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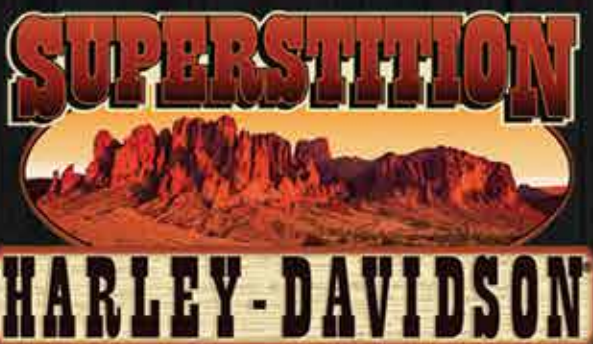
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NCOM CONVENTION IN MOBILE INVITES NAMES FOR FALLEN RIDERS TRIBUTE

With the 33rd Annual NCOM Convention in Mobile, Alabama just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since last year's Convention, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies.

Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be

hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists' rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities and other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

The 33rd annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance / River-view Plaza Hotel, located at 64 S. Water St., in Mobile, Alabama.

This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$114 by calling (251) 438-4000.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and

litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

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TWIN PEAKS UPDATE

On the eve of a Feb 7 hearing at which two Twin Peaks shootout bikers were seeking to disqualify McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna from prosecuting their cases, on a variety of grounds, Reyna instead dismissed one of those cases and recused his office in the other to avoid the disqualification hearing.

Subsequently, Reyna announced on Feb 28 that he's seeking the dismissal of cases against 13 more bikers indicted for engaging in organized crime in connection with the deadly melee in Waco nearly three years ago, and dropping charges against 24 others who weren't indicted.

Also, in early February, 73 indicted bikers had their cases dismissed, and eight unindicted bikers had their charges dropped.

Only one of the scores of bikers indicted in the shootout has gone on trial; Jacob Carrizal, President of the Dallas Bandidos chapter, whose trial on RICO

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and murder charges ended with the judge declaring a mistrial in November after a hung jury was unable to reach a verdict.

The May 17, 2015 shootout left nine bikers dead and 20 more injured. Police arrested 177 bikers after the incident, all of whom were charged with engaging in organized crime and all of whom were initially ordered held in lieu of \$1 million bonds.

DA Reyna has been highly criticized for his handling of the cases, and recently lost his re-election bid.

TRADE WAR COULD IMPACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON

President Donald Trump's recent announcement of tariffs on steel and aluminum would likely lead to global retaliatory consequences for iconic American industries such as Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Levis jeans and whiskey.

In response to Trump's announcement of his intention to impose tariffs of 25% on imported steel and 10% on aluminum to reduce an \$800 billion trade deficit and protect the interests of American workers, European Union leaders threatened to target quintessential American goods such as blue jeans, bourbon and motorcycles.

H-D could suffer from a negative

two-pronged effect from the tariffs on steel and aluminum; the costs of production will rise, causing the cost of the bikes themselves to increase; both of which would be passed along to the consumer.

"A punitive, retaliatory tariff on Harley-Davidson motorcycles in any market would have a significant impact on our sales, our dealers, their suppliers and our customers in those markets," say Harley-Davidson officials. Roughly 16% of Harley-Davidson's sales are to Europe, representing more than half of its international sales.

American-made Polaris is not as concerned because 50% of its sales are made to Canada where, like Mexico, the country would be exempt from the tariffs, so no retaliation is expected.

The U.S. has previously threatened to hike import duties up to 100% on European motorcycles in response to an EU ban on American bred beef from cattle raised on growth hormones.

HONDA 'RIDING ASSIST' SYSTEM COULD ADVANCE MOTORCYCLING

New patent images give a glimpse of Honda's self-balancing technology that could be seen as a significant step forward for motorcycling. Although unthinkable

until recently, the growth of automated systems such as traction control, stability control and anti-lock braking systems could soon lead to a bike that is virtually impossible to crash.

That could be a massive step for motorcycling and its acceptance on a wider scale, as most non-riders would cite the perceived risk as their number one concern.

Honda's Riding Assist system, which adds a computer-controlled steering system between the bars and the front wheel, is the next step. Modern bikes can already intervene in your application of the throttle and brakes, but to really save us from ourselves they need to be able to override the stupidest of our steering mistakes as well. "If a novice could jump on a bike with zero fear of toppling off it, even if they come to a halt without putting a foot down, then it becomes as user-friendly as a car while offering all the congestion-busting and emissions-reducing advantages of a bike," predicts Visordown.com.

While the new designs patents, just published on the European Union Intellectual Property Office website, shouldn't be taken as evidence that the Riding Assist system is going to go into

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Editors Column



Hello AriZona Riders!

Our cover photo is a throwback to the 2017 Bike Show during Arizona Bike

Week. There sure were some amazing bikes on display! Well, get ready to enjoy the 2018 Bike Show Trio, held on Saturday April 14 ... the Ms AZ Bike Week Bike Show, Baddest Bagger Show, and the BadAZ Bike Show. Bikes will be on display between noon-2pm & winners will be announced at 3pm. Get your cameras ready.

Welcome to our new Advertiser, Superstition Harley-Davidson. Located in Apache Junction AZ, SHD offers test rides, an experienced staff, a busy event schedule, and more.

We appreciate our returning sponsors. Details are on page 8 for the upcoming 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet. And winter MUST be over! The Cabin in Overgaard has re-opened for the season! Welcome back to each of you.

Please let these and all of our Advertisers know you read about them here in *AriZona Rider*.

For those who like to post our calendar on their wall for friends & business patrons, the e-dition's calendar font size is set large enough that the pages can be easily read when printed out on standard 8.5x11 piece of paper, as a thumbnail of the pdf page. The calendar is plenty full... 3 pages worth. So there's lots to look forward to in the coming months.

Bike Week is upon us. There are many miles to cover, lots of parties to attend, and much fun to be had. PLEASE keep your wits sharp when riding, and ride within the limits of your abilities & experience. We want to have only GOOD stuff to report this year ☺

That being said, ride safely, choose wisely, &
Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

Bruce & Betsy

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production anytime soon, they provide a fascinating glimpse into one of the most radical projects in motorcycling at the moment.

RIDERS RISK PERMANENT HEARING DAMAGE AT HIGHWAY SPEEDS

Motorcyclists are at risk of permanently damaging their hearing after just 15 minutes of riding at 62mph, seven minutes at 74mph or three minutes at 87mph, research has found.

The study, carried out by Germany's automobile association, ADAC, has shown that riding a motorbike at 62mph typically generates a wind noise of 95dB, which can permanently damage hearing after a quarter of an hour. At 74mph, the wind noise can be expected to reach 98dB, which will prove harmful after just seven minutes of exposure.

Motorcyclists who regularly ride at highway speeds without earplugs are at risk of Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL), which can occur when exposed to long or repeated sounds 85dB or above. Prolonged exposure could result in tinnitus, a form of permanent ringing in the ears.

Helmets don't help, and it isn't the sound of the motorcycle causing all

the noise; "It's the wind noise that can cause permanent hearing loss," explains Ohio A.I.M. Attorney Ralph Buss, who has represented a client who was ticketed for wearing earplugs. Using earplugs in Ohio while operating a vehicle has been illegal since 1989 and the law, which was enacted largely in response to stereo headphones in cars, doesn't allow earplugs to be worn by motorcyclists or motorists.

