



## *Arizona's Legislative Session at a Glance*

### ABATE of Arizona's Legislative Update

House of Representatives is adjourned until Monday, June 16, 2025 at 1:15 PM

Senate is in recess and scheduled to return Monday, June 9, 2025 at 1:15 PM

- Session Days: 145
- Bills Posted: 1,679
- Bills Passed: 359
- Bills Vetoed: 138
- Bills Signed: 218
- Memorials/Resolutions Posted: 128
- Memorials/Resolutions Passed: 30

### PRIORITY LEGISLATION & POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

#### *SIGNED INTO LAW:*

**Ch. 136, Laws 2025 (SB1107 – Motorcycle Safety Fund Continuation)**

*Sponsor: Sen. Shawna Bolick (R)*

This critical legislation eliminates the sunset provision for the \$1.00 motorcycle registration fee earmarked for the Motorcycle Safety Fund. It mandates that all monies in the fund remain trust-held and cannot be reallocated for general state expenditures. This long-term stabilization ensures uninterrupted funding for rider education and safety programs. **Signed by the Governor: May 7, 2025**

**Ch. 78, Laws 2025 (HB2009 – Vehicle License Tax Exemption; Military)**

*Sponsor: Rep. Pamela Carter (R)*

Grants a temporary exemption from vehicle license tax and registration fees for military personnel with deployment orders within 30 days. Eligible individuals may

also receive retroactive refunds for fees paid up to six months before the effective date. **Signed by the Governor: April 18, 2025**

#### *MOVING THROUGH LEGISLATURE:*

**HB2192 – Appropriations; Interstate 10; Vehicle Lanes**

*Sponsor: Rep. David Livingston (R)*

Appropriates \$133 million over two fiscal years for ADOT to expand I-10 from SR-85 to Citrus Road. Notably, the project mandates use of cost-plus-time (A+B) contracting to expedite completion. **Passed House; Awaiting Senate Rules Committee** (waiting on budget)

**HB2557 – Appropriation; State Route 347; Widening**

*Sponsor: Rep. Chris Lopez (R)*

Appropriates \$16.3 million for widening State Route 347, a corridor frequently used by riders in Pinal and Maricopa Counties. **Passed House; Awaiting Senate Rules Committee** (waiting on budget)

**SB1517 – Off-Highway Vehicles; Weight and Registration**

*Sponsor: Sen. Tim Dunn (R)*

Allows temporary Arizona registration for nonresident OHV owners whose vehicles meet state standards. Retroactive to May 31, 2025. This may improve access for out-of-state riders attending events in Arizona. **Passed Senate; Awaiting Governor's Signature**

#### *VETOED LEGISLATION:*

**SB1086 – Transportation System Performance; ADOT Metrics**

*Sponsor: Sen. Jake Hoffman (R)*

Sought to overhaul ADOT project evaluation metrics to emphasize mobility and safety. It prohibited ADOT

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Board of Directors & State Officers

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- Coyote Pass BoD Rep ..... Eric Spurr
- East Valley BoD Rep ..... Jeff Gorall
- Mohave BoD Rep ..... Donna Arnold-Post
- High Country BoD Rep ..... Open
- Phoenix BoD Rep ..... Scot Williamson
- Southern AZ BoD Rep ..... Lou Vanden Plas
- Yavapai BoD Rep ..... Dennis Banners
- Yuma BoD Rep ..... Open

*Board of Director meetings are held via Zoom on the 1st Saturday of Jan, Apr, Jul, & Oct. Time to be announced. Members are Welcome.*

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ABATE of Arizona

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- Legislative Director ..... Michael Infanzon
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- President ..... Jim Butsback
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- Membership ..... Open
- Run/Events ..... Open
- Safety Coordinator ..... Matthew Reemelin
- PAC ..... Anissa Huntington
- Communications ..... Joe Silk
- Merchandise ..... Open
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**State Officer meetings are now the 1st Sunday of every month @ 6pm via Zoom. Members are Welcome.**

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**Every level of member is important to the survival of our organization.**

Supporter:	Advocate:	Activist:	Radical:
<p>Joins a SMRO.</p> <p>Believes that it's important to be a part of it.</p> <p>Goes to a meeting occasionally.</p>	<p>Goes to every meeting but just doesn't want to take that next step and be an officer.</p> <p>Volunteers only after being asked.</p>	<p>Goes to every meeting.</p> <p>Holds office.</p> <p>Volunteers for every event.</p> <p>Recruits new members.</p> <p>Goes to MRO events on their own dime.</p>	<p>Goes to every meeting and event.</p> <p>Does everything to support the SMRO.</p> <p>Holds chapter and state offices.</p> <p>Joins other chapters.</p> <p>Volunteers for anything needed that promotes the SMRO.</p> <p>Actively recruits their friends, family members, and co-workers.</p>

**Which one are you?**

*You get more back when you put more in.*

*Camaraderie, riding buddies, a sense of purpose, feeling of accomplishment*

**READY to CHANGE LEVELS?**

*Your Chapter & State Officers welcome your interest & enthusiasm*  
*Talk to them about how YOU can help grow & strengthen ABATE of Arizona*

Working together to build stronger and more effective State Motorcyclists' Rights organizations!

