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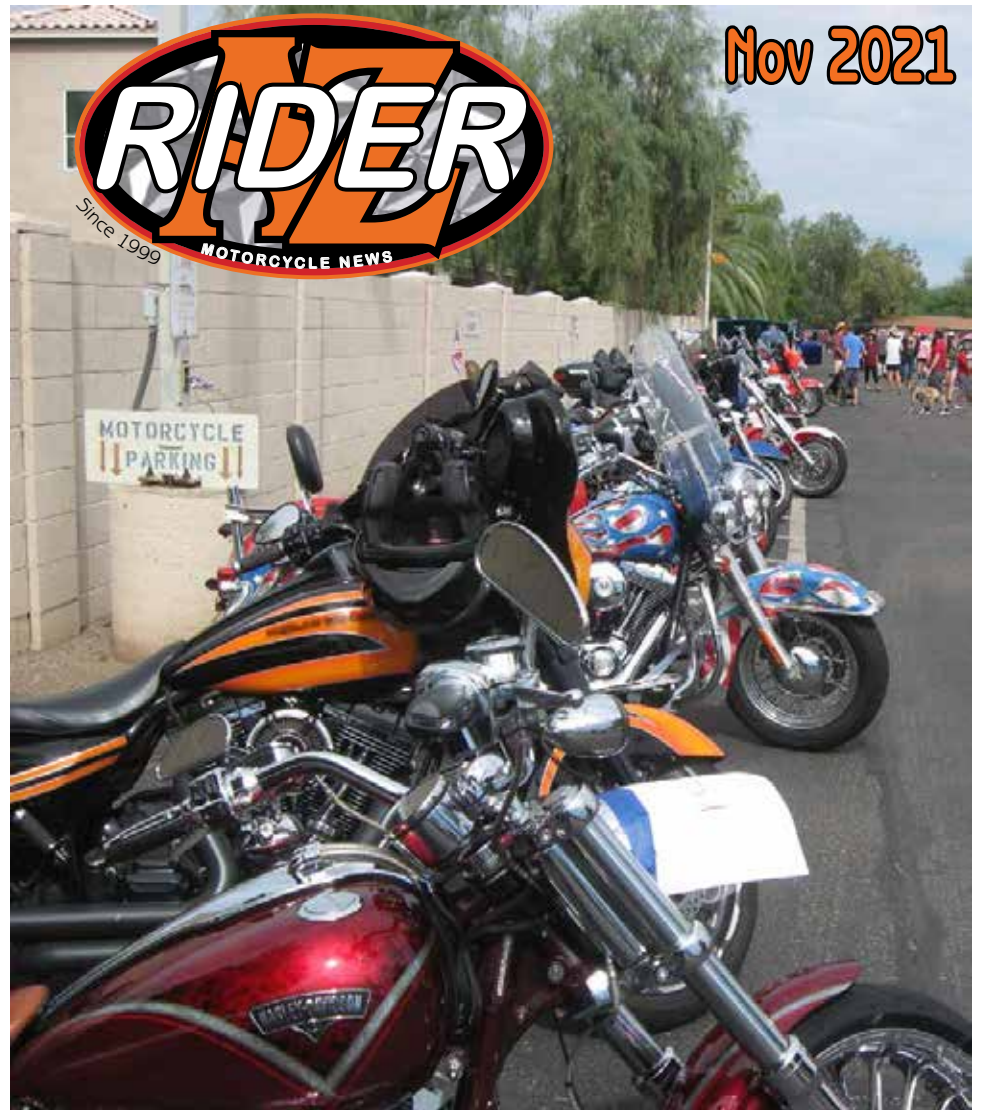
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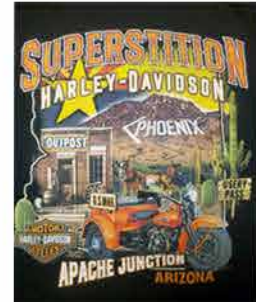
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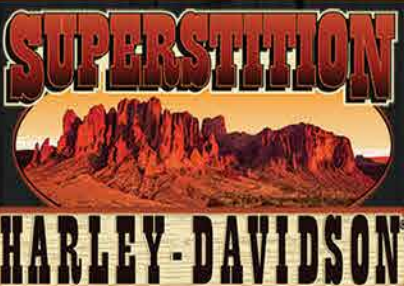
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Tim D, from the Bikers for Christ MM Tucson Chapter, explained, "Part of our mission with BFC is to reach out to people with the love of Jesus Christ. This event is a tangible way we can show that love. All funds that we raise at the event are given away. We do not keep any of the money. For the event we go around town and get sponsors to either donate goods/services, which we can raffle off, or cash donations. We hold the event at Hot Rods. They are kind enough to let us use their parking lot area free of charge and they also sell food and drinks. We very much appreciate their hospitality. We have live music, games for kids, vendors have their booths setup, a bike show,

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Live Music was provided by BFC member Richard. The Slow Ride was won by Mr. Troy.

The Vendors were Blings, Rings & Bathroom Things; Designs by Louise; Hot Rods Restaurant; Picture it Sublimated; Wagon Wheel Bar, and Wood Carvers. A Car Bash was a fun time for every-

one. People paid for the opportunity to have multiple swings to smash the body or the windows of the car.

