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8th ANNUAL SKIN & STEEL



The 8th annual Skin & Steel took place on January 20, 2018 at American Legion Post 2, located at 2125 S Industrial Park Ave in Tempe. This is one of the first events of the new year, featuring Tattoo & Motorcycle contests, music, & vendors. This year's sponsor was At Seasons End Mortuary of Apache Junction, AZ.

It was a grey and chilly morning with light rain as we departed for the event. The venue itself was under heavy skies but had no significant rain. This is posted as a rain or shine event. By 3pm the sun was starting to break through.

The event offers free admission, with monies raised through contest entry fees, raffle & 50/50 ticket sales, sponsorships, and the like. There were around 300 bikes and a little over 800 attendees throughout the day.

Music by 'Moonshine VooDoo Band' provided entertainment while visitors toured the parking lot full of vendor booths. We learned that only two vendors were lost to concerns over the weather. Vendors included sponsor At Season's End Mortuary, ABATE, Law Tigers, Desert Wind H-D, Discount Biker Supply, Fat Daddy Jerky, Stunning Defenders {self defense items}, Origami Owl {jewelry}, Zonie Custom Crafts, American Bike & Trike, Breyer Law, Farmers Insurance, The Clip Man, Gold Can-

yon Candles, Patch Works, and Lady Aces Massage offering chair massages. Items available included apparel, jewelry, hats, patches, vests, & more.

There were two tat shops set up indoors: Skin Lab [Tempe] and Wolfskin {Phoenix}.

Raffle items included apparel, helmets, adult beverages, gift baskets, and vendor goods. The 50/50 prize was \$160 to the winner.

The Best Biker Babe Boots contest offered a prize of two tickets to the upcoming Backstage Biker Bash event hosted by Shadow Mountain ABATE at Desert Wind HD. Ms. Tracy was the winner. Congratulations & have fun!

Trophies for the Bike Show Winners went to Best Street Sport = Heffa, Post 35; Best Paint = James Doughton; Most Unique = TC Calawa; Best Street Cruiser = Justin McDevitt {spelling?}; and Best Dresser = TeeKay.

The Tattoo Contest was emceed by Ty & she did a great job. There were more than 20 contestants in the Tattoo Contest. Plaques for the winners went to ... Kevin ~ Best Black & Grey and Best Back Piece; LeAnn ~ Best Color; Tina ~ Best Sleeve; Josephine ~ Best Leg; and Cat Woman Lady ~ Best Portrait. A new category 'Worst' tattoo was won by Jeff.

Proceeds of the day benefit Post 2's American Legion Rider Programs. These programs assist Vet-

erans and their families, motorcycle safety programs, along with helping the American Legion and the American Legion auxiliary programs. A little over \$2000 was raised for the cause.

Organizer Kaleen sent a message of thanks to, "...our main sponsor 'At Seasons End Mortuary' in Apache Junction, who helped with setting up for the event the day before and the morning of. We also had donations from Law Tigers and Desert Wind Harley in Mesa. Willie Itule's produce donated all the produce for our lunch and Pepsi donated the drinks. And I want to thank our band this year Moonshine Voodoo for donating their time and hope to have them again next year. They did awesome!" She continued, "Despite the weather we had an overall great event. I really enjoyed putting this event on and meeting every one that was involved. If it is wasn't for Riders and every who volunteered their time to help, this event wouldn't have been possible. I consider the riders my family and they really put in a great amount of their time and effort to help me put this event on. I hope to have a bigger and better event next year."

It was a good day, despite its dreary beginnings. We're very glad we could be there and share this story with you.

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Subject: Elected officials and candidate pre-primary meet & greet

American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education (ABATE of Arizona), the largest motorcycle rights organization in Arizona, and Desert Wind Harley-Davidson in Mesa will be hosting a Pre-Primary Meet and Greet for all elected state legislators and candidates from the Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler and Tempe area on March 31st, 2018 from 0900 to 1100 at Desert Wind Harley Davidson (922 S. Country Club, Mesa).

The purpose of this is to allow candidates and constituents to meet each other as the election season begins. Candidates and elected officials will have the opportunity to make a short introduction and statement.

Editors Column ...

Hello AriZona Riders!

Our cover photo was taken during the Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. What a great day!

Welcome back to Stick Engineering in Apache Junction. Please be sure and mention to Rick that you saw their Specials here in AZ Rider.

The Too Broke For Sturgis weekend will be here before you know it! Yup... it's time to start trading shifts at work so you can get that long weekend off.

Check out the ABATE press release elsewhere on this page, from Lobbyist Mike Infanzon.

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MPP ~ New Louisiana Law Exempts Motorcyclists From Anti-Masking Arrests

Published on June 7th, 2017 | by David "Double D" Devereaux
www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/new-louisiana-law-exempts-motorcyclists-anti-masking-arrests/

Motorcyclists in Louisiana score a big win! Efforts of motorcycle rights advocates paid off when the Louisiana legislature approved a law exempting "persons driving or riding a motorcycle" from the state's anti-masking statute. (See **Louisiana State Legislature-HB161**)

The Louisiana House passed HB 161 on a vote of 95-0 on June 5th, 2017 following a mass majority approval by the state Senate on May 30th, 2017. The legislation is on its way to the Governor's desk.

The MPP reported in November of 2016, (See "**Bikers Arrested for Wearing Bandanas**", November 29, 2016) following a trip to Louisiana as a guest speaker at a Louisiana

Confederation of Clubs and Independents (LCOC&I) meeting, that motorcyclists wearing legal helmets were being arrested for violating a state "Anti-Masking Law" originally intended to deter



public acts of terror being committed by the KKK.


This obvious abuse of Louisiana statute was being used as a tool to profile and target motorcyclists, particularly in the Shreveport area.

The MPP provided a legislative proposal to Louisiana ABATE and the LCOC&I advocating an amendment to Louisiana's anti-masking law exempting individuals wearing state approved safety gear while riding their motorcycles for the 2017 session.

Louisiana motorcyclists followed through and successfully lobbied their legislators proving that grassroots political rights movements can be effective and achieve results very quickly when mobilized and organized. The MPP congratulates and commends these efforts because they serve as an example and a model for other states attempting to combat motorcycle profiling and discrimination in all of its various forms.

About the author: David "Double D" Devereaux is the Spokesperson for the Washington State Council of Clubs, Founder of the Motorcycle Profiling Project, and works with motorcyclists at the national level.

