

January 2017

The November meeting was held on the 19th at the Kettle Restaurant.

The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as written, and the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Once again, our meeting fell on the same day as the "Tour De Tucson" bicycle event. Unfortunately, we failed to realize this at last month's meeting or we would have change the location for the meeting as we have done in the past. Several of our officers were absent due to various reasons and we had a small turn out because folks could not get past the police state running the bicycle race.

By the time this hits the Masterlink we will be into the New Year. We hope all had a happy holiday season and we look forward to a productive 2017.

We have several important events coming up. It is important that we have as much representation as possible. If you cannot attend these events please contact your representatives and make your feelings known via emails, phone calls and letters!

"Bikers inside the Beltway" is coming up quickly. This is held in Washington DC and is when motorcyclists from around the country descend on the Capital and lobby our federal lawmakers. Anyone interested in attending this event please get in touch with the Chapter officers.

Opening day at the Arizona Capital is January. Try and make it to the Capital to let the lawmakers know we are involved and active here in Arizona!

Officer training will be held in January to train new Chapter Officers details will be coming.

Motorcycle Day at the Dome will be held February 15th which is a Wednesday. Mark your calendars and plan on being there. If you cannot attend, PLEASE contact your representatives and urge them to come and meet with us on the Capital lawn!

Dragonfly sent in her report and it contained information on the new "intelligent vehicles" and the potential for hacking into the control systems. Rick Mellon from ABATE of Wisconsin has been nominated to serve on the National Advisory Council regarding the safety issues of intelligent vehicles and motorcyclists. More info on Bikers inside the Beltway will be coming.

We have a friend in the new administration! Mike Pence, Vice-President elect, is a rider from Indiana. Mr. Pence made a special trip to Rolling Thunder when Donald Trump spoke there. This is a good thing for the motorcycling community.

Our annual Fisher House benefit run/event will be held in February and planning is in the works. Bob "Gizmo" Welton is heading this up again and he has done a GREAT job in the past. Anyone who wishes to help work on this event please contact Bob. ALL proceeds for this go to the Fisher House to aid our veterans and their families.

As always please keep promoting our Business Memberships to those you do business with. We have been doing Great on this so let's keep up the good work.

Anyone who is not getting emails from the Chapter to please send your email address at abateofazsac@yahoo.com. There is also a group page at Yahoo Groups. All Chapter members can sign up there and receive all emails from the Chapter through the group.

It is abateofazsac@yahoogroups.com. We are trying to save the Chapter some money by cutting down on postage. Please make sure the State Membership Officer has all your current information as well, this includes phone numbers, email addresses, address changes etc. You can email him at membershipofficer@abateofaz.org.

Ride Free! Ride Safe! Ride Endorsed!