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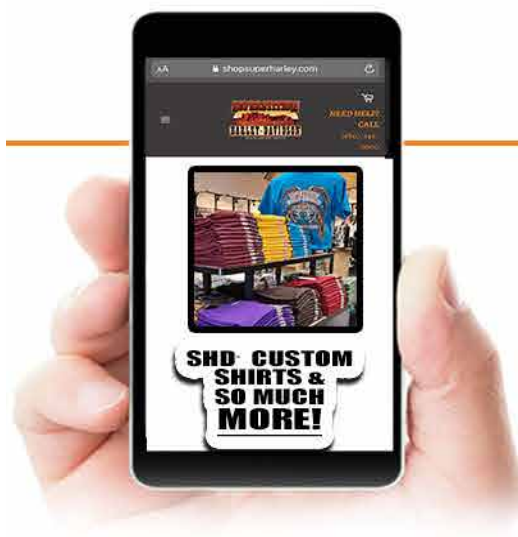
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### Sun Riders MC 41st annual Toy Parade

The Sun Riders MC hosted their 41st annual Toy Parade in Tucson on Sunday December 11. This is the original Motorcycle Toy Parade in Tucson. Sign-in was at the Chuys at 22 and Kolb. Hundreds of participants showed up. The escorted parade ended at the Sun Riders MC clubhouse on Cardinal Avenue.

The Sun Riders MC coordinates with the Military Family and Readiness Center on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to collect gifts and donations for families with deployed military members who are stationed at Davis-Monthan AFB.

The Sun Riders MC was able to give the Military Family and Readiness Center 700+ toys and a check for \$10,000 for distribution to their families in need.



### Christmas for the Children, Nomaden MC

This annual fundraiser is a two-part process.

On July 30th the Nomaden MC held their 34th Annual Christmas in July fundraiser at their Clubhouse in Huachuca City. That event is to collect toys and funds for the Christmas Party they host for kids in December,

They built a website (nomadenmc.com) to make it easier for families in Cochise County that are in need to fill out a Christmas Assistance Form. The website also showcases the local businesses that sponsor their fundraiser.

On December 17, the Nomaden MC held their Christmas for the Children event ~ complete with Santa Claus, Christmas movies, face painting, and a Christmas dinner with ham and



all the fixin's. The Club was able to help over 30 families with over 90 children in total. They also provided some food staples, to help the families with their own Christmas day dinner.

The Nomaden MC posted this message, "A big THANK YOU to all the sponsors from Christmas in July, and all the donations that we have received to make this year's Christmas event possible! One more down and forever more to come! We can't express enough how awesome it is to see OUR community coming together for the needs of others. HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM NOMADEN MC!"

Thank you Barkeep, Nomaden MC President, for sending along news and pix of this event.



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## Motor Vehicle Accident on Hwy 66

From Joseph Baca, Northern AZ Fire Department:

"On December 16th, 2022 at approx. 1730 hrs, NAFD was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident near MM 81 on Highway 66. Units arrived on scene of a three-vehicle collision with heavy damage. Initial reports indicated that a minor accident had possibly occurred between two vehicles. Shortly after, a third vehicle struck one of the first two vehicles at a high rate of speed causing a major secondary collision. One person was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause is still under investigation.

Please let this serve as a reminder to slow down when approaching parked vehicles on or near the roadway and to always practice safe-driving techniques, especially at night."



Hello AriZona Riders &  
Happy New Year

I hope you all enjoyed your Holiday festivities.

Welcome to the annual 'Christmas Wrap' issue. The cover photo was taken during the Superstition Harley-Davidson / Seductive Car Club Toy Drive event. They had an excellent day & you'll be able to read in this edition about how those toys were distributed.

As has been said in years past, the Christmas Wrap edition has always been a favorite issue to put together. Sharing news about the wonderful activities organized to help the less fortunate is uplifting and heartwarming. It reinforces my pride in being part of the motorcycling community.

Your stories deserve to be told too! Share your event news with your fellow AZ Rider readers... so next time more people will know about it & want to attend! Don't know how to write it up? NO problem! Send notes & pix about your recent ride, rally, fundraiser, chili cookoff, fun run ... to editor@azrider-southwest.com & we'll work together to tell the tale. ☺

The calendar is starting to fill in, but there's ALWAYS room for more! If you are involved with setting up events for your organization, you are welcome to post the details to the AZ Rider calendar. The listing is FREE.