That may soon change if ABATE of Ohio has its way, as legislation has been introduced to permit motorcyclists to wear earplugs for hearing protection. HB548 was introduced on March 13 by Representative Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) and would add motorcycle riders to a short list of mostly emergency personnel who are exempted from the law.

Similarly, a law in California allowed only for "custom earplugs," but was amended in 2004 to allow individuals to wear earplugs that don't block the sounds of horns or emergency sirens.

ALOHA FREEDOM OF CHOICE { at risk }

Resolutions have been introduced in the Hawaii legislature on March 1st "Urging the Department of Transporta-

tion to submit legislation for a universal helmet law in Hawaii requiring all operators and riders of motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds and bicycles to wear safety helmets."

The partisan Democratic measures, House Resolution 41 and House Concurrent Resolution 53, call for the DOT to expedite implementation of its strategic goal for motorcycle, motor scooter, and moped safety by submitting legislation for a universal helmet law by the Regular Session of 2019. Both await consideration in the House Transportation Committee.

The Aloha State is currently one of 31 states that allow adult riders to choose to wear a helmet, with 19 states requiring all motorcyclists to wear approved headgear.

CALIFORNIA INTRODUCES ANTI-PROFILING BILL

Anti-profiling legislation, Assembly Bill No. 2972, has been introduced in the California legislature to define the term "motorcycle profiling" and prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling.

Introduced February 16, 2018 by Assemblymember Anna Marie Caballero

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(D-Salinas), AB2972 would define the term “motorcycle profiling” as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in law enforcement decisions.

Further, the bill stipulates that “A person who has been subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of this section has a private right of action to enjoin that action and to seek damages, including punitive damages and reasonable attorney’s fees and court costs, against the peace officer and the employing agency of the peace officer.”

Several other states have considered bills to prohibit profiling motorcyclists, but Washington became the first state to pass such a law in 2011, followed more recently by Maryland in 2016.

In addition, two bills in Congress

seek to end profiling of motorcycle riders on the federal level; H.Res.318 and S.Res.154 -- “Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling.”

PORTSMOUTH POLICE PREPARE TO ENFORCE MOTORCYCLE NOISE LEVELS

Police in Portsmouth, New Hampshire are making efforts to address loud motorcycles this riding season, as Police Commission Chairman Joe Onosko, citing complaints about motorcycle noise, has called for stricter enforcement of noise laws.

Police Chief Robert Merner said he is aware of a proposed ordinance currently in a Senate committee that would ban “motorcycle-only checkpoints,” but

added that he has ordered decibel reading equipment for his officers to be used citywide.

The *Portsmouth Herald* newspaper reported that Merner said enforcement of noise levels will begin in the spring during motorcycle season.

However, a New Hampshire Superior Court has previously ruled that towns cannot impose their own noise limits that are stricter than state law.

MANDATORY S.O.S. EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR MOTORCYCLES

An emergency call system for cars has been available for a while, such as the GM OnStar safety device system that summons a quick response in case of an accident. An equivalent system called “eCall” will soon be mandatory in Europe on all new cars sold after April 16, 2018.

Reasoning that motorcyclists are more vulnerable in a crash than car drivers, the European Union now wants manufacturers to equip all motorcycles with an S.O.S alert system. Since 2017, some BMW motorcycles already offer the “Intelligent Emergency Call” sent automatically or manually by the rider to emergency responders.

Studies show that emergency crews would be able to get to the accident scene 40 to 50% faster, saving around 2,500 lives every year in Europe alone. Will the U.S. follow suit?

TWO WHEELS TV NETWORK SET TO LAUNCH

For motorcycle enthusiasts who can never get enough two-wheel action on television, TwoWheelsTV.com “all motorcycle network” is set to launch this Spring. Whether you’re seeking live racing action, or commentary from leaders within the industry, the new “over-the-top” (OTT) streaming network is dedicated entirely to motorcycles.

“Like Netflix for motorcycling,” according to founder Alan Smith, Two Wheels TV (TWTV) will be available on an annual and monthly basis, and promises to deliver live motorcycle racing that’s streamed from all over the world, plus an on-demand library of movies, shows, race archives and other exclusive motorcycling programs.

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and Android devices; register at Two-WheelsTV.com. The full launch is expected in April, and TWTV will be supported by Google Chromecast, Apple TV, Amazon Fire and Roku.

The launch of Two Wheels TV coincides with a spike in the conversation about U.S. motorcycling, as efforts to reinvigorate the industry have come from the grassroots level (“Give a Shift” and “Plus 1”), as well as a new initiative from the Motorcycle Industry Council (“Ride”).

FLORIDA RIDERS FIGHT FOR STRICTER LAWS ON CRASHES INVOLVING CARS

More than a hundred motorcyclists made their way to the Capitol in Tallahassee on Monday, February 12, as riders with ABATE of Florida, Inc. spoke to legislators about some of the safety issues they face every single day.

The state president of ABATE, James “Doc” Reichenbach, told WCTV Eyewitness News that their main focus is trying to cut down on deaths due to drivers who are distracted. He wants to see a bill passed that protects the motorcyclists on the road.

Reichenbach said the most common type of crash involving a car and motor-

cycle is from left hand turns. Reichenbach said he’s had five times more motorcyclists die recently from accidents involving distracted or careless drivers. He believes this type of accident should be considered manslaughter.

“We’re getting killed. We’re getting run over by cars and trucks and everything else and trying to stop that. We’re fathers, we’re mothers, and we have children. We’re just like anybody else, we just happen to ride motorcycles, and we shouldn’t be an endangered species,” said Reichenbach, who also serves as Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

SOUTH DAKOTA “GANG BILL” OPPOSED BY MOTORCYCLE GROUPS

Legislation addressing “gangs” in South Dakota is raising concerns among those in the motorcycle community, as House Bill 111 seeks to revise certain definitions regarding criminal street gang activity that some rider groups feel could target them.

“It jumped out at me that it’s basically a profiling bill,” said Bryon Farmer, Chairman of the South Dakota Confederation of Clubs, who told KDLT News “There are some good issues to trying

to keep street gangs out of our communities and out of our state, that part I’m okay with. It’s just the broad range of the way the bill is written, it could be used against way too many good groups that are out there.”

Motorcycle groups like ABATE of South Dakota are testifying in opposition of the bill they say targets them as gang members. “It’s not just motorcyclists; it’s so broad that just about anybody that’s wearing similar shirts could be defined as a street gang,” said Dave Brende, President of “Those Guys” ABATE Chapter. “We don’t want to be lumped in as a street gang member, we do a lot of good for this community and so do all the other clubs and organizations.”

NEW MEXICO MRO HONORED BY MSF & DOT

The New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) was presented an award from MSF and DOT for all the work they do to promote Safety Awareness in the state and for providing support to motorcycle crash victims through their “Biker Down” program.

The award was presented during the annual Motorcycle Advisory Safety Program Committee Meeting, attended by the Motorcycle Safety Founda-

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tion (MSF), New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT), MSF Rider Coaches, local dealerships and the University of New Mexico Traffic Research Unit that keeps track of crash statistics for the state.

Among the top topics discussed was promoting basic rider and advanced rider training to enhance rider skills to all ages. "We have always concentrated on the campaigns such as Watch Out For Motorcycles which we will continue; but it is just as important that we also promote rider responsibility," said Annette Torrez, NMMRO Chairperson. Torrez, who also serves on the board of directors for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) added that "With enhanced riding skills there are many factors that we as riders can be more aware of to avoid or prevent a crash."

