

Bringing News, Entertainment, & Resources
to Arizona's Biker Community



Celebrating 23+ years of
continuous publishing & 18 years online

Budget-Friendly Rates
Get Your Message Heard!

**Support Your Local
Biker Publication!**

Shop Our Advertisers AND

*Let Them Know You Saw
Them in Arizona Rider*



Jun 2023



<https://AZRiderSouthwest.com>

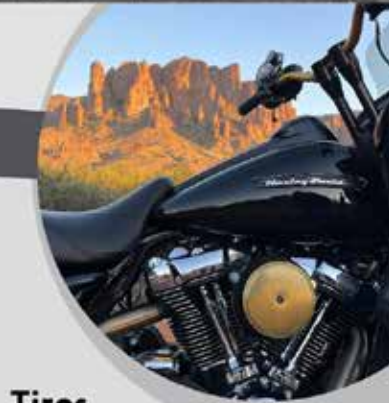
*Click here to sign up for our eMailing List Subscription.
Receive a notice when the new e-dition is posted online.*



1121 S Wilbur St, Ste 1 Mesa, Az

480-398-0457

Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
Early, After Hour And Saturdays by
Appointment



Tires
Factory Service
Extended Warranty
Insurance Repairs
Customization
Motorcycle Storage
Motorcycle Towing

We treat your bike like
it's one of our own

Superstition Express
COVID-19 LAUNDRY Compliant

**We are open regular business hours,
helping keep your family safe!**

- Following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, families should observe high levels of cleanliness and hygiene, including regular clothes washing during the pandemic.
- Our commercial washers combined with hot water and proper detergent can flush out contaminants. Our commercial dryers deliver proper heating to further protect your garments.
- In keeping With CDC recommendations of enhanced cleaning of high-touch hard surfaces, we are committed to providing our customers with the cleanest and safest environment to wash their clothes.
- Thank you for allowing SEL help you in these stressful times.

LAUNDROMATS ARE ESSENTIAL SERVICES



State-of-the-Art Laundromat, Bright, Clean, & Air-Conditioned

Friendly Staff ready to assist you at all times.
Open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Every Day! Last wash at 7:00 pm

Use us for all of your laundry needs & services.

Thank you for
our Fifth straight
year of
winning the
"Best Laundromat
of Apache Junction"
Award!



- 20 to 90lb. Washers for big loads
- 50lb Dryers that dry in half the time
- Easy card system - no quarters needed
- Drop off cleaning & ironing service
- Business accounts available
- Laundry soaps & accessories available
- Free WiFi, coffee, DirectTV and sports
- Separate customer area & kids area

725 W Apache Trail | Apache Junction AZ 85120 | 480.359.3964

AZ Rider Motorcycle News & Entertainment

P O Box 7343, Mesa, AZ 85216-7343
Phone 480-304-1361

Owner / Publisher: Arizona Rider LLC
Editor: Betsy Newkirk

June 2023 ✕ Volume 25, Issue 6 ✕ 282nd edition
Editor@AZRiderSouthwest.com
<https://AZRiderSouthwest.com>

This Month's Contributors:

- * Bill Bish, NCOM
- * Kathy Madole-Esposito * Steve Heyer
- * Tracy, T-RMA

AZ Rider Motorcycle News {AZR} is published monthly. Submissions of articles, photos, and other interesting stuff are always welcome and will be considered for future issues. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. By submitting material for publication, you are certifying that it is an original work, and not infringing upon others' property; unless otherwise stated and properly annotated. We reserve the right to edit submissions for content and length. Photos submitted for publication are received with an implied consent to use them. We apologize in advance if we use your picture against your wishes, but assume no responsibility in doing so.


The opinions expressed herein are exclusively those of the contributors and/or advertisers, and do not necessarily reflect the position of AZ Rider Motorcycle News.

We accept no responsibility for the accuracy or content of submitted advertisements. We offer no guarantees or endorsements regarding advertisements herein. Caveat emptor - let the buyer beware.

Reprints with permission of the publisher and with attribution.

AZ Rider Motorcycle News is an independent publication with no affiliation to any motorcycling club or organization.

Motorcycling Organizations Contacts

click here to visit our Organizations Directory with clickable contacts 

To have your organization listed, send the name, phone # and website {if available} to Editor@AZRiderSouthwest.com or call 480-304-1361 or snail mail P O Box 7343; Mesa, AZ 85216-7343

Advertiser Index

ABATE of Arizona	12	Law Tigers	5
Aint Nick's Tavern	13	Lucky Strike Cycles	1
Arizona Biker Leathers	4	Marcia, Marcia, Marcia! Realtor®	13
		MRF, A&E	15
Bits 'n Bytes	PL	Norman Blakey, Copper Canyon Law	10
CPA ~ RK Silva	2	RB&P Enterprises	8
Ferguson Approach Realty	14	Superstition Express Laundry	1
G&M Barbershop	6	Superstition Harley-Davidson	9
Jeannie's Grooming	PL	Too Broke For Sturgis	7

Hello AriZona Riders

On the cover...

This month's cover photo was taken at Superstition Harley-Davidson in Apache Junction, on the morning of the annual East Valley Firefighters Charity Ride. That story is on page 12-13 in this month's edition.



AriZona's summer heat is gonna be here soon enough. If you choose to ride during these months, you'd be wise to get yourself some type of cooling gear; neck wraps, caps, &/or vests. Hopefully you'll start by checking in with some AZ Rider Advertisers to purchase them. There are several that carry such items. Regardless of where you end up making your purchases, cool gear can go a long way toward helping your summer riding to be much safer & more comfortable.