You know when the New Year strikes that it's time to make your AZ Bike Week plans. The link for tickets is up and running... The website has info about concerts, camping, and more.

I hope that among your New Year Resolutions is one to spend more TIME with friends and loved ones. Wishing you all the VERY best in 2023.

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**CONGRESS REQUIRES NHTSA TO FORCE AUTOMAKERS TO MONITOR DRIVERS**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has announced that roadway deaths in the U.S. are at crisis levels, on pace to exceed the 42,915 fatalities in 2021, the greatest number in 16 years, as Americans returned to the road following pandemic stay-at-home orders.

With alcohol-related crashes being a leading cause of highway deaths in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board is now recommending that all new vehicles in the U.S. be required to have blood alcohol monitoring systems that can stop an intoxicated person from

driving.

The NTSB's recommendation also calls for systems to monitor a driver's behavior, making sure they're alert.

Under President Biden's infrastructure law, Congress required NHTSA to make automakers install alcohol monitoring systems within three years. The legislation doesn't specify the technology, only that it must "passively monitor" a driver to determine if they are impaired.

NHTSA and a group of 16 automakers have been jointly funding research on alcohol monitoring since 2008, and has hired a Swedish company to research technology that would automatically test a driver's breath for alcohol and stop a vehicle from moving if the driver is impaired. Another company is working on light technology that could test for blood alcohol in a person's finger by touch. Many cars now have cameras pointed at the driver, which have the potential to limit impaired driving.

In 2020, the most recent figures available, 11,654 people died in alcohol-related crashes, according to NHTSA data. That's about 30% of all U.S. traffic deaths, and a 14% increase over 2019 figures, the last full year before the coronavirus pandemic, the NTSB said.

Once the technology is ready to be im-

plemented in automakers' new models, near the end of 2024, it will take years for it to be in most of the roughly 280 million vehicles on U.S. roads.

**BEST/WORST DRIVERS IN THE U.S.**

Everyone seems to think their state has the best (or worst) drivers in America, but quotewizard.com dove into the data to determine, based on their criteria, which states actually do have the Best and the Worst Drivers traveling their roadways.

Drivers were evaluated on four factors to determine overall driving quality: accidents, speeding tickets, DUIs, and citations. States that are considered the worst had the highest numbers of driving incidents, while states with the lowest numbers of incidents are considered the best.

After analyzing over 10 million insurance quotes to find out where the best and worst drivers reside, it was determined that the Five Best States were 1) Connecticut, 2) Michigan, 3) West Virginia, 4) Delaware and 5) Arkansas, while the Five Worst States were 50) Utah, 49) California, 48) Iowa, 47) Wisconsin and 46) Ohio.

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## UNVACCINATED AT HIGHER RISK OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

If you passed on getting the COVID vaccine, you might be more likely to get into a car crash. Or at least those are the findings of a new study published in *The American Journal of Medicine*. During the summer of 2021, Canadian researchers examined the encrypted government-held records of more than 11 million adults, 16% of whom hadn't received the COVID vaccine.

They found that the unvaccinated people were 72% more likely to be involved in a severe traffic crash -- in which at least one person was transported to the hospital -- than those who were vaccinated. That's similar to the increased risk of car crashes for people with sleep apnea, though only about half that of people who abuse alcohol, researchers found.

Of course, skipping a COVID vaccine does not mean that someone will get into a car crash. Instead, the authors theorize

that people who resist public health recommendations might also "neglect basic road safety guidelines."

The findings are significant enough that primary care doctors should consider counseling unvaccinated patients on traffic safety -- and insurance companies might base changes to insurance policies on vaccination data -- the authors suggest.

This isn't the first time that researchers have examined the link between behavior and vaccination status, as a 2021 study published in the *Journal of Bioeconomics* found a correlation between self-reported risky driving and having skipped their flu vaccine.

## THE ROAD TO DECARBONIZATION

Decarbonization Is The Goal, But What's The Best Way To Get There? The European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) wants to take multiple approaches.