There were 25 entries in the bike show. Congratulations to the winners: Best Metric - Mr. Corby; Best Ladies - Ms. Trish; Best Old School - Mr. Mark; Best Vintage - Mr. Eric; Best Custom - Mr. Jesse; Best Paint - Mr. Frank; Best Bagger - Mr. Gabriel, and Best of Show - Mr. K.C.

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Hello AriZona Riders!

On the cover ... This pic was taken at the American Legion Post 35 Car & Motorcycle Show that you'll read about this month on page 15.



Welcome our new Advertiser, Lucky Strike Cycles. Over the years, owner Striker J has been an independent shop operator plus worked within the Harley-Davidson dealership network.

Please remember our Veterans this November 11 and every day. For many of them, their sacrifice did not end at separation from the service. Read in these pages about an amazing organization, the American Service Animal Society, and the benefit hosted on their behalf by the Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter.

There is a link to a pair of very special tributes to Veterans on our [Extras webpage](#) called "Before You Go". One is dedicated to the Veterans of World War 2 & Korea. The other is dedicated to the Viet Nam Veterans. Even if you've watched them before, seeing them again is time well spent. Feel free to share the link. Thank a Vet. It means a lot.

As you add events to our calendar. PLEASE remember to include some point of contact in the posting – phone, email, URL – in case we or any of our readers want to reach you about your day. Remember, the posting is FREE. You can share details of your motorcycle-related event as long as it is open to all riders.

Holiday parades and benefits are coming up. Remember, if you're not used to riding in a parade or pack, be sure and give yourself enough space for reaction time in case something happens around you.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, filled with realizations of how much there is to be Thankful for in your lives. As we reflect on what we have in our lives to be thankful for ~ we count family, friends, community, a safe & comfortable home, health, and well-being among our Blessings. We are also Thankful to still be here bringing *AriZona Rider* to our community each month.

For many, Thanksgiving also launches the Christmas & Holiday shopping season. As you make your lists & check them twice, we hope that you will choose our Advertisers when deciding where to spend your gifting dollars.

That's gonna do it for now. We're signing off to get ready for our trip to the APMC's Riot on the River. We hope to see lots of you there!! Have a great month!!

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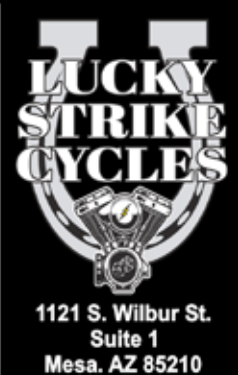
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SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES COMING YOUR WAY

Circling back to the NCOM Legislative Task Force Meeting during the recent NCOM Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, examining existential threats to motorcycling, NCOM-LTF Member Ed Schetter notified the NCOM Board of Directors that "Mercedes Benz is claiming the first Level 3 autonomous technology will be in production for their 2022 EQS equipped with Drive Pilot."

Level 3 is known as conditional driving automation, and it uses various driver assistance systems and artificial intelligence to make decisions based on

changing driving situations around the vehicle. People inside the vehicle do not need to supervise the technology, meaning they can engage in other activities.

During the NCOM-LTF's presentation on "The Demise of Gas-Powered Vehicles," Schetter reported that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is investigating 11 crashes since 2018 in which a Tesla vehicle with "Autopilot" has struck one or more vehicles involved in an emergency response situation.

Tesla currently operates at Level 2, partial driving automation, which falls short of self-driving because it comes with the expectation that a human will always be alert and ready to take over.

"We will keep you updated on the quickly changing technology on the road today," notes Schetter, who in addition to serving on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors and Legislative Task Force, is Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio.

INFRASTRUCTURE BILL ON HOLD, FOLLOWING EXTENSION

If you don't know what's happening with the infrastructure bill, you're not alone, as even political insiders who

should be in the know seem not to be. The vote on this 'highway reauthorization bill' is complicated by action to be taken on another measure, a sweeping social spending and climate package, that has been politically tied to the infrastructure proposal by congressional Democrats and President Joe Biden.

Despite both chambers of Congress agreeing to extend the FAST Act deadline, H.R. 5434; the "Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2021," Biden put the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill on hold, telling Democrats that a vote on the highway measure must wait until the party agrees on spending trillions more for his far more ambitious social policy and climate change package.

In addition to providing billions in new funding to rebuild America's deteriorating roads and bridges, improve airports and rail services, and expand high-speed internet access, the infrastructure bill still offers several pro-motorcycle provisions such as expanding prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, prohibiting law enforcement activities that profile motorcycle operators, evaluating biker profiling by law enforcement, specifies that motorcycles must be

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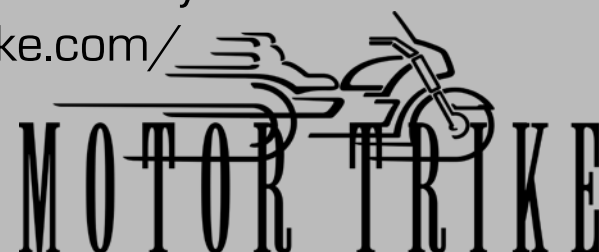
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considered in autonomous vehicle operation, allocates increased motorcyclist safety funding, and reauthorizes the Motorcyclists Advisory Council at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

PHILADELPHIA TO HALT STOPS FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will become the first major city to ban stops for minor traffic infractions, with a historic piece of legislation that puts the brakes on police pulling over drivers for so-called "secondary violations."

The City Council approved a bill 14-2 that bans police officers from stopping motorists for minor violations, such as having a broken taillight or not having certain stickers displayed. Drivers who are guilty of those minor violations will instead receive a warning or a citation in the mail.

