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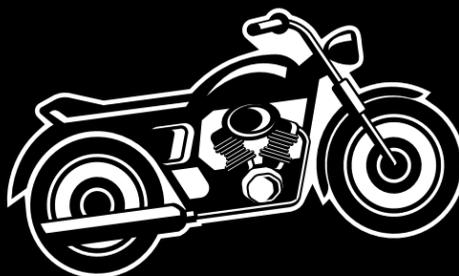
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Jack Alexander, owner of Thunder-Rode, offered a special thank you to anyone who donated. His event announcement shared the details, "Togs means apparel used for a specialized purpose, such as biker gear. So, we exchange cool biker gear for toy donations! Bring a new, unwrapped child's toy into Thunder-Rode on December 4th, between 12pm and 4pm and receive a sealed envelope containing a gift voucher for use in the Thunder-Rode shop. The gift vouchers start at \$10 and end at \$50. The grand prize is a \$100 gift voucher. There is only one grand



prize voucher. It's a win-win! You win! The children win!"

We learned afterward from Tracy Terry, "We did great this year, despite the current state of the economy and pandemic limitations. This year we filled 5 Toy Boxes, plus some larger donations of bicycles. No one drew the big money voucher of \$100 out of the box. We had a winner last year for that, but not this year. It was a great turn out and it just keeps growing every year. Last year, we filled 4 boxes. This year, we filled 5, plus the bicycles."

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Superstition HD - Seductive CC Toy Drive

The Superstition Harley-Davidson & Seductive Car Club 7th Annual Toy Drive Motorcycle & Car Show took place on Saturday November 7, 2020. Concerns of rain were dispersed by sunshine and blue sky that morning – no doubt creating much relief for anyone who planned to participate. The rain that had been predicted in the days leading up to the event came in overnight instead; clearing out in plenty of time.

There were more than 100 entries, brought in by numerous area car clubs; plus independent auto owners & motorcyclists. The fee to participate was a new unwrapped toy.

It is likely that any number of these people have built their vehicles over time, as they could. There were all stages of 'done' on display; from still under construction to fully restored or customized.

These shows are a wonderful opportunity to get up close & appreciate the

detail put into the pet project of a car or motorcycle lover. You could see a great deal of imagination and creativity had been poured into these vehicles, as well as the attention to detail.

One fellow shared the story of the 'Johnny Cash Cadillac'.

Another gentleman explained that his 1932 Ford took some 1800 hours to build; accumulated over 15 years. He did a beautiful job.

A vintage Cushman Eagle brought back memories for Bruce & for others.

The oldest motorcycle we saw was a custom combo with a sidecar, registered as a 1912. The oldest car spied was a 1926 Dodge Brothers Victory Six.

There were 6 categories in the competition, with over 35 awards. Most were People's Choice. Everyone at the show has the opportunity to vote for their favorites in each category. Plus there was a Dealer's Choice trophy and Seductive Car Club Choice trophy. Congratulations

to all of the show winners! In addition, the East Valley Cruisers won the Club Participation trophy. This is given to the club that donates the most toys.

The reason for the gathering was to collect gifts to support Sunshine Acres Children's Home. The toy delivery was on December 12th. They were unable to hand the toys out directly to the kids this year. Instead, they did a parade of cars and motorcycles through the SACH grounds; with all of the families out in front of their houses. Paul Ponzetti of Seductive CC commented, "It was an amazing and rewarding 7th annual, and something we are very proud and honored we were able to pull off during this difficult year."

Superstition HD & Seductive CC extend, "A special thank you to all who donated to make a child's Christmas a little brighter."

'Well Done' to all involved!

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Lost Dutchman MC Christmas Angel Toy Run

The Lost Dutchman MC's 16th Annual Christmas Angel Toy Run took place on Sunday December 13, 2020. Riders start gathering in the morning at Mesa's Clubhouse; as well the Peoria & Queen Creek Clubhouses. From there they rode en masse to the Mesa CH, in time for the noon departure. This group ride ended at the Walmart on Dobson in Mesa; where the Salvation Army's Angel Trees were waiting.

Each year, riders come out and shop to fulfill wishes of kids they don't know... Giving of themselves to extend the Christmas Spirit to those who are less fortunate. The Angel Tree program is not government funded. It is funded by good-hearted people of communities nation-wide. For those who may be unfamiliar with the Angel Tree program, here are some bits from the SA website, "The Salvation Army Angel Tree is a needs based program meant to serve the neediest families with small children during the Christmas season." The program "provides new clothing and toys to more than one-million children and

families in need each year."

Shoppers pick an ornament from an SA Christmas Angel tree, purchase the gift requested, and go out to the awaiting truck to turn it in. It's THAT easy! As scooter folk waited in line to drop off their purchases, the sounds of goodwill & friendships were abundant. There were even shoppers who are non-riders who saw what was going on and added their donations to the cause. Very cool!