The Motorcycle Safety Achievement Award states in part; "The NMMRO ceaseless efforts have made significant and enduring contributions to the safety of motorcyclists in the State of New Mexico. The professionalism, initiative and action demonstrated by NMMRO has contributed to saving lives."

NCOM CHRISTIAN UNITY REPORT

In a recent Christian Unity Report

submitted by Louie Nobs, Christian Unity Liaison to the NCOM Board, it was reported that "Over the past year, Christian Unity groups in the Midwest, Oklahoma and Texas have been growing and having regular meetings. As the result of information that was given in our Region II CU meeting in Oklahoma last November, some members have pursued certifications through FEMA for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). This will help them get into areas in emergency situations to serve and assess with first responders.

"I was able to share some of my experiences as a CERT member during Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area. Some of the tasks I was able to do was rescue people from flood waters by air boat, serve in shelters, and get supplies to area shelters. I would like to thank those of on the NCOM board of directors and bikers across the country who responded to our call for assistance. Supplies were shipped to Central Harley-Davidson in Austin and then trucked into affected areas. Most stores were unable to keep simple things like respirator masks, tarps and box cutters on the shelves in the affected areas.

"A recent turn of events regarding the Waco case has brought relief to 20

affected families in that they have had their charges dismissed. Some of those folks have kept in contact with us and have also been recipients of assistance from Shield of Faith. We continue to keep praying for justice for all the bikers who were involved in this debacle. The article can be accessed at: www.kwtx.com/content/news/DA-to-see-to-dismiss-charges-against-more-than-20-Twin-Peaks-bikers-473216573.html.

"We are looking forward to a good turnout for the NCOM Convention in May in Mobile, Alabama. We are currently seeking out Christian Unity members and motorcycle ministries to assist with the hospitality suite. If you are interested contact us at ncm.christianunity@gmail.com or call Louie at 936-443-4500."

INJURED MOTORCYCLIST SUES AUTONOMOUS CAR FOR 'NEGLIGENT DRIVING'

In the first of its kind lawsuit against an autonomous vehicle, a California motorcyclist has filed suit against General Motors, accusing one of the car maker's robotic cars of "negligent driving."

The rider was splitting lanes on a highway in San Francisco when a Cruise AV aborted a lane change maneuver in

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heavy traffic and swerved back into its original lane which was now occupied by the motorcyclist, knocking him to the ground in a crash that left him injured and unable to work, according to the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

The police report on the incident blamed the motorcyclist, saying he shouldn't have been passing on the right, though "lane-splitting" is allowed in California. But the report also noted that the car's human overseer, who was operating the self-driving prototype in autonomous mode, tried to grab the wheel and avoid the collision, but was too late to prevent contact.

An attorney for the motorcycle rider claims the accident report actually supports his client's claim in stating that the AV driver saw his client before the crash but didn't have enough time to grab the wheel and swerve.

This news comes on the heels of GM announcing plans to release a Level 5 autonomous vehicle -- without a steering wheel or pedals -- in 2019.

The court case could prove a landmark given the involvement of an autonomous car.

TEN STATES OBJECT TO EPA REDUCING HARLEY-DAVIDSON EMISSIONS PENALTY

According to a recent report from Reuters news agency, ten U.S. states and the District of Columbia have announced they are challenging a decision by the Trump administration to drop a requirement that Harley-Davidson Inc spend \$3 million to reduce air pollution under settlement the Obama administration announced.

In 2016, the Milwaukee-based motorcycle manufacturer agreed to pay a \$12 million civil fine and stop selling illegal after-market devices that caused its vehicles to emit too much pollution, in violation of the Clean Air Act, and was ordered by the EPA to spend nearly \$3 million to instead retrofit or replace wood-burning appliances with cleaner stoves to mitigate air pollution.

The Justice Department in July cited a new policy by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and an ongoing review of the penalty by a government auditor in proposing to drop the \$3 million penalty from the settlement. A U.S. District Judge must still decide whether to approve the revised agreement.

The Harley-Davidson settlement resolved allegations that Harley sold about

340,000 "super tuners" enabling motorcycles since 2008 to pollute the air at levels greater than what the company certified. Harley-Davidson did not admit liability, and said previously it disagreed with the government, arguing that the tuners were designed and sold to be used in "competition only."

The Harley-Davidson settlement came amid greater scrutiny on emissions and "defeat devices" by U.S. regulators after Volkswagen AG admitted to using illegal software to evade U.S. emissions standards in nearly 600,000 U.S. vehicles in September 2015.

INDIA PULLS BACK ON PLAN TO ENFORCE APPROVED HELMETS

Police in India have withdrawn a rule requiring motorcycle riders and passengers to wear ISI-approved helmets, after a week of seizing non-approved helmets and fining riders.

Motor Vehicle Rules in Karnataka, a state in southwest India, require that helmets have the ISI mark (that certifies acceptable levels of quality and crash performance). Traffic police officials had set the deadline of February 1st for all riders and pillions (passengers) to switch to ISI branded helmets. Now though, this

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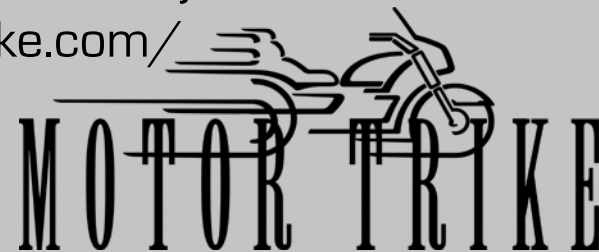
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deadline has been withdrawn.

In announcing this sudden change, the Commissioner of Police said in a statement; "Traffic policemen on duty cannot decide the standard of helmets by a mere physical inspection and hence it is unfair to penalizing bikers for wearing sub-standard helmets... Each and every helmet we confiscate would have to be sent to the BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) office and we could not impose a fine until we got the results."

Many bikers who wear helmets branded with ECE and DOT marks, said to be better than ISI in terms of quality and crash performance, complained that the ISI-helmet rule was unfair. Now that the BIS has clarified that a helmet's quality cannot be assessed by just looking at it, the traffic police department of Karnataka will no longer check for the ISI-mark on helmets worn by riders and pillions of two wheelers in India.

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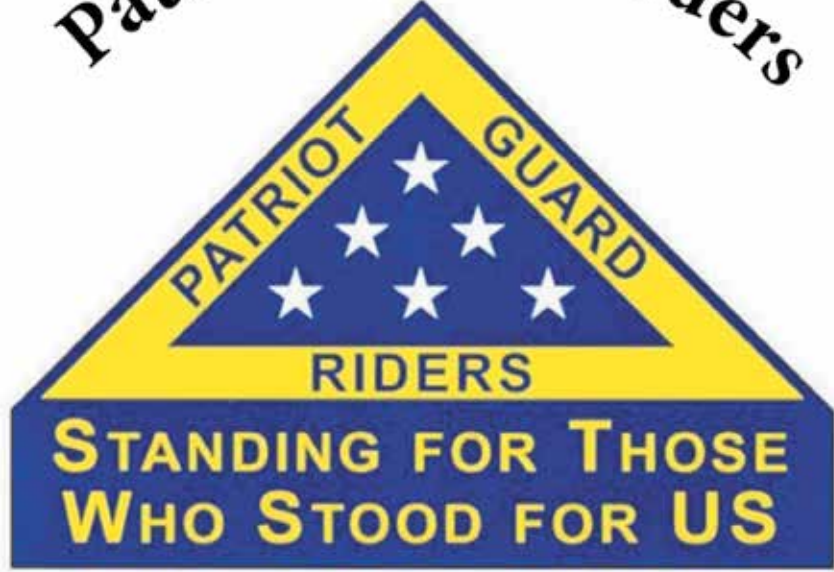
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Hooked on Healing 2018

The third annual Hooked on Healing Veterans Motorcycle Ride took place on Saturday February 24, 2018. The event was organized by the San Tan Crown Rotary Club of Chandler, AZ. Its purpose is to benefit those American Veterans who have returned from deployment and find themselves either homeless or injured and in need of physical, mental, or spiritual rehabilitation. My thanks to event organizer Stan Kaufman for your help with this story.

