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Welcome to our new advertiser DT Mesa Fest & Artists Emporium. This Artists Festival is in its 12 season, plus now they have a brick & mortar gallery in DT Mesa as well. Learn more on page 11.



We also welcome Viking Bags, Viking Cycle, and Motorcycle House to our online Premium Links. This section is for businesses looking for online-only advertising. Check 'em out while your visiting our website.

This month's cover photo was taken during a Run to the Rez parade ride from Apache Gold Casino Resort to the town of San Carlos. Our departed sister of the wind, Sidekick, dubbed this event 'The Most Spiritual Ride in Arizona'. The 2019 Run takes place October 17-19. Details are in our calendar. We hope to see you there!

Hallelujah! Summer 2019 is outta here! Of course, the reward to us flatlanders for surviving it is some of the most perfect riding weather possible. So get on out there!

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JUDGE DISMISSES COUNTY AS DEFENDANT IN TWIN PEAKS LAWSUIT

A federal judge has dismissed McLennan County as a defendant in a civil rights lawsuit filed by three bikers arrested after the 2015 Twin Peaks shootout, but ruled the plaintiffs can pursue claims against the city of Waco and seven individual defendants.

The lawsuit, filed by the three bikers who were never indicted in the deadly shootout with law enforcement, is one of about 20 pending Twin Peaks civil lawsuits involving about 130 bikers with claims of unlawful arrest and conspiracy.

The plaintiffs allege former McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna

was the final policymaker for McLennan County regarding the events at Twin Peaks, but U.S. District Judge Alan Albright ruled that a county sheriff, not the district attorney, is the final policymaker.

The lawsuit alleges Reyna was the county's final policymaker because he "was responsible for devising the overall prosecutorial goals and strategies" of the county on the day of the shootout that left nine bikers dead and 20 injured in a hail of police gunfire, but the judge ruled that "regardless of Reyna's involvement in helping to decide whether the arrests should be made, he did not have authority to make municipal policy."

The judge denied the city's motion to dismiss the lawsuit. The order leaves claims pending against D.A. Reyna, as well as the former Waco police chief, assistant chief and various named officers.

More than 200 bikers were jailed on identical arrest warrant allegations. Only one case went to trial, which ended in a hung jury favoring acquittal and a mistrial. District Attorney Barry Johnson, Reyna's successor, dismissed the remaining charges against the bikers.

According to a report by Tommy Witherspoon in *Insane Throttle Biker News* (www.harleyliberty.com), the law-

suits allege the defendants violated the bikers' Fourth Amendment rights by obtaining arrest warrants based on a fill-in-the-name affidavit that lacked probable cause. They also allege defendants violated their 14th Amendment due process right to be free from unlawful arrest.

Insane Throttle was recently awarded the Silver Spoke Award for Media at the 2019 National Coalition of Motorcyclists' NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida.

PROPOSED IOWA ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW ATVs ON COUNTY ROADS

A committee in Linn County, Iowa is working to pass a new ordinance that will allow ATVs to be driven on county roads, despite concerns about having off-road vehicles sharing the streets with regular vehicles.

County Supervisor Brent Oleson said a committee approached him about the ordinance, saying that "I'm all for not taking anything off the table, anything that gets people outdoors can only have positive benefits."

But Sheriff Brian Gardner told TV9 that combining ATVs and regular vehi-

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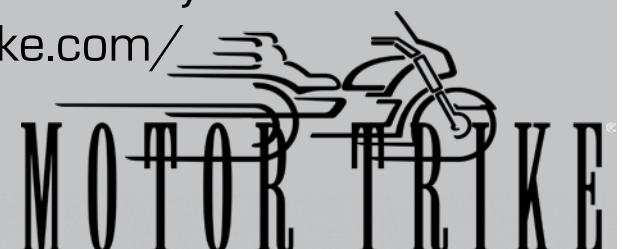
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Oleson says they're going to look at what works for ATV ordinances in other areas, and hopes to have something passed before spring.

Right now, unless a town or county passes an ordinance allowing it, ATVs can only be driven on one of Iowa's eight riding parks or on private property. ATVs are also allowed to cross streets, with some restrictions.

VIRGINIA BECOMES 15TH STATE TO CREATE AN OFFICE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam (D) has announced the creation of an Office of Outdoor Recreation to lead efforts to promote the outdoor recreation industry in Virginia and recruit new outdoor businesses to the Commonwealth.

The outdoor recreation industry contributes nearly \$22 billion annually to the Virginia economy, and employs more than 197,000 Virginians. Virginia will be the 15th state in the nation to establish an office or task force dedicated to strengthening the outdoor industry, and

the third on the East Coast.

“Every region of our Commonwealth is home to unique outdoor assets and recreation opportunities, which continue to earn national praise and are sought out by millions of travelers each year,” Gov. Northam said. “In establishing a statewide Office of Outdoor Recreation, we are taking significant steps to recognize the importance of this industry as a true driver of economic development in the Commonwealth, and demonstrate why Virginia is the natural fit for outdoor business. Outdoor recreation not only improves the growth potential of our communities, but it also aligns with our goals on land conservation, workforce development, and public health.”

The Office will lead an effort to grow the outdoor industry in Virginia through industry promotion, coordination, and recruitment.

NATIONWIDE MOTORCYCLE THEFTS DECREASING

While motorcycle theft has been a significant problem in the US, the latest National Insurance Crime Bureau report indicates that motorcycle thefts across the country went down in 2018, and in fact have been on a steady decline since 2016

after experiencing an uptick the previous two years.

A total of 41,674 motorcycles were reported stolen in 2018 compared with 44,268 reported stolen in 2017 -- a decrease of six percent.

By manufacturer, Honda was the most stolen bike brand, followed by Yamaha, Suzuki, and Kawasaki. Harley-Davidson rounded out the top five.

Unsurprisingly, motorcycle thefts in the US are at their peak during the summer months, with August, July, and September, in that order, seeing the highest number of thefts, and with about half as many bikes stolen in February 2018.

The report also gives a state-by-state breakdown, and notes that thefts are more common in large metropolitan areas as well. California leads the country in motorcycle thefts, with 7,035 occurring in 2018, followed by Florida with 4,279 thefts reported, then Texas (3,073), New York (1,777) and South Carolina (1,743). By city, New York City led the way with 1,310, then Los Angeles with 628, Miami (595), Las Vegas (540), and San Diego fifth with 527.

A total of 16,261 bikes were recovered from thieves in 2018, or about 44% of those stolen.

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STUDY SHOWS MOTORCYCLES MOST LIKELY VEHICLE TYPE IN U.K. TO BE STOLEN

One in every 46 registered motorcycles in the United Kingdom (UK) was stolen last year, according to new figures gained by a Freedom of Information (FOI) request by the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG). In London, one in every 12 bikes was reported stolen in 2018.