# MEETING OF THE MINDS

FOUNDATION  
MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

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ENJOY SHREVEPORT!  
Southern Hospitality  
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Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612  
Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 10, 2025): \$100.00 (current members) / \$120.00 (non-member)  
Registration rate after Sept. 10, 2025: \$110.00 (current members) / \$130.00 (non-member)  
Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.  
Registration questions call the MRF at 302-542-9963, or email Fred Harvell at fred@hml.org.  
\*See registration form for details.

## President's Report

Right now, all focus is on Too Broke For Sturgis. We're packing trucks, finalizing details, and getting ready to head to Peach Springs. There will be more in the President's Report next time.

As always, please be careful out there. Until next month,

RIDE FREE!  
RIDE SOBER!  
RIDE ENDORSED!



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Be sure to read next month's *MasterLink* for photos and news about ABATE-AZ's fundraiser Too Broke For Sturgis!  
*Good times ~ Nice venue ~ Great music*

## Please Support Our Business Member: XCEL Trackdays

Established in 2009, XCEL Trackdays is Arizona's premier motorcycle track day organization, dedicated to offering safe and enjoyable events for riders of all skill levels. With a commitment to safety, XCEL maintains the smallest rider count per group—only 20 riders—ensuring less congestion and more practice time.

The final event at Arizona Motorsport Park was held this past May. Monthly events resume in September at Firebird Motorsports Park. They feature a standard three-group, 20-minute session format. Professionally trained coaches provide free coaching to all participants, enhancing rider skills and confidence.

For more information and to register for upcoming events, visit their website at [xcel-trackdays.com](http://xcel-trackdays.com).



Tyler Smith

XCEL Trackdays Inc

602-740-8687, [info@xceltrackdays.com](mailto:info@xceltrackdays.com)

Local ABATE Chapters

Coyote Pass Chapter

Coordinator.....Eric Spurr
V. Coord.....Mike Degrood
Secretary.....Jeri Wise
Treasurer.....Denise Green
Sgt at Arms.....Tom Love
Membership.....Open
Runs/Events.....Mike Degrood
Safety Coordinator.....Roger Green
PAC.....Open
Communications.....Rick Wise
Merchandise.....Open
BOD Rep.....Eric Spurr

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The Coyote Pass Chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Calico's Restaurant, 928-753-5005 418 W. Beale St. ; Kingman, AZ 86401 ###

East Valley Chapter

Coordinator.....Joe Silk
V. Coord.....Jeff Gorall
Secretary.....Brett Doyen
Treasurer.....Laura Hershey
Sgt at Arms.....Jeff Gorall
Membership.....Joe Silk
Runs/Events.....Ky Sisson
Safety Coordinator.....Matthew Reemelin
PAC.....Gary Crawford
Communications.....Joe Silk
Merchandise.....Gary Crawford
BOD Rep.....Jeff Gorall

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The East Valley Chapter meets at 10AM on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the American Legion Post 138 1264 W University Dr, Mesa NW Corner of Alma School & University ###

High Country Chapter

Coordinator.....Open
V. Coord.....Open
Secretary.....Thomas Stocks
Treasurer.....Open
Sgt at Arms.....Roy Whiting
Membership.....Open
Runs/Events.....Jacque 'Daisi' Whiting
Safety Coordinator.....Roy 'Fatboy' Whiting
PAC.....Open
Communications.....Marty Bernal
Merchandise.....Gail Howard
Media.....Marty Bernal
BOD Rep.....Open

Contact:

https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter

HCC meets 3rd Saturdays @ 10:30a, b'fast 9am @ Stanford Store, 928-537-7755 4 Apache County Rd 8235 (Stanford Rd), Vernon, AZ ###

Mohave Chapter

Coordinator.....Tom Aydt
V. Coord.....Open
Secretary.....Cynde Aydt
Treasurer.....Donna Arnold-Post
Sgt at Arms.....Emmette Tucker
Membership.....Cynde Aydt
Runs/Events.....Open
Safety Coordinator.....Terry Campbell
PAC.....Denny Lange
Communications.....Tom Aydt
Merchandise.....Open
Media.....Open
BOD Rep.....Donna Arnold-Post

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at: VFW Golden Valley Post 2555 6068 Supai Dr. ; Golden Valley, AZ 86413 ###

Phoenix Chapter

Coordinator.....Scot 'One T' Williamson
V.Coord.....Jay 'One Y' Williamson
Secretary.....open
Treasurer.....Lyn Peterson
Sgt at Arms.....Gavin Granmo
Membership.....open
Runs/Events.....Cliff Prentice
Safety Coordinator.....Ernie Lizarraga
PAC.....open
Communications.....open
Merchandise.....Tiffany Granmo
BOD Rep.....Scot 'One T' Williamson

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Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm at VFW Post-1433 7618 N 63rd Ave ; Glendale, AZ 85301 ###

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 Sgt at Arms.....Rob Rogers  
 Membership.....Jim Butsback  
 Runs/Events.....Open  
 Safety Coordinator..... Open  
 PAC.....Open  
 Communications..... Judi Miller  
 Merchandise.....Open  
 Media.....Open  
 BOD Rep ..... Lou Vanden Plas