On December 6, 2022, the ACEM hosted a panel discussion about its vision for decarbonization. Although the discussion's stated intention was to talk about how the industry plans to address a multitude of sustainability issues as we all progress toward the year 2030, what it evolved into was a spirited debate about

the comparative merits of the evolution of combustion engines (such as with so-called e-fuels and hydrogen) and electrification.

While all panelists of course had their own points of view, the general consensus seemed to be that lowering emissions is a goal we must all work toward, but that putting all the industry's technological eggs into one metaphorical basket isn't a good idea, for a number of reasons.

From a technological perspective, electric motorbikes currently work best for low-voltage urban mobility, not high-speed, long-distance leisure pursuits. That's where the debate about e-fuels (or synthetic fuels) and hydrogen come into play, because both those means of fueling mobility can potentially offer the benefits of long-distance, high-speed travel on motorbikes.

Infrastructure is also a major concern -- fast-charging and swappable batteries require additional infrastructure investments that are both extensive and expensive, while e-fuels can theoretically make use of existing traditional fuel infrastructure.

When discussing decarbonization, the tendency is to think about emissions in terms of tailpipes, but considerations

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about how the raw materials to build either combustion or electric vehicles are sourced, assembled, and delivered to customers should also be part of the conversation.

Additionally, concerns about diversifying the industry's approach to decarbonization were strongly expressed, with the global pandemic shining a bright light on the pitfalls of overly concentrating parts of supply chains in a given geographical area. The current European energy crisis and ongoing Russian war make calls to diversify energy sources (and resources) all too clear.

How this will all evolve is difficult to predict, but strong calls for "technology neutrality" as the industry moves toward decarbonization were echoed up and down the panel.

### EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE GROUP CALLS TO MAKE MOTORCYCLING AFFORDABLE

With inflation worries and cost of living increases, the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations (FEMA) sees bikes as valuable transport tools and has issued an impassioned plea for motorcycle affordability. In particular, FEMA spelled out their position on keeping motorcycle taxes reasonable, as

well as taking other measures to encourage motorbike ridership as a viable form of everyday transport.

FEMA believes that motorcycles can be a strong tool in the fight against transport poverty. As the name suggests, that's when the cost of transportation to simply live your life (get to and from work and/or school) is prohibitively expensive.

Moto commuting is a way of life for all kinds of everyday people in many countries, and is highly valued for its practicality, and that's why FEMA encourages governmental and legislative bodies to do what they can to encourage ridership. For example, taxes on motorbikes should be lower than those found on cars, because they're smaller and lighter in weight, and they cause less wear and tear on public roadways.

Similarly, FEMA also discourages restrictions on motorbikes in urban city centers when they're ideal vehicles for getting around congested city streets, and can help reduce traffic if more people are encouraged to choose bikes over cars.

Bicycles and e-bikes have their place -- but so do motorbikes, and FEMA wants to see more legislative encouragement of moto commuting as a way to combat multiple transport problems across Europe.

### FIRST HONDA 'ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE' ON PARADE

Art imitates life, and sometimes, life imitates art, which may be the case with Honda's latest parade float, which they designed to lead the 134th annual Rose Parade in 2023, featuring electric vehicles including "a Honda electric motorcycle."

The overall float design, which Honda has titled "Forever Determined," represents Honda's current (pun intended) emissions-lowering initiative, across all of its many and various vehicular segments; Honda's first all-electric SUV, the electrified Acura ARX-06 race machine, a HondaJet Elite II aircraft, the Honda eVTOL concept vehicle, and an unspecified 'motorcycle'.

Remember, Honda aims to achieve total carbon neutrality across the company by 2050, as well as get 100 percent of its new vehicle sales in North America to be all electric by 2040.

While Team Red has introduced electric scooters and trikes in other markets, so far it has yet to introduce its first electric motorcycle anywhere -- no road bikes, no dirt bikes, no electric bike concepts -- nothing yet, until maybe January 2 in Pasadena...everybody loves a

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### ROMANIAN MOTORCYCLISTS OBLIGATED TO CARRY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

And here's why we need Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs) at every level, from local to international. In the European country of Romania the highway code does not distinguish between cars and motorcycles, so as a result, a motorcycle must carry a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit and two reflective triangles, just like a car.