Happy Father's Day to you Dads out there! Wishing you all a great day.

Enjoy the month! Ride safely, choose wisely, &
Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

Betsy

Reader Index

ALMA OG Rockabilly Nite	pg 3	EVFF Charity Ride, ABW-SHD	p 12-13
Calendar	pg 15	NCOM News	pg 6-8
Community News	pg 10	Thunder-Rode Bikefest	pg 11

From Military To Civilian – A Seamless Transition

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. Enroll PROMPTLY by following these steps:

- Obtain a copy of your service medical records prior to discharge.
- A veteran has 2 years, after separation, to apply for service-related medical conditions. After two years the process becomes more difficult.
- If you require medical assistance from the VA after separation/discharge, bring with you a copy of your medical records, a copy of your DD-214, and two forms of picture identification.
- Any injury or illness incurred while serving on active duty as a regular, reservist, or Federalized member of the National Guard needs to be noted in your medical records.
- Enroll in the VA IMMEDIATELY. Do Not Procrastinate!!
- Join a veterans service organization - American Legion, VFW, DAV, AMVETS, Marine Corps League, Rolling Thunder®, etc

"WELCOME HOME, CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE, AND GOOD LUCK"

Michael DePaulo, COM

National Parliamentarian, Rolling Thunder®, Inc. ; Plt. Sgt. USMC, RVN

 << follow the online link for complete text & additional information

Tired of doing your taxes yourself?
Want a change from your current preparer?
Looking for someone completely reliable and knowledgeable?

The Office of
RK Silva CPA PLLC
does Business & Personal Taxes, Payroll,
Tax Planning, and more

1208 East Broadway Rd, Ste 120; Tempe AZ

Phone: 480-317-9588

email silvainfo@rksilvacpapllc.com
<http://rksilvacpapllc.com>

Please mention *AZ Rider Motorcycle News*

**COME
JOIN US**



**Become
a Patriot
Guard Rider**

"The Patriot Guard Riders is a 100% Volunteer, Federally registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization which ensures dignity and respect at memorial services honoring Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders and Honorably Discharged Veterans."

We don't care what you ride or if you ride, what your political views are, or whether you're a hawk or a dove. It is not a requirement that you be a veteran. It doesn't matter where you're from or what your income is.

The only prerequisite is Respect.

"Joining" means you are added to our email list for the notification of upcoming missions. Just follow this link and register. <http://www.azpgr.org/>

ALMA OG ROCKABILLY NITE

click title to see more pix

ALMA's OriGinal Chapter hosted their 2nd Annual Miss Rockabilly Party on Saturday March 11, 2023 to benefit Hope Women's Center.

There was great camaraderie, the pleasant rumble of conversations & laughter, vendors to shop, and enthusiastic response to the pinup pageant. Rockabilly music by Suzie and the AcceleratorZ was a lot of fun to listen to. Turnout looked great, with more than 17 organizations being represented.

Raffles included creative gift baskets including Harley-Davidson items, adult beverages, & a variety of other items; various gift certificates, a Coca-Cola cooler, an LED TV, tattoo time, and more.

The pageant hostess was Kathy Madole-Esposito of Ms PinupAZ. The pageant included around 22 contestants, vying for 7 titles. There are several phases of the competition. Each gal introduces herself to the audience. This evening's car for the posing / photo segment of the contest was a 1939 Buick.

The Miss Rockabilly ALMA OG 2023 winners were

Miss Hot Mamma goes to #14 Miss Sassy Marie, Elisa Rister

Miss Betty Babe goes to #19 Miss Lillie Louise, Aimee Fisher

Miss Delightful Doll goes to #18 Miss Elizabeth Snow, Laura Elizabeth

Miss Leather & Lace goes to #16 Mystic Moxie, Miss Micah Kimsey

Miss Sizzling Threads goes to #4 Miss Holiday Barbie, Miss Lei Cay

Miss Desired Dames / Contestants Choice goes to #5 Miss Arleen Vasquez

Miss Angel Baby / Presidents Choice goes to #11 Miss Southern Belle, Amber Jane Dixon

Congratulations to each of you!

Kathy sent along thanks to the sponsors. "Thank you to the ALMA MC OriGinal for your support and sponsorship with the Sashes, Crowns, & Beautiful Flowers. Thank you also to Red Hamburg and Geppetto Hamburg for allowing us to use your car for the Pose Off. Thank you to all of our Judges - Traci Nelson, Perry Nelson, Rebecca Walker, and Diana Allred. Thank you to our wonderful Band Suzie and the AcceleratorZ. Thank you to our sponsors Joshua Gargalione with Lost Dutchman Tattoo, Deviant Dolls Boudoir, Elisa & Tim Rister, Lucy Stevens-Grubel with GoGet My Laundry, Beckah Dzuriga with MAMA B'S Photography, Fred Bono with Fred Bono Photography, Amber Jane's Soapery, and Sashes by Sheila. Oscar Ramirez with LabWorx Media was our wonderful photographer for the night.

A Very Big Thank you to Beckah Dzuriga & Jolene Rubi for Helping out at this show. Thank you again to ALMA MC OG for working together to make a wonderful Show. And a Very Big Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event. Together we can help the Cause! I Love you all. Smile & love one another one day at a time."

If pinup sounds fun to you & you think you'd like to participate in the pinup community, contact Kathy of Miss PinupAZ via her facebook page or by email rzkittykat@aol.com. Kathy commented, "Pinup really helps to add to one's confidence & self-esteem. The ladies make friends and one of the most important things is laughter, happiness, and doing good for others. A smile can go a long way."

