



**Celebration of Life  
for  
Bruce 'Meltdown' Newkirk**

Bruce Newkirk, of  
*Arizona Rider Motorcycle News*,  
passed away on December 17, 2021.

There will be Celebration of Life on  
Saturday, March 5th, 2022 at American  
Legion Post 35 in Chandler, located at  
2240 W Chandler Blvd. Chandler, AZ  
85224. It will be in their outdoor ven-  
ue, offering lots of room for people to  
social distance if they feel the need.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's name are suggested to the American Service Animal Society aka Dogs4Vets -- online at <https://dogs4vets.org/>. If checks are mailed, please put his name in the memo line.

People are welcome to start congregating at Post 35 at 11:30a. Service will start at 12:30pm, followed by an afternoon of visiting, sharing stories, and camaraderie in Bruce's name.

A Tribute Ride to escort Bruce's ashes to American Legion Post 35 for the service will depart from Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. For those who wish to participate, either by bike or auto {Bruce loves cool cars as well as motorcycles!} please be at SHD by 11am. Kickstands up 11:30a.

Note: There will be a chase vehicle for this ride.

There will be a potluck after the service & donations to that are greatly appreciated. MaryK (602-751-3180 or [chairman@abateofaz.us](mailto:chairman@abateofaz.us)) is coordinating that so as not to end up with too much of some things and not enough of others.

This will be a Celebration of a Life well lived, in a community he loved so much.  
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Hello AriZona Riders!

Well Folks ~ here we are.... Starting off a new year in a whole new way. It's kind of helpful to be back doing something 'normal' in these crazy times of mine.

I am so very appreciative of all the messages of support that have been sent since Bruce's passing.

The latest details of Bruce's Celebration of Life are in this edition. Any updates to those will be posted to the AZ Rider facebook page. ALSO, our ABATE family has created a fb event page for information that is being updated as needed. There's no sense in creating more than one page & causing confusion. ☺

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Let's tell some stories this year! It's been great to work with party organizers to share their day's details and pix. Unsure of how to write something up? NO worries! We can work together to create an article about your event. The more people who know about it means the more who may want to attend next time! The best way to make contact is by email at editor@azridersouthwest.com

Have a good month! Ride safely, choose wisely, & Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

*Betsy*

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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.



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# 6th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run

The 6th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run was held Saturday December 4, 2021. Even though this event takes place during the Christmas Toy Run 'season'... these toys are not for Santa to place under the Christmas tree of a needy child. Troll's Teddy Bear Run collects stuffed animals for the Family Advocacy Centers, local PDs, and First Responders to assist traumatized children.

These plushies are carried in the vehicles of Emergency Responders to help a child in need during a crisis. A home fire, auto wreck, or other traumatic situation can be particularly hard on a little one. Sometimes something soft, cuddly, and theirs can help them as they go through their ordeal.

There were 164 riders participating. Sign-in for the run and the first card pull were at American Bike and Trike located in Gilbert, AZ. From there riders went to their first stop at Wahoo's Restaurant & Bar in Gold Canyon for the 2nd pull and a biker brunch. Then it was off to The

River Bottom Bar and Grill in Florence for the 3rd card. Final stop was at Superstition Harley-Davidson {2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction} for a double card pull and the awarding of poker hand prizes, door prizes, and raffles.

Between donations made ahead of time and donations received on the day of the event, over 650 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals were collected this year ... along with a few toys as well.

The organizations that Troll's Teddy Bear Ride helped in 2021 include Pinal City Family Advocacy Centers, Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Capacity Builders Inc., Chrysalis DV Shelter, and Salt River Family Advocacy.

Thanks go out to the 2021 Sponsors: Superstition Harley-Davidson, Law Tiggers AZ, Wahoo's Restaurant & Bar, Leslie Kay's Inc {insurance}, American Bike & Trike, TNC Book Recycling, and of course Troll's Biker World.

