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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 t deployment they need o enroll in the Veterans Administration (VA) program to obtain any VA Health Benefits they may be entitled to receive.

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On the cover ... This pic was taken during staging of the 2022 IFRD Ride, departing from Superstition HD in Apache Junction. The 2023 Int'l Female Riders Day Ride takes place May 6 and will return to Superior. Mark your calendars and make your plans, Gals. It's shaping up to be another great day.

You are gonna see a fundraiser announcement in these pages that is coming up at the end of February for SuziQ & Allen Brackhahn of Sierra Vista. You can read more about what's going on with them in the Community News.

Happy Birthday Day to AriZona! Our state turns 111 this month ~ on Valentine aka Statehood Day. You can soak up some AriZona-related trivia [courtesy of visitarizona.com] in these pages; PLUS review the '48 Facts About State 48' article posted to the [AZ Rider DYK archive](#), if you just can't get enough of that sort of stuff ☺

We are heading toward our season of 'Chamber of Commerce' weather. It's a fine time to start planning your trips to check out some of our beautiful State.... Either for the first time or a return visit.

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Yuma HOG Chapter's Breast Cancer Motorcycle Fun Run

The Yuma HOG Chapter held its 13th Breast Cancer Motorcycle Fun Run on October 22, 2022. Chapter Director Reynold Jerome III started this event 13 years ago. He shared this follow up about the day, "We were able to raise \$13,750 that was donated to the Yuma Cancer Resource Center. \$10,000 was in cash and rest was in Gift cards to Texas Road House. The cash is used for treatment, gas coupons, nutrition, or whatever is needed to help people who are fighting cancer. The gift cards are given to the patients so that they can get a meal after their treatment so they don't have to dig into their pockets. Texas Road House raises money during the month of October selling pink ribbons that people can write their names on and they are hung on the walls at the restaurant. All money raised is used to purchase the gift cards. They also donate the meals for the motorcycle run. Our Motorcycle run raises the cash needed for everything else. We don't dictate how the money donated is to be used. That is decided by the volunteers at the Resource Center. Desert Document Shredders donated stress release items for the run. Sun Graphics Printing donated all the printing that needed to be done. All 3 Marriott Hotels helped purchase the pink ribbon pins for the run. Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson helps us out the most with covering everything else needed to complete the motorcycle run."

He added, "On behalf of HOG, I would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Yuma Cancer Resource Center at our 13th Save the Boobies Fun Run. Thanks goes out to all our sponsors who helped to make this event a successful one. It's great to see everyone coming together for such a great cause. As a team, we're making a difference in Yuma. Thank you."



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US Military Vets MC Chili Cook-off

On December 11, 2022 the Wild West Chapter of the US Military Vets MC hosted a Chili Cook-off at The Monastery Bar & Grill on McKellips Road in Mesa. This is the 5th year for this event.

This is the annual fundraiser for their Chapter's charity, Flagpoles For Veterans. The Club purchases and installs flagpoles at the homes of disabled or elderly Veterans who, for one reason or another, are unable to do it for themselves. Sadly, it can happen that the accomplishments & sacrifices of these Vets become forgotten. These flagpoles are a way to let them know that their Service is remembered and honored. The USMVMC gets referrals from the VFW. They are frequently Korea or Viet Nam Veterans. The Club covers 100% of the cost and labor.

Organizations coming out to support the cause included ABATE-AZ's East Valley Chapter, American Infidels MC, Axmen MC, Freedom Biker Outreach, Old Koots on Scoots, Leathernecks MC, and Marines MC.

There were 7 competitors in the Chili Cook-off. First place winner T-Pot {entry #3} received a \$50 prize and 2nd place winner Jean {entry #5} collected \$25.

Raffles items included movie tickets, adult beverages, knives, flasks, ammunition, various gift baskets, a Daisy Red Ryder rifle, & more. Thanks go out to all the raffle donors.

The drawing for a separate gun raffle as a fund raiser took place as well. The initial winner donated the weapon back to the cause. On the next draw, the President of the Marines MC won the prize. Congratulations!

In addition to members of AZ's Wild West Chapter of the U S. Military Vets MC; Brothers from their Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas Chapters were in attendance. I learned from Upgrade, USMVMC's AZ State President, that this Club has Chapters in 35 states. It was founded in 1987 and is one of the largest all Veteran MCs in the country. If anyone would like to learn more about the U S Military Vets MC, they can visit the AZ State chapter website at <http://usmvmc.us>

Upgrade noted that this was the event's biggest year yet; explaining that their Flagpoles For Veterans Charity was created in 2020. Their Club Brother, Mizzou, passed in 2020 from complications of cancer. He wanted to start a flagpole charity so they created this in honor of him. {It is his photo in the group pic shown here.} Upgrade went on to say, "Our goal for 2023 is to be able to install at least one flagpole per month. If you or someone you know is interested in helping us or want a flagpole installed, they can contact us via our website."