It was a fun night, with everyone coming together to help out a serious & important cause. Hope Women's Center is a domestic violence shelter that helps women who have escaped a bad situation to get a new start. Visitors were encouraged to bring items for the Shelter to help the women. If you would like to learn more about Hope Women's Center, please visit their website at <https://hope-womenscenter.org>

ALMA MC OriGinal posted, "Another great night last night. Thee ALMA OriGinal Familia would like to thank all the clubs, vendors, contestants, Miss Pinup Az, and Suzie & the Accelerators for another great Rockabilly night. Congrats to the winners of the Pinup contest and to all the raffle winners. ML&R"



Family

Owned & Operated
Since 2002



SHOP ONLINE
ORDERS SHIP DAILY

ArizonaBikerLeathers.com

13833 N. 19th Ave • Phoenix, Arizona 85023

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES



Jackets - Chaps
Leather Vests
Denim Vests
Patches
Tool Bags
Travel Bags
Eye Wear
Face Masks
Helmets - Gloves
Gift Cards &
So much more...



ARIZONA'S LARGEST SELECTION OF

PATCHES

Browse our selection of patches or create your own.

602-843-5847

Custom Patches - Made To Order

Follow us on Social media

/ARIZONABIKERLEATHERS





WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK



LAW TIGERS[®]

MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS

Motorcycle Accident?

Call 1-800-Law Tigers | LawTigers.com

Law Tigers is not a referral service, but a service mark used to identify a lawyer's membership in the American Association of Motorcycle Injury Lawyers © 2020

THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS SERVICE is brought to you by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and is sponsored by the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. If you've been involved in any kind of accident, call us at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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

"COMING TOGETHER" WELCOMED AT NCOM CONVENTION

"My goal is to strengthen the organization in a positive way to achieve our legislative goals," announced Charlie Boone of the Concerned Bikers Association (CBA/ABATE of North Carolina) in accepting the post of Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors. Boone has been instrumental to the CBA for over three decades, and has served for several years as Region VI (AL FL GA NC SC) representative on the board of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), who added "A huge THANK YOU to outgoing Chairman Doc Reichenbach" (ABATE of Florida) for his many years of service to the organization."

NCOM also welcomes Ed Schetter, Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio as Chairman of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, replacing retiring chairman Frank Ernst of ABATE of Minnesota.

Both join Joseph Lester, Executive Director of NCOM, in extending a welcoming hand to all motorcyclists and every motorcycle organization to join together during the upcoming NCOM Convention in Phoenix, Arizona over Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023.

"NCOM is a coming together of a broad range of biker groups & individuals, who have similar goals of protecting their rights to ride their motorcycles with as minimal intrusion from the government as possible," said Lester, whose fa-

ther attorney Richard M. Lester founded NCOM nearly forty years ago to promote communication between various groups and form an umbrella organization representing diverse clubs and organizations that share common interests.

"NCOM does its work by the monetary and legal help of the AIM Attorneys across the country, so there is no money or dues required for groups to join NCOM," explains 'Joey' Lester. "I believe the future we want can only be achieved by working with other biker groups and truly believe unity of purpose and direction will achieve the best results."

In the past this has not been the case, but putting the past in past and moving forward, NCOM is encouraging representation from groups such as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), "which has been doing an incredible job on the National Legislative front," and the Council of Clubs along with the Motorcycle Profiling Project recognized "for helping state groups in getting anti-profiling laws adopted locally and nationally," to attend a "Coming Together" at this year's 38th annual NCOM Convention.

"NCOM looks forward to working with and supports all these highly successful biker groups in any way we can, and not in competition, as we fight together for bikers' rights legally and legislatively," concludes Lester in a call for unity and cooperation going forward.

For more information on the NCOM Convention, or to register, visit www.on-a-bike.com or call (800) 525-5355. For hotel reservations, contact the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe at (480) 967-1441.

AORA WOULD EXPAND MOTORIZED RECREATION

The American Outdoor Recreation Act has been introduced in Congress to expand motorized recreational opportunities, and the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) urges you to "Take Action!" and ask your U.S. Senators to support the AORA, S. 873.

"Enjoying time in the great outdoors is not only fun, but it's beneficial to a

on web, click title to visit site

person's mental and physical health," according to SEMA. "Outdoor recreational activities are also a key economic driver in communities across the U.S., employing over 4.5 million Americans."

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) is committed to expanding motorized recreational access on government lands, so "tell your U.S. Senators they need to expand motorized recreational opportunities by supporting the American Outdoor Recreation Act."

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY "FLAT" AS SALES SLIP

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has released their 2022 Motorcycle Statistical Annual, a comprehensive collection of data about the motorcycle business in America, featuring detailed information on vehicle population, owner demographics, product use, sales, market share, manufacturers, distributors and dealerships nationwide.

"While 2022 is pretty much flat compared to 2021 and 2020, it still is a significant increase from 2019," explains Buckner Nesheim, MIC Director of Research & Statistics. The industry's reference book has been updated and the data indicates 2022 sales of new motorcycles and scooters decreased by -3.5% over the previous year, while ATVs decreased -12.7%.

"When we compare 2022 to 2019 sales, off-highway is up +36%, on-highway is up +4%, and scooters are up +12%," notes Nesheim. "Dual sport (ADV) is a tremendous growth story. Sales in this category have increased every year since 2016 and more dual sport motorcycles were sold in 2022 than in any other year since we started collecting data in this category in 1990."