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To Amend LA Rev Stat § 14:313
To Prevent Motorcyclists From Being Falsely
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Vic Grady II - Ride in Peace

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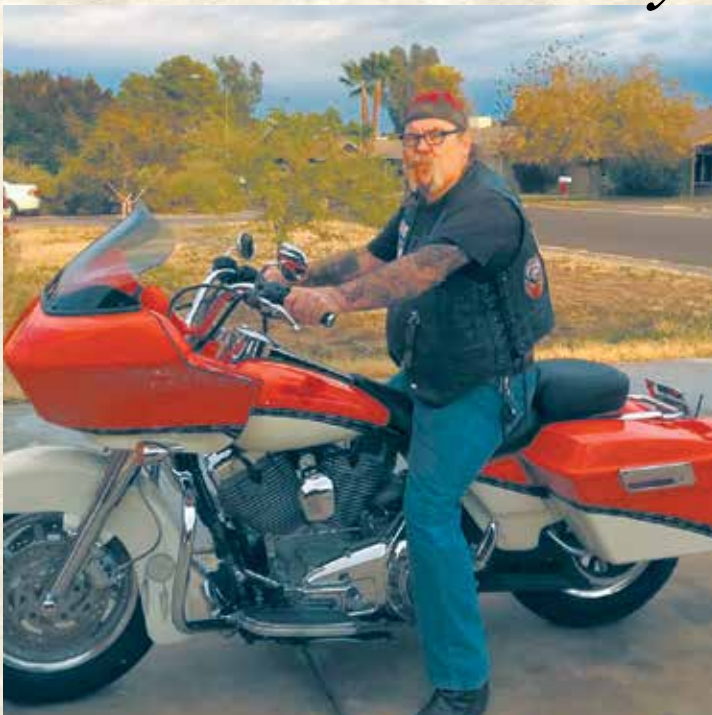
The ABATE-AZ Facebook page posted ...
 "After a long hard fight our brother Vic Grady II crossed the river last night and now rides with all those that have gone before us. Vic was a warrior and an artist. Vic held many positions with ABATE over the years. As you walked through the valley of the shadow of death you feared no man because you were the baddest mother fucker in the whole damn valley. Ride free Marine. May the Great Spirit's blessing always be with you and your family. J.R."

We learned that Vic was taken by leukemia.

Mike Infanzon, the ABATE Lobbyist who was trained by Vic, shared this in his blog on February 11, entitled Vic Grady - Ride in Peace

"I have been the State Designated Lobbyist for ABATE of Arizona a little over a year now. It took me some time to make the decision to take over in this position. Every time I get a kudos or a pat on the back for doing a good job as the lobbyist, I must give a tip of my hat to someone.

Vic Grady is that someone.



Over the past year I have received a lot of help and great advice from so many, but from day one, Vic was there to answer questions, being there to bounce ideas off of, always giving me encouragement, and showing me the ropes. His help made the learning curve of the Capitol much smaller.

Motorcycle Day at the Dome is not going to be the same without him there either. Many of you may not know, but Vic took care of a lot of the logistics behind MDATD for years. Last year was such a success and I leaned on his support tremendously. He was the ABATE State Sgt at Arms, handle most of the security up at Too Broke For Sturgis, rarely missed a chapter meeting, and would be at events.

He was a grumpy old Marine who loved a few things in his life. He would bitch and complain. But you must remember, a Marine is only happy when complaining.

Vic passed away last night after a tough battle. But he took it like a Marine. When I would go and see him, he didn't want to talk about his being sick. He wanted to talk about ABATE stuff or guitars. I'm gonna miss you my brother.

I appreciate all you have done to help me. Keep riding free.

Semper Fi, until Valhalla."

There are so many words and tributes having been posted in respect to this man. He touched & affected many lives ... active in the motorcycling community, the medieval realm, and the legislative arena. We add our condolences to the many being extended to his loved ones.

With Respect, Bruce & Betsy



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Law Tigers Steps Up: Six Figure Donation To Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall Of Fame Building Fund

Sturgis, South Dakota, February 20, 2018 - Construction on the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame renovation roared into the new year courtesy of the Law Tigers motorcycle lawyers. Set to expand to two campuses by the 100th Anniversary in 2020, the Main Street location gets a major revitalization for 2018, courtesy of generous donations from supporters such as the Law Tigers.

"We are proud to be involved with such an amazing organization," says Ari Levenbaum, VP of Marketing for The Law Tigers, a professional association of motorcycle injury lawyers who help riders every day. "Law Tigers is excited to provide some of the finances needed to build the new Sturgis Motorcycle Museum. It is important to recognize and honor those individuals who have done their part to support the different aspects of the motorcycle industry."

The entire organization is passionate about motorcycling and has some pretty impressive bikes in their corporate collection. "The Museum represents achievements and important milestones within the motorcycle industry, and Law Tigers motorcycle lawyers are happy to do their small part to ensure a lasting legacy."

"It's been an exciting Spring," says Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Executive Director Myrick Robbins. "The Law Tigers jump-starting the building fund has taken our very aggressive expansion effort from the planning stage on paper to the reality of construction. It has been an amazing journey so far, but the best is yet to come!"

"Our support and the support of others will allow future generations to have somewhere to visit that showcases the history of motorcycles and the history of the motorcycle industry, as well as the pioneers who made lasting contributions," adds Levenbaum. "Since the age of eight, I grew up first on

dirtbikes and later riding street legal motorcycles, but I never really knew the history of motorcycles as a youth. Riding motorcycles has enriched my life in so many ways. I feel it is important to pay it forward and acknowledge those individuals who have had an impact on the industry."

The Law Tigers motorcycle lawyers are fully committed to showcasing the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum through a host of resources, including taking some of its motorcycles on the road to other events like the Mecum Auctions, promoting the museum online and providing financial support for many years to come. "One of the reasons we decided to make a substantial donation to the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum was to show other businesses and organizations just how important this institution is for future generations," explains Levenbaum. "It is my hope that our contribution will help motivate other individuals and businesses to make equal or greater contributions to the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame."

Join the Law Tigers by becoming a Sturgis FUNdRider by contributing here: www.sturgismuseum.com/contribute

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About The Museum: The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame's mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the history of motorcycling; honor those who have made a positive and significant impact on the sport and lifestyle; and pay tribute to the heritage of the Sturgis Rally. Our vision is to continue as a world-class museum offering comprehensive and educational exhibits and showcasing rare and unusual motorcycles significant to our history and our sport. The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame stands out because of the fact that we not only document the history of the machines, we document the history of the people who have shaped and changed the sport and lifestyle. This will be a resource and inspiration for future generations. Honor the Ride... Build the Legacy!

About The Law Tigers: Founded in 2001, Law Tigers is a professional association of motorcycle injury lawyers who help riders every day. Our association of motorcycle accident attorneys consists of member law firms in various states with skilled personal injury lawyers whose mission is to support and promote the well-being of motorcyclists. Dedicated to rider safety, awareness, and education, we are committed to the riding community. While our principal goal is to reduce motorcycle injuries and promote motorcycle safety through education, when accidents do occur, the Law Tigers motorcycle injury member attorneys are there for you. Association member motorcycle accident lawyers are available for a free office, hospital, or home consultation in states where we have members. Member law firms work on a contingent fee basis, which means there are no up-front charges to you. Attorneys will receive legal fees only when they obtain a favorable motorcycle accident settlement or verdict for you. The Association does not receive any portion of legal fees earned by individual member lawyers and does not receive referral fees for this group marketing website. We are committed to helping our fellow motorcycle riders; we watch over our own! With the Law Tigers motorcycle accident lawyers, you never have to ride alone™.

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Marty Moore of Tucson sent along this photo, in remembrance of the 1-year anniversary of George Ziegler's passing, on March 23, 2017. It was taken during the Memorial Ride on April 2, as it left the Arizona Biker Leathers parking lot. He commented it "seems to show a 'beam of light' like someone could be looking down from the heavens".

