



Arizona's expansive desert highways and scenic mountain roads offer motorcyclists some of the most breathtaking riding opportunities in the nation. Whether you're carving through the curves of State Route 89A or cruising the open lanes of Interstate 10, the condition and policies surrounding our roadways are pivotal to the safety, convenience, and enjoyment of every ride.

At ABATE of Arizona, we understand that road infrastructure impacts more than just the ease of travel—it directly affects the lives of riders. Here's a closer look at the state of Arizona's roads, the challenges faced by motorcyclists, and the efforts being made to ensure safer journeys for all.

### ***The Current State of Arizona's Roads***

Arizona boasts approximately 66,000 miles of highways and local roads that traverse diverse terrains, from urban centers to remote rural landscapes. However, the beauty of these routes is often overshadowed by pressing challenges such as deteriorating pavement, insufficient signage, and poorly designed roadways.

Motorcyclists are uniquely vulnerable to these issues:

- **Potholes and Uneven Pavement:** What might be a minor annoyance for cars can result in severe injuries for riders.
- **Debris and Loose Gravel:** These road hazards can cause accidents and fatalities when encountered unexpectedly.
- **Delayed Maintenance:** Rural roads, while picturesque, often suffer from a lack of timely repairs and critical safety features like guardrails and adequate lighting.

Urban areas, including Phoenix and Tucson, face additional challenges due to congestion and increased road wear, further amplifying risks for riders navigat-

ing these bustling environments.

### ***The Role of Infrastructure Policy in Rider Safety***

Infrastructure policy determines how roads are designed, constructed, and maintained. Unfortunately, motorcyclists often face unique challenges that are not adequately addressed by general road policies.

Key areas of concern include:

- **Road Maintenance Funding:** Insufficient budgets for road repairs result in hazards like cracks and potholes that endanger motorcyclists disproportionately.
- **Lane Filtering and Access:** Restrictions on lane filtering and the lack of designated motorcycle lanes can increase risks during traffic congestion.
- **Debris Management:** Loose gravel, fallen cargo, or other debris on the road must be cleared promptly to prevent accidents.
- **Signage and Visibility:** Poor or inadequate signage, particularly in areas with sharp curves or frequent construction, creates significant hazards for riders.

These challenges highlight the critical need for motorcyclists to have a voice in infrastructure policy decisions.

### ***ABATE of Arizona: Advocating for Safer Roads***

For decades, ABATE of Arizona has been a steadfast advocate for motorcyclists' safety and rights. Through lobbying, public awareness campaigns, and grassroots advocacy, we've worked tirelessly to address these challenges and make Arizona's roads safer for riders.

### ***Our Key Achievements***

#### **1. Secure the Load Legislation**

ABATE championed laws requiring vehicles to properly secure their loads, reducing the debris-related accidents that pose a major threat to motorcyclists.

#### **2. Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)**

The MAP initiative educates riders and motorists alike

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***Which one are you?***

*You get more back when you put more in.*

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***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 of Arizona members. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and enjoyed your New Year celebrations. I am excited for the upcoming year, and I see some good things happening for ABATE of Arizona.

As I sit to write this, we have been experiencing some great riding weather here in southern Arizona. Yesterday we set another record high of 82 degrees. I hope all of you have been enjoying good weather and getting out to ride. I have been able to attend several toy runs and it always makes me proud to see how our motorcycling community turns out to raise money and collect toys so that no child has to go without a gift at this time of year. I hope you have also been able to participate in at least one of these events in your area.

I know several of our Chapters also held some get togethers over the holidays and I hope you took lots of photos and plan to submit them along with a short write-up to *The MasterLink*. When attending these events always wear your ABATE gear and let those hosting the event know that you are an ABATE member and that you are supporting their event.

By the time this goes on to publication, all our chapters should have completed their elections. If your Chapter has not yet done so, please make sure that your Chapter Secretary has sent the results and contact information of ALL officers to the State Secretary and the State Membership Officer. Your Chapter should also review your listing in the *MasterLink*, and send in any corrections that may need to be

made.