We observed 15 organizations represented; plus many independent riders. Thanks to everyone's participation, 250 wishes were granted. Walmart had set up a cash register dedicated to this event. The receipts totaled \$12,400. The donations of Christmas gifts went to local families in the Mesa / Apache Junction area. An additional \$1200 in cash donations went to Sunshine Acres Children's Home in Mesa. Outstanding!

While there isn't a ride or 'after party' when the shopping is completed, attendees were welcome to return to the Clubhouse to continue the camaraderie & Christmas

cheer.

Bill Bracken of the LDMC sent this message, "Although we do believe the 'Political Virus' did have an effect on many events throughout the year as people were (and still are) following our new leaders guide lines, the decent people that are determined to give to others in need is stronger than the wall Politicians can ever build around us. It was inspiring to see the out-come of this Motorcycle Club hosted Toy Run, as well as the others we witnessed and attended this Christmas season. We have made a contact with Coca Cola so next year we hope to achieve new goals with the Co-operation of Walmart."

People speak highly of this event & we understand why. For some, it's their favorite of the Season... and a surefire way to get into the Christmas Spirit. If you've never attended, you might want to check it out next year. Thank you Lost Dutchman MC for the good that you do in your Community!

Betsy & Bruce



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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders
& Happy New Year!!



On the cover: the record-breaking generosity of Troll's Teddy Bear Run will be helping kids in the East Valley

& beyond in the months to come. Read about the event on page 15.

As has been mentioned in years past, the Christmas Wrap edition is one of our favorite issues to put together. Reading about the wonderful activities organized to help the less fortunate is uplifting and heartwarming. It always reinforces our pride in being part of the motorcycling community.

One of the things we observed while collecting particulars for this year's Christmas Wrap is that, overall, the stats we've seen outdo previous years'... and those past numbers have been pretty awesome 😊

We've well & truly kicked 2020 to the curb. Thank Goodness for THAT!

If you've been reading our pages for any amount of time you've likely got an idea of our opinions on what going on around us. At this point we can only adopt a 'wait & see' approach to what's going on in the Country & the World.

What we do know is that we don't know... what's coming... what's planned... what the 'end game' is. If you aren't a player in the game, you'll only ever be a pawn; no matter what you believe or what you think you know.

We do know that folks down here at our level [us & our fellow pawns] don't know 'what the what' is truly going on in the bigger picture. We can only do our best to make the best of everything that we do have control of in our own lives.

As we all head into 2021, we wish each of you a MUCH better year; filled with happiness, possibilities, smooth roads, good health, and abundance.

We encourage you all to ride safely, choose wisely, &
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Bruce & Betsy

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- Enroll in the VA IMMEDIATELY. Do Not Procrastinate!!
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2020 Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run

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<https://motorcyclesafari.com/blog/2020-barbie-hensler-memorial-toy-run-a-huge-success-updated>

High Country Chapter (HCC) of ABATE of AZ held its annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run on Saturday, 12 Dec, 2020 at the Tonto Rim Bar & Grill in Star Valley, Arizona. The event had been moved to this location from the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson because the Tonto Rim Bar & Grill offered a much larger outdoor venue during this time of social distancing and other safety measures. At each location, masks, hand sanitizers and even gloves were available for the patrons and members use.

This year, as in most past years, we were joined by our brothers and sisters from the Rim Country District (RCD) of the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona (MMA-AZ.org).

While the crowd inside the bar did get a bit bigger than desired at times, there was almost constant movement between the bar and the outdoor patio where Chris Higgins of Payson's own KRIM-FM 96.3 was spinning classic rock. Chris did an amazing job entertaining everyone. So much so that, at times, the patio crowd joined in with the song being played for a group sing-a-long!

While all this was happening, the HCC Event Coordinator, CC Ransom, was manning a drive-through toy drop-off set up in the Moose Lodge parking lot a little further up the road where a few folks took advantage of the extreme social distancing to drop off their toys.

Besides collecting all the toys from the numerous toy collection boxes spread

all of Rim Country from Tonto Basin to Strawberry, the event also raised money to help fill in the gaps where specific items might be needed either for the children of the families needing some help, or the parents themselves. In fact, ABATE of AZ's Sergeant at Arms, Lee "Cheyenne" Thompson, sold almost \$1,200 of 50/50 tickets BY HIMSELF! The winner of the 50/50 raffle, Rich from Payson received \$591 in cash! (see photo in this gallery).

Also available to attendees were almost 100 raffle prizes, most donated by area businesses, that were ultimately scooped up by just about everyone present.

When it was all over and the dust settled, HCC had collected about 4 pick-up trucks full of toys which was presented to the Women of the Moose from the Moose Lodge #852 in Star Valley. Also presented to the Women of the Moose were the money raised during the run, and the donations from businesses near and far prior to the run. Not including 4 jugs of coins and cash from the patrons and owner of the Punkin Center Bar & Grill in Tonto Basin (too much to count at this time, but we will have an update later with the tally) HCC and RCD presented the Women of the Moose with \$3,500.00.