Coordinator.....Timothy Thomas  
 V. Coord.....Dan Tumey  
 Secretary.....Dixie Gray  
 Treasurer.....Open  
 Sgt at Arms.....Lori Kludt  
 Membership.....Holli Woosley  
 Runs/Events.....Open  
 Safety Coordinator.....Andrew 'AJ' Killian  
 PAC.....Open  
 Communications.....Open  
 Merchandise.....Dennis Banners  
 Media.....Open  
 BOD Rep .....Dennis Banners

Coordinator.....Open  
 V. Coord.....Frank White  
 Secretary.....Open  
 Treasurer.....Douglas Kreag  
 Sgt at Arms.....Open  
 Membership.....Douglas Kreag  
 Runs/Events.....Open  
 Safety Coordinator.....Open  
 PAC.....Open  
 Communications.....Open  
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 Media.....Open  
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Contact Frank 'Hound' White, 209-327-0814  
 for meetings details, etc  
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The Southern Arizona Chapter meets the third Saturday of the month at 10AM at the Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge 2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705  
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Meet us at 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month VFW Bucky O'Neill Post 541 202 N Arizona Ave ; Prescott 86301  
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**Protecting Motorcyclists' Rights is a Team Effort!**  
**Support your sport by supporting ABATE of Arizona**



# Choose Wisely

Once you've decided to ride, there are a lot of choices to be made. What kind of bike? New or used? How much insurance? What kind of protective gear? It can get very expensive. So if you've chosen to wear a helmet, we'd like to make sure you buy a good one.

The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) and Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) want to help. Our Financial Assistance Helmet program provides individuals with \$125 from AMSAF and 25% off the Manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) when you purchase a DOT-approved, full face or modular helmet at AMSAF approved locations throughout the state.

## The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation Financial Assistance Helmet Program

# How it works

- AMSAF Vouchers are valid towards the purchase of a \$200.00 or higher DOT Certified Full Face or Modular Street Helmet.
- Vouchers are only valid to those dealers approved by AMSAF and listed on the AMSAF website.
- Vouchers are not valid for discounted, special order or discontinued helmets.
- Purchased helmet is non-returnable if warning tag is cut off. Helmets may be returnable at the discretion of the dealer.
- Voucher is valid for a \$125.00 credit toward qualified helmet due to grant received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.
- Dealer or store will give an additional 25% off of Helmet MSRP.
- \$50.00 tax deductible donation is required to AMSAF at time of application.
- Voucher and promo code is only valid toward one (1) Helmet purchase.
- Dealer will credit individual up front at time of purchase and invoice AMSAF.



For more information or to apply - Click in this presentation

For more information or to apply go to [AMSAF.org/Helmets](http://AMSAF.org/Helmets)

# ABATE’s Legislative Update

shared by ABATE-AZ Legislative Director Michael Infanzon, [mike@abateofaz.org](mailto:mike@abateofaz.org)

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from adopting travel mile reduction goals or race/ethnicity-based benefits. **Vetoed by Governor: May 2, 2025**

## MEMORIALS & RESOLUTIONS:

### SCM1002 – Vision Zero; Transportation Planning

*Sponsor: Sen. Carine Werner (R)*

A joint memorial urging the federal government to abandon the Vision Zero and “safe systems” approach to traffic planning in favor of traditional engineering models. ABATE will continue to monitor the intersection between Vision Zero strategies and motorcyclist rights. **Transmitted to Secretary of State: April 29, 2025**

## LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR ABATE PRIORITIES:

Several bills this session directly align with ABATE’s mission of protecting riders’ rights, improving safety infrastructure, and defending against regulatory overreach. The passage of SB1107 secures the Motorcycle Safety Fund, a major priority for education and outreach. Proposals like SB1092 and SB1019 reflect growing resistance to surveillance-based transportation enforcement, a frequent point of tension for motorcyclists targeted disproportionately by automated systems.

At the same time, measures like HB2252 signal an ongoing trend toward California-aligned environmental rulemaking, with long-term implications for the availability, customization, and maintenance of motorcycles. ABATE must remain vigilant and prepared to intervene early in these regulatory debates, especially through engagement with ADEQ and legislative rule review committees.

## ACTION ITEMS FOR ABATE MEMBERS:

1. Participate in Ride to Work Day (June 10) – Share your photos, tag local legislators, and highlight the everyday utility of motorcycles.
2. **Contact Your Legislators:**
  - **Thank them for supporting SB1107**
3. **Oppose Overregulation** – Monitor any attempt to expand CARB-style vehicle rules (HB2252) or future ADEQ rulemakings that could impact motorcycle modification and emissions.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

With the legislative session nearing adjournment and campaigning season beginning, now is the time to solidify our relationships with key allies, identify bill sponsors for 2026 initiatives (lane filtering expansion, noise ordinance protection, and distracted driving enforcement reform), and begin planning Motorcycle Day at the Dome 2026.

For questions or bill support materials contact the ABATE Government Relations Team at [[lobbyist@abateofaz.org](mailto:lobbyist@abateofaz.org)].


The Legislative Report Card will be published soon.

“If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.”

—  
Michael Infanzon

ABATE of Arizona Legislative Director  
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Meeting host for  
ABATE’s East Valley  
Chapter

C’mon out and  
support our Veterans!

James Witkowski  
American Legion Post 138  
*Damn Straight!*  
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**Coyote Pass Chapter**

The Coyote Pass Chapter has been enjoying near perfect motorcycling weather, but it is getting hot fast! Nonetheless, we have done some rides with the local riding group, Brunch Bunch Riders.