The Arizona Legislature opening day is Monday January 13, 2025. This day is reserved for the legislators to prepare for the upcoming sessions.

We will be hosting the [Motorcycle Day at the Dome](#) again this year. The date for this event is Thursday February 13, 2025 from 9 AM – 1:30 PM. It will be held at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, which is across the street from the Capitol Building. It is a day set aside for motorcyclists from all around our state to ride to the Capitol and rally to let our legislators know about the issues that are important to us and to get them to support us. ALL ABATE members are urged to attend and to plan on contacting and meeting their Representatives and Senators. If you cannot attend, please be sure and call or email your Legislators that you wish them to meet with those in attendance.

This is also the time to start your chapter's planning for Motorcycle Awareness Month, which is held in May. Every Chapter should be hosting an event to promote motorcycle



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safety and awareness. Please document your chapter's event and send an article and photos to *The MasterLink*.

Also coming up is the Annual BIKERS INSIDE THE BELT-WAY! This is hosted by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation on May 19 & 20, 2025 in Washington DC. This event is held every year, and motorcyclists from across our nation converge on Washington

DC to walk the halls of Congress and meet with Senators and Congressmen to further the legislation that is important on a Federal Level. As this event gets closer more information will be coming out. I encourage all ABATE of Arizona members to join the MRF and support their work.

Once again, I would like to thank all the members of ABATE of Arizona for allowing me the honor to serve and represent you. Happy New Year to all!

Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed!

Until next month!

Jim

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

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

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## Arizona Roads and Motorcycle Safety: Paving the Way for Safer Rides

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about responsible road sharing, helping to reduce crashes caused by driver negligence.

### 3. Infrastructure Advocacy

From lobbying for increased road maintenance funding to advocating for rider-specific safety measures like high-visibility signage, ABATE has been a driving force for infrastructure improvements.

### 4. Motorcycle Lane Filtering

ABATE successfully pushed for lane-filtering policies, protecting riders from rear-end collisions in traffic. Continued education on this law is crucial to ensure all road users understand its benefits.

### 5. Motorcycle Safety Fund Protection

Our advocacy has safeguarded Arizona's Motorcycle Safety Fund, ensuring resources remain available for rider training and road safety programs.

### Emerging Challenges and Opportunities

While ABATE has achieved significant victories, the road ahead is far from smooth. New challenges demand innovative solutions and continued advocacy:

- **Urban Expansion:** Rapid population growth in cities like Phoenix calls for forward-thinking infrastructure planning to accommodate increased traffic while ensuring rider safety.
- **Autonomous Vehicles:** The integration of self-driving cars raises concerns about sensor technology and road-sharing safety for motorcyclists.
- **Climate Impact:** Extreme heat and sudden flooding take a toll on Arizona's roads, accelerating wear and creating additional hazards.

Through strategic partnerships with government agencies, advocacy groups, and the motorcycling community, ABATE is committed to addressing these emerging issues head-on.

### How You Can Help

ABATE's advocacy efforts are only as strong as the community behind them. Every motorcyclist has a role to play in shaping infrastructure policy and improving road safety in Arizona.

Here's how you can get involved:

#### 1. [Join ABATE of Arizona](#)

Your membership supports critical advocacy efforts and amplifies the collective voice of the riding community.

#### 2. Attend Events

Stay informed and engaged by participating in ABATE's local and statewide gatherings.

#### 3. Advocate for Funding

Reach out to state legislators to support increased infrastructure funding for motorcycle-friendly initiatives.

#### 4. Spread Awareness

Volunteer to promote motorcycle safety and road-sharing education in your community.

### Safer Roads Mean Better Rides

Arizona's roads are as integral to the riding experience as the motorcycles we ride. By addressing critical infrastructure challenges and advocating for motorcyclists' needs, ABATE of Arizona continues to ensure that our state remains a haven for riders.

