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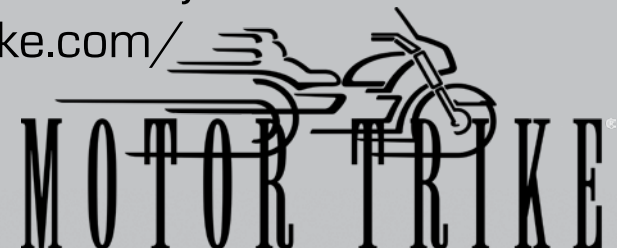
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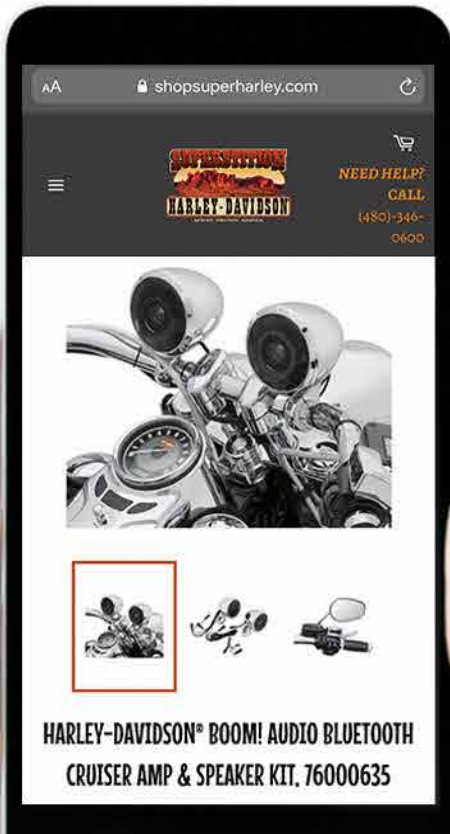
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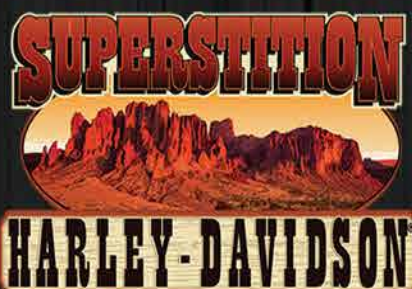
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Pony Express Ride with CVMA 32-1

The 3rd annual Pony Express Ride took place on October 24, 2020 & was once again brought to you by Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 32-1. CVMA32-1 is a non-profit 501 (c)(19) that donates to various Veteran care facilities and to Veteran charities. Thank you Mark "Tazz" Prine, CVMA Chapter 32-1 Chapter Commander, for your help with this article.

Just under 150 riders met at the American Legion Post 117 in Phoenix. The route was approximately 150 miles. The first leg traveled through Fountain Hills to the American Legion Post 58, then to Bartlett Lake Marina. From there riders headed toward New River with a gas stop at the Minute Mart on I-17 and New River Rd. Last stop was at Dillon's BBQ @ Western Trails in Morristown. Everyone was provided a route map. Riders had the option of departing for a self-paced ride or they could leave in 1 of the 3 guided groups. All riders had to be at the last stop by 3:30 to be eligible for prizes & raffle drawings.

There is no game such as poker or dice as part of the ride. Instead, riders received a Post Card with a Pony Express theme. At each stop the card was stamped with a different postmark. The 'mail' was then delivered to the last stop;

with all the postcards being put into a pot. Prize winners were drawn from those cards.

There was an impressive array of prizes; including two signed prints from Eric Herrmann, motorcycle art donated by artist David Mann, C2 Tactical range time, exhaust from Cary Faas Racing, a 3-day two-night stay in Laughlin, a Bondurant SRT Day valued at \$1,099; plus knives, quilts, hats, cash prizes, and MORE!!!

The AC/DC cover band 'AZ/DZ The Ultimate AC/DC Experience' started their show at 5pm.

Mark sent thanks to event supporters & donors Cary Faas, Bondurant High Performance Driving School, American Legion Posts 117 and 58, David Mann, and the Original Breakfast House; adding, "Dillon's at Western Trails was super awesome in allowing us to end our event at their location."

The \$6000 in donations that were collected from this ride all went to these beneficiaries.

Community Bridges Inc offers many services. These include assisting people with mental health & addiction recovery and helping survivors of human trafficking and other physical & mental abuse. Their Veterans Programs offer employment assistance, counseling, working

with homeless Vets to help them with transition to permanent housing, and more.

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Learn more about the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association & follow Chapter 32-1 on Facebook. They are always looking for donations in order to help their cause, Vets Helping Vets. They have a State Rally in Yuma scheduled for April 16-17, with all 9 chapters getting together. This event will be open to all riders. Watch their page for updates & details.

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From Military To Civilian – A Seamless Transition

When members of the Armed Forces of the United States finish at least one year of their tour of deployment they need to enroll in the Veterans Administration (VA) program to obtain any VA Health Benefits they may be entitled to receive.

