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### Celebration of Life for Bruce 'Meltdown' Newkirk

Bruce Newkirk, of *Arizona Rider Motorcycle News*, passed away on December 17, 2021.

There will be Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 5th, 2022 at American Legion Post 35 in Chandler, located at 2240 W Chandler Blvd. Chandler, AZ 85224. It will be in their outdoor venue, offering lots of room for people to social distance if they feel the need.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's name are suggested to the American Service Animal Society aka Dogs4Vets -- online at <https://dogs4vets.org/>. If checks are mailed, please put his name in the memo line.

People are welcome to start congregating at Post 35 at 11:30a. Service WILL START at 12:30pm, followed by an afternoon of visiting, sharing stories, and camaraderie in Bruce's name.

A Tribute Ride to escort Bruce's ashes to American Legion Post 35 for the service will depart from Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. For those who wish to participate, either by bike or auto {Bruce loves cool cars as well as motorcycles!} please be at SHD by 11am. Kickstands up 11:30a. Note: There will be a chase vehicle for this ride.

There will be a potluck after the service & donations to that are greatly appreciated. MaryK (602-751-3180 or [chairman@abateofaz.us](mailto:chairman@abateofaz.us)) is coordinating that so as not to end up with too much of some things and not enough of others.

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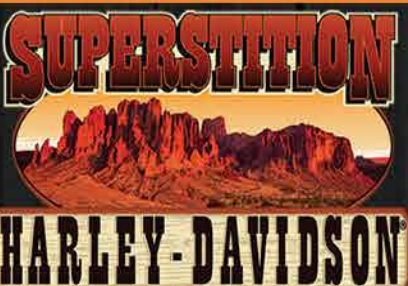
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Bullhead River Run follows shortly after ~ April 27-30; with events in Bullhead City AZ & Laughlin NV.

Too Broke For Sturgis hosted by ABATE-AZ takes riders up to Mormon Lake Lodge June 9-12.

On the Cover .... This photo was taken during the Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. That story and more pix are on page 15.

Have a good month! Ride safely, choose wisely, &  
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*Betsy*

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When members of the Armed Forces of the United States finish at least one year of their tour of deployment they need to enroll in the Veterans Administration (VA) program to obtain any VA Health Benefits they may be entitled to receive.



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# Passing Of Jerry Davis

By Mary K. Donnay

January 26 ... Phoenix, AZ

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of JERRY DAVIS, Phoenix Spartan Riders Motorcycle Club. He suffered a heart attack at home.

Jerry was a member of Phoenix Spartan Riders MC for almost 30 years, and



a member of ABATE of AZ since 1986, 36 years! He was our Phoenix/Shadow Mtn. Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms for the last MANY years. He and his wife, Janice, seldom missed a meeting. When you saw one, you saw the other.

He knew how to keep a meeting in order, and would chastise anyone disrupting or having side conversations with a "Hey, shut the fuck up! We're in a meeting!"

Jerry contributed a lot to our organization by keeping current on legislative & organizational issues and expressing his viewpoint. Jerry worked to keep the motorcycle community tight, and in constant communication. He was quick to compliment a job well done, or tell you to "squat and drop".

We're sure going to miss his presence, insight and smart sense of humor.

As of this writing, memorial arrangements had not yet been announced.

R.I.P. Freedom Fighter!



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### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

*Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)*

### U.S. MOTORCYCLE SALES CONTINUE UPWARD TREND

New motorcycle sales in the U.S. continued to rise across all segments last year, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) announced. While bike sales continue to improve, it's also worth noting that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation saw enrollment in its basic rider courses grow significantly in 2021 as well, so it's good news all-around with more riders on more bikes.

"In addition to strong sales, we are seeing strong demand for riding training and education," said MIC president and CEO Erik Pritchard. "The Motorcycle Safety Foundation saw an estimated 48% increase in enrollment in 2021 over 2020."

Overall motorcycle sales rose 14.2% over 2020, and 21.8% over 2019 figures, across all segments. That includes scooters, which by themselves rose 19.6% over 2020, and 31.4% over 2019 numbers, while on-road bike sales rose 12.9% over 2020, but what's especially encouraging is sales of dual-sport and off-road bikes. The strange year that was 2020 saw a 46.2% increase in dual sport sales over 2019 numbers, and in 2021 dual-sport motorcycle sales rose an additional 18.6% over those 2020 numbers. Pure off-road bikes also saw sales rise 42.9% in 2021 over 2019.

These marketing figures were gleaned from sales data that the MIC compiles from 14 major OEMs and distributors across America, and it's an encouraging outlook as we vroom into 2022.