While the countrywide figure actually signals a modest 3.98% improvement over 2017, the national average of one in 46 still means that motorcycles are seven times more likely to be stolen than any other road vehicle!

"For a biker, the theft of their bike is definitely not a victimless crime," said Colin Brown, MAG's Director of Campaigns & Political Engagement. "More so than for any other mode of transport, riders become emotionally attached to their bikes. For some, the loss of a bike is akin to the loss of a family member."

With an average 500 bikes stolen a week in 2018 motorcycles remain the most commonly stolen vehicle in the UK, seven times more likely to be nicked than anything else, which is why security firms are coming up with ever-more sophisticated locks.

NEW HAMPSHIRE TO MODERNIZE DMV IN WAKE OF DEADLY JUNE CRASH

Following the deadly June 2019 crash that killed seven motorcyclists in New Hampshire, officials want to work with other states to prevent anything like this from happening ever again.

The truck driver currently facing seven charges of negligent homicide in those deaths -- who had a Massachusetts-issued CDL -- should not even have been driving, according to his combined driving record. The head of the Massachusetts DMV resigned and others at the agency were fired once this came to light.

Over the past few weeks, New Hampshire has also been conducting an internal review of its own DMV records and practices. On August 29, 2019, NH governor Chris Sununu gave a press conference with other top officials to share their findings. The results: nearly 4,000 drivers will have their licenses suspended following a review of over 13,000 out-of-state notices, as well as a backlog of 62 commercial license notices dating back to 2016.

One unintended and potentially good consequence of this terrible accident is that it's led New Hampshire to modern-

ize its DMV system and automate notices, so that paper backlogs like this can't build up in the future. Additionally, the governor is now pushing the state legislature to allow the NH DMV to become part of a computerized state-to-state driver verification system using Real ID.

One of the biggest issues that the terrible crash brought to light is that truck driver Volodymyr Zhukovskyy had a number of driving offenses spread across multiple states -- that obviously didn't communicate effectively with one another. Creating processes that enhance communication of driving offenses across state lines seems like a logical step toward preventing catastrophes like this in the future.

EURO5 EMISSIONS RULES EXPECTED TO BRING TECH PROGRESS

The latest European emissions limits (Euro5) will be introduced from the start of next year on, and while many naysayers preach gloom about tightening emissions laws, others predict that they will spur development, creating bikes that are measurably better than their predecessors.

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Euro5 is the fifth iteration of European emissions limits that have got steadily stricter since the original Euro1 came in 1999, and the newest limits represent an astounding improvement over the two decades since: compared to the current Euro4 limits, Euro5 levels are down by a third.

The big news is the introduction of a limit for 'non- methane hydrocarbons' (NMHC) -- quite literally hydrocarbons that aren't methane -- which wasn't measured before. NMHC makes up most of a bike's HC emissions, so the 0.068g/km limit is a particular challenge. To reduce HC emissions in high-revving performance engines as well as at low revs, expect to see an explosion in the use of variable valve timing (VVT) as well as higher capacity engines to reduce reliance on higher revs; both of which will boost performance.

On the downside, as the bikes get more impressive, they'll also be more complicated, making them more costly to produce, and making maintenance more expensive.

As before, Euro5's introduction is staged. New models from January 1, 2020 must meet the limits but manufacturers have an extra 12 months to adapt

existing designs.

Brexit won't exclude the UK from compliance, as they're already committed to remaining aligned with EU rules and other non-EU countries such as India and China are adopting similar standards.

FRENCH ROLL OUT 'NOISE CAMERAS'

France has begun tackling loud motorcycle exhausts, by installing a 'noise radar' capable of identifying the offending vehicle, with the device linked to Police CCTV cameras in order to automatically issue fines.

In the UK, the Department for Transport has likewise announced that they will be trialing new 'noise cameras' in a bid to cut down on illegal exhausts.

STURGIS RALLY SAFEST IN FIVE YEARS

Final Sturgis Motorcycle Rally figures indicate a slight decrease in overall attendance, but including a third fatality reported on Sunday, traffic deaths were the lowest since 2014 when two motorcyclists died. Four people died in traffic crashes during the Rally last year.

Accidents were also down this year,

with 52 injury crashes reported, down from 56; 41 non-injury crashes compared with 50 in 2018, according to the state Department of Public Safety.

The number of vehicles counted entering Sturgis, South Dakota during the 10 days of the 79th annual Sturgis Rally, from Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 11, was down 1.2% from 505,969 in 2018 to 499,654 this year, according to the state Department of Transportation, which has been counting since 1990.

The record vehicle count was 604,441 for seven days -- Monday through Sunday -- of the Rally in 2000, the 60th anniversary, according to DOT figures. The record attendance, by head count, was an estimated 738,000 in 2015, the 75th anniversary, according to Rally officials.

TRADE WAR HEATS UP

An ongoing trade war continues to escalate, and with motorcycles once again caught in the crosshairs, whatever the outcome the cost of motorcycles is likely to go up. Trade tensions between the European Union (EU) and the United States involving ongoing disputes

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regarding aircraft subsidies has led the Trump Administration to respond with \$11 billion in proposed EU tariffs, including many motorcycles imported from countries in the EU.

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has proposed 100% duties on motorcycles 500-700cc, as well as “parts and accessories for motorcycles (including mopeds).” (HTS subheadings 8711.40.30 and 8714.10.00).

The retaliatory tariffs could have far-reaching consequences for European-based motorcycle manufacturers, including Ducati, BMW, Husqvarna, KTM, Triumph and Vespa.

As of now, the product list is “preliminary”, and riders are urged to make their voices heard.

MIC LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO INSPIRE NEW RIDERS

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has announced a broad, long-term initiative to bring more people into the world of motorcycling.

“It’s clear the industry needs to reach and inspire new customers. While many of us, with our individual businesses, have taken steps to grow ridership, we also should be working together, and the

MIC wants to help make that happen,” said Paul Vitrano, MIC board chair and senior assistant general counsel at Indian Motorcycle and Polaris Inc. “To help us fully understand the barriers to entry, and to create an inclusive strategic plan to conquer those barriers that will be available to all stakeholders, we have partnered with a team of researchers and strategists to bring fresh perspectives to this challenge and opportunity.”

To initiate this strategic plan, the MIC has hired consulting firm Centauric LLC to lead the first phase of this initiative. “Centauric has committed an impressive multi-disciplinary team of behavioral scientists, engineers, and business consultants, and takes a unique approach to problem-solving. We are excited to be working with them on this critical initiative,” Vitrano said.

