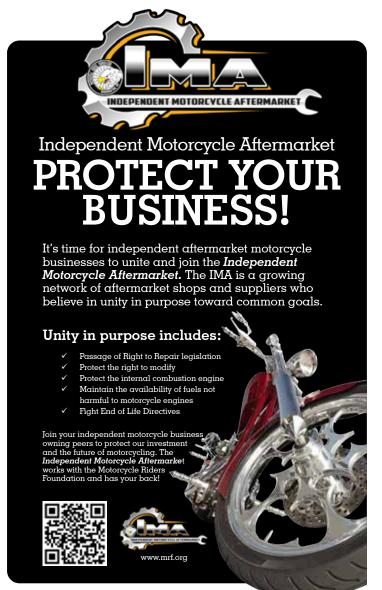
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#### **CALENDAR - Upcoming ABATE-AZ / Business Members / MRO Events**

Apr 12 {Sat}: Old Koots on Scoots {OKOS} is hosting their 8th year Anniversary Party at On The Green Bar {OTG - 801 S Power Rd, Mesa} from noon - 4pm. Vendors, music, raffles, auction, & more. Swag bag for \$20 donation. 50% proceeds benefit Hospice of the Valley. FMI: oldkootsonscoots@gmail.com

Apr 12: 16th Annual Waylon Run, hosted by Gypsy's Roadhouse, 5122 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix. Waylon Jennings Memorial Run & Party. FMI: 602-286-9251

Apr 13 {Sun}: ACMC – AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs is hosting a Member Appreciation Party at Roosters Bar, 3731 E Main Street, Mesa starting at noon. Live music, food, & more. FMI: 480-985-4088





Apr 13: Motorcycle Advisory Council Organizing Meeting #2; working to reduce fatalities & accidents in the Pima County and Tucson areas. Starts 10:30a at Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge, 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705. Breakfast will be available for purchase. FMI: jimbutsback@yahoo.com, call or text 520-247-3051, https://www.facebook.com/events/3922089478078546

Apr 13: Networking Ride co-hosted by ABATE-AZ and Rev & Connect. Meet at VFW Post 1433, 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. KSU 11:15a. Destination Aint Nicks Tavern, 6840 N 27th Ave, Phoenix.

May 17 {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/

May 19-20 {Mon-Tues}: Bikers Inside The Beltway, hosted by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington DC. FM!: https://www.mrf.org/events, 202-546-0983

Sept 25-28 {Th-Sun}: MRF's 41st Annual Meeting of the Minds, being held in Shreveport, Louisiana at Sam's Town Hotel & Casino. FMI: https://www.mrf.org/events | 202-546-0983, email mrfoffice@mrf.org or Fred@mrf.org

Oct 24-25 {Fr-Sa} ACMC's Riot on the River at Winkleman Park on the Gila River. Games, vendors, music, & more. Save the date. More details TBA. FMI: BilletLDMC@gmail.com