

# Just Friends Ride with Superstition ABATE

Expected to be the first event of the newly formed ABATE-AZ Superstition Chapter, the Ride With The Wind Run was another victim of the virus backwash that has been spewing over people everywhere.

That being said, a small group of dedicated riders decided to get out & ride all the same. Revised to be a 'just friends' ride; some 15 people gathered at Superstition Harley-Davidson on the morning of March 21.

There was no charge to participate. It wasn't an 'event' with raffles & such. It was just an opportunity to enjoy a ride. People had hand sanitizer with them & maintained the suggested 6-foot distancing. But they refused to let this situation keep them off their bikes. Good for you!

Chapter Coordinator Marc Schultz explained that they ended up with about 15 riders. Everyone packed their own refreshments, in case nothing was available along the way. They rode to Tortilla Flat; stopping at the ice cream shop for a snack. Yup ~ it was still open!

While most went off in other directions from here; Marc & a few others headed to Jake's Corner {Payson} for lunch. From there they rolled to Punkin Center, past Roosevelt Lake, and through Miami toward home; finishing the day by about 6:30pm.

He shared that, "We did encounter a bike broke down east of Gold Canyon. WE STOPPED. Two ladies were broke down for 2 hours and no other bikes stopped. WOW! I gave them my card and explained the white bandana placed for help." ABATE-AZ encourages riders to tie a white bandana to their handlebars if they are broke down along the road & need help. It is a signal for other riders to stop and assist if possible. Maybe you have a cell phone that'll get a signal out\* or a spare bottle of water.... Or can simply offer a bit of company as they are waiting for a chase truck. Remember, some day it could be you stuck alone along the road.

In regard to the Chapter, Marc noted that it is currently the largest Chapter in our State. Their April meeting is cancelled,

again due to current restrictions on gatherings. Watch their FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/AbateSuperstitionChapter/> for details about May.

ABATE-AZ [<http://www.abateofaz.org/>] is a State Motorcyclists Rights Organization. Members are dedicated to educating riders & drivers about sharing the road and to protecting motorcyclists right to ride. There are ABATE Chapters throughout AriZona. Learn more about ABATE & why you should support your MRO. The Rights you save will be your own!

\* NOTE: We've learned along the way that in areas where your cell phone won't get a signal out that sometimes a TEXT can still get through. So if you need help but can't make a call, try texting someone who can then relay your situation to the right people to get you back on the road.

Thank you Marc for helping us to share your day with our Readers.

*Betsy*