MIC data for the full year 2022 show total powersports industry new model retail sales at -6.2% (733,537 units compared to 781,806 units in 2021). Domestic U.S. on-highway retail motorcycle sales were 297,174 units for the year

continues on page 7



Motorcycle Clubs Are NOT Street Gangs



G&M NEIGHBORHOOD BARBER SHOP
Specializing in haircuts for men and boys
BEARD TRIMS & SHAVES
6515 E. Main St, #123; Mesa, AZ 85205
Open: Tues-Sat 9am-6:30pm • Sun & Mon 11am-5pm
480-924-5053

On Perspective ...
When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment. Now, as a grown up, a nap feels like a small vacation!

Advertise in
RIDER
MOTORCYCLE NEWS
Everyone will read it.
YOU just did!
Budget-Friendly Rates
AZRiderSouthwest.com or 480-304-1361

(-5.4%); scooters at 22,181 units (-4.3%); dual sport models (ADV) were 72,643 units (+0.0%); off-highway motorcycles were -5.0% (145,216 units), with ATV retail sales -12.7% at 196,860 units.

MIC ADDS POPULAR "ADVENTURE BIKE" MARKET SEGMENT

With the growing popularity of the adventure bike market segment, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has announced it will add a new category to its Retail Sales Report (RSR) for the first time in decades. The MIC Research & Statistics Department will divide the adventure and dual sport categories as specific types underneath the general dual heading in the April RSR.

As well, the MIC is looking for someone who understands electric vehicle technology, and is interested in government policy, to join the association staff and support the industry on EV issues, working with the MIC Government Relations Office on federal and state matters, including infrastructure, battery standards, aftermarket and dealer concerns, safety, public lands and charging availability. Resumes should go to HR@MIC.org.

NHTSA REPORTS RISE IN MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a report showing an increase of motorcycle fatalities from 2020 to 2021, citing distraction, speeding and alcohol as key factors of these fatalities.

NHTSA reported that in 2021, motorcyclist fatalities were up 7.7% from the year before, totaling 5,932 motorcyclists and representing 14% of all traffic fatalities. This is the highest number of motorcyclists killed since 1975.

With May being Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) encourages all drivers to "Expect Us, See Us," and actively search for riders and stay focused on the road, as motorcycle and scooter riders are at greater risk of not being seen.

For all vehicle drivers on

the road, distraction-affected crashes rose 12% from 2020 to 2021, while speeding-related fatalities increased by 7.9%, and alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities rose 14%. The number of alcohol-impaired riders involved in fatalities jumped 19% from 2020 to 2021, and NHTSA also reported that 29% of motorcyclists killed were under the influence.

"The NHTSA data may be from 2021, but distraction, speeding and driving or riding while under the influence continue to be problems today," says Rob Gladten, vice president of training operations for MSF. "However, these are all things we can change."

WHO PROMOTES HELMET USAGE WORLDWIDE

"As motorcycles proliferate at an astonishing rate, especially in low and middle-income countries, urgent action is

needed to stave off a rapid rise in deaths and injuries in the coming years," stated the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2021-2030) Global Head Dr. Matts-Ake Belin.

The World Health Organization (WHO) released its first edition of their Helmet Road Safety Manual in 2006, and over the past 17 years, new data, developments, and research have influenced both helmet safety standards and manufacturing practices, so to address the needs of today's riders, WHO published the manual's Second Edition on April 5, 2023.

The WHO's latest guidelines don't call out specific nations, but concentrates on low- and middle-income countries, noting that 42% of West Kenya's powered two-wheeler (PTW) riders admitted sus-

continues on page 8



ABATE 32nd Annual Motorcycle Rally July 27 – 30, 2023 Winslow, AZ



Live Bands Thurs, Fri & Sat

(Perfect Storm, Friendly Jesture, BadJune)

Bike Contest, Bike Games, Poker Run & Walk, People Games.

Beard, Tattoo Contest, Tent & RV Dry Camping Available

\$40.00 weekend includes tent camping, \$35.00 (ABATE members)

\$25.00 Saturday only pass

\$30.00 additional for RV Camping

Adult only event, must be over 18 to enter event



www.abateofaz.org

www.Toobrokeforsturgis.com

www.facebook.com/Toobrokeforsturgis

taining head injuries. In Vietnam, 70% of all motorcycle-related hospitalizations include head injuries. Taiwan and China report similar figures, with motorcycle head injuries accounting for 71% of all vehicle-based head injuries. In response to these numbers, WHO claims that "helmets reduce the risk of death by over six times and brain injury by up to 74%."

"To reduce all deaths from road crashes, actions that aim to increase the use of helmets must be applied as part of a wider shift to a safe systems approach to road safety and mobility," added Dr. Belin. "The safe systems approach recognizes that road transport is a complex system with many interconnecting elements that all affect each other."

The global health organization believes the paucity of quality yet affordable helmets (including helmets for children), lacking law enforcement, and hot climates only contribute to the issue. Even when riders use helmets, improperly fastened lids undermine the efforts of regulators.

"Authorities must put the laws, frameworks, and actions in place to boost the availability and uptake of safe, quality helmets," concluded Dr. Belin, citing evidence rooted in the manual.

ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSES AVAILABLE IN OHIO

A new Ohio law (House Bill 23) will soon allow residents to get an "enhanced" driver's license or ID card that can then be used instead of a passport to enter Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean more easily.

Ohio is the first state in years to join the handful of other states along the Canadian border that offer enhanced licenses; Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington.

Enhanced licenses, unlike traditional licenses or even "Real ID" cards that will soon be required to board airplanes,

have a radio chip that broadcasts an identification number that border guards can use to access personal information beyond what's printed on the license itself. That allows people to move more quickly through international border crossings without having to dig out and show a passport. It's similar to Clear Check at the airport.