Please follow this link to our Veterans Resources page,
including the article 'Seamless Transition', by
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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders !

The photo on the cover was taken during the CVMA 32-1 Pony Express Ride, down near Bartlett Lake. Read the story on page 3 of this edition.



Welcome New Advertiser Bikers-Stuff.com to our 'Premium Links' online Advertisers section. Their online store has a variety of patches in all sorts of themes, helmet stickers, and more. They also offer wholesale accounts to fellow businesses.

This new photo of us was taken by our friend Donna, during a visit at the Downtown AJ Festival, back in November. Thank you so much!

Okay, so this month's Editorial isn't really to do with motorcycling.... But if some of the crap that is happening in our Country doesn't get sorted out soon, motorcycling issues will be the least of our concerns. So, to those of you who read us to 'escape the world' for a little while; we DO understand and apologize -- but we need to press on.

On page 14, you'll find us revisiting our 'The State of America' column. This month's topic is Congressional Term Limits. Back in 1951, Congress limited the number of terms that POTUS could hold the office. Even THEY saw a need for term limits! What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Term Limits on Congress isn't a new idea. People talk about it wishfully, followed by the dejected opinion that legislators will never vote themselves out of a cushy job by way of limiting their own terms of office.

Well, thanks to some very informative links we received on the topic, we've been reading about an effort to establish Term Limits on Congress that actually has that snowball's chance in Hell to pass. There ARE legislators at both the State and Federal levels who have PLEDGED to support Term Limits! You will read MUCH more about this on page 14.

If your Legislators have already made the Term Limits pledge, contact them to say Thank You.

If they haven't, you need to question their motives. How long have they been embedded? Are they part of the so-called 'Political Elite' who are professional politicians with neither desire nor inclination to return to the 'real' world outside of DC {aka the District of Criminals}? Have they become addicted to the power & position? Perhaps THEY are part of the problems in our Country!

Remember also – until a Term Limits Amendment is passed 'We The People' still HAVE the ability to Limit the Terms of our legislators. Just STOP voting them back in year after year like a rubber stamp!

Term Limits Day is February 27. "Feb. 27 commemorates the ratification of the 22nd Amendment in 1951 which imposed term limits on the president of the United States (that's 68 years ago!)." There are numerous ideas at TermLimits.com on how to show your public support for Term Limits.

TermLimits.com has facebook pages for each state; so that you can get the latest news, events, and legislation specific to your state.

If you haven't already done so, Please sign this national 'Vote Now On Term Limits' Petition and share it with as many people as you can.

Looks like it's time to tuck away the soapbox for now ☺

Back to motorcycling.... Our Chamber of Commerce weather is right around the corner. Make every mile count!

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Bruce & Betsy

G&M Neighborhood Barber Shop is a full service barbershop that specializes in haircuts for men and boys. Gordon & Meaghan are a father-daughter team, making this local small business Veteran-owned, Woman-owned, and Family-owned... all in one. ☺

Gordon is a Veteran of the Marine Corps. He has been barbering since about 1987 and has partnered in different barbershops over the years. When Meaghan showed an interest in the trade, she attended a barber college in Phoenix. This requires 1500 hours of training and passing a state test. She has been excelling in the barber business for about 8 years. They launched G&M Neighborhood Barbershop about 6 years ago. They are a personable pair who work well together to create a comfortable, relaxed environment.

This is a barber shop rather than a salon. There are no cosmetology services offered.

In regard to men's hairstyles, they can take care of whatever you are looking for. Gordon made an interesting observation, commenting that hairstyles run in cycles. What may be thought of as 'modern' or 50's 'rockabilly' styles were being worn back in the '30s... although sometimes called by a different name.

Here, a fellow can enjoy a gentle-

man's tradition of a hot towel straight razor shave. Indulge yourself as a reward for a job well done. Perhaps you want to look & feel your best for a big date or an important interview. Think about it... Women are 'allowed' and even 'expected' to have 'me time'. Men deserve the option of special care from time to time as well. Beard and mustache care are available here also. They can be shaped and any length mustache or beard can be trimmed.

While they have always prided themselves on running a 'clean shop'; due to current health concerns, their cleaning procedures deserve particular mention. Stations and tools are thoroughly disinfected after each client. Their disinfecting regimen covers all types of SARS and Corona-type viruses, including the current concerns. Products include 'Shock-wave' disinfectant, which is "certified to kill covid-19". And of course there are those all-familiar canisters of the blue liquid that has always killed everything on the combs & scissors soaking in them.

The shop is kid friendly. Who doesn't remember their annual 'back to school' haircuts? Perhaps your family album has one of those infamous 'first haircut' photos you'd rather forget. ☺ Special occasions like school dances and school photos are also times for a fresh up from

the barber.

