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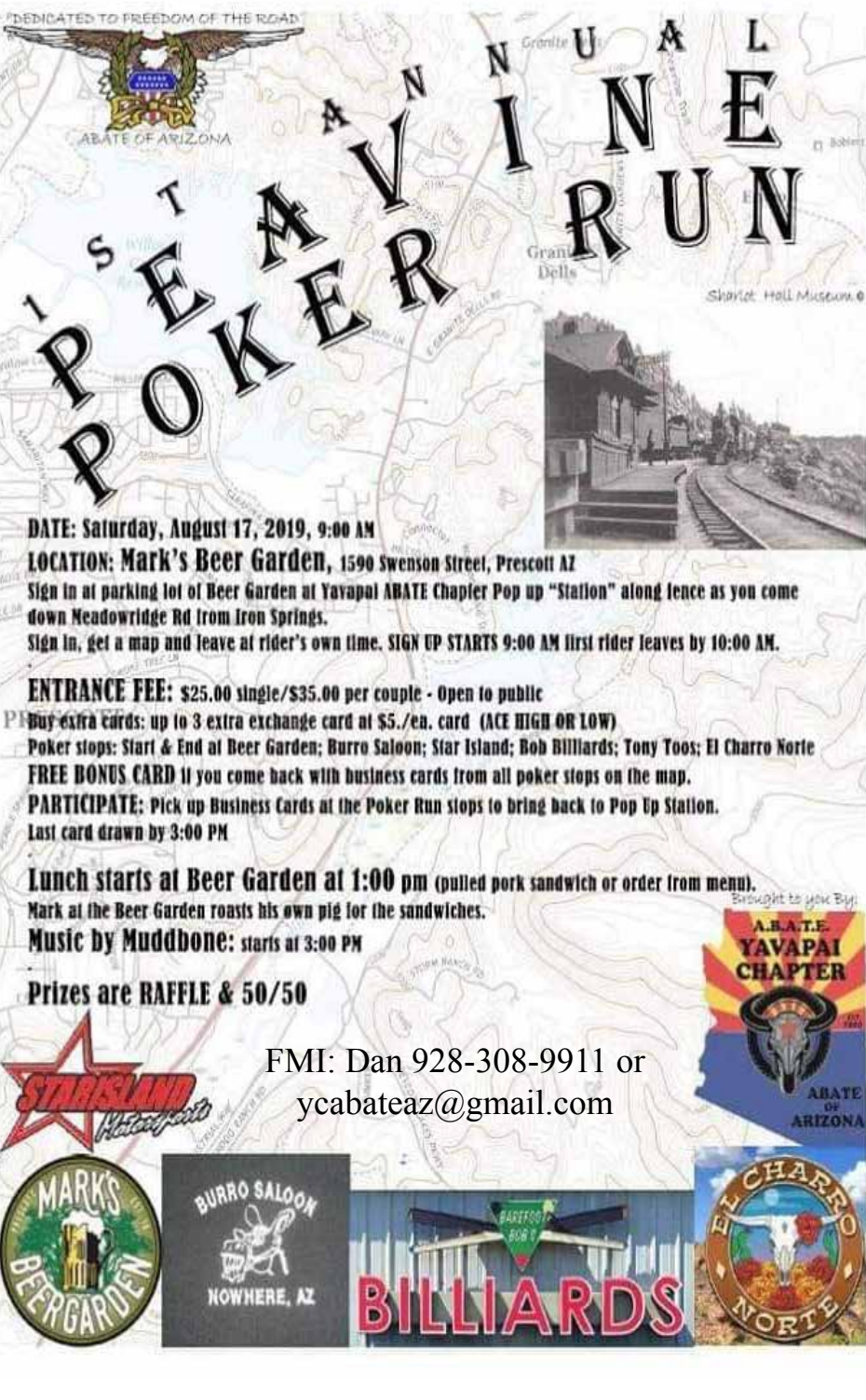