"So that an expired license plate or fuzzy dice in the mirror isn't a death sentence that it can be in some cases," said Councilmember Curtis Jones Jr., who is a co-sponsor of the "Driving Equality Bill."

Jones said the city reviewed 2.8 million stops and found that Philadelphia police pull over a disproportionate num-

ber of black drivers for minor violations. Supporters contend the new law would "end traffic stops that promote discrimination while keeping the traffic stops that promote public safety."

The bill now goes to Mayor Jim Kenney, who is expected to sign it into law, after which the police department will have 120 days for training and education before the changes begin.

CALIFORNIA TO BAN GAS-POWERED 'SMALL OFF-ROAD ENGINES' (SORE)

As of 2024, California will ban "small off-road engines" (SORE) primarily used in gas-powered lawn equipment, such as lawnmowers, leaf blowers and chainsaws, in a new law signed by Governor Gavin Newsom.

The legislation, Assembly Bill 1346, will apply not only to fuel-fed lawn equipment, but also to generators and emergency response equipment operated by internal combustion engines (ICE), and "other assorted categories" including golf carts.

AB 1346, authored by Assembly member Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park), directs the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations by July 2022

that would prohibit the sale of new "small off-road engines" -- a category that includes all gas-powered engines under 25 horsepower -- but does not regulate the use of existing equipment, and includes exceptions for farmers and emergency responders.

According to CARB, there are more small engines in California than cars, 16.5 million vs. 13.7 million, but have not been the subject of regulation and lack adequate pollution control devices.

Soon, all such equipment sold new in California will be required to be zero-emissions; either battery-powered or electric plug-in.

KAWASAKI MOTORCYCLES TO GO FULLY ELECTRIC BY 2035

It seems that all vehicles, including motorcycles, are destined to become battery-powered in the near future. Honda, BMW, as well as Yamaha, have all announced their plans to go full electric by 2050. But for Kawasaki, their self-imposed deadline is coming much sooner, being in 14 years' time, and by 2035 all of their motorcycles sold will be electric-powered.

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crease management flexibility, Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI) has spun off its motorcycle division into the aptly named Kawasaki Motors, which will focus solely on the motorcycle business. KHI, meanwhile, will continue to oversee the company's interests in producing aircraft, ships, industrial equipment, and trains.

“Outdoor leisure activity has been popular during the COVID pandemic,” said Yasuhiko Hashimoto, KHI President, adding that “We will strengthen our environmental efforts with our sights set on post-pandemic lifestyles.”

These electric motorcycles in the pipeline for 2035 are so far intended for markets in developed nations, like Japan, the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia.

HONDA, KTM, PIAGGIO & YAMAHA FORM SWAPPABLE BATTERY CONSORTIUM

Honda, KTM, Piaggio and Yamaha all got together to sign a letter of intent about their EV battery swapping plans, with the project’s stated goal being to agree upon a set of shared standards to which all four companies plan to adhere, thus creating the Swappable Batteries Motorcycle Consortium.

Battery standardization has been one of the key stumbling blocks to electrification, but the big issue with battery swapping has always been the cost of the infrastructure. If there are to be enough batteries in circulation, this would require enormous investment by a manufacturer.

If every company used a different battery type, it would be both expensive and wasteful. However, if a battery in a docking station fits multiple bikes, scooters, mopeds and other small machines, it becomes more viable.

The hope is that by working together not only can they share costs, thus lowering prices both for the bikes and the infrastructure, but that they can work together to improve battery technology resulting in longer ranges and shorter charging times.

“Honda believes that the widespread adoption of electric motorcycles can play an important part in realizing a more sustainable society. For that purpose, we need to solve several challenges such

as extending the range, shortening the charging time and lowering the vehicle and infrastructure costs to enhance convenience for customers,” according to Honda Motor Company Limited motorcycle operations chief officer Yoshishige Nomura.

“In the Consortium we have created, the founding members from the motorcycle industry and other stakeholders will work together towards standardizing swappable batteries, their charging systems and surrounding infrastructure to create the environment for their use. Our final goal is to ensure that motorcycles will continue to be chosen as a useful method of transportation in future mobility,” Nomura concluded.

MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS PLACE ONUS ON INDIVIDUALS IN NOISE DEBATE

The ACEM - European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers – has spoken out on the noisy motorcycle debate, issuing its response to growing efforts across the continent to ban bikers from certain routes over complaints motorcycles exude too much noise.

The union, which represents 18 man-

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ufacturing companies and 20 national industry associations, is concerned bikers are being unfairly singled out for an issue that is endemic across all road users, saying modern motorcycles don't exceed the permitted decibel levels compared with many four-wheel alternatives.

Interestingly, the ACEM also supports the use of devices that measure noise and issue fines, since it places the onus on the individual potentially abusing the regulations, rather than the industry as a whole.

The debate over noisy motorcycles has stepped up in recent years, with the issue leading to a number of measures being implemented across popular routes throughout Europe. Germany and Austria have been particularly pro-active in introducing rules seemingly aimed

specifically at the motorcycle industry, going so far as to ban motorcycles entirely from certain stretches.

However, as the ACEM points out, Euro4 and Euro5 motorcycles are already designed not to exceed the permitted 77dB of noise (on average), but, that said, these machines can be altered by various customization techniques, just as with cars.