Haircuts for men & boys are \$16. Women & girls are also welcome to come in for a cut. Gordon explained, "We charge \$25 for women's and girl's cuts because it takes us longer to do them. But if they are going for 'boy cut' type styles, they are \$16." Razor fades are \$25. They will do special or more 'unusual' haircuts. Sometimes a customer wants to try a new cut then decides to change it. They price these jobs out individually.

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NEW YEAR, OLD BUSINESS

With the new 117th Congress now in session, and the Biden Administration proposing a \$2 trillion transportation and infrastructure plan to reauthorize federal funding for highways, vehicle safety and public transit, before the September deadline, motorcyclists are once again tasked with including motorcycle-friendly provisions in the new highway bill.

Last session's Moving Forward Act (H.R.2), included provision to: Increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25% (to \$5.8 million); Extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints, and also

prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; Require the DOT to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and include a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; Extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers; and added an amendment during a floor vote in the House to provide federal monies to collect state profiling data regarding traffic stops based on "mode of transportation."

Failing to pass, like all other failed bills, the massive transportation measure will need to be dealt with all over again in the coming months, so contact your Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators to include these much-needed provisions in the newly introduced legislation by calling the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Likewise, despite having gained over 130 bipartisan cosponsors, H. Res. 255, to address the issue of anti-biker profiling on a national level, failed due to House inaction and will need to be reintroduced and re-addressed this two-year session. Once again, the National Coalition of Motor-

cyclists (NCOM) and the Confederations of Clubs are calling on all motorcyclists nationwide, from patch holders to independents, to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of an anti-profiling measure in the House, similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate on December 11, 2018.

As defined by the nonbinding S.Res.154, "motorcycle profiling" means "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

EPA ANNOUNCES E15 GAS PUMP LABELING

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a "Notice of Public Rulemaking" regarding labels on E15 fuel dispensers, proposing two potential changes to the current fuel pump labels, neither of which is amenable to motorcyclists or owners of small-engine equipment which can be harmed by high alcohol content gasoline.

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2021 RINGS IN NEW BILLS NATIONWIDE

Working around COVID-19 restrictions and regulations across the country, bikers' rights activists are pursuing motorcycle-friendly legislation; such as in Missouri where, fresh off their helmet law repeal victory last year, they are now pushing for House Bill 490 to allow "that a motorcycle or motortricycle may be operated on the shoulder of a roadway under certain circumstances." In similar fashion, other states are or have been lobbying for various forms of "lane-splitting" laws to allow motorcycles to travel in-between lanes of slow moving traffic, such as in Montana where

riders are advocating for Senate Bill 9 to allow "motorcycle filtering," or Oregon's Senate Bill 574 "Relating to vehicle filtering in traffic slowdowns" to "allow operators of motorcycles to travel between lanes of traffic under certain conditions," or in Washington where House Bill 1106 would "Modify the operation of motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic" by allowing riders to "overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken."

In Pennsylvania, concerned riders are pushing to include new motorcycles in the state's Automobile Lemon Law (House Bill 69), which unlike most states are currently not covered by the same consumer protections as cars and other vehicles.

Concerns about conspicuity, or being seen in traffic, as well as aesthetics, have prompted motorcyclists in several states to modify their auxiliary lighting laws to allow colors other than red or amber; such as Virginia's Senate Bill 1347 which "Authorizes the use of any color auxiliary lighting, other than blue, on motorcycles and autocycles," or New Hampshire's House Bill 461 "relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission."

Four separate states (WA, MD, LA & UT) have taken action to pass anti-profiling laws to restrict law enforcement from discriminatorily profiling bikers for traffic stops and investigative measures, and New York hopes to join those ranks with A1747 to "Require the municipal police training council to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training."

Considering the many legal and legislative successes for motorcyclists' rights in 2020, contending with the worst viral plague in our lifetimes, 2021 portends even greater potential!

EURO5 AXE COMES DOWN ON MANY MOTORCYCLE MODELS

They say the New Year means "out with the old and in with the new," and as we look forward to a raft of new machinery in the coming months, the introduction of new Euro5 emissions regulations means the axe is coming down on a number of older models of motorcycles.

From January 1st, new bikes sold in the EU and UK have to comply with Euro5, which is why many new models have been upgraded for 2021, but it also means some models have been "killed

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off” as it was either not possible or not viable to make them compatible.

So, as we herald in a New Year, we take a moment to reflect on those we’ve lost, or are about to lose, as VisorDown.com tolls the bell for those that didn’t make the regulatory cut:

Honda has furiously updated to Euro5 specs, but their aging V4 models, the VFR800F, Crossrunner and 1200 Cross-tourer won’t be updated to Euro5, partly due to expense but also to lack of sales. There’s also a big question mark against the CB1100RS and CB1100EX retro roadsters, which again, are small sellers, and their air-cooled design makes any update difficult.

Despite a similar flurry of Euro5-driven model updates, Yamaha also sees some notable casualties, such as the R6 Supersport, FJR1300 sports-tourer, the XT1200Z Super Tenere, XV950R cruiser and scrambler-style SCR950, running engines dating back over a decade means it’s not viable to update them, although some may live on in non-EU markets.