The 7th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear

Run will take place on Saturday December 3rd, 2022.

Troll included this message, "Thank you everyone that helped and attended. Without you we would not have ended up with over 650 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals allowing us to help out six different organizations via the Mesa Family Advocacy Center. To help out next year and or to keep informed about our future rides, go to [trolls bikerworld.com](http://trolls bikerworld.com)"

Congratulations to Troll on his efforts to secure 501c3 status for Troll's Teddy Bear Run! This means, among other things, that YOU can now make financial donations to this wonderful cause AND create a tax benefit for yourself or for your business. Very cool! [Check with your accountant for details.]

For more info about this opportunity, contact Greg 'Troll' Hughes at 360-451-1795 OR [trolls bikerworld@gmail.com](mailto:trolls bikerworld@gmail.com)

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By Mary K. Donnay

I received notice that Bobbi Hartman passed away on December 1st, 2021. I have not been notified of the circumstances or if there will be a funeral or memorial. I'll let you know if that is announced.

Bobbi was a Lifetime member of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc., Yavapai Chapter and our Authorized Lobbyist for a number of years. Then she was one of MMA's lobbyists. She lobbied for motorcycle rights most of her life, and was instrumental in getting the Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) structured and taught in countless Driver's Education high school classes throughout Arizona, undoubtedly saving motorcyclists lives.



She received the Silver Spoke Award for lifetime achievement from Richard Lester's firm, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) during a National Coalition of Motorcycle Clubs meeting (NCOM).

I remember that she was very proud of that.

The last few years, I'd see her at the AZ State Capital or M.R.F.'s Meeting of the Minds, towing her oxygen tank and taking it slow, but still going!

She gave her all and we appreciate her dedication to our purpose.

Rest in peace Bobbi.  
THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SERVICE!

*Pictured here from  
2015 NCOM:*

Billy Larson, Kat Grover, Sky Pilot, Nyx, Bobbi Hartman, Steve "Muskrat" Musgrave, Richard Lester, Joey Lester, Cindy Gates, Mary K. Donnay, Cheri Dubrow, and Johnny Dreyfus.

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### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

*Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)*

### NEW YEAR = NEW LEGISLATION

With 2021 in the rearview, New Year 2022 has hit the ground running in several states considering pro- and anti-biker laws, including some helmet legislation, profiling, noise, motorcycle safety, lane splitting, bike parking and lighting issues.

Freedom of Choice on helmet use is on the docket in some of the 18 states that still mandate riders to wear them, such as Massachusetts (H3524 & S2328: helmet standards), Nebraska (LB581) and West Virginia (HB2711 / SB127), while New York seeks to study the efficacy of helmets (A1107) and Alabama's legislature will consider requiring reflective headgear (SB65).

Lane splitting has been a hot top-

ic lately, and Massachusetts (H3513 & S2315), Virginia (HB838) and Washington (HB1106 / SB5622 & HB1254) hope to join California, Montana, Utah & Hawaii in allowing motorcycles to bypass slow moving vehicles in heavy traffic situations.

Likewise, anti-biker profiling by law enforcement has been on many states' agendas since being enacted in Washington, Maryland, Louisiana and most recently Idaho, and now New York is the first this year among many more to introduce legislation (A1747 / S3869) in hopes of preventing police from discriminating against motorcyclists in their application of the law.

By sheer numbers, Massachusetts takes the prize for the most pro-motorcycle bills introduced already this session, with 11 pieces of legislation including H3487 / S2329 to advance motorcycle safety, H3417 / S2331 relative to a motorcycle safety fund, and H3438 to clarify testing and enforcement of motorcycle sound emissions.

On the "anti-" side of the dockets, New York is once again considering a prohibition on children under the age of 12 from riding on a motorcycle (A148), and Virginia will debate "excessive noise" (HB367 and HB632 / SB180).