With this in mind, the ACEM's position is that manufacturers, the industry in its entirety and every biker shouldn't be unfairly targeted with specific motorcycling bans since the issue comes down to individual practice and can just as easily be mirrored across all modes of transport, thus applicable to all road users or none.

As such, the ACEM has taken the stance of supporting the use of noise pol-

lution devices, despite them coming in for sharp criticism from bikers, so long as the devices are placed in key locations, shifting the onus back onto the individual - regardless of machinery - and without using the sweeping brush of preventing all bikers from using certain routes.

PRICES INCREASE ON BIKE PARTS DUE TO RAW MATERIALS SHORTAGES

The world may be getting back on its feet, notwithstanding the ongoing effects of the global pandemic, but the manufacturing sector in particular will surely struggle to go back to normal. With mass lay-offs following months of closure, companies around the world are finding themselves severely undermanned as business begins to open up, and demand increases.

Furthermore, the already problematic shipping container shortage further aggravated by the Suez Canal blockage in March 2021, parts shortages, supply chain breakdowns, and backlogs of cargo ships waiting to dock, continues to present challenges to global trade.

As such, multiple industries -- the motorcycle and automotive industries, particularly -- are experiencing production delays brought about by raw materials shortages, such as with the semiconductors and microchips in recent months. Now, price hikes in materials have hit the tire industry, with the cost of producing rubber increasing.

As expenses go up, so do prices across industries, as inflated tire pricing not only affects motorcycles, but costs for heavy industry machinery such as trailers, airplanes, and trucks.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

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Indigenous Women Leaders Ride To Bring Awareness to an Invisible Crisis

By Gregory Ormson

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The Medicine Wheel Ride is yet another way motorcyclists lend their time and efforts to worthy charity organizations. It's an intertribal and female-led 503(c)(3) non-profit charity organization that highlights the hidden crisis endured by Indigenous peoples.

"No More Stolen Sisters" and "Silent No More" are rallying cries for a movement that has grown dramatically in just three years. The Medicine Wheel Ride calls attention to and raises awareness for the silent crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and children (MMIWC) on and off Native American reservations.

Recent news stories about unmarked graves of Indigenous children at boarding schools in Canada have shined a light on how Native North Americans were mistreated by governing bodies. As of August, the remains of 5,296 children previously categorized as missing have been found. Relatives of the deceased were offered little explanation about how the children disappeared.

It's not just a Canadian crisis or one rooted only in the distant past. In Mon-

tana, the state's Indigenous population is only 6.7%, but nearly 40% of the 189 active missing-persons cases are listed as Indigenous. Twenty-one of the 60 missing Indigenous people had been missing for more than one year. On some reservations, women between the ages of 17-37 are murdered or disappear at a rate 10 times the national average.

Indigenous people, creating sound with loud pipes and strong voices, are silent no more as they speak out against this.

The Medicine Wheel Ride raises funds and gives voices to the missing. The riders are heavy with the weight of centuries of grief but are also empowering and hopeful as they assist families by holding events and rides to raise support.

Their efforts to make the silent crisis heard have not gone unnoticed. This summer, Patricia Hibbeler, CEO of the Phoenix Indian Center (the oldest Indian non-profit organization of its kind in the U.S.) and a legacy executive influencer in urban Indian country, awarded the Medicine Wheel Ride its Volunteer Organization of the Year Award for "Excellence in Leadership."

"The Medicine Wheel Riders are blessed women bikers, dedicated to paying homage to and raising awareness about MMIWC," Hibbeler said. "We are honored to support and partner with them around this issue plaguing our American Indian Communities."

"We started in 2018 as a women's rider and social group," said Shelly Denny, President of the Medicine Wheel Riders. Denny is a Phoenix resident, but was raised near the Leech Lake Ojibwe Reservation south of Bemidji, Minnesota. "We are Indigenous-led, but all are welcome," she said. "We are happy to have allies and supporters of any nationality, race, or sex."

The Medicine Wheel Ride grew from

a community of riders talking about riding and other casual things.

"There were a bunch of us talking on the phone once a week about what we rode and other social things," Denny said, "but as our relationships developed, we began discussing more serious things. A woman in our group wanted to create a support event for the family of a missing toddler in the Four Corners area. She set out to create a search party and provide food for the family. It's actually crazy how common an experience this is for native women."

The group had planned to ride together and attend Sturgis Bike Week and the Gathering of Nations Powwow, but when the full realization of what they had discovered sank in, Denny and her sister riders published an invitation on social media calling for friends and others to join in a ride more tightly focused on the issue weighing heavy on their hearts.

They planned their first Medicine Wheel Ride in 2019 over a route that actually took the shape of a Medicine Wheel, which is the story of life in a circle with lines divided into quadrants. These quadrants represent balance, the stages of life from birth to death, the four cardinal directions, and the sacred teachings associated with each of those directions.

"We wanted to ride a route in this shape and imbue this symbol on the map of Turtle Island, also known as North America," Denny said.

The Medicine Wheel superimposed on North America passes through Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. Two women from Winnipeg, Canada, completed the entire wheel, while others came from the four directions to meet at the Women's Freedom Rally in Topeka, Kansas.

In order to remember the purpose for riding and symbolically keep the names of MMIWC alive, Medicine Wheel Riders wrote the names of the missing and murdered on red ribbons, tying them to their motorcycles so they could fly

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in the wind. Indigenous elders from New Mexico also sent prayer bundles to riders at each of the four directional starting points, which riders carried to the rally.