Romanian motorcyclists' organization MotoADN played a significant role in the political process to end this obligation by launching a petition requesting the Romanian Parliament, the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of the Interior to exclude motorcycles and mopeds.

The petition gathered more than 8,000 signatures in just a few days, and the end result is that a draft law that provides for the elimination of the obligation for motorcyclists to have a fire extinguisher, reflective triangles and a first aid kit was recently approved by the Senate.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The only Zen you find on the tops of mountains is the Zen you bring up there."

~ Robert M. Pirsig (1928-2017), author of 'Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance'

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## ⌘ Gone But Not Forgotten ⌘

Richard 'Rick' Ellis ~ January 25, 2001  
Pat 'Little Bit' Luther ~ January 6, 2005  
Big Gene Loeffler ~ January 28, 2006  
John Hopkins ~ January 23, 2009  
Robert Vasquez ~ January 14, 2012  
Red Hartman ~ January 4, 2013  
Gar Belanger ~ January 15, 2013  
John 'Jet' Taylor ~ January 9, 2015  
Michael 'Sinner' Powell ~ January 18, 2017  
Katherine 'Pez' Karraker ~ January 27, 2018  
Edward Steven Sanchez ~ January 12, 2019  
Gerald W. Dodson ~ January 20, 2019  
T-bird Terry - January 19, 2020  
James DeYoung ~ January 21, 2021  
Jerry Davis ~ January 26, 2022

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December 17, 2022 ... Congratulations to  
♥ Mr. & Mrs. Jason & Stacy Montgomery. ☺  
Radar & Liberty of the Sons of Liberty  
Riders were married in a beautiful ceremony  
at Usery Pass Park, followed by a reception  
at The Chateau in Mesa and after-party  
at What The Hell Bar. Best wishes for a long  
and happy life together!

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October 22, 2022 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V799000  
Electrical Harness May Contact Tire and Short  
Potential Number of Units Affected 46,119  
Summary: Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP)  
is recalling certain 2019-2023 Ryker motorcy-  
cles. The position light and flasher electrical  
harnesses in the front fenders may loosen and  
rub on the tire, leading to a short circuit  
and resulting in an engine stall while driv-  
ing. An engine stall while driving increases  
the risk of a crash.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 22V799 here.](#)

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December 9, 2022 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V912000  
Engine Stall While Riding  
Potential Number of Units Affected 3,172  
Summary: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC)  
is recalling certain 2015-2018 ZX1000, 2018  
ZX1002A, ZX1002B, 2019-2021 ZX1002D, 2019-  
2022 ZX1002J, 2020-2023 ZR1000K, 2021-2022  
ZR1000L, 2022 ZX1002R, and 2023 ZR1002L (Ninja  
H2, Ninja H2 Carbon, Ninja H2 SX, Ninja H2 SX  
SE, Ninja H2 SX SE+, Z H2, and Z H2 SE) motor-  
cycles. Please see the attached model informa-  
tion chart for a detailed list of model codes,  
names and years. The plunger in the camshaft  
chain tensioner may lock, which can result in  
an engine stall while riding. An engine stall  
while riding can increase the risk of a crash  
or injury.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 22V912 here.](#)

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December 29, 2022 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V957000  
Kickstand May Not Retract Properly/FMVSS 123  
Potential Number of Units Affected 4,653  
Summary: Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian)  
is recalling certain 2022 Chief, Chief Bob-  
ber, Chief Bobber Darkhorse, Chief Darkhorse,  
Super Chief, and Super Chief Limited motorcy-  
cles. The kickstand may not properly retract  
upon ground contact when left extended while  
riding. As such, these vehicles fail to comply  
with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehi-  
cle Safety Standard number 123, "Motorcycle  
Controls and Displays." A kickstand that does  
not properly retract can increase the risk of  
a crash.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 22V957 here.](#)

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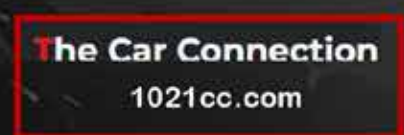
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### ***The Bridge For Community Services***

The Bridge for Community Services is a nonprofit [501(c)3] organization dedicated to nourishing the spirit, mind and body; specifically focused on the homeless population in the Phoenix-metro area.

