

LOBBYIST REPORT

We hope you took the time to vote in the primary election. By doing so, you’ve narrowed down the races and have a good idea of about the general election in November. We have important choices to make that will effect the next four years.

September has a lot of important things going on.

On August 31st through September 2nd, Camp and Jam, is being put on by the MMA’s Rim Country District, in Tonto Village just North of Payson.

September 1st, NCOM is holding ‘A Coming Together’ in Durango Colorado. This event provides numerous seminars regarding issues directly related to motorcyclists. Various clubs and organizations from the surrounding Western states provide a confederation of clubs reports for their areas.

September 14th through the 16th is the Thunder Valley Rally in Cottonwood Arizona.

September 20th through the 23rd is MRF’s Meeting of the 8/24-26 {Fr-Sun} Conference in Denver Colorado. This is a National Conference and provides seminars on many topics.

So, as you can see, there are a lot of things happening to support the motorcycling community coming up.

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Submitted By Mick Degn
AMSAF

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AMSAF awarded \$100,000 grant to provide motorcycle rider training scholarships

July1, 2018, Peoria, Arizona – The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) announces the award of a

\$100,000 grant from the Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (AZGOHS). The grant, which demonstrates support for AMSAF’s mission of boosting awareness of motorcyclists while reducing rider fatalities and injuries, will be used to provide motorcycle rider training classes to the public through a scholarship program.

“AMSAF is excited to continue giving out more scholarships to help educate new and present riders,” says Mick Degn, AMSAF Executive Director. “We want to thank AZGOHS Director Alberto Gutier for his continued support for motorcycle safety in Arizona,” adds Degn. “This continues to be the largest single activity we do to promote motorcycle safety and awareness and to help reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities. This will allow anyone in the state of Arizona to apply for, and receive, motorcycle training. Since we started offering scholarships, AMSAF has provided more than 2000 in Arizona to help educate riders.”

In addition to providing yet more scholarships, looking forward, AMSAF plans to:

- develop unique partnerships with Arizona businesses to help reduce crashes and fatalities
- increase participation in rider training through discount incentives
- identify key industry liaisons that can help further the message and promote AMSAF’s efforts through activities, events and outreach opportunities

Saving money, saving lives

A basic rider’s course can cost a motorcyclist in Arizona up to and over \$300; however, the AMSAF scholarship will enable riders to obtain necessary safety training through a reduced cost Scholarship. Every Arizona motorcycle rider or potential rider is eligible to receive the AMSAF scholarship, and can apply by visiting AMSAF online at

<http://www.amsaf.org/scholarships/>

Demonstrating the successful completion of a rider’s skill course, or passing the in-person skills test, is required to earn the (M) motorcycle endorsement on an Arizona state driver’s license. Additionally, many major insurance companies will offer insurance policy discounts for riders that have completed a safety and training course.

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Rim Country District

2nd Sunday at 10 am
American Legion post 69
on Hwy 260
Payson, AZ

Superstition District

1st Sunday 10:30 AM
Chandler Elks Lodge
1775 W Chandler Blvd
Chandler, AZ 85224

Verde Valley District

We still meet 2nd Sunday at
11am, Moose Lodge # 1449 -
1051 S. Broadway,
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MMA of Arizona Membership

Attention All Yearly Members-Dues Increase
Effective on January 1, 2017 the yearly dues to be a member of the MMA of Arizona will be \$25. With the rising cost of operating costs such as membership patches and year rockers and even postage it has finally become necessary for us to increase membership dues. We thank you all for your understanding and continued support.

What is the MMA?

MMA is a Motorcyclists Rights Organization (MRO) comprised of motorcyclists and motorcycle enthusiasts who are concerned with the future, safety, and welfare of motorcycling. We are a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to improving the social atmosphere that surrounds motorcyclists, and protecting the individual freedoms of citizens.

We are an association that lobbies and educates the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. When you become a member of the MMA of Arizona, you make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These issues are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government.

At the state level we have a lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcyclists in Arizona. On the national level we are aligned with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and several other motorcycle rights organizations.

Memberships are open to anyone regardless of what type of motorcycle you ride, if any. All memberships include: The Motorcycle Patriot Newsletter, Membership Card, \$4,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit, Event Updates, Voting Guides, and the ability to interact with some of the most politically active motorcyclists in the state of Arizona.

The MMA of Arizona needs the support of all motorcycle riders and we hope you will consider joining this dedicated organization.

Please join us in the cause to protect your rights.



Join the MMA Today!

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New to MMA-AZ: ☐ Renew a Membership: ☐ Update/Transfer Membership: ☐

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Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Business Annual: (\$120.00) ☐ Business Lifetime (\$500.00) ☐
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Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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SPECIAL MILWAUKEE SAFETY ALERT

From www.bikernet.com

A Giant Leap Back in Time: Dangerous Streetcar Tracks Return to Milwaukee

Hupy and Abraham, S.C., a well-known law firm located in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, is representing the first motorcycle victim of a new streetcar system being constructed in Milwaukee.

With all the technological advances in road design, there has been a downward trend in crashes and fatalities. We would hope more improvements with safety in mind are being developed. Yet Milwaukee, home of Harley-Davidson, has taken a step back in roadway safety with the construction of a new streetcar system in the downtown area.

It's been over 50 years since the city tore up the streetcar tracks and tore down the ugly overhead wires that powered the cumbersome beasts through downtown and west past where the original Harley plant is located.

As in much new roadway design, it appears two-wheeled vehicles were not seriously considered when planners developed the rail system in Milwaukee for the new HOP MKE streetcar system. Work started in 2016 with an in-service date scheduled for November 2018.

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NCOM NEWSLETTER

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EPA ADMITS ETHANOL CAUSES ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

“The federal requirement to blend ethanol into gasoline on the theory that it will reduce the hypothetical global warming that hasn’t appeared yet has been a joke from the start,” states a newsbit circulated by Bikernet.com, and that “By adding a huge amount of demand for corn, it did push up prices for that commodity, and made vast swaths of the rural Midwest prosperous, though it has injured poor Mexicans and others who depend on corn for a substantial portion of their nutrition and driven up the price of feed used for animals, raising meat prices.”

The net energy balance of ethanol production – subtracting the amount of energy necessary to grow the corn, transport it to refineries, and then transport the ethanol to gasoline producers, has been considered a substantial net energy gain. But now the EPA has finally issued a new report and admits that the ethanol mandate comes at a considerable environmental cost.

The Public News Service summarizes: “Federal law requires the EPA to assess the environmental impact of the fuel standard every three years, but the new report, issued in July, was four years overdue. According to David DeGennaro with the National Wildlife Federation, the report documents millions of acres of wildlife habitat lost to ethanol crop production, increased nutrient pollution in waterways and air emissions and side effects worse than the gasoline the ethanol is replacing.”

“The bigger surprise is the fact that ethanol production and combustion significantly increases the production of nitrous oxides (Nox),” notes HotAir.com. “This combines with oxygen in the atmosphere when exposed to sunlight, producing ozone...and actually contributes to the formation of smog and leads to respiratory ailments for many people.”

None of this speaks to the excessive costs that ethanol forces on drivers and auto manufacturers, says Bikernet.com, concluding that; “Alas, the mandate is so popular with corn farmers in Iowa, home of the first round of presidential nominations, that President Trump (and other politicians) not only maintain the mandate, President Trump recently told an audience in Iowa that he was ‘very close’ to having EPA issue a waiver to the Clean Air Act to allow year-round sale of E-15.”

SYNTHETIC PETROL IS ON ITS WAY

The concept of fuel for your bike that doesn’t drain our dwindling oil reserves and offsets its CO2 emissions with its very production is closer than we think, according to MotorcycleNews.com. “For decades, boffins have been trying to work out ways to synthesize petrol (gasoline) and diesel, but with recent strides by Ducati owners Audi and tech giants Bosch, synfuels could hit our pumps within the next decade.”

The theory is to harness our natural resources to make petrol and diesel and be able to produce it on an industrial scale so that prices can match current fuel costs.

“The new fuel has many advantages. It isn’t dependent on crude oil, it is compatible with the existing infrastructure and it offers the prospect of a closed carbon cycle,” says Reiner Mangold, head of sustainable product development at Audi.