Suzuki’s VStrom 250 and GSX250R are set to be dropped, but their new Hayabusa hyper-bike has been given an update to allow it to scrape by Euro5 eligibility for a stay of execution. Vulnerable Kawasaki models include the Ninja

ZX-6R and Ninja 400, ZZR1400, plus their W800 retro, Z1000 R naked and its small-selling J300 and J125 scooters.

BMW’s C650 super scooters will fall by the wayside, though updates to their aging ‘pre-LC’ engine uses in their R nineT means the popular roadsters will ride on. Ducati’s new V4 Multistrada sees the end of the old 1260 V-twins, although the 950 and 1260 Enduro live on...for now.

Triumph’s line-up is already Euro5 compliant, but there remains a question mark around its popular, but slightly aging Speed Triple 1050 and Tiger Sport 1050, and rumors suggest a new version of both will appear in 2021 sporting a new 1160cc engine.

Legendary U.S. motorcycle-maker Harley-Davidson’s UK/EU model line-up will exclude its entry-level Street 750 plus the entire 883/1200 Sportster family.

As a significant caveat to all this, while non-Euro5 bikes will no longer be made, an agreement called ‘end of series’ rules gives manufacturers up to two years to clear unsold stock.

RECORD GROWTH FOR MOTORCYCLES IN INDIA

India is, in fact, the largest motorcycle market in the world, relying on motorcycles as a staple means of transportation for

decades. So, it’s important to recognize, especially amidst a global pandemic, that December registered record growth for motorcycles in India with double digit growth for nearly all major manufacturers.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, leaving many of the country’s 1.353 billion population unemployed, and the recent implementation of the BS6 standard resulting in increased pricing, the motorcycle Industry in India has posted incredible growth in the closing month of 2020.

For starters, according to RideApart.com, Yamaha posted 33% year-on-year growth last month, selling 39,224 motorcycles in December alone. When compared with other markets, Yamaha India sells as many motorcycles in a month as would be sold in a year. The same can be said for homegrown manufacturer, Royal Enfield, taking the global market by storm, posting tremendous 35% growth in December by way of selling 65,492 new units. Indian motorcycle company TVS also posted 13% year-on-year growth amid all the challenges 2020 threw on the table, boasting an impressive 258,000 two-wheelers sold.

Speaking of this year, nearly all mo-

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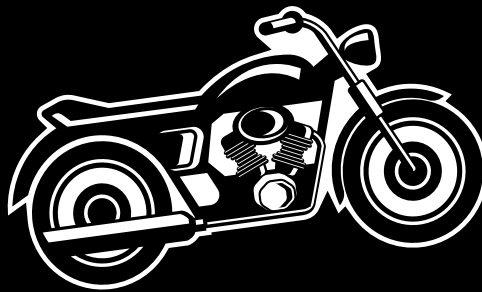
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motorcycle manufacturers in India have stepped up their game for the 2021 model year, meaning we can expect the motorcycle industry in the country to get even stronger.

ENGLAND ENTERS NEW CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN, IMPACTING BIKING

The U.K. is yet again inflicting another full lockdown, due to the deadly China Virus spread, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson initiating tough new stay-at-home orders for at least seven weeks until at least mid-February.

Those looking to their motorcycle as an escape route to deal with implications of the pandemic could put them in violation of COVID-19 guidelines and risk being fined. The U.K has moved into Tier 5, the highest level of COVID-19 alert the nation has seen, and with that you may now only leave the house if you have a "reasonable excuse," written into law and the police can fine those in breach for the first offense of £200 (\$273.19USD), doubling up for further offenses up to a maximum of £6,400 (\$8,742.18).

England and Northern Ireland have joined Scotland, Wales and Ireland in implementing the toughest travel restric-

tions since the original lockdown last March, meaning that in all four Home Nations you can only ride a motorcycle as transport under certain circumstances, and being caught riding not as part of an 'essential journey' could levy a hefty fine.

As in previous shutdowns, certain essential businesses will be allowed to stay open, and while that list includes vehicle repair and MOT (Ministry of Transport) testing services, motorcycle training and test centers are not included and all types of vehicle driving tests are suspended.

This latest lockdown has also seen all motorcycle related activities stopped immediately including track days, trials and endures.

NORWAY PLANS TO STOP ALL NEW COMBUSTION VEHICLE SALES BY 2025

Norway's national government intends to drastically cut its greenhouse gas emissions in half by the year 2030, aiming to become a zero-emission country by 2050, so by 2025 the current plan is to completely do away with the sale of all new combustion vehicles (including motorcycles).

By way of ratcheting up public incentives for EVs (Electric Vehicles) in reduc-

ing taxes, tolls, parking and ferry fees; battery electric vehicles have already outsold piston-powered cars, making up 54% of total car sales overall in Norway.