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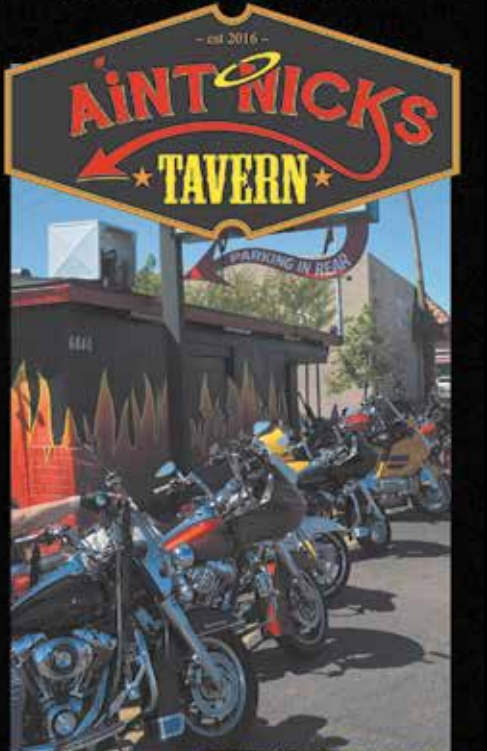
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From Military To Civilian – A Seamless Transition

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.

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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders!



On the cover... Motorcycles on Main will be starting back up in September ... a light at the end of summer's tunnel ☺

Another sign of the cooling to come... It is time to start making your plans for October's Run to the Rez. It'll be here before you know it.

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to share here.... We just learned from their Facebook page – “It with a heavy heart and tears in our eyes that the Old Bastards MC had to say Goodbye to our Vice President, Gnome, from a Motorcycle accident in Payson today. He was an excellent brother and a helping hand to any that needed it. He will be greatly missed and this will impact anyone who he impacted in his life. We appreciate all the support that we have already felt from all of our MC Families, Supporters, and Friends. Ride into eternity, Brother. OBFFOB”

The family has requested that, instead of flowers, donations be made to the Arizona Humane Society or to the Old Bastards Motorcycle Club. The funeral was held Saturday July 20, at Messinger's in Scottsdale.

Robert Frank Welch aka 'Gnome'
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We add our condolences to the many being expressed to his Club and Loved Ones. With respect, *Betsy & Bruce*

And with that, we'll wrap things up for this month.
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CONGRESSMAN TIM WALBERG ACCEPTS

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Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) was selected as this year's recipient of the NCOM Silver Spoke Award for Government. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend the 34th Annual NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida to receive the award in May, so it was brought to Washington, D.C. recently and presented there by several members of the NCOM Board of Directors.

NCOM Confederation of Clubs Liaison "Boar", Region IV Co-Director Ed Schetter and Region VII Co-Director John Bilotta were in the nation's capital taking part in the Motorcycle Riders

Foundation "Bikers Inside the Beltway" and meeting with their legislators and staff members. During the visit to the Capitol, they met with Congressman Walberg and personally presented the award on behalf of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) in recognition of his work in Congress for the benefit of all of America's motorcycle riders.

Representative Walberg introduced the recently-passed House Resolution that addresses profiling of motorcyclists and he and Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX) head up the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus.

MISSOURI GOVERNOR VETOES REPEAL OF MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW

Missouri Governor Mike Parson vetoed Senate Bill 147 on Friday, July 12, a bill that would have allowed most adult motorcycle riders to ride without helmets. Despite voting in favor of such legislation in the past as a state legislator, the Republican governor blocked the omnibus transportation measure which, among other things, would have repealed Missouri's helmet requirement for motorcyclists 18 and older who carry medical insurance.

Gov. Parson didn't express opposition to relaxing helmet requirements for motorcyclists, but in a letter to lawmakers he wrote that he vetoed the bill because of a section that dealt with suspending driver's licenses over unpaid fines related to traffic violations, which his office deemed to be unconstitutional.

Bikers rights activists and state lawmakers have been trying decades to repeal the helmet requirement, passing bills to do so in 1999 that was vetoed by then-Gov. Mel Carnahan, and again in 2009 that was vetoed by Gov. Jay Nixon, both Democrats.

"The Governor was looking forward to signing this bill and still supports freedom of choice," wrote Jay Widmer, Legislative Coordinator for Freedom of Road Riders (FORR-MO) on their Facebook page. "We are working toward a meeting with the Governor and his staff to work with them towards a remedy."