The year is young, with many more issues of interest on the horizon, pro and

con, that concerned riders need to track and stay on top of, and one of the best ways to do so is to join your state motorcyclists' rights organization (SMRO) and subscribe to the monthly NCOM Biker Newsbytes by e-mailing "Subscribe" to [NCOMBish@aol.com](mailto:NCOMBish@aol.com).

### BIKER ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Since the federal Highway Bill passed Congress and was signed into law by President Biden without most of the pro-motorcycle provisions that bikers across America lobbied to include, it is now imperative that riders turn their attention toward garnering support for the stand-alone measure in the House that would help prevent anti-biker profiling.

Nearly three years ago, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a nonbinding resolution condemning the discriminatory profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement (S. Res. 154), and now the U.S. House of Representatives is again considering a similar bipartisan measure in the 117th Congress, H. Res. 366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement offi-

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cial to prevent instances of profiling."

Sponsored once again by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) along with original co-sponsors Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX), Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL) and Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI), the anti-profiling resolution was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on April 30, 2021 to thwart "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," as profiling is defined in the resolution.

H.R. 366 acknowledges that "complaints surrounding motorcyclist profiling have been cited in all 50 States," and the bipartisan resolution denotes three actionable items;

- (1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
- (2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
- (3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning

motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials.

All concerned motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their Congressional Representatives at (202) 224-3121 to ask that they join with 59 other colleagues as current cosponsors of H.Res.366 and help put a stop to law enforcement unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

### NOISE-DETECTING CAMERAS TO FINE LOUD MOTORCYCLES IN FRANCE

Traffic cameras that can identify excessively noisy motorcycles and vehicles are being deployed across France, with riders and drivers who flout the rules facing fines of €135 (\$153USD).

The debate over the devices, which have been trialed in various countries across Europe, has run rife for some time, but the French are the first nation to initiate a wider roll-out of cameras that will flash and fine motorcycles and vehicles that exceed noise levels.

The Bruitparif-designed Meduse cameras feature microphones attached to a camera that can pick up and identify the direction of noise from the road below. Should the sound rise above a cer-

tain decibel, the camera is activated and a fine is subsequently issued.

Though noise cameras are -- officially speaking -- aimed at all vehicles, many feel motorcycles are unfairly targeted compared to cars with many routes popular with bikers used during trials.

### MOTO-GP WILL NOT RACE IN COUNTRIES REQUIRING COVID QUARANTINES

When MotoGP resurfaced in October 2021, it looked like Grand Prix motorcycle racing might return to normal, packing the schedule with 21 rounds including eight outside Europe, but the Delta and Omicron variant waves caused many countries to reinstate travel restrictions -- including quarantines upon arrival -- forcing organizers to play musical chairs with the calendar throughout the year.

Dorna CEO Carmelo Ezpeleta sent a clear message at a recent racing forum that MotoGP will not visit countries in 2022 that require CoViD-19 quarantines; "If they tell us that we have to be quarantined for fourteen days, the answer is clear, no, I'm not going! That's the limit," Ezpeleta claimed. "As for the rest, they can ask us to have vaccination cer-

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tificates or the documentation that we already did last year and that is why it was important to go to the United States as a test of what can be said to the rest of the countries."

Last year, MotoGP successfully ran events in Qatar and the United States, unfortunately the only races held outside Europe, while Japan and Australia are still requiring such measures, and Thailand is trending that direction.

With the Japanese and Australian Grands Prix set for September and October, 2022, the situation could hopefully change, while MotoGP's pre-season runs will also be a testing ground for Malaysia and Indonesia's ability to accommodate the international race series.

## JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE SALES HIT 23-YEAR HIGH

Prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, motorcycle enthusiasts and OEMs alike lamented the elusive Millennial buyers and declining sales, but throughout the global health crisis, motorcycles have surprisingly surged in popularity. As a result, manufacturers experienced record sales growth, with Ducati, BMW, and Energica reporting large gains in 2020 and 2021, and Japanese OEMs have

similarly benefited from the increased interest and the "Big Four" (Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and Yamaha) are reporting that domestic shipments hit a 23-year high in 2021 (235,755 units in-country, up 20.6%).