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AZ Rider **Dirty Dozen MC - A Part of Arizona History**⁹

For those of you more new-era motorcyclists... you may be unaware of AriZona's more colorful history of the biker community... reaching back into the 60's. In 1964, in the 'hood' of South Scottsdale ... no RUB territory here... a handful of guys created the Dirty Dozen Motorcycle Club ... Arizona's first 'outlaw' MC.

According to DDMC member Slick, known to some as Paul Dubois, the Dirty Dozen MC is the only 'outlaw' MC to maintain its position as the #1 Club in an entire state in the US; having held that distinction for the 33 years prior to the patch over.

Although law enforcement prefers to promote a more nefarious definition, according to *Dictionary.com* an Outlaw is "a person who refuses to be governed by the established rules or practices of any group; a rebel; a nonconformist". *Miriam-Webster* concurs with their definition "one that is unconventional or rebellious". While the word 'outlaw' can also pertain to illegal activity, there is nothing illegal about being a non-conformist, unconventional, or rebellious; as much as some in so-called 'proper' society would have us think otherwise.

When the patching-over to the Hell's Angels MC took place in 1997 there were men who, for a variety of reasons, did not make the change. For those of us who were there to see it happen; it truly was the end of an era within the Arizona biker community.

Now, Slick is making it his mission to incorporate the Dirty Dozen MC into AriZona's Official History Book. He's had this project in his mind and heart for the past 20 years. And he's making successful steps toward this goal.

When we learned that there was a Museum exhibit regarding the history of the Dozen, we were curious and intrigued ~ looking forward to seeing what would be presented.

The exhibit, entitled simply "The Dirty Dozen" was displayed at the Gilbert Historical Museum on Gilbert Road; from December 16, 2017 to February 10, 2018. It was a collection of photos, mementos, and artifacts telling stories of men who rode hard and played hard. There was a good selection of great pics. They brought warm memories to those who remember. Our gut reaction when we saw it? "Isn't this one *hell* of a *fine* thing!?"

The photos themselves were taken by Neil Miller, a photographer who was embedded with the Club in the years from 1975 until 1977. During those three years he captured hundreds {perhaps thousands} of

images. Neil was introduced to the DDMC by Jerry Foster; one of a few honorary members of the Club. {As such, Jerry wore a Phoenix rocker, rather than an Arizona rocker.} Jerry was the helicopter pilot for Phoenix TV Channel 10 in the 1970s and arranged aerial access for some of the photographs taken by Neil.

When asked what inspired him to do this, Slick explained that he wants to protect the history. We spoke during a gallery reception & he nodded toward his fellow greybeards, "Look around. We're dying. They don't make us anymore." He expressed his goal of preserving the Dice's heritage, for all generations to come, to Neil. Getting these images seen is part of that process.

The reception that we attended on January 13, 2018 was filled with people from the past, an 'old home week' so to speak. The barbeque, hosted by the Museum, allowed time to reconnect and reminisce. There were lots of handshakes and hugs. Passage of time makes its changes to us all. There were a lot of "you look familiar" type comments. This exhibit gave people a reason to get together who perhaps might not otherwise. It was good to see!

There were several generations present at the Gallery while we were there. In the exhibition room it was heartwarming to observe a mother showing photos to her child... "This is your Grandpa."

The 'Art of the Ride' exhibit at Sky Harbor Museum, which we told you about in our January 2018 issue, includes a selection of Neil's photos of the DD. That exhibit runs until May 28, 2018. It's located at Terminal 4, on Level 3, in The Gallery ... right near Security. Slick smiled, "Go figure that!"

So, how did the presentation end up at the Gilbert Museum? Neil Miller knows Alan Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Art Intersection, which works with the Gilbert Historical Society. Art Intersection has a gallery at the Gilbert Museum which is dedicated to Arizona-related historical displays. In conversation, Alan clarified that while he and Neil are friends, the quality of the work was his deciding factor; describing it as "powerful and interesting". Alan also shared that there was some 'pushback' from LEOs in regard to the exhibit. Pushback about a 33-year old Club that is 20 years retired??? UNF'KINBELIEVABLE!

Slick has even caught the attention of AZ's State Historian, Marshall Trimble; who reportedly also acknowledges that the Dirty Dozen MC qualifies as a genuine element of AriZona History. How about that!

Having the opportunity to consult with Marshall

Trimble, Slick is going through the steps to have his Club added to the Historical Record of Arizona. The Arizona Capitol Museum, housed at the Capitol in Phoenix is described by Slick as "the Smithsonian of Arizona". It's where people, places, events, and eras are remembered via artifacts, journals, photos, reproductions, & the like.

Slick's premise is valid if you think about it. Out here in the 'wild wild west'... back in the 1800's the outlaws rode horses. Fast-forward to the 1900's and outlaws rode iron horses instead.

Visitors to the Arizona Capitol Museum learn about the cultural, political, and social history of Arizona. People of historical significance are remembered here... names such as Goldwater, DeConcini, the Earps, Johnny Ringo, and Jacob Waltz. Events & timelines archived include pre-Territorial Days, the Salt River Flood of 1891 and our Statehood in 1912; eras of the cowboys, Indians, miners, Spaniards, explorers, and more are protected here. It seems appropriate for this segment of Arizona's history ~ *Dozen history* ~ to be preserved here as well. "Dozen Forever ~ Forever Dozen".

He is also in discussion at this time with *Arizona Highways Magazine*, to create an issue dedicated to the Club. We will let you know when that edition is on the racks.

This exhibit is important. It captures & reflects a roll of the Dice ~ like 'lightning in a bottle' ... a time that, now gone, will never be seen again. It's very worthwhile to check out if the opportunity arises again. And hopefully it will. Now that it has closed at the Gilbert Museum, Slick & Neil are in discussions with locations in Old Glendale and in Tucson to show the display.

In the meantime, the <http://dirtydozenmc.com/> website has even more photos, videos, and memories in its collection. This is where you can also watch for announcements of new gallery showings.

Slick shared this closing message on behalf of the Dirty Dozen MC, "Thank you to all the motorcyclists & other people of Arizona through the decades, for their support of the Dozen 'back in the day'."

It's outstanding that someone has taken the time and effort required for an undertaking such as this. But, at the same time it is somewhat poignant to think that the 'Glory Days' of motorcycling have taken that curve in the road that leads to the exhibition halls of museums.

Bruce & Betsy aka Meltdown & Fallout



10 *'East Meets West'* **B.A.C.A.®** Awareness Event AZ Rider



The 9th Annual 'East Meets West' B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) Awareness Event took place on Saturday October 7, 2017. On the East side of the Valley, riders gathered at Scottsdale Harley-Davidson. West side riders gathered at Go AZ Motorcycles in Peoria.

My thanks to Nytro for sharing details of the day with us. She is a member of B.A.C.A.'s Maricopa County Chapter, Arizona's State Public Relations & Events Coordinator, plus their Regional PR. According to her, there were representatives from all 4 Arizona Chapters in attendance {Maricopa County [East-side], Black Canyon [West-side], Pima County, Sawtooth Ridge [Casa Grande]} plus the crew that is forming a new chapter in Show Low.