A huge amount of energy is necessary to process the fuel, but Audi and Bosch’s plans involve a renewable energy source, such as solar or hydro-

electric, to power the process. They say renewable electricity can make the process carbon neutral.

When combined with a potential carbon-free production process, it means internal combustion could be part of the environmental solution rather than the problem.

While all this might sound like science fiction, Audi produced their first synthetic petrol earlier this year, called e-Benzín, and is currently constructing a diesel production plant in Switzerland powered by hydroelectricity from a nearby dam. Mass production of this petrol is the next obvious step.

ACCIDENTS & FATALITIES DOWN AT STURGIS, DESPITE BIGGER CROWD

The number of fatal crashes during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally was half that of last year’s count, according to statistics released by the South Dakota Highway Patrol. During the two-week event, there were four fatal crashes, compared to eight during the same time period last year. Both injury and non-injury accidents were down more than 10% compared to 2017, and total citations issued during Sturgis were also down nearly ten percent to 987.

Meanwhile, more than half a million vehicles rolled into the small western South Dakota town of 6,900. Data gathered by the South Dakota Department of Transportation from nine locations around Sturgis show a nearly 8% increase in traffic over last year, which saw 469,100 vehicles.

For this year’s 78th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the tally was 505,969 vehicles, which includes motorcycles, automobiles, trucks and motor homes. Still, the number was shy of the 2015 traffic, when 747,032 vehicles rolled into the city for the 75th annual rally.

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY TRYING TO ATTRACT NEW RIDERS

Motorcycling in America is getting a makeover, as industry stalwarts and upstart competitors are trying to attract new riders who want something different from Harley’s big burbling cruisers or screaming Japanese and European performance bikes, says CNNMoney.

The changes are in response to younger riders who are attracted to the efficiency and fun of two-wheel travel, but who don’t want to buy into all the “biker” baggage.

“Millennials and Gen X’ers, they aren’t always seeking to make motorcycling a lifestyle, where it’s kind of everything you live for,” said Tim Buche, president and CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Council. These younger riders are looking for motorcycles suited to a more casual relationship rather than a serious commitment.

With shifting tastes, some start-up motorcycle makers are offering “green” electric bikes, without the noise, vibration and pollutants of an internal combustion engine, while more well-established brands are putting design emphasis on spare simplicity, targeted at a more casual rider.

Even long-venerated Harley-Davidson announced it will start offering products aimed at reaching customers who aren’t traditionally drawn to its renowned American retro-styled offerings, and will produce their first electric motorcycle -- the all-new LiveWire -- in 2019.

HARLEY REFUTES ‘MISINFORMATION’ ABOUT MOVING PRODUCTION OFFSHORE

Harley-Davidson Inc. Chief Executive Officer Matt Levatich pushed back against what he called “misinformation” surrounding the Motor Company’s announced plans to move some production overseas.

The iconic American motorcycle maker has been the subject of angry tweets from President Donald Trump since announcing in June it would move some production abroad to sidestep tariffs the European Union slapped on its bikes in retaliation to

Trump’s tariffs on imported steel and aluminum.

According to Bloomberg business news, “the spat heated up recently when President Trump said he would support a boycott of the company if it moved production overseas.” Trump’s pronouncement that “A Harley-Davidson should never be built in another country-never!,” came a day after he welcomed nearly 200 ‘Bikers For Trump’ supporters to his golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey, and a New York Times article cited some Harley-Davidson owners criticizing the company at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally saying this was their last Harley.

Levatich said that the uproar surrounding the company’s earlier announcement that it would move some of its production overseas “misinformation”. He reminded employees and dealers that the purpose of this move is to keep their products competitive in their second biggest market. Harley doesn’t sell motorcycles in the U.S. that are built overseas, and that won’t change, Levatich said.

NEW MEXICO MRO CALLS OUT SHERIFFS DEPUTIES FOR PROFILING BIKERS

A motorcycle rights group in New Mexico is calling out the Bernalillo County Sheriff, claiming his deputies are profiling motorcyclists. “Being profiled, it’s not a comfortable feeling,” said Raymond Gallegos of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO), saying there’s been a string of incidents with BCSO, prompting them to write a letter to Sheriff Manuel Gonzales.

Some see the patches, the leather and certain colors on riders and assume criminal. However, Gallegos, vice chair of the NMMRO, says that’s far from the truth. “So many of our organizations really benefit the community. We’re working for charities, we’re raising money for this organization or that organization,” he told KRQE News 13.

Gallegos says members of the NMMRO have reported three incidents over the last year that call into question BCSO’s practices. It led the group to write a letter to Sheriff Gonzales that calls out the department for harassing, intimidating and even photographing riders.

So, NMMRO set up a meeting for July 30 with the sheriff. “We really wanted to see how our community and BCSO could work together to get ahead of this profiling issue,” he said. “That was the intent of this meeting with the sheriff’s department.”

However, the meeting was canceled at the 11th hour and the department told KRQE that there’s an ongoing operation to address reckless motorcyclists, but that deputies do not profile riders.

A re-do meeting has since been rescheduled, though NMMRO says it’s also pursuing anti-profiling legislation, and is encouraging its members who were allegedly profiled to seek legal counsel.

WACO ‘TWIN PEAKS’ UPDATE

To keep readers apprised of the ongoing travesty of ‘Waco’ -- the May 2015 shootout involving police and club members attending a legislative meeting at the Twin Peaks Restaurant that left nine bikers dead and 20 wounded -- AIM/NCOM Founder Richard Lester would like to share the following information gleaned from Southwest Scooter News:

Prosecutors and an attorney for Jacob Carrizal, the Dallas Bandidos chapter president, have agreed to postpone the retrial of the Twin Peaks biker shootout defendant, which had been set for September 10, 2018. Carrizal is the first and only defendant to stand trial so far, and his first trial ended in a hung jury and mistrial in November 2017.

In a joint motion for a continuance, Robert Moody, McLennan County first assistant district attorney, and Chris Lewis, Carrizal’s attorney, cite the volume of evidence needed to be reviewed, plus evidence federal prosecutors have agreed to share from the separate trial of two former Bandidos national leaders that both sides want to see, according to the Waco Tribune.

Besides McLennan County prosecutors, attorneys representing defendants in federal civil rights lawsuits filed over the mass arrests of 193 bikers after the Twin Peaks incident also have cited the need to see federal evidence from a Bandidos racketeering case in San Antonio as a reason for postponing proceedings in the civil cases.

Prosecutors re-indicted Carrizal and 23 other Twin Peaks defendants earlier this summer on riot charges and have said they do not intend to pursue the identical 'engaging in organized criminal activity' charges on which 155 bikers were indicted three years ago. Of those 155 cases, with defendants being held in jail for months on a million dollars bail each, all but 27 have been dismissed.

In the meantime, as his term grows short, Waco District Attorney Abel Reyna -- who failed in his re-

election bid largely over his mishandling of the "Twin Peaks Shootout" cases -- is settling old scores before leaving office by firing prosecutor Amanda Dillon, the last of Reyna's remaining employees who provided information to the FBI during its investigation of DA Reyna, effectively blaming her for the mistrial in the Carrizal case.

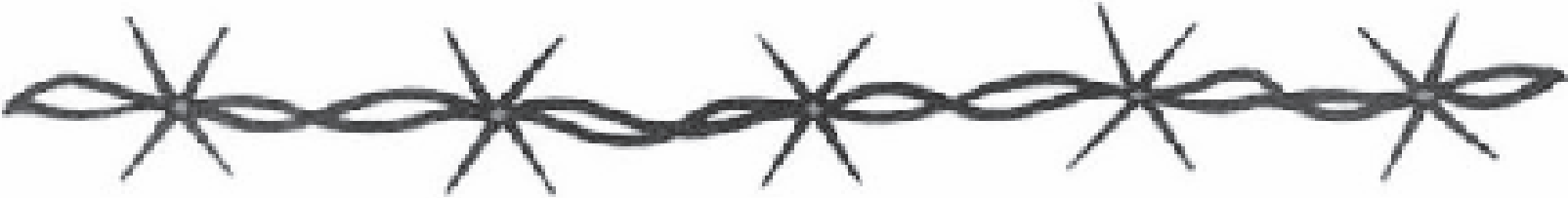
HANOI TO BAN MOTORCYCLES
Vietnamese authorities have announced plans to ban motorcycles in Hanoi by 2030 in a bid to cut air pollution and improve locals' quality of life. The country's capital, Hanoi, is home to 7.7 million people and is one of the most polluted cities in Southeast Asia and only 38 days last year had air quality that was considered good by the World Health Organization.