We held our regular meeting in May and voted unanimously to cover the vendor fee at TBFS for the local motorcycle accessory shop, Thunder-Rode. The proprietor, Jack Alexander has always been a huge supporter of the motorcycle community, and has allowed our chapter, as well as the Mohave County chapter, to set up booths on their property for various events. We all agreed to return the favor and support his business with chapter funds. If you go to TBFS, check out the great merchandise Jack offers at his trailer/booth: Thunder-Rode.

June's meeting the other day was relatively uneventful, and we signed up a new member. Growth is slow, but steady. Looking forward to seeing everyone at TBFS, ride safe out there.

Foil Hat

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The Coyote Pass Chapter meets on  
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**Support Your Local M.R.O.**

*Motorcyclists' Rights Organization*

The Rights you save will be your own!

**East Valley Chapter**

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The East Valley Chapter meets at 10am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at  
American Legion Post 138, 1264 W University Dr, Mesa --  
NW Corner of University & Alma School  
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**High Country Chapter**

<https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter>

HCC meets 3rd Saturdays @ 10:30a, b'fast gam @ Stanford  
Store, (928) 537-7755  
4 Apache County Rd 8235 ; (Stanford Rd), Vernon, AZ  
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**Mohave Chapter**

It's that time of the year again where riding events are minimal due to the heat and any riding needs to be done early in the morning. Our last meeting on May 19 had a low turnout. We are working on a possible project of a white bandana in memory of Shirley Bizub.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 16 at the VFW in Golden Valley. That is all I have for now. Until next time, stay safe and ride safe.

Tom Aydt

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Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
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**Yavapai Chapter**

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Meet us at 6:30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at  
VFW Bucky O'Neill Post 541,  
202 N Arizona Ave ; Prescott 86301  
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**Yuma Chapter**

is reorganizing.

Want to help share the message of Motorcyclists Rights,  
Safety, & Awareness in the Yuma area?

Contact Frank 'Hound' White at 209-327-0814  
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**Congressional Ride To Work Day**

Monday, June 10, 2025, the  
Motorcycle Riders Foundation  
(MRF) joined several other  
members of the Washington,  
D.C. motorcycling community  
to celebrate the annual “Ride  
to Work Day.” To kick off the

evening [sic], members of Congress rode to the U.S. Capitol to cast votes on several pieces of legislation before joining a larger ride to Mt. Vernon, home of our first president, George Washington.

2025 is the second year the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus has hosted the event, which is growing in popularity! This year, eight members of Congress attended the event, six of whom led the ride. We are most grateful to the United States Park Police, with a Motor Unit established in 1917, for escorting the ride. The MRF thanks Representatives Tim Walberg (MI), Don Bacon (NE), Troy Balderson (OH), Mike Bost (IL), Mike Collins (GA), Warren Davidson (OH), Claudia Tenney (NY) and Derrick Van Orden (WI) for joining the festivities.

The MRF joined with representatives from the American Motorcyclist Association, BMW, Buell Motorcycles, Harley-Davidson Motor Company and Indian Motorcycle for this fantastic event. Working with like-minded motorcycle organizations is important for achieving our legislative goals.

In the words of Congressional Motorcycle Caucus

Chair Tim Walberg, “Today was a great day!” We at the MRF couldn’t agree more. Any day you can get on a motorcycle and ride with others who truly want to make things better for all riders is indeed a great day.

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With a Master’s in Business Administration and decades of experience in sales, marketing, and management, Rick draws upon a wide range of expertise to deliver outstanding results for his clients. Rick, along with his wife Maja and

their two children, form a formidable team that can surmount any challenge in the Arizona market. Rick’s company Ferguson Approach uses the latest technology in videography, photography and social media, and will showcase your property’s best features to a wide audience, streamline the home-buying and selling process, and negotiate the best deals on your behalf.

Rick was recently recognized by RealTrends Verified as one of the top 1.5% of real estate professionals in Arizona for 2024! He remains fully committed to delivering exceptional service and looks forward to helping you—and those you care about—with any real estate needs, now and in the future.

Rick’s specialized expertise allows him to consistently exceed client expectations, and he takes pride in serving an impressive pool of repeat and referral clientele. Rick, a former Captain in the US Army,

is extremely organized, detail-oriented, and hyper-focused on his clients’ goals.

Outside of real estate, Rick is co-chair of the AMA Recreational Riding Committee; which is appointed by the BOD of the AMA {[American Motorcyclists Association](#)}. They meet once a month to discuss all issues regarding riding - both on road and offroad. He is also a member of the [Arizona Trail Riders](#); the largest offroad club in Arizona. He loves riding motorcycles (on- and off-road) and spending time with family and friends.

For all your real estate needs, Rick’s company will be excited and



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1. Operates the motorcycle on a street that both:
  - (a) is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel.
  - (b) Has a speed limit that does not exceed forty-five miles per hour.
2. Travels at a speed that does not exceed fifteen miles per hour.

Lane Filtering information cards are available from your local Chapter

## AMSAF's Riding For The Long Haul

The "Share The Road and Riding For The Long Haul" fundraising event is hosted by AMSAF - Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation; in support of Arizona rider safety.