Next comes the really difficult part. The Women of the Moose are true Christmas Angels as starting tomorrow morning they will begin sorting the collected toys and clothing items and matching them to the lists Santa has provided. They will use the money to make certain every family on the list gets what they need to have a very Merry Christmas.

HCC and RCD want to thank everyone who participated in any way for the incredible gift of Christmas that they have

shared.

Please have a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year!

- Update: Saturday, December 19, 2020 -

The 18th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run at Tonto Rim Bar & Grill was our most successful to date.

Totals:

4 pick-up trucks of toys

Harley's 4 jugs of coins and cash from Punkin Center Patrons and Staff: \$432.00 (Cash only. Coins yet to be counted)!

Amount raised at Toy Run: \$3,750
Previous HCC donations (Deb Smith's memorial): \$400

Additional donations brought the cash total to over \$5,000

With this money and the large number of toys and clothes collected, the Women of the Moose were able to:

Take care of all of their vetted kids;
Give each Teenager a \$25 gift Card for Walmart;

Give Each Family a \$50 Gift Card for Walmart;

Invite families from Tonto Basin Elementary to participate;

Take on 5 families from the Elk Lodge Christmas effort after they ran short of resources; and

Use the excess cash to purchase gifts to support the local Angel Tree.

We cannot thank you enough for all the generous support. You made a huge difference this year.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

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PANDEMIC KICKSTARTED A MOTORCYCLE BOOM

From soft sales and even negative growth at some companies, to the specter of businesses collapsing in the face of Coronavirus, to sudden sales spikes and even triple-digit growth, 2020 has been a whiplash year for the motorcycle industry.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, red flags were waving in many pockets of motorcycle commerce according to Forbes.com, and there was a growing dark cloud hovering over the industry, generated in large part by one particular problem: Not enough new riders are buying motorcy-

cles and replacing those that are leaving the sport.

"There have been many reasons postulated for the shrinking ridership numbers and flagging sales, from Millennials being more risk (and motorcycle) averse, to smartphone addiction to enthusiasts aging out of the market," wrote *Forbes* contributor Bill Roberson in his article; "The Motorcycle Industry Was At A Crossroads, Then COVID-19 Changed Up The Map".

When the pandemic hit, something very interesting happened: Motorcycle and bicycle sales started climbing, often at double-digit rates. "It made sense on some levels, since anyone returning to work or life in general was avoiding ride share and mass transit like the plague (sorry) and many ex-riders suddenly rediscovered their mothballed two-wheeled conveyances - or decided to buy new ones," surmised Roberson, adding that as people began to return to workplaces, suddenly motorcycles, scooters and bicycles became viable options.

Besides being a socially distanced activity anyway, added benefits like discounted tolls, free parking (in non-car spaces) and HOV lane access for motorcycles could help drive even more people to give motorcycles a go.

Also, motorcycle industry insider Robert Pandya told Roberson that many cities experienced an unusual phenomenon unseen in decades: literally no vehicle traffic.

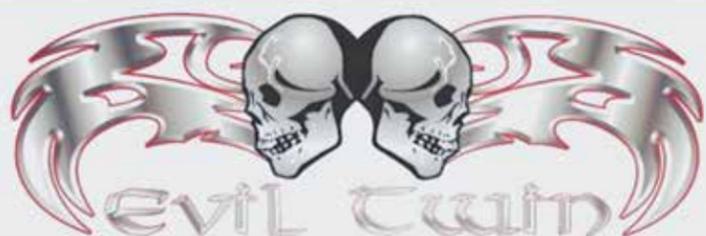
"And the new crop of electric machines, along with the surge in adult-sized small-displacement motorcycle options give perspective riders more to consider than what has long been the primary market focus in the U.S.: selling large displacement, high-margin motorcycles," explains Roberson.

Pandya noted that businesses and repair shops have experienced some "exceptional months."

But while the latest boost is good news, the big question is; can it be sustained? Will the sudden high tide of bike and motorcycle sales result in a renaissance for that kind of personal transportation? "We find ourselves in this industry on our heels, and you can look in the rearview mirror all you want," Pandya told Forbes.com, "but I think the access to technology and design, and our marketing abilities, speaks to this awesome opportunity to go from seven percent [of people riding motorcycles] to eight percent." Just that small of a rise in ridership

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U.S. HELMET USE TRENDS HIGHER

Helmet use by U.S. motorcyclists has trended higher over the past decade, according to a new government survey.

According to the U. S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS) is the only survey that provides nationwide probability-based observed data on motorcyclist helmet use in the United States.

The NOPUS is conducted by NHTSA on an annual basis and the findings of the survey over the past ten years show a gradually increasing trend in the use of helmets by motorcycle riders.

According to the NHTSA survey, helmet use nationwide increased among motorcyclists from 54.3% of all riders (including passengers) in 2010 to 70.8% in 2019. In states with a mandatory helmet law, helmet use among riders was 89.2% in 2019, while in all other states -- those that only require helmet use for specific riders, helmet use was 56.5%.

On a regional basis in 2019, riders in the West helmeted up most often, with

helmet use noted among 83.7% of those observed. The south was next at 74.6%, followed by the northeast region at 74.1%, and the Midwest at only 43.4%.