The city is famous for its millions of motorcycles

(5m), and it is these -- together with coal-fired power plants, heavy industry, a surge in construction projects and the seasonal agricultural burning -- which authorities are blaming for the pollution.

In an attempt to combat the air quality problem and boost public transport, Hanoi city council announced in early August that powered two-wheelers would be banned by 2030.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If you want to call the NFL to make your voice heard," ask for Mike in the P.R. Office (212-450-2000) and "let them know the players need to respect our National Anthem and the Veterans of the United States. No profanity, be polite!"
~ from Gill Mellon, ABATE of California board member and liaison to the Confederations of Clubs



For For Immediate Release continued

The basic rider course (BRC) is a perfect fit for new riders seeking the motorcycle endorsement or for any rider who wants to freshen up their skills. This course is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF).

About AMSAF: Arizona's voice for motorcycle safety

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AMSAF Continues to help the Community and help reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities in Arizona

In July AMSAF announced through a press release that we had received a Grant from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety and will start giving out Financial Assistance for Motorcycle training. Well that time is almost there and starting in September we will again offer Scholarships for motorcycle training. We have received many calls and emails on when it will start up and we appreciate your calls and support of AMSAF.

We've made some changes to our program in September and would like to spell those changes out in the following paragraphs. Our goal is to help as many folks financially as we can to get into a motorcycle training course.

AMSAF Motorcycle Training Financial Assistance Scholarship Program

We realize that each of the Schools throughout the State charge a different rate for Motorcycle Training. Some are lower and some are higher. In addition, the schools have a number of promotions that are going on to get riders in at different times. **AMSAF** is not trying to specify or suggest what each school should charge for their classes. That is a pure business decision by each school. Our assistance that we offer is for the Motorcycle **Training Assistance Scholarship** program and our goal is to get as many as we can to enroll in motorcycle training classes and to help you financially in that process through this Scholarship Assistance. *We feel education is critical and we want to get as many folks into the schools to help get their M endorsement and help them financially.* Listed below is the web site for each School that par-

ticipates in our program to identify their cost for Basic Rider Course (BRC) and Basic Rider Course 2 (BRC2). The Scholarship assistance that you will receive from AMSAF has a value of \$225.00 for the Basic Rider Course (BRC) and \$120.00 for the Basic Rider Course 2 (BRC2). It is you're responsibility to see if there is an additional cost with the school and what that amount is. AMSAF will allow a Scholarship assistance if you complete the course and pass or fail. Our hope is that you pass. **We will not pay if you don't show or drop out. That is a financial responsibility between you and the school.**

<https://www.amsaf.org/scholarships/>

When will Scholarships Open up?

We will offer Scholarships for all counties with the exception of Maricopa and Pinal on the 1st Monday of the Month. On the 3rd Monday of the month we will offer Scholarships for Maricopa and Pinal County. In both cases we will open the Scholarship application at 8:00 AM. If you live in any of those counties you will only be able to apply at the time your county is open. As in the past, we will have an allotment of scholarships each month and when they are gone, the application closes down. If you get into the application and go totally through the process to include your donation, you will receive a Scholarship. We don't pick and choose who gets a scholarship, it's totally on demand.

Again AMSAF's goal is to help as many individuals in the State to get into a motorcycle training course and help you financially as much as we can with our Scholarship Assistance program.

Be sure to check with the Schools on their cost for the course and what you're out of pocket cost is. Take the time to invest in yourself and lets together help reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities' here in Arizona.

Motorcycle Training School and Web site on those qualified to be in the program.

Pima Community College
<https://www.pima.edu/programs-courses/non-credit-courses-workshops/noncredit-areas/motorcycle-training.html>

Inland Valley Motorcycle Training
<http://www.inlandvalleymotorsportstraining.com/>

Desert Wind H-D Riding Academy
<https://www.desertwindhd.com/--riding-academy>

Ride Arizona Motorcycle Training
<https://www.ridearizonamtc.com/>

TEAM Arizona
<https://motorcycletraining.com/>

We want to thank the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Director Gutier and Governor Ducey for their support of motorcycle safety and for the help in getting more folks into motorcycle training. Please invest in you, your family and your friends by taking a course.

Thank you again for your support of AMSAF. Remember you can help us by donation to AMSAF and helping to get other's into motorcycle training. <https://www.amsaf.org/donations/>

MMA of Arizona Calendar of Events



Send your events for listing by February 5th to activities @mma-az.org for the paper that covers March/April 2017!

YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR EVENT ON-LINE AT OUR WEBSITE!

Follow the link below and simply fill out the on-line form to get your event placed onto the website and the Master MMA event calendar.

<http://mma-az.org/events/>

9/8 4th Annual Patriots Day Ride with Superstition HD & Crisis 22. Help us to Honor & Remember. Sign-in 8:45am Pre-register = \$20; Day Of = \$22 per bike. KSU 10am. Vendors. - 50/50 - Free Food - Live Music - Bikini Bike Wash. 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com | <https://www.facebook.com/events/642108179484318/>

9/12-15 {Wed-Sat} Thunder Valley Rally in Cottonwood AZ. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://thundervallerrallyaz.com>

9/20-23 {Thu-Sun} MRF's 2018 Meeting of the Minds in Denver CO {Motorcycle Riders Foundation} Sponsors include ABATE-AZ. FMI: <https://mrf.org/events/>

10/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by Cliffside Push. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

10/18-20 {Th-Sat} Run to the Rez to Honor All Veterans. San Carlos & Apache Gold Resort Globe, AZ. Music, Poker Run, Bike Show, & Great Giveaways. FMI: johnrezrider@yahoo.com | 928-961-6002 | <https://www.facebook.com/runtotherez/>

10/20 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter Chili Cook-off at Spur Bar, Hwy 260 in Star Valley from noon-5pm. \$5/pp. \$200 cash prize & trophy to the winner! Live music. FMI: Cecilia.ransom@gmail.com

10/20 Bikers For Boobies 10th anniversary fundraiser. \$30/sgl, \$50/dbl includes b'fast & lunch. Check-in at H-D of Scottsdale. End party at the Dirty Dogg Saloon. Live Music w/ Skarlett Fever. Food, raffles, contests & more. 21 & older event. First 500 pre-registered receive swag bag & shirt. Law Tigers is a sponsor. FMI: www.bikers4boobiesaz.org

10/27 {Sat} Motorcycle Monster Mash at Desert Wind H-D {922 S Country Club Dr} in Mesa. From noon-10pm with live music, vendors, beer gardens, contests, bike shows & more. More details TBA. FMI: Erica.ericadowntownmesa.com | <https://www.facebook.com/events/214332302721959/>

11/2 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by CTS. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

11/3 {Sat} 5th Annual Toy Drive Kick-Off Motorcycle & Car Show with Seductive Car Club at Superstition H-D from 10a-2pm. Please bring a new unwrapped toy! Live Music - Food - Vendors - Awards & More! SHD, 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com | <https://www.facebook.com/events/182652929100565/>

11/30-12/2 {Fr-Sun} 4th Annual International Off-Road & UTV Expo, at WestWorld in Scottsdale. General Admission \$20, Fri {5-7pm} \$15. \$5 Military discount with ID. \$5 parking {cash}. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: <http://internationaloffroadexpo.com/>

12/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by Moonshine VooDoo. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

12/8 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter Toy Run. Details TBA. FMI: Cecilia.ransom@gmail.com

See more calendar postings at <http://azridersouthwest.com/calendar.html>

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Aug 31 - Sep 2, 2018

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www.paysonmarketplace.com
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Located 20 miles E. of Payson, just west of AZ-260.