Medicine Wheel Rides are women-led and grassroots-organized, and they make it clear they are open to all riders and others who help support the cause. My partner and I (non-Indigenous) joined a group of riders in May as we rode from Phoenix to San Diego to participate in the third Medicine Wheel Ride. *{Ed: photos here are from this ride}*

The San Diego ride drew a large gathering at the North County Indian dealership for the opening ceremonies, attracting 500 people and about 200 bikes. Attendees paused for prayers as smoke from burning sage accompanied bike blessings, testimonials, gifts, and greetings before throttling up on a 100-mile ride into the Western mountains.

Bikers roared upward from the city to mountains with red ribbons waving their powerful testimony tied to Harley-Davidson iron and Indian steel. The woman's name I picked from a large pile filled with red ribbons was from Wisconsin, coincidentally my home state.

Riders finished at San Diego Indian Motorcycle, with closing events including heartbreaking stories from family members of the missing or murdered, as well as drum songs, bands, and a talk from Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA).

This August at Sturgis Bike Week, the Medicine Wheel Riders were the Mayor's VIP guests – along with the Legion Riders – for Bike Week's opening ceremonies on Friday night. On Sunday, the Medicine Wheel Ride took place, traveling Main Street in Sturgis to its central locale and stage. Mark Carlstensen, mayor of Sturgis, proclaimed the day as "The Sturgis Medicine Wheel Ride Day". After opening comments, the



Medicine Wheel Ride continued to Bear Butte where South Dakota Indigenous leaders and supporters delivered prayers and comments. Riders then went to the Crazy Horse Memorial, the official end of the Medicine Wheel Ride.

Three days earlier, the U.S. Department of the Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs had published a bulletin calling for an investigation into this crisis and a call for nominations to join a newly established fact-finding commission. "This is a crisis that's been happening in our country since colonization, and it's very, very deep," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said.

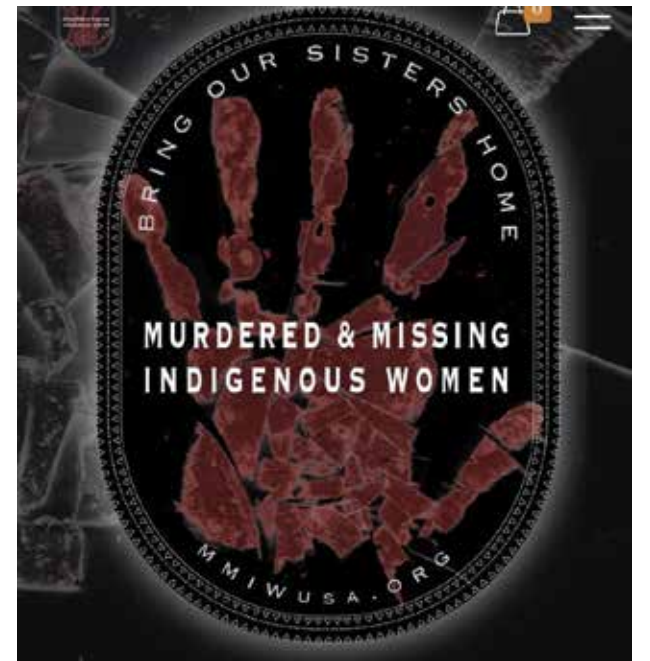
The Medicine Wheel Riders are relentless in taking advantage of motorcycles and their visibility to give voice to the silent while at the same time energizing voices for change from the local level and on up to the national echelon.

Motorcycle riders have proven countless times that they are empathetic to the disadvantaged among us through their events dedicated to charitable causes. The Medicine Wheel Ride puts resources to good work, using it to help families with gas money or other needs. They also purchase billboard space calling attention to the missing, and they donate gas and hotel room money when a family has to travel to search for a missing family member or recover human remains. In two cases last year, they shared their gifts with a healing center and a women's shelter in Rapid City, South Dakota.

"It's a difficult subject to talk about

and an important one," Denny said, "and it has to be done in a way that people can feel empowered by the talk. We can bond together, strengthen each other, support each other, and undo this crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people."

Five hundred years of grief obscured in a shadow of silence is now a moving testament revved up on big bikes and finding its wheels. Details for future rides (San Diego and Sturgis) will be posted on the group's website, [MedicineWheelRide.com](https://www.MedicineWheelRide.com).



About Yogi Greg:

Gregory Ormson is an avid biker and former MSF rider coach for the State of Hawaii. He's a certified yoga teacher and has led breath and movement for bikers at Superstition Harley Davidson since the fall of 2017. 'Breath and Movement for Bikers' is based on yoga movements that are geared to keep bikers in the saddle and at ease for the long term. See the ride calendar here for dates of breath and movement for bikers at Superstition HD on November 10 and 24 at 5:00 pm., and the monthly "Stretch Ride," on Sunday, the 28th. He writes on motorcycling, music, & yoga at <https://gregoryormson.com> #motorcyclingyogiG