NORTH CAROLINA LEGALIZES MOTORCYCLISTS WEARING FACE MASKS

Like many states, North Carolina law generally "prohibits a person from wearing a mask, hood, or other device, to con-

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ceal the identity of the wearer,” with limited exceptions which now includes; “a person may wear a mask for the purpose of protecting the person's head, face, or head and face, when operating a motorcycle.”

House Bill 257/Senate Bill 321 “An Act to permit the use of a face mask while operating a motorcycle,” was signed into law by Governor Ray Cooper (D) on July 11, 2019 and goes into effect December 1st.

Amidst nationwide furor over political groups like Antifa wearing masks while engaging in civil unrest, HB 257 passed the House on March 27 by a vote of 111-1 and companion bill SB 321 passed the Senate unanimously on June 27, 48-0.

Law enforcement officers in some states had begun stopping and citing motorcycle riders, particularly patch holders, for violating local anti-mask laws.

The new law will “require the person to remove the mask during traffic stops, checkpoints, roadblocks, or when approached by a law enforcement officer.”

NEW WASHINGTON LAW REQUIRES LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR MOTORCYCLES

Washington motorcycle owners must make sure their rides are insured once a new law goes into effect on July 28, 2019, requiring motorcycle operators to obtain and carry proof of liability insurance coverage when cruising on Washington’s roadways.

The new rules stem from House Bill 1014, which was signed into law in April by Governor Jay Inslee (D). Unlike other motor vehicle drivers, in virtually every other state, motorcycle riders in Washington have previously been exempt from obtaining and carrying proof of insurance.

According to an April 23 statement from the bill’s sponsor, Rep. Bill Jenkin (R-Prosser), the law will require those operating a motorcycle to meet the insurance requirements, or equivalent, for registered motor vehicles under current law; 25/50/10 - Bodily Injury Liability Coverage: \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 per accident, and Property Damage Liability Coverage: \$10,000.

OREGON TO INCLUDE MOTORCYCLISTS UNDER “VULNERABLE ROADWAY USER”

Back in 2007, the Oregon legislature passed House Bill 3314, creating an enhanced penalty for careless driving if it contributes to serious physical injury or death to a “vulnerable user of a public way”, providing legal protections for non-motorized roadway users such as bicyclists and pedestrians.

The concept of “vulnerable roadway user” had previously been widely used by planners and safety organizations in Europe to categorize and describe non-motorized roadway users, incorporating the inherent vulnerability of humans who use the roads without the benefit of being encased in a 4-wheeled protective steel cage.

On June 11, 2019, Governor Kate Brown (D) signed Senate Bill 810 into law, modifying the definition of "vulnerable user of a public way" in Oregon to now include persons operating or riding on a moped or motorcycle.

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THOUSANDS RIDE TO HONOR SEVEN BIKERS KILLED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE CRASH

More than 3,000 motorcyclists rode across New Hampshire on Saturday, July 6 on the "Ride for the Fallen 7" to honor seven bikers killed and three injured in a collision with an oncoming pickup truck in June, as state police escorted the group along the 90 mile route to the site of the deadly crash.

The victims were Marine veterans and their spouses, members of the Jarheads Motorcycle Club, who were traveling west on Route 2 on their way to a charity event, when a pickup truck and trailer crossed into their lane from the opposite direction, plowing through the pack, according to a criminal complaint.

Commercial trucker, 23-year-old Volodymyr Zhukovskyy of West Springfield, Mass., an immigrant from the Ukraine with a documented history of multiple drug and alcohol arrests and convictions in numerous states, has pleaded not guilty to seven charges of negligent homicide.

In the days following the fatal accident, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation revealed Zhukovskyy had received an intoxicated driving charge in

Connecticut in May, which should have led to the termination of his Massachusetts commercial drivers license.

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker (R) has announced changes to the state's Registry of Motor Vehicles, which include running all 5.2 million licenses through the National Driver Register to keep suspension information up to date and creating a new position to oversee safety and set requirements for commercial drivers in the state.

On July 13, as thousands more gathered at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., for a memorial service organized by the Jarheads MC, New England Patriots NFL team owner Robert Kraft made a surprise appearance to present a \$100,000 donation to the crash victims' GoFundMe campaign.

PRANK LANDS MAN IN JAIL FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF MOTORCYCLIST

Late one night, on the morning after Christmas, a 45-year-old motorcyclist in Japan got a rope tangled around his neck causing him to dump his bike, severely injuring his back and hip. Luckily, the man who strung the rope across the road was caught on security camera footage,

and Japanese police quickly tracked him down and charged him with attempted murder.