Saturday: Bike and people games, 50/50, Raffles, Drawing for \$1000.00, Wet T-Shirt Contest

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Live music by Well Dressed Wolves Friday and Saturday night

8/24-26 {Fr-Sun} Marble Canyon/Zion National Park Ride with Superstition HOG Chapter. All are welcome. Make your reservations now. Call Marble Canyon Lodge at 928-355-2225, use code: Superstition Hog. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com | <https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/>

8/25 {Sat} 2019 New Model Reveal Party @ Superstition Harley Davidson from 11a-2pm. See the 2019's here first! Free food 11am till gone, In-store poker run, Jumpstart demos, Giveaways & more! SHD, 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

9/1 {Sat} 2018 Charity Car Show with more than 100 vintage, classic, & modified cars, trucks, & motorcycles. Mesa Market Place Swap Meet {10550 E Baseline Rd} from 9a-1pm. Benefits AZ Humane Society. Adoptions 9:30a-1pm. FMI: joan@mesamarket.com | www.facebook.com/events/217118782305534/

9/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night returns from summer break! Visit Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by The Hardways. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

9/8 {Sun} East Valley Biker Rodeo with Rough Riders MC at Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Clubhouse, 17998 186th St Queen Creek, AZ 85142. Benefits Dogs 4 Vets in Gilbert {<https://dogs4vets.org/>}. Starts at noon. \$5/pp + food is \$5. Dog bite contest, slow roll, keg roll, keg toss, and skillet toss. Trophies for 1st-3rd place in each event. There will be live music and vendors. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: Toro 602-670-2154 | <https://www.facebook.com/events/260837121142934/>

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Have you visited an MMA business member's establishment lately? Have you ever recruited one of your favorite hangouts to join as an MMA business member? Help us recruit businesses that are biker friendly! Ask your preferred businesses to consider a membership, or suggest that we can help them design an ad to place in our newsletter and/or on our website.

If you have any questions, contact your District Manager, Board Member, or Editor of the *Motorcycle Patriot*.

SPECIAL MILWAUKEE SAFETY ALERT
continued

The tracks have caused several bicycle crashes already, and July 26, Attorney Michael Hupy filed a claim against the city on behalf of his client, Aaron Henning. While riding downtown, Henning attempted to make a lane change when his tire got into a dispute with the track system and he crashed, seriously injuring his arm among other injuries.

An outspoken critic of the streetcar line since it was announced in 2016, Attorney Hupy predicted there would be problems for motorcyclists, especially worrisome with the Harley-Davidson 115th Anniversary expected to bring thousands of riders to the city at the end of August.

As bikers, we know tracks should be crossed at a 90-degree angle if possible, but these tracks run parallel with the road and changing lanes in a crowded downtown street is especially hazardous. There are plans to extend the existing line to connect more neighborhoods to the downtown area and east to the lakefront sometime in 2019. Should the mayor and common council known the tracks pose a threat to two-wheeled traffic?

If they did any research, they would have found that a 2016 study by Ryerson University found that one-third of cycling injuries requiring hospitalization in Toronto were due to streetcar track mishaps.

Seattle experienced a similar problem. Yet there is no conclusive data suggesting the danger, probably because reporting agencies list these crashes as "pedal cyclist struck object in road." That category includes potholes, debris, tar snakes and any number of situations, so track involved crashes are lost in the haze of reporting.

As recent as July 2018, a bicyclist in Milwaukee, Steven Allen, slipped on the newly laid tracks at Ogden and Franklin streets in Milwaukee, suffering a serious ankle injury. The mayor answered questions from reporters by reminding cyclists to exercise caution around the tracks and cross tracks at a 90-degree angle.

A rather lame response and of course, not relevant to the Henning crash since the tracks there ran parallel to his direction of travel. The streetcars aren't in service yet, but the plans are they will be operational sometime in November.

Editor's Space

Comments relative to the content, current affairs or anything that is on my mind at the time of this publication.
Eric "Spanky" Hampton
Editor, MMA Patriot

Wow folks... it has been quite a bumpy ride.... Back in February, I had a stroke. Had to learn how to speak all over again. I am still seeing therapists, so it is not over yet, but, damn the torpedos, and full speed ahead!

I guess i am too ornery to quit!

They are Liberty models and are 67 feet long and capable of carrying 120-150 passengers. The cars weigh 83,000 pounds. It remains to be seen how much of a traffic jam these will cause in the already congested downtown area, especially on rainy or snowy days.

If you plan on visiting Milwaukee for the Harley 115th Anniversary, or just to come and enjoy the old-world charm, the breweries, zoo, lakefront or many other attractions, please be extremely cautious if traveling on two wheels.

We want everyone to enjoy a safe visit to our city.

MMA Rim Country District Bikini Bike Wash Fundraiser



This year Rim Country's 10th annual Bikini Bike Wash was held on June 30th at the Bandits Restaurant & Dirty Cowboy Saloon, in Strawberry, Az. We had a gun raffle, 50/50 and regular raffles.

I want to thank everyone for coming and making our Bike wash a Big success.

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Do You Have An ‘M’ Endorsement? No? Check this out!

By Bobbi Hartmann

Do you ride a motorcycle? If you don't have a 'M' license or endorsement, your motorcycle can be towed and held. If you get in an accident, you can be charged with a class 4 or 5 felony.

I have explained more about this below and describe how you can keep this from happening to you.

If a motorcycle rider is stopped for any reason, and does not have a valid motorcycle endorsement, their vehicle will most likely be towed. Of course law enforcement officers can use their own discretion to allow the rider to call someone to come get the motorcycle for them. Are you willing to take that chance? The statute does state that if a spouse is present at the time of the stop, has a valid license, is not intoxicated, and the vehicle has the proper insurance, they can drive the vehicle away. However, the officer has to believe that it is a spouse.

If you are stopped, do not have a valid 'M' endorsement, and your motorcycle is towed, it will have a mandatory 30-day hold on it. You will have to acquire a 'M' license or endorsement, and attend a 3511 Hearing to remove the hold and show proof of your endorsement.

Another detrimental effect of not having a 'M' endorsement is violating two Arizona statutes. These involve felony crashes. If you should happen to do something while riding that causes a crash and results in another party, or possibly your passenger obtaining Serious Physical Injuries or Death, you can be charged with a Class 4 or 5 Felony. You can be charged with a Class 3 Felony if you are found to be 'under the influence' when this occurs.

* The following are the Arizona statutes referred to above
ARS28-3511, ARS28-675, ARS28-676

The following are Right Of Way Violations referred to in the felony crash statutes.
Running a Red light
Moving from within your lane when not safe (could include illegal lane-splitting),

Merging onto a freeway/interstate from a ramp
Turning Left at an intersection
Pulling out from anywhere, where cross traffic does not have to stop

To review these statutes yourself, do the following:
GOTO www.azleg.gov
CLICK on Legislative Council drop down
SELECT Arizona Revised Statutes
CLICK on Title 28 – Transportation
GOTO 28-675, 28-676, 28-3511

There is a simply resolution. So rather than put yourselves in either of these precarious positions, follow these simple steps.

Below is how you can get an 'M' Endorsement. The Written test and Skills test will only cost you \$7 apiece.

I have listed the MVD locations that provide these tests, below. You can go to any of these locations from 8-4:30pm to take the **Written test. No appointment needed.**

GOTO servicearizona.com
CLICK on the MVD Office Appointments button
CLICK on the purple Motorcycle Testing page link
CLICK on the Tests button

You can click on the link for Motorcycle Operator Manual to prepare for the Written test.

Click on the Motorcycle Rider Test Instructions to review the actual course and skills exercises along with what will be required of you to perform the Skills test.

The Skills test is by appointment only. You will need to sign up for the Skills test online (hours available below).

GOTO servicearizona.com
CLICK on the MVD Office Appointments button
CLICK on the Road Test tab – fill out the form

Motorcycle Testing Locations – 1-800-251-5866

The following MVD offices are authorized to

conduct motorcycle license testing activities.

ALERT: Tests may be suspended due to safety conditions or extreme weather, including temperatures of 105 degrees or above.

Bullhead City, 1325 Alonas Way Thur 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. by appointment only

Casa Grande, 240 W. Cottonwood Ln., Mon-Fri Daily

Cottonwood, 525 S. 12th St., Mon-Fri 8-10:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.

Douglas, 2050 N. Hwy 191, Mon-Fri Daily

Flagstaff, 1851 S. Milton Rd., Mon-Fri 8-10:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.

Glendale, 16380 N. 59th Ave., Mon-Fri Daily

Kingman, 3670 E. Andy Devine Ave. (Hwy 66), Wed and Thur, 1-2:30 p.m. by appt. only

Lake Havasu City, 2081 Spawr Circle, Wed 8:30-10:30 a.m. by appt. only

Prescott, 1105 Commerce Dr., Mon-Fri 8-10:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.