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October 12, 2021 ... Recall ~
 NHTSA Campaign # 21V792000
 Inoperable Clutch
 Potential Number of Units Affected 8,398
 Summary: KTM North America, Inc. (KTM) is recalling certain 2018-2020 690 Enduro R, Vitpilen 701, 701 Enduro, 701 Supermoto, 2019-2020 690 SMC R, Svartpilen, 2018-2019 690 Duke, and 2020 701 Enduro LR motorcycles. The below-style gasket on the clutch slave cylinder may have been damaged during manufacturing, which could cause the clutch to become inoperable and not disengage when the clutch lever is pulled in. An inoperable clutch increases the risk of a crash.
 Read more about NHTSA Recall # 21V792 here.
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October 13, 2021 ... Recall ~
 NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V795000
 Rear Rotor Bolts Insufficiently Tightened
 Potential Number of Units Affected 411
 Summary: Zero Motorcycles Inc. (Zero) is recalling

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certain 2020 SR/F motorcycles. The rear rotor bolts were insufficiently tightened. The loose bolts may damage the caliper or swingarm, reducing rear braking capability and increasing the risk of a crash.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 21V795 here.](#)

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October 15, 2021 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V806000
Engine Case May Leak Oil Onto Rear Tire

Potential # Units Affected 233
Summary: Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain 2020-2021 XVS95C motorcycles. The engine case may leak oil onto the rear tire. Oil on the rear tire may cause a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash. [Read more about NHTSA Recall #21V806 here.](#)

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October 18, 2021 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V819000
Improperly Tightened Exhaust Pipe Nuts

Potential # Units Affected 574

Summary: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) is recalling certain 2020 W800 CAFE (EJ800C), and

2020-2021 W800 (EJ800D) motorcycles. The exhaust pipe nuts may not be tightened properly, possibly resulting in the exhaust pipe nuts and collar falling off the motorcycle. The exhaust pipe nuts and collar may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall #21V819 here.](#)

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Classic Car & Bike Show at Post 35



American Legion Post 35, located at 2240 W Chandler Blvd in Chandler, hosted their 5th Classic Car & Bike Show on Saturday October 9, 2021.

It was free event to attend, so it is difficult to judge actual attendance; BUT we're told that the Post's front parking lot was full all day plus a lot of people parked in the parking lot to the east and on the street.

The show had about 178 vehicles in it. We enjoyed strolling the aisles to check 'em all out. The oldest entries we saw were a 1932 Ford Roadster and a 1925 Studebaker.

The panel of judges included one Post member representing each Military Service branch, plus one from their sponsors - San Tan Ford and Desert Car Care.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

Air Force - Henry Batten '56 Ford F-100 ; Army - Bruce Fromm, '65 Corvette ; Coast Guard - Steve Stoiker '70 GTO ; Marines - Chris Bok '68 Lincoln Continental ; and Navy - Rick Blaise,

'68 Camaro.

Best interior & judged one of the Top 5 cars of the show - Badonio Victo's '67 Ford Galaxy ; Best paint & a Top 5 - RJ Helton's '61 Chevy Impala ; and Best engine & a Top 5 - Bontias Gindi's '69 Corvette.

Best Bike was won by Annemaire Voss. It was her very first show. She also won the 50/50 raffle. Very nice ☺

Hank's Memorial & San Tan Ford's Award were won by Mikr Kurthy's '72 Plymouth Road Runner. Hank was a former Post Commander who passed away a couple of years ago.

The Ira Hayes Memorial Award was judged by Corporal Hayes' nephew Kevin Whitiker. The winner was Dan Wirtala's '69 Camaro.

The Jim Peterson Award went to John Mihalic's '07 Mustang.

Best of Show was Rob Frakes' 1957 Chevy Bel Aire.

The trophies were license plates or plaques, depending upon the award.

The beneficiary Survivors of War had an information booth, as did sponsor San Tan Ford.

Vendors included booths hosted by the Agent Orange Awareness / Legion of the Silver Rose organization and by Wreaths Across America; plus Bang Energy Drinks, Down Time Wines, Hooters, K&R Fudge, Papparazi Jewelry, and Well Hung Meats.

The Post had their grill crew cooking up burgers for lunch.

There was a variety of raffle items available.... including adult beverages, tees, hats, golf course time, Cardinals football tickets, an assortment of giftables, and more.

The Sons of the American Legion was an additional beneficiary of this fundraiser. *From their webpage ...* The Detachment of Arizona Sons of The American Legion have adopted two specific charities that our members support through their efforts within the Squadrons. Our local state charity is C.H.A.M.P. Foundation (Charities Helping American Military Patriots) which supports Tucson Fisher House. Our National Charity is C.W.F. (Child Welfare Foundation).

Rick Buss of Post 35 commented, "Our biggest supporters are San Tan Ford and Desert Car Care. Without their help it wouldn't be possible to put this show on."

This Post is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 5th. The American Legion Riders of Post 35 have a "Toys for Tots" collection drive coming up in December, but the date was unavailable at the time of this writing. To stay up to date with happenings at Post 35, you can visit the American Legion Post 35 facebook page.

Our thanks to Rick Buss for his help with this article.

It was a good day & we're glad we could be there.

Betsy & Bruce

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East Valley Biker Rodeo

The 3rd East Valley Biker Rodeo, hosted by the Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter, was held on Saturday October 2, 2021. It took place at the Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Chapter Clubhouse in Apache Junction.

I want to thank Blackout of the Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter and Shaun Claseman of the American Service Animal Society for your help with this article.