Ohio lawmakers initially rejected enhanced licenses nearly a decade ago amid civil-liberties concerns that the radio chips could be exploited by identity thieves or used by government officials to follow people's movements, but experts say those worries seem almost quaint now as tracking technology has advanced due to the proliferation of cell phones and greater availability of people's personal information online.

MOTORCYCLE TRAINING GRADUATES EXEMPTED FROM SKILLS TEST IN KENTUCKY

Senate Bill 60, a bipartisan bill introduced by Senator Brandon J. Storm (R-D21 London) was signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear (D) on March 17, 2023 "to exempt applicants for a motorcycle operator's license who have passed an approved motorcycle safety education courses from written and skills testing required under KRS 186.480."

Under this measure, passed unanimously 98-0 in the state senate, Kentucky now joins with many other states where rider training course graduates can obtain a waiver for the riding skill test and/or written knowledge test portion of their state's license exam requirements.

BIG-FOUR TO CONDUCT JOINT RESEARCH ON HYDROGEN MOTORCYCLES

Japan's Big Four motorcycle manufacturers will conduct research and development together, announcing a bold

new plan to cooperatively develop hydrogen-powered motorcycle engines. Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and Yamaha executives all gathered at a Tokyo press conference on May 17 to announce the formation of HySE, which stands for "Hydrogen Small Mobility and Engine Technology."

HySE will pursue three main research and development areas, with responsibilities for each divided among the four OEMs as follows: Research on hydrogen-powered engines (Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, and Kawasaki Motors); Study on hydrogen refueling system (Yamaha); and Study on fuel supply system (Kawasaki Motors).

Clean "green" hydrogen is theoretically possible, though it's been prohibitively expensive to produce, but according to the US National Resources Defense Council, implementation of the massive hydrogen tax credit included in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 could be a game-changer in terms of clean hydrogen development incentivization for companies.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"The loudest boos come from the cheapest seats."

~ Babe Ruth (1895-1948)

Major League Baseball phenom

ABOUT AIM / NCOM: The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is a nationwide motorcyclists rights organization serving over 2,000 NCOM Member Groups throughout the United States, with all services fully-funded through Aid to Injured Motorcyclist (AIM) Attorneys available in each state who donate a portion of their legal fees from motorcycle accidents back into the NCOM Network of Biker Services (www.ON-A-BIKE.com / 800-ON-A-BIKE).

Redbone **RE AND P** Patty
 Fine Laser Art  Custom Work
 Wood Is Our
 Leather Specialty
 Cork
ENTERPRISES, LLC
 Call or Text 480-326-7656 Email hrlyfxer@yahoo.com

Contact Redbone about custom projects or upcoming show dates.

Hey There !!!
 Get Your Message Heard!!!
 Put Your Ad in AriZona Rider
 Call to Find Out HOW!
480-304-1361





2023 MODELS ARE HERE!

STOP IN FOR A TEST RIDE TODAY!

SUPERSTITION HARLEY-DAVIDSON®

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/10

INFOTAINMENT WORKSHOP

6/17

DADS & DOGS ADOPTION EVENT

6/24

8TH ANNIVERSARY BEACH BASH

FATHER'S DAY SALE

FATHER'S DAY SALE

MAY 23 - JUNE 18, 2023

UP TO 30% OFF

SELECT ITEMS*

*Valid for online and in-dealership purchase at participating U.S. dealerships of select men's Harley-Davidson® genuine clothing including riding gear, sportswear, outerwear, footwear, denim, jewelry, backpacks, belts, wallets, select Harley-Davidson® Genuine Accessories including oil change kits, tune up kits, Oryx™ Premium luggage, Overwatch luggage, Kahuna™ accessories, ride bells, drinkware & home décor. Prices as marked on H-D.com website. Sale prices valid from May 23, 2023 - June 18, 2023. Offer not valid on previously purchased merchandise. Cannot be combined with any other offer, discount or promotion. Offer is subject to change without notice. Void where prohibited or restricted by law.

©2023 H-D or its affiliates. H-D, Harley, Harley-Davidson and the Bar & Shield logo are among the trademarks of Harley-Davidson Motor Company.



MAKE US PART OF YOUR JOURNEY

2910 W. APACHE TRAIL - APACHE JUNCTION, AZ 85120
480-346-0600 - 866-362-0600



VISIT [SUPERSTITIONHD.COM](https://www.superstitionhd.com) FOR EVENT DETAILS & TO FIND YOUR NEW HARLEY!

Community News

Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Announce a birth or marriage, or your GI just got home or is being deployed. Extend congratulations, well wishes, or condolences. You get the idea ☺ We look forward to hearing from you. And so, for now ~

Happy Birthday in June to

Tyler Thor Smith, Christy Mark Crow,
Ken Couture, Floyd W Pickens,
Corliss Ventura-Ditton, Lonnie Schleicher,
Jay Galloway, Debbie Strong, Robert Shinn,
Cindy Gates, Ann Ziegler, Pam Kosteba,
Richard Lee 'Bronco' Wood, Hugo Robles,
Melissa Kenchiova, Amy Baker,
Jason 'Skillet' McPherson, Traci Victor,
Julie 'Bad Juju' Irby, Amber Myers,
Lisa Poteat Johnson, Michele 'Stevie' Root,
Darrel 'Highway' Lieske, Joeta,
Gary 'Bam Bam' Lindroos, Chewey Martinez,
Dennis 'Goose' Lansberry, Daniel Swaine,
Christina 'Morticia' Duwel, Sara Rood,
Ed 'Cajun' Leclere, Buffalo Rick Galeener,
Tony Miller, Frank R White, Chuck DeFlorio,
Annie Salyer, Jay Connor, Tim O'Reilly,
Carmen Zuccaro, and Jerry Pignolo