Japan Today reports that police arrested Koichi Deki, 41, who claims the rope strung across the road was nothing more than a "stress relieving prank." There is no indication whether Deki knew a motorcyclist was coming down the road when he tied a rope to a sign and a pole on the other side of the street, and he is quoted as saying he did it to relieve his stress and didn't think his "rope prank" could kill anyone.

The motorcyclist hit the rope roughly 15 seconds after the rope was stretched across the road, according to the time code on the surveillance footage, and now the prankster faces a prison sentence of several years.

IRELAND MAY BAN ALL NEW GAS-POWERED VEHICLE SALES AFTER 2030

The Irish Government has reaffirmed its plans to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030, as part of a new strategy aimed at protecting the environment.

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17 Sustainable Development Goals, and Ireland's recently released Climate Action Plan details how that nation intends to achieve them. The greatest potential impact on Irish motorcyclists, according to *Motorcycle Consumer News* (MCN) involves halting the sale of all new non-electric vehicles by the year 2030, adding "It's worth noting that nowhere in this plan is any mention made of motorcycles or other two-wheeled vehicles as having any considerations separate from those of all other vehicles."

There is an ambitious plan to refine and develop an EV (electric vehicle) charging infrastructure throughout the country that can sustain 800,000 EVs by the 2030 deadline included, as well as possible consideration of an ICE (internal combustion engine) car scrappage program to be implemented as soon as 2020.

This is, according to MCN, partially in response to the UK potentially moving its 2040 ICE ban forward to 2032. At this point, nine countries around the world have plans in place to begin phasing out ICE vehicles in the very near future.

Norway's approach of incentivizing its citizens to adopt EVs over ICE ve-

hicles resulted in an impressive 52% of cars sold in 2017 being EVs, according to *Reuters*.

The city of Amsterdam has also come forward to state it'll be banning non-electric vehicles by 2030.

ETHIOPIA BANS MOTORCYCLES IN CAPITAL CITY TO CONTROL CRIMES

Officials in Ethiopia's capital city Addis Ababa said a ban on motorcycle use will be implemented in the city starting from July 7, in a bid to curb rising criminality.

The capital city of an estimated 5 million plus population is generally considered a safe city, but rising incidences of violent crimes using motorcycles has alarmed residents and officials.

Mayor Takele Uma said criminals have in recent months been using motorcycles to engage in assaults and robberies, and that the motorcycle use ban was implemented in the city after a one-week long study revealed many criminal activities are done using motorcycles.

GERMAN COURT RULES SIKHS MUST WEAR HELMETS, NO EXCEPTION

One of Germany's top five federal courts has ruled that Sikh individuals are not exempt from country-wide motorcycle helmet laws. The ruling was in response to an appeal by a Sikh man, who had argued that he could not successfully fit a helmet over his dastar, the traditional turban that Sikh men (and some women) wear within their faith.

Federal Administrative Court of Leipzig presiding judge Renate Philipp said, in his ruling, "People wearing a turban on religious grounds are not for that reason alone exempt from the obligation to wear a helmet," according to *Deutsche Welle* newspaper.

One argument the court made against the man's claim is that wearing a helmet doesn't only protect the rider -- it also helps drivers avoid trauma if they cause injury to a rider without a helmet, and that any riders wearing helmets would more readily be able to assist others in an accident.

Several countries have exemptions from existing helmet laws for Sikh motorcyclists, including the UK, and the

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Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, British Columbia and Manitoba. Around the world, in places including Australia and India, exemptions and even proposals for exceptions draw a range of opinions from both Sikh and non-Sikh motorcyclists alike.

LOUISIANA ENACTS LAW AGAINST MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

Louisiana has become the third state to pass legislation to curtail the profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, by unanimously approving House Bill 141 in the state legislature (38-0 in the Senate 6/2/19 and 103-0 in the House 6/3/19), and the biker anti-discrimination measure was signed into law on June 11, 2019 by democrat Governor John Bel Edwards.

Effective August 1, 2019, HB 141, "Provides relative to motorcyclist profiling training for peace officers," by establishing the creation of a "motorcyclist profiling awareness training program" to include classroom or internet instruction "in the current bias-recognition policing curriculum."