Thank you to T-Pot for additional photos. My thanks also to Upgrade, USMVMC's AZ President, for his additional information toward this article.

Fallout



Advertiser Profile: Attorney Norman Blakey, Copper Canyon Law LLC

Norman Blakey specializes in helping people to prepare their final paperwork.... Wills, Trusts, and the like. Who needs a Will or Trust, you might ask? Isn't that sort of stuff just for people with lots of money & property? In conversing with Norman, it became apparent that there is so much more to consider, and that people from all walks of life have circumstances that will be affected by the decisions they make ... Or don't make.

So Who should have a Will or Trust? Basically, anyone over the age of 18 years should at least be thinking about one. The idea is to have important decisions made and recorded beforehand, so that they are already in place to protect you if they are ever needed.

Our sport of motorcycling is inherently risky. While no one likes to think about it.... We all realize that something bad can happen. That breakfast ride goes horribly wrong and now everything changes in a heartbeat... For yourself and for your loved ones. If we haven't been through this scenario ourselves... chances are that we know someone who has.

If you've survived that wreck... who is the person making decisions for you while you are incapacitated? That's right.... estate planning isn't only about what happens AFTER you die. Norman can help you address those 'front end' issues and prepare Advance Directive documents such as Medical and Financial Powers of Attorney and Living Wills. Who would you trust to keep your bills paid? Or entrust to make medical decisions on your behalf?

If the worst happens and some situation claims your life, what is your family facing? Your loved ones are already grieving your passing. It is a mind-numbing sensation. Giving them clear-cut instructions as to your final wishes answers some of those tough questions. *What would she have wanted? How would he have handled this?*

I recall a horrible hospital waiting room scenario with a dear friend who had just received the news that her husband was dead. Here come the administrators pressuring her about organ donations, as time is of the essence in that situation. She was in no condition to respond ~ but she had to choose.... Because he had not. A loved one can be protected from that... *with a piece of paper.*

It was astonishing to hear examples of the types of legal issues that can come up when someone dies or is incapacitated. There are needs & considerations special to blended families, young families with minor children, estranged family members, and more. If your closest living relation is someone you can't stand... Do you want them in charge of making your choices... simply due to lineage? Wouldn't you rather have a say-so? You CAN *with a piece of paper!*

Norman explained what a person's Estate Plan is, in an interesting way. He called it your arrangements on behalf of your Future Self. Estate Planning is an umbrella of sorts. The term encompasses that variety of paperwork



designed to protect your wishes and your loved ones... including avoiding probate and any potential tax consequences to beneficiaries.

Either YOU choose how your Estate is handled or the state will ...aka Probate. There likely isn't one among us who hasn't heard nightmare stories about THAT. Do you really want to do that to your loved ones? By choosing NOT to choose, you sentence your Dear Ones to Probate Court and likely some frustrating, time-consuming, & expensive months if not years of ... to put it bluntly... cleaning up after you.

Having observed the legal difficulties of friends who have lost a loved one gave Norman the inspiration to pursue & focus on this area of the law. He enjoys working with people and giving them some peace of mind. Paired with that is a desire is to help lessen the legal strain on already stressed and bereaved families. To that end, he added more than 2 years to his law schooling, in classes specific to this field; gaining specialized credentials that include Master of Laws in Taxation with an Estate Planning Certificate.

I've heard some people comment that, once they are gone, they don't much care how their stuff is distributed. Do you have no kin you like? Are you the last of your family? Do you own a business? Think about the various motorcycle charity rides you've participated in over the years. Any one of them would appreciate being your beneficiary, whether it be in a modest or large amount. Norman can help you set that up too.

SO ... Now you've decided you want to create an Estate Plan. What are the steps? It all starts with a conversation. That conversation can take place in person... either at Norman's Mesa office or your home if you are in the Phoenix-Metro area; at a central location, such as for coffee; or via Zoom.

In this way, Norman can help you to define what you see as your Legacy. He explains... There are two components to your Legacy: Personal and Financial. What do you want people to remember about you? Do you hope to leave a positive impact on the world and/or those around you? Then, there is the dissolution &/or distribution of any financial or personal assets you may have. These can be large... such as a home, business, or vehicle, or making sure that certain family heirlooms reach the right person.

Of course... there are websites with cookie-cutter forms that you can try to DIY all this stuff. If you want to read through all the legalese, then hopefully figure out which forms are right for you based on the state you live in & your circumstances. But when your time comes, who will be there for your Family? Who will be the one to guide them through those most difficult days? The online Chatbot? *No thank you!*

Norman helps you to design exactly what you need for your wishes. He will be the one to interact with your Executor once you pass. One visit with him will set most anyone at ease to know that these meetings will be in caring hands.