Sign-in was at Chandler Harley-Davidson, at 6895 W Chandler Boulevard. It was a chilly 35° that morning {unless you're Canadian... then it was near zero ☺}. And that's BEFORE adding in any wind chill factor. That being said, 60 hardy pilots + about 24 passengers signed up for the 120-mile ride.

The self-paced route stopped at VFW Post 9400 in Phoenix, then The Social Hall in Tempe for lunch; followed by an early afternoon pit stop at American Legion Post #44 in Old Scottsdale. The final stop and party was at the American Legion Post #35 in Chandler. Total distance this year was just under 80 miles. Stan noted that, "In our three years of riding our patrons have ridden over 26,400 miles accident free!!!" Well done!

At the stops each rider took a 'selfie' which had to include an identifiable interior or exterior image of the location. At the final stop they showed their photos and were dealt the cards. The winning hand took home \$100. Worst hand winner collected \$50 and contributed it all back to the cause☺.

Activities at Post 35 included music by DJ Tyler Pham. C2Tactical had a training simulator at their booth. Stan

noted that the Raffle Table was the hit of the day. There were 26 gifts valued at over \$7,000! Plus, every 10 minutes from 2-4pm they gave away Door Prizes (total value over \$700.) Nice!

The primary beneficiary of Hooked on Healing remains Phoenix Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing {PHWFF}. This organization is {from their website} "dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings." and "PHWFF has become recognized as an innovative leader and model in the field of therapeutic outdoor recreation for the disabled, through its successful application of the sport of fly fishing as a rehabilitation tool."

I learned from Norm Johnson of Project Healing Waters that since its inception, more than 142 veterans in the Greater Phoenix area have participated in these programs. This program is far more than just taking a day to go out fishing. PHWFF reaches out to military personnel who are seeking ways to deal with their disabilities. Ongoing classes & activities provide confidence building, improved motor skills, camaraderie, & socialization. The program is free to participants and is funded by donations; including those by events such as the Hooked on Healing Ride.

Those who want to learn more about PHWFF should visit online at www.projecthealingwaters.org/

The secondary beneficiary this year was Fans Across America {<https://fansacrossamerica.org/>}

I was curious that since the Healing

Vets organization is Veteran oriented that a non-Vet cause was chosen as the secondary beneficiary. Stan's answer made complete sense. The Hooked on Healing team was introduced to FANS through a fellow Rotary Club member. "Many of the homeless families and families in transitional housing that 'Fans' assists are post 9-11 Veterans. A significant number of these are down on their luck because of the ravages of PTSD."

Stan shared that, "We will be able to distribute somewhat in excess of \$13,000 to these two organizations this year☺. That certainly 'bests' last year at \$9,400 and our first year at \$2,700." Outstanding!

When asked if the organizers have sponsors & supporters to thank Stan replied, "Many, but our principal sponsors are Lunde's Peoria Volkswagen, The Safeway Foundation, and Western States Bank."

He added, "We continue to be thrilled with the growing support we are garnering from the community, not only our corporate sponsors but all of those individuals and companies that donate time and goods and services on a 'pro bono' basis. The ride continues to grow in terms of economic impact: \$2,700 in 2016, \$9,400 in 2017, & \$13,000+ in 2018. We are expecting similar growth next year ... SAVE THE DATE FEBRUARY 23, 2019."

Learn more about the Hooked on Healing programs at their website www.healingvets.org and follow the organization on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HealingVets/

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Hogs 4 Dogs 3rd Annual Fun Run on March 17, 2018, supporting Valley Humane Society in Casa Grande AZ was a big success. Around 50 motorcycles and 20 cars participated in this event, which raised \$4637.00 for the only no-kill shelter in Pinal County. All funds raised will supply the shelter with food, bedding, medicine, vaccinations, micro chips, spay & neuter, cleaning supplies and more to keep our fur friends happy and healthy till they can find their forever home.



There was no registration fee. Sign up was at Wonder Bar in Casa Grande. From there we went to 3 other destinations, Tumbleweed Inn Eloy, VFW in Coolidge, and the Airport Tavern in Casa Grande. Round trip was 55 miles. This

was a group ride. Raffle tickets were purchased at each stop and there were prizes to be won at each of those stops. Riders were also asked not to throw away tickets; as all tickets sold at each stop were collected for the drawing of grand prizes at the Airport Tavern. These included a "Spa Day" for your vehicle from Premier Auto, valued at \$350 and a Budweiser Charcoal BBQ Grill.

This was a family-friendly event. Many wore their green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Dave Wilcox donated his time to play his guitar with some Country and Classic Rock music. Julie Mikkelsen, owner of Airport Tavern and her crew served some yummy Corn Beef and Cabbage.

I am so grateful and humbled for the peo-

ple and businesses that supported, donated, and helped to make this fundraiser possible. I'm a volunteer at the VHS for three years and this organization gets better every year. This non-profit, no-kill shelter houses over 1000 homeless animals per year with no taxpayer or national animal welfare support. They rely 100% upon donations, grants, and fundraisers.

My buddy, Turk, an American Bully {pictured here with Roxanne} has been at the shelter for 3 years. He is a sweetheart, but he is deaf and needs a loving family to take great care of him. Besides Turk being at the event, we had some puppies, of which two were adopted. {Wonderful news!}

For more info call the Valley Humane Society at (520) 836-0904 or email : vhsmail@valleyhumane.net. Thank you to all that participated in this fun event.

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Harley-Davidson Goes After Millennial Market ^{AZ Rider} with New Event at Winter X Games

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January 25, 2018 ... Debuted in 1995, the X Games is an annual extreme sports event hosted, produced, and broadcast by ESPN. A couple of years later, they started the winter edition of these games where the most celebrated winter action sports athletes from around the world compete in a myriad of sporting activities on the icy Buttermilk Mountains in Aspen, Colorado. The 2018 edition is right around the corner, and this time Harley Davidson has decided to be part of the action and is introducing a new event: The Snowhill Climb.

Harley partnered with the organizers to introduce a new event, the Snow Hill Climb, at this year's Winter X Games. It is going to be a medaled event where riders will climb onto modified Harley-Davidson Sportsters and race up the snowy hill in a drag-race style competition. In every segment, one rider will be eliminated and three riders will stand on the podium eventually.

The bikes will have an extended swingarm, studded tires, and widened dirt-bike styled frames, full-flow exhaust, and shorter gearings to get it off the ice in a jiffy. The motor will get a huge

bump with having double the horsepower than the stock Sportster to take it up the SuperPipe course as fast as possible.

"For 115 years H-D riders from all walks of life have expressed their freedom from the seat of America's favorite motorcycle, so it's natural for us to continue to blaze trails – this time off the road and in the snow," said Scott Beck, Harley-Davidson director of marketing.