"In Norway, we tax what we don't want and we promote what we want, and the consumer has, in this way, actually the opportunity to make the right choice," Norsk elbilforening secretary-general Christina Bu told the *Huffington Post*.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"The successful revolutionary is a statesman, the unsuccessful one a criminal."

~ Erich Fromm (1900-1980),
psychoanalyst and author

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Rockabilly Bash 2020

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant in Peoria, AZ was the place to be for a dose of Rockabilly fun the weekend of October 23-24, 2020. This was the 9th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash Kustom Kulture Festival. My thanks to organizer Rachel Krupa for your help with this article.

She shared that there were about 2,000 people attending during the weekend.

We learned that the show is open to Pre-1972 cars, motorcycles, vintage trailers, and pull-start-only vintage mini bikes. 800 cars and 200 motorcycles registered. The oldest automobile in the show was a 1929 Ford. There were a number of vintage Harley's but specifics weren't available at the time of this writing. A beautiful Lincoln Zephyr was awarded 'Best of Show'.

The Pinup Pageant had about 20 ladies decked out in their Rockabilly finest and looking great. Want to give it a try? Registration is open now to participate in the March show.

Some of the bands that performed during this weekend will be returning for the October show; including The Rocketz, The Devillains, and Johnny Hoot Rock. This year they are also welcoming to the stage The RipKatz and The FreakBillyz. The Delta Bombers will be headlining. More bands will be announced on their website as the time draws closer.

Rachel added, "Our event has grown over the last ten years, and we feel it is one of the best of its kind in Arizona. It is a mix of Classic Cars, Hot Rods, Kustom Builds, Rat Rods, Motorcycles and Mini

Bikes; with overnight camping, vintage trailers, live Rockabilly Music, burnout contest, a pin up pageant, vendors, and so much more." She continued, "This is a family-friendly event ... a festival not to be missed. It is the perfect weekend at the Lake."

The 10th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash will take place Friday & Saturday March 26-27, 2021 at Pleasant Harbor, located at 8708 W. Harbor Blvd in Peoria, AZ 85383. Show times are Friday 3-9 pm and Saturday 9a-10pm. Learn more at www.azrockabillybash.com

Thank you Mike T of Michael Turngren Photography for use of your photos!
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Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Extend congratulations, well wishes, or condolences. Announce a birth or marriage. Is your GI newly home or being deployed? Send someone kudos for a promotion. You get the idea. We look forward to hearing from you.
And so, for now ~

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~ February 8, 2020

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Happy Anniversary in February
Ken & Annette Gray
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January 19, 2021 ... Arizona Bike Week 2021 Has Been Postponed
announced by Arizona Bike Week

"After careful consideration we have decided to postpone our 25th Anniversary celebration until April 6 - 10, 2022.

"We've been monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and unfortunately the viability of holding a large rally in Arizona this year has clearly become highly improbable.

"Just as there were a number of factors that came into play when we opted for moving forward with our event last year, there are equally compelling reasons to postpone our event this year. A 25th anniversary deserves a huge celebration, unfettered by all the current restrictions we would have to operate under. Our concerts are a HUGE part of our annual event and entertainment options will continue to be very limited until the current state of affairs has become more stable.

"For those who have purchased tickets or campsites for 2021, you will be receiving separate communication from us via email.

"We look forward to doing it up bigger and better than ever when we see you in 2022! Until then, the Arizona Bike Week team wishes you good health and safe riding."

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January 27, 2021 ... YogiGreg Ormson is celebrating the birth of his first Granddaughter, Caroline Aanora Prinsen, with his daughter Ashley and her husband Jason. Mom, dad, & baby are all healthy and doing good. Caroline was born this day at 9:38am Wisconsin time. G'pa Greg hopes to make a trip to Wisconsin sometime this summer. We wish much joy, health, and well-being to this growing family ☺ B&B

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February 1, 2021 ... CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Jim & Jennifer Silk! We add our congratulations & well-wishes to the many being shared. We couldn't be happier for you! We wish you many joyful years together. Betsy & Bruce

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December 11, 2020 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign #: 20V774000
Camshaft Chain Tensioner Improperly Heat-Treated
Summary: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) is recalling cer-

tain 2021 Z400 ABS (ER400D), Ninja 400 (EX400H) and Ninja 400 ABS (EX400G) motorcycles. The strength of the camshaft chain tensioner may be insufficient due to improper heat treatment, possibly causing it to be damaged. A damaged camshaft chain tensioner can cause the engine to stall, increasing the risk of a crash.
Read more about NHTSA Recall # 20V774 here.

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December 15, 2020 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign #: 20V781000
Exhaust Valve Cable May Contact Battery Wiring
Summary: Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain 2018-2021 Scrambler 1100 motorcycles. The exhaust valve cable could contact the main positive battery wire and potentially short-circuit. An electrical short-circuit increases the risk of fire.

Read more about NHTSA Recall # 20V781 here.