These are very sensitive, emotional, & potentially uncomfortable topics. It can be intimidating to discuss these things. Norman Blakey strikes me as a person with whom you could have such a conversation. In the time I have spoken & worked with him; the person I've met seems easygoing, personable, compassionate, easy to talk to, and genuine in his hope to help guide individuals to prepare for what is undoubtedly one of the most difficult and vulnerable times in their lives.... impending Death.

Realizing the range of readership that these pages enjoy; some of you are outside of Norman's particular territory. That being said, there is no doubt that wherever you are, this is a highly important task to undertake.

Having decisions like these documented before you pass is like a final gift that you are leaving for your survivors. You are telling them that you care enough about them to have these things settled & organized on their behalf. Yet, statistics say that only about 33% of Americans have some sort of Estate Plan in place.

There can be much to consider... But it doesn't have to be overwhelming. Norman can help you review the 'what if' questions that a knowledgeable, caring professional can bring to this conversation - some of which you may never have thought of. Recognizing that each person's needs are different, much of his work is billed on a 'flat fee' basis; charging only for services that you need and use.

Only YOU know exactly what you have and how you truly feel about what happens after you pass. From tangible, physical assets to more intangible topics such as your funeral arrangements ... *Shouldn't YOU be in charge of these decisions?*

Even once you embark on your Long Ride, you can be assured that your wishes will be fulfilled IF you plan ahead of time. Let Norman Blakey help you to determine what those wishes are and how best to protect them.

Norman can be reached at Copper Canyon Law LLC, located at 43 East 1st Avenue in Mesa, AZ 85210. Call 480-833-3838 or email Norman@CopperCanyonLaw.com He is also available to present a seminar on this subject to your organization.



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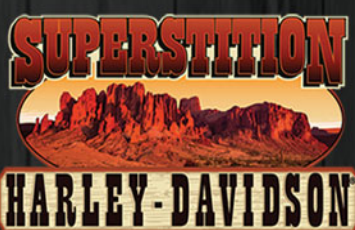
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U.S. HOUSE JOINS SENATE IN OPPOSING MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

On December 23, 2022, in one of the last actions of the 117th Congress before adjourning, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H. Res.366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

The House now joins with the U.S. Senate in passing separate resolutions opposing the discretionary profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, defining it as; "motorcyclist 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."

Sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), House Resolution 366 garnered 103 bipartisan cosponsors, and is similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by the U.S. Senate in 2018 which likewise urges state law enforcement officials to condemn the discriminatory policy.

Accordingly, H.Res.366 states; "Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives – (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."

Meanwhile, in addition to the federal efforts to prevent anti-biker profiling, the five states of Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019), Idaho

(2020) and most recently New Hampshire (2022) have all enacted laws at the state level to curb profiling.

NHTSA CHALLENGED ON ANTI-MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

On December 20, 2022, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed to a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending measure that will fund the federal government through September, avoiding a government shutdown, but attached within the funding section for the Department of Transportation is language from House Report 117-402 inserted at the request of Rep. Susie Lee (R-NV) that questions the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about their role in the promulgation of anti-motorcyclist profiling;

"The Committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motor-

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SAVE THE PATCH: MONGOLS M/C KEEP THEIR TRADEMARK LOGO

The Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club can keep their trademark logo, a back-patch typically worn on jackets and vests by members, thanks to a Ninth Circuit ruling handed down on January 6, 2023. But the three-judge panel also declined to overturn the 2018 criminal conviction of the organization on federal racketeering charges, reports *Courthouse News Service*.

Stephen Stubbs, the Mongols general counsel, called the ruling "a victory not only for the Mongols Motorcycle Club, but for all motorcycle clubs, freedom, and America as a whole."

As backdrop to the now-infamous courtroom battle with far-reaching implications for America's biker community; after a decade-long prosecution 77 members were convicted, as was the Mongols organization itself, under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). A federal jury ordered the club be fined \$500,000 and forced to forfeit a large stockpile of vests, guns and ammunition seized by federal agents

in raids. The jury also decided the club should forfeit their trademarked patch over to the government.

Months after the verdict, U.S. District Judge David Carter said the Mongols could keep their trademark, ruling that such a forfeiture would violate its First Amendment rights to free speech and association, and would also constitute an excessive fine prohibited by the Eighth Amendment.

Both parties appealed. The Mongols argued the organization wasn't an indictable "person" under the RICO statute. The federal government asked the Ninth Circuit to simply dissolve the Mongols' trademark, effectively allowing anyone to buy and sell products with the design.

In a unanimous opinion, U.S. Circuit Judge Holly Thomas wrote that the RICO law's forfeiture provision only allows the government to seize property, not destroy it.

Attorney Stubbs applauded the appellate ruling, saying that the "Mongol Nation is thrilled to push back against government overreach and win this important freedom of speech battle, first in the federal district court, and then at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals," and adding that "The Mongol patch is a symbol

of the esteemed brotherhood of its members, and the Ninth circuit stood strong against the government's unconstitutional attempt to ban and extinguish important symbolic free speech."