The plan will be presented at the MIC’s American International Motorcycle Expo (AIMExpo) in Columbus, Ohio, September 26-29, 2019.

“This is not designed to be a quick fix, nor is it just about sales,” said Chuck Bolderman, MIC vice chair, and vice president, motorcycle division, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. “It’s about showing people how motorcycles can fit into

and enrich their lives, no matter where they live, what they do, what their hobbies are, or how old or young they are. This will take time, so we are committed to building a campaign that takes the long view... and how united as one, we can attract new riders to motorcycling.”

FEMA WARNS: “BE PREPARED FOR ELECTRIC BIKES!”

“In about ten years it will probably not be possible to buy a motorcycle with an internal combustion engine in most, if not all, European countries,” warns Dolf Willigers of the Federation of European Motorcyclists’ Associations (FEMA).

Based upon information gathered during Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels, consisting of three days of presentations about how to make our society more sustainable; “When you think about future transport, think electric. Not biofuels, not hydrogen, certainly not carbon-based fuels, but electric battery-powered vehicles is what we can expect.”

Transport is seen as a big contributor to the greenhouse effect. According to the EFA, the European Environment Agency, road transport emits nearly

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21% of the EU's total emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2), the main greenhouse gas. Both the European Union and countries inside and outside the EU want 'climate-neutral' transport in 2050. "This looks far away," says Willigers, "but remember that cars, the largest part of the vehicles, in Europe have an average lifespan of about twenty years. To have all cars on the road emission free in 2050 means that cars that do emit CO2 should no longer be on the market after 2030. Now it suddenly gets closer." According to Williger, in just over ten years, there should be a complete transition from cars with a (carbon-based fuel) internal combustion engine to battery-electric powered cars.

Already the governments of Denmark, Germany, Ireland, India, Israel, Netherlands and Sweden have announced that they will ban the sale of new 'carbon-fueled' cars from 2030. France, China and the UK have announced to stop the sale of new cars with an internal combustion engine from 2040. On the other hand, Norway wants to ban the sale of these cars already from 2025. "Indeed, I'm talking about cars, not about motorcycles," Williger explains, "But let's be realistic: when the sale cars with an in-

ternal combustion engine will be stopped after 2030, in one country (the Netherlands) also the sale of mopeds with an internal combustion engine, how big will the chance be that an exception will be made for motorcycles?"

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER BANNING HANDS-FREE DEVICES

England and Wales could make hands-free cellphone devices illegal for drivers, after research showed that it is no safer than using a hand-held phone, which would include a ban on comm systems for motorcyclists.

The Commons Select Committee has said that the Government should consider extending the law against using a mobile phone while driving and has called for a public consultation on the issue by the end of 2019. The Committee also recommended increasing the penalty for using a hand-held device and wants the police to do more to enforce the law.

Smart helmets and other communication systems are gaining in popularity for riders, as having access to our phones at all times has become a social and often professional requirement, and in recent years the industry has been booming

with increasingly versatile devices.

The committee's recommendation is based on a study that determined these systems are as distracting as using a handheld device, and whether behind the wheel or behind the handlebars, your attention is divided. According to the National Safety Council, drivers on the phone miss up to 50% of what's happening in their surroundings while taking a call and their field of view is dramatically narrowed down, so chances are, a similar proportion applies to riders.

If such a ban is imposed in the UK, it could spark discussions of similar bans in the rest of Europe and perhaps the rest of the world.

NO HELMET, NO GAS

Although India has a national helmet law, as of August 5 the highly urbanized city of Bengaluru will begin implementing a "No helmet, no fuel" policy that means any motorcycle rider, including their passenger, will not be allowed to buy fuel at any gas station within the city limits if they are NOT wearing their helmets.

"The Bengaluru Traffic Police has spoken with petrol pump owners across

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the city seeking their cooperation to enforce the 'No Helmet, No Fuel' initiative," Bengaluru City Additional Traffic Commissioner P. Harishekar told News18. "This is being done purely for the interest, safety, and security of people."

Bengaluru is not the first city to take such a step, as on June 1, 2019, the State of Uttar Pradesh, which has a population of 200-million, enacted a "No helmet, no fuel" policy and also prohibits motorcycle riders from using the expressway if they are not wearing their helmets.

NETHERLANDS WAR HERO GIVEN CHOICE BETWEEN MC OR MILITARY JOB

The Ministry of Defense has suspended a soldier for the first time because of his role in the world of motorcycle clubs, threatening Sergeant Major Maurice Vissers with removal from his job with the Ministry for being "involved in a prohibited motorcycle gang."

Vissers is not a member of a forbidden club, but is vice president of the Veterans MC, a military motorcycle club in the Netherlands to which many soldiers and former soldiers are affiliated, but he stands accused of having contacts with the Hells Angels as the clubs maintain friendly ties.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Defense announced in a statement regarding the behavior of Defense employees that security clearances will be withdrawn if they have contact with a criminal organization or are "involved in outlaw motorcycle gangs such as Satudarah, Hells Angels, No Surrender or the Bandidos." Where the Ministry previously discour-

aged its staff from becoming members of '1% clubs', action is now being taken against soldiers who, for example, have a child or a partner in a prohibited motorcycle club, labeling them a security risk.

Despite having no criminal record and no other security issues, the Ministry of Defense has given the soldier a choice: leave the motorcycle club or Defense.

PUTIN MAY BE CITED FOR RIDING A MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT A HELMET

The Moscow Times has reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin recently attended a biker show organized by the Night Wolves motorcycle club in annexed Crimea, and state television showed Putin at the handlebars of a Ural motorcycle without a helmet on.

At least two people have filed complaints with the authorities on the basis that Putin had violated Russian law by not wearing a helmet, and a Russian lawyer has requested the traffic police fine Putin \$15 over the infraction.

"Putin is violating [the law] again," said Regional legislator Oleg Khomutinnikov in a complaint to Russia's Prosecutor General's Office, writing on Facebook; "So what, the violations are minor. But does that make them non-violations?"

"EASY RIDER" STAR PETER FONDA DEAD AT 79

Oscar-nominated actor Peter Fonda, who became a counterculture icon when he co-wrote, produced and starred in seminal 1969 road movie "Easy Rider"

fifty years ago, died August 16 of lung cancer at age 79.

The son of Hollywood legend Henry Fonda, he appeared in numerous biker movies, including "The Wild Angels" (1966), "Ghost Rider" (2007) and "Wild Hogs" (2007).

Fonda earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Screenplay for *Easy Rider*, which was added to the National Film Registry in 1998, having been deemed "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant."

