

Motorcyclists Clear Roadblocks to Protect the Motorcycling Community AZ Rider

Why Motorcyclists Should Join ABATE of Arizona



There are currently more than 350,000 registered motorcycles in AZ. While each of their owners SHOULD be a part of ABATE-AZ, unfortunately ... they are not.

Just as Responsible Riders regularly check their bikes and their gear to do all they can to ensure a safe ride.... Responsible Riders are stepping up to be Supporters and Caretakers of the Future of Motorcycling in Arizona. They are doing that by becoming Members of this State's largest Motorcyclists' Rights Organization {MRO}, ABATE of Arizona.

Hesitant to Join ABATE of Arizona?

Let's clear some of those roadblocks ...

I'm Not A Joiner

You can join ABATE of Arizona and NEVER EVER participate.... which is fine if you are not a 'joiner'. But JOIN! It costs just \$25 per year. The more representation ABATE-AZ has, the easier it is for our lobbyist to get our legislators to support motorcyclists' issues.

Do you know which assemblymen and senators are biker-friendly? Do you know which ones support and preserve your rights as a biker? Do you want information that will help you make intelligent and informed decisions regarding who supports bikers when you are at the polls come election day? Become one of the Educated riders. Learn about the laws, the bills, and the issues that affect YOUR riding FREEDOM!

I Don't Have the Time

ABATE of Arizona will request none of your time other than what it takes to review the ABATE of AZ Masterlink newsletter each month and the time it takes to vote.

Of course, we would enjoy seeing you at one of the chapter's meetings where we can talk about the latest set of after-market pipes, or where the next poker run is, or which legislator just tried to introduce another law that will affect your riding freedom, or come up with fundraising ideas which help to fund various ABATE activities. We would enjoy seeing you participate and help the organization grow & flourish, *as your time allows*.

I'm Not Political

All we ask is that you vote. If you are new to voting, you can be guided through the registration process. If you've lost your Right to vote, there are steps to help restore that Right.

There are several times in the year when our Legislative Director Mike initiates a 'Call to Action' that encourages members to send a message to their representative or congressperson. He has made it so simple to do this that it only takes a few minutes of your time. The recent Lane Filtering bill was passed by the governor *only* because of the number of responses to a 'Call to Action'.

What's In It For Me

As a motorcyclist, *you are already enjoying the benefits* of ABATE of Arizona working on your behalf! Among them are the end of motorcycle emissions testing, maintaining the freedom to work on or customize your motorcycle, & the recent passage of the Lane Filtering bill. Do you like having the Freedom to CHOOSE whether to wear a helmet? Helmet mandates have been proposed in the Arizona legislature & DEFEATED 3 times since 1992. MROs also give bikers a voice in the legislature regarding autonomous vehicles and the dangers they pose for motorcyclists.

Motorcyclists, dealers, repair shops, and accessory shops are all being represented at our State Capitol, thanks to ABATE of Arizona. Is \$25 per year for an individual or \$125 per year for a business or organization membership worth it to help protect the rights of our Motorcycling Community?

But ABATE-AZ is not 'all work and no play'. In addition to the important work that ABATE does on behalf of motorcyclists ... joining ABATE gives you the opportunity to get to know a good group of people who love to ride and have fun.

Our State President recently declared "if you aren't an ABATE member, you are '*Riding on our gas*'". * Please help grow ABATE of Arizona to promote motorcycle safety and awareness in our community. ABATE of Arizona welcomes all fellow riders regardless of what you ride and where you ride. YOU can *make a difference* by becoming a Member!

Visit the ABATE-AZ {American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education} website here.

* Sidebar: ABATE-AZ State President Jim Butsback recently shared an interesting piece of MRO history. When he attended his first Meeting of the Minds, in 2015, the theme for that year was a quote from John "Farmer" Eggers, a very active motorcyclists rights activist. Farmer declared, *back in 1990*, that, "If you don't belong to your SMRO and to the MRF, you're riding on my gas!" Jim also explained that this quote was on the Challenge Coins and on the back of the Shirts for that year's event. He requested that Farmer be acknowledged for his quote; going on to say, "I also know that this is used across the country to do exactly what it has done here. To initiate conversations about the motorcycle rights community and why folks should get involved." Thank you Jim!!

*ABATE-AZ monthly Chapter meetings
take place around the state.*

Visit <http://www.abateofaz.org/> to find a Chapter near you.