HARLEY-DAVIDSON GOING ALL-ELECTRIC

American motorcycle company Harley-Davidson, known for its large-engine heavyweight cruiser motorcycles, is transitioning to become an all-electric brand, explains its CEO Jochen Zeitz.

"At some point in time, Harley Davidson will be all-electric," he told *Dezeen* in an interview. "But that's a long-term transition that needs to happen. It's not something you do overnight."

The Motor Company launched its first electric motorcycle in 2018, named LiveWire, and according to Zeitz electrification is the next logical step in the evolution of the brand that was established 120 years ago.

"If you look at the past 120 years, the company has always evolved, never stood still," he said. "Now, like the founders did at the time by trying to reinvent or invent something unique, that's obviously something that we as a compa-

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Harley's planned timeline to become fully electric is longer than many other auto companies, however, with several leading car brands stating that they will be all electric by 2030.

WYOMING LAWMAKERS PROPOSE BAN ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A group of GOP Wyoming state lawmakers want to end electric vehicle sales there by 2035, saying the move will help safeguard the oil and gas industries, which employ thousands of people in the state.

The measure, introduced to the state legislature on January 13, was sponsored by six state legislators, who said in it that electric vehicles will hinder Wyoming's ability to trade with other states. According to "The Hill," the bill states that citizens and industries would be encouraged not to purchase electric vehicles before the ban goes into effect.

"The proliferation of electric vehicles at the expense of gas-powered vehicles will have deleterious impacts on Wyoming's communities and will be detrimental to Wyoming's economy and the ability for the country to efficiently engage in commerce," the bill reads.

The legislation further states that adding new power charging stations would require "massive" amounts of new power to "sustain the misadventure of electric vehicles."

Fifteen other states, meanwhile, including New York and California, have moved to ban gas-powered vehicle sales.

UGANDA TO GIVE RIDERS A FREE ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE

Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni is looking to go green, by handing out a free electric motorcycle to all of the region's riders. President Museveni is planning on tackling pollution by providing riders with a completely free electric motorbike, including the region's 100,000+ Boda-Boda riders, who are self-employed motorcycle taxis.

The system will be a trade-in, with riders swapping their current petrol bike for a new fully electric motorcycle, and the government is installing a network of charging stations across the country to support the move.

With around 70 percent of East Africa's transport being handled by lightweight small-capacity bikes, the scheme looks set to remove many of those machines from the region's roads.

LEGENDARY MOTORCYCLE DAREDEVIL ROBBIE KNIEVEL -- R.I.P.

'Captain Robbie Knievel' followed his famous daredevil father, Evel Knievel, into the high-flying, bone-shattering world of motorcycle stuntriding, going on to break all of his dad's jump records and even successfully clearing the fountains at Caesars Palace that famously nearly killed the elder stuntman. Decked out in star-spangled leathers, Robbie Knievel landed more than 350 jumps over a death-defying 30-year career, and he died January 13, 2023 of pancreatic cancer at his home in Reno, Nevada at age 60.

FORMER MOTORCYCLE RACER AND OTHER YOUNG ATHLETES 'DIE SUDDENLY'

A former NFL defensive tackle and a champion motorcycle racer are the latest examples of apparently healthy people dying suddenly amid evidence the COVID-19 mRNA shots are causing serious heart damage at a rate exponentially higher than for previous vaccines.

Citing the available scientific evidence, an article on WND.com claims that "Prominent cardiologists tie alarm-

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ing trend to COVID shots" and they believe the best explanation for the rampant "sudden and unexpected" deaths and cardiac events in otherwise healthy people, such as 35-year-old Keith Farmer, a four-time British motorcycle racing champion, and 45-year-old Adrian Dingle, who spent five seasons with the San Diego Chargers, is the COVID-19 vaccines.

In the past, long before the COVID vaccines, athletes who died suddenly typically were diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an abnormal thickening of the heart, or premature heart blockage. Nowadays, athletes are thoroughly screened to rule out those conditions.

Peer-reviewed literature shows the vaccines can cause myocarditis, the article reports, which is an inflammation of the heart wall that can lead to heart failure and sudden death.

STURGIS CHARITABLE DONATIONS SURPASS \$2 MILLION

Motorcyclists who took part in the Sturgis Buffalo Chip charity events for 2022 raised a generous \$400,000 for Vet-

erans, charities for children and the community. The figure pushes the grand total that Sturgis Buffalo Chip has raised for charity during the Sturgis Rally to over \$2.1 million.

"We are continually blown away by our guests' desire to give back," said Rod Woodruff, president of Sturgis Buffalo Chip. "People from all over come here to let loose and have a fun vacation, and yet they still take the time and spend their hard-earned dollars to give through Buffalo Chip charity events. With the help of all our friends, we've raised over \$2 million to help children, injured American war veterans and our local community. Just two years ago, we broke the million-dollar mark, and now we're over two million. We are so blessed to be part of the giving spirit of the motorcycle community."

