

**Do you know that you have a motorcycle lobby at the Capitol, working for all AZ riders?**

- The American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education (ABATE of AZ), in conjunction with the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) and Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC) provide lobbyists that introduce legislation on a yearly basis. Legislation that directly affects all riders in AZ. They need your support.

**Do you know that there are state dollars available for motorcycle safety and awareness?**

- The Motorcycle Safety Fund (MSF), consists of \$1 extra we each pay for motorcycle registrations. In 2001, our Lobbyists passed legislation to have this money set aside for it's true purpose. In 2002, legislation was passed to create the Arizona Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (AMSAC), which directs the Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) on how to use those monies. In 2004, these Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MRO's) won the bid for \$50,000 to be used for 35 – 12'x24' motorcycle awareness billboards in the Phoenix metro area.

**Did you know ABATE of AZ coordinates a volunteer program which is presented to high schools throughout AZ, thus educating motorists on how to "Share the Road with Motorcycles"?**

- The Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) was presented, by certified trainers, to over 8,000 students from 2003 through 2006.
- ABATE of AZ, in conjunction with the MMA of AZ, holds Motorcycle Awareness events in the Month of May. The sponsorship of the MSF/GOHS provides free pictures of kids on motorcycles and "Look out for Motorcycle" t-shirts, along with various other MC awareness items. A bike and puppeteer show is also provided.
- ABATE of AZ helped establish May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" in AZ.

**Do you like the ability to modify your motorcycle?**

- The State MRO's work side by side with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), a National MRO, to impact legislation at the Federal level, that can directly affect riders nationwide. EPA may have won the first round, which could mean catalytic converters and many anti-tampering rules by 2010, but with your help, we may reverse the rule, or at least eliminate street bikes from it's grasp.

**Do you like the choice to wear a helmet or not?**

- Each year, Arizona Legislators entertain the idea of introducing a mandatory helmet law in our state. The MRO's and Lobbyists continually have to watchdog bills being introduced in order to prevent this from happening.

***DON'T THINK IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE!!!***

**Do you like emissions testing your motorcycle?**

- Did you know Arizona is the ONLY state in the USA that has yearly emissions on motorcycles? Our Lobbyists are currently working on legislation to take us out of the emissions program. They need your support.

**Other ABATE accomplishments:**

- 1992 – HOV Lane approved for Motorcycles
- 1993 – Major players in preventing mandatory helmet legislation
- 1997 – Handle bar height raised to shoulder height
- 2001 – Motorcycle Safety Fund established
- 2002 – State Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council established
- 2003-2007 – Eliminated yearly motorcycle emissions testing in Pima County
- 2004 – Veteran's license plates for motorcycles
- Yearly - May proclaimed by the Governor as Motorcycle Awareness Month
- Yearly – MAP presentations throughout AZ
- Yearly – Motorcycle Awareness Events
- Yearly – Freedom Rally at the Capitol – hosted by ABATE, MMA, ACMC
- Yearly – Legislators Luncheon on the Senate Lawn – hosted by ABATE, MMA, ACMC
- 2007 – Remove cap on Motorcycle Safety Fund

**Issues we currently face:**

- Discriminatory insurance coverage based on riding a motorcycle
- Anti-tampering devices by 2010
- Emissions testing in Maricopa County

**Issues we will be addressing:**

- Increase the penalties for 'right of way' violators
- Promote stiffer penalties for 'no insurance'
- Decrease motorcycle insurance premiums
- Discrimination from businesses
- Laws allowing motorcyclists to treat 'non triggered' left turn red lights as stop signs
- Police harassment
- Repeal Handle Bar Height
- Legalize 'blue dot' tail lights
- Legalize 'lane splitting'

***NOW is the time to join ABATE !***

**Individual Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Registered Voter? \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:**

**(Check one)**

Single - \$25       Couple - \$40

Life/Single - \$350

Renewal       New Member

**ABATE of AZ Chapter You Want To Join:**

**(Check one)**

East Valley       Flagstaff

High Country       Mohave

Phoenix       Shadow Mtn

Yavapai       Southern AZ

**Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing**

Office Use: Membership# _____ Joint Membership# _____ Expiration Date _____
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**Make checks payable to:**

**ABATE of ARIZONA**

7509 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St. #200

Phoenix, Az 85020

(602) 867-9829 Phone

**DONATIONS**

**I am enclosing additional funds for:**

Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative Efforts \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MasterLink Newsletter \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Business Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Business type: \_\_\_\_\_

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Registered Voter? \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual Business Membership \$125.00

Renewal       New Member

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Business card included for MasterLink

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## ARIZONA CHAPTERS

For current meeting time & place, as well as contacts & phone numbers, go to [www.abateofaz.org](http://www.abateofaz.org) and click on "Chapters" in the left column

- East Valley Chapter (SE Phoenix area)
- Flagstaff Chapter (Northern AZ)
- High Country Chapter (Payson area)
- Mohave County Chapter (Bullhead area)
- Phoenix Chapter
- Shadow Mtn. Chapter (NE Phoenix area)
- Southern AZ Chapter (South of Casa Grande)
- Yavapai Chapter (Prescott area)

To find your State Officials, go to [www.abateofaz.org](http://www.abateofaz.org). Towards the top of every page is a link saying "Click here for more info" this will open a new window where you can enter your Zip+4 code (*usually found on your electric bill*) in the left column of the page.

To follow current Arizona legislation,

1. Go to [www.asleg.state.az.us](http://www.asleg.state.az.us)
2. Click on "Full Text Searching" in the upper right hand corner.
3. Enter a "word" or "phrase" in the "Search Phrase" field, such as motorcycle.
4. This will bring up a list of all the bills, by number, that contain that word or phrase.
5. You can then select "highlighted" vs. "document" to browse through the legislation/bill, and see every instance where that word and/or phrase is used.

Write a letter, make a phone call, send an e-mail to one or more of your elected officials, and then tell someone else who will make a difference!



### WHAT IS ABATE?

#### American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education

**ABATE of Arizona Inc.** is a non-profit motorcycle rights organization that is dedicated to freedom of the road for all motorcyclists.

**ABATE** is a volunteer organization that fights discriminatory legislation aimed towards the motorcycling community.

**ABATE's** position is that all motorcycle riders have the right to choose not only the machine that they ride, but also the riding gear that they choose to wear or not to wear. (i.e. leathers, gloves, boots and helmets)

**ABATE** promotes rider education for all motorcycle riders, and motorcycle awareness for all automobile drivers.

**ABATE** needs the support of all motorcyclists.

#### ABATE Mission Statement

##### **We Will:**

- Lobby and educate the government and general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- Endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of freedom.
- Involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goals.