Volunteers from The Bridge gather each Sunday in downtown Phoenix to provide some sustenance for the hundreds of homeless individuals congregating around the downtown area ... meals, clothing, non-denominational faith services ... HOPE. This good work is only possible through the donations of sponsors and other donors who hate to see anyone go hungry in this country of plenty. The Bridge welcomes volunteers and contributions of any sort to continue the mission.



# More Christmas Wrap



## Antler Ride

The Aint Nick's Tavern 'Antler Ride' took place on Saturday December 10. It is an annual fundraiser for the Child Crisis Center. The day started and ended at Aint Nick's Tavern, located at 6840 N. 27th Ave in Phoenix. In addition to the options of riding or caging... you could leave the driving to someone else & get a seat on the Party Bus.

Ride stops were at Beaver Bar & Grill, American Legion Post 105, and Hooper's Bar & Grill.

According to organizer and Aint Nicks Tavern owner Cheri, "We collected for the Child Crisis Center \$3278 in cash, \$195 in Gift Cards, and Hundreds of Toys & Bikes!! Truly an amazing job! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"



## Angel Tree Run -- Lost Dutchman MC

The 2022 Angel Tree Run, hosted by the Lost Dutchman MC Chapters took place on Sunday December 11th. Riders gather at the LDMC Mesa Clubhouse. From there the group rides to the Walmart on Dobson in Mesa, where the Salvation Army's Angel Trees await.

Each year, riders come out and shop to fulfill wishes of kids they don't know... Giving of themselves to extend the Christmas Spirit to those who are less fortunate. Shoppers pick an ornament from an SA Christmas Angel tree, purchase the gift requested, and go out to the awaiting truck to turn it in. It's THAT easy!

From the Lost Dutchman MC Mesa Support page, "The Salvation Army and the Lost Dutchman MC would like to thank everyone who came out on Sunday. Over 200 children will get a Christmas present because of YOU! Walmart totals were over \$15,000, including 35 bicycles! Also, \$2,000 will be delivered to Sunshine Acres. Thank you all! This is not possible without the great community we have!"

*Photos by Susanne Kronemeyer*



## Modock's Ride ~ Rez Riders IMC

The 13th annual Modock's Ride took place on Saturday December 17th, organized by the Rez Riders IMC Arizona Chapter, in partnership with Reztoration Ministries. Modock was a former President of the Rez Riders IMC. He passed a number of years back & this event was named in his honor.

The Gila River Tribe CARING HOUSE is a long-term care facility in Sacaton. This annual ride delivers stockings and donated warm blankets, beanies, sugar free candy and other "wish list" items to the Elders, as well as spending time visiting with the residents.

It was another successful run, with a great turn out. There were lots of riders and lots of donations to the elderly. "THANK YOU ALL for your support. The residents always enjoy seeing the riders and hearing the bikes!"



## from the Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Chapter:

"Just sharing another good news story for the season.

"Every year Lost Dutchman Queen Creek support our local QC Kiwanis Club with their Toy Drive. This year we donated almost \$2,000 worth of toys to families in need. Supporting locally and giving back to the community!!"



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# More Christmas Wrap

## ACMC Toy Run

The 11th annual ACMC Toy Run took place on the morning of Sunday December 18, to benefit Children's Valleywise Health and Andrea's Closet.

ACMC Vice Chairman Bill Bracken of the Lost Dutchman MC sent this message, "The Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC) 2022 Christmas Toy run took place at the Walmart on 19th Avenue and Bell Rd in Phoenix. It brought

many Clubs that reside in the Westside of town, since the East-side of town has multiple Christmas Toy runs throughout December. Toys of all shapes and sizes were purchased to the tune of \$6000.00 and brought to the Hooligans MC, then loaded into a box truck they had waiting in the parking lot. Then the Bicycles were loaded that were purchased and donated by the ACMC which equaled about \$6000.00 as well. The Toys were then taken to the Road Runner Saloon in New River where people that couldn't make it to the Walmart to bring Toys...and party a little. The box truck had the final destination to end at Andrea's Closet, a distribution location for getting the Toys to less fortunate children. Thank you to the Hooligans MC and all who participated."