He also gives a reason why Harley is trying to enter into this sport. "We've raced the ice and climbed virtually every kind of hill, and the Harley-Davidson Snow Hill Climb is another way for us to grow the sport of motorcycling. We know our riders, and X Games fans and athletes alike share a passion for adrenaline and speed."

This could be Harley's strategical approach towards enticing more new riders onto the stride. Given its down run in the industry, Harley wants to revamp its position and outlook by attaching itself to events such as this Winter X Games and the Snowquake.

Editor: As a followup to the above article, we found out that this inaugural event had eight participants representing two countries, Australia and the United States. The riders

raced head-to-head up the flat bottom of the SuperPipe; on modified H-D twin-cylinder motorcycles. The SuperPipe course, with its 22-foot high walls, is approximately 567 feet long and has an incline of 18°. It is 66 feet wide from wall to wall.

According to *X Games Aspen 2018 Day Four News and Results*, issued by ESPN, "Travis Whitlock take [sic] the gold in the Harley Davidson Snow Hill Climb racing up the SuperPipe on his modified Harley in just 10.32 seconds."

The final medal distribution was: Travis Whitlock (USA) ~ gold; Logan Cipala (USA) ~ silver; Austin Cardwell (AUS) ~ bronze.

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In her 12-year racing career Valerie Thompson has earned the nickname 'America's Queen of Speed' ~ and she doesn't come by the title lightly. In 2016 she became the first female motorcyclist to break 300mph. She's only the second person to enter the 300 MPH Club in Australia. To date, she remains the fastest female motorcycle rider in the world.

In March 2018, she & her Team "7" Racing crew traveled to Australia to face a formidable challenge... to

break the world record of 376.36mph. Well, pretty much anyone who is on either Facebook or YouTube knows how that turned out. BUT to be clear... her trip 'Down Under' can certainly still be looked on as a success.

Earlier in the DRLA {Dry Lakes Racers Australia} Speed Week rally at Lake Gairdner in Australia, she broke her personal best speed of 304.263 by reaching a blistering 328.467 mph.

And while it may not be the record she HOPED to set in Australia; with her 343mph wreck, Valerie set a record as the only person to ever walk away from a motorcycle crash at that speed. "The



unique design and engineering of the 7 Streamliner proved its worth by keeping Valerie safe."

Valerie commented that, since the wreck, she's stepping back temporarily to smell the roses before launching into her next racing challenge. But one can guess that her 'need for speed' will call her back to the line before too long.

A fellow Arizonan, you can expect to find her participating in the upcoming IFRD {International Female Riders Day} Arizona event, taking place on May 5. You can follow a link

to more about that event in our calendar.

She has been inducted into the Sturgis Hall of Fame, Class of 2018 ~ so those of you traveling to Sturgis this year may get a chance to see her as she visits for the Induction Ceremony at the Museum.

But BEFORE all that.... You can *meet* her *this* month, as she makes an appearance during Arizona Bike Week, at the Law Tigers booth in the Legend Pavilion. Mark your calendar for April 12, from 7-9pm.

What else is she up to? Follow Valerie on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ValerieRacing

Thank you Valerie, for taking the time to speak with me. Best of luck in all of your endeavors!

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March 1, 2018 ... Harley-Davidson, Inc. (NYSE: HOG) announced today that it has made an equity investment in Alta Motors, a leader and innovator in lightweight electric vehicles, and that the two companies will collaborate on electric motorcycle technology and new product development.

"Earlier this year, as part of our 10-year strategy, we reiterated our commitment to build the next generation of Harley-Davidson riders, in part, by aggressively investing in electric vehicle (EV) technology," said Harley-Davidson President and CEO Matt Levatich. "Alta has demonstrated innovation and expertise in EV and their objectives align closely with ours. We each have strengths and capabilities that will be mutually beneficial as we work together to develop cutting-edge electric motorcycles."

Harley-Davidson has already announced the planned launch of its first electric motorcycle, informed by Project

LiveWire™. That motorcycle is on track for release in 2019.

Since its inception, Alta Motors has designed and commercialized the world's most advanced electric motorcycles, enabling everyone from pro riders to new riders to experience "the future of fast."

"Riders are just beginning to understand the combined benefits of EV today, and our technology continues to progress," said Alta Motors Chief Product Officer and Co-Founder, Marc Fenigstein. "We believe electric motorcycles are the future, and that American companies have an opportunity to lead that future. It's incredibly exciting that Harley-Davidson, synonymous with motorcycle leadership, shares that vision and we're thrilled to collaborate with them."

As electric-drive innovation brings new levels of ease, accessibility and control, Harley-Davidson and Alta Motors aim to attract new audiences who are inspired by motorcycles and drawn to the "twist-and-go" ease and exhilaration of an electric motorcycle with no gears or clutch.

"We believe that EV is where global mobility is headed and holds great appeal for existing riders as well as opportunity to bring new riders into the sport,"

said Levatich. "We intend to be the world leader in the electrification of motorcycles and, at the same time, remain true to our gas and oil roots by continuing to produce a broad portfolio of motorcycles that appeal to all types of riders around the world."

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About Alta Motors: Alta Motors is a global leader in electric motorcycles and lightweight EV drivetrains with a proprietary technology platform that offers new levels of energy density and performance. It leads the industry with a complete portfolio of battery and drivetrain components, a fleet of motorcycles manufactured at its world-class Brisbane, CA facility and a trophy-case of podium finishes. Alta's award-winning Redshift platform is now available to riders at 44 U.S. dealerships across 19 states. Please visit us at: <https://www.altamotors.co/>.

Happy Birthday in April to

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Happy Anniversary in April to

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Terry & Sandy Crabtree
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Jack Dave 'Whale' Perkins ~
April 25, 2014

Richard Tush ~ April 22, 2017
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March 2018 ... East Valley's Chapter 8 of the Disabled American Vets {DAV} is hosting a fundraising raffle for an M1 Carbine 30cal rifle. The drawing will take place on June 14, 2018. Tickets cost \$3/each or get 4 tickets for \$10. There are booths setting up at locations around the East Valley, including the Apache Trail Swap Meet, located at 9452 E Main Street in East Mesa. Tickets are also available at the DAV office, located at 655 N. Gilbert Rd, Mesa. Learn more about what the DAV does for Disabled Vets in the community by visiting this website <http://azdav08.org/> For more information on getting YOUR tickets, contact Sarge at fundraising@azdav08.org or call 480-890-2424.
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March 3, 2018 ... Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, located at 922 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa is rewarding people for honoring our Troops. On RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) Fridays, get your RED shirt on, visit Desert Wind, & you'll receive a gift! FMI: 480-894-0404
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March 9, 2018 ... we learned via Facebook that Ed Pearman of the White Mountains passed away, from a heart attack. Our condolences go out to his family & friends.
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March 19, 2018 ... Yoga For Bikers classes at Superstition H-D in Apache Junction are on hiatus as of March 25. Sessions will resume in October, according to teacher Greg Ormson. In the meantime you will find him teaching at Motto Yoga in Queen Creek. If you want to find out when & where else he will be leading classes, connect with him via email greg.ormson@gmail.com, phone 808.640.4624, or on FB www.facebook.com/greg-ory.ormson
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March 24, 2018 ... CONGRATULATIONS to Bruce Bradford & Judy Corday who tied the knot this day. We learned via Facebook that they held the ceremony in the HOG room at Desert Wind H-D in Mesa. All the best for many happy years together!
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March 26, 2018 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V195
Seat Belt or Seat Back may Detach; Seat may Slide
Potential # of Units Affected:
24,235

Summary: Polaris Industries, Inc. (Polaris) is recalling all 2015-2018 Polaris Slingshot motorcycles. The driver-seat and passenger-seat seat belt and seat back anchoring bracket may have been improperly welded. Additionally, differences in the seat assembly may prevent proper latching of the seat slider, allowing the driver's seat to move unexpectedly. If the seat belt buckle or seat back detach from the seat base, there would be an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash. If the driver's seat unexpectedly moves, it can cause the driver to lose control of the motorcycle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Polaris will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the seat belt bracket and seat back welds, and the seat slider latching function. If the weld is missing or incomplete, or if the slider doesn't latch properly, the seat bases will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 16, 2018. Owners may contact Polaris customer service at 1-855-863-2284. Polaris' number for this recall is T-18-01.