END OF THE ROAD FOR MAYANS M.C.

The titular Santo Padre biker club is calling it quits, as it's been announced that the TV series "Mayans M.C." is set to ride off into the sunset at the end of its upcoming fifth season. The news comes from FX network boss John Landgraf during an executive session at the Television Critics' Association winter press tour.

The "Sons of Anarchy" spinoff, which originally premiered on the network in 2008 and lasted until 2014,

centers on a fictional motorcycle gang on the California-Mexico border, and it's set two and a half years after the events of 'Sons'.

2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 38th annual Convention is scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of fellow concerned riders from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders, with agenda items dealing with legal and legislative issues affecting all motorcyclists, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists as they become available.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Daredevils don't live easy lives."

~ Kelly Kniewel, brother of 'Captain Robbie Kniewel' (05/07/62 – 01/13/23)

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We look forward to hearing from you.

And so, for now ~

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Happy Anniversary in February to

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~ February 7, 2020

Charles Kelly Porter, Jr aka 'Chucky'

~ February 8, 2020

Rhino Roy ~ February 13, 2021

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January 1, 2023 ... The 28th Annual Frosty Balls & Chilly Boobs New Year Day Run, hosted by the Verde Valley District of the MMA-AZ, went on as usual; even with terrible weather facing the riders. From District Manager Gary Wilharm, "This year's donations went to Y.E.S. the Arc of Cottonwood. Y.E.S. the Arc is a facility that provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including Day Programs, Residential Group Homes, Habilitation, and Employment Services." He shared that, despite a reduced turnout due to it being a really rainy day, they were still able to raise nearly \$2000 for the cause. Well done! The District thanks the generous riders that showed up.

The route started and ended at American Legion Post 25 in Cottonwood; with stops in Camp Verde & Cornville. At the end party there were raffle prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and event T-shirts for sale. NOTE there are still tee shirts available. If you would like to support this event by purchasing one, please email VerdeValleyMMA45@gmail.com The high and low dice roll winners were announced but the names were unavailable at the time of this writing. Congratulations to the winners!

The MMA's Verde Valley District will host their annual Jester Memorial Run on May 13. See the calendar for more details.


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January 7, 2023 ... On this day, SuziQ & Allen Brackhahn of Sierra Vista, long-time members of the Southern Arizona Harley Riders MC, were in an extremely bad motorcycle wreck with another vehicle. Their degree of injuries required that they each have Life-Flight helicopters from the Hereford area of Southern Arizona to Tucson. Both have extreme trauma, with many surgeries ahead. It will be a long & painful recovery for each of them.

This fine couple has spent MANY years doing a whole lot of good in their community. I know that folks from all around this state & beyond have attended the SAHR Biker Rodeos over the years and know them. Their efforts have been instrumental in support of programs for Veterans, abused children, people in recovery from addictions, and the homeless; community food banks, and more. You get the idea!

Well, they are truly needing all that positive love & energy they have poured into the community to start flowing back their way! They need everyone's positive thoughts and prayers! Benefit events are going on to help

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with their life expenses, as neither of them will be working for the foreseeable future. There is a GoFundMe account set up at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/allen-b-and-suzi-q-motorcycle-recovery-fund>.

Even something that seems so simple, like meal preps, will be a concern for a while ... at least until Allen is able to start & then complete physical therapy. There's a program that's been set up I've never heard of before but sounds pretty neat called a Meal Train ... <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/kw269r> ... This program gives people opportunity to sign up to bring food OR if you are too far away, to provide gift cards from UberEats, DoorDash, or other food delivery services. How cool is THAT!?

They are in for a long haul before being back on their feet ... quite literally! If you can throw some support their way - to help out in whatever ways you can, it will be SO much appreciated! For more info about fundraisers, and to follow their progress, please click into the SAHR MC facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SAHRMC>

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December 6, 2022 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V900000

Wiring Harness Damage May Cause Engine Stall
Potential Number of Units Affected 1,040

Summary: KTM North America, Inc. (KTM) is recalling all 2020-2022 1290 Super Duke R and Super Duke R EVO motorcycles. The main wir-

ing harness may be misrouted or missing parts, which can cause wiring harness damage and result in an electrical short-circuit or engine stall. An engine stall can increase the risk of a crash.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 22V900 here.](#)

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December 9, 2022 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V913000

Speed Display Failure/FMVSS 123

Potential Number of Units Affected 200

Summary: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) is recalling certain 2022 Ninja H2 SX SE (ZX1002R) motorcycles. A software error in the multi-function meter may cause the motorcycle speed display to fail. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 123, "Motorcycle Controls and Displays." Operating a motorcycle without a functioning speed display can increase the risk of a crash or injury.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 22V913 here.](#)

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A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona Announces New Board Chairman ~ Rick Ferguson



By Mary K. Donnay and
Betsy Newkirk, *AZ Rider Motorcycle News*

January 15, 2023 ... [A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Inc.](#) is proud to announce Richard "Rick" Ferguson, as our 2023-2024 Chairman of Board of Directors. Rick, his wife Maja – a designer and stager, plus their two children Benjamin and Madeline are Realtors® within the Coldwell Banker Realty network. Their well-orchestrated team is the Ferguson Approach <https://fergusonapproach.com> serving clients in the Southeast Valley of Phoenix Arizona.