In 1991, Peter Fonda attended the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' 6th annual NCOM Convention to receive the Silver Spoke Award for Entertainment; "In Appreciation For Improving The Image Of Motorcycling."

He was inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2002, not only for his work on *Easy Rider* but also for his motorcycle-related charity work, including the Love Ride.

His interest in motorcycles was the direct result of rebelling against the elder Fonda; "My father didn't want me to," he once told the *L.A. Times* newspaper. "It was like, in your face. As soon as I could, I bought a Harley. That was the beginning. Loved it. Never have stopped."

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"I have always maintained that society has no business dictating morality."

~ Peter Fonda (1940-2019)

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Our **CONGRATULATIONS** to Greg Ormson on being recognized for his innovative work to improve the health & wellbeing of motorcyclists.

In addition to the *Yoga Magazine* article & cover, his Yoga & Leather program at *Superstition Harley-Davidson* will be presented in an upcoming issue of *HOG Magazine*.

Read more from and about YogiG at his website <https://gregoryormson.com>

from his blog..

Every yogi is the same. But every yogi has been injured in their own way. Debbie McGregor, passionate yogi and motorcyclist, was first injured at age 11. It happened in a rodeo mishap when she was locked in a cramped chute with a panicked horse. A broken back sustained in a motorcycle accident in her early 30's became major injury number two, and she suffered a broken neck in a car accident during her early 50's.

"When I read about YOGA AND LEATHER: Yoga for Bikers," she said, "I couldn't believe it; something combining my two passions, I had to come."

After her car accident, Debbie was told she'd be paralyzed from the neck down, but she resolved to walk and was determined to ride her Harley Davidson motorcycle again. She invested in physical therapy and added yoga as a daily routine. Three years after the accident, Debbie is doing yoga and motorcycling around the country. "It's unexplainable how much yoga does in the path of healing. The more I do, the more I want and the more I heal," she said.

Paul, a 79 year old retired Chicago police officer, is another dedicated rider of Harley Davidson motorcycles but new to yoga. Like Debbie, he found his way to YOGA AND LEATHER, and considers it healing balm and an island of peace.

Recently, Paul's 900 pound motorcycle tipped over and landed on his foot. He hobbled into class wearing big boots and blue

jeans, but did what he could. "I need it, it's good. I have to do it," he said. And he did.

Debbie and Paul signify the independent spirit which defines the motorcycle community. Motorcyclists want to express themselves in their own way, and bikers excel at adaptation. They ride through cold or hot, rain, dust, hail, and strong wind without windshields and roofs. Motorcyclists don't like riding in cars, and see automobiles as cages where experience on the road is sanitized and one-step removed. Bikers are strong willed and eager to wring the last drop of life from every experience.

Bikers love the journey; it's what keeps them going, and propels them onward. It even keeps them limping into a yoga class. This is my teaching community, and because I understand them, I started YOGA AND LEATHER: Yoga for Bikers.

While most yogis don't ride motorcycles, they exhibit some of the same qualities as motorcycle riders, particularly independence of thought and a willingness to move outside culturally sanctioned boxes.

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SIMILARITIES

Yoga and motorcycles may seem like an odd juxtaposition but there are similarities. Both activities require a good level of mental and physical stamina. Participants bike or do yoga because they want to, and both can lead to a sense of relaxation, wellness, and freedom.

Ideally, yogis and cyclists start by learning from qualified instructors that present the activity in sequential learning steps. It's not safe for any beginner to simply throw a leg up over a bike and drive away. But a rider, after taking a rider safety course, is a better and safer rider. In the same way, a beginner is wise to start yoga with a qualified teacher giving instructions. Like riding, this will help the yogi avoid injury and they learn the right way the first time.

Neither activity requires a religious affiliation, yet some stereotypes brand motorcyclists' as gang members, and yoga is wrongly branded as an outreach for Hinduism or a New Age religion.

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MOVING BEYOND STEREOTYPES

Both yogis and motorcyclists' have been subject to stereotypes – which is an easy way to dismiss someone as fringe or outsider. Motorcyclists typically are not doing yoga. Many believe that yoga is easy, that it's only a women's activity, or that one has to be flexible to start.

Some people believe yoga is only for women. But from its origin, and up to the early 20th Century, yoga was practiced only by men. Worldwide today, many women practice and teach yoga, and in the US about 80 percent of yoga participants are women.

Similarly, some people believe motorcycling

is only for men, even though nearly 25 percent of all riders in the US are women. Motorcycling and yoga are undergoing changes, and with these changes, stereotypes no longer apply.

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YOGA BENEFITS FOR BIKERS

(are potentially life-saving)

Improved mental focus & coordination, clarity of thought developed by balance & silence in yoga *I life & death on the bike is directly related to mental focus & clarity.*

Improved balance by practicing one-leg standing postures *I better control in tight U turns and backing.*

Improved sleep after a hard yoga practice *I no dozing while driving, deeper sleep leads to increased energy on the road.*

Improved posture *I improved back and neck comfort on rides.*

Immune system activated by massage of internal organs through poses of constriction and release *I internal organs take a pounding on the bike, and yoga's corrective is a full body massage through postures.*

Improved flexibility by bending and stretching *I pick up what you drop with no problem or pain.*

Improved strength and muscle tone through weight bearing and power postures *I for large bikes and long tours, building strength for long days on the road.*

Improved adaptability to stress by postures that place stress on the body while learning to be at ease and breathe calmly.

REMEMBER the skill of staying calm on the road – the first lesson taught in *Motorcycle Safety Foundation riders' class* – when facing stress.

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For the complete text of this article, go to <https://gregoryormson.com/writing/yoga-motorcyclingyogig/yoga-and-leather-at-superstition-harley-davidson-featured-on-july-cover-in-yoga-magazine/>

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Jack 'Fat Jack' Thompson
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July 26, 2019 ... Recall
 ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V561000
 Motorcycle May Unexpectedly Slow
 Down or Stop
 Potential # Units Affected 1,701
 Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC
 Summary: Piaggio Group Americas.
 Inc. (Piaggio) is recalling certain 2016-2018 Moto Guzzi Audace 1400 and Eldorado 1400, 2017-2018 Moto Guzzi California 1400, 2017 Moto Guzzi MGX 21 Bagger, 2013-2014 Aprilia Mana 850, 2014-2016 Aprilia Dorsoduro 750, 2018-2019 Aprilia Dorsoduro 900, and 2018 Aprilia Shiver 900 motorcycles. Due to a problem with the front brake master cylinder, the front brakes may drag or apply, causing the motorcycle to unexpectedly slow down or stop completely without activating the rear

brake light. Unexpectedly slowing down or stopping while driving with no warning to following traffic can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Piaggio will notify owners, and dealers will inspect, and if necessary, replace the front brake master cylinder free of charge. The recall began August 16, 2019. Owners may contact Piaggio customer service at 1-212-380-4433. Piaggio's number for this recall is PA2ZZQ1904. Notes: For this & each of these Recalls, owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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August 5, 2019 ... Recall ~
 NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V574000
 Replacement Rear Reflectors
 Missing from Kit
 Potential # Units Affected 12,733
 Components VISIBILITY
 Summary: Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles, including 2017-2019 FLHTCU, FLHTCUL, FLHTK ANV, FLHTKL, FLTRU, FLHTK, and 2016-2019 FLHTKSE, FLHTKSE ANV, and FLTRUSE models equipped with a Harley-Davidson Detachable Tour-Pak Luggage Conversion Kit (Part numbers 53000291, 53000291A, and 53000567). The kit did not include replacement rear red reflectors for the ones that are eliminated by installing this kit. As such, these motorcycles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." Without the rear red reflectors, the motorcycle has reduced visibility to other