The AMSAF Mission is to help reduce crashes and fatalities in Arizona. To achieve this, they organize scholarships and financial aid for rider education, helmet purchases, accident scene management for bystanders; and other community awareness opportunities.

This gathering of concerned motorcyclists, business owners, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, and more, took place on May 17, 2025 at the Marriot Phoenix on Price Road in Chandler. This year's theme was 'An Evening in Paradise'. Attendees were encouraged to wear Hawaiian attire. There was Island music & Hawaiian dancers to entertain; plus live & silent auctions.

One of the big winners of the night was ABATE member & Accident Scene Management teacher extraordinaire Teresa 'Trauma Mama' Martinez. She took home a 2024 Royal Enfield Standard 350 and was one VERY happy Lady!

Law Tigers was recognized for being the RFTLH Title Sponsor for 2024 & 2025; with AMSAF sharing, "A huge thank you for what they do to help AMSAF in their involvement in the Community and for everything you do to help reduce crashes and fatalities in Arizona. Together we're making a difference."

Our ABATE-AZ Legislative Director Michael Infanzon was recognized at the RFTLH as the 2025 AMSAF Visionary Award winner. Congratulations Michael, and thank you for all you do on behalf of motorcyclists!

Thanks go out to everyone who helped make the evening a success.

There is a photo gallery of the evening at <https://www.amsaf.org/photos/nggallery/album/2025-riding-for-the-long-haul/page/6/thumbnails>

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## MRF News: Fridays From DC

### Fast-Tracking Autonomous Vehicles

6-20-25 ... The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has growing concerns over recent actions by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to expedite the approval process for autonomous vehicles (AVs), particularly those lacking basic human driving controls such as steering wheels and brake pedals.

In a recent letter, NHTSA announced it will “streamline” the exemption process requiring manufacturers to seek federal approval before deploying self-driving vehicles. These standards have traditionally mandated that all vehicles include manual controls, which are a critical safeguard for human operation and accountability on public roads.

NHTSA Chief Counsel Peter Simshauser stated that under this new policy, the agency “anticipates reaching decisions on most exemption requests within months rather than years.” This announcement may open the door to the widespread deployment of AVs without fully understanding or addressing the potential risks these vehicles pose to all road users, including motorcyclists.

The MRF has long advocated for the rights and safety of motorcyclists in an evolving transportation landscape. The MRF believes that rigorous testing and transparent data sharing are the best methods to ensure AV systems are capable of safely sharing the road with all roadway users.

We recognize the potential benefits of autonomous technology, but not at the expense of human lives. Motorcyclists cannot be an afterthought in the race toward automation. For the future of road safety and the preservation of motorcyclists’ rights, we must ensure that innovation proceeds responsibly and inclusively.

### Congressional Review Acts Signed!

6-13-2025 ... Thursday, President Trump signed three (3) pieces of legislation, H.J. Res 87, H.J. Res 88 and H.J. Res 89, which revoke waivers granted to the State of California, allowing it to set its own emissions standards. These resolutions were passed by the U.S. Congress in recent months and are a strong sign of the commitment by some in Washington D.C., to push back against the attack on the internal combustion engine.

Support for actions like this has been a key part of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s (MRF) legislative agenda. During the recent Bikers Inside the Beltway event, MRF members spent time advocating for the passage of these bills in the U.S. Senate, where they had temporarily stalled after being passed by the U.S. House earlier in the year. Additionally, the MRF wishes to thank the thousands of you who answered recent online Calls to Action on this topic.

A process known as the Congressional Review Act was the mechanism by which these bills were passed. Because of the unique way they moved through Congress, opponents are already signaling their intent to file legal challenges. While this battle will now likely continue in the courts, it is nevertheless important to celebrate this victory for the survival of the internal combustion engine. The fight will go on... and the MRF will be here for that fight.

#### *About Motorcycle Riders Foundation*

*The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states’ motorcyclists’ rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.*

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Aint Nick's Tavern is located at 6840 N. 27th Avenue in Phoenix. It is a friendly watering hole owned & operated by Cheri Wells. Cheri and her crew work hard to provide excellent customer service and a fun relaxing atmosphere.

The beer garden is a great place to hang out; whether you smoke or just prefer the beautiful outdoor setting. Activities include pool, darts, and giant jenga. Aspiring singers can get their Karaoke on EVERY night. Pool tournaments are held Saturday, Sunday, & Monday nights.

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There are daily food and drink specials like Rum Day, Taco Tuesday, Wing Day, and Ladies Day.

Start off your weekend with breakfast at Aint Nick's before heading out on your rides. On Saturdays & Sundays, breakfast is free with



*Shawna is one of the beautiful ladies tending bar at Aint Nicks.*



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On Fridays the talented kitchen crew cooks up a homemade off-menu treat.

Be sure to ask your server about getting an Aint Nick's Tavern Punch Card. Get it punched each time you buy a meal. Buy 10 meals & get the next one free!

Aint Nick's Tavern is open daily, from 8a-2am; welcoming Riders, Regulars, and Veterans. Veterans get their 16oz domestic drafts for \$2 & well drinks for \$3 ~ all day, every day.

Reviews include comments about the friendly service, relaxed atmosphere, beautiful barkeeps, and tasty food. When you're in the area, check out Aint Nick's Tavern for yourself & see what you think.