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December 28, 2020 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V813000
Transmission Second Gear Can Break

Summary: Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain 2016-2020 Yamaha FJR13A and FJR13AE motorcycles. The second gear of the transmission can crack and break under high speed loads. A broken gear can cause the transmission and rear wheel to lock causing a loss of control and increasing the risk of a crash.

Read more about NHTSA Recall # 20V813 here.

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December 28, 2020 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign #: 20V814000
Front Brake Switch Can Fail

Summary: Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain 2018-2020 MTT9GT (Tracer GT), 2019 MXTGTKL (NIKEN GT), 2017-2020 MT10, 2018-2020 XTZ12 (Super Ténéré), 2013-2020 FJR13, 2018 XV19B (Star Eluder), and 2018-2021 XV19 (Star Venture) motorcycles. The front brake switch can fail due to increased resistance from silicon oxide. Failure of the front brake switch can cause the brake light to stay on constantly and/or the cruise control system to shutoff unexpectedly. Both situations increases the risk of a crash.

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For immediate release: January 26th, 2021
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Washington, D.C. ~ The largest and oldest organization dedicated exclusively to limiting the terms of elected officials, [U.S. Term Limits](#) is grateful to politicians in Congress who back term limits for their own congressional offices. Who else would know better than incumbent members that term limits are an important and necessary reform to fix a dysfunctional federal institution?

Two resolutions have been introduced in Congress calling for twelve years maximum in the U.S. Senate and six years total in the U.S. House of Representatives. Senate Joint Resolution 3 (SJR3), sponsored by Texas Senator Ted Cruz has six senators signed on to the measure with at least eleven more expected to join as cosponsors.

House Joint Resolution 12 (HJR12), sponsored by South Carolina Rep. Ralph Norman has a total of 44 members on board with another 31 house members pledged to cosponsor. All-in-all, support is expected to exceed 100 members during the 117th Congress.

Senator Todd Young is one of the original cosponsors of SJR3. He said that “placing term limits on the federal legislative branch will bring fresh perspectives to Congress and ensure that our nation’s leaders are in touch with the lives, needs and aspirations of the people they represent.”

“Support for term limits in Congress has never been as fervent as it is now,” says Nicolas Tomboulides, Executive Director of [U.S. Term Limits](#). He added, “these politicians have the guts to admit the institution is broken and know the solution is a congressional term limits amendment.”

According to the last nationwide poll on term limits conducted by McLaughlin & Associates, term limits enjoy wide bipartisan support. McLaughlin’s analysis states, “Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups. An overwhelming 79% of voters approve of a constitutional amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress.”

SJR3 and HJR12 specify that the clocks of current members would not start ticking until after 38 states ratify the proposal. It details that “no term beginning before the date of the ratification of this article shall be taken into account in determining eligibility for election or appointment under this article.”

In 1995, the Supreme Court ruled in *U.S. Term Limits Inc. v. Thornton* that states may not impose qualifications for members of Congress that are stricter than those written in the Constitution. Therefore, the only way to impose term limits on Congress would be through a constitutional amendment. Article V of the U.S. Constitution specifies that amendments may be proposed either by Congress or the states, both paths are being pursued as part of the [U.S. Term Limits](#) mission.

USTL does not require pledge signers to limit themselves absent an amendment to the Constitution.

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Arizona Legislators Introduce Resolutions to Term Limit Congress

For immediate release: February 4th, 2021
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Washington, D.C. — [U.S. Term Limits](#) applauds both chambers of the Arizona state legislature for introducing resolutions to term limit Congress. State senator Kelly Townsend (district 16) is the sponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 1025 (SCR1025). The related bill in the state house, House Concurrent Resolution 2015 (HCR 2015), was introduced by representative Ben Toma (district 22).

Under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, state legislatures may team up at a national convention to propose a congressional term limits amendment to the Constitution. The effort is supported by the nonpartisan, grassroots nonprofit, [U.S. Term Limits](#).

Twenty-four members of the Arizona house and eleven members of the senate have signed a pledge to vote for and co-sponsor the measure.

A poll conducted by McLaughlin & Associates shows that 85% of likely voters in Arizona support term limits on Congress, including strong support across party lines. 87% of Republicans, 83% of Democrats, and 85% of independents of those surveyed support the reform.