Having a passenger aboard is an apparent factor in increased helmet use by the driver, with 79.7% of riders wearing a helmet when they have a passenger compared to 74% when riding solo, based on the data for 2019.

To view the full NHTSA report on helmet use trends online, including how the various criteria mentioned above are defined, go to: <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812936>

TEACHING MOTORCYCLES TO COMMUNICATE

In an international effort to improve road safety for motorcyclists, a number of motorcycle manufacturers are co-operating to connect motorcycles with other vehicles and infrastructure.

In the Connected Motorcycle Consortium (CMC), motorcycle manufacturers BMW, Honda, KTM and Yamaha work together to develop new standards and techniques to connect motorcycles with other vehicles and infrastructure.

CMC started in 2016, because C-ITS (Cooperative Intelligent Transport Sys-

tem) specifications for passenger cars had not taken motorcycle specific safety factors and challenges into consideration sufficiently. The consortium aims at joining forces between motorcycle manufacturers, suppliers, research institutes and associations, to make motorcycles part of the future connected mobility.

The first goal was to define a first 'basic specification' for motorcycles to connect and 'talk the same language' to other vehicles or infrastructure by means of wireless communication. The next move will be CMC 'NEXT' with a wider scope, as motorcycle experts will be looking at further improvements of the specification while at the same time taking account of new functions supported by on-board sensors both in cars and in motorcycles.

"I am very glad that the motorcycle industry has joined forces to develop these specifications," commented FEMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations) General Secretary Dolf Willigers, adding that "The new technologies that are involved here will assist the car drivers in their task and by doing so will make the road safer for motorcyclists."

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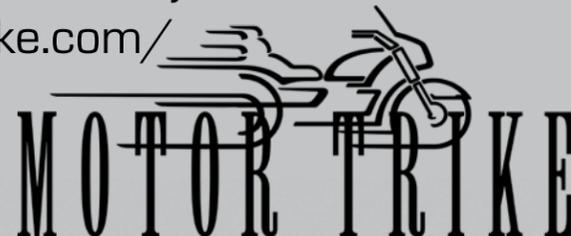
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Current developments in the industry offer a glimpse of what a solution by CMC might look like:

~ Smartphones – especially when connected via the upcoming, powerful 5G network – could be a major part of the solution, transmitting information between nearby vehicles.

~ Inspired by military headgear, U.S. manufacturers are designing smart helmets for PTWs, with cameras for traffic in front of and behind the driver and LEDs projecting warnings on the visor.

~ Researchers point to the value of intelligent speed controllers.

A number of manufacturers have already presented various innovations towards a fully operational C-ITS:

~ BMW's ConnectedRide, introduced in 2016, warns bikers when a car comes into the blind spot of their rearview mirror.

~ KTM is working on a Blind Spot Detection system, using short-range radar.

~ Ducati has collaborated with Audi on C-V2X technology warning drivers of a collision when near a crossing or behind a driver who suddenly brakes.

What's missing for now is the required infrastructure, and the regulatory obligation for all vehicles to be equipped with such systems. The European Com-

mission has launched an EU-wide strategy for C-ITS, facilitating investments and exploring the rules required.

HONDA PATENTS A MOTORCYCLE THAT'S CONTROLLED BY THE MIND

No, it's not the plot-line from a sci-fi movie, Honda has filed one of the wildest patents of the year, with an idea for a motorcycle that is partly controlled directly by the power of thought!

Of course, all motorcycles are already controlled by the 'power' of the mind – the rider 'thinks' and the brain sends messages to our limbs that control the bike – but this latest patent for a "mind control motorcycle" shows that Honda thinks there is a more efficient way to do that, with signals from the brain directly affecting the bike's behavior.

"Honda's wacky idea is not that you think 'left' and the bike steers to the left; this system is more about changing the bike's settings and assistance systems," according to VisorDown.com, going on to explain; "Within the rider's helmet, there are a set of neural sensors that can pick up the stream of thoughts from the rider's brain. The messages are then sent to the bike's onboard computer which deciphers the messages and adjusts the

required setting in accordance with the demands of the rider."

EURO 5 IS COMING

Despite pleas from the motorcycle industry and European manufacturers to delay implementation until 2022, particularly due to COVID-19 lockdowns, factory shutdowns and supply chain slowdowns, "Euro 5" is due to come into force January 1, 2021, forcing bike makers to meet ever-increasingly stringent emissions regulations worldwide.

As the name suggests, Euro 5 is the fifth set of European standards for motorcycles aimed at reducing air pollutants produced by two-wheelers incrementally over the years since Euro 1 in 1999, and every few years since the standards have tightened. As time goes by, the EU's regulations have grown to include safety systems (ABS, traction control) and other technology as well.

Wonder why two-stroke engines have disappeared, why carburetors have been replaced by electronic fuel injection, or why ABS is becoming standard even on lowly beginner bikes? Thank Euro5 and its predecessors.