Together, we can make a difference. Whether you're a seasoned rider or just starting out, your voice matters. [Join ABATE of Arizona today](#) and be part of the movement for safer roads and better rides.

For more information about ABATE and how to get involved, visit <https://abateofaz.org>.

Michael Infanzon

Legislative Director, ABATE of Arizona

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### Coyote Pass Chapter

The Coyote Pass Chapter voted not to meet in December, so we have no chapter report regarding regular business. However, several of us did participate in a toy run. Read more below.

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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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On December 14, 2024 the Desert Road Riders MC hosted their 34th annual Toy Run. Everyone met at Sports Bar 44, 2770 W Old Hwy Rt 66, Kingman. The ride went to VFW Post 10386, 3036 E John L Avenue in Kingman.

There was great weather & it was a great ride. I would venture to guess 200 bikes. And lots of kids were waiting to see Santa at the destination.

*Mike "Foil Hat" Degrood*



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### East Valley Chapter

We have now held our third chapter meeting at Post 138's new location. Stop by and check out their great new location, at 1264 W University Drive in Mesa. Post 138 has done a great job of taking a desolate run-down restaurant and converting it to a Post that all can appreciate!

A group of East Valley members recently gathered to present Post 138's Commander John Boyle the Post's 3rd Year ABATE Business Member Certificate.

East Valley held their 3rd annual "Wear Your Ugly Christmas Attire" Taco Tuesday night. Matthew and Julie Reemelin did a great job putting on the event. Read more about it elsewhere in this edition.

East Valley Chapter will have a membership booth at ALR Post 2's annual 'Skin & Steel' event on January 4th. Post 2 is located at 2125 S Industrial Park Ave, Tempe, AZ 85282. Please come out to help with the booth. Setup starts at 7a.m. The event runs from 10a-3pm. We need to reach out to all motorcycle riders and inform them about their right to ride and answer their questions about lane filtering!

East Valley Chapter's Hard Ass Run is scheduled for March 1st. This year, due to liability issues, this will just be a "fun" no entry fee, non-organized ride. Riders will informally check in and be given information on two suggested routes (one for the street and one for the adventure/off road riders) No promise of a game prize will be awarded. In order to raise funds for ABATE, we will probably just do a 50/50 and raffle at the end stop.

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The East Valley Chapter meets at 10AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at  
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### Mohave Chapter

Our last chapter meeting was November 18th. The main event at this meeting was the election of chapter officers for 2025. At our meeting in October a motion was brought up and passed to forego a chapter meeting in December due to the holidays, so we will not be having a meeting in December.

On Saturday December 14th. we will have a ride or drive event to Seligman to help with the Outsiders MC Santa's Coming to Town. This is an event that Shirley Bizub started helping with and so the tradition continues.

That is all I have for now. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tom Aydt,  
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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held at 6pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at:  
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### Phoenix Chapter

The Phoenix meeting in December was just a small one with some friends. The White Elephant exchange was good. We had some fun. See you in January.

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### Southern AZ Chapter

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### Yavapai Chapter

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

is reorganizing.  
Want to help share the message of Motorcyclists Rights, Safety, & Awareness in the Yuma area?  
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# MRF News: Friday From DC

## Coming In 2025

December 20, 2024...

In September, at the 2024 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) 40th Annual Meeting of the

Minds Conference, held in St. Louis, Missouri, a legislative strategy session was hosted by the MRF's Legislative Committee. The purpose of the session was to establish and prioritize the MRF's 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Legislative issues fall into one of three priority categories: high, medium and monitor. This list remains fluid and can be adapted depending on the issue and political environment.

Below is a brief description of just the top 11 issues on the MRF's 2025 agenda listed as "High Priority." The January 2025 issue of the *American Bikers Journal* will have more detail on each of these high-priority issues as well as the full list of an additional 13 priorities that fall in the "Medium" or "Monitor" classification.

As a reminder, all MRF members receive a subscription to the *American Bikers Journal* with their membership.

If you're not a member of the MRF, click the "Join the MRF" button at the end of this email, to support promoting freedom and safety for street motorcyclists in Washington D.C.