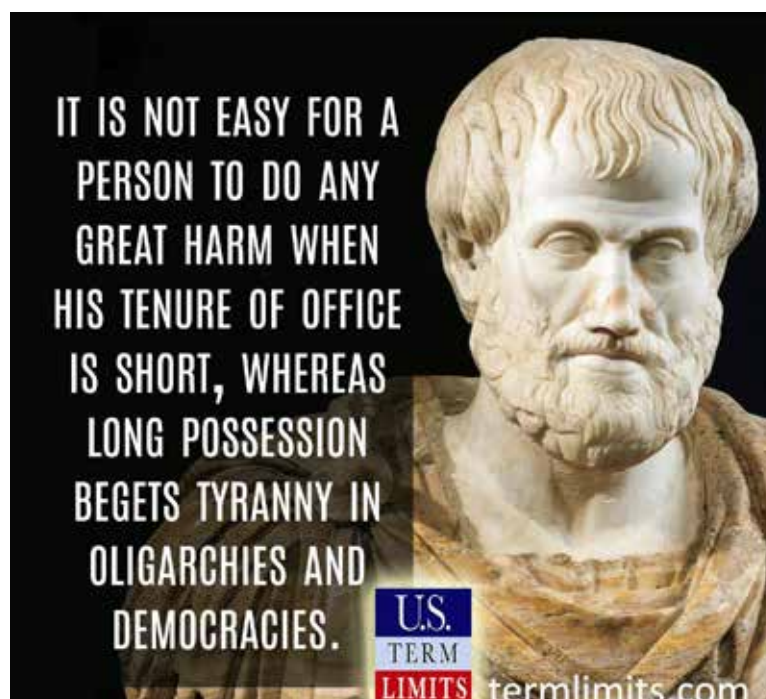
[U.S. Term Limits](#)’ President Philip Blumel commended Sen. Townsend and Rep. Toma for putting forth the legislation. Blumel said, “The people of Arizona are lucky to have public servants who see what is going on in D.C. and are willing to take action to fix it. They know that Congress won’t set term limits on itself. Therefore, it is the obligation of the states to do so.”

Both resolutions have been assigned to their respective Government committees for a vote.

If passed in both the state house and senate this session, Arizona will join other states at a national convention to propose a term limits on Congress amendment. 34 state legislatures are required to call the convention. The amendment must then be ratified by 38 states to become part of the U.S. Constitution.

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[U.S. Term Limits](#) is the oldest and largest grassroots term limits advocacy group in the country. We connect term limits supporters with their legislators and work to pass term limits on all elected officials, particularly on the U.S. Congress.



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January 2021



SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The state Department of Motor Vehicles has issued the state's first autonomous vehicle deployment permit to Nuro Inc., allowing the company to charge a fee and receive compensation for its driverless delivery service. The AMA objects to the deployment of autonomous vehicles on roadways unless they can adequately detect and appropriately react to motorcycles in their immediate vicinity. Unlike an autonomous testing permit, which limits the compensation that a manufacturer can receive from the public while validating the technology on public roads, a deployment permit authorizes a company to make its autonomous technology commercially available outside a testing program. The deployment permit grants Nuro permission to use a fleet of light-duty driverless vehicles for a commercial delivery service on surface

streets within designated parts of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, which includes the cities of Atherton, East Palo Alto, Los Altos Hills, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and Woodside. The vehicles have a maximum speed of 25 mph and are only approved to operate in fair weather conditions on streets with a speed limit of no more than 35 mph. Nuro has had state authority to test autonomous vehicles on public roads with a safety driver since 2017 and received a driverless testing permit in April 2020.

LACONIA, N.H. - A fire destroyed the Laconia Motorcycle Week office on Christmas Day resulting in the loss of a century's worth of memorabilia and a beloved cat. A post on the organization's Facebook page said "collectibles and souvenirs spanning the

history of Laconia Motorcycle Week's 97-year legacy" were lost in the blaze. It remained unclear how the fire started.

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Downtown AJ's Music Festival & Alzheimer's Walk



The Downtown AJ Music Festival & Alzheimer's Walk was a 2-day event; starting Friday evening November 13, 2020 and rolling into Saturday November 14. The Downtown AJ Festival is a monthly gathering hosted by the Treasure Box Boutique at their Downtown AJ location, in the parking lot of the old Basha's Plaza. That is on the northwest corner of Phelps Road & Apache Trail.

Each month they choose a different beneficiary, with any profit being donated to the cause. November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month and so all donations benefited the Alzheimer's Association 'Walk to End Alzheimer's'.

There were about 14 vehicles in Saturday's show. While the show is open to cars AND motorcycles, this time the show was mostly cars. This portion of the event was hosted & organized by the East Valley Mustang Club. There were real nice classics on site, including a 1932 Ford Roadster and a 1934 Studebaker. Understandably, there was a variety of Mustangs on hand representing different eras.

The 1st place winner of Saturday's show was a 1967 Camaro owned by

Pat O'Donnell. Second place was Rich Sobrich's 1956 Ford. AEVMC's Steve Rushefsky chuckled, "There's nothing like bringing a Camaro to a show hosted by a Mustang Club and winning."

Music was provided by four bands: country with 'The Dave & Tony Show' and 'Angie Senger's Last Train Band'; 'Innocent Joe & the Hostile Witness' brought a variety of Jazz and R&B; ending the day with some classic rock by 'All Due Respect'.

Vendors included some great gifting ideas – including jewelry, wood crafted art, and Arbonne Body Care. 'Saving Paws Rehab' had an information & support booth. This is a local non-profit organization that raises money to assist with the medical needs of animals in the Apache Junction Shelter, so the little ones can then be adopted. The AZ Big Train Operators had a display of trains running; which was very cool to watch.