Sponsored by Rep. Frankie Howard (R) at the request of ABATE of Loui-

siana, with support from the Louisiana Confederation of Clubs & Independents as well as the National Council of Clubs and the Motorcycle Profiling Project, the new LA law defines "motorcyclist profiling" as "the arbitrary use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related clothing or paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop, question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search an individual or his motorcycle or motor vehicle."

The Bayou State follows the states of Washington (2011) and Maryland (2016) in passing similar legislation, all by unanimous votes, and a bipartisan federal anti-profiling bill currently awaits further action in the U.S. House of Representatives (House Resolution 255) after passing by unanimous consent in the United States Senate (Senate Resolution 154) late last year.

NEBRASKA POLICE TARGET MOTORCYCLISTS

In a battle between bikers and cops, Nebraska State Troopers are working with local law enforcement this summer to put the brakes on speeding motorcycles.

For the second year in a row, troopers

will conduct special enforcement operations to stop speeding bikers, utilizing an \$18,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office that will allow for aviation support as well as more law enforcement on the ground.

"Motorcycles have a unique ability to evade law enforcement...(so) we'll use resources like helicopters to help out," Nebraska State Patrol Capt. Jason Scott told KMTV 3 NewsNow in Omaha, adding that numerous citations have been made so far and arrests have been made for reckless driving and for flight to avoid arrest.

"We've been working with the county attorney's offices to make sure there's a message that's sent here," Capt. Scott said. "We're not going to tolerate the aggressive driving."

RED LIGHT CAMERAS BANNED IN TEXAS

Drivers in Texas are about to be seeing less red, as Governor Greg Abbott (R) has announced that he has signed legislation that bans red light cameras across the Lone Star State. House Bill 1361, authored by Representative Jon-

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athan Stickland (R-Fort Worth), would prohibit the use of “photographic traffic signal enforcement systems.”

Stickland told FOX7 the bill was motivated by “a lot of reason,” including privacy concerns and the right to due process.

The new law included a grandfather clause for cities involved in red light camera contracts that have yet to end, except if the contract includes a provision allowing for state law to break it.

Ever since becoming legal in 2007, Texas lawmakers have made attempts to turn the cameras off that were unsuccessful until now, according to the *Star-Telegram*. Red light cameras have come under fire elsewhere recently, with at least 7 other states trying to ban them.

GRASS CLIPPINGS AND MOTORCYCLES A DEADLY MIX

A number of states and localities have come to the realization that grass clippings on the roadway are a danger to motorcyclists, and some are taking steps to outlaw the roughage.

In Pennsylvania, Senator Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington County) has proposed legislation to protect motorcyclists by making it illegal to throw grass

clippings on the roadway during mowing season, making the violation a fineable offense much like littering. She says grass clippings not only cause the surface of the roadway to become extremely slippery, creating a hazard to motorcycle riders and other drivers, as well as presenting an environmental concern by clogging storm drains and can make their way into streams and cause pollution.

When riders complain to law enforcement, their complaints are often dismissed as the current law is not enforceable, but the senator’s proposal to add two words “grass clippings” to the law that makes throwing litter and other items on the roadway an offense would fix that.

Her bill proposes fines of up to \$300 for the first offense and up to a \$1,000 for subsequent offenses, and would require the landowner to remove the clippings from the roadway.

In Ohio, the city of Fremont says it will begin ticketing people for blowing grass clippings into the street, saying they pose a danger to motorcyclists. City officials say dumping grass clippings in the road is illegal under a city ordinance regarding “placing injurious material or obstruction in street,” and the city says

its code enforcer and police department will be paying special attention to the issue throughout the warmer months.

“Please make every effort to keep grass out of our streets and keep Fremont safe for our friends on two wheels!” the city says.

Meanwhile, an Illinois rider is dead after a crash involving grass clippings on the road and losing control of her motorcycle. Her husband, who also lost control of his motorcycle, told the local newspaper; “I would like something to be done better than a \$50 fine on grass clippings; it kills people!” He has contacted his state representative about increasing the penalty for making an unnecessarily dangerous mess in the road from trimming your lawn.