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European regulations are responsible for many decisions in the development of new motorcycles. Because of how strict the standards are and how influential the European market is to the entire global motorcycle industry, Euro 5 will essentially be the de facto worldwide standard.

It's easier for the OEMs to make one bike for the whole world, instead of a dozen variations for differing regional regulations.

Euro 5 means we can expect another imminent cull and extensive redesigns as current Euro 4-legal models are revamped or replaced to suit the stricter new tailpipe limits, and air-cooled engines are inevitably threatened each time there's a new bout of emissions restrictions.

Of course, Euro5 isn't the end, either. In coming years, we'll see Euro5+ enacted; all new models sold after 2025 must meet that even stricter standard. Look for

new exhaust regulations, as well as changes to the rules around OBD2 code sensors, and even weight restrictions -- and expect technological advances, to meet all the new rules. The EU's rule changes may be killing off some much-loved models, but they're also forcibly moving the industry forward.

JURY FINDS MYRTLE BEACH RACIALLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BLACK BIKERS

The city of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was motivated by race when it created a new traffic plan designed to "suck the fun" out of Black Bike Week, a federal jury has found.

Civil rights groups accused the city of racially discriminating against the Black tourists by treating them differently than white bikers who attend Harley Week earlier each May, citing in particular a 23-mile one-way no-exit traffic chute that funnels them out of town during the peak nights of Atlantic Beach Bikefest, otherwise known as Black Bike Week. The city also puts up barricades and increases its police presence in ways that don't apply to the mostly white bikers during their event, NAACP attorneys said.

The jurors -- five Black and four White -- deliberated for more than three hours before delivering their verdict, on December 10, agreeing that "race was a motivating factor," but they also sided against the black bikers, saying Myrtle Beach probably "would have made the same decision anyway, even if it had not considered race in its official actions regarding Black Bike Week."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder."

~ George Washington (1732-99), American military leader and Founding Father who served as the first president of the United States

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32nd annual Yuma HOG Toy Run

The 32nd annual Yuma HOG Toy Run took place on Saturday December 12, 2020. Yuma HOG Chapter 0104 is sponsored by Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson. The beneficiaries were the Salvation Army and the Yuma Child Burn Survivors. Thank you Chapter Director Reynold Jerome III for your help with this article!

174 people signed up for the Holiday Fun Run. Each participant received a T-shirt and a list of the stops. It was self paced, with riders going out on their own or as groups. They visited each stop and had their run sheet initialed. There were 5 stops to local businesses from Wellton to Yuma: Ligurta Station Restaurant, Blue Streak Signs, A Man Cave Barber Shop, Deep South BBQ, and Paws & Tails Pet Store.

Last stop was at Bobby's Territorial HD. All sheets were due by 1pm. When

riders returned, they reached in a bag & drew a chip for each stop visited. Each chip was numbered, from 5 to 100, in increments of 5. The numbers drawn were totaled up and the highest and lowest counts won a gift card to Bobby's Territorial H-D.

Santa was there for photos. Lunch was provided by Texas Road House which included pulled pork, BBQ chicken, corn, coleslaw and rolls with cinnamon butter. Music was provided by the Christian Motorcycle Association. When everyone was done eating, tickets for raffle prizes were drawn. There was also a \$1000 cash raffle which the winner donated back to the event. It was added to the Yuma Child Burn Survivors' total contribution.

