

March 2017

The Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter met on Sunday January 8th at the AAIC. Scott, our Sgt at Arms opened the meeting with a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. Our Coordinator Mike started off by welcoming the new year, some new Chapter Officers and a couple announcements. First, he commented on the success of Officer training, held for all ABATE of Arizona officers the day before, and then suggested our Chapter Officers meet just prior to the monthly meeting to discuss the agenda and such, which has since been implemented. Lastly, he announced the breakfast buffet has increased a dollar and is now \$6. Don't forget we are meeting in the backroom now for more privacy. If you don't see us gathered around the buffet, head east to the backroom to join us for the meeting.

Next, we accepted Tara's treasury report, after which Tara filled in for Ben and reported the membership standings, followed by JR filling in for Teresa with a Safety report (did you get that the first read?). JR recapped a presentation by Mick Degn, Board member of Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation, that was given at Officer training the day prior. [Head over to amsaf.org to see the new PSA videos they have produced](http://amsaf.org). Also, don't forget the 4 R's: Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Responsible and Ride Endorsed.

Johnny D then gave his PAC report about not having an anti-motorcycle-profiling bill proposed this legislative session. Additional work needs to be done to counter an overwhelming opposition by law enforcement. Motorcyclist are encouraged to get informed on the issue and if you feel you have been caught up in unwarranted profiling because of what you wear, what you ride or where you go, please contact ABATE of AZ President, State PAC Officer or State Designated Lobbyist so they can document your encounters.!

Jeremy took the floor next updating us on upcoming rides and events, including announcing the Chapter riding over to Saint Nicks Tavern after the February meeting to thank them for joining as a new business member. He also reminded us that 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 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. Volunteers get in FREE! Get all the details at our next monthly Chapter meeting.

Tell all your friends about TOO BROKE FOR BIKE WEEK, being 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.

Keep in touch with the Chapter by joining our Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shadowmountainabate>.

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:

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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, March 12, 2017 at the Arizona American Italian Club (AAIC) - 7509 North 12th Street, in Phoenix. Breakfast is available for \$6.00 at 10:00 am and the meeting starts at 10:30 am.

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