### BUMPER YEAR FOR BIKING DESPITE REPEATED COVID THREATS

Amidst the doom and gloom of both winter weather and the lingering effects of the global pandemic, it may come as a surprise that 2021 was one of the strongest years for motorcycling in well over a decade, with new bike sales worldwide on an upward swing and more people joining the two-wheeled fold.

Anecdotal evidence from training schools here and across the pond reflect-

ed a huge surge of people wanting to get into motorcycling and now the latest data confirms it.

Ducati reports that 2021 was their best sales year on record, up globally an impressive 24% on 2020, which was heavily impacted by Coronavirus, but also a massive 12% up on 2019.

And it's not just Ducati celebrating success either, with BMW announcing 2021 was their best-ever year of global sales - jumping 14.8% from 2020.

Despite concerns an exit from the European Union might hinder growth in the UK, motorcycle sales there increased by 26.6%, spurring a 9.3% rise in registrations.

### BRACE FOR DAMAGED SUPPLY CHAIN RECOVERY

With 2021 being the rollercoaster that it was, supply chains around the world have been hit with a crisis of limited product availability: "Starting in 2020, companies reacted to the economic downturn by cancelling production plans for the next year, only to be blindsided by an upswing in demand prompted by rapid vaccine rollouts and fiscal support for rich-world household spending," explains a report from KitCo. "At the same time, virus containment measures and infection clusters triggered

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labour shortages and factory shutdowns, just as consumer spending was shifting from services to goods."

Right around this point was when the Powersports market saw an especially huge surge in sales; people had nowhere to go, so they bought bikes and other toys to have fun locally.

Today, restrictions are consistently looser than ever, thanks to the milder Omicron variants -- and with the loosened limitations come a tentatively positive upswing for the market -- an upswing that, if we're lucky, will mean an end to supply shortages and the healing of damaged income streams, predicts [webbikeworld.com](http://webbikeworld.com).

"At some point during this year, we will see a more 'normal situation'," says Soren Skou, head of shipping giant Maersk, who predicts employees will soon return to work at ports, inflating demand for shipment services and thereby contributing to the mending of at least one sector of the supply chain.

All told, executives of Powersports manufacturers are anticipating a hike in raw product prices for 2022.

In the meantime, the global semiconductor shortage has impacted multiple industries, including automotive and

powersports. Over 80% of the microchips in products consumed by Americans are manufactured in Asia, whose production has reduced following the pandemic. This has resulted in a severe shortage across the world.

As a result, companies like Bosch have increased investment in microchip manufacturing; however, it will be a while until new players like Intel Corp and Samsung can overcome the current deficit. House Democrats and President Biden are pushing for \$52B of investment in semiconductor production and research to speed up the process further.

For consumers, we've seen vehicle costs rise by over 10-15% the past couple of years due to product shortages and supply chain issues, and this will likely continue until a more permanent solution is found.

### STUDY SHOWS THAT ETHANOL IS WORSE FOR THE CLIMATE THAN GASOLINE

Analysis of corn-based ethanol production from end-to-end yields some potentially bad news for this biofuel. While riders have long understood that ethanol can have ill effects on our bikes, a new study published in the "Proceedings

of the National Academy of Sciences" found that it may have other downsides, too.

Ethanol was supposed to be environmentally advantageous as compared to gasoline, but in the study, researchers dove deeper into how the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard's outcomes were measuring up to the country's goals. Instead of simply limiting its observations to any one part of the corn-based ethanol production and consumption processes, researchers gathered data on all parts of the ethanol production cycle.

Upon taking important things like land use changes, fertilizer increases, and the like into account, researchers reported findings that corn-based ethanol is 24% more carbon-intensive than gasoline production. If these numbers are even remotely accurate, it's concerning.

"It basically reaffirms what many suspected, that corn ethanol is not a climate-friendly fuel and we need to accelerate the shift toward better renewable fuels, as well as make improvements in efficiency and electrification," lead study author and scientist Tyler Lark said in a statement.

This study's release comes shortly be-

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fore the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is expected to propose updated 2023 requirements to the country's bio-fuel policies.

### RHODE ISLAND PROPOSES TAX CUT FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

Rhode Island has just had a 2022 budget proposal that could potentially provide a "sales tax exemption for the trade-in value of motorcycles."