While some slippery hazards like wet leaves in fall can't be avoided, not spraying grass clippings onto the road is as easy as pushing or driving your lawn mower in the opposite direction to spray back into your yard rather than out onto the roadway.

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TARIFFS COULD DEVASTATE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY, CLAIMS TRADE GROUP

Industry leaders are encouraging activism ahead of new import taxes, and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) is asking riders to help stop a new round of tariffs on Chinese products. The sanctions will directly affect equipment and apparel that riders depend on, as well as motorcycle parts and accessories and bikes built in China. "The proposed additional 25% duty on Chinese goods lumps gear like boots and gloves in with common replacement parts, like lithium-ion batteries, and curiosities, like live manatees and blue-veined cheeses," says the industry trade group. Perhaps more devastating to a business already working with tight margins is a catchall -- number 8714.10.00 on the list -- that includes all "Pts. & access. for motorcycles (including mopeds)."

The MIC makes the case that, in today's motorcycling economy, even the most ardent purchasers of American apparel and machines are going to feel a pinch to the wallet.

"The proposed China List 4 includes essentially everything that is not currently subject to an additional 25% tariff on Lists 1-3," MIC Senior Vice President Scott Schloegel says. "Tariffs are taxes paid by companies and consumers in America and it is critical that you make your voice heard now."

ROLLING THUNDER FINAL RIDE, OR NOT?

For over three decades, hundreds of

thousands of motorcyclists have roared into our nation's capital over Memorial Day weekend for Rolling Thunder, an annual demonstration in support of veterans, prisoners of war and service members who went missing in action, but due to financial and logistical constraints, this year's rally was their last hurrah. Rally organizer and co-founder, Artie Muller, has announced that the massive rally, held every year in Washington, D.C. since 1988, has grown too costly and unwieldy and will come to an end.

However, efforts to keep the rally going include President Donald Trump who pledged his support and tweeted out during the "Ride for Freedom" on Sunday, May 26 that Rolling Thunder was not going to end after all: "The Great Patriots of Rolling Thunder WILL be coming back to Washington, D.C. next year, & hopefully for many years to come," he wrote. "It is where they want to be, & where they should be."

In addition, "Wreaths Across America" has since announced a donation of \$200,000 to Rolling Thunder to help cover costs and keep the ride going, with executive director Karen Worcester telling Muller on that Monday's "Fox & Friends" that "Remembering is too important to forget."

Muller said during the Fox News show that he looks forward to meeting with the president about continuing the ride, but he also said that instead of holding one giant demonstration the group is planning to take the event nationwide next year and hold rides regionally throughout the country with its 90 local

chapters.

But one thing could surely bring the hordes of patriotic bikers back to D.C. in protest, said the 74-year old Vietnam Veteran during his speech on the National Mall at this year's Rolling Thunder; if House Speaker Nancy Pelosi moves to impeach President Donald Trump.

EASY RIDER ENCORE

July 14, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of Easy Rider -- and to celebrate, a newly-restored 4K version will be shown again in 400 theaters nationwide for just two nights; July 14th and 17th.

Directed by the late, great Dennis Hopper, the film starred Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, and Jack Nicholson in a role that scored him an Oscar nomination.

In 1998, the film was officially added to the National Film Registry, and the American Film Institute lists it on its 100 Greatest American Movies of All Time.

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"I am certain that nothing has done so much to destroy the juridical safeguards of individual freedom as the striving after this mirage of social justice."

~ Friedrich August von Hayek (1899 - 1992), Austrian-born British economist & philosopher

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph."

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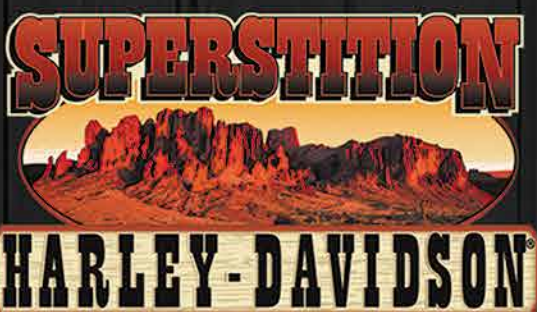


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ABW T-BAR TRAIL RIDE 2019 AZ Rider

The T-Bar Trail Ride was created back in 2006 by the AZ Bike Week organizers to be a fun little run to the adult clubs to generate funds for breast cancer charities. Lisa Cyr of ABW explained, “We had no idea at the time that the concept would be so well received or that it would become an annual tradition for so many riders. It’s a self-sustaining ride that has generated significant donations each year to a variety of local breast cancer foundations, even without any actual sponsors. The proceeds come only from the generosity of the fun loving biker community.”