In addition to the sales uptick, Honda, Suzuki and Yamaha all report increased sales among younger riders.

Before the pandemic, Japan's more restrictive emissions laws thwarted ridership growth, but 2021 marks the Island Empire's most successful year since 1998, when customers purchased 318,080 new motorcycles.

## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: MOTORCYCLE RACERS BLINK LESS

A recent study has found that MotoGP riders blink far less than non-racers, with one test subject going 9 minutes without blinking!

During the first round of the 2021 MotoGP season, Pramac Ducati rider Johann Zarco set a new series top-speed record of 225 mph. At that speed, riders cover 330 feet in one second. The average blink takes 0.15 seconds, so riders traveling at that top velocity are effectively blind for nearly 50 feet of track.

That sounds like a terrifying prospect to us mere mortals, but a study between LCR Honda and Italian pharmaceutical company Sifi helps explain how MotoGP riders' eyes function in such extreme conditions. Conducted over six MotoGP seasons (2015-2021), Grand Prix riders would undergo tests prior to the race and 30 minutes following the checkered flag. The dual-test method revealed that rider reaction times and pupil performance remain in "Race Mode" for an extended period.

All racers easily exceeded the normal 4-6-second blink interval, and despite the stressful conditions, none of the subjects exhibited red, dry eyes or inflammation.

The results may be fascinating, but Sifi co-owner Carlos Chines believes this is just the beginning of a broader, long-term study.

"We basically want to continue researching the differences between 'normal' eyes and those of MotoGP riders," revealed Dr. Chines. "We also want to investigate the relationship between concentration and blink rate. From these results, we expect to understand whether one can work with little tricks, exercises,

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or eye drops to counteract fatigue, dry or sore eyes, and deterioration in vision."

### DROPPED BIKE BLUES

Well, it's too late to write to Santa for a saddlebag stuffer, but you can contact Airbiker to acquire their portable assistive device to pick up downed motorcycles.

No matter how your bike got to the ground, you have to pick it up somehow, and while plenty of riding instructors teach methods to help you pick up a downed bike, the moment of truth may seem much different when you eventually face it.

Plus, the bigger the bike, the more intimidating the task, and what if you have a bad back or other injury that makes it a less smart idea to manhandle your scooter?

That's the problem that French start-up Airsink wants to solve with their new product called Airbiker; a small pouch with an inflatable balloon and a few CO2 cartridges inside that gives enough boost for you to grab the handlebars and guide it back upright from a completely prone position on the ground.

It all packs up in a little zippered pouch, much like countless mini air-compressor units that riders may already car-

ry in the event of flat tires, and is available directly from Airsink ([www.airsink.fr/boutique](http://www.airsink.fr/boutique)) at prices ranging from €130 (roughly \$147) to €195 (\$221).

### NCOM CONVENTION ~ SAVE THE DATE!

Some of the finest Freedom Fighters in the motorcyclists' rights movement will be among the hundreds of biker activists from across the country to gather for the 37th annual NCOM Convention in Nashville, Tennessee over the weekend of June 23-25, 2022 to teach, learn and share information relevant to our ongoing fight for Freedom of the Road.

This year's NCOM Convention will address legal and legislative topics of interest to all motorcycle riders, including informative seminars, regional meetings, special interest gatherings and group discussions, capped off with the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet.

NCOM Board Chairman James "Doc" Reichenbach reminds concerned bikers to "Mark your calendars now" and check back at [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com) for further details as they develop.