“Just like Veterans come from all walks of life, so do motorcycle riders. Whether you’re on 2 wheels, a member of a Motorcycle Club, or neither; this Rodeo is for anyone who wants to attend and support a worthy cause. We owe the Veterans of this great nation a debt of gratitude. Local Organizations like the American Service Animal Society help Veterans right here in our community. These types of organizations require our support so they can continue to help our local Veterans in need.” *Blackout, RRMCMC*

The beneficiary of this event is the American Service Animal Society, aka Dogs4Vets. The more we learn about this organization, the more impressed we become. The Dogs4Vets Training Center is in Chandler. ASAS has been training

these Service Animals since 2006 and has become one of the largest training services in the USA. The organization is volunteer-driven, allowing for 91% of donated dollars to go toward the actual training of the students. The program is open only to Veterans who have a service-connected disability. Veterans who have physical disabilities as well as those Vets who deal with unseen but all too real disabilities including PTSD, Depression, and Sensory Overload are candidates.

The Dogs4Vets program trains a Veteran’s own dog to become a certified Service Dog. If a Veteran has no dog, he or she is encouraged to adopt a rescue dog. 80% of the dogs in the program are rescues. This new Veteran/SD partnership essentially saves 2 lives at 1 time.

Unlike some service dogs that are trained to a specific set of useful tasks, THESE dogs are trained individually, to the specific needs of their Veteran partner. Shaun explained that it costs approximately \$22,000 per student to complete the ASAS program, BUT it is free to the Veteran. Classes start in March & September each year. There are about 100 Vets per year in the program. It typically takes about 9-16 months to complete

the ASAS program, depending on tasks needed. There are Veterans who choose to relocate to AZ to be able to participate in the program. The Veteran/SD Team receives lifetime support, training, & certification as needed, for free.

There were an estimated 250 attending the event throughout the day. It was a kid-friendly gathering. Along with the many independent riders we saw there, we observed more than 17 Clubs and other Organizations being represented.

Fifty-four contestants participated in one or more of the five rodeo events. The games were fun to watch. Congratulations to the winners!

Slow Roll: 1st - Joshua ; 2nd - Timbur ; 3rd - Redneck

Keg Push: 1st - Audrey ; 2nd - Joshua ; 3rd - Timbur

Keg Toss [guys]: 1st - Toro ; 2nd - David ; 3rd - Spaz

Skillet Toss [gals]: 1st - Siss ; 2nd - Rebecca ; 3rd - Amy

Dog Bite 'King and Queen of the Rodeo': 1st - Steel Knievel & Christen ;

2nd - Redneck & Siss ; 3rd - Yogi & Amy

Blackout explained that the Chapter Members make the Trophies. Every-

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East Valley Biker Rodeo

one helps out with construction of them where they can. The motorcycle parts used in the construction this year were donated by Eagle Eye Customs.

The Rodeo raised \$4,000 dollars for the American Service Animal Society (ASAS).

Blackout sent along this message of thanks, "As you can imagine, putting on events such as this takes people and costs money. This event would not have been the huge success it was without the help of the Chapter's Ol' Ladies Teri, Alice, Anna, and Rebecca. They as always were amazing, jumping in to help where needed. We also owe a thanks to Rick, Bubba, Jeff, and Allie who are all friends of the Longbow Chapter. Rick, Bubba, and Jeff smoked the pork for the meal we offered. Allie was the events photographer. Another thank you goes to the LDMC Clubhouse neighbors 'All Rock Supply', for the use of their parking lot for the games.

"The Rough Riders M/C is a non-profit organization, so we actively seek sponsors to help with the cost of hosting the event. This way, every dollar made at the event can go to the Charity we are supporting. We put their Logos on an event Banner and on a event shirt to showcase their support in helping us help Veterans. This year's rodeo would not have been possible if it were not for the generosity of the following organizations / businesses: Post 27 Sons of the American Legion, Spartan Shade Systems, Affinity General Contracting, Semper Fi Heating and Cooling, Caswell's Shooting Range, Nash Powersports, Dynamic Dog Training, Lash TNT, Roosters Bar, Garland Signs, Discount Biker Supply, Diamond Body Art, Eagle Eye Customs, Laser Creations, and The Papago, Prison, and Wildhorse Chapters of the Rough Riders M/C. We are especially grateful to the Lost Dutchman M/C Queen Creek Chapter for allowing us to have the event at

their clubhouse."

Shaun commented, "I would like to add how lucky we are to have the continued support of the Rough Riders and everyone attending these events."

You can learn more about the American Service Animal Society at <https://dogs4vets.org> including how you can donate to support this outstanding cause. In addition to donation options explained on their webpage you can select the American Service Animal Society as your beneficiary of choice as you shop via AmazonSmiles.

The 4th East Valley Biker Rodeo will be held around the same time in 2022. When the date has been set, we'll include it in our calendar.

Congratulations Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter on a fun and successful day!!

*Betsy & Bruce
add'l pix from Allie*

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Sundays 2021 { 11/7 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at SHD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600

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

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

Wednesdays in November: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs SHD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. KSU 8am. FMI: SHD-HOG hotline 480-346-0626, main 480-346-0600

Yogi Greg's monthly Breath & Movement For Bikers classes at Superstition HD on Wednesdays {11/10, 11/24} at 5pm. Stretch Ride on Sunday 11/28. Contact for meet time. SHD is located at 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://gregoryormson.com>

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

11/5-7 ACMC's Riot on the River, Winkelman, AZ. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. FMI: Bill Bracken 602-463-7886, billetldmc@gmail.com

11/6 {Sat} 8th Annual Toy Drive Motorcycle & Car Show. 10 AM - 2 PM. Please Bring A New Unwrapped Toy to Support Our Toy Drive! Superstition Harley-Davidson® - 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600