This year’s event was held on Thursday April 4. 647 participants gathered at WestWorld’s Monterra for sign-in. Breakfast was available there as well, before departing on the self-paced ride. There were two different route maps in order to space out arrivals at the clubs. The stops were at Alaskan Bush Co., Christie’s Cabaret, and Babe’s Cabaret.

Last stop was back at WestWorld to

enjoy all the AZ Bike Week activities. Of course that included the concert by George Thorogood & the Destroyers. But before the big show, there were goodies to win.

The ride packet that everyone received included raffle tickets for drawings to be held on the HandleBar Saloon stage that evening. Each of the participating clubs donated prizes for the drawing. Alaskan Bush Co. donated a \$500 bottle service, a custom bike seat (valued @ \$400), & a box of Omaha steaks. Christie’s donated two gold passes to their club and two \$25 gift cards to Ramjet Racing. Babe’s Cabaret donated a \$300 bottle service, a tote bag of liquor & mix, and a \$25 gift card. The Arizona Bike Week team donated a Jack Daniels basket and a signed 3 Doors Down guitar. Congratulations to all the winners!

Proceeds from the T-Bar Ride benefit breast cancer charities. Lisa shared that this year’s beneficiaries were Bikers for Boobies {<http://bikers4boobiesaz.org/>} and Reba’s Vision {<http://rebasvision.com/>}.

Bikers for Boobies received \$8400 and Reba’s Vision received \$5000. In addition, a donation of \$2300 was made to the Arizona Bike Week Charities Group {<http://abwccg.org>} for their work in coordinating and organizing of the ride, registration, etc. That donation will be put to use for the various community service projects and work with at risk youth that the group does.

Thanks go out to M Catering for providing their facility (Monterra) at WestWorld for registration and discounted pricing on breakfast. Thanks also go to Hot Leathers for providing t-shirts at cost.

Arizona Bike Week 2020 takes place April 1-5. Get all the updates as they are posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/azbikeweek/>. Hotels are already available for booking at www.azbikeweek.com

My thanks to Lisa Cyr and to Kevin Rhode for their help with this article.

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Community News

Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Boast about a grand-baby, extend congratulations or well wishes, send someone kudos for a promotion, announce an engagement, welcome your GI home. You get the idea. And so, for now ~

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8/30-9/1 {Fr-Sun} Four Corners Motorcycle Rally, Durango, CO.

<https://www.fourcornersmotorcyclerrally.com>

8/31 {Sat} Pancakes & Parts Swap Meet @ Superstition HD. P'cake b'fast from 8-10am. Motorcycle swap meet from 9a-12pm. Spaces are limited so stop in and reserve yours today. Motorcycle parts only. \$10/space. All proceeds benefit a nonprofit. SHD reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone selling goods not deemed to be in the spirit of the event. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

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

9/7 {Sat} Life of a Ridetime, to support our local First Responders, starts at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale 15656 N. Hayden Road Scottsdale, 85260. Sponsors include Law Tigers. Pre-register for the day's event at <https://lifeofaridetime.org/> \$20/sgl, +\$15/2-up. There will be food, auction, music, & more. Life of a Ridetime raises funds for family members of Fallen police officers & firefighters throughout the U.S. FMI: 480-878-0058, steve@lifeofaridetime.org

9/14 {Sat} San Tan Loners MC annual September Scorcher Poker Walk at the River Bottom Bar & Grill 2501 N. Highway 79 {phn 520-868-3131}. Live music, 50/50 raffle, good food and vendors will be on site. As always our gun raffle will be awarded that day. Announcing the first annual cornhole tournament! We kick things off at 11am. Don't be late!! \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Sponsors include Law Tigers.