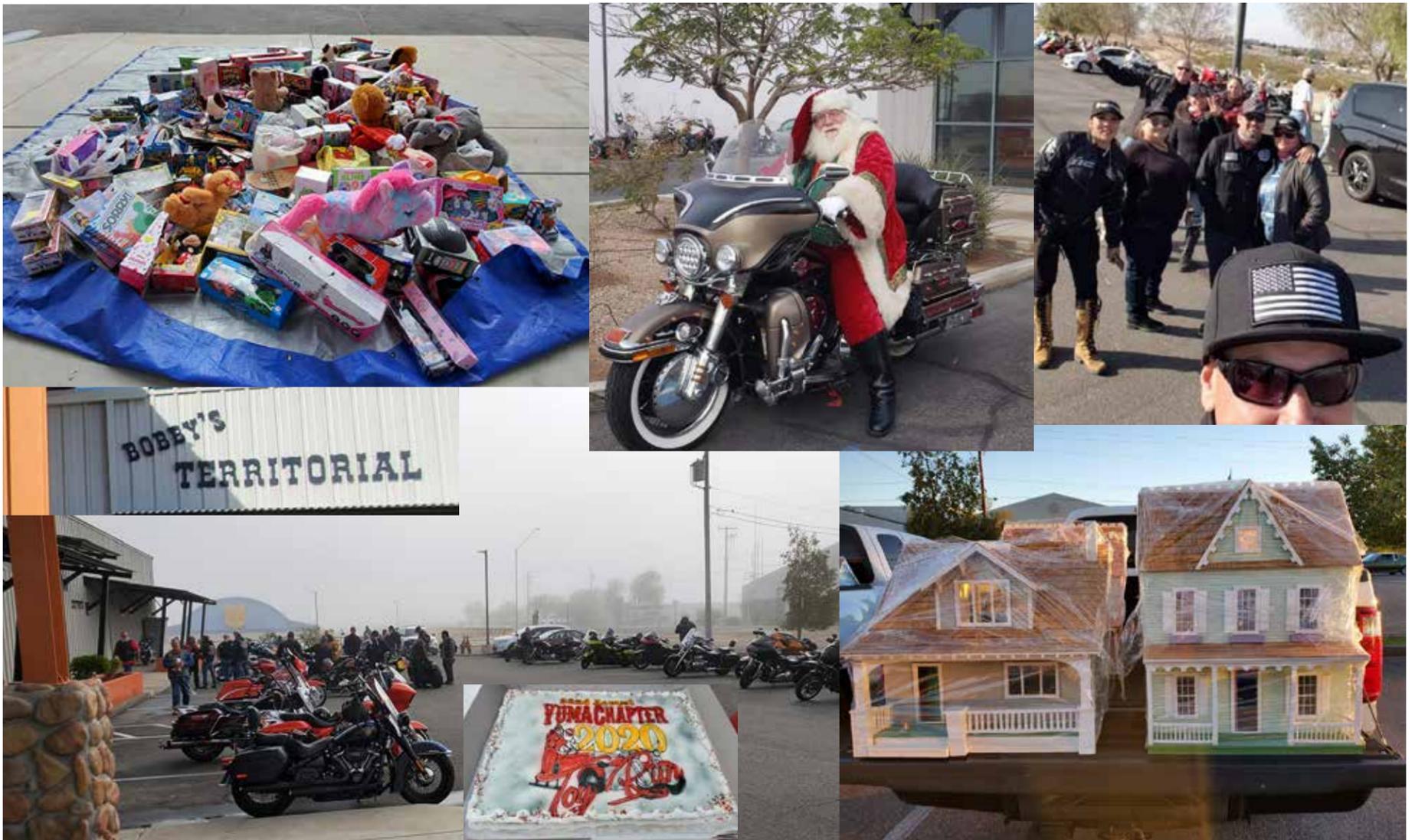
Hundreds of toys were collected and donated to the Salvation Army; including 16 custom-made Doll Houses donated by Ray and Jacqueline Balthrop. He builds

them by hand. Each doll house has a bird on a perch and a dog on the porch. Those are his signatures. The cash proceeds, totaling approximately \$8000, went to the Yuma Child Burn Survivors.

Director Reynold said, "I would like to thank the motorcycle community that came together to make this event a success. We had quite a number of sponsors and I would like to say Thank you once again for your support."

Learn more about the Yuma HOG Chapter by visiting their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/yumahog> There you can check out pix from previous runs, videos, and learn about upcoming events they'll be hosting.

Congratulations on a successful day!
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Happy Birthday in January to

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~ January 6, 2005

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~ January 28, 2006

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~ January 18, 2017

Katherine 'Pez' Karraker
~ January 27, 2018

Edward Steven Sanchez
~ January 12, 2019

Gerald W. Dodson
~ January 20, 2019

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to add, to start off the year.

12-31-2020 ... The news of Pat 'Pooh Bear' Connelly's passing was posted to facebook by his Club, the Sober Riders MC. In addition to his dedication to his Club, he was also a long-time Board Member of the ACMC {AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs}. Arrangements for his funeral are yet to be announced. Our condolences go out to his SRMC Brothers & Sisters and the rest of his friends & loved ones. ⚡ B&B

1-1-2021 ... Christina 'Morticia' Duwel shared this sad announcement on facebook ... "It is with the saddest of hearts that the Templar Crusaders MC has lost one of the best men we have ever known. We know you are watching over us just as you did here on earth as our Sergeant of Arms. Our hearts are broken and all of our love goes out to Carebear Carrie Ann Stamps our sister... We are here for you always! RIP Fresh Phil Stamps you will live on in our hearts forever!! KFFK ♥"
We add our condolences to those being expressed. ⚡ B&B

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12-24-2020 ... Walt Sherwood & Deborah Wright have announced their engagement! Congratulations & Best Wishes !!
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12-30-2020 ... Kingman PD press release ...

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Distracted Driver Law **

The Distracted Driver law goes into effect one second past midnight on December 31st. This is a **state-wide law** that is subject to enforcement immediately.

It will be against the law, while driving to:

1. Hold or support a device with your body.
2. Read, write or send a message via any portable communication device.

3. Scroll through social media, watch videos, record videos, or any other use of the device that causes a distraction and requires use of your body.

You will be allowed to:

1. Engage and disengage a function on the device such as GPS route to start and answer or ending a call.

2. Talk on the portable wireless communication device with an earpiece, headphone device, or device worn on the wrist to conduct a voice-based communication.

