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## NCOM Convention 2023

The 38th National Coalition of Motorcyclists Convention was held in Tempe, Arizona on June 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton Double Tree Inn.

The Law Offices of Richard Lester and his AIM Attorney Team sponsored this event. Co-hosts were our Arizona State Motorcycle Rights Organizations {SMROs} ABATE of Arizona {American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education}, the ACMC {AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs}, and the MMA-AZ {Modified Motorcycle Association of AZ}.

Bill Bracken, the ACMC Vice President, gave the Opening Welcome to all of our Guests.

Rick LeBrun is the Arizona State NCOM Rep. He explained some of our Legislative Achievements, as well as the challenges we face daily.

The ACMC, ABATE, and MMA were well represented. ABATE, MMA, & MRF each signed new members. These organizations Lobby our Lawmakers for improvements regarding Motorcyclists Rights, Safety, and Welfare on the Road. As the State Motorcycle Riders Foundation Rep, I was glad to see that the NCOM attendees want to work together with the SMROs, Motorcycle Clubs, and the MRF toward these goals. Special thanks to AZ's new MRF Assistant Representative Stacey Baldwin - Montgomery for signing new members at the event. The AZ ABATE Team included

Shirley "Moonshine" Moore-Bizub, Will Cleveland, Joe Silk, Mike Infanzon, and Richard Ferguson. MMA had Cindy Gates, Cherie Dubrow, and Nathaniel "Kracken" Deily.

Seminars during the weekend included Legal Rights regarding Search and Seizure, Federal & State Regulations of Travel Under the Constitution, Saving the Combustible Engine and Our Fuel Choices, Autonomous Vehicles on our Roads, and Defensive Motorcycle Riding - as we are easy targets. Additional meetings included Women in Motorcycling, a Clean & Sober Round Table, Veterans Affairs – Your Rights as a Veteran, and a Christian Unity Conference. As you can see, a lot of information gets packed into this Convention!

According to Joseph Lester, Attorney for the ACMC and sponsor of the NCOM Convention, there were over 350 in attendance. At least 40 different State and National MCs were observed during the weekend -- All together ... without issue.

Gang Task Force showed up Friday morning and would not leave the Parking Lot of the Hotel. They were taking down license plate numbers and photographing patches. When confronted by Attorney Joe Lester and ABATE Legislative Director Mike Infanzon, they left momentarily but returned with 4 more Undercover SUVs. They start-

ed pulling over any bikes that left the hotel parking area, making our invited Guests sit on the curb in 100+ degree weather that they are not used to. GTF saw Clubs and Patches they never saw before. A few phone calls were made regarding this clear profiling by Gang Task Force and they did not appear for the rest of the Conference. Now the whole country knows the GTF Profiling issues we have in Arizona. Other than that, NCOM 2023 was a success and I thank all involved!

Freedom is Always Unfinished Business. Every day someone wants to take your Rights Away, so stay Vigilant.

If you ride and are not a member of a Motorcycle Rights Organization, then you are not protecting yourself or your fellow riders. Arizona's MROs are responsible for the passage of Lane Filtering and other laws benefiting riders in our State. They are monitoring Issues of concern to riders. Your membership gives Us strength in numbers and a Larger Voice that Politicians can & DO Hear. Exercise your Rights and Enjoy the Freedom of the Road while you still can.

Follow the live links in this article to contact your local MRO reps & learn more about how YOU can get involved.

Ride Safe and Ride Free

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