### U.S. EXPERIENCES LARGEST 6-MONTH INCREASE IN TRAFFIC DEATHS EVER

U.S. traffic deaths soared in the first six months of 2021, making for the most deadly 6-month period ever recorded. An estimated 20,160 people died in motor vehicle crashes on U.S. roads, an 18.4% increase from the same period in 2020, announced the U.S. Department of Transportation's NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

Traffic deaths surged after Coronavirus lockdowns ended in 2020 as more drivers engaged in unsafe behavior like speeding and lack of seatbelt use, according to NHTSA behavioral research findings. That made for the largest six-month increase ever recorded in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System's history, which has been in use since 1975.

As U.S. roads became less crowded, some motorists perceived police were less likely to issue tickets because of CoViD-19, experts said. Incidents of road rage and driving under the influence were also found to be higher than before the pandemic. Travel on U.S. roads was up 13% in the first half compared to a year earlier.

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"This is a crisis," noted Pete Buttigieg, the transportation secretary, adding that the rising traffic deaths left "countless loved ones behind," he said. "We cannot and should not accept these fatalities as simply a part of everyday life in America."

Buttigieg announced the Department's first-ever National Roadway Safety Strategy to launch in January with a comprehensive set of actions to reverse the current trend.

The initiative will be rooted in the Safe System or approach to roadway design that takes human error into account, first put into effect in Sweden's Vision Zero in the 1990s, with the goal of eliminating all road deaths and serious injuries.

## BBB AND ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

It's not law yet, and many political insiders don't believe it ever will be in its present form, but the Biden Administration's "Build Back Better Act" as currently written includes a tax credit toward the purchase of qualifying two- or three-wheeled electric vehicles, of 30% of the purchase price, up to a credit of \$7,500.

What kinds of bikes qualify for this credit; you may wonder? For starters, only motorcycles made "for use on public streets, roads, and highways" make the grade. Additionally, qualifying vehicles must be capable of achieving speeds of at least 45 miles per hour, and be powered by a 2.5kWh or greater battery.

Unfortunately, that also means that low-speed electric motorbikes (and scooters), often used for urban transport, do not meet the criteria for this credit. Additionally, while a \$7,500 tax credit sounds like a sweet incentive, your electric motorbike purchase must cost at least \$25,000 to hit that ceiling.

Various criteria, such as a taxpayer's

modified adjusted gross income, can also affect the available tax credit offered. If married, taxpayers paying jointly make over \$500,000 in a year, or \$250,000 if filing as single taxpayers, the credit goes away completely.

The nearly \$2-trillion BBB, H.R. 5376, has passed in the House of Representatives and now awaits further action in the U.S. Senate when Congress returns from Holiday recess.

## ELECTRIC COALITION PLANS MASSIVE INCREASE IN CHARGING STATIONS

In America, with its wide-open spaces, one of the biggest hurdles to EV adoption is range anxiety, and while cars manufacturers have made great strides in addressing this issue, electric bike OEMs still face an uphill ride due to size and shape limitations. Still, all EVs traversing American roads could stand to gain if the National Electric Highway Coalition has its way.

Simply stated, the NEHC wants to provide DC fast charging infrastructure along "major U.S. travel corridors" by the end of 2023. With current projections estimating that around 22 million EVs will take to U.S. roads by 2030, the Edison Electric Institute estimates the need for around 100,000 EV fast charging ports readily available from coast to coast.

That's a tall order, considering the U.S. Department of Energy current lists a total of 5,644 DC fast chargers across the entire United States. By the EEI's own estimates, that's nowhere near enough.

A total of 53 separate energy companies across the U.S. formed this NEHC power company coalition, with most being investor-owned energy companies from whom many of us receive our electric bills every month.

"EEI and our member companies are leading the clean energy transformation, and electric transportation is key

to reducing carbon emissions across our economy," according to EEI President Tom Kuhn. "With the formation of the National Electric Highway Coalition, we are committed to investing in and providing the charging infrastructure necessary to facilitate electric vehicle growth and to helping alleviate any remaining customer range anxiety."

## EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER ASSOCIATION REVEALS FUTURE GOALS

Despite the growth and development in the electric mobility sector, the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) wants to go much further by 2030. On November 17, 2021, ACEM held an online conference to introduce its Vision 2030+. The strategic documents lay out a roadmap for the European motorcycle industry to continue development in conjunction with regional decarbonization goals. European Parliament and European Commission policy-makers were in attendance as well as industry leaders.

"The Vision 2030+ that we are presenting today is the result of a long-term reflection at the highest levels of the European motorcycle industry," said ACEM Vice-President and Head of BMW Motorcycles Dr. Markus Schramm. "Vision 2030+ is about the future of mobility but also about the valuable contribution our industry can make to help Europe achieve its goals in areas such as industrial policy, decarbonization, and road safety."

The presenters stressed the importance of cooperation among manufacturers such as the Swappable Batteries Consortium, but also noted that alternative fuels play a major role in meeting future goals. New proposals like the Fit for 55 package and alternative fuel deployment initiatives are all aimed at achieving the objectives set forth by the European

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Green Deal and the European Climate Law. Under the two bills, the E.U. is expected to reduce emissions by 55% by 2030.

"Through this Vision 2030+, the motorcycle industry is gearing up to be a part of tomorrow's European transport system, with advanced and increasingly sustainable products meeting different societal needs, such as personal mobility, leisure, and last-mile deliveries," concluded ACEM Secretary General Antonio Perlot. "Recognition and support by policymakers will be key to turn it into reality."

### AI BEING DEVELOPED TO PREDICT AND AVOID COLLISIONS

Honda has announced that they will be embarking on an ambitious program to help make our streets safer by incorporating predictive Artificial Intelligence technology into driving and riding Honda automobiles and motorcycles.

"Honda will strive for zero traffic collision fatalities involving Honda motorcycles and automobiles globally by 2050," said Honda CEO, Toshihiro Mibe. Mibe also added that to eliminate motorcycle collision fatalities especially in emerging countries, Honda will "con-

tinue to strengthen research on safety technologies that enable motorcycles and automobiles to safely coexist and lead the way in realizing a collision-free society."

With Honda's "Safe and Sound Technology," information about potential risks in the traffic environment, which are detected based on information obtained from roadside cameras, onboard cameras and smartphones, will be aggregated in the server to reproduce that traffic environment in the virtual space. In that virtual space, in consideration of the conditions and characteristics of each individual road user, the system predicts/simulates the behaviors of road users at high risk of a collision. Then, the system derives the most appropriate support information to help the road users avoid such risks.

Such support information will be communicated intuitively to automobile drivers, motorcycle riders, and pedestrians through "cooperative risk HMI (human-machine interface)," which will make it possible for the system to encourage road users to take action to avoid a collision before it happens.

According to Honda, the company is targeting the testing and effectiveness of the system within the next few years,

while standardization with industry-wide private-public collaboration will commence after 5 years. Honda also hopes to deploy the technology for "real world" applications sometime after 2030.

### MOTORCYCLE EVENTS ONCE AGAIN CANCELED DUE TO CHINA VIRUS

Just as we thought the world was beginning to return to some semblance of normalcy, the global pandemic seems to be striking back with a vengeance, especially as majority of the Northern Hemisphere is right in the thick of winter. Several countries have seen massive increases in Coronavirus cases, particularly worrisome mutations, which unfortunately spells disaster for numerous motorcycling events -- be it indoors or outside -- such as The Elephant Rally, iconic IMOT, and high-adrenaline Supercross Dortmund, as biker gatherings across Europe are being postponed or have gotten the axe.

The racing scene, too, is not left without its casualties, as the Dortmund 2022 motocross series has also been canceled.

With worldwide travel bans, health mandates and safety restrictions once

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again set in place to curb the spread of the virus, hopes remain high that the events we motorcycle riders are so passionate about will return to the calendar soon.

### OF CONCERN; 4 OUT OF 5 KINDERGARTNERS CAN'T RIDE A BICYCLE

Ryan McFarland, the founder of Strider kids bicycles, told his motorcycle industry audience at the Orange County IMS Outdoors event that today only one in five kindergartners know how to ride a bicycle.