3. Use a device for navigation of the vehicle.

4. Use a device in an emergency situation to summon help or report crime.

A person who violates this law is subject to the following civil penalty:

1. First violation: \$75-149 fine, plus court fees.

2. Second or subsequent violation: \$150-\$250 fine, plus court fees.

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Jeff 'El Monte' Miller, of the Tucson-based custom paint shop 'Big Ass Paint', has come up with a creative way to still support local charity; even though his annual Big Ass Bike Show did not take place [for obvious reasons]. Here is his message/invitation,

"I am selling raffle tickets again to help the Tucson Community Food Bank. They need our help. Tickets are \$10 each or 5 for \$40. Only 500 tickets being sold. I'm sure they will sell out soon. \$2000 Airbrush or pin-striping first prize! Call Jeff at 520 331 9814"

Flyer says 'Need Not Be Present To Win' Drawing takes place March 28, 2021.

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November 30, 2020 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign #: 20V740000
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Potential # Affected 1,241

Summary: Triumph Motorcycles America, LTD (Triumph) is recalling certain 2020-2021 Rocket 3 GT, Rocket 3 R, and 2020 Rocket 3 TFC motorcycles. Air could have entered the antilock brake system (ABS) modulator while the rear brake system was filled during production. Over time, the air in the ABS modulator can deteriorate rear braking efficiency, increasing the distance required to stop and the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Triumph will notify owners, and dealers will bleed the rear brake system, free of charge. The recall began December 18, 2020. Owners may contact Triumph customer service at 1-678-854-2010. Triumph's number for this recall is SRAN 587.

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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Troll's Teddy Bear Run

Troll's 5th annual Teddy Bear Run took place on Saturday December 5th. It is a labor of love, orchestrated by Greg 'Troll' Hughes and his wife Cindy. Thank you Troll, for sending along a review of the day....

5th Annual Trolls Teddy Bear Run is a huge success with the help of Law Tigers

Thanks to the help of a lot of volunteers and sponsors, the 5th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run went off without a hitch and collected over 2,300 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals for Mesa Family Advocacy Center, local Police and First Responders along with a list of other smaller charities.

Greg Hughes aka "Troll", a salesperson at Superstition Harley-Davidson (SHD) in Apache Junction, hosted his 5th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run (TTBR) on Saturday December 5th. He started this run to help fill the need of the Mesa Family Advocacy Center (FAC) to have a good supply of Teddy Bears and other stuffed animals for the children brought there. Mesa FAC is where all the children from Scottsdale to San Tan Valley are brought when they have been taken out of a terrible situation and they need something soft, cuddly and theirs to help them through their ordeal.

The run started at American Bike and Trike in Gilbert; where it has for the last few years. 130+ riders showed up to support the cause even though it was very chilly that morning. Tank, the Law Tiger, was there to greet everyone. Bang Energy Drink was there to help everyone get their morning off to a great start. The first 100 riders received a goody bag and everyone received a door prize ticket. They all had the opportunity to participate in the raffle prizes and 50/50 drawings along with pur-

chase TTBR headbands and or patches this year.

They left for the 1st stop a little after 10am [it was a little warmer by then] and went to Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar in Gold Canyon. Stan and Lisa Fairbanks, the owners, have been a huge supporter of TTBR since the first year. They have great food and service there plus they are very biker friendly. The manager there, Erin, even rides her own bike.

From there it was off to the River Bottom Bar and Grill for the 2nd stop, then to the Queen Creek Cafe and Sports Bar for the 3rd stop.

Superstition Harley-Davidson was nice enough to let Troll use the covered area out back for the run end party. Tables were set up for the 10+ door prizes and 20+ raffle prizes that were handmade crafts by Cindy, Troll's wife. Law Tiger Tank was there to help hand out the prizes as the winners were called.

The best hand in the Poker Run was awarded \$300 and was won by Dawn Mix. She donated part of it back to the run. Worst hand received \$150 and the 50/50 winner received \$214.

The amazing amount of stuffed animals added up to over 2,300 with the help of all the generous people that came out for the run along with the folks that came into SHD to drop off stuffed animals ahead of the run; plus the sponsors that sent or brought in Teddy Bears and stuffed animals for the cause and/or contributed to the cause. *Law Tigers - Bang Energy - Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar - Patriot Guard Riders Arizona - Zeria Foundation - Leslie Kay's Inc - Petsmart - Thighbrush.com - TNC Book Recycling - A Creative Touch.*

A special mention must be made of some folks that really made an incredible effort this year. *Steve Lopez and McFreckles -*

he directed parking at American Bike and Trike and she helped run the swag table. They ran ahead to each stop to have the cards ready for each stop's card pull for everyone. *Kyle and Barbie Evans* - he helped with parking and she helped run the raffle table with Char. *Stephanie Allen* went out of her way and got Troll hooked up with Petsmart for over 200+ and then hit her work up, Foster Care Agency in Arizona for another 700+ for a total of over 900 stuffed animals because of her efforts alone. *Gary and Tina Junker* who took most of the pictures of the run plus drove well over 5 hours to make two trips to pick up the donation from the Foster Care Agency in Arizona. Their help was priceless.