Notes: 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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Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Boast about a grand-baby, extend congratulations or well wishes, send someone kudos for a promotion, announce an engagement, welcome your GI home. You get the idea. Send an email to editor@azridersouthwest.com, subject line: Community News.

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Dakota's Run

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On Saturday March 24, 2018 the Green Knights Chapter 28 MMC held its 3rd Annual Dakota's Run benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The ride started at GOAZ Peoria with opening remarks by President Larry "AMP" Binnion, presentation of colors by the Carl Hayden High School ROTC and National Anthem being sung by students from Centennial and Ironwood High Schools.

Forty-six riders then went on a 114-mile self-paced ride taking them to Victory Electronics {Phoenix}, Wittmann Shell Station, Lakeside Bar and Grill {Peoria}, and then back to GOAZ Peoria.

Vendors at GoAZ included Be the Match, United Blood Services, TruBBQ, Law Tigers, Isaiah 3:19, Combat Dolls, Discount Biker Supplies, Pinstripe, and State Farm. Lunch, which was included in the ride fee, was catered by Ruben of TRUBBQ4U {www.trubbq4u.com/} DJ Lockdown provided the music and has done so for all 3 years. Participants were also invited to take part in the raffle for some amazing prizes, the live auction, and the big raffle prize of an AR-15 with Pelican Case.

We had a live stream of the ride this

year thanks to the PSBN Channel 3 from Cactus High School. Maddie Mosley from Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation {https://bornthisway.foundation/} was also onsite gathering video and interviewing various people for a story about a kind act in the community. This will be featured on social media once complete.

We would like give a huge thank you to all of our vendors, sponsors, raffle prize donors, participants, and other groups who made monetary donations. Without your partnership and support, this ride would not be possible. The 3rd Annual Dakota's Run was a huge success with a final donation of \$8,000 being made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society {www.lls.org/}.

Sponsors: United Blood Services, Be The Match, Victory Electronics, Lincoln and Wenk Attorneys, M2Ink, Horseshoe Cafe, Dave & Busters, PSC ~ Police Services Coordination, Anti-Hero Cycles, JD's Biker Supply, TruBBQ4U, FatRat's Garage, Power Promos, Law Tigers, DJ Lockdown, Chick-Fil-A, Slicks Garage, Enhanced Sports Psyche, Comfort Suites, Pinstripe, Isaiah 3:19, State Farm Insurance ~ Matt Watson, Combat Dolls, and Don's Fine Cigars.

Donations: Massage Envy, My

Pie Pizza, Modern Round, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Texas Road House, Salts, AZ Biker Leathers, Arrowhead Harley, Breyer Husband and Wife Law Team, ACE Tattoo, Brunswick Bowling, Cactus Chiropractic, Rustic Flag, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, & Divine Nails.

Thank you to the other clubs & organizations that donated to our cause: Arizona Bike Week Charities, Whiskey Runners, Green Knights Chapter 117, Cactus PSBN, and American Legion Ch. 96.

High School Volunteers:

Cactus High School PSBN Network ~
Live Streaming of Dakota's Run
Carl Hayden ROTC ~

Presenting the colors

Carl Hayden NHS ~

Assisting with Kids Zone

Centennial High School Photo Society

~ Pictures

Centennial & Ironwood HS students

~ Singing National Anthem

Save the date for this great event in 2019:
March 23, 2019..more details to come.

Sue "Bottoms Up" Connell

GK28 Public Affairs, Honorary Member



Run Calendar

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Saturdays 2018 {4/14, 4/28 }: 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 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

1st Saturday: Looking to learn to ride? Team Arizona offers a Basic Rider Course and Superstition Harley-Davidson hosts the classroom portion on first Saturdays. 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Sundays 2018 {4/8, 4/22}: 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 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

Wednesdays 2018 {4/11, 4/18, 4/25 }: 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 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

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

Every Friday: ALMA MC Westside Open House... 8-11:30pm. 1050 N. Eliseo Felix Jr Way #105, Avondale. FMI: www.facebook.com/AlmaMcWestside/

2nd & 3rd Friday: ALMA MC East Side Open House from 7pm-? Entertainment. Food & Beverages available. 3212 S. Fair Lane, Tempe. FMI: 127.Eastside@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Friday: ALMA MC Open House- All Chapters. 7pm at the OriGinal Club House, 1446 N. 27th Ave, Phx, AZ 85009. Great Food, Great Music & a Great Time! FMI: Chapo soy.chapo@gmail.com



4/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Manic Monkeys. 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>

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

4/6 Ride With Superstition Harley-Davidson to Motorcycles on Main. Meet at west lot. KSU 6:15pm. 910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

4/6-7 {Fr-Sat} Backstage Biker Bash at Desert Wind H-D to benefit ABATE-AZ Shadow Mountain Chapter. Music Festival featuring Local & National Acts, vendors, bike show, & more. 4/06 Doors at 4pm. Headliner - MARK FARNER fmrlly of Grand Funk Railroad, plus Moonshine Voodoo Band & 74th Street Band. 4/07 Doors at 12noon. Music includes Skarlett Fever, Unchained, Autograph, & Queensryche. Weekend pass = \$35 or Single day = \$20 + credit card & online processing fees. No Refunds - Rain Or Shine Show, Children 12 & under FREE!!! Located at 922 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa 85210. FMI: 602-549-1044, mike@squarepegpromos.com, 480-894-0404

4/7 {Sat} Mesa Market Place {10550 E Baseline Rd, Mesa, 85209} hosts FoEver Here Charity Car, Truck & Cycle Show from 9a-1pm. Benefits FoEver Here, Inc. 100% of the proceeds of this show go to help Parents who have lost a child 21 yrs. old and younger with funeral, burial, and other related services. FMI: Tish Woods, FoEver Here, Inc. at 480-246-4954, FoEverHere@gmail.com

4/7 Evil Twin Custom Cycle in Mesa is hosting their annual Customer Appreciation Party from 10a-5pm. Live music, free food, free drinks, door prizes, vendors, & tattooing. C'mon down & kick off Bike Week. Located at 58 N. Country Club. FMI: 480-784-0040. <http://www.eviltwincustomcycle.com/> | <http://tinyurl.com/jv3lnph>

4/7 AZ Patriot Guard Riders & American Legion Post 34 in Cave Creek invite anyone wishing to support our Veterans to join them at Post 34 {6272 E Cave Creek Rd}, between 12-5pm. Outstanding food & refreshments will be available at Legion prices. Two bands will provide entertainment. Park your motorcycles at the Post and ride the trolley around to the different CC venues to enjoy some of the other pre-bike week activities; bike shows, bands, vendors. Proceeds will go American Legion Veteran charities & the AZ PGR. FMI: Tom Burns, USMC, State Captain-AZ Patriot Guard Riders, ALR 107, phn 815-342-1138

4/7 The Iron Order North Phoenix Charter charity event for 'Soldiers Best Friend' which pairs veterans w/ combat-related PTSD or TBI with Service Dogs {<https://soldiersbestfriend.org>} Sign-in 10am at Arrowhead HD 16130 N Arrowhead Ftns Ctr Dr. Peoria 85382. Cost: \$10/sgl, \$15/2-Up

4/7 Leathernecks MC sponsoring the Stop Child Abuse Rally at 9855 N 19th Dr. Ste #2, Phx, 85021. Benefits Unbroken MC and Protect the Children Inc. Live music, food & drinks, games, raffle, kid entertainment, chili cook-off. FMI / enter Chili cook-off: Unbroken MC 844-934-5437.