Similarly, most young drivers today have never learned to use a clutch to drive a car with a manual transmission.

Most motorcycles require both balance and use of a clutch, and in the past one could assume that new motorcycle customers would already be familiar with both.

Not-so-much today, but the motorcycle industry is aware of both of these challenges, and are developing new rider programs, power assist bicycles, and new technologies such as clutchless shifting and continuously variable transmissions, as well as more affordable rides.

No, today we can't count on as many

kids riding bicycles or teens learning to drive a stick, but the motorcycle industry is working hard in other ways to attract new riders.

### THEFT ALERT: THIEVES USING APPLE TECH TO TRACK VEHICLES OF INTEREST

Apple created AirTags to help users find commonly misplaced items like keys or luggage. When paired to an Apple device via Bluetooth, each AirTag allows the owner to track the item's whereabouts. Hidden AirTags have even been used to track down stolen vehicles, including motorcycles.

However, AirTags don't just let the user track their belongings, they also allow thieves to track other people's property. Authorities have discovered that crooks are stashing AirTags on luxury vehicles, out of the owner's sight. Once the thief tracks the automobile (or motorcycle) to the owner's residence, they can steal it once out of the public's eye.

"Inspect your vehicle regularly and call police if you notice any suspicious potential tracking devices," suggested the York Regional Police in Ontario, Canada. "If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage," and "consider purchasing a qual-

ity video surveillance system."

### QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"Those who foolishly sought power by riding the back of the tiger ended up inside."

~ John F. Kennedy (1917-63)  
35th President of the United States

"We, too, born to freedom, and believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."

~ Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945),  
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# SHD-CMA's 2022 New Year Car & Bike Show

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There were about 40 vehicles on display. Among them were a 1929 Model A Ford, a 1930 Model A, and a 1991 HD Sportster. Although there were fewer vehicles as compared to last year, those present still made for an excellent display to enjoy.

There were 4 plaques awarded: People's Choice – Bike, People's Choice – Car, Dealer's Choice, & CMA's Choice. Unfortunately the winners names weren't available at the time of this writing.

Vendors included Nick P's Customs – with some beautiful wood work designs; plus booths offering a variety of apparel and personal accessories. The New Life CMA Chapter had an information and show registration booth. Several food trucks offered lunchables or treats ~ depending upon your preference.

There were some beautiful gift baskets as raffles, in a variety of themes to spark people's interest... SHD goodies, kids toys, cooking items in a picnic basket, assorted home and sports items, and more. The baskets are creative, with members of the CMA Chapter members putting them together.

Brina from Superstition HD commented that she was happy with how the day went and always enjoys working with CMA's New Life Chapter.

CMA's {Christian Motorcyclists Association} mission includes providing outreach and support to the motorcycling community. This event benefits CMA's Run For the Son programs. Monies raised go to four different CMA ministries ( Open Doors, The Jesus Film Project, Missionary Ventures, and CMA National Ministry). To contact New Life CMA, send an email to [cmanewlifeaz@gmail.com](mailto:cmanewlifeaz@gmail.com)

Being out among fellow enthusiasts, talking to good people, and the opportunity to appreciate some fine vehicles was a nice way to start off the New Year. All the best to each of you in 2022!

*Betsy*



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**2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 11a at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: Dan Tumey 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com**

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2/5 {Sat} Red Iron MC Poker Run benefit ride. All proceeds go to Heart Strings Foundation, an organization that provides music therapy for veterans with PTSD. Start / end point is 44 Grill {623-842-1053}, 4494 W Peoria Ave, Ste 110 Glendale, AZ. Live music by Last Train to Juárez and Unchained. Register 10a-12pm. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. KSU at 12. Adults only.