The rides are self-paced; giving bikers the time to meet up with friends old & new, and take their own ride. An estimated 90 riders participated. The routes are kept simple so there is more time at the end stop to enjoy the vendors, music, camaraderie, and more. Nytro mentioned that, "A lot came to the end event as opposed to doing the ride. It was a good turnout." She also noted that they "got a lot of compliments on the way we did it this year." From the West, riders left Go AZ in Peoria, then rode to RideNow Powersports in Goodyear; before arriving at the Steel Horse. "...from Scottsdale HD... participants drew their first 2 chips, then off to the Hide-A-Way {Cave Creek} to draw another chip, then their final two chips at the Steel Horse Saloon {in Phoenix} where the party was."

In regard to the stops Nytro exclaimed, "Scottsdale HD was so fantastic in helping our event out. This is also where we have our monthly meetings now. They never denied any request we made, they provided a free breakfast to all participants. They advertised our event. They were just so helpful and

made the whole set up so easy." Followed by, "Go AZ on the West was the same.... They just opened their hearts to whatever was needed to make our event a success." Then, "Hide-A-Way has for the last few years opened their doors to our event. They always step up when we ask." And, "What can I say about Joanna & Eric, owners of the Steel Horse Saloon? They know what we do, they get it & they are always there to help.... their hearts are huge, they know the need ... and they have never turned us down."

The last stop, at Steel Horse Saloon on Bell Road in Phoenix, included music by the 'Back Stage Crew'. "They were fantastic." There were raffle items plus an Auction.

The ride winners were Lori & Gary Nadler. They have supported this event for each of the 9 years it has taken place. They gave all their winnings [which was described as a 'significant' amount] back to the organization. Many thanks for your generosity.

Regarding the donation for the day Nytro added, "...total donation estimate may have been around \$3,000 ... but the Awareness outweighed the funds and that was our goal."

Thank yous go to all the ride stops and the 'Back Stage Crew'. Plus, thanks go out to the vendors who came out... ABATE, American Bike & Trike, Badazzclips, Buggie Bags, Church Custom, Discount Biker Supply, Handcrafted Audio, Lane Splitter Garage, Ridenow, Safer Bugout Industries, & Ye Olde Pipe & Tobacco Shoppe.

Nytro is passionate about the B.A.C.A. mission, "We have many wounded little Brothers & Sisters out there that are waiting to be found..." B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) is ... in 16 Countries now... events like this, the presentations we do, the interviews, articles that are written, videos on YouTube that are growing and the community that under-

stands what we do, makes a HUGE difference in the lives of the future of our children. We EMPOWER Children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. They deserve to be children and they deserve to be heard." This is a free service. Anyone who has a child that needs B.A.C.A. in Arizona, can call the HELPLINE at 1-877-235-7268.

She clarified, "This organization isn't for everyone... It's hard sometimes to know what our little Brothers & Sisters have endured... Going to court with them, to help them stand tall, to not feel afraid to tell their story, is just beyond any paycheck anyone can get. We are ALL volunteers. You cannot put a price on what just showing up can do for a terrified child. Children are 4 times more likely to testify with us in court than without us."

People who want to learn more about B.A.C.A., have a presentation made to their organization, or go to a meeting, can call their local Helpline, or go to www.bacaworld.org & click on 'Chapters'. Scroll to your country, click on the state or province near you and send an email. You can also go to YouTube & search for B.A.C.A. Videos.

Nytro urged, "Our children need ALL of us & there are many ways to help." B.A.C.A. is a 501-c-3 Non-Profit International Organization. It has been working to protect children for 22 years. There are Chapters in 16 Countries. Donations are always welcome. Via their website you can find a Chapter near you to support or simply make a financial donation to the overall cause. Learn more via their website www.bacaworld.org/

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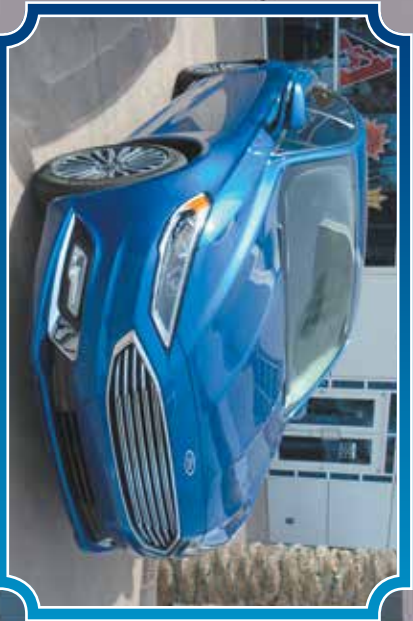
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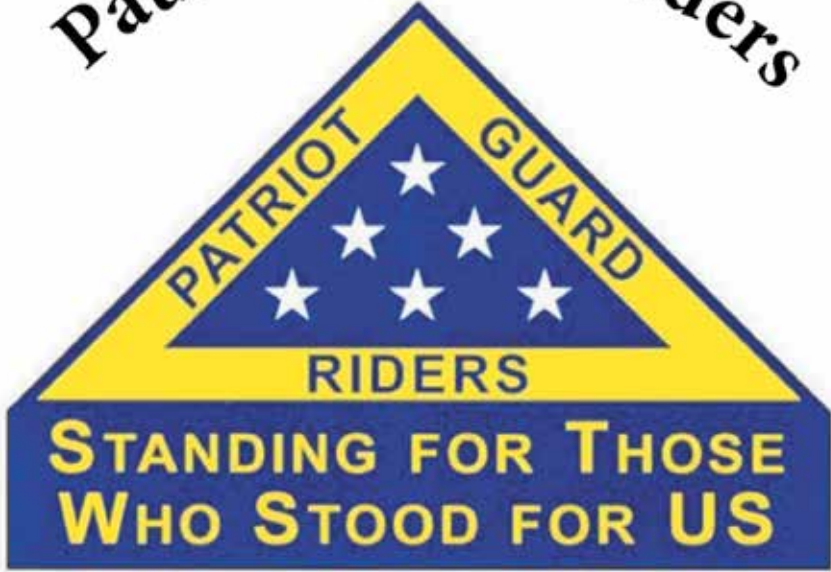
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January 20, 2018 ... Among the various organizations represented at the Skin & Steel event which you will read about elsewhere in these pages, we had the opportunity to meet representatives from the Templar Crusaders MC and learn about their 'Broken Wings Fund'. In a nutshell, "TKMC will pay for the cremation of any fallen rider when services are provided by 'At Seasons End Mortuary'" located in Apache Junction AZ. FMI: 480-785-6450. Wow ~ a kindness you don't want to need, but pretty nice to know is out there if necessary.