Safford, 310 W. Main St., Mon and Fri 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Show Low, 161 E. Deuce of Clubs, Tue and Thur, 9-10:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.

Sierra Vista, 5224 E. Charleston Rd., Thur Only

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Southeast Mesa, 4123 E. Valley Auto Dr., Mon-Fri Daily

Tucson Regional, 3565 S. Broadmont, Mon-Fri Daily

Winslow, 200 N. ADOT Ln., Tue and Thur 10-11:30 a.m.

Yuma, 2165 E. Gila Ridge Rd., Mon-Fri Daily

District Updates

Eagle/Leather District Report

NO REPORT

Rim Country District Report

Hey Brothers & Sisters,

Hope all of you having a great

summer, been a hot summer all over the state. Up here in the Rim Country District has been busy. In May we had our Safety & Awareness booth on top of the Rim with ABATE- High Country Chapter, which turned out very well, lots of literature handed out not to mention coffee & donuts. In June RCD had another Bikini Bike Wash that turned out very successful. Thanks to all that came to support our

events. Most of all don't forget our Camp & Jam event coming up on Labor Day weekend. Bands, Biker games, People games & a Free Photo Booth With plenty of Space for Camping. Held at the Double D bar Tonto Village, 12 miles east of Payson. Ride safe & keep the rubber down.

Big Papa
Rim Country-MMA

Superstition District Report

Submitted by Dan Beyer

Verde Valley District Report

Submitted by Deb Althouse-Payne



Motorcycle Awareness Program M.A.P.



Following are some of the student comments from our evaluation sheets that we collect from each of the students at the end of the MAP presentation.

Their comments are not only interesting, but informative as well. They continually let us know that they are hearing our message. Their words let us know that we are on the right track with our presentations.

06/4/18 - Desert Sage School – Deer Valley - Skypilot, Bruce, Buddha, Wendel and Pastor Gene, Bob

Teacher Comment:
Great information to prep students on motorcycle awareness!

Students Comments:

- I learned a lot more about motorcycles and safety. I really thought it was interesting how hard it is to assume their speed and distance. This makes sense, however now I understand it better and can relate to this when on the road. I appreciate you guys coming to our class and thank you teaching us about safety of motorcycles. I loved outside demo.
- I appreciate how much information you gave us. I didn't realize how many motorcyclists there are or how big of a problem it is regarding crashes involving motorcycles. Thank you for being here to educate us.
- I liked how references were made to the manual. I also enjoyed learning about things I have wondered before like why motorcyclists use the gear they do. The statistics were also very interesting. Seeing the two motorcycles was my favorite part.
- The different aspects such as crashes, gear, and rules of the road were very informative. I liked how you all interacted with us students. It went at a good speed and the power point was appealing to the eye.
- I liked the personal stories as well as the slides which break up the rules is an effective way to present them. I also really liked the video, which showed good examples of incidents and told us how to prevent these types of incidents. The real life demo also showed how the motorcycles function is a simple way to inform us of what riders have to deal with compared to car drivers.
- I liked that the presentation included facts and several images that went along with the topic. I enjoyed

- the outside demo as well. I really liked the presenters introducing themselves and their road names. It helps them get down to a personal level with us. They were very interactive with us throughout the entire presentation.
- I liked that the presenters had the audience interact with them. It helped us learn better and made others pay attention more. I liked how the power point was color-coded. It helped me get the information into my head and I liked the things I learned.
 - I liked how the presenters related to the presentation and cared. They were well informed and knew about the topics. The presentation had necessary, important, and interesting information.
 - I thought the presentation was very intriguing because it discussed topics rarely mentioned before. It raised awareness for motorcyclist safety and I loved how interactive the presentation was, which made it very interesting. The use of personal stories of friends in crashes had an emotional impact on me. Certainly not forgettable.
 - I liked that you had a lot of pictures and great power point to keep our attention. The part I enjoyed the most was when you focused on how small a motorcycle is compared to a car and how hard it is to see you. I had no idea. I liked being able to see the road from a motorcyclist point-of-view. It gave me a reality check on just how careful to be while driving.
 - I liked how the presenters were confident about what was being talked about. I liked the information on using turn signals so the motorcyclists can see where we are going and possibly avoid a crash. They showed the real consequences of distracted drivers.
- 06/4/18 - afternoon – Desert Sage School – Deer Valley - Skypilot, Bruce, Buddha, Wendel and Pastor Gene, Bob**
- Teacher Comment:**
Great interaction to prep our new drivers to handle and understand the challenges with sharing the road with other types of vehicles and motorcycles.
- Students Comments:**
- The presentation really helps to know all of these different things about being a better driver. It was very informative but not boring in any sense. The presenters helped spice it up and delivered the information in a fun way. Also the demonstration of counter steering

- was very neat.
- I liked how it felt very personal because it helped me to realize how important it is to learn and understand every skill needed to keep both drivers and motorcyclists safe. The graphic pictures were eye opening in a very effective way. It was effective listening to the real-life scenarios all of the motorcyclists knew about.
 - I thought the photos of real collisions and takes on the dangers of driving a motorcycle was important to learn. I liked actually seeing him ride one because I had no idea about counter-steering. I wasn't aware of how many moving skills motorcyclists had to learn.
 - The presented with great clarity. Very prepared. Visually seeing what can happen as result of a mistake instills all the more how important it is to be safe. The images of the collisions and their explanations make it easier to understand how to avoid those errors.
 - I was simple to follow and a mix of info I knew and did not know. Some of it was a refresher, but with much more detail. I liked how important terms were bolded to stick out. I also like how important points were emphasized as to keep it locked in our memory. Especially when it came to looking 3 times for motorcycles.
 - I liked how you showed the truth. It wasn't over simplified or anything. Also you showed how owners of motorcycles are regular people too. I learned how you feel about riding and how to stay safe around you.
 - I liked how you told your personal stories because it makes it more real and shows us how it can happen to anyone. I liked how the outside demo showed us how hard it is to tell how fast a motorcycle is going and how you look like you're further away than you are. I liked how you kept us involved throughout.
 - It was good to see the accidents and hear you tell how it affected the rider. I really like the real life analogies that were offered in the video, such as using the side walk and walking to show rider and driver interacting on pavement.
 - The speakers were very genuine and open with their stories. It helped me to understand how attentive I need to be when looking for motorcyclists on the road. I liked the really straight forward way you explained the consequences of a crashes and how we can avoid them. They were very welcoming and informative

06/25/18 – Desert Sage School – Deer Valley - Skypilot, Bruce, Buddha, Wendel and Pastor Gene, Bob

Teacher Comment:
Great presentation – kids learn a lot about car/motorcycle safety – Speakers excellent!

Students Comments:

- They took the time out of their day to give us a better understanding about the dangers of being around motorcycles and how sometimes you can't see them.
- The presenters seemed cool. Very informed and had an interesting way of presenting information. They provided a lot of evidence to prove their points. They seemed to know what they were talking about.
- I like how they used bolded words to emphasize certain points. I like the video. It's very informative. It's good to know the common accidents with motorcycles and what to be aware of when they are on the road. I also like learning about why they wear the gear they do.
- Quick paced but very informative. Good examples of which presenters have personally experienced which brings awareness. Students now know how to handle motorcycles in front of them and to stay away and not follow them too closely. We received valuable information on left hand turns and how they affect motorcyclists. Very visual in presentation with words and cool noise transitions in the slideshow. Good usage of student participation
- I like how they talk about personal experiences with motorcycle accidents and talk about how their friends lost their lives in such accidents. It makes it hit home and more real when it's personal. They detail the injuries people have sustained in motorcycle accidents.
- I liked that photographs as well as examples were used in the presentation because it goes to show how real the consequences of not paying attention and looking for motorcycles is.
- There was a lot of detailing and the visual power point was very helpful and had a lot of nice colors to highlight key points/words. There was a lot of real life stories told with pictures to help get the message across (the graphics helped very much). The video was very informative and they related it to real life very well. The outside demo was very informative as well.

Motorcycle Awareness Program M.A.P.

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- Learning about the differences between aspects in a car compared to a motorcycle was eye opening. Hearing about the different protection methods they use was interesting. It was not overly full; great fun, easy to understand and the presenter were cool!