4/10 {Tues} Bike Night with the SHD Service Dept at the Monastery in Mesa. Meet in the SHD west lot. KSU 6:15pm. Superstition H-D 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

4/11-15 {Wed-Sun} AZ Bike Week at West-World of Scottsdale. FMI/tickets: www.azbikeweek.com, 480-644-8191

4/11 {Wed} Wednesday Ride for Kids. Join Phoenix HOG 93 for a 250-mile ride through beautiful Northern AZ. Ride begins at Buddy Stubbs Phoenix HD. Ends at the Road House in Cave Creek. \$35/pilot, +\$25/2-up. All proceeds go to Camp Courage Burn Camp for Kids. This camp benefits AZ kids who have been affected by fire by allowing them a week to just be kids. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI/register at www.wednesdayride.com

4/11 Peace Out, Prostate Cancer Ride hosted by Shelley Martin in loving memory of her dad, James Martin and her Grandfather Louis Rivetts. Sponsored by HD Scottsdale, Chuck Franklin Law, Connollys, Roadrunner, and Dirty Dogg Saloon. Check in for ride at HDoS from 10a-12pm. Ride ends at Arizona Bike Week @ Westworld. \$35/pp includes b'fast, lunch, entrance into AZ Bike Week "Collective Soul" Concert, & wristband for the Dirty Dogg Saloon Wednesday Night Party. First 150 pre-registered riders receive swag bag and a patch. Register at www.peaceoutprostatecancer.org

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4/12-15 {Th-Sun} Phoenix BikeFest presented by Law Tigers at Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave. Peoria. FMI: www.phoenixbikefest.com

4/12 {Th} Celebrate National Grilled Cheese Day with Team SHD. 12-2pm stop by the cafe for a free grilled cheese while they last! Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

4/13 15th Annual East Valley Firefighter Charity Ride kicks off at Superstition Harley-Davidson at 8am. \$30/sgl, \$50/2-up includes Pancake Breakfast; Ride Card; One Raffle Ticket; Motorcycle Ride Entry; Event Shirt (first 250 registered); Ride Pin (first 750 registered). 8am p'cake breakfast. 8:30a first card draw. This is an Un-escorted Ride. Pre-register now at Superstition HD 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: www.firefightercharityride.com | receptionist@superstitionhd.com | 480-346-0600

4/14 {Sat} Old Bastards MC Salt River | Gettin' Down In The Desert. Bike Week in Arizona this year wouldn't be complete without partying some with your Local Old Bastards. Come out for Salt River's Annual Event, this year benefiting Arizona Fisher House. From 1-6pm @ Kay's Place 315 S Alma School Mesa, AZ 85210 Food, Drinks, Raffles, 50/50. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Food Included. Please check website for details as the event gets closer. We'll see ya there! FMI: Gnome@obmcsaltriver.com | www.obmcsaltriver.com

4/14 Los Santos MC presents the 9th annual Waylon Run; an annual memorial motorcycle ride and live country music show celebrating the life and music of the late great Waylon Jennings. Rally in the afternoon, ride out to pay our respects at Waylon's gravesite, then ride to the bar to eat, dance, & party! FMI: www.lossantosmc.com

4/14 Spartan Riders MC of Glendale Annual Fish Fry! Doors open at 4pm, doors close when the last person goes home. Fish served between 5-9pm, coleslaw, hush puppies, crisp fries! \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. 4310 W Keim Dr Glendale, AZ FMI: www.spartanridersmcglendale.com

4/14 Hooligans MC Laoch Crew Spring Fling, at the Hooligans DV clubhouse 2663 W Lone Cactus Rd. from 6-11:30pm. Food, drinks, music, vendors, great times. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. FMI: hooligansmcdc@gmail.com

4/14 Rough Riders MC, Papago & Longbow Chapters annual In Memory Party to help raise funds for your local Veterans. Proceeds go to AZ Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America & Dogs 4 Vets (ASAS – American Service Animal Society). Food, Live Music, Raffles, Vendors at Croatian American Club, 2434 W Devonshire Ave in Phoenix from 6-11:30pm FMI: www.facebook.com/rrmc92

4/14 Cochise Riders MC hosts Memorial Event at Buddy's Bar {520} 456-1511} 119 AZ-82, Huachuca City, AZ from 4-8-pm, with band & food. Tombstone is right down the road. Enjoy 'The Town Too Tough To Die' afterwards. FMI: ?

4/14 2nd annual Ride for Autism hosted by American Legion McCulloch-Wagner Post 109 & ALR109. Register 9a at Post 109, located at 15921 S Houghton Rd, Corona, AZ. \$20/sgl, +\$5/2-up. FMI: www.facebook.com/events/606999816309950/

4/20-22 {Fr-Sun} 57th annual Yuma Prison Run, held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E. 32nd Ave, Yuma. Music, games, vendors, Victor McLaglen Motor Corps & Drill Team. escorted procession to the Territorial Prison Museum, & more. FMI: www.yumaprisonrun.com | Sara 562-884-2893, sara.lehnberg@hotmail.com | Vendors: Mark S. 818-414-5008, mark.nmc@sbcglobal.net

4/21 {Sat} Sgt. Mendoza Memorial Charity Poker Run. Register 9am at Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. \$25/sgl, +\$10/2-up; includes pin & Sgt. Brandon Mendoza EOW wristbands. Ride tee to 1st 100 registered. KSU 10:30am. LAST stop What the Hell B&G. 74th Street Band from 5pm-8pm. Silent Auction, Raffles & more. Benefits the Sgt. Brandon Mendoza Memorial Fndn {www.sgtbrandonmendoza.org/} FMI: 480-346-0600, maryann@sgtbrandonmendoza.org

4/21 Superstition H-D activities include General H.O.G. Chapter Meeting at 10am. Start gathering at 9:30am for cake, coffee, & conversation. Bitchin Stitchin sewing patches from 10a-1pm. H.O.G. Dogs starts 11am till gone. Concealed Carry Class from 12-3pm. \$50 includes fingerprinting. Call 480-346-0600 to sign up. Located at 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: receptionist@superstitionhd.com, 480-346-0600

4/21 Legion of the Silver Rose Induction Ceremony to Honor Victims of Agent Orange. American Legion Post 27 in Apache Junction, 1018 S Meridian. Plz be at Post by 11am. FMI: Jerry Becker 623-297-5470