Rick is a former military officer (US Army Field Artillery).

He is also retired from the corporate consulting world; with emphasis on management, sales and marketing. He has extensive experience as a former lobbyist for a large pharmaceutical corporation. Rick is extremely organized and methodical, and brings a high level of positivity to his relationships.

When not working, Rick loves riding motorcycles with his kids and friends. He is an active member of A.B.A.T.E. East Valley Chapter and the American Legion Riders, as well as a Commissioner on the American Motorcyclist Assoc. (AMA) Recreational Road Riding Commission.

Please welcome Rick to the A.B.A.T.E. family. He may be reached at (480) 359-1004 or via email at chairman@abateofaz.org or rick@fergusonapproach.com

*photo top left with
ABATE-AZ Vice-Chair
MaryK Donnay*



SHD-CMA's 2023 New Year Car & Bike Show

This year's annual New Year's Car & Motorcycle Show, hosted by Superstition H-D® & the New Life Chapter of CMA, took place on Saturday January 14, 2023 at SHD; located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction.

It is always a treat to come out and view some eye candy ~ of the 2-, 3-, and 4-wheeled varieties. ☺ Spectators could come out and enjoy the gathering for free.

This is a fundraiser for CMA's annual Run For the Son, so there was a raffle table with a variety of gift baskets created by Chapter members. Prizes included vehicle detailing items, pet-themed baskets, personal care items, Disney items, an SHD basket of goodies, a set of Air-Sticks, yard toys, a motorcycle helmet, & more. A separate Silent Auction had a weekend trip to Las Vegas on the block.

There were some vendors and food trucks set up. Music was provided by Big Daddy'z Karaoke Music Services.

This is the 4th year for this event, and showed strong growth – with more than 100 vehicles on display. The cars outnumbered the bikes; with support coming from area Car Clubs as well as Independent owners. There were some really good-looking bikes in the parking areas as well! A number of people saw ones they wanted to vote for, only to learn that they weren't part of the competition. Maybe next time?

A 1929 Ford was among the oldest vehicles I observed. One of the more unique motorcycles in the competition was a 1946 Nimbus, out of Denmark. A 1955 Studebaker President was among the vehicles drawing a lot of attention.

Awards were presented for People's Choice Bike, People's Choice Car, plus CMA's Choice and Dealer's Choice. The names were not available at the time of this writing. Congratulations to all the winners!

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 To learn more about the Christian Motorcyclists Association you can also visit the website at <https://cmausa.org/>

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You can also view more photos from this and other events at Superstition HD by clicking here.

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Saturdays Feb-Apr'23 { 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 5/13, 5/27}: Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600

Sundays February 2023 { 2/5, 2/19}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 9:30a, Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600

1st Sundays {Jan-Mar} AZ Cycle Swap at Top Spoke Cycles, 1000 N McClintock Dr, Tempe. 8a-noon, rain or shine. \$5 entry. FMI: 480-905-9397

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ East Valley Chapter meeting ~ 10a at American Legion Post 138, 107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe. {B'fast available before meeting} FMI: Joe Silk 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com

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

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix-Shadow Mtn Chapter meeting. 10:30a-noon at AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St, Phoenix. Food & drinks available.

2nd & 4th Sundays: Desert Thunder MC cooks up breakfast 8-11am @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix. \$5/plate. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

Wednesdays January 2023: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet 9:30am, KSU 10am. FMI: 480-346-0600

2nd & 4th Thursdays: Desert Thunder MC hosts an Open House @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix. from 6-11pm. No cover charge. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

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

2/11 {Sat} Superstition H-D hosts a free Sweetheart Breakfast by the AZphalt Angelz from 9-10:30a, then the Birds of Prey Exhibition & Fundraiser by the Arizona Raptor Center {arizonaraptorcenter.org} will be there from 12-2pm with raffles, informative presentations, Q&A. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600

2/11 Red Iron MC – Maricopa annual Guitar Ride for Heart Strings Poker Run. Ride starts & ends at 44 Grill {623-842-1053} , 4494 W Peoria Ave in Glendale. Registration begins 10am, KSU @ Noon, Last bike in at 4pm. Poker Run, Live Music, Raffles.