* & & & *

Happy Anniversary in June to

Mike & Gloria Kyser
Tony & Terri Miller
Stu & Christy Dvoret
Jon & Laura Kinsey
Joe & Deb Ferrucci

* & & & *

⌘ Gone But Not Forgotten ⌘

Larry B Holt ~ June 23, 2000
Michael 'Bam Bam' Lowery ~ June 14, 2001
James 'Trouble' Saunders ~ June 12, 2004
Hooper ~ June 7, 2006
Ronnie 'Worms' Lee Brown ~ June 18, 2007
James 'Squire' Burke ~ June 29, 2011
Cathy 'Sidekick' Krause ~ June 6, 2014
Robert Adair ~ June 1, 2016
Rodrigo A. Ortega Saldate ~ June 15, 2016
Jimmy 'Maverick' Clark ~ June 22, 2016
Camaro Dave Tenison ~ June 7, 2017
Rick Beam ~ June 1, 2019
Robert Gasman, Spartan Riders MC ~ June 2021
Deb Butitta ~ June 4, 2022

* & & & *

There is GREAT News to share! Damian Paige, owner of Hell Mary Holsters, is Home from the hospital after his April 25 motorcycle wreck. He was pretty much torn up from top down. Right side injuries involved shoulder, ribs, leg, & foot. After an extensive series of surgeries - he is now in rehab, in good spirits, and appreciative of all the well-wishes.

* & & & *

Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Send an email to editor@AZRiderSouthwest.com -- subject line: Community News or send a message on Facebook.

* & & & *



**COPPER
CANYON
LAW**

ESTATE PLANNING

- . Wills
- . Trusts
- . Power of Attorney
- . Probate Avoidance
- . Asset Protection

NO CONSULTATION FEES!



ATTORNEY NORMAN M. BLAKEY

PHONE: 480-833-3838
ask for Norman

OFFICE
43 E. FIRST AVE.
Mesa, AZ 85210

Thunder-Rode BikeFest 2023

Thunder-Rode BikeFest 2023 was hosted by Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories the weekend of April 28-30 at the "Thunder-Rode Event Center" located at 102 E. Beale Street in Kingman, AZ.

It was a weekend of bikes, music, vendors, & more. My thanks to Thunder-Rode Marketing Director Tracy for her help with this article.

There were numerous other events taking place in Northwest Arizona that weekend; with the Route 66 Bike Week Scavenger Hunt including a stop at Thunder-Rode BikeFest.

There were 57 vendors set up - a combination of Vendors & Food Trucks; plus a Swap Meet all three days. On Friday, KC Cougar hosted Cool Catz Karaoke from 4-8pm. There was live music with 8-Kilo Cat on Saturday from 4-8pm & Whiskey Throttle on Sunday from 1-5pm.

Congratulations to the 2023 Ms Thunder-Rode BikeFest contest winner Kylee. Congratulations also to the Motorcycle Show winner Hardass Customs, with their 2009 Harley-Davidson Sportster entry.

Grand prize in the motorcycle show is for the winning bike to be featured on the cover of the 2024 Thunder-Rode Bike Calendar, along with Ms Thunder-Rode Kylee. Sales of this calendar supports homeless veterans. Stay tuned to the Thunder-Rode website &/or facebook page for the announcement when the calendars will become available. They usually come out in late October or November. Also, Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories keeps a donation fund jar on the counter for Veterans United Arizona, in support of homeless veterans.

Due to it being a free event to attend, it can be difficult to get a solid attendance number; but it is estimated that somewhere between 3000-5000 people visited Thunder-Rode BikeFest throughout the weekend. Congratulations!

Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories truly appreciated getting so many positive comments about the high quality of the vendors & their merchandise, and the compliments they received about Thunder-Rode BikeFest overall. Tracy commented, "Seems everyone

was thrilled to see this event take place."

"We have never had so many wonderful comments and compliments about an event that we've done ... as we had from the vendors and everyone who was here."

Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories sent, "Thank you to all the attendees, vendors, bands, and food truck vendors who were at the event and did such a great job. Thank you to Hardass Customs - Andrez Lopez who had an amazing display with his custom bikes and work that they do. They won Best Bike of the 2023 Thunder-Rode BikeFest." Also, "Thank you to all the local clubs who came out and supported our event: Chosen Lunatics, American Legion Riders, Desert Road Riders, Moose Riders, and more."

As an event organizer, the Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories team feels strongly "how important it is to support Downtown Kingman and the Downtown merchants, which means bringing all events possible to historic downtown Kingman. This year, we charged \$10 for a 10x10 space for all three days, \$15 for all three days with electric. It makes it possible for visitors and guests to attend and enjoy events like this with no fee."

Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories is located at 102 E. Beale St., Kingman, AZ 86401. The store offers leather goods, apparel & accessories for guys & gals, leather repair & reconditioning, patches & stitching, and more. Call the Shop at 928-377-3608 or visit online at <https://thunder-ode.com/> They ship world-wide, so that gives everyone the chance to shop their website & experience their 'great biker products, great prices, and great customer service'.

The Thunder-Rode Event Center is also home to the weekly Kingman Farmer's Market, on Saturdays from 8am 'til noon.

Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories is located on the iconic Route 66. When you are traveling the Mother Road through Kingman, be sure and stop in to say 'hi'.

[Click this link to see more event photos.](#)



East Valley Firefighters Charity Ride



The East Valley Firefighters Charity Run 2023 was held Saturday April 1st. Sign-in was at sponsor Superstition Harley-Davidson in Apache Junction, located at 2910 W Apache Trail. This was the 18th year for this event. It is among the traditional rides of Bike Week. Fellow sponsor Law Tigers Arizona hosted the last stop, at their booth at AZ Bike Week at WestWorld in Scottsdale.