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drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

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August 29, 2019 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V638000
Tail Lights may be too Bright/
FMVSS 108
Potential # Units Affected 3,147

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING
Summary: Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain 2019 Chieftain motorcycles. The tail lights may be too bright, exceeding the maximum light output allowed. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." Due to increased brightness, other drivers may have difficulties discerning the brake light from the tail light, and thus may be unaware that the motorcycle is braking, thereby increasing the

risk of a crash.
Remedy: Indian will notify owners, and dealers will update the engine control module software to correct the rear tail light's intensity, free of charge. The recall began September 18, 2019. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-19-04.

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AMSAF Financial Assistance Pilot Helmet Program

BREAKING NEWS ...
September 8, 2019

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Arizona is a State where you have a choice if you want to wear a helmet or not. AMSAF would like to help those that wear a helmet or will be wearing one by creating a financial assistance program to help get you into a good full face DOT Helmet. In doing that AMSAF has collaborated with RideNow Powersports to develop a Pilot Program.

Helmet Program: AMSAF has collaborated with RideNow Powersports to put together a Pilot program to help you get into a good full face DOT Helmet with some financial assistance from AMSAF and discount from RideNow. We believe this program will afford you the opportunity to purchase a good full face DOT Street helmet at a reduced cost. The applicant is required to have a motorcy-

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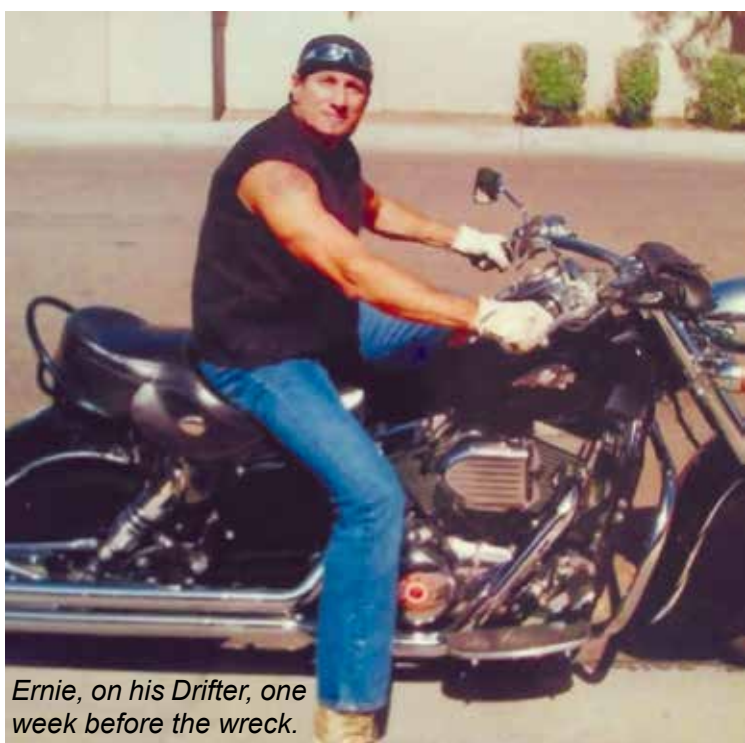
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by survivor Ernie Lizarra

The light turned green and we rode for about a quarter mile. It was just past 11:56a because Phoenix Fire Department E56 [whose station is a block north of Carefree and a block east of the I-17 on North Valley Parkway] had just received a call and came up behind us honking their airhorn with their lights and siren on. We pulled over. Once they went by us we got back into our staggered position and continued for about mile as we approached 27th Drive. We slowed down and stopped behind a Jeep Cherokee that was stopped behind another vehicle for the red light. We were stopped for about 20 seconds when Dayle turns around and yells LOOKOUT!

I was knocked unconscious but learned all the details from attending the trial for the driver of the dump truck, being friends with my coworkers that were the firefighters that responded, befriending one of the first police officers and witness on scene, and going over police reports.

A dump truck right behind us going about 40 to 50 MPH, first missed Will by inches, knocking him down. It then smashed into Steve, Dan, Clyde and me causing us to become stuck underneath the front of it before hitting Terry, Jason, Julie, Todd, and Dayle. I became dislodged and fell to the street right before it hit the Cherokee. This caused the Cherokee to hit a Toyota Tundra in front of it. Then the dump truck exploded into flames from the ruptured gas tanks of the bikes.

The driver of the Tundra felt the jolt then sees the dump truck explode into flames. He gives his car gas to get away but his car won't move. The car behind him has locked bumpers with his so he floors the gas and forces the car locked onto his across the intersection. Just to the right of the burning dump truck is a

Ford F250 that can't go anywhere because the cars in front and behind won't move. After what seems forever the car in front of him turns down 27th Drive so he can follow. By then the paint on the F250 had blistered from the heat. He gets out and runs directly to Todd and helps him get off the street.

The driver of the dump truck jumps out and runs to the parking lot of Walgreens across the street, stops, then runs back into the dump truck. He grabs a small black bag and runs back to the parking lot. Witnesses said this seemed very strange because the dump truck was fully involved in flames.

The following details come from statements written by witnesses and given to the detectives.