2/11 Whiskey Runners annual Chili Cook off at the Tin Top Bar & Grill from 11a-4pm. Hot – Mild – Wild Categories. Live Music, vendors, Raffles, 50/50, 2nd Amendment Raffle, & more. \$10/pp. This 501c3 org supports their community schools, Vets, & others in need. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ. FMI: whiskeyrunnersrc@gmail.com

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2/11 2nd annual Pets For Vets Poker Run to benefit Dogs4Vets, American Service Animal Society. Ride starts/ends at Desert Wind HD, 922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa. Sign-in starts 9:30a. \$25/sgl, \$35/2-up. FMI: Defiant-BrotherhoodMC.org

2/11 American Legion Riders of Post 138 James Witkowski Tempe, AZ {107 E Broadway} host their annual Ride for Love. Reg starts 8a. KSU 10a. \$30/pilot +\$10/2-up includes meal. Prize for high & low poker hands. Raffles, Auctions, Live Music. This is a Benefit for Zaydee & her family.; a little girl born with serious medical conditions which require ongoing medical care & additional surgeries. Her medical care has been & is extensive and expensive. FMI: info@AL138.org 602-837-1247

2/16 {Thur} Bike Night with Team SHD, to Slaughterhouse WHT. Music, Give-A-Ways & Good Times. KSU Superstition H-D's West Parking lot 6:15pm. 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600

2/17-19 {Fr-Sun} Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion. 19 bands, 3 days. Car-Motorcycle-Truck show, pin-up bpageant, dry camping available. Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor Beach. www.therockabillyreunion.com/

2/18 {Sat} Old Koots On Scoots & Pawn Stars 1st Annual Arizona Poker Run benefits the Hundley Foundation. Sign-in 9a at Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. \$35/pilot, \$25/passenger includes Poker Run Hand, event t-shirt, and a meal. KSU: 10am. Ride ends at Rooster's Country Bar, Mesa, AZ. Last bike in 3pm. FMI: info@hundleyfoundation.org OR 1-800-606-2390

2/18 Riders USA 10th annual 2nd Amendment Rally @ Wesley Bolin Plaza, 1700 W Washington, Phx. Ride staging 8:30a @ Encanto Park Sports Complex, 2121 N15th Ave. KSU 9a. <https://2ndamendmentrallyaz.com/>

2/19 {Sun} Motorcycle Swap Meet at Superstition HD, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction from 10a-2pm. FMI: 480-346-0600 & to reserve your spot!

2/19 Kong's Poker Run. Sign-in 9am at VFW Maricopa Post 720; 4853 E Thomas Rd, Phoenix. \$20/pp includes poker run, shirt, & more. All proceeds go to a charity supporting a veteran non-profit organization. FMI: 480-321-6529, admin@azleathernecks.com, www.facebook.com/ArizonaLeathernecksMC

2/25 {Sat} Superstition H-D hosts Mardi Gras Madness Party, 12-3pm. Free jambalaya 12pm-gone, beads, music by Aaron Loveless & more. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600

2/26 {Sun} Ladies Day at Lucky Strike Cycles, 1121 S Wilbur St, Ste 1, Mesa. Learn about care & maintenance of your bike from Striker & other industry professionals. Starts 1pm. Lunch provided. Raffles & more. RSVP: 480-398-0457, text 602-718-6767, or Paige@LuckyStrikeCycles.com

2/26 Benefit for SuziQ & Allen B hosted by Red Iron MC at Buddy's Bar {520-456-1511}, 189 AZ-82, Huachuca City. Starts 1pm. \$15/sgl, \$20/cpl. Live music by Night Life

3/4 {Sat} Motorcycle Day at the Dome, hosted by ABATE of Arizona.

3/11 {Sat} ABATE of Southern AZ 5th annual Run For Fisher House. Reg 9-11am at NW Tucson Moose Lodge, 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Last stop American Legion Post 109. Music, vendors, raffles, more. FMI: jeremykrauss@gmail.com

3/11 9th Annual Phoenix Wounded Vets Run to show support for local wounded veterans. Reg starts 9am at HD of Scottsdale (15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85260) \$25/solo, \$40/couple includes b'fast. KSU noon. Last stop @ Roadrunner in New River. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: info@theyfoughtweride.org

3/11 Rebel Run to Prevent Child Sex Trafficking, hosted by Veterans Against Child Sex Trafficking {VACST}. Sign-in 9-10:30a @ Desert Wind HD, 922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa. Bikes, trikes, cars, & trucks -- EVERYONE IS WELCOME! \$25 per rider/driver, \$10/passenger. Benefits Red Light Rebellion to spread awareness to STOP child sex trafficking and raise funds to support RLR's youth prevention programs so young people can stay SAFE. FMI: vacst13@gmail.com

3/11 Miss ALMA OG Rockabilly PinUp Pageant + music by Suzie & the AcceleratorZ, vendors, classic vehicles, & more. \$10/pp. From 7-10pm at ALMA OG Clubhouse, 1446 N 27th Avenue, Phx. Contestant spots still available. FMI: contact@misspinupaz.com