Governor Daniel McKee's proposed 2022 budget, H 7123, includes motorcycle tax cuts used strictly for pleasure purposes;

(67) Trade-in value of motorcycles

"From the sale and from the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of so much of the purchase price paid for a new or used motorcycle as is allocated for a trade-in allowance on the motorcycle of the buyer given in trade to the seller, or of the proceeds applicable only to the motorcycle as are received from the manufacturer of motorcycles for the repurchase of the motorcycle whether the repurchase was voluntary or not towards the purchase of a new or used motorcycle by the buyer."

Gov. McKee's proposed tax break would only apply to the trade-in value of

a bike, or reselling bikes in general, and could be a great way to get new riders on R.I. roads.

### UK DECARBONIZATION PLAN EYES E-BIKES

The British government has launched an action plan that it's hoped will help realize the potential electric motorcycles and scooters offer for reducing emissions and congestion. The Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) have been working with specialists tasked by the Government to find out what needed to be done to increase the use of smaller electric vehicles.

"Traditionally, powered two-wheelers and other types of PLVs (Powered Light Vehicles) have often been absent from national and local policy due to an underappreciation or lack of awareness of their potential benefits to the environment," says MCIA chief, Tony Campbell. "The launch of this Action Plan is a landmark for our sector, and we look forward to continuing our work with the Government and industry to ensure the full and proper implementation of the Plan's recommendations."

The measures that the MCIA have recommended are broad and far reach-

ing, covering everything from ensuring that licensing laws keep up with the evolution of new electric bikes to building a UK based supply chain to help lower costs.

### DANES FACE MOTORCYCLE CONFISCATION FOR 'INSANE' RIDING

Danish authorities are confiscating three motorcycles a day for what the authorities are claiming is 'insane' riding. The rules first came into force in March 2021, and in a nutshell, allow the police and authorities to enforce much stricter penalties for what is deemed to be dangerous and illegal riding or driving. Up to and including the offender's vehicle being seized, with seized machines sent off and sold at auction!

The scheme isn't just aimed at residents of the Nordic beauty spot, those travelling in and through the nation are also liable. FEMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations) reports that anyone touring in or through, holidaying, or on business in Denmark, using two wheels or four is liable to be hit with the same penalties.

The system seems to be working

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too, as FEMA reports that in the first six months after the new rules came into force, the police seized a total of 510 vehicles, while 623 charges have been filed in 586 cases involving "insane driving."

### RESEARCHERS FIND DRIVERS AND RIDERS SEE DIFFERENTLY

A road safety study from England's Bournemouth University has found that drivers and riders on the road see 'different things' and have a very different visual perception of what is going on around them.

The project was led by PhD researcher (and BMW rider) Shel Silva, who assessed the neurological and cognitive influences of motorcyclists and car drivers.

"The brain has developed an interest in things which are threats," explains the report, which found that road users would

see larger objects on the road, trucks, buses, and so on, as a greater threat than smaller objects such as motorcycles. Silva also found that a motorcyclist's identification, perception, and knowledge of potential risks would change depending on their motorcycling qualifications and experience.

To complete the study, Silva used eye-tracking and interviews using grounded theory to investigate the causes of collisions. It uncovered that a motorcycle rider can be masked by a natural blind spot in the human eye. And that a driver's brain can experience saccadic masking (when the brain fills in the information when moving the eyes from one point to another), potentially causing a motorcyclist to be obscured from view.

Silva recommends making minor lane adjustments prior to a maneuver or turn, which can trigger a visual orienting response to capture drivers' attention.

"The research is suggesting that by understanding motorcyclists' knowledge and identification of risks it is possible to better inform training and materials which appeal to motorcyclists," she said. "It is key to understand that motorcyclists do not need training about how to ride a


motorcycle but would benefit from more skills regarding how to read the road and other road users."

### QUOTABLE QUOTE:

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~ Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900),  
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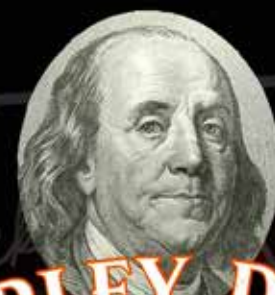
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Dave "Coach" Pennington ~ March 16, 2020  
Gynni Giebel ~ March 16, 2020  
Britt 'Pops' Rowland -- March 30, 2020  
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January 21, 2022 ... Recall

~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V023000  
Damaged Link Strut May Affect Riding Stability  
Potential Number of Units Affected 1,625  
Summary: BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain 2019-2020 K1600 GT, K1600 GTL, and K1600 B motorcycles. The link strut connecting the rear suspension to the frame may have insufficient strength, which can cause the link strut to be-

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come damaged. A damaged link strut can cause the rear of the motorcycle to contact the rear wheel, affecting riding sta-

bility and control, and increasing the risk of a crash.