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January 29, 2018 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V076

Brakes May Fail Due to Not Flushing Brake Fluid
Potential Number of Units Affected: 174,636
Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC
Summary: Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling all 2008-2011 Touring, CVO Touring and VSRC motorcycles equipped with anti-lock brakes (ABS), including Road King (FLHR), Road King Police (EFI) (FLHP), Road King Police (EFI) (FLHPE), Electra Glide Standard Police (EFI) (FLHTP), Electra Glide Classic (EFI) (FLHTC), Electra Glide Ultra Classic (EFI) (FLHTCU) and Street Glide (EFI) (FLHX), 2008 VROD (VRSCAWA), CVO Road King 4 (FLHRSE4), Night Rod (VRSCDA), CVO Ultra Classic 3 (FLHTCUSE3), Night Rod Special (VRSCDXA), 2008-2010 Road King Classic (EFI) (FLHRC), 2008-2009 Road Glide (EFI) (FLTR) and Electra Glide Standard (EFI) (FLHT), 2009-2010 V-Rod (VRSCAW), 2009 CVO Ultra Classic (FLHTCUSE4) and CVO

Road Glide 3 (FLTRSE3), 2009-2011 Night Rod Special (VRSCDX) and V-Rod Muscle (VRSCF), 2010 CVO Ultra Classic 5 (FLHTCUSE5) and CVO Street Glide (FLHXSE), 2010-2011 Electra Glide Ultra Limited (FLHTK) and Road Glide Custom (FLTRX), 2011 Road Glide Ultra 103 (FLTRU103), Street Glide 103 (FLHX103), Road King Classic 103 (FLHRC103), CVO Ultra Classic 6 (FLHTCUSE6), CVO Road Glide Ultra (FLTRUSE), Road Glide Custom 103 (FLTRX103), and CVO Street Glide 2 (FLHXSE2) motorcycles. Deposits may form on components within the brake system if the DOT 4 brake fluid is not replaced for a prolonged period of time beyond the 2-year maintenance schedule specified in the Owner's Manual. These deposits may cause a valve within the ABS Hydraulic Control Unit to stick, reducing braking ability and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will flush the entire brake system with new Platinum Label DOT 4 brake fluid, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 12, 2018. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0171.

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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January 31, 2018 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V084

Engine may Stall

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,824

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Summary: Triumph Motorcycles America, LTD (Triumph) is recalling certain 2016-2018 Thruxton and Thruxton R motorcycles. The engine may stall if the throttle is open or closed quickly while the clutch lever is pulled in. An engine stall can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Triumph will notify owners, and dealers will update the engine management software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 9, 2018. Owners may contact Triumph customer service at 1-678-854-2010. Triumph's number for this recall is 33.

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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February 1, 2018 ... Tucson... Fatal Motorcycle Collision. 25-year-old Randy Zimmerman lost his life in a motorcycle wreck this day, at the intersection N. Stone Ave & E. Blacklidge Drive. Sadly, he was pronounced deceased at the scene. The pilot of a second motorcycle involved in the wreck was taken to Banner University Medical Center with serious injuries.

Investigators have determined that the two motorcycles, a black 2006 Kawasaki Sport and a maroon 2013 Harley Davidson, were stopped facing northbound at the red signal light on Stone Avenue at Glenn Street. Both motorcycles were sharing the curb lane and were the first vehicles at the intersection. When the signal light phased to green, they both accelerated quickly. At the same time, a white 1998 Jeep Cherokee was traveling westbound on East Blacklidge Drive, approaching North Stone Avenue. The driver of the Jeep stopped at the stop sign and then proceeded westbound across Stone Avenue. As he fully entered Stone Avenue, the Kawasaki motorcycle, ridden by Randy, collided into the side of the Jeep. The driver of the Harley Davidson was a short distance behind and saw the Jeep in the roadway. He then purposely laid his motorcycle down to avoid the collision and slid across the roadway. The driver of the Jeep remained on scene and cooperated with the investigation. Speed appears to be a factor on the part of the motorcycle riders. No citations or arrests

have been made at this time, as this is still an on-going investigation.

Our sympathies go out to the Family & Friends of Randy 'Bugz' Zimmerman.

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February 1, 2018 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V089

Transmission Gears May Break

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,964

Summary: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) is recalling certain 2016-2018 ZX-10R and ZX-10RR (ZX1000R, ZX1000S, and ZX1000Z) motorcycles. A high impact force may cause the transmission gears to break during shifting. If the transmission gears break it can cause a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: KMC will notify owners, and dealers will replace the 2nd, 3rd, 4th output gears and the 2nd input gear, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 15, 2018. Owners may contact KMC customer service at 1-866-802-9381. KMC's number for this recall is MC18-01.

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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Feb 2, 2018 ... Motorcycles on Main had an outstanding turnout for this first-Friday get together. Music was presented by Moonshine Voodoo Band, doing another great job. It was an excellent turnout, for both independents and club representation.

One of the numerous gems in Mesa's downtown Main Street area is Jarrod's Coffee, Tea, and Gallery. While enjoying a cup of coffee or other refreshments you can browse paintings, jewelry, photography, textile presentations, and more. All are by local artists and they are for sale. This gallery also participates in Downtown Mesa's second Friday Art Walk evenings.

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February 9, 2018 ... Congratulations to Evil Twin Custom Cycles of Mesa for receiving Mesa's Business Hall of Fame Award Best of 2017 for "Motorcycle Repair and Service". This is their third consecutive year of recognition.

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February 15, 2018 ... Sierra Vista H-D closed its doors today after 15 years of serving the needs of the southern Arizona motorcycling community. *{But the economy is improving... SURE it is!}*

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February 24, 2018 ... from the ABATE-AZ Facebook page ... Eric Hampton recently suffered a stroke. He is reportedly, "... improving daily. He is working on speech and writing. Considering he had a stroke he is amazing in his recovery." You may not know Eric by name but he is an instrumental part of Arizona's biker information network; serving as Editor to ABATE-AZ's *Masterlink*, ACMC-AZ's *Spokesman*, & MMA's *Motorcycle Patriot*. Please extend your thoughts & prayers toward his recovery.

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Just like in any community, there is good news and not-so-good news. Maybe someone has passed away, or is in the hospital or home recovering from injuries or illness. Or maybe you've got a child or grandchild who is deploying Perhaps when people read these things, they'll say a prayer, wishing them well - each in their own way. Announce a birth in your family, or that someone's getting married, or your GI just got home, or someone got a promotion or degree. Extend congratulations or well wishes or send someone kudos for a promotion. You get the idea. Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Send an email to editor@azridersouthwest.com, subject line: Community News.

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<https://abateofazlobbyist.blogspot.com/2018/02/is-it-about-gun-control-or-keeping-our.html>

Monday, February 19, 2018 ...

Is it about gun control or keeping our children safe?

I recently was involved in a Facebook discussion on the topic of firearms and gun control. I want to use this discussion to reveal how motorcyclists need to understand the world we live in.

The person who started the discussion stated: "We need to ban guns because our children need to be safe."

So, let's look at this.

- BAN GUNS
- CHILDREN NEED TO BE SAFE

Two *separate* issues.

As far as the ban guns statement? Since 2011, at least 166 people under 17 have been killed in shootings and at least 1605 people in that age group have been shot in the city of Chicago. And they have some of the tightest gun control laws in our country. If you look at the homicide rate by firearms across the country, according to FBI stats, the cities with the highest rate per capita are those with stricter gun laws. i.e. Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington DC,

Is It About Gun Control or Keeping Our Children Safe? AZ Rider

Baltimore, Los Angeles, New York.