Samantha Rangel was driving a black Suburban heading east on Carefree Hwy in the middle lane. 'There was one car ahead of me before the dump truck that started on fire. A motorcycle was run over and a man flew to the left on the pavement. I got out of my vehicle immediately being an ICU RN and assisted. Me & a couple guys opted to move a girl lying on her left Right side/fetal position unconscious on the left side of the dump truck, almost under the truck. We thought the truck was going to "blow". It was crackling. Flames were getting higher. We moved her to the sidewalk. She had a pulse and was breathing on her own, but did not respond and a clearly visible broken leg. The guy I saw thrown to the left of the back of the truck tire was on his left face with pulse & not responding visually but I did later see him move a foot. I tried to get people to help me move him also but everyone was afraid to get too close to the truck sparking & in flames! Once officers came they shielded him with a thick blanket. The man I stayed with had pain all on his right side. He said something hit him on his right side. I kept him C-Spined and unhitched his throat latch but kept his helmet on. He said he was a pharmacist named Terry & he'd never rode with this group before. I took some vital signs & helped stabilize his open Tib/Fib FX & a disfigured right arm. He had good vitals & I used his cell phone to call his wife Kay, to tell her they were taking him to JCL Nth MTN. I heard several tires popping that sounded like gunfire. The truck was not moving and all the bikes were down'.

The girl Samantha moved that was laying in the fetal position was Dayle. I

was the guy laying on his left side and later moved his foot. My back was broken. Any movement could have severed my spinal cord; so I want to thank officer Brandon Epperson for preventing people from moving me and for shielding me from the heat and flames with a blanket. Thanks Brandon.

Justin Bufford wrote, "Driving in far left right lane witnessed a large dump truck struggling to stop for a red light in the middle lane. Just as he was about to rear end the vehicle in front of him he swerved left and struck Apx. 10 motorcycles. Within seconds combust into flames. I attempted to put the fire out with my extinguisher but failed, then helped move two Patients away from the fire as quickly as possible. Then proceed to move bikes away from the fire to prevent further explosions. And put positive pressure on a female motorcyclist head injury in the center lane". The two patients he helped move were Dayle and Jason.

Garrett Lambert wrote "I was in the far right lane heading east and I looked up and saw the diesel truck swerve left and hit multiple bikers. I jumped out of the car I was in and ran towards the fire. My pant leg was grabbed by one of the injured bikers and explained what happened also I prayed with her and told her that everything was to be alright. And about 1 minute later P.D. was here then about 3 minutes later fire department showed up, put out the fire. We were told to hang out and fill out this witness statement". Garrett's leg was grabbed by Julie.

Bernie Campa wrote, "I Bernie Campa was approaching the red light at 27th Dr. an Carefree Hy. An SUV & bikes were sitting at the light when the man in the dump truck veared from the right to the left lane almost taking me out then kept going & plowed through all the bikes taking out all but one biker smashing them into the SUV. I never saw nor heard his brakes, brake lights nor did I hear his airbrakes. It appeared to me that he was not trying to stop". *The one biker the dump truck did not take out was Will.*

To be continued next month in the November 2019 issue of *AZ Rider Motorcycle News*.

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As shared by Ernie Lizarra, in memory of dear friends gone but never forgotten.

Betsy & Bruce

2019 Wild In The Weeds Motorcycle Rally Exceeds Expectations

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May 3-5, 2019 ... Punkin Center Bar,
Tonto Basin, AZ

While attendance was only slightly higher than past years, everything else about this year's Wild in the Weeds motorcycle rally exceeded expectations. The 15th version of the annual rally put on by the High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ was met with the best weather in years, coupled with the best music and probably the best games in quite some time as well. The one area that needed improvement was the pool which unfortunately sprung a leak and could not be saved. However that did not appear to dampen the spirits of any of the party goers who were happy to hang out with good, and new, friends and enjoy the activities.

This year High County Chapter (HCC) experimented with accepting credit cards at the event and that went so well you can expect it to be a standard practice in the future.

As usual, Harley Lewis and her crew were on their game with great bar tending, plenty of cold beer (and water) and

breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffets that satisfied even the heartiest appetite!

On Friday HCC presented Harley with a birthday gift of a canvas print of the design used to make this year's t-shirts. Friday ended with an awesome performance by local band FROZEN FIRE and I must say Mario and the gang were On FIRE!

On Saturday the festivities got into high gear with tons of great raffle prizes, including \$500 in cash, 50/50 and a wet-t shirt contest that was the culmination of the days games including people games like "Honey I'm Home", the "Plank Walk", the always popular "Tire Toss" (one each for men and women) and of course the bike games consisting of "Slow Drag", "Joust", "Road Kill" (my favorite), the "Weenie Bite" and of course the "Balloon Toss".

Saturday evening wrapped up with a great bonfire and live music by UNCHAINED who played one of their best concerts in a while (if you missed it kick yourself because it was just incredible!).

Sunday morning wrapped up all the fun with another breakfast buffet that helped cure any hangovers from the night before and fueled the HCC staff

that then cleaned up the area like they had never been there.

Well done to everyone from High Country of ABATE of AZ. Special congratulations to this year's "Wildest In The Weeds" winner Amy Edwards who received a trophy as special recognition for service above and beyond to make sure this event went as smoothly as possible. Outstanding job Amy!

Photos and videos from the event, including concert video of UNCHAINED can be found at WildInTheWeeds.com – See you next year!

ed: There were SO many great photos taken over this weekend. Be sure & click the title above to see more of them, courtesy of MotorcycleSafari.com



Ed: **THIS month**, on October 19, High Country ABATE-AZ hosts their 14th annual **Chili Cook Off**. Get to the Tonto Rim Bar & Grill located at 3870 East AZ Hwy 260 in Star Valley. The party runs from noon-5pm & includes music by Hans Olson. Just \$5 to eat, and a beautiful ride to get there. What a great combination! Chili cooks, get with CC at 928-476-1955 for details.



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Saturdays 2019 { 10/5, 10/19 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Meet at East Lot at 7:30a. Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600

1st & 3rd Saturdays {Oct-Apr}: Downtown Mesa Festival of the Arts, 10a-4pm at Main St & McDonald. FMI: info@dtmesafest.com

2nd Saturdays: Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Open House, from 7-11:30pm for any of you bikers. We make a nice rest stop on your way home or your way out. Cold drinks, good bbq, music, etc. You are welcome to join in. All types of bikes, all types of people, cars too. 17998 186th St, Queen Creek. Thank you. FMI: dffd_mesa@yahoo.com

Sundays 2019 { 10/13, 10/27 }: 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 East Lot at 7:30a. Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600

3rd Sundays {10/27, 11/17, 12/15...} Ride, Stretch, & Repeat w/Yoga Greg, thru May 2020. YogiG will lead a short ride to a park or some other natural space for some breathing, quiet meditation, & 5 or 6 stretches while using our bikes as props ... things to help improve your riding experience! Kickstands up at 10:30am at Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com, #MotorCyclingYogiG

Tuesdays in October 2019: Two Wheel Tuesdays at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Ride in for a Free multi-point inspection. No appointment necessary. Done on the spot while you wait. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Wednesdays in October 2019: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot 7:30a, ride @ 8am. FMI: 480-346-0600