Read more about NHTSA Recall #22V023000 here.

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January 25, 2022 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign #: 22V030000 Instrument Cluster Malfunction/FMVSS 123 Potential # Units Affected 3,917 Summary: Harley Davidson

Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2021 Pan America 1250S (RA1250S), Pan America 1250 (RA1250), and Sportster S (RH1250S) motorcycles. The instrument cluster module may not display the speedometer and neutral indicator at start-up when the module is below freezing temperatures. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 123, "Motorcycle Controls and

Displays." Operating a motorcycle without a visible speedometer or neutral indicator may increase the risk of a crash.

Read more about NHTSA Recall #22V030000 here.

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*Jack Alexander, Owner of  
Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories,  
Awarded Citizen of the Month by the  
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Kingman, AZ—January 21, 2022— Jack Alexander, Owner of Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories, was presented the Kingman Route 66 Rotary Club's Citizen of the Month award on January 14, 2022. Jack Alexander is instrumental in organizing events to benefit the Kingman Food Pantry and Homeless Veterans. Jack has hosted Easter breakfast for the less fortunate and has provided free, front row seating to veterans every year during the Kingman Veteran's Day Parade. This year, the Mohave County

North Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program presented Jack with the Commander's Award for going above and beyond to assist the children. Jack has been supportive of keeping events downtown to benefit residents and downtown merchants. Jack Alexander (center) owner of Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Ac-



cessories is pictured with Linda Owners (right) owner of Kingman Party Rentals and Tom Clark, Former and Interim President.

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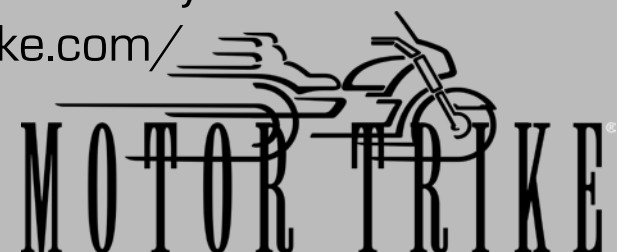
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# RIDE FOR THE SALT RIVER WILD HORSES



The 2022 Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses took place on Saturday January 29. Thank you to event coordinator Skeeter Peak for sharing news and photos from this day.

As in years past, registration took place at American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills. New this year, local food trucks were at Post 58. Fountain Hills Food Truck served up breakfast burritos while Pura Vida Grinds Coffee Truck poured the brew. Sheriff Joe Arpaio made an appearance; walking around and mingling with the crowd. The SRWHMG merchandise booth was set up as well.

Over 700 riders signed up for this event; with 500+ bikes participating. NICE! This ride takes you on a scenic route where these wild horses call home ~ on Bush Highway, thru the Lower Salt River in the Tonto National Forest. There was one stop at Goldfield Recreation Site to take a group photo. The wild horses could be seen, which is always a treat.

The last stop was at Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction. The gathering at SHD ran from 11a until about 3pm;

with vendors, a beer garden, and raffles. There was live music by Nathan Dean & The Damn Band. Vendors included Blades and Shades, Thigh Brush, Ride Merchandise, SRWHMG merchandise, MCG Biker Jewelry, Le Noir Cheral horse hair jewelry, Rosie's soft Serve Ice cream, One Hot Mess, Habaneros Tacos, Gary's hot dogs, Fair food, and the Salt River Wild Horse Mustang car by GP-Walsh Designs.

The day raised \$15,786.48 for the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group {SRWHMG}. These monies are used for a variety of programs including Fence Maintenance, Salt River Rescues, Wild Horse Education, Scientific Research, Environmental Clean Up {including trash & barbed wire}, and Humane Birth Control.

Their website <http://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/> goes into more detail.

Sponsors included Superstition Harley-Davidson® & Law Tigers; plus American Legion Post 58, Len Novin the Bull 102.5 FM, the Rattler 97.3 fm and GP Walsh custom Vinyl Designs.

There were over 1200 participants to make this day a success... riders, vendors, volunteers, security and hired help. Special thanks go to: The Tonto National Forest Service, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Arizona Rangers, Justin B. Umbs GM & Brina Brown Events Director & the Staff at Superstition Harley-Davidson®, John Weedo Post 58 Commander & Doug Fair VP American Legion Post 58 Riders, Simone Netherlands - President for the SRWHMG, and the 40 SRWHMG volunteers who helped with photography, videos, raffle, merchandise booths and registration.