On Thursday the 12th, Troll set up the donation presentation to be at Superstition Harley-Davidson where all the recipients would pick up their share of the Teddy Bears. Fox 10 News showed up and did a live report plus reran it again on the 5:00 News. Pretty cool.

The following Agencies and Organizations received the Teddy Bears and stuffed animals: Mesa FAC, Mesa Police, Apache Junction Police, Bloom365, Chicanos Por La Causa, Pinal County FAC, San Carlos Apache Healthcare, Agnes' Centers for Domestic Solutions, New Life Center, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community FAC.

Put Troll's Teddy Bear Run #6 on your new calendar for the first Saturday in December in 2021.

More information can be found on past and future Trolls Teddy Bear Run along with future Troll's Sunday Funday Runs on the [Face Book page Troll's Teddy Bear Run](#) or [Face Book group Troll's Biker World](#) or on trollsbikeyerworld.com.



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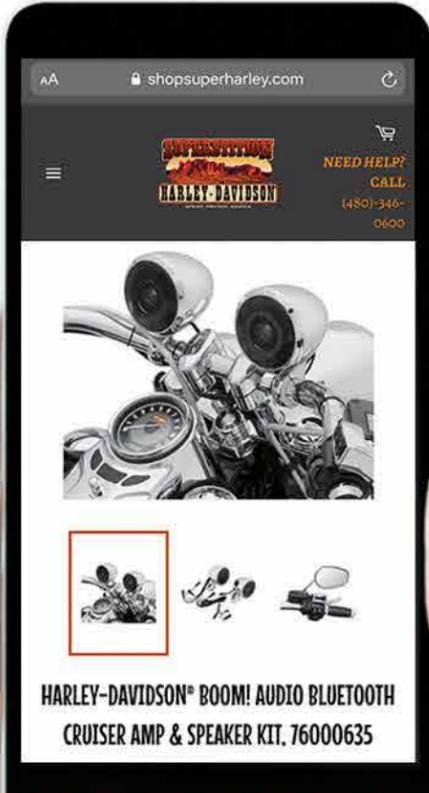
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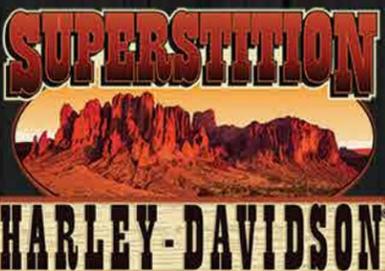
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NO resumption of 'Motorcycles on Main in Downtown Mesa' so far. Watch for announcements.

These events were still ON when this calendar was created, or update / cancellation noted.

1/8-9 {Fr-Sat} Treasure Box Boutique Downtown AJ Festival. Music, car show [motorcycles welcome], vendors, arts & crafts, & more. Benefits AJ Mounted Rangers. Fri 4:30-7:30pm, Sat 9a-2pm. Vendors / general info contact Kathy 480-239-5288

1/9 {Sat} Superstition H-D 2nd annual New Year's Car & Motorcycle Show. Details to follow. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, Az. 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, info@superstitionhd.com

1/16 {Sat} **cancelled** 11th Annual Skin & Steel Motorcycle & Tattoo Show in Tempe. www.facebook.com/SkinandSteelAZ

1/30 {Sat} **POSTPONED** Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. ~~Sign in from 9-11am at American Legion Post 58, 16837 E Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills. \$10 suggested donation. Take an unescorted ride on a scenic route where the wild horses call home thru the Lower Salt River on Bush Highway in the Tonto National Forest. Destination is Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, 85120 for music, speakers, vendors. Event runs from 11a-4pm. FMI: 480-346-0600~~

2/13 {Sat} Whiskey Runners 2021 Chili Cook-Off. Live Music by Velcro Fly. Prizes for HOT MILD & WILD categories. 1st prize each \$200, 2nd prize each \$50. Contestants enter free. \$10/pp, children 12 & under free with parent or guardian. \$20-\$50 Vendor Booths. Raffles, Children's Carnival Games, Vendors, 50/50 drawing (cash only), Horse Shoes, Corn Hole, Event Shirts. A.R. 15 Raffle tickets on sale now. Bring 2 canned food items, get a free raffle ticket for raffle items (NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A.R. RAFFLE TICKETS) FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/events/4037463966267950/>

3/6 {Sat} 4th Annual Tortilla Flat Wind Therapy Ride. East Valley riders meet 9am at Superstition HD, 2910 Apache Trail, Apache Junction, 85120 {KSU 9:30}. West Valley KSU 8:15am @ QT, 2535 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix, 85017.

4/12 Motorcycle Day at the Dome <https://www.facebook.com/events/363075888080586>

6/10-13 {Th-Sun} 30th annual Too Broke For Sturgis hosted by ABATE of AZ at Mormon Lake Lodge campground & arena. \$40/pp, \$5 discount for ABATE members. Adults-only {18 years & older}. FMI: <http://www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/> | <https://www.facebook.com/events/440757363582474>

9/11 {Sat} Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter Five Year Anniversary Party. Starts 6pm at Roosters Country in Mesa. Details TBA.

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