Andrea's Closet posted these messages, "Thank you to all that came out and supported Andrea's Closet 11th annual toy run" and "Thank you to the ACMC for the 11th annual bike donation. We gave out 50 bikes to the Hopekids..."



## Superstition H-D & Seductive CC Toy Drive

December 17 ~ Delivery Day

The 2022 Superstition Harley-Davidson & Seductive Car Club Toy Drive was successful enough to not only fulfill their deliveries to the kids at Sunshine Acres Children's Home but ALSO to adopted a family in Queen Creek and couple of families in Apache Junction with toys for those kids AND make a donation to the Hood Project in Mesa. The Hood Project is a toy drive supported by small

businesses to collect toys for kids in low-income neighborhoods.

Congratulations on such a good turnout this year!

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# More Christmas Wrap

## Christmas Eve With Some Vets

The American Legion Riders of Post 52 in Sierra Vista, AZ shared, "This year on Christmas Eve, the American Legion Riders (ALR) Post 52 once again delivered Christmas gifts to veterans living in assisted living facilities and lifecare centers. ALR was able to provide gifts to veterans through fundraising activities and events, with support from you local riders and community; thank you!!

"This year we were able to provide gifts to over 200 veterans and most importantly spend time with them and hear their stories. We want to thank our American Legion Post 52, The Sons of the American Legion, and The Auxiliary, for helping us make this event successful!

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !"



*We may not know them all, but we owe them all.*

# Boxing Day Ride with East Valley ABATE



Members of the East Valley ABATE-AZ Chapter met on the morning of Monday December 26, 2022 at the What the Hell / Slaughterhouse Bar. It was a sunny, mid-50's morning. Eleven bikes departed on the ride to Tortilla Flat.

It was a beautiful day to spend at the outdoor saloon listening to music, have some refreshments, stroll the boardwalk, and take a desert ride along the twists & turns of the Apache Trail.

East Valley ABATE is one of numerous ABATE-AZ Chapters of this Motorcyclists' Rights Organization. It is a good group of people who enjoy motorcycling and spending time & having fun with like-minded people.

All motorcyclists should support their local MRO... ABATE of AZ Volunteers continuously monitor what is happening at the State Capitol, to help promote motorcycle safety & protect our rights as motorcyclists. Some examples of ABATE-AZ accomplishments include Freedom of Choice regarding helmets, no height restrictions on handlebars, and no more emissions testing on motorcycles.

To learn more about ABATE of Arizona and to find a Chapter near you visit <http://www.abateofaz.org/> You are encouraged to attend a meeting and learn more about how ABATE is working on behalf of motorcyclists.

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# Troll's Teddy Bear Run

*click title for more pix*

Congratulations to Troll and his Teddy Bear Run team for a successful day despite Mother Nature really pulling out the stops to try & drown it! Troll's heartfelt thanks go out to everyone that took part in a very soggy 7th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run on Saturday December 3rd.

Braving what became a very wet day, 111 riders signed in at Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction. The first stop was Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar in Gold Canyon where they had a nice breakfast buffet set up for those who were hungry. The 2nd stop was at the River Bottom Bar in Florence. The 3rd stop was at the Gym Grill and Bar in San Tan Valley, before ending up back at [Superstition Harley-Davidson](#). Some took the whole ride and others got as far as breakfast at Wahoo's & headed back to SHD. Either way, Troll and the kids really appreciate you getting out in it for them! Everyone was told they had the option if they got too wet, to go home, get dry, and come back to Superstition Harley-Davidson in their cages by 3pm so they could enjoy the run's end festivities.

Back at SHD, Tank the Law Tiger was there for some fun pictures and helping to hand out the door and raffle prizes. There was a bunch of door prizes handed out plus 24 custom-made gift baskets on

the raffle table; offering all sorts of goodies & treats to take home.

The 50/50 drawing added to Mike Grey's pocket by \$235. Curt got \$100 for the Worst Poker Hand, Sharice's 2nd-Best Hand earned her \$200, and Nikki had the Best Hand & collected \$300.