- I liked how they showed and explained how to look for and share the road with motorcyclists. It seems that almost all crashes are caused by the car, even when motorcyclists have the right-of-way. Learning that a distraction is anything that takes the driver's eyes off the road and what qualifies as a distraction. Most common is failure to yield, left turn in front of a rider. These can be very deadly for them. Different collisions have different affects on the motorcyclists. A lot of the information was very helpful and I had not previously known about beforehand, even with motorcyclists within my own family.

- I learned about what the motorcyclists wear along with different types of bikes. At first I didn't know anything about them but now I know to look out for them on the road. I found that motorcyclists and their friends are like family. I also enjoyed how they presented.

06/25/18 afternoon – Desert Sage School – Deer Valley - Skypilot, Bruce, Buddha, Wendel and Pastor Gene, Bob

Teacher Comment:
Love having the motorcycle awareness presentation. It is always valuable info for new drivers.

- I feel it will make me a better driver around motorcycles. I really like the presentation. I liked how they told about all of the motorcycle gear and how they showed a video that was very informative. I learned a lot.

- Very interactive with class.. I liked the video and the presentation in general. The presenter explained motorcycle awareness very well and convincingly.

- I enjoyed to outside demo and learned some facts about motorcycles that I did not know before. The presenters were all very kind and friendly with good sense of humor.

- My favorite part was the video and helpful information on sharing the road with motorcycles I liked the outside demo and that it talked about how motorcycles work in relation to the clutch, accelerator, brakes etc.

- I liked everything about this presentation. It made me aware of motorcycles and the dangers about not paying attention when you're driving around them. It provided how important it is to check for bikers and taught me how vulnerable bikers are and how much more severe accidents can be for them.

- I especially like going outside and watching them ride in the demo. I liked the message which included interesting statistics. They mad me more aware of motorcyclists.

- I liked the physical presentation they gave us of how hard it is to determine the speed of a motorcycle and that we should be sure to make our turns when they are further away. It was very informative. I now know to look at least 3 times before making a move or turning left.

- I enjoyed learning exactly what we need to do to avoid accidents and I liked learning how bikers operate their motorcycles. I really liked the personal touches to the presentation and the video comparing drivers and riders to walking people.

33RD ANNUAL NCOM CONVENTION

The 2018 National Coalition of Motorcyclists was held at the Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile Alabama. Animal, who is Chairman of the Alabama COC, and on the board of NCOM, provided transportation to the BOD and Legislative Task Force (LTF), of which I am a long time member.

Every NCOM convention has the 'standard' break out sessions. This one was no different. Registration started on Thursday, along with a closed and open BOD meeting for anyone who arrived early. The convention took off Thursday with the AIM Attorney Conference. They discussed the WACO tragedy and the effects of RICO on your organization. The AIM Attorney and LTF member lunches for those of us that belong followed this.

AIM Attorney Conference

We were given an update on WACO. Originally 177 bikers were arrested and charged with engaging in organized crime, and held on \$1 million bonds. All but a few cases have been dropped. In early February, 73 indicted bikers had their cases dismissed and eight unindicted bikers had their charges dropped. Various defense attorneys say that with each new dismissal that may come, the public will see clearly what they have known for almost three years – that DA Abel Reyna arrested, charged and indicted a very large number of these men for purely political reasons, apparently without any intent to take them to trial. We can all savor the fact that Reyna recently lost his bid for re-election.

Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations (RICO)

In reality, RICO acts as an arbitrary

penalty enhancer and prosecutorial bargaining tool! In order to protect your clubs, you need to know your rights and assert them in the proper manner. Your COC's need to have honest discussions, on a regular basis, on your civil rights.

Stops

When stopped by law enforcement, you need to assert/express your desire to leave. You can do this by stating, "Am I being arrested or am I free to go?" You may have to repeat this numerous times.

LTF Meeting

LTF members talk about what is happening in our states. We discuss our purpose and what the LTF has to offer in the way of legislative assistance to all states when asked. This year was special for me. As a motorcycle rights activist for 27 years and a lobbyist for 19, I have vast experience in the legislative process. I continually document steps of this process and what works the best. Last year I offered up this information to possibly produce a brochure for NCOM on the running of bills and how to make or revise laws. Earlier this year, Frank Ernst the chairman of the LTF, approached me and asked if we could possibly accomplish this by the May convention. So with the help of Frank, minimal critiquing by the LTF members, its production by LTF member Bill Bish, and printing by Sarge, we did just that. I was asked to go over the brochure during our LTF presentation and discuss it in depth for those in attendance. It couldn't have been better. We received a lot of praise on its content and many others from around the states plan to use it when running legislation. We titled it, "A Biker's Guide to Making

Law".

The Special Meetings consisted of, The Women in Motorcycling, Clean and Sober Round Table, Veterans Affairs –Your Rights as a Veteran, and the Christian Unity Conference.

What Successful People Do

This presentation, put on by my good friend Slider Gilmore, was great as usual. He discussed knowing about power and how to use it productively. He talked about creative thinking and how to think outside the box. He described how goal setting is a 7 step system and how 20% of what you do can make 80% of the difference. We need to say NO to people who do not energize us. We need to ignore those that are negative and be sure to surround ourselves with the right people. We need to remember that we are the average of the 5 people we hang with and pick carefully what we do, depending on our focus. We need to think before we speak. We learn from most difficulties, but need to think about how we view our setbacks. **He said to remember that Intelligence needs guidance and that enthusiasm needs direction.**

COC General Patch Holder Meeting

- **OR** Their states population is growing by 100 a day. It is too crowded and along with that, the constant road construction makes it bad for motorcycle riders. Motorcycles are being pinched off the roads. They are looking at lane splitting and aim to work on a driver accountability act.

- **CA** - Tombstone commented on the fact that there were too many

empty chairs. He thanked those in attendance for doing what we all do best. He said its all about Respect / Communication / Participation.

- **CA** - Hollywood talked about the COC in his area and how they have come to include sport bikes. They are working on getting an author for their Profiling bill. He encouraged everyone to get their congressmen to sign on to the federal level Profiling Resolutions SR54 and HR318.

- **AZ** - It was talked about how we all work together. Our Profiling Memorial never got heard this session and there were two lane splitting bills. One included a helmet requirement which we squashed and the other for which we held a stakeholder meeting, never got heard. We also squashed the original version of a penalty for wearing a mask bill that was unconstitutional as written.

- **MI** – Working on Anti Profiling and Discrimination. Their helmet choice in their state is going well. COC and ABATE working together.

- **TX** Region 2-5-7-9 – Legislative session is only every other year. Many riders have gotten video cam for their helmets. Law enforcement is fighting them on this. They have been doing what they can to continue to help WACO victims. Finally got motorcycle awareness proclamation. They believe that it was that the fact that it was a COC asking, was overlooked and therefore it went through! They are learning they nee to corral the independents and bring them into the fold. They believe these riders are also being profiled, but just do not know it.

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- **LA** – Have 48 members in their COC. They have stopped check-points and with the help of Dixie ABATE, the stopping of motorcyclists for wearing face masks has been squashed.
- **MS** – Had a National meeting in Gulf Post. They have started a medical program to cut the rates of insurance to those who cannot afford it. They will be going for dental as well.
- **ND** – Said its all about communications. Working on Profiling is-

- sues by getting documentation. Talking to the MRO's and independents on this topic.
- **AR** – Working on anti-profiling again and on Autocycle.
- **SD** – A bill was introduced regarding street gang penalty enhancements. It was to make them more effective. However the description of a gang looked way too much like the description of a motorcycle club. The motorcyclists showed up against this bill and offered to work with legislators on re-

- visions for next year.
 - **KS** – Not a lot going on legislatively. They have a lobbyist working on an APP to record stops at the local level. It will upload to the ACLU server.
- The last thing prior to the Saturday night banquet was the NCOM Legislative Task Forces Mock Legislative Session. This was talked about during the 2017 LTF meeting and attendees agreed that it could benefit them. We had members from the BOD sitting in as legislative

committee members and various members of the LTF testifying. We handed out a bill that we were arguing. It was to allow adults over the age of 21, freedom of choice in having to wear a helmet in that state. It was great fun and those that attended were impressed with the professionalism of the mock session. It help them to see and understand exactly what their lobbyists go through when arguing for or against a bill in their state.