Wednesdays thru Oct 30, 2019 Cy-clerides.com Bike Night at Tempe Marketplace {Loops 101 & 202}, 5-9pm. Live Music starts 6p, Vendors, & more. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: info@Cyclerides.com

2nd Wednesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Wednesdays [thru May 2020]: Yoga for Bikers at 4:30p on the Eagles Nest Patio at Superstition HD. Find out how Yoga helps bikers ride on. Bring a yoga mat, if you have one. No other equipment or specialized clothing is required. If you prefer to stay in jeans & boots rather than go barefoot, that's ok. This is not an exercise class, but an introduction to yoga with basic poses as part of the experience. SHD 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com #MotorCyclingYogiG

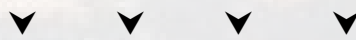
4th Wednesdays: San Tan Loners MC Bike Night at the Ironwood Pub & Grub (480-987-3004) 40975 N Ironwood Rd #b108. Every 4th Wednesday from 6-9pm. Fun times and cold beers. FMI: dennissuida@yahoo.com

Thursdays - 2019 Cyclerides.com Bike Night at Westgate, 5-9pm. Oct 3 & 24; Nov 14th. Vendors, & more. Live Music starts 6pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: info@cyclerides.com

1st Fridays {September – June} Ride With The Dealer to Motorcycles on Main for Bike Night! Meet on the west lot of Superstition Harley Davidson. Kickstands up at 6:15pm. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Last Fridays: Lost Dutchman MC Mesa Open House, from 7-11:30pm. 1826 W Broadway Suite #42, Mesa FMI: dffd_mesa@yahoo.com, 480-745-4599

For more MC bike night listings, visit
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10/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by The Hardways. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

10/5 {Sat} Superstition HD activities: Concealed Carry Class from 12p-3pm. \$50 includes fingerprinting. Call to sign up 480-346-0600. Team Arizona BRC Looking to learn to ride? Team Arizona offers a Basic Rider Course & Superstition HD hosts the classroom portion on the 1st Saturday of the month. Please call for more details. Bitchin Stitchin will be here 10a-1pm for all your sewing needs. ALSO here on 10/19. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

10/5 Our Hearts in Heaven 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 & lunch {no host} 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

10/5 Sons of Odin MC 53rd Anniversary Party at the Territorial Bar & Grill, 3727 S Palo Verde Rd, Tucson, 85713. All are welcome except Law Enforcement. 3pm-midnite. Live Music by TOM CAT & the Prowlers! Fireball Girls are making an appearance! Fireball & Jello Shots, Drink Specials, 50/50, Door Prizes. Some of the Proceeds will go Odin Mike's Family! Entry= \$10 for Men & \$5 for Women. FMI: 520-514-9035, emilye3434@gmail.com

10/5 Show & Shine Bike Show & Rodeo @ Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3501 N. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ 85705, 2-9pm. Hosted by the FOE PIF Committee. Benefits the Wm G. Valenzuela 8th Annual Pay It Forward Christmas Toy Drive. Bike Show, Raffles, Food & More. \$10 or \$5+toy per person, \$15 or \$10+toy per cpl. FMI: 520-300-1496 or email maryking_20@yahoo.com

10/6 {Sun} H-D 101 Intro to Motorcycling @ Superstition Harley-Davidson. Motorcycles are cool. And it's never too late to get riding. Which means now is the perfect time to learn more about motorcycles and about riding them. Attend H-D 101 [10a-3pm] we'll get you started. Find out the benefits of motorcycling, sit on the bikes, and see how to get your life on two wheels started in a more personal, one-on-one setting. Make sure to fill out your raffle ticket before you leave. You could win a FREE Basic Rider Course (\$349 Value) just for stopping by. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

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10/12 {Sat} Moon Miler Night Ride hosted by Phoenix-Shadow Mtn ABATE-AZ. Register 5:30pm at AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N 12th St, Phoenix, 85020. \$20/sgl, \$30/2up includes Event patch. KST: 6:30pm. Stops: I-17 Sunset Point > Ain't Nick's Tavern {6840 N. 27th Ave, Phx}. Karaoke at 9pm inside, music outside, food specials w/ beverage purchase, food truck until 1:30am. Smoking on outside patio. FMI: 602-545-2204, williamdrigg@aol.com

10/12 4th annual Six Shooter Poker Run hosted by Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek. Sign-in 10a-noon at Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Last card in 4pm at LDMC Queen Creek Clubhouse. Music by Moonshine VooDoo Band. High hand wins Ruger Super Blackhawk 44Mag {or alt prize \$500}. Independent riders welcome. FMI: dffd_mesa@yahoo.com

10/12 Activities at Superstition Harley-Davidson: HOG Chapter General Meeting in the HOG Room, 10am. Meet 9:30a for conversation, cake, & coffee. **Livewire Demos** from 11a-3pm! **HOG Dogs** - Stop in for a hot dog served up by our H.O.G® Chapter - 11am till gone. From 12-3pm check out the **Birds of Prey** from 4 continents, up close, from The AZ Raptor Center. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com, <http://superstitionhd.com>

10/12 HOGtoberfest at Tucson HD, 7355 N I-10 EB Frontage Rd. Ride starts/ends @ THD. Sign-in 8am. \$20/pp. After party starts noon @ THD. Free entry. All welcome. Music by Velocity, \$5 no-host lunch, Bike Show, & more. Law Tigers AZ is a sponsor. FMI: 520-907-0472, AssistantDirector@tucsonhog.net

10/13 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet at Pinal County Fairground, Casa Grande {512 N 11-Mile Corner Rd}. Vendors 1st come 1st served: \$40/20x15space. Setup 6am. All bike brands welcome. Opens to public 8am. Admission \$5. FMI: MJ 480-209-8521

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 by Chris Kane Trio {Friday night} & Aeromyth {Saturday night}. 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, <https://www.runtotherez.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 AMSAF. Free entry for spectators. FMI: 480-894-0404, <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 weekend. Add'l parking fees apply to anything w/ more than 3 wheels. High clearance is recommended for extended length rv's, motorhomes or vehicles pulling extended length trailers. FMI: Rob@BikerAtlas.com, www.Shinetoberfest.com

10/19 {Sat} Meet & Greet Breakfast w/ Chrome Angelz RC Superstition Riderz Arizona Chapter @ Superstition Harley-Davidson from 8:30a-10am; serving up some biscuits & gravy and omelets. Chrome Angelz RC is a Nonprofit Organization to unite women motorcycle enthusiasts worldwide. To inspire women to embrace the interest of riding for recreation, philanthropy & sisterhood while promoting a positive image of the motorcycling community. SHD, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, 85120. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