### *The 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Priorities List:*

#### **HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:**

**Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

**Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

**Data Recording:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their data communicated to interested parties.

**Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.

**Emission Regulations:** Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.

**Helmet Laws:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel or conspicuity requirements.

**Internal Combustion Engines:** Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.

**Profiling:** Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness and prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.

**Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

**Right to Repair/Modify:** Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers to repair and modify their motorcycles.

**Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:** Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

Remember, a full list of all 24 items on the legislative agenda, with further detail, will be part of your January issue of the *American Bikers Journal*. Thank you for supporting the MRF!

It's time to get to work!

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### Safety Report

As the new year has started let's remember to keep our heads about us as we travel the highways and byways of this our great state of Arizona and beyond. Whether you ride on dirt or pavement, be aware of your surroundings; your eyes and brain working together help to keep you safe. As the year progresses, let us be mindful of our mission and freedoms. We need to stay ever vigilant in the protection of our freedoms as we ride and support those who ride. We need to take a new look at how we present our mission to the community and beyond.



us as we maintain and protect our freedoms; not just for now but also for the future – THEIR riding future. There are some amazing people in this organization. We need them to share and inspire other riders. We must embrace our strengths. By agreeing that we have weaknesses, we can work together to become stronger. We can work together to have a safe and awesome year while growing

our ranks with passionate Freedom Fighters who care about motorcycle rights and safety. Let's be safe out there and keep on keeping on.

We need to empower and embrace the next generation of riders.

Think about what you can do to inspire them; to direct and drive their passion. Encourage them to come along side

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### Annual dues support our lobbying and safety programs across the state

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- Joint Sustaining Membership: \$100 annually
- Business Membership: \$150 annually
- Club or Organization: \$150 annually
- Individual Lifetime Membership: \$350
- Joint Lifetime Membership: \$700

All Bikes, All Riders



### Traffic Signal Giving You the Silent Treatment? Let's Fix It!

Motorcycles don't always trigger traffic signals due to insufficient weight or magnetic presence. But don't worry, we've got some tips and a solution for you:

Try This First:

1. Align your tires over the edges of the sensor loops (look for visible cuts in the pavement).
2. Flash your high beams—some signals use optical sensors that might respond!

Still No Luck?

If a signal won't recognize your motorcycle, let me know! Send an email to [lobbyist@abateofaz.org](mailto:lobbyist@abateofaz.org) with:  
The signal's location  
Your direction of travel  
What lane you were in  
I'll contact the local streets department and get it fixed ASAP.

Pro Tip: Always watch out for red-light runners and stay alert at intersections. Safety first!  
Let's make the roads safer and more motorcycle-friendly, one signal at a time.

*An additional tip suggested is to flip your kickstand down. Sometimes it's just enough additional metal within the magnetic field of the sensor to work. Just don't forget to flip it back up when you depart!*

### The Arizona Legislature's Request to Speak (RTS) system is the preferred way to contact committee members about legislation scheduled for hearings.

Follow this link to read & learn more about the RTS System...

[https://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/Using\\_the\\_Request\\_to\\_Speak\\_Program.pdf](https://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/Using_the_Request_to_Speak_Program.pdf)

RTS accounts must be created using an "official" RTS terminal at the Capitol. Once your account is created you may access it using the Internet.

If you can't make it to the Capitol, email our lobby team ([lobbyist@abateofaz.org](mailto:lobbyist@abateofaz.org)) with your first name, last name and preferred email address and we can assist in setting it up for you.

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## AMSAF Scholarships Are Currently Available

AMSAF promotes Motorcycle Safety & Awareness.  
 Follow these links ►  
 If the month's allotted scholarships have run out, check back next month.



## Motorcycle Awareness Program {MAP}

The 2024 Motorcycle Awareness Program finished up in November. We presented the program to approximately 900 students this year. Thanks to East Valley Chapter members for their assistance and participation!