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By Skypilot

I was picked up at the airport in Pensacola, by one of my club brothers Electric Joe. He gave me a tour of the city on his way to his favorite place to eat, but we got there as they were closing, (my plane was an hour late). We continued on to Mobile in which I got a tour of, while looking for the hotel. Upon arrival the first person I saw was Tiger Mike and friends.

Early the next morning there was supposed to be MDATD meeting but Mike from ABATE never showed. Buddha and Bobbi and I had a meeting in which we concluded that we where down only 10 people at sign-in, from last year. We had been told by people we had invited, that they did not come because of the teacher strike. We also had 80 sign-in from the Capital itself. We had a total of 19 proclamations. The Mayor of Glendale, Cave Creek and a candidate running for mayor of Phoenix spoke along with many others.

Back to NCOM, the reunion of brothers who stand together to help each other.

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October 2017 the first case was tried. They thought this was the strongest case to get a conviction, but the prosecutor failed to give over evidence, stating that the information was too dangerous for the public to know. Some of that information under cut the prosecutors testimony.

In Feb 2018, 13 cases where dropped so that the DA would not have to testify. They re-arrested 11

on rioting, and 3 of those on murder charges. They have 3 years from May 2015 to re-indict.

The next part, RICO and its efforts on your organization, scares the daylights out of me. If one of your members messes up twice within 10 years of each other, your whole group and all the hang a rounds can come under RICO even if none of the charges have ever been proven. This means they can take away everything you own, including your bank accounts. In order to be charged under RICO, you have to one, have officers and regular meetings (an enterprise), and two, have committed two crimes within 10 years.

They can freeze assets at the time of arrest, because they are the fruits of the enterprise. They can charge everyone in your club and MRO without proof. They put the pressure on individuals to confess, in order for them to avoid RICO charges, of 20 years and/or \$25,000 per count. This would include the forfeiture of everything they own, prior to a guilty verdict. Remember to always fill out police conduct report after every stop. This goes into law enforcement of-ficers permanent file.

Opening ceremonies started with a beautiful song of the National Anthem. This was sung by one of the Board Members Sandra, followed by a prayer and moment of silence.

Opening comments were made by Animal, a NCOM board member for 19 years, and chairman of Alabama COC. He said if he is not on the government watch list someone is not doing their job. This was followed by orientation and goals of the convention by Doc Reichenbach chairman of NCOM.

There was a welcome proclamation from the Mobile commission of tourist along with a video. Did you know that Mobile was the original Mardi Gras and that all places that put on one must get a license from there.

Doc reminded everybody that MRO'S work for everyone that rides. The number of riders in a lot

of states present a large voting block. One million in Florida, 800,000 in California, and over 200,000 in Arizona. We need unity between all riders. You do not have to break bread together or even like each other, but we need to stand together. Remember that the 'The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.'

What Successful People Do, put on by Slider Gilmore, was cut from a 2 hour presentation to 50 minutes. This did not do it justice.

The definition of servitude fits right into the 13th Amendment abolished as bikers we are in voluntary servicing the state whenever we are threaten with arrest, incarceration and fined for not wearing a hat.

A Mock Legislative Committee hearing was held. A new booklet was distributed, wrote by own Bobbi Hartmann good job Bobbi.

For the Veterans there is a new program out to help you make it through all the paperwork, called Veterans Treatment Corps.

The Regional meeting with Regions 1, 3, and 9 started with California talking about profiling that started in 1942, with the profiling of those who wore Zoot suits. Now it's the brother with the vest. The California COC'S hold a conference call between them, every Monday at 7:00 pm. In the Regional Profiling Act of 2015 everyone was included, but bikers. Big conferences were held all over the state in which discussions were held about profiling. Spike went to the Dept of Justice where one meeting was held. He was blown away by the different groups that were there, and how organized they were with the help of the ACLU. They where all working together with lunch boxes and all. He arrived at the conference with 1 patch holder, 1 prospect, 22 police cars and two helicopters in tow. He asked the group how much did that cost the tax payers?

The Vice Chair of the discussion was the chief of Police from the City Of Gardenia, who got a lot of shit from the crowd because of

what the cops where doing. They were dragging kids out of their homes over the dead bodies of their parents, instead of taking them out the back way.

The people of different ethnic backgrounds have recourse to take, but we don't! There is a complaint department, where you are suppose to be able to fill out a complaint form anonymously, but that is not the way it happens. This action has been recorded. The police said that they could not take complaints from anyone.

In Nevada, a documentary is being made for National Viewing, by individuals, lawyers, judges, motorcycle ministries, riding groups and one percent clubs, which will provide our side of the story. Go see Stephan P Stubbs video called Stop Profiling.

Oregon's Biker PAC talks about autonomous vehicles. They have been told that autonomous vehicles and motorcycles cannot cohabitate together on the road. One of them has to go, and we know which one that will be. They were told at their Capital that motorcycles can be rode on the track. We know that motorcycling is not a life style it's a way of life.

The state of Washington is doing a five-year helmet study in which they will have a choice on helmet use They are also working on lane splitting.

South Dakota cans their harassment gang bill.

Arizona talks about the Uber accident in Tempe, where the driver overrides the cars own safety system, before the bicycle was hit. If it was doing it's job, the accident would not have happened. Bobbi talked about another bill, and I talked about our MAP program.

Utah is working on profiling and handle bar heights.

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New Mexico got all 33 counties to provide motorcycle safety and awareness proclamations.

At You and Our Constitutions, by Jesse McDugald, a picture of the Founding Fathers of NCOM was shown, along with some very good handouts.

Just because it is the constitution doesn't mean that people are going to follow it. The last sentence on page 39 says, “And for the support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor”. Every vet, especially combat Vets understand

this. Two words explain it, Simply If . If a word was capitalized, it was important to those who wrote the constitution. They were afraid of the army, more than the armed individuals. There were 13 states, but they were considered separate countries. It was like herding cats to get everyone on the same page. They had a convention to draw up the paperwork. Rhode Island and North Carolina held out on the signing, until the Bill Of Rights was written.

One question asked was, “How did West Virginia become a state if Article 4 Section 3 states that no new states shall be formed or created within their jurisdiction?” The an-

swer was that Virginia succeeded from the US during the Civil War.

Under the Fourth Amendment, if you are pulled over, a good response to the request to search your vehicle or saddle bags, is to ask for a search warrant or to request that they let you go.

The last phrase in the Fifth Amendment is, “Without Due Process.” It took 74003 days to ratify the 27th Amendment.

Article 1 Section 4 of the Bill of Rights, states that in an elector, in all cases except treason, felony or a breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest on the day of election, during their attendance at

the polls for voting and going to and returning from there.

On Sunday morning on the way back to Pensacola Electric Joe took me by the USS Alabama, where a B-51 was on display next to a B-52. The B-52 made the B-51 look like a toy. I bet that at least 10 B-51’s would go inside the B-52.

Flying is always an adventure. You never know what is going to happen. They had me at the wrong gate in Huston, and I just barley made it to the right gate. Next years convention is in Orlando across from Universal Studios. It would be a good one for the family.

Motorcycle Profiling Project

Report Released Under Pressure After Ex-Sheriff Kills TN Biker

The McMinnville Tennessee Police Department has been refusing to release any public information related to the death of 21-year-old motorcyclist Jay Alan Webster, probate member of the Silent Creed Motorcycle Club, killed on July 7th, 2018, after former Warren County Sheriff Kenneth Taylor failed to yield and hit Webster while driving his Toyota SUV. But after more than a week of stiff public record request denials, and less than 24 hours after public demands to release the information was published on motorcycleprofilingproject.com, the McMinnville Tennessee PD has finally released the accident report.

The release of public information is a small but important victory for motorcyclists in Tennessee because it demonstrates what a fo-

cused and unified grassroots motorcycle rights campaign can achieve. Yet important unanswered questions remain and the grassroots pressure must continue to be a voice for Jay Alan Webster.

Results of Former Sheriff’s Blood Tests “Pending.”

The accident report indicates that the although there were no drugs or alcohol found at the scene, the former sheriff was administered a blood test to determine the presence of drugs or alcohol, but the results were still pending when the accident report was filed on July 8th, 2018, more than a month ago. Why have the results of Taylor’s blood test not been released? Do the results explain why an investigation into further charges is still on-going?