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to one is  
borne lightly  
by many.*

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## AMSAF Scholarships Are Currently Available

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 check back next month.



## Motorcycle Awareness Program {MAP}

### *Following the MAP to Flagstaff*



On June 9, Joe Silk and additional ABATE members dedicated to the importance of the Motorcycle Awareness Program, traveled to Coconino HS in Flagstaff. Joe extended thanks to Erin Keena Berry-Schade, Rodney Schade, Jeff Gorall, and Stephen John Andros for their support and participation.

They presented the MAP to 22 students. The program presents various ‘right of way’ issues that cause accidents. Classroom time is followed by an outdoor demonstration. Observing a motorcycle ride by helps the students to judge the speed of the bike, what the headlight and taillights look like, and also how the bike is operated. On this day, Rodney did a great job of performed a high-speed braking demonstration!

Joe encourages all riders and ABATE members to support the Motorcycle Awareness Program. “Imagine the potential to reduce accidents between a car and a motorcycle. Get involved and help present the program to other schools or groups!”

Many thanks to Joe and the rest of the MAP team for their efforts on behalf of all

motorcyclists. They are teaching the next generation of drivers how to safely share the road.

To VOLUNTEER for the MAP Program, for more information about the MAP, or to become an instructor,

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### **Motorcycle Safety Update: Exciting News for Arizona Riders!**

We have some fantastic news to share that will positively impact our riding community! The Arizona Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed Senate Bill 1107 (sponsored by Senator Shawna Bolick), which protects the dedicated Motorcycle Safety Fund aimed at enhancing safety and education for all motorcyclists in our state.

So, what does this mean for you? Here are the key highlights:

1. **Dedicated Funding for Safety:** The Motorcycle Safety Fund will collect \$1 from each motorcycle registration fee. This money is specifically used to support motorcycle safety programs, ensuring that we have the resources needed to promote safe riding practices.

2. **Voluntary Education Programs:** The bill allocates funds for voluntary motorcycle education and training programs. Whether you’re a seasoned rider or just starting out, these programs will provide valuable skills and knowledge to help you ride safely and confidently.

3. **Awareness Campaigns:** In addition to training, the fund supports awareness campaigns that educate both motorcyclists and other road users about motorcycle safety. This is

crucial for fostering a safer environment on our roads, where everyone understands the importance of sharing the road responsibly.

4. **Long-term Commitment to Safety:** The funding mechanism is set to continue indefinitely, demonstrating a long-term commitment to motorcycle safety in Arizona. This means ongoing support for initiatives that benefit our riding community.

5. **Protection of Funds:** Importantly, the funds collected for motorcycle safety cannot be diverted to other state expenses. This ensures that the money will be used solely for its intended purpose - improving safety for all motorcyclists. No longer will any sweeping of funds occur.

We encourage all riders to take advantage of the upcoming education and training opportunities that will arise from this initiative. Together, we can make Arizona’s roads safer for everyone.

Stay safe, ride smart, and keep the rubber side down!

Michael Infanzon  
Legislative Director

# Fighting for Arizona Motorcyclists: ABATE's Legislative Update

shared by ABATE-AZ Legislative Director Michael Infanzon, [mike@abateofaz.org](mailto:mike@abateofaz.org)

ABATE of Arizona — Legislative Update

Arizona FY2025-2028 Budget:

Impacts on Motorcyclists, Events, and Safety

Legislative Session Quick Facts:

- Senate adjourned sine die June 20, 2025 (159 session days)
- House adjourned until June 23, 2025
- 1,711 bills introduced | 366 passed | 220 signed | 139 vetoed

## Key Budget Takeaways for ABATE Members:

### TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS BENEFITING EVENT ACCESS

- SR 347 (Riggs Road Overpass): Over \$41M funded
- SR 303 (Surprise Interchange): \$3.5M
- Show Low SR 260 Bypass: \$6M
- Payson SR 87 Turn Lane: \$3.4M
- Flagstaff Woody Mountain Road Improvements: \$1.9M

*Impact: Improved access to potential rally sites (Payson, Show Low, Flagstaff, northern Arizona).*

### STATE PARKS & OUTDOOR VENUES

- Senate: \$1.5M (State Lake Improvement Fund); \$1M (Heritage Fund)
- House: \$0.5M (State Lake Improvement Fund)

*Impact: Funding opportunities for outdoor rally venues and recreation advocacy.*

### PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- \$8.7M allocated for Highway Patrol vehicle replacement.
- \$500K for AED placements at high school events—sets precedent for rural trauma resource expansion.
- \$30M for wildfire suppression; \$4M for new wildfire

training facility in Flagstaff.

*Impact: Emergency medical readiness and wildfire preparedness support safer events.*

### RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING

- Senate and House both allocate new funds to rural police, fire, and emergency departments.

*Impact: Improves law enforcement event coordination, but requires vigilance on motorcycle profiling.*

### ABATE ACTION ITEMS:

1. Advocate for motorcycle-specific safety improvements in funded road projects.
2. Use AED funding as leverage to push for rural trauma and crash response resources.
3. Position northern Arizona infrastructure improvements as rally site development opportunities.
4. Prepare legislative proposals focused on motorcycle safety research, rural emergency response, and crash data collection.