4/22 {Sun} Lucie's Sage & Sand 5th Annual Poker Run, starting at Lucie's Sage & Sand Bar – 13831 W Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ. 85307. Register 930am, KSU 11a. Games throughout the ride. Prizes to be won. \$20/sgl, \$25/2-up. Benefits a local Military Family. FMI: 623-935-5810

4/24 {Tues} Independent Motorcycles Bike Night at Good Time Charli's, 6045 W. Chandler Blvd, Chandler 85226. From 6:30-9:30pm, Food & drink Specials, Live Music, hourly raffles. FMI: 480-785-4888

4/25-28 {Wed-Sat} 36th annual Laughlin River Run, presented by Law Tigers. <https://laughlinriverrun.com/>

4/28 {Sat} 2nd annual Rudy's Run presented by American Legion Riders Post 1, Luke-Greenway 364 N 7th Ave, Phx 85007. \$15/sgl, \$20/2-up. Reg 8am, last bike out by 10a. 5 stop poker run. Prizes \$100 high, \$50 low. Live band, vendors, & more. FMI: 602-510-3149

4/28 Motorcycle Community Poker Run, for the Motorcycle Community, Brothers, friends, guests. Starts at the BloxStarz Clubhouse, E. 36th St, Tucson. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. 50/50, raffle, Michalada tasting contest. Which Club has the best in town. Kicks off at 3pm. Returns to the BloxStarz by 7pm, where the festivities will continue. FMI: ?

4/29 {Sun} Ramjet Racing Motorcycle Swap Meet, 12001 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phx. 85022. From 8a-Noon. Setup 7a. Free to public, Vendor Spots Only \$5. Motorcycle Parking Only. General Parking Available nearby.

5/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by Chris Kane Trio. 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>

5/4-6 {Fr-Sun} Wild in the Weeds with ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter. Old School Bike Rally @ Punkin Center Bar & Grill – Mile Post 262 SR 188 Tonto Basin, AZ. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <http://wildintheweeds.com/> | <https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/>

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5/5 {Sat} 23rd Annual Jester Run presented by MMA's Verde Valley District to honor our lost brothers and sisters. This year the run is dedicated to Jack Perkins Seitz. Starts @ American Legion Post 25, 480 S Calvary Way Cottonwood 86326. Register @9am, KSU @ 10:30. There will be a police escort to the first stop Kactus Kates. End Party is @ 10/12 Lounge in Clarkdale, 910 Main St. Clarkdale. Music, raffles 50/50 and a great time. FMI: Stretch (tpaynehogs@yahoo.com)

5/5 11th annual International Female Ride Day {IFRD} ~ all makes, all models. FMI: <https://tinyurl.com/yaot8eu4>

5/6 {Sun} Sho Ryders MC 1st Annual Sho Your Cards Poker Run. \$20/bike with 5 stops at local MC clubhouses. Highest hand at the end wins prize. 10:30a-5pm. FMI: www.shoryders.com/

5/12 {Sat} Law Tigers 3rd annual Arizona Mile Flat Track Racing at Turf Paradise. FMI: www.lawtigers.com

5/12 Lost Dutchman MC Six Shooter Poker Run. FMI: mwarren0717@gmail.com

5/12 Sun Riders MC 40th Anniversary Party. Free hog roast and live music from Mr. Skynard. 8a-5pm. FMI: <http://tucsonsunridersmc.com/>

5/12 11th Annual Howling For The Hounds. Benefits the Humane Society of Southern AZ. Live Music, Auction, Raffle, 50/50. 11a-5pm Hydraulic Solutions, 119 W Alturas St, Tucson, 85705. Cost: \$20 - \$30. FMI: 520-505-8834

5/13 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet. All parts & all brands welcome. Opens 8am. Pinal County Fairgrounds, 512 N 11-Mile Corner Rd {exit 194 from I-10}. \$5/pp, children under 12 free. Seller spaces 10x15=\$30; bike corral \$5. Setup 6am. FMI: 480-209-8521

5/19 {Sat} Party on the Patio at Desert Wind H-D, 922 S. Country Club Dr. in Mesa benefits ABATE's Too Broke For Sturgis. FMI: www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/

5/19 Carriage House Bike Run to benefit the residents at the Carriage House Assisted Living Facility in Snowflake, AZ. Sign-in for Poker Run 9-10am at Show Low Motorsports. Stop at Carriage House for games, cook-out lunch, visit with residents. Ride continues to Cabin in Overgaard. Entry = 1 non-perishable food item/pp to be donated to Veterans in need in the White Mountains. FMI: 928-386-9348

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5/19 Old Fashioned Biker Picnic, noon-5pm with the AZ Leathernecks MC-Tucson and Hooligans MC- Casa Grande. \$15/sgl, \$20/cpl. Food, beverages, music, & great people. All in one place!!! AZ Leathernecks MC Tucson Clubhouse 10861 W Grier Rd, Marana, 85658 FMI: admin@azleathernecks.com

5/19 3rd Annual Sinners & Saints Fight Against Diabetes Party, presented by the Hooligans MC Deer Valley & the Silent Saints MC at the Hooligans MC DV Clubhouse in Phoenix from 6-11:30 pm. Benefits awareness of & the fight against diabetes. Good food, cold drinks, music, vendors, & of course a great time. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. FMI: hooligansmcdv@gmail.com

5/26 {Sat} AZ Leathernecks MC 18th Anniversary Party. 7-11:30pm @ AZ Leathernecks MC Phx Clubhouse 9855 N 19th Dr, Phoenix, 85021 FMI: admin@azleathernecks.com

5/28 {Mon} 12th Annual "Flags For Our Fallen" Memorial Day Rally, from 6-9am. We line Cave Creek Rd with 500 American Flags on 10' tall flagpoles, put the bikes in between them & salute the family members going into the National Cemetery for the 8am official State Sponsored Event. Pins for the first 300 bikes. Location: corner of Cave Creek & Pinnacle Peak Roads at the entrance to the Nat'l Memorial Cemetery of AZ, 23029 N Cave Creek Road. FMI: www.ridersusa.net

6/1 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Moonshine VooDoo Band. 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>

6/2 {Sat} Devil's Highway Poker Run, commemorating the birth & death of the once legendary Devil's Highway. Starts/ends in Springerville, AZ. Meet 8:30a at Avery's on Main St. for this 265-mile ride. No registration fee, but pre-reg online if you want a pin. FMI: <http://azride.com/devils-highway-run/2557977>

6/7-10 {Th-Sun} Too Broke For Sturgis annual ABATE-AZ fundraiser & party weekend! ALWAYS a good time! Adults ONLY party at Mormon Lake Lodge. www.facebook.com/Toobrokeforsturgis/

6/9 {Sat} Hooligans annual Heatwave Summer Kickoff Party from 6-11:30pm at Deer Valley Clubhouse. Kick off the summer with the 422 Crew. Good Food, Cold Drinks, Vendors, Music & a great time!! \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. FMI: www.hooligansmcdervalley.com

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6/22-23 White Mountain Bike Rally at Hon-Dah Casino FMI: www.facebook.com/pg/White-Mountain-Bike-Rally-261709404161223

9/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night returns from summer break! Visit Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

9/12-15 {Wed-Sat} Thunder Valley Rally in Cottonwood AZ. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://thundervalleyrallyaz.com>

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10/11-14 {Th-Sun} Las Vegas BikeFest <https://lasvegasbikefest.com/>

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11/2-4 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River @ Gila River Park, Winkelman. Weekend prices = \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. FMI: 623-363-3470, moehmcdv@gmail.com

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