Release the Results! Motorcyclists Nationwide Demand It!

Rodney Mancini, a National Council of Clubs (NCOC) participant and Tennessee motorcyclist that originally requested the accident report from authorities, followed-up with a public records request for the results of Taylor’s initial blood test. The McMinnville PD rejected Mancini’s request because criminal charges were pending.

The McMinnville PD can arguably exempt these results until the investigation is complete, but the results could also be released through discretion. The public simply has a right to know if a former sheriff was under the influence when he killed a 21-year-old man.

The NCOC and the Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP), organizations representing the legal and political interests of motorcycle clubs nationwide, urges the McMinnville PD to:

Release the results of Taylor’s initial blood test and confirm whether the former sheriff was under the influence of drugs; and

Serve justice as dictated by law and charge former sheriff Kenneth Taylor with Vehicular Homicide for the death of Jay Alan Webster, a probate member of the Silent Creed MC, if the results of the test indicate the presence of drugs or alcohol OR if Taylor’s conduct created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to Jay Allen.

The grassroots pressure demanding justice for motorcycle clubs and their members through a unified voice must continue, so individuals negligently killing bikers are at least legally forbidden from driving a vehicle. The life and memory of Jay Alan Webster demands this at a minimum.

BIKER BELLES in the BADLANDS

By Bikernet

Every Tuesday during Sturgis Rally is Biker Belles Day. It has been my most important day since I was asked to help with the event over 8 years ago. It was founded by visionary Toni Woodruff, of the Buffalo Chip, as she wanted to create a place for women riders to celebrate, bond, share, and get to know other women riders.

I call her a visionary because 10 years ago when this event began, there was nowhere for women riders to gather during the Sturgis Rally. It has now grown and gained an important event position, inviting all women.... riding themselves, or as a passenger...in any mode of transportation they choose. Men are also invited to show their support for the fastest growing population of new riders in the motorcycle business.

This year, Biker Belles celebrates

its 10-year anniversary. I am proud to say, I am now a part of the team who organizes and puts the event on...and Toni gave me the title of AMBASSADOR....a title I take quite seriously all year long in my quest to make sure all people know about the ride and get enthusiastic riders to attend and people to donate products, services, or themselves to help make this event a success.

The beautiful Tuesday began this year with all of us gathering at the famed Buffalo Chip’s Crossroads, complete with morning goodies provided by Bonafide Foods treating us to their gourmet “donut wall” and organic fruit parfaits, along with Black Rifle Coffee Truck. Ingredients for a great start to a great day!

For our second year now, I love to brag that our escorted ride takes us from the Crossroads at Buffalo Chip through the gorgeous Black

Hills and canyons, led by our superstar mother- daughter duo, Laura Klock and Karlee Cobb. The FUN part about the ride is that your feet never touch the ground with the law enforcement escort.

The ride lands at the Deadwood Resort where the party continues. Riders and friends are able to partake in some retail therapy, get a chair massage, and hair braided or trimmed by professionals in the TEAM DIVA Comfort ZONE. We also had a fabulous silent auction with donations that ranged from jewelry, art, motorcycle products, apparel, home goods, etc. Every year the choices are even better with a wide variety and so appealing to those generous bidders.

Participants are also treated to a goodie bag filled with meaningful and exclusive items for a terrific party favor. WRANGLER gave a gift card to all those registered for a free pair of jeans.

I was so pleased to see in attendance, actor Tom Berringer, World’s Fastest Woman on Two Wheels and Hall of Fame Inductee, Valerie Thompson, Hall of Fame Inductee, Marilyn Stemp, Author and 91-Year-Old Rider, Gloria Struck, and TV personality, builder, and former mayor, Jessie Combs.... to name a few of the great personalities joining us for the day.

A hearty catered luncheon was provided along with a wonderful symposium with 4 great and inspiring women, Valerie Thompson, Marilyn Stemp, Alisa Clickenger, and Leah Misch led by a very engaging Jacqui Van Ham. Each personality was accompanied by a slide show of their visual props showing highlights of their stories.

We are all driven to make this event a huge success each year ... proceeds we raise with all the components (entry fees, retail sales, hair and massage donations, silent

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auction monies, and sponsors) will provide donations to our two designated charities. They are Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Helping with Horsepower. We are quite proud to be able to make the donations of thousands of dollars

through the years and this year will be no exception. At press time we are still calculating the exact total of monies raised.

I have attended many events through the years, even put my

own charity ride on for four years, and I have to say...because of the commitment of Buffalo Chip and Toni's team, and all the donors, and all the participants, this event has staying power and will always be a fun and enriching way to

spend the gift of time with like-minded people during the Sturgis Rally. We hope to see even more next year. THANK YOU TO ALL who participated, and promise it will be even better next year!

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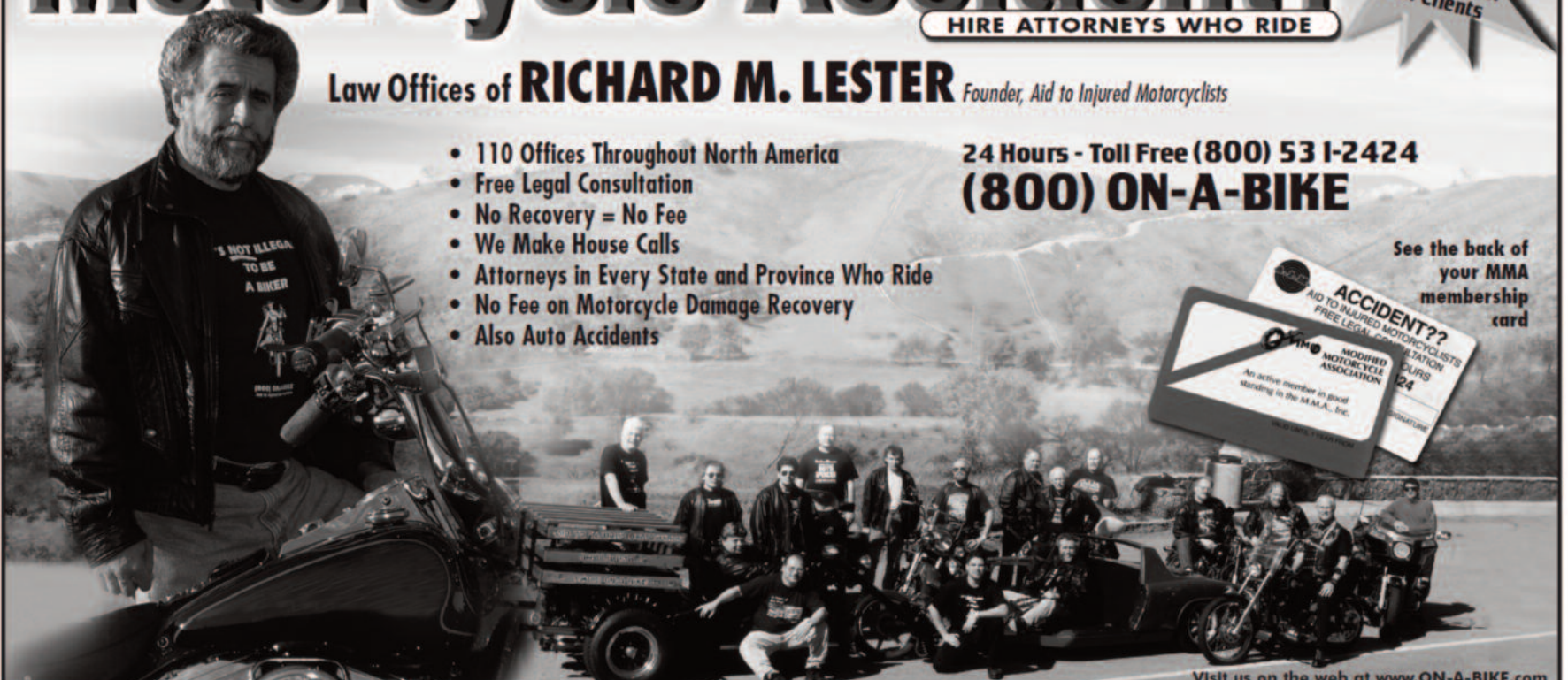
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