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Hello from Southern Arizona Chapter.

Just sitting down to write this and received an email about another rider going down in Tucson and in ICU. Having only lived here for 2 ½ years I continue to be appalled and distressed at the number of serious and fatal motorcycle accidents that occur. Tucson is not LA. There has to be some common factor to the accidents that occur. My guess, and some evidence is that it is in part the crazy leading/trailing left turn signal issue since so many of the accidents are in intersections. Maybe it's time that someone initiates a study.

On to happier topics...everyone is putting on the miles! I found myself at the Desert Winds Harley Dealership in Mesa on Saturday, May 13th for a Biker Blessing and BBQ. And, putting on the BBQ were a number of the usual ABATE suspects. Not only were they cooking great food, they were promoting ABATE of Arizona and Too Broke for Sturgis along with motorcycle safety. Good times!

Unfortunately, I will not be able to be at Too Broke for Sturgis this year due to a date change for a previous commitment. Being pretty new to Arizona we made our first Too Broke last year and had a wonderful time. We are really sad to be missing but encourage EVERYONE to make it. The Too Broke team are a hard-working class act and they really know how to put on a run. It's a weekend reminds us of an old-school bike run, what it's all about. Good times with good people in a beautiful setting.

That's it for this time.

"Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Responsible, and Ride Endorsed."

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