ABATE of Arizona is working on its Motorcycle Awareness Program's strategic plan for 2025. Your input and participation are requested to support presenting ABATE's program to the high schools in the following areas: Marana HS, Tucson HS, Flagstaff, Show Low area, Florence area, East Valley, Deer Valley, West Valley, Prescott area, Kingman area, and Casa Grande area. The goal is to have 80 or more students per school take the class within the calendar year.

The MAP needs support of motorcycle riders to assist with presenting the program. This help can be either by becoming a certified instructor or by helping with the outdoor demonstrations. The program also needs riders to help obtain contact with area high schools to arrange presentation opportunities. Your support to help arrange these presentation opportunities would be of great assistance.

There are too many accidents caused by motorists who failed to yield the right of way. More than ever, ABATE's program needs the support of all state members to help present it to their area schools or organizations. Imagine the possibilities if we can educate all car drivers to be aware of motorcycles!

For more information about the MAP, or becoming an instructor, contact either Joe Silk at 480-628-8598, [miterangers@msn.com](mailto:miterangers@msn.com) or MAP Coordinator Jim Silk at 602-312-1927, [Jpsilk2264@gmail.com](mailto:Jpsilk2264@gmail.com)

### Call for MAP Instructors ~ Motorcycle Awareness Program

from the ABATE-AZ webpage, <http://www.abateofaz.org/map-reports>

For those who might be interested in becoming a MAP instructor, please read on.

The Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.) is an educational program aimed at the target audience of high school students in drivers education classes. There has been a small group of instructors who have volunteered to present the M.A.P. to students throughout the state, but we need more instructors.

Remember that ABATE's E stands for EDUCATION. Our purpose 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, hopefully, will not only be better equipped car and truck drivers but will also be more aware and watch out for us.

To become an instructor you must:

1. Be available during the day: The presentations in driver's education classes last about an hour during the school day. There may as many as 5 classes in one day.
2. Be willing to stand up in front of a group of about 30 high school students and speak. That sounds easier than it can be. You need to be able to gently maintain control of the group.
3. Know the material being presented. There is an outline for all presenters to follow so there is uniformity in the material presented.
4. Commit to teaching at least two classes per school year. We hope to have at least one volunteer instructor in each ABATE chapter. That person will attend an instructor class (about 4 hours), attend a M.A.P. with an experienced instructor, and teach a class with an experienced instructor in attendance. When the new instructor is comfortable and the experienced instructor assesses him/her to be ready, the new instructor may begin teaching alone. The mentor program assures that everyone is teaching the same material and everyone has support.
5. Provide record of teaching to M.A.P. Coordinator on a consistent basis.

*This is your opportunity to get the word out to new drivers about the importance of sharing the road with motorcyclists. This is your opportunity to support the mission and vision of ABATE in your community.*



### East Valley ABATE's Christmas Taco Tuesday

ABATE-AZ's East Valley Chapter held its 3rd annual Christmas Taco Tuesday Ugly Sweater Party on December 17, 2024. The get-together took place at the Taqueria Factory location at 1011 S Gilbert Road in Mesa. There were about nine people in attendance. Most were in Christmas garb; choosing fun & festive over 'ugly'.


Matthew & Julie Reemelin organized the evening. It was the first visit to this restaurant for some in the group... But likely not the last. ☺ Everyone spoke well of the food, the comfortable setting, and the parking availability.

We decided to skip the 'ugly' designation & replace it with the 'Most Festive Christmas Attire' Award. This year's winner was Cliff. ☺

It was a good time and a nice opportunity to visit; enjoying an evening away from hectic holiday preparations for a little while to share a meal with friends & fellow freedom fighters.


Here's hoping you all had a very nice Christmas! Happy New Year!!

Betsy

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### Vice-President's Report

Hello my brothers and sisters. I hope everyone had an amazing holiday! And so begins another year. What lies ahead is exciting and important for each one of us. So that's where I am going to begin. Some things in the past year have divided us. An example is having an event that does not include everyone. Whether based on financial difficulties, distance to the venue, or the ability to get there, those are needs to be addressed. We are a grassroots movement based on being a political rights group for motorcycles. And so, I believe we need to stick together.