### STAY INFORMED — GET INVOLVED

The legislative work directly affects our events, safety, and freedom to ride. ABATE will continue to advocate for Arizona riders.

Contact ABATE Legislative Team for questions or to volunteer. [lobbyist@abateofaz.org](mailto:lobbyist@abateofaz.org)

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- Joint Sustaining Membership: \$100 annually
- Business Membership: \$150 annually
- Club or Organization: \$150 annually
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**Please Support Our Business Member: O’Kelley’s Sports Bar & Grill**

O’Kelley’s Sports Bar and Grill is a biker-friendly landmark located at 2120 West Guadalupe Road in Mesa.

Owners Mark Halstengard and Kelly Rago have been active in the motorcycle riding community for years. Mark and Kelly wanted to do more for ABATE of Arizona, so they made O’Kelley’s a business member.

O’Kelley’s is a popular neighborhood bar that has friendly patrons and staff. It has become a favorite of numerous ABATE members over the years. Breakfast is available every day, making it a good gathering place before a ride. After a ride, stop in to enjoy a cold one and some great food. You can play a friendly game of pool, do some off-track betting, watch sports on the TVs, and play video games. Different days offer poker, karaoke, darts, and trivia; plus, food specials. Weekends bring the live music, with no cover.

O’Kelley’s is the place for a big St. Patrick’s Day Party. And their Halloween Party is a great time as well. Their Super Bowl Party sells out every year. Visit O’Kelley’s and you may find your home away from home.

O’Kelley’s is open Monday – Saturday 6am-2am and Sunday 9a – 2am. Find more info on their website <https://okelleysbar.com/> or call 480-756-6069.



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## ***Harley-Davidson has announced the recall of more than 82,000 Softail motorcycles due to a potentially dangerous defect that could cause rear tire failure and lead to crashes***

Thank you to Laurie at [BikerDown.org](http://BikerDown.org) for forwarding this recall announcement.

June 14, 2025

Milwaukee, WI — Harley-Davidson has announced the recall of more than 82,000 Softail motorcycles due to a potentially dangerous defect that could cause rear tire failure and lead to crashes. The recall affects several models manufactured between 2018 and 2024.

**Defect Could Lead to Tire Damage and Crashes.**

According to documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the issue centers on the rear shock absorber's pre-load adjuster. The mounting tab on this component is at risk of fracturing. If it breaks, the pre-load adjuster could shift and make contact with the rear tire, possibly puncturing it and resulting in a sudden loss of air pressure while riding.

Harley-Davidson acknowledged that this flaw could increase the likelihood of a crash and acted to prevent injuries by issuing the voluntary recall.

**Affected Models and Production Dates**

The recall applies to a range of Softail models produced between June 28, 2017, and August 7, 2023. The specific models include:

- FLDE (2018–2019)
- FLHC (2018–2021)
- FLHCS (2018–2024)
- FLHCS ANV (2018, 2023)
- FXLRS (2020–2024)
- FXLRST (2022–2024)
- FXRST (2022)

Harley-Davidson reported that it became aware of the issue through field reports and subsequently conducted testing to confirm the risk.

**Free Repairs Offered to Owners**

To address the problem, Harley-Davidson will replace the existing pre-load adjuster bracket with a redesigned, more durable version. The repair will be provided at no cost to affected motorcycle owners.

Notification letters will be mailed starting June 16, 2025. Owners are urged not to ride the affected motorcycles until the issue is resolved.

**How to Check If Your Motorcycle Is Affected**

Owners can check if their motorcy-

cle is part of the recall by:

- Visiting Harley-Davidson's recall site
- Using the NHTSA recall lookup tool

For more information, Harley-Davidson customer service is available at 1-800-258-2464.

**A Call for Vigilance and Safety**

With riding season in full swing, Harley-Davidson encourages all owners of Softail models to verify their motorcycle's status and arrange service as soon as possible. Safety advocates stress the importance of heeding recalls to prevent accidents and ensure rider safety.

This is one of the largest Harley-Davidson recalls in recent years and underscores the importance of regular equipment inspections and prompt manufacturer action when defects are detected.

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The NHTSA Link for this Recall notice is <https://www.nhtsa.gov/?nhtsaId=25V375000>



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**Tonto Silkscreen & Embroidery** has been serving the Payson area since 1982. In those 40+ years, owner Rick Korth has provided high-quality silkscreen printing and custom embroidery services to both the private and business communities.

Rick is also a strong and steady supporter of ABATE of Arizona. He has maintained **Tonto Silkscreen & Embroidery** as a Business Member for 12 years.

Tonto Silkscreen is located at 403 West Frontier Street in Payson. Find them on the web at <https://tontosilkscreen.com> or call 928-474-4207.

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## MRF News: *Motorcycle Tax Credits*

June 17, 2025 ... Monday, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) sent letters to leaders in the U.S. Senate supporting motorcycle ownership provisions in the House passed H.R. 1, better known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill." The letters were sent to Majority Leader John Thune of South Dakota and Senate Finance Chairman Mike Crapo of Idaho.

The provisions make interest on loans used to purchase American-made personal vehicles, including motorcycles, tax-deductible. There is concern that this provision may be changed in the Senate, applying the tax deduction only to automobiles. This change would not allow those purchasing new, American-made motorcycles that same benefit.

