

February 2017

The Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter met on Sunday, December 11th at the AAIC. This was our last meeting for 2016 and a good reminder why attending is so important. It's a difficult task to cover within our Chapter Reports all the interesting information that comes up at our Chapter meetings. By attending, you're in the hub of ABATE of ARIZONA and participating with one of the most active chapters in the region. Some of the highlights from our meeting include our Chapter Coordinator Mike and Run Coordinator Jeremy bringing us up to date with the latest developments for our new event, "TOO BROKE FOR BIKE WEEK." Our Safety Officer Teresa cautioned us to be aware of the symptoms of hypothermia while riding in the colder months (slow reactions, shivering, appearing intoxicated). She noted that caffeine and alcohol will make matters worse, so we should ride responsibly and layer up so we can adjust for conditions. Also, Johnny D with PAC spoke on what's happening at the State Capitol for 2017, the progress being made by Arizona Motorcycle Riders Political Action Committee (AMRPAC), and touched on what's new for Arizona lane splitting (lane filtering) and motorcycle profiling legislation. We also spoke about the state of our membership, other runs, events, what shirts, hoodies and other merchandise are coming up, and much more.

More recent news from the chapter include your 2017 Chapter Officers attending Officer Training on January 7th along with other ABATE Chapter Officers across Arizona. This was a great opportunity for them all to get to know each other and plan for a productive 2017. Also, Clyde and Jean graciously hosted a morning meetup for us to ride to the State Capitol for Opening Day at the Arizona Legislature on January 9th. Several of us joined other riders to support the re-creation of the Motorcycle Safety Fund, to stand against the profiling of motorcyclists, promote motorcycle awareness, education and oppose any law that mandates helmet use or fines/taxes Arizona motorcyclists unjustly.

Chapter members are encouraged to attend Motorcycle Day at the Dome (MDATD) on Wednesday, February 15th (10am-2pm). This is a special opportunity to join other Motorcycle Rights Organization members, Motorcycle Clubs and Independent Riders to meet with your District Legislators and discuss the critical issues affecting motorcyclists. Please call or email your two (2) Representatives and one (1) State Senator to set an appointment to meet in their office or ask them to join us outside on the House lawn. Come to our next meeting and we'll coordinate a meetup for ABATE members and friends to ride over together. ALL BIKERS WELCOME!

Our Chapter intends to have a booth at Westgate Bike Night beginning in March 2017. Coordinate at our monthly chapter meeting if interested in helping set up and working the booth. If you're at the event, look for us and stop by to say hello.

We're still looking for volunteers for TOO BROKE FOR BIKE WEEK. This is a fundraiser for the Phoenix/Shadow Mtn. Chapter of ABATE of Arizona and we are looking for up to 40 volunteers for each day (3/31 & 4/1). All ABATE members that are interested in volunteering are encouraged to bring friends to help out with the event. Coordinate with Jeremy Kellim, our Run Coordinator, for more information and sign up to assist with ticket booth, parking/traffic, security/ backstage, vendors and promoting ABATE. Please save the dates and plan on attending this important fundraiser for our Chapter. TOO BROKE FOR BIKE WEEK will be held at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson on Friday March 31 & Saturday April 1, 2017. There will be Live Music, Bike Show, Vendors, Food & Drink, Rally Ride, Contests and much more! Scheduled to perform are .38 Special & 74th Street Band on Friday; with Jackyl & The Visitors on Saturday. Two Day General Admission Tickets only \$35

(Advance only!) & Single Day General Admission Tickets only \$20 (Advance only!), or \$30 either day of event. Advance tickets and information available at: www.TooBrokeForBikeWeek.com and found on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/2Broke4BikeWeek Volunteer get in FREE! Get all the details at our next monthly Chapter meeting.

Keep in touch with the Chapter by joining our Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shadowmountainabate>. DON'T FORGET TO SHARE!

Please subscribe to our Chapter email list to keep informed about events, bulletins and other announcements. All are welcome to join by sending an email request to: ABATEPhxShdwMtn@gmail.com TELL A FRIEND!

Meetings for the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to attend our next meeting on Sunday February 12, 2017 at the Arizona American Italian Club (AAIC) – 7509 North 12th Street, in Phoenix. Breakfast is available for \$6.00 (NEW PRICE) at 10:00 am and the meeting starts at 10:30 am. SEE YOU THERE!

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