2/5 2nd Annual Desert Ride-in Bike Show, from 8a-4pm at Salome Restaurant at Mountain Pass, 39 miles east of Quartzsite AZ. 97 miles west of Phoenix AZ. 64638. Brotherhood Rogue MC is a Christian / Military Motorcycle Club out of Quartzsite, AZ. The Desert Ride-in Bike Show was started by The Sanctuary Biker Church and in 2021 the reins were turned over to Brotherhood Rogue MC. Here are some of the things that you can expect: Live Music, Biker games; food; Vendors; Fellowship. All proceeds go to support our local Veterans. FMI: 559-530-6441 Bill Eldridge, travel1946@hotmail.com

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2/12 {Sat} Ride Into the Sunset Charity Poker Run Meet 11:30am @ Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. \$10 buy-in, 1 per rider. 100-mile round trip. Last stop includes Food, Drinks, Live Music. Event wraps ~ 4pm. Advance sign-up required by 2/8/22. Benefits Mesa Sunset Outreach FMI: 480-265-0237

2/13 {Sun} Motorcycle Parts Swap Meet Sunday 10a-2pm at Superstition Harley-Davidson® - 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. \$10/Vendor Space. FMI: 480-346-0600, <http://superstitionhd.com/>

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2/19 {Sat} Motors, Manes & Miracles Poker Run concludes at Superstition HD - 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Meet 9am at M&M 43421 N. Friend Ave, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140 FMI: <https://manesandmiraclesaz.org/> 480-346-0600

2/19 3rd Annual Zaliyah Love Poker Run from 8:30am - 9pm to benefit Camp Sunrise, a children's cancer camp in Arizona. Location - 3600 W Rose Garden Ln, Glendale, AZ 85308. FMI: Melissa Wilson 623-582-1024, Deervalley3871eagleriders@gmail.com

2/20 {Sun} Kong's 2nd Annual Memorial Poker Run. Reg 9a, last bike in by 1pm. VFW Post 1433, 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale, AZ. All proceeds go to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. Food trucks, vendors, raffle prizes and more. High hand prize \$150, low = \$50. FMI: admin@azleathernecks.com

2/26 {Sat} Veterans IV Veterans MA 4th annual Helping Heroes Heal Poker Run & Event at Desert Rose Pizza & Gastro Pub 6729 N 57th Dr; Glendale, AZ. Motorcycle Poker Run - Reg 9am, 1st bike out 10am. Live Music, Contests, Raffles, Vendors, & More. \$20/sgl, \$25/2-up. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ. FMI: 623-850-3504

3/5 {Sat} Celebration of Life, Bruce 'Meltdown' Newkirk at American Legion Post 35 in Chandler. FMI: MK 602-751-3180 or [chairman@abateofaz.us](mailto:chairman@abateofaz.us)

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3/19 {Sat} 7th Annual Vets for Vets Fundraiser, hosted by CVMA 32-4 - Combat Veterans MA & American Legion Post 24 @ 225 E Allen St; Tombstone, AZ. 8a-5pm. \$20/pp. All funds raised benefit Veterans in Need. Cash Prize Poker Run, Pub Crawl, Live Music, Raffles, Vendors, Silent Auction, and more. <https://www.cvma32-4.org>, [email@cvma32-4.org](mailto:email@cvma32-4.org)

3/20 {Sun} Spartan Riders MC Hoplit presents 'Get Outta Town' Ride to Tortilla Flat - East Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ. Noon - ? \$10/pp includes music by Last Train to Juarez (480-242-7182). Raffles, vendors, & more.

4/6-10 {Wed-Sun} Arizona Bike Week 25th Anniversary at WestWorld in Scottsdale. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <https://azbikeweek.com/>

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4/30 {Sat} Conceal Carry Class at Superstition Harley-Davidson® - 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600, [www.safecw.com](http://www.safecw.com)

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12/3 7th annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run. FMI: 360-451-1795, [trollsbikerworld@gmail.com](mailto:trollsbikerworld@gmail.com)

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