How do we do that? By supporting each other. My main calling might not be motorcycle safety, but I recognize that it is extremely important. My brother was hit while riding in a pack and was paralyzed for 9 months. His wife is lucky to be alive. So it is personal for me too. The safety classes that are offered need to be encouraged. The people teaching motorcycle safety need to be commended. The people who drive to the different areas of the state to teach accident scene safety need to be encouraged. We also need to talk about inattentive drivers and help to work on those issues through the legal system.

My calling on behalf of the motorcycling community is profiling. And when it comes to profiling, I'm like a dog with a bone. I know I get very passionate about what

is happening to our club and/or veteran brothers and sisters. I can't count the number of times that I have been in an ABATE booth or at an open house and have witnessed profiling. We have gotten the attention that has been needed to prove that profiling DOES happen in the state of Arizona. There are numerous examples that I could go into, but the *MasterLink* is not big enough. hahahahaha

I guess what I am trying to say is that each of us is very important to ABATE. We each have our strengths. Those strengths can help to make ABATE stronger. And we need to support each other. So give each other a hug and get out there to an ABATE event ~ like the upcoming Day at the Dome in February.

They heard us in November! We need to be sure the legislators continue to hear us!

Stay safe my brothers & sisters. See you soon... depending on which way the wind blows from Winslow.



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- Operates the motorcycle on a street that both:
  - Is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel.
  - 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.





December 19, 2024 - Washington DC ... Wednesday morning, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granted California a requested waiver to implement new emissions standards on some vehicles. With this decision, California has the authority to activate its plan and phase out the sale of gas-powered cars and light-duty trucks in the state by 2035.

This waiver had been awaiting approval since May 2023 but was signed off on just a month before President Biden leaves office. A Trump spokesperson said earlier this week that the president-elect has “a mandate to implement the promises he made on the campaign trail, including stopping attacks on gas-powered cars.”

The incoming Trump Administration will have the power to revoke this new waiver. However, the process of doing so can be lengthy and ultimately could be overturned in future years by a different presidential administration.

Thankfully for motorcyclists, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) withdrew a similar plan that would require half of new motorcycles sold in the state to be electric in the next ten years. That motorcycle proposal would also have required a waiver. However, because of the timing of the California motorcycle plan, any waiver would have been consid-

## MRF News:

### California Receives 2023 Waiver

ered by a Trump-lead EPA.

A former CARB board member said of the decision to withdraw the motorcycle rules, “With the EPA waiver virtually guaranteed to be denied, pushing forward would have risked wasting political capital and alienating key stakeholders.”

The changing political landscape in Washington, D.C., is impacting a variety of issues that we as bikers care about. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation remains engaged and fighting for the policies that affect you as a motorcyclist.

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

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

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

If you have questions about the new law, please contact ABATE's Legislative Director, Mike Infanzon at [mike@abateofaz.org](mailto:mike@abateofaz.org)



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

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Feb 13 {Thurs}: [Motorcycle Day at the Dome ~ MDATD](#). The day is dedicated to advocating for motorcycle safety, awareness, and legislation. It will feature engaging speakers, informative booths, + networking with advocates and policymakers. It is a celebration of Arizona’s motorcycle community! Interested in showcasing your business or organization? Limited # of vendor booth spaces available. Don’t miss out. Secure your spot! FMI: [Mike@abateofaz.org](mailto:Mike@abateofaz.org), 602.456.BIKE



Mar 1 {Sat}: East Valley Chapter’s Hard Ass Run. Details TBA.

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/>

May 19-20 {Mon-Tues}: Bikers Inside The Beltway, hosted by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington DC. FMI: <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 [mrffoffice@mrf.org](mailto:mrffoffice@mrf.org) or [Fred@mrf.org](mailto:Fred@mrf.org)

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- ✓ Protect the right to modify
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