According to FBI statistics, 286 individuals have been killed in school shootings since 1927. And that includes the perpetrators. While I agree that is 286 too many, we need to remember that there are so many other issues to tackle before attempting to dismantle the Constitution.

Let's compare Detroit and Phoenix. Phoenix has a population of 1.6 million and is the 5th largest city in the nation. Detroit has a population of close to 700,000. The murder rate (this includes all homicides) in Phoenix is 7.2 per 100k residents. Detroit tops 20 per 100k. In fact, the murder rate in Miami is 3 times the rate in Phoenix. And with over a million more residents in Phoenix.

Over 10000 individuals died in 2017 from drug overdoses. Eleven teens a day die in traffic crashes due to distracted driving. Teen suicide. This is not a "gun issue". It's a society issue. I remember when I was growing up, Miami had the highest murder rate in the country. It was less than 400 for the year, and the news reported that it was spiraling out of control.

Is the issue really about gun control or is it about the safety of children? Because if it is about the latter, those who are ranting about firearms need to look closely at their community and see what they can do to alleviate the problem.

As a father of two daughters, I was never worried about a school shooting. I am more concerned about my daughters being the victim of sexual assault or harassment and not having the voice needed to stand up against it or the ability to protect themselves from it.

In the end of the discussion, I posed this question back to the individual, "Are you even allowed to own guns?" knowing he is a convicted felon.

And his reply: "No and do I own them? Yes buckets of them"

My reply: "So, you are expecting others to follow a law that you knowingly and willfully violate?"

Seems a little hypocritical doesn't it?"

It seems this is the type of mindset we motorcyclists face every day. The general public wanting to put restrictions and regulations on things they willfully disregard in their own lives. Last session, during a debate on texting while driving, one of our elected representatives openly admitted that he routinely texted while driving. Even though he lived in a municipality that had an ordinance on banning the practice.

If we really want to keep our kids safe, let's begin by changing some really bad habits.

- 11 teens die every day as a result of texting while driving.

- According to a AAA poll, 94% of teen drivers acknowledge the dangers of texting and driving, but 35% admitted to doing it anyway.

- 21% of teen drivers involved in fatal accidents were distracted by their cell phones.

- Teen drivers are 4x more likely than adults to get into car crashes or near-crashes when talking or texting on a cell phone.

- A teen driver with only one additional passenger doubles the risk of getting into a fatal car accident. With two or more passengers, they are 5x as likely.

Let's keep not only our children safe, but all Americans. Be aware of your surroundings.

Be good to one another.

Mike

Editors... When you take guns away from Citizens, then only criminals have guns. People who parrot statements about gun control as a measure to keep our children and society as a whole "safe" just refuse to see the simple truths. There is absolutely NO protection afforded by tighter gun controls toward alleviating their fears. The gang-bangers and other genuine 'bad guys' who go out shooting people have NO qualms about owning weapons illegally. B&B

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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/

Every other Friday: Loose Cannons MC Open House 7-11:30pm. 1408 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction.

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, 85009. Great Food, Great Music & a Great Time! FMI: Chapo.soy.chapo@gmail.com | www.facebook.com/ALMA-MC-OriGinal-276256659067165/

3/4 {Sun} AMSAF {AZ Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation} annual Riding For the Long Haul will be at El Zaribah Shriners Auditorium in Phoenix. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: www.amsaf.org

3/10 {Sat} 5th annual Phoenix Wounded Vet Run. Sign-in at Scottsdale HD. \$25/sgl, +\$10/2-up, \$20/walk-in. Last stop Roadhouse Cave Creek. FMI: info@TheyFoughtWeRide.org, www.TheyFoughtWeRideNational.com/

3/11 {Sun} Loners MC Tucson hosting Led Sleds & Leprechauns III St. Patrick's Day Biker Bash @ the Territorial Bar [520-514-9035], 3727 S Palo Verde Rd, Tucson. 11a-6pm.

3/17 {Sat} Hogs For Dogs Car & Motorcycle Fun Run to benefit Casa Grande Valley Humane Society No-Kill Shelter. Register 8:30am at the Wonder Bar, 310 W. 2nd St, Casa Grande, AZ. No Registration Fee—Tickets sold at each stop! Breakfast Burritos will be Served! 10a KSU. FMI: Roxanne 520-494-0309, DeWayne 520-251-0762

3/17 Hooligans MC Deer Valley's annual Luck O' the Irish St. Patrick's Day Party from 6-11:30pm. Food, special drinks, vendors, music, and a great time! \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. FMI: www.hooligansmcdeervalley.com

3/24 {Sat} Justa Dam Charity Ride. Benefits Justa Center - a day resource center for homeless seniors 55+ older in the metro Phoenix area {www.justacenter.org}. Check-in 9-11am at H-D of Scottsdale. Points ride. \$20/solo, \$35/cpl includes b'fast & lunch. Last bike out by 11am. Last bike in by 3pm. Bring in items on the wishlist {toilet paper, razors, toothpaste, toothbrush, laundry soap, body soap, coffee, gift cards to Walmart/Costco} & be entered to win prizes! Sponsors include Law Tigers. Pre-register at withatwistconsulting.com

3/24 3rd annual Dakota's Run, organized by the Green Knights MMC Chapter 28. Benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org/) Starts/Ends at Go AZ Motorcycles Peoria. Register 8-10:30a. \$25/sgl, \$35/2-up includes lunch. Last Bike Out 10:30a, Last In at 2pm. Music, food, vendors, silent auction. PRE-reg includes t-shirt. Each year we get together to Battle Toward Victory over blood cancers & to celebrate as Dakota continues her cancer-free reign! FMI: www.lukegreenknights28.org | www.lukegreenknights28.org/ridesevents/

3/24 Lost Dutchman MC 22nd annual Gold Rush Run. Party starts 9am at Mesa Clubhouse [1826 W Broadway Suite #42], ride to The Hitching Post 2341 N Apache Trail in Apache Junction. Band, wet t-shirt contest & more. FMI: 602-463-7886, Billletdmc@juno.com

3/24 ALMA MC Old Pueblo Charter 5th Anniversary Party from 5pm-midnite at Clubhouse 620 E. 19th St, Tucson.

3/24 Limey Riders MC 35th Anniversary Party at their Clubhouse 6739 N 60th Ave. Glendale, AZ from 7-11:30pm. Food, music & fun. FMI: info@limeyridersmc.org

3/31{Sat} P'cakes & Parts @ Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. P'cake breakfast with CVMA 8-10am. Motorcycle swap meet 9a-1pm. Spaces are limited – stop in & reserve yours today! \$10/ space. Motorcycle parts only. Benefits CVMA. SHD reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone selling goods not deemed to be in the spirit of the event. FMI: 480-346-0600

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

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, & 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 or email mike@squarepegpromos.com, 480-894-0404

4/11-15 {Wed-Sun} AZ Bike Week at WestWorld 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 Northern AZ, beginning at Buddy Stubbs Phoenix H-DD. Ends at Road House in Cave Creek. PRE-reg by 3/22/18 = \$30/pilot, \$20/passenger after add \$5. 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

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

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@obmcsalriver.com | www.obmcsalriver.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, held 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 raise funds for your local Veterans. Proceeds go to AZ Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America and 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.