11/13 9th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show at G-AZ Motorcycles Scottsdale, 15500 N Hayden Rd. 85260. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ. Classic bikes, live music, vendors, pin-up models, giveaways, & more! FREE Zero Motorcycles demo rides from 10a-5pm. Proceeds go to the Movember Fndn to benefit Men's Health. Pre-register bike online \$15 @ <https://form.jotform.com/212565730621047> ; \$20 on DAY OF THE EVENT ** ONLY CASH payments will be taken for ALL ENTERIES. Schedule: 8am-9am Registration; 9am-12pm Show & Voting ; 12:30pm Voting ends/ballot counting; 1pm Trophy Presentation. FMI: 480-609-1800

11/13 {Sat} Getting' Down in the Desert with Old Bastards MC, from 1-5pm. Ride to Raceway B&G [520-568-0800] in Maricopa {49237 W Papago Rd} to benefit Best Buddies of AZ. \$10/sgl, \$15/2-up.

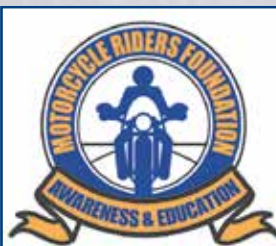
11/13 They Fought We Ride Phoenix Wounded Vet Run to raise money & awareness for Combat Wounded Veterans in AZ Starts 9am @ H-D of Scottsdale [15656 N Hayden Rd] w/ Breakfast, Live Music, Raffles, & National Anthem. Last stop Roadhouse in Cave Creek. FMI: info@theyfoughtweride.org

11/13 Operation Infidel at Hooligans MC Clubhouse, 2663 W. Lone Cactus, Phoenix. Starts 6pm. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl includes food. FMI: n/a

11/20 {Sat} Concealed Carry Class @ Superstition Harley-Davidson® from 10a-1pm. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI &/or registration: 480-346-0600

11/20 Spartan Riders MC Spaghetti Feed. RESCHEDULED FROM 10/30. Starts 5pm at clubhouse 2218 N 24th Pl, Phoenix. \$10/pp all-you-can-eat spaghetti. Enjoy live music. FMI: n/a

11/27-28 {Sat-Sun} Basic Riders Course at Superstition HD. 2-day class w/ Team AZ. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. FMI /register: 480-346-0600



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12/4 {Sat} 6th annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run to collect stuffed animals for the Family Advocacy Centers, local PDs, and First Responders of the East Valley. Sponsors include Superstition HD & Law Tigers AZ. Sign-in 8-9:45a at American Bike & Trike, 3272 S 147th Pl, Gilbert. Early donations can be dropped off at SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. FMI: 360-451-1795, trolls-bikerworld@gmail.com

12/4 Aint Nicks Antler Ride, a toy drive for Child Crisis Center. Starts/ends at Aint Nicks Tavern 6840 N 27th Ave, Phoenix. Reg 9am, KSU 11a. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Costumes encouraged. KSU 11am. For most asked for items visit Child Crisis Ctr at <https://childcrisisaz.org/how-you-can-help/donate/give-to-our-wish-list/>. Each stop will have boxes to drop off donations! FMI: 602-242-2345

12/4 Loners MC annual Toy Run meets at Bullion Plaza Cultural Center, 150 N Plaza Cir, Miami, AZ. Departs at Noon. FMI: 480-371-5654

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12/4 Red Iron MC Christmas Toy Run. Pancake Breakfast at Huachuca City Fire Station at 9:30 and then motorcycle parade to Buddy's Bar { 520-456-1511, @ 119 AZ-82, Huachuca City} at noon. \$10 entry or new unwrapped toy.

12/5 {Sun} The River Riders MC 38th Annual Toy Run, one of the oldest and largest Toy Runs in Mohave County. FMI: <http://www.RiverRidersMC.com/>

12/12 {Sun} Sun Riders MC 40th annual Toy Parade. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ. Tucson's original toy parade. Sign-in 8-11:30a at Thunder Mtn Moose Lodge, 2442 S. Harrison Rd, 85748. \$20/pilot, \$5/passenger. Everyone brings a toy. Benefits Boys & Girls Club of Tucson. FMI: 520-312-8120

12/12 Lost Dutchman MC Toy Run. Meet starting 10a at Mesa Chapter Clubhouse, 1826 W Broadway Suite #42, Mesa. FMI: Bill 602-463-7886, billetdmc@gmail.com

12/18-19 {Sat-Sun} Basic Riders Course at Superstition HD. 2-day class w/ Team AZ. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. FMI &/or registration: 480-346-0600

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1/29 {Sat} Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses, sponsored by Superstition HD & Law Tigers AZ. Register 9-11am at American Legion Post 58 Fountain Hills. \$10 suggested donation. Last stop/end party @ Superstition Harley-Davidson® Apache Junction 11a-3pm: Live Music, Vendors, Beer Garden, Give-A-Ways, Food Trucks, Raffles & More! Open to the Public! All are Welcome! FMI: 480-346-0600

2/18-20 {Fr-Sun} The Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion FMI: www.TheRockabillyReunion.com

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

4/21-23 {Th-Sa} Laughlin Bullhead City River Run, Bullhead City, Arizona

6/9-12 {Th-Sun} Too Broke For Sturgis 2022 hosted by ABATE of AZ at Mormon Lake Lodge campground & arena. FMI: <http://www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/>


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