The Alzheimer's Walk had about 30 participants. The Walk traveled out to the sidewalk & looped the event venue. There was a Promise Garden set up with pinwheel flowers in a variety of colors;

each of which represents a stage of Alzheimer's. People could carry a flower in the Walk to represent the stage of Alzheimer's that a person in their life is going through.

On display was Steve & Victoria Rushefsky's Mustang Convertible. It has had a custom wrap done to promote Alzheimer's Awareness and to honor victims of this terrible disease. Victoria's mother Lucy was taken by Alzheimer's. This is a way to honor her memory, raise awareness, and help others who are dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia in their families.

The chosen fundraiser for Arizona's East Valley Mustang Club is Alzheimer's Research. Through the Purple Passion efforts of the Club's Members and Administrators, Team AEVMC raised over \$10,000 in 2020; ranking it 8th in the State for donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

The next Downtown AJ Festival takes place Friday –Saturday February 12&13. Follow the Treasure Box Boutique for future dates and more information, about the event and about the shop.

Betsy & Bruce



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online, click title above for more calendar entries and event details

For MC bike night listings, visit <http://www.azcmc.org/calendar>

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

These events were still ON when this calendar was created.

Updates / cancellations are noted when we are advised.

We strongly urge our Readers to confirm before departing for an event venue.

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) www.facebook.com/events/4037463966267950/

2/20 {Sat} Second Amendment Rally Arizona 2021 on the Capitol Lawn, 1700 W Jefferson, Phoenix . 10a-2pm Lots of vendors, kid's activities, educational booths, and good food. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some awesome speakers. Presented by RidersUSA <https://2ndamendmentrallyaz.com/>

2/27 {Sat} Bikers For Blood Drive @ Superstition Harley-Davidson, 9a-1pm. Appointments encouraged. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ ; 480-346-0600

2/27 3rd Annual Helping Heroes Heal benefit hosted by Veterans IV Veterans Motorcycle Association; 8am-10pm. Poker Ride starts at Sage & Sand in Glendale, AZ ; ending at Dillon's Western Trails in Morristown. Event also includes Pin-up , Cornhole/Horseshoe, & Best Beard Contests; live Music throughout the day & more! This fundraiser allows VIVVMA to provide immediate assistance and support to Veterans in need of resources. They work to reduce & prevent Veteran Homelessness and Veteran Suicide. Help support veteran and active duty outreach in Arizona. Visit their website for details www.VIVVMA.com | Chica@vivvma.com | Contactus@vivvma.com

2/27 Desert Ridge HS 9th annual Car-Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet. Show 9a-1:30pm [check-in 7-9a], Swap 7a-1:30pm [set up 6a]. Support's DRHS Theatre Booster Scholarship Programs. DRHS located at 10045 E Madero Ave, Mesa 85209. FMI: DRHSTheatreCarShow@gmail.com | www.drhscarshow.com | www.facebook.com/cruisinthruthedecades

2/28 {Sun} Swap Meet Sunday @ Superstition Harley-Davidson, 10am - 2pm. Only \$10 per space - Set up 9-10am. Vendor spaces will be limited. Call to reserve your spot NOW! 480-346-0600 (Vendors not permitted on premises until after 8am) *All spaces will be marked and spaced accordingly to make sure we have sufficient space between each vendor to comply with social distancing guidelines. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ ; 480-346-0600

The Freedom to Assemble is a RIGHT, not a 'privilege'

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.

3/26-27 {Fr-Sat} 10th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash at Lake Pleasant Harbor; cars & motorcycles, music, pinups, & more. FMI: <https://azrockabillybash.com/>

4/12 {Mon} Motorcycle Day at the Dome will be held on the Arizona State Capital House lawn, 1700 W Jefferson, Phoenix 9am-1p. Be prepared to: - Ride into the Capital area; Park right in front of the Senate and House buildings; Lobby your legislator about motorcycle issues. FMI: www.facebook.com/mdatd | www.facebook.com/events/363075888080586

4/30-5/2 {Fr-Sun} Lake Havasu City Rockabilly Reunion, Arizona's Largest Rockabilly Car / Motorcycle Show & Music Festival. Includes live music, car & motorcycle show, pin-up contest, vendors & more. Dry Camping available. www.therockabillyreunion.com

5/1 {Sat} IFRD {Int'l Female Riders Day} Ride to Prescott. Meetup locations, route, etc TBA. FMI: www.facebook.com/groups/ifrdarizona

6/10-13 {Th-Sun} Too Broke For Sturgis 2021 hosted by ABATE of AZ at Mormon Lake Lodge campground & arena. \$40/pp, \$5 discount for ABATE members. Adults-only {18 years & older}. 30+ years of supporting ABATE-AZ's mission of protecting motorcyclists' rights, increasing public awareness of motorcycles, & promoting rider safety. 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.

11/5-7 ACMC's Riot on the River, Winkelman, AZ FMI: <http://www.azcmc.org/>

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