4/21 {Sat} 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

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

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 @ Punksin Center Bar & Grill – Mile Post 262 SR 188 Tonto Basin, AZ. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <http://wildintheweeds.com/> | www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/

5/5 {Sat} 23rd Annual Jester Run presented by MMA's Verde Valley District to honor our lost brothers & sisters. This year is dedicated to Jack Perkins Seitz. Register 9am @ American Legion Post 25. 480 S Calvary Way Cottonwood 86326. KSU @ 10:30. Police escort to the 1st stop Kactus Kates. End Party is @ 10/12 Lounge in Clarkdale, 910 Main St. Clarkdale. Music, raffles 50/50 and a great time. FMI: Stretchtpaynehogs@yahoo.com

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

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

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

5/19 {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

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

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>

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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 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 Part FMI: www.hooligansmcdeervalley.com

6/22-23 {Fr-Sat} 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>

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Motorcycling Organizations Contacts

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ABATE of AZ [SMRO]	480-256-9237	H.O.G., Mother Road Chapter	888-757-1981
ACMC (AZ Confederation of Clubs)	520-426-0069	H.O.G., Phoenix Chapter	602-971-3400
Alliance of Marine Corps Veterans	480-217-9356	H.O.G., Superstition Chapter #1743	480-346-0626
American Cruisers MC of Phoenix	480-307-4309	H.O.G., Thunder Mountain	520-458-9500
American Legion Riders:		H.O.G., Yavapai AZ Chapter	928-632-4009
ALR Post 22, Golden Valley	928 565-4545	H.O.G., Tucson Chapter	520-792-0111
ALR Post 26, Mesa	602-320-5777	Medieval Maidens MC	623-341-2767
ALR Post 27, Apache Junction	602-690-7808	Modified Motorcycle Association AZ	520-252-9675
ALR Post 32, Safford	928-322-2580	Mountain Motorcycle Association	928-532-7693
ALR Post 35, Chandler	480-821-0002	MRF -Motorcycle Riders Foundation	1-800-MRF-JOIN
ALR Post 36, Tucson	520-603-1300	Nomaden MC	520-227-4401
ALR Post 39, Gilbert	480-892-7038	Old Fkin Vets VC	951-970-9245
ALR Post 40, Chino Valley	928-759-9449	Old Guard Riders	623-810-3745
ALR Post 41, Thunderbird, Phoenix	602-403-7401	Old Pueblo Riders	520-419-5865
ALR Post 58, Fountain Hills	602-818-2719	Patriot Guard Riders AZ	602-999-0632
ALR Post 86, Overgaard	928-300-4582	Purple Heart Riders	602-327-1498
ALR Post 105, Phoenix	602-938-1811	Reason Riders Association	602-377-8519
ALR Post 109, Corona de Tucson/Vail	520-731-2000	Revolution Phoenix Motorcycle RC	602-370-3109
ALR Post 117, Phoenix	602-358-7370	Rez Riders IMC	928-300-7066
ALR Post 138, Scottsdale	480-980-4347	Riders of Fire MC	520-266-3624
AMA [American Motorcyclist Ass'n]	1-800-AMA-JOIN	Road Queens MC	623-628-6361
AMX Motocross Club	602-881-7597	Rollin' Knights MC	602-214-2144
AZ Beemers	480-987-9339	Rolling Thunder® Inc.	908-735-4861
AZ Marine Riders Group	480-217-9356	Sisters of Scots WMC	928-458-6517
AZ Sun Chasers MC	602 689-3378	Sho Ryders MC	520-762-6306
AZ Trail Riders	602-766-1750	Soldiers For Jesus MC	623-203-3681
Bikers Against Child Abuse, Phoenix	800-371-9755	Southern AZ Harley Riders MC	520-249-9299
Bikers For Christ M/M - AZ	541-580-5014	Southern Cruisers Riding Club	623-341-9477
Blood Bought MC	928-200-4598	Star Touring & Riding Ass'n	800-422-1041
Born To Die M/M	928-758-7717	STAR of Phoenix, Chapter 113	602-790-5090
Brotherhood Marine Corps Riders AZ	949-290-1816	Stoned Sober MC	520-336-0150
Brothers of the Third Wheel	602-999-5479	Sun Riders MC	520-975-2907
Christian Motorcyclists Association	623-334-8096	Tinners MC	480-733-2777
Copper Mountain Riders	928-322-5303	Trike Riders Int'l, Mid-AZ	480-641-3067
Cutrano AZ Troop Run, Inc.	602-577-9789	True Passion Phoenix SC	510-872-0039
Desert Road Riders MC	928-530-8058	Tucson Peacemakers	520-574-2909
Desert Souls [all bikes]	602-367-9522	Venom Riding Club [after 4:30p]	602-930-2665
Desert Thunder MC	602-402-4970	Vulcan Riders, Phoenix	602-696-8064
Eagle Riders, Tri-City	480-967-7948	Warrior Brotherhood VMC	602-317-5400
Flying Wheels of Sun Cities [all bikes]	623-546 8521	Weasels, Black Mtn Chapter, AZ	602-320-1728
Gold Wing Touring Association	480-390-7739	Wings of Phoenix [all bikes]	623-931-3942
GWRRRA [Goldwings]	520-885-5709	Wolves MC, Tucson	520-461-8508
Gypsy Riders	602-418-9225	Women in the Wind, Desert Diamonds	480-241-3358
H.O.G., East Valley #0024	480-844-0803	Women on Wheels/Desert Zephyrs Phx	623-385-2097

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MOON MULLINS 2017

The Moon Mullins Run, hosted by the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter of ABATE-AZ, is traditionally held on the night of the full moon in either September or October. The 2017 MMR took place on Saturday evening, October 7th. This is an annual event, with all proceeds going to support the Chapter. My thanks to Chapter Communications Officer Robb "Double B" Felder for sharing details & photos of this event.

Participants met at Bikini Bean Espresso, located at 1420 N. Scottsdale Rd, in Tempe. Kickstands went up at 6:45pm, after a pre-ride meeting to address any questions about the route and locations. It's a social get together, with no game as a part of it. This 100+ mile ride across the Valley & under the full moon took them to Bartlett Lake. It was a self-paced ride, with 12-18 bikes in the group. Phoenix Chapter Run Coordinator Jeremy Kellim led the way. Riders were responsible for riding at their own pace and confidence level. However, the group stayed together for the most part due to light traffic and the leader keeping a safe pace. After a rest stop, they continued on to ABATE business member The Draw 10 Bar & Grill, at 5444 E Washington St, in Phoenix.

Robb sent along this message of appreciation, "We are thankful to Bikini Bean Espresso and Draw 10 Bar & Grill for the accommodations and hospitality. Draw 10 Bar & Grill is a business member of ABATE of Arizona."

Regarding Chapter activities he said, "Riders are encouraged to attend our Chapter meetings and join us on social media to keep informed of future events and other matters that affect motorcyclists. The Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter meets on the second Sunday of each month, at the Arizona American Italian Club (AAIC) - 7509 N 12th St, Phoenix. Breakfast is available for \$6 at 10a and the meeting starts at 10:30am. Keep in touch with the Chapter by joining our Facebook group at: www.facebook.com/groups/shadowmountainabate Receive bulletins and other announcements by subscribing to our Chapter email list. All are welcome to join by sending an email request to: abatephxshdwmtn@gmail.com."