9/21 {Sat} 2nd Annual East Valley Biker Rodeo (EVBR), hosted by the Rough Riders MC at the Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Club House, 17998 186th St, Queen Creek, AZ from 2p10pm. FMI: dffd_mesa@yahoo.com

9/21 Desert Thunder MC Annual Summer Sundowner at The Dome, 3101 W Thomas Rd, Phoenix. Raffles / Music / Games / 50/50 FMI: lodur@deserthundermc.com

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9/27-29 {Fr-Sun} River Riders MC 36th annual Friendship Run at Grand Canyon Caverns FMI: <http://www.riverridersmc.com/>

9/28 {Sat} 2nd annual Pony Express Run hosted by CVMA 32-1 {Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association} & H-D of Scottsdale. Details TBA. FMI: Ken Hickins - 623 234-9294, hickinskd@yahoo.com

9/29 {Sun} Distinguished Gentleman's Ride to support the Movember Foundation; raising funds & awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and men's mental health. FMI: <https://www.gentlemansride.com>

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10/5 {Sat} Our Hearts in Heaven, free ride with toy donation; in memory of our son, Wayne & our Grandson, Lil Tony. From 9a-4pm. Register @ Buddy Stubbs HD, 13850 N Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, 85022. Deliver toys, games, crafts to Cardon Children's Center at Banner Desert Hospital. Raffle prizes & {no host} lunch at Four Peak Brewing Tasting Room. Raffle tickets are free with toy donation. Cost of food & drinks are your responsibility. All ages & vehicles welcome. FMI: 602-900-8671

10/12 {Sat} Moon Mullins Ride hosted by Phoenix-Shadow Mtn ABATE-Z. Details TBA. FMI: 602-545-2204 or williamdrigg@aol.com

10/17-19 {Th-Sat} 16th annual Run to the Rez Motorcycle Run. Takes place in San Carlos & at Apache Gold Casino Resort, near Globe, AZ. Honoring All Veterans. Music, Poker Run, Bike Show, Great Giveaways, & more. For rooms call 1-800-APACHE8 & mention Run to the Rez. FMI: 928-475-2932, 928-961-6002, johnrezrider@yahoo.com

10/18-19 {Fr-Sa} 2019 Motorcycle Skills Competition at Desert Wind HD, 922 S. Country Club Dr. Mesa, AZ; open to motorcycle police officers & skilled civilian riders. Friday = practice, competition on Saturday. All proceeds go directly to A.M.S.A.F., making our motorcycle community SAFER through education. Vendors & sponsors needed! \$50 entry fee to compete is a tax-deductible donation to AM-SAF. Free entry for spectators. <https://www.facebook.com/events/607333276423859/>

10/18-20 {Fr-Sun} ShineToberfest - Old School Rodeo at Saddle Sore Ranch, off Rt 66 in Mohave County, AZ. A 3-day, 21 & up, old-school biker rodeo. Moonshine and Chili CookOff, biker rodeo games, on-site camping, music, adult games & activities (based on attendees), flat track racing, nightly campfire parties & more! \$10/pp for the entire weekend. Add'l parking fees apply to anything w/ more than three wheels. For extended length rv's, motorhomes or vehicles pulling extended length trailers, high clearance is recommended. FMI: Rob Rob@BikerAtlas.com, www.Shinetoberfest.com

10/19 {Sat} Chili Cookoff hosted by ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/>

10/19 Bikers 4 Boobies Arizona annual ride and bash! Sign-in 10-11am @ HD Scottsdale, 15656 N. Hayden Rd. Tons of fun, food, live music & more !!! \$35/pp includes 2 meals, @ HDoS & Dirty Dogg Saloon. Pre-reg for t-shirt. <http://bikers4boobiesaz.org/>

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11/8-10 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River @ Gila River Park, Winkelman. Weekend prices = \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Games, vendors, live music, & more. FMI: 623-363-3470, moehmcdv@gmail.com

11/8-10 Bob's Biker Blast at HD Scottsdale 480-905-1903

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12/7 {Sat} Toys For Toys hosted by the Templar Crusaders MC & Broken Wings Fndn to benefit the Marines Toys For Tots in Maricopa County. Sign-in HD Scottsdale, 15656 N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale 85260. \$15 with toy, \$20 without - includes b'fast @ HDoS. FMI: 480-430-2075, <https://www.facebook.com/brokenwingsfoundation/>

12/14 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter Toy Run. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/>

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4/1-5, 2020 Arizona Bike Week <http://www.azbikeweek.com/>

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