

Advertiser Review: ABATE of Arizona

ABATE is an acronym. In Arizona it stands for American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education. It is a state-level MRO {Motorcyclists Rights Organization}. Most if not all states have at least one MRO ~ many organized in the ABATE name.

Regardless of whether you are member of ABATE of Arizona or even if {until now} you have been unaware of ABATE-AZ; if you ride a motorcycle in AriZona, ABATE-AZ has an integral impact on you and your bike. While many scooter folk are out just 'enjoying the ride' ABATE volunteers {along with their fellow MRO's} are doing the heavy lifting on behalf of the rest of us.

Not to say that it is all work and no play. ABATE is known for throwing some mighty-fine get-togethers... among them Wild in the Weeds, the Hard Ass Run, Moon Mullins Ride, High Country's Chili Cook-off; and of course the biggest of all ~ Too Broke For Sturgis, arguably the best remaining weekend campout of the year.

BUT these gatherings, in addition to being a lot of fun, are also a Means to an End. Come have fun, come meet the people, come learn about the organization, come join in.

Other than dues, membership requires nothing from you. You are definitely welcome to attend and participate in meetings. At these you will meet fellow riders, gain insight into the motorcycling community, have some fun, learn useful stuff, and per-

haps even decide that YES you'd like to get more involved.

ABATE represents cruisers to sport bike riders; hardcore bikers, weekend warriors, motorcycle enthusiasts, patch holders, independents, and all in between. All Bikes & All Riders are welcome.

By being a member, you add your name to the list of concerned motorcycling citizens who are represented at our State Capitol. As with all lobbying groups, power is in numbers. The more names on the MRO roster, the stronger position our Lobbyists have when speaking with Representatives about motorcyclists' issues.

Over the years, the ABATE-AZ Legislative Team has worked at the Capitol to address issues like Protecting our Freedom to Choose regarding helmet use (continuous); Handlebar height restrictions (eliminated 2015); HOV lanes access for motorcyclists (granted 1992); and Eliminated emissions testing in Pima County (2007) & Maricopa County in 2013. This was the LAST county in the COUNTRY to require such testing! During the 2018 legislative session, ABATE introduced anti-profiling legislation and lane-splitting legislation. Other legislative activities are shared on the ABATE legislative page online at www.abateofaz.org/legislative

ABATE-AZ's Motorcycling Voters Project encourages everyone to be a Registered Voter. Need help to have your rights restored? There is help to

guide you through that process. The Project also prepares reports to help you 'Vote Like a Motorcyclist'. You can learn more by following the Lobbyist's blog at <https://abateofazlegislative.blogspot.com/> and direct questions to lobbyist@abateofaz.org.

ABATE members strive to promote rider safety by encouraging new and returning riders to be properly educated and endorsed; encouraging motorcyclists to ride responsibly & within their abilities; educating upcoming automobile drivers in high school MAP {Motorcycle Awareness Program} classes; and hosting Motorcycle Safety Awareness events & booths.

Learn more about ABATE-AZ via their website www.abateofaz.org/, visit on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AbateofAZ/. Telephone contact information for your local area / Chapter is available there as well. If you are among our readers from other states, you can get contact information for an MRO near you via the ABATE-AZ webpage www.abateofaz.org/membership/abate-nationwide.

ABATE-AZ's mission is to preserve individual freedoms, promote rider safety, and increase motorcycle and vehicle awareness on the road. Your support helps to accomplish those goals. Become an ABATE-AZ member. Or at least for starters attend a meeting or event to become better acquainted with the organization. ABATE of Arizona is Dedicated to the Freedom of the Road. That's a mission that all riders should be able to get behind!



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