Their next event coming up is the Backstage Biker Bash on April 6th and 7th at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, located at 922 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa 85210. "This event is benefiting ABATE of Arizona and we invite you all to attend the concerts and one hell of a party!"



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Tempe, Ariz. (February 22, 2018) – Gorman & Company, Inc., in partnership with the Affordable Rental Movement of Save the Family, the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH), the City of Tempe, Maricopa County, and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) is proud to announce the ribbon cutting ceremony and reception for the development of Valor on Eighth Apartment Homes.

Valor on Eighth is the first of its kind affordable housing project in Arizona that will provide housing for veteran families with children. Valor on Eighth is a 50-unit mixed-income rental community that includes five live-work units on the ground floor and 45 multi-family units designed to accommodate veterans and their children.

“There is community space within the building which will allow for indoor recreation room for social and financial services, counseling and career development for the residents,” said Brian Swanton, Chief Executive Officer for Gorman & Company. “The City of Tempe approved the contribution of the land to develop the first community exclusive to helping homeless veterans and their families,” he added.

The City of Tempe began a veterans initiative led by Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage and former Vice Mayor Corey Woods four years ago. They assembled a select group of veterans service providers and advocates, veterans and staff members to take an in-depth

analysis of veterans services that were available and to find the gaps that could be filled by Tempe. They discovered that traditionally, veterans housing was primarily for men only. There was one private housing project for women. None existed with an emphasis on families.

“We care about the veterans who have served our country,” Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell said. “Not only does Valor on Eighth provide affordable housing, it also provides the kinds of services that veteran families need most. We hope we can offer more of these kinds of innovative projects in Tempe.”

The following people will be attending and speaking at this historic event: Mark Mitchell, Mayor of Tempe; Robin Arredondo-Savage, Vice Mayor of Tempe; Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney; Carol Dittmore, Director, Arizona Department of Housing; Tim Klont, Vice President of FHLB Chicago; Debbie Castaldo, Vice President, Corporate and Community Impact and Executive Director, Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation; Gary Gorman, CEO, Gorman & Co.

Gorman & Company, Inc. and its project partners will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception for the project at 11 a.m. Feb. 23 at 1001 E. Eighth Street, Tempe. Partners in this project include the Affordable Rental Movement of Save the Family, the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH), the City of Tempe, Maricopa County, and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). For more information, email Ron

Meritt at rmeritt@on-advertising.com or call (480) 225-0722.

“As a veteran and as a longstanding member of the Tempe City Council, I am proud to see Valor open in Tempe. This is the first development of its kind in Arizona. I hope it serves as a blueprint for other cities to help their veteran families,” Tempe Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage said.

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RIDE FOR THE SALT RIVER WILD HORSES



January 27, 2018 was the day for the 3rd annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. This is a fundraiser for the Salt River Wild Horses Management Group. Thank you to our friend Skeeter, a SRWHMG volunteer, for sharing details from the day. It was a beautiful Saturday with 'Goldilocks' weather to enjoy the ride.

A record number of iron horses rolled out on behalf of their wild forebears. In addition to the many area riders, bikers came in from Tucson in the south, Estrella in the west, and Mayer in the north parts of Arizona. An estimated 525 riders departed from the American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills and headed out on their self-paced ride. The unescorted nature of the trip allowed participants to take their time as they rolled along Bush Highway thru the Lower Salt River, in the scenic Tonto National Forest.

Butcher Jones Beach {on Saguaro Lake} and Coon Bluff are suggested stops along the ride. When we got to Butcher Jones there was a bunch of riders there. We saw many more on the road along our ride.

There were no horses at Butcher Jones while we were there. This seems likely to be because there was too much activity going on at their traditionally tranquil territory. But some were seen in the desert wilderness along the ride.

Superstition Harley-Davidson sponsored the end stop; with an estimated 700+ people coming out to support the cause.

Activities included comments from Simone Netherlands, President of the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group. The National Anthem was presented along with a Flag Ceremony. Everyone was invited to participate in taking a group photo. Music

was provided by the Moonshine Voodoo Band, an area favorite.

There's no game attached to this ride, but there was a grand prize drawing. John JR Rowland was the winner of a Dave Mann 5-piece artwork wall hanging. There was a table full of raffle items as well.

Vendors included event sponsor Law Tigers, plus Express Yourself Fashion, 'Customs by Hero' Pinstriping / LEDs, Apache Junction's VFW Post, Discount Biker Supply, Clip Man, Red Feather Trading Post, a Girl Scout Cookies booth, & a photographer's display. There was apparel, jewelry, accessories for bike & bod, leather goods, educational booths & more. Three food trucks filled people's bellies. Superstition HD also had a 'Loading Dock' Sale going on.

Donations totaling \$8220.25 were raised for the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group {www.srwhmg.org}. Their mission is to ensure the protection and humane management of the Salt River wild horses. Programs include Fence Maintenance, Salt River Rescued Babies, Wild Horse Education, Scientific Research, Environmental Clean Up, and Birth Control.

Skeeter sent along this message, "I want to thank Simone Netherlands, President for the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group and the 100 volunteers for their ongoing dedication to protect the wild horses. They work long hard hours to ensure the safety and awareness for the public, documenting the Salt River wild horses family band behaviors, fence mending along the Bush Highway and working with the Tonto National Forest and others on trash cleanup programs. " She followed with thanks on behalf of SRWHMG to, "Tammy Poole

with Poole Tax Services for sponsoring the ride pins; and Law Tigers, Bob Moellman, and Jeanine Stone for sponsoring the Apache Junction Mounted Rangers and advertising; Superstition HD for sponsoring the venue, permits, beer garden and music by Moonshine Voodoo band; John Weedo President for ALR and John Schwab Commander American Legion Post 58 for hosting the start location; Lori Slattery for sponsoring the radio advertising at KAZG 92.7; Len Novin with the 90.7 The Goldmine radio station for advertising; Mike McFadden and Shannon Lorange with AzTrailRiding.com for presenting the Colors; Michelle Colby of American Legion Post 2 Auxiliary & rider for singing the National Anthem, and Pamela Barnes for designing our awesome Ride logo."

She also sent along this important piece of news, "As of January 1, 2018 the Wild Horse Protection Law for the Salt River wild horses passed, making it illegal to harass, shoot, kill, or slaughter a Salt River wild horse. Thanks to our Governor Doug Ducey." Outstanding!

I'm writing this piece in February, the month of our beautiful state's birthday. These horses have been a part of Arizona before Arizona was even a state. It is heartwarming to know that these horses, which have been a part of AZ history since its earliest times, are receiving the recognition and protections that they need and deserve.

We are very glad to have learned about the SRWHMG and the Ride For the Salt River Wild Horses. Learn more for yourself via their website <http://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/> and on Facebook at [/saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup/](https://www.facebook.com/saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup/) Donations and volunteers are always appreciated!

Betsy & Bruce



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