My thanks to Steve Heyer, Executive Director of East Valley Firefighters Charities for his help with this article.

Registration at SHD included a pancake breakfast cooked up by a crew of firefighters in their mobile kitchen. According to organizer Steve, about 675 breakfasts were served that morning.

The skirling of bagpipes could also be heard, as the event began with a presentation by the Mesa Fire & Medical Department Honor Guard Pipes & Drums.

There was a display of raffle items up for grabs which included Superstition HD items, a beautiful custom crafted wood flag, numerous gift certificates – {restaurants, auto service, golf, movies, amazon, Home Depot, & more}, ear buds, a sound system, tools, a helmet, Diamondback & Cardinal merchandise There was enough variety to draw most anyone's interest to buy some chances ☺

After the morning's activities at SHD, bikers departed on their self-paced ride. There were around 645 participants. The route was about 260 miles – with cards being drawn at Jake's Corner Bar in Payson, the Drift Inn in Globe, LEMAC Aviation at Falcon Field Airport in Mesa, with the last stop at WestWorld in Scottsdale. The ride fee included entry into AZ Bike Week's Power Yard.

continues on page 13

ABATE OF ARIZONA

All Bikes ALL Riders...

ABATE works for YOU!

**Your Legislative watchdog
at the State Capital!!!**

www.ABATEofAZ.ORG

JOIN TODAY!

East Valley Firefighters Charity Ride

continued from page 12

Riders who gathered at ride's end at the Law Tiger booth at AZ Bike Week learned who the ride winners and raffle winners were. High hand poker run winner Christine D won \$500 while low hand winner Chris Y collected \$250. Robert W picked up \$255 with his winning 50/50 ticket. Congratulations to each of you, plus all of the raffle recipients.

Steve shared that this year's event raised \$30,977.49. These donations help East Valley Firefighters Charities to support programs & organizations including The 100 Club of Arizona, Child Crisis Arizona, The Muscular Dystrophy Association, The Gary Pykare Cancer Foundation, A New Leaf, The Arizona Burn Foundation, The Salvation Army, and many others.

On behalf of EVFC, Steve also sent along this message to "thank Superstition Harley Davidson and Law Tigers who are our title sponsors. Also to Ash Creek Financial Advisors and Galloway Financial who continue to sponsor us each year at the Gold Partnership Sponsorship level." He added, "We continue to love this event and want to thank everyone who sponsors and supports us and comes out and rides with us each year."

East Valley Firefighter Charities fundraising events each year include this motorcycle ride, the Fill the Boot for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) campaign, the Annual 911 Tribute, and the Annual Hook & Ladder Golf Tournament. Learn more about EVFC and how you can support their efforts in our community at their website <https://firefightercharities.com>

Congratulations on a successful day! Thank you for what you & your fellow firefighters do for our community!

Betsy



Great Food ✓
Shaded Outdoor Beer Garden ✓

Karaoke, Giant Jenga, Pool, & Darts are BACK!

6840 N. 27th Ave;
Phoenix, AZ
{2 blocks west of I-17, on Glendale Ave}
602-242-2345

FOOD IS SERVED DAILY
11am-midnight
Sunday- Wednesday
and 'til 1:30am
Thursday - Saturday

BAR IS OPEN 'til 2am
Take Out Orders Available

Like us on Facebook

IN-HOUSE SPECIALS ~

MONDAY ~ \$3.50 Rum Day All Day!

TUESDAY ~ Taco Plate \$4.99
Tacos \$1.59/ea, \$2.50 Margaritas

WEDNESDAY ~ Jumbo Wings, 8 for \$5.99
\$1 off any Call Liquor
Trivia Night starts 7pm.

THURSDAY ~ \$1 off Burgers and Ladies Day All Day
\$3 Fireball, Wine, & 3 Olive Vodka

FRIDAY ~ Homemade Lunch Specials
\$4.50 Crown, all flavors 7pm-10pm

SATURDAY ~ Loaded Philly Fries
\$4.50 Jack Daniels 7pm-10pm
\$4.50 Blue Moon Mugs 7pm-10pm

SUNDAY ~ Chicken or Beef Quesadillas
\$5.50 Bloody Mary Mugs, \$3 Mimosas
FREE breakfast w/ 2 regular price cocktails purchased {from 8a-noon}

NIGHTLY ~ KARAOKE 9pm

Veterans get \$2.75 well drinks any time.

Marcia Paulino
"Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!" Realtor®
928-733-8431

Let Marcia, Marcia, Marcia! put her 25+ Years of Experience to Work for YOU!

REALTOR

THE CITY OF FUN, SUN & RELAXATION! CALL TODAY!

LAKE HAVASU CITY PROPERTIES
WooHooSOLD.com

Realtors are an 'Essential Business'.

Thinking about selling or buying a home in Lake Havasu?

Call Today

MarciaSellsHavasu.com



**FOUND YOUR DREAM BIKE
NOW LET'S FIND YOUR DREAM HOME**

GIVE US A CALL FOR A FREE HOME CONSULTATION



**FERGUSON
APPROACH**

(480) 359-1004

rick@fergusonapproach.com

"...entrusted his services for several homes, both selling and buying" - Melodie S.

"...Your home is out there, somewhere, and Rick Ferguson gets you there, with his iconic Ferguson approach." - Adam C. ★★★★★



Bold print indicates an Advertiser's event & live link if available

online, click title above for more calendar entries and event details

Saturdays Jun-Dec'23 { 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16}: Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600

Sundays Jun 2023 { 6/4 }: 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 6:30a, Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix-Shadow Mtn Chapter meeting. 12:30pm at VFW Post 1433, 7718 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. Opens at noon.