10/19 Poker Run to benefit Matthew Kyle Finch, a fellow rider & a single father of 4 who is battling cancer. Sign-in 9:30a @ Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, 85120. \$10/sgl, \$15/2-up. Last stop Airport Tavern, Casa Grande. FMI: Steve Paden 520-858-3060

10/19 Chili Cookoff hosted by ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter, from noon-5pm. \$5/pp. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/>

10/19 SAHR MC Biker Rodeo 2.0 at the Southern AZ Harley Riders MC Clubhouse, 7597 E Ramsey Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650. \$15pp. Check in 9am for the Have-A-Clue Ride. + Bike Show, Prizes, 50/50, Food, Fire, Music by 'Restless', & Pin Up Girls Contest. FMI: SuziQ 520-249-3939

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/>

10/19 Tucson FOE Swap Meet, at 1530 N Stone Ave from 8a-2pm. Buy-sell-trade parts, accessories, jewelry, apparel; vendors wanted. 20'x10' space \$20. Shopper admission is free. Parking is free. FMI / reservation: Mary {text} 520-300-1496, Charlene 520-271-3997

10/24 {Thurs} Join us for Bike Night at The Hitching Post with Team SHD! Meet in the Superstition HD west lot. KSU 6:15pm. Come out and watch our own Brina and Laura ride the bull!! 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 480-346-0600 receptionist@superstitionhd.com

10/26 {Sat} Evil Twin Custom Cycles Customer Appreciation Party, from 11am 'til? Free food & beer; raffles, specials, & more. 58 N. Country Club, Mesa. 480-784-0040

10/26 Tacos & Tatas @ Superstition Harley-Davidson. 11a-2pm. Help SHD support Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Free lunch, games, & giveaways! Wear pink and get a spin on the wheel of prizes! Free pink tacos from 11am till gone! Pink Label Collection Fashion Show! Test your luck at some Bra Pong for your chance to win a \$50 SHD gift card! SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com, <http://superstitionhd.com>

10/26 18th annual Hard Ass Run hosted by East Valley ABATE-AZ. Sign-in 7-9a at Desert Wind HD, 922 S Country Club, Mesa. \$25/sgl, \$35/2-up. 400+ miles mystery ride, all back roads. Last bike in by 6pm. \$150 best hand, worst hand \$50. Trophy t-shirt for 1st 65 bikers who complete the ride. All proceeds to EV ABATE-AZ. FMI: 602-312-1927

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11/2 {Sat} MAM Tour of Duty Ride to benefit Military Assistance Mission, in support of our Arizona military. Sign-in 8:30a at Buddy Stubbs AZ HD, 13850 N Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, 85022. \$25/bike or cage. After Party at the American Legion Pat Tillman Post 117 featuring Music, Games, Raffles, Food, Drinks (soft & adult) & More. Law Tigers AZ is a sponsor. FMI: 602-942-8421 or www.azmam.org/events/tour-of-duty/

11/2 Viet Nam Vets & Legacy Vets MC 30 Year Anniversary & Vet-Oberfest. The Tucson Chapter of the Viet Nam Vets & Legacy Vets MC invites everyone to our 30 Year Anniversary Party & annual Vet-Oberfest; 4pm-midnight at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 102 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, 85711. Live music by "The Voodoo Dudes", Raffles & Prizes. \$10/pp, \$15/cpl. Portion of the proceeds will go towards local Tucson Veterans Charities. FMI: 520-971-8013 , dpotter92@gmail.com

11/8-10 {Fr-Sun} APMC's Riot on the River is a public event being held @ Gila River Park, Winkelman, 60 miles from the East Valley. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl includes Saturday's smoked lunch. Games, vendors, bike show, & more. Live music Saturday w/ 'Mojo Rats' & 'We Are Lawless'. Plz no glass at Winkelman Park. \$2 beers & other beverages available onsite. Hosted by AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs. FMI: 623-363-3470, billetldmc@gmail.com, moehmcdv@gmail.com

11/8-10 Bob's Biker Blast 2019 at HD Scottsdale; concert & fundraiser to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. Concert General Admission free w/ motorcycle endorsement (includes passenger). Non-riders \$20/pp. 'I Ride 4 PCH' Ride meets 10:30a Sat morning @ PCH. \$20/pp pre-reg or \$25/pp onsite. Last bike out by 1pm. Music, vendors, fireworks, & more. FMI: <https://www.hdofscottsdale.com/bobsbikerblast> 480-905-1903

11/16 {Sat} Red Iron MC Mohave County Charter hosts 'Coyote Cares for Kids' Charity Run at BJ's Tavern in Lake Havasu. \$15/sgl, \$25/cpl. Music, auction, raffles, & more. FMI: Bo 928-486-5623, www.facebook.com/Red-Iron-MC-Mohave-County-359040881186781/

11/16 13th Annual Old School Bike Show and Swap Meet presented by Loners M.C. North Valley at The Roadrunner - 47801 N. Black Canyon Hwy, New River, AZ. 85087 from 7a-3pm. Swap Meet starts 7a. Live music by Mineball, Food & Drink Specials, Chicken Shit Bingo, Raffle Prizes, \$10 entry. FMI: dlhochstadt@gmail.com

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

12/7 {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/AbateHigh-CountryChapter/>

12/14 Sleigh Ride hosted by Aint Nick's Tavern, 6840 N. 27th Ave in Phoenix. Details TBA. FMI: 602-242-2345

12/14 Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Phoenix National Memorial Cemetery at 10am. This wreath laying event & ceremony is held at cemeteries across America; coordinated to be held at the same date/time as the ceremony held in Arlington. FMI {volunteering &/or wreath donations} Tarra 602.487.0970, tarramatyas2@gmail.com

12/14 Yuma HOG Chapter's 31st annual Toy Run. Sign-in 9-11:30am at Bobby's Territorial HD {2550 E Gila Ridge Rd, Yuma, 85365}. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl +unwrapped toy includes meal & t-shirt (while supplies last). Escorted parade leaves at NOON. Returns to BTHD for lunch & raffles. Supports kids in need in Yuma County FMI: BTHD 928-782-1931

2020 dates:

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2/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Vintage Rocket. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

2/14-16 {Fr-Sun} Rockabilly Reunion Lake Havasu City. Motorcycle portion of show hosted by Soldiers For Jesus MC - LHC. <http://www.lakehavasurockabillyreunion.com/>

2/19 {Wed} Motorcycle Day at the Dome 9a-1:30pm at Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Speak to your legislators about motorcycle issues. Lunch on the lawn. Sponsors include ABATE-AZ. FMI: lobbyist@abateofaz.org, 602.456.BIKE

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4/1-5 Arizona Bike Week <http://www.az-bikeweek.com/>

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