To follow and learn more about the Salt River Wild Horses, visit online at <https://www.saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup> View more photos and video at <https://www.facebook.com/SkeetersupporterforSRWHMG> and from Superstition HD at <https://bit.ly/SHDPICS>

Congratulations on a successful event!

*Betsy*



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**Sundays Mar 2022 {3/6, 3/20}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at SHD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 9:30a, Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600**

**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.**

**Wednesdays in March: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet 9:30am, KSU 10am. FMI: SHD-HOG hotline 480-346-0626, main 480-346-0600**

**Saturdays March & April 2022 { 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30 }: Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120 from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600**

For MC bike night listings,  
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**3/5 {Sat} Celebration of Life, for Bruce 'Meltdown' Newkirk. Start gathering 1130a, service starts at 1230pm at American Legion Post 35 in Chandler. Follow link for more details or FMI: MK 602-751-3180 or chairman@abateofaz.us**

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**3/5 Austin's 2nd Star Suicide Awareness/Prevention Poker Run. Starts at Padre Murphy's {4338 W Bell Rd, Glendale, AZ 85308} for breakfast & reg from 8:30-11am. \$20/sgl, \$10/Passenger, \$25/Car. Last stop Buffalo Chip Saloon in Cave Creek where we will draw for all prizes. FMI: Austins2ndStarSuicidePrevention@yahoo.com**

**3/11-13 {Fr-Sun} Tombstone Weekend with Superstition HOG Chapter. Be at Superstition HD - 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 at 9:30am, KSU at 10:00am.**

**3/12 {Sat} Lost Dutchman MC 26th Goldrush Poker Run, 9a-5:30pm. Starts/ends at LDMC Mesa Clubhouse, 1826 W Broadway Suite #42, Mesa, AZ. Portion of proceeds to benefit Sunshine Acres Children's Home. FMI: Bill Bracken 602-463-7886, billetdmc@gmail.com**

**3/12 3rd Annual Poker Run for Veterans in Need hosted by Warrior Brotherhood MC AZ departs from Desert Wind HD 922 S Country Club Dr; Mesa AZ 85210. Poker Run with Prizes for Worst & Best Hand, Raffles and Fun. Reg 9am. \$25/pilot, \$5/Passenger, \$10/Extra Hand. FMI: 623-337-3525**

**3/19 {Sat} 7th Annual Vets for Vets Fundraiser, hosted by CVMA 32-4, Combat Veterans MA, & American Legion Post 24 @ 225 E Allen St; Tombstone. 8a-5pm. \$20/pp. All funds raised benefit Veterans in Need. Cash Prize Poker Run, Pub Crawl, Live Music, Raffles, Vendors, Silent Auction, & more. <https://www.cvma32-4.org>, email@cvma32-4.org**

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3/26 {Sat} Bike Wash & Poker Run for Autism hosted by Unbroken MC. Bike Wash & registration at HD Scottsdale {480-905-1903} 9am. \$20/sgl, +\$10/2-up includes b'fast.

4/2 {Sat} 2nd Annual Ironhorse Rodeo. Register 9-10:30am @ Superstition Harley-Davidson® 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. \$20/person includes ride punch card. Final stop festivities & ceremony to honor our Veterans at the Payson Elks Lodge • People's Choice Bike Show • Cornhole Tournament starts @ 12pm proceeds benefit Payson FFA • 50/50 Raffles plus various other raffles Pre-register @ [paysonprorodeo.com](http://paysonprorodeo.com) FMI: 480-346-0600 or this link

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4/9 {Sat} 17th Annual East Valley Firefighter Charity Ride, presented by Superstition Harley Davidson & Law Tigers. Register at SHD 8-11am. \$30/sgl, \$50/2-up. Last stop at AZ Bike Week at WestWorld. Entry fee included. FMI: 480-346-0600

4/20-24 {Wed-Sun} Route 66 Bike Week. FMI: [Rob@BikerAtlas.com](mailto:Rob@BikerAtlas.com), Call or text 424-322-0505, <http://route66bikeweek.com/>

4/23 {Sat} Rough Riders MC Papago Chapter annual 'In Memory' Party. \$10/pp. Starts 6pm at Sandy Coor VFW Post 1433, 7618 N 63rd Ave; Glendale, AZ. Music, food, raffles, more. Benefits Paralyzed Veterans of America, AZ Chapter. FMI: Novel, RRMC 602-790-9143, [Novel\\_1818@yahoo.com](mailto:Novel_1818@yahoo.com)

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