The MRF believes that by making the interest on loans for American-made motorcycles deductible, more money will be put back in the pockets of U.S. middle-class riders while further strengthening U.S. manufacturing, U.S. dealers and after-market repair and mechanic shops, ensuring a solid, safe, and strong motorcycle industry.

Expanding opportunities for Americans to purchase motorcycles is a good thing! The MRF is proud to support the efforts of companies like the Harley-Davidson Motor Company as they seek to grow the community of riders.

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## Summer Riding Safety: Watch for “Tar Snakes”

As summer temperatures rise, many motorcyclists return to the roads to enjoy long rides and open highways. Summer riding comes with a unique set of hazards, but one of the most overlooked is the danger posed by “tar snakes”.

Tar snakes are the black, shiny strips of sealant used to fill cracks in asphalt. While they serve an important role in preserving road surfaces, they can create dangerous conditions for riders. This hazard increases in summer heat as the sealant softens, becoming slick and gummy under motorcycle tires. Even experienced riders can be caught off-guard by the loss of traction when crossing them at the wrong angle or speed.

The risk factors are clear:

- **Reduced traction:** Heated tar snakes become soft and can feel like riding over grease.
- **Loss of control:** Leaning into a corner and unexpectedly encountering tar snakes can cause the front or rear tire to slide, especially on curves or during evasive maneuvers.
- **Inconsistent surfaces:** The height difference between the sealant and surrounding pavement may be small, but it can affect tire grip, particularly for narrow tires.

To mitigate these risks, riders should adopt several strategies:

1. **Stay alert:** Scan the road surface ahead, es-

pecially in areas with visible crack repairs.

2. **Adjust your line:** If possible, avoid crossing over tar snakes while cornering. Keep the motorcycle as upright as possible when riding over them.

3. **Control speed:** Reduce speed approaching known problem areas or when pavement conditions are questionable.

4. **Smooth inputs:** Avoid sudden throttle, brake, or steering changes when riding over tar snakes to maintain tire contact and stability.

5. **Pressure check:** Maintain proper tire inflation. Under-inflated tires increase heat buildup and reduce stability on slick surfaces.

State and local transportation departments often rely on crack sealing to extend the life of aging roads, but these quick fixes often overlook the implications for motorcyclists. Rider education and road awareness are critical to avoid the dangers posed by these seemingly minor defects.

ABATE of Arizona continues to raise awareness and advocate for motorcycle-friendly road maintenance standards that consider the unique safety needs of motorcyclists.

Summer is peak riding season. Recognizing and respecting the threat of tar snakes can help ensure that riders enjoy the season safely.

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## SECURE YOUR LOAD LAW WENT INTO EFFECT September 19, 2024!!!

On ALL Arizona roads not just highways.

Thanks to Senator Shawna Bolick for sponsoring this important legislation and championing safety on the roads!

Ch. 183, Laws 2024 (SB1376 - Vehicle loads; restrictions)  
Extends vehicle load restrictions from highways to streets and roadways, applied uniformly throughout Arizona and in all its political subdivisions. Exempts vehicles being used for agricultural purposes on a farm.

If you have questions about the new law, please contact  
ABATE's Legislative Director,  
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**CALENDAR - Upcoming ABATE-AZ / Members / MRO Events**

West Side Roundup Bikes & Breakfast 8:30-11am at Go AZ Peoria, 16844 N Arrowhead Fountains Center Drive, Peoria. Group ride KSU 10am. Sponsors / participants include [XCEL Trackdays](#), ABATE-AZ. Confirm date FMI: 623-322-6700

Jul 12 {Sat}: [Accident Scene Management Class](#) {ASMC} 100 Series Basic Course; at Breyer Law Office, 3840 E Ray Rd, Phoenix. Reduce tuition cost with discount code HWLT. FMI: Trauma Mama 602-908-7989, [phxaz.asm@gmail.com](mailto:phxaz.asm@gmail.com)

Aug 16 {Sat}: [Accident Scene Management Class](#) {ASMC} 300 Series Advanced Course; at Breyer Law Office, 3840 E Ray Rd, Phoenix. Reduce tuition cost with discount code HWLT. FMI: Trauma Mama 602-908-7989, [phxaz.asm@gmail.com](mailto:phxaz.asm@gmail.com)

Sept 25-28 {Th-Sun}: MRF's 41st Annual Meeting of the Minds, being held in Shreveport, Louisiana at Sam's Town Hotel &



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Oct 24-25 {Fr-Sa} [ACMC's Riot on the River](#) at Winkleman Park on the Gila River. Games, vendors, music, & more. Save the date. More details TBA. FMI: [BillletLDMC@gmail.com](mailto:BillletLDMC@gmail.com)

Dec 21 {Sun} [AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs](#) {ACMC} Christmas Toy Benefit. Details TBA. FMI: [BillletLDMC@gmail.com](mailto:BillletLDMC@gmail.com)

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**Unity in purpose includes:**

- ✓ Passage of Right to Repair legislation
- ✓ Protect the right to modify
- ✓ Protect the internal combustion engine
- ✓ Maintain the availability of fuels not harmful to motorcycle engines
- ✓ Fight End of Life Directives

Join your independent motorcycle business owning peers to protect our investment and the future of motorcycling. The *Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket* works with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and has your back!

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