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

3rd 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

4th Tuesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 5:30p @ American Legion Post 6 @ 202 S Pleasant St Prescott 86301. FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

Wednesdays Jun 2023 {6/7}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet 6:30am, KSU 7am. FMI: 480-346-0600

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>

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

6/3 {Sat} Tucson Bike Night hosted by Motoero Life at O'Malley's Bar {520-623-8600} at 247 N 4th Ave, Tucson. Starts 6pm. DJ, raffles, vendors, & more. All welcome.

6/10 {Sat} Loners MC Globe Chapter host a Hi-Low Lake Poker Run. Registration starts 10am at Ffinche's Waterfront Bar (602-912-1667 - at Roosevelt Lake Marina). \$20/hand. Final stop at Shamrock Bar. Beautiful 51-mile Poker Ride through awesome country. High hand \$200 / Low hand \$100. FMI: Pistolz 928-812-3250, Laz- H 928-200-6916

6/10 Summer Bash with ALMA MC Tucson. Doors open 6pm at Old Pueblo Crew Clubhouse, 620 E 19th St, Tucson. \$15/sgl, \$20/cpl. Music by VooDoo Dudes. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/127.OldPueblo>

6/16-18 NCOM / Nat'l Coalition of Motorcyclists Convention 2023 at Double Tree Inn, 2100 S Priest Dr, Tempe. <http://onabike.com>

6/17-18 {Sat} Route 666 Run. Meet up with the #EstrellaMotorcycleRidingGroup at 8am in the Estrella Safeway parking lot for a run up the Devil's Highway, AZ Route 666. Dinner and overnight in Hannigan Meadow. More accommodations can be found just up the road in Alpine if Hannigan Meadow is full. Sunday's ride home via Salt River Canyon, Globe, and pit stop at The Chopper Compound. FMI: EstrellaMotorcycleRidingGroup@gmail.com

6/17 {Sat} Summer Mayhem Party hosted by Outsiders MC & ALMA MC WS. Doors open 6pm @ ALMA MC Westside Clubhouse, 1050 N. Eliseo Felix Jr Way #105, Avondale. \$15/sgl, \$20/cpl. Food, music, L-R-C. FMI: mmitchell123@yahoo.com

6/23 {Fri} No Sweating A Vet benefit event by Rough Riders MC, Longbow Chapter. Starts & ends at On The Green Bar & Grill, 801 S Power Rd, Mesa. 6p-11:30pm. FMI: mcpherson6975@gmail.com

6/24 {Sat} Superstition HD 8th Anniversary Beach Bash from noon-4pm. Live Music by The Jokerz 12-3pm. Free Food & Drinks 1pm until gone. Limbo & Hula Hoop Contests. Free Bikini & Boardshort Bike Wash. 2910 W Apache Trl, Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600

6/28 MIAP Unclaimed Veterans Burial Service, 10am - 11am. Missing in America Project will inter unclaimed veterans at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. FMI: Clyde (email: Arizona@miap.us) <http://www.miap.us/>

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

7/4 {Tues} 4th of July Spectacular Car & Motorcycle Show. Sunset Park 3020 W Wickensburg Way. Vehicle staging 3:30pm [cannot move out until 9:30p], gate opens 6pm, fireworks 9pm. Food trucks, vendors, more. Free event. Bring blankets, chairs, coolers [no glass bottles]. FMI: text Anne 425-760-9192, Dave 425-356-1906.

7/27-30 {Th-Sun} 32nd anniversary Too Broke For Sturgis, hosted by ABATE of AZ at Winslow Rodeo Grounds {500 Airport Rd}. Music by Perfect Storm, Friendly Justice, & BadJune. \$40/pp, \$35 for ABATE members. Adults-only {18 years & older}. Saturday-only pass \$25, RVs +\$30. 30+ years of supporting ABATE-AZ's mission to protect motorcyclists' rights, increase public awareness of motorcycles, & promote rider safety.

9/23 {Sat} Loners MC San Tan Valley Chapter hosts annual September Scorcher starts 11am at the River Bottom {520-868-3131} in Florence. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Poker walk, chicken shit bingo, raffles, & more.

9/23 Handlebars for Monkeybars. Supports Satori School Tucson. Sign-in 10am @ HD Tucson, 7355 N I-10 Frontage Rd. \$20/sgl, \$25/2-up. KSU noon. Last stop Whiskey Roads, 2265 W Ina. Music by Mothers Lament. FMI: <https://www.handlebarsformonkeybars.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. Sign-in 9-10:30a. \$10/pp + a "new" Teddy Bear 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

2024 April 3 - 7, 2024 AZ Bike Week #27 at WestWorld in Scottsdale. FMI: <https://azbikeweek.com/>



Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)
236 Massachusetts Avenue NE, #510
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 546-0983
www.mrfae.org

We are a 501C3 Corporation. Please make your tax deductible donations via our website above.
FMI: www.mrf.org | TinnersPres@yahoo.com

Promote awareness and education in the motorcycle community to improve riders' safety.

Click [HERE](#) to Submit YOUR event to the *AZ Rider* calendar.
Click into the Online Calendar, select your date, & follow the prompts to Add Event ✓

Are You PLAGUED
by TOO MANY customers?
Are you OVERWHELMED
with SO MANY clients?
Yeah ... we didn't think so ☺
Budget-Friendly Ad Rates
AZRiderSouthwest.com or 480-304-1361