3/12 Concealed Carry Class 10a-1pm at Superstition HD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction. \$20/pp, Finger Printing \$20/pp. Learn how to safely and legally carry your firearm. Sign Up Online Today @ safearizona.com FMI: 480-346-0600

3/12 {Sun} Desert Devils RC Open Ride to Wickenburg. Get out & meet new riders. Meet 9a Roadrunner HD, 1402 N 159th Ave in Goodyear. KSU 10a. FMI: DesertDevilsRC@gmail.com

3/18 {Sat} Lost Dutchman MC 27th annual Goldrush. Sign-in 9a @ LDMC Clubhouse, 1826 W Broadway, Mesa. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Live music, cash raffle, wet T contest, more. Benefits Sunshine Acres Children's Home. FMI: dffd_mesa@yahoo.com

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3/18 8th Annual Vets Helping Vets Fundraiser hosted by Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association® Chapter 32-4 in conjunction with the American Legion Post 24 in Tombstone to benefit Veterans in Southern Arizona! Live local bands, raffles, silent auction, vendors, choose a Poker Run or a Scavenger Hunt for those who wish to experience Tombstone, and much, much MORE! \$20/pp includes one poker hand. Cash prizes for the high/low hands. FMI: www.cvma32-4.org

3/24-25 The 12th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash ... Lake Pleasant, Peoria. <https://azrockabillybash.com/>

3/25 {Sat} Tillman's Ride 2023 – Sign in 10a-noon at HD Scottsdale {480-905-1903} 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale. \$25/sgl, \$35/2-up. Last stop Buffalo Chip Cave Creek. <https://www.facebook.com/TillmansRide/>

3/29-4/2 {Wed-Sun} 26th annual AZ Bike Week at WestWorld in Scottsdale.

3/31 {Fri} 9th annual Saddle Up For Kids during AZ Bike Week. Sign-in 7am @ H-D Scottsdale, 15656 N Hayden Rd. Be at AZ Bike Week's Kickstand Stage at WestWorld by 5:30pm.

4/26-29 {Wed-Sat} Bullhead River Run Motorcycle Rally FMI: <https://mayheminfo.com/bullhead-river-run>

4/26-30 {Wed-Sun} Route 66 Bike Week 2023... from Needles to Seligman & beyond. <http://route66bikeweek.com/>

4/29 {Sat} Sun Riders MC Spring Luau Hog Roast at their Clubhouse, 7251 S Cardinal Ave, Tucson. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Starts 4pm. Live music, games, & much more. FMI: 520-312-8120, sunridersmc@hotmail.com

5/6 {Sat} Int'l Female Riders Day {IFRD} ride to Superior AZ. Meet 9am at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600

5/13 {Sat} Verde Valley Dist. MMA-AZ's annual "Jester Memorial Run" to pay tribute to those riders who have passed the previous year. Dice run with high & low roll winners. Register 9:30am at American Legion Post 25 Cottonwood. \$20/sgl, +\$10/2-up. KSU 10:30a. The band "Izzies" playing 2-5pm. Event shirts 4sale, raffles, & more. FMI: Gary 928-300-2242

6/30-7/1 {Fr-Sat} White Mountain Bike Rally at Hon-Dah Casino in Pinetop. FMI: Karan 928-369-7590, kjordan@hon-dah.com

11/4 The 10th annual Seductive CC & Superstition HD Toy Drive Bike & Car Show; at SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600

12/2 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run. 9a~4p. Starts & ends at Superstition Harley Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction. Sign-in 9-10:30a. \$10/pp + a "new" Teddy Bear enters you into Poker Run. Raffles - Door Prizes - 50/50 & Merch will be available. Biker Breakfast Buffet will be available at Wahoo's (the 1st stop). FMI: troll@trollsteddybearrun.com



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Did You Know...? 10 Fun Facts About Arizona

From the Arizona Office of Tourism

Reprinted from <https://www.visitarizona.com/like-a-local/10-fun-facts-about-arizona/>

Here are 10 interesting tidbits you should know about Arizona—and 10 cool experiences you should definitely explore.


1. There are 22 national parks and monuments in Arizona.
2. There are more than 100 wineries and 22 varietals of wine produced in Arizona.
3. Arizona is home to 75+ licensed craft breweries (and growing).

4. Arizona chefs and restaurants have received more than 50 James Beard nominations since 2010
5. Arizona's Sonoran Desert is the only place on earth where the iconic saguaro cactus grows.
6. Arizona has 35 state parks and natural areas preserving the state's natural, cultural and recreational resources.
7. The Arizona Trail is 800 miles long and is dedicated to hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

8. Two of the top-rated waterfalls in the United States are located in Arizona: Grand Falls and Havasu Falls.
9. The Grand Canyon National Park is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and the only one located within the United States.
10. According to Travel + Leisure, three of the 10 world's best destination spas are in Arizona (two in Tucson and one in Sedona).

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