*Congratulations to all of the day's winners!*

A good time was had by all and no chrome was harmed. (Some got a little dirty though.) To see all the pictures from the event, go to the [Troll's Teddy Bear Run Face Book page](#). They are also up on the [Troll's Teddy Bear Run website gallery](#).

Organizer Greg 'Troll' Hughes posted this message, "A huge THANK YOU to all the folks that volunteered this year at the 7th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run held at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Without you, we could not have pulled it off. Thank you Paul Cousineau Jr. and Denise, Robert Chase and Michelle Oliff, Laura Hershey, Brina Brown, Gary Junker and Tina Junker-Mahrt, Karen Svoboda, Michael Taylor and Rose Sheila Cleary, and AB."

Thanks go out to the TTBR Sponsors: Superstition Harley-Davidson, [Law Tigers Arizona](#), Embroidery Magic, Extreme Excavation, Leslie Kay's Inc [insurance], Superstition Mountain Rotary Club, S&S Activewear, Trolls Biker World, TNC Book Recycling, Wahoo's

Restaurant and Bar, and to Bill Wildhorse and the incredible Patriot Guard Riders of Arizona as a sponsor with their donation of over 150 stuffed animals this year.

People who were unable to attend the event were invited via online announcements to bring their donations over to Superstition HD by Wednesday the 14th.

Folks from 11 agencies & organizations gathered at Superstition Harley-Davidson on the morning of Thursday Dec 15 to divide up 1160 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals from this year's Troll's Teddy Bear Run. For a run that turned out to be very wet, a huge thanks to all that hung in there and made this another successful year.

These plush little critters go to local First Responders and Family Advocacy Centers. They are given to kids when they are caught up in a traumatic situation... a fire, domestic violence, auto wreck, etc. What might seem like such a simple item can be a calming influence in the midst of their ordeal; giving the little ones something to hold on to ~ until their life can return to 'normal'.

The 8th annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run will take place Saturday December 2nd, 2023. It's never too soon to start collecting little bears & plushies for next time. © We hope to see you there!





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**Saturday January 2023 { 1/14 }:** Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Meet 9:30a, Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600

**Saturdays Jan-Apr'23 { 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15 }:** Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600

**Sundays January 2023 { 1/8, 1/22 }:** Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 9:30a, Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600

**2nd Sundays:** ABATE-AZ East Valley Chapter meeting ~ 10a at American Legion Post 138, 107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe. {B'fast available before meeting} FMI: Joe Silk 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com

**2nd Sundays:** ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 11a at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: Dan Tumey 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

**2nd Sundays:** ABATE-AZ Phoenix-Shadow Mtn Chapter meeting. 10:30a-noon at AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St, Phoenix. Food & drinks available.

**2nd & 4th Sundays:** Desert Thunder MC cooks up breakfast 8-11am @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix. \$5/plate. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

**Wednesdays January 2023:** Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet 9:30am, KSU 10am. FMI: 480-346-0600

*The Freedom to Assemble is a RIGHT, not a 'privilege'*

2nd & 4th Thursdays: Desert Thunder MC hosts an Open House @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix. from 6-11pm. No cover charge. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

For more MC bike night listings, visit <http://www.azcmc.org/calendar>

1/8 {Sun} RESCHEDULED from Jan 1st ... Frosty Balls Poker Run to benefit Troll's Teddy Bear Run. Meet 9am at Slaughterhouse WTH, 7303 E Main, Mesa. \$10/pp. Half goes to Best Hand winner, rest to TTBR. Stops at Jake's, Shamrock, return to WTH. FMI: troll@trollsteddybearrun.com

1/14 {Sat} Superstition H-D New Year's Car & Motorcycle Show, presented by SHD@ & New Life CMA. All Cars & Motorcycles Welcome. Register 10am. Pre-register at SHD Info Center. \$15 entry fee includes a photo via email & a Pin. Spectators FREE. Raffle Prizes, Food Trucks, Music. Judging by People's Choice, Dealer's Choice, & CMA's Choice. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, Az. 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, info@superstitionhd.com

1/28 {Sat} 8th annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sponsors include Superstition Harley-Davidson & Law Tigers AZ. Sign-in 9-11am at American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills. Last stop SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction

2/4 {Sat} 2nd annual Be The Miracle Ride for The Bridge For Community Services {FCS}. Presented by K2 Electric & the Ascendants MC. Ride starts/ends at Desert Wind HD, 922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa. Reg opens at 9am. \$25/pilot, \$10/passenger includes lunch 11-3pm. Awards at 3pm. \$250 high hand, \$100 low hand. Live music & lots of fun! Proceeds benefit The Bridge FCS. FMI: ascendantsmc@yahoo.com ; www.thebridgefcs.org

2/11 {Sat} Red Iron MC – Maricopa annual Guitar Ride for Heart Strings Poker Run. Ride starts & ends at 44 Grill {623-842-1053}, 4494 W Peoria Ave in Glendale. Registration begins 10am, KSU @ Noon, Last bike in at 4pm. Poker Run, Live Music, Raffles.

2/12 {Sun} Loners MC Tucson hosts 'Leprechauns & Led Sleds' 9a-5pm at Shooters Steakhouse {520-322-0779}, 3115 E Prince Rd, Tucson

2/17-19 {Fr-Sun} Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion. 19 bands, 3 days / Car-Motorcycle-Truck show, pin-up beauty pageant, dry camping available. Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor Beach. <https://www.therockabillyreunion.com/>

2/18 {Sat} Old Koots On Scoots & Pawn Stars 1st Annual Arizona Poker Run to benefit the Hundley Foundation. Sign-in location TBA. \$35/pilot, \$25/ passenger includes Poker Run Hand, event t-shirt, and a meal. Ride ends at Rooster's Country Bar, Mesa {480-985-4088}.. Last bike in 3pm. FMI: oldkootson-scoots@gmail.com

2/19 {Sun} Kong's Poker Run. Sign-in 9am at VFW Maricopa Post 720; 4853 E Thomas Rd, Phoenix. \$20/pp includes poker run, shirt, & more. All proceeds go to a charity supporting a veteran non-profit organization. FMI: 480-321-6529, admin@azleathernecks.com

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**2/26 {Sun} Ladies Day at Lucky Strike Cycles, 1121 S Wilbur Street, Suite 1, Mesa 85210. Come learn about the care and maintenance of your bike from Striker and other industry professionals. Starts 1pm. Hotdog lunch provided. Raffles & more. RSVP: 480-398-0457, text 602-718-6767, or Paige@LuckyStrikeCycles.com**

3/18 {Sat} 8th Annual Vets Helping Vets Fundraiser hosted by Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association® Chapter 32-4 in conjunction with the American Legion Post 24 in Tombstone to benefit Veterans in Southern Arizona! Live local bands, raffles, silent auction, vendors, choose a Poker Run or a Scavenger Hunt for those who wish to experience Tombstone, and much, much MORE! \$20/pp includes one poker hand. Cash prizes for the high/low hands. FMI: [www.cvma32-4.org](http://www.cvma32-4.org)

3/24-25 The 12th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash at Lake Pleasant, Peoria. <https://azrockabilly-bash.com/>

**3/29-4/2 {Wed-Sun} 26th annual AZ Bike Week at WestWorld in Scottsdale.**

4/26-29 {Wed-Sat} Bullhead River Run Motorcycle Rally FMI: <https://mayheminfo.com/bullhead-river-run>

4/26-30 {Wed-Sun} Route 66 Bike Week 2023... from Needles to Seligman & beyond. <http://route66bikeweek.com/>

6/30-7/1 {Fr-Sat} White Mountain Bike Rally at Hon-Dah Casino in Pinetop. FMI: Karan 928-369-7590, [kjordan@hon-dah.com](mailto:kjordan@hon-dah.com)

**11/4 The 10th annual Seductive CC & Superstition HD Toy Drive Bike & Car Show; at SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600**

**12/2 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run. 9a~4p. Starts & ends at Superstition Harley Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. Sign-in 9 -10:30a. \$10/pp plus a "new" Teddy Bear each enters you into Poker Run. Raffles - Door Prizes - 50/50 and Merch will be available. Biker Breakfast Buffet will be available at Wahoo's (the 1st stop). FMI: [troll@trollsteddybearrun.com](mailto:troll@trollsteddybearrun.com)**



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