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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders !

Our cover photo this month is from the AZ Rockabilly Bash that we recently attended at Lake Pleasant. The article itself will be in a upcoming edition of *AZ Rider*. For now, you are welcome to check out the photo album via this link.



Emperor ... uhhh ... we mean Guv Ducey has lifted his questionable mandates regarding business practices & restrictions on event attendance. While that is indeed good news; sadly there are larger scale events that will, in some cases, be forced to remain on the sidelines 'til 2022... Simply because of the time & logistics it takes to set up such a gathering. So if you are wondering about the status of your favorite weekender or day festival, you are best off to check their website frequently for updates or reach out to the organizers directly. We can tell you, the latest word we've got is that ABATE of AZ's Too Broke For Sturgis in June is ON. So get ready for a camping weekend with games, music, camaraderie, and all the other fun stuff you've come to expect at TBFS.

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For now we'll say,

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Tortilla Flat 'Wind Therapy' Ride

The 4th annual Tortilla Flat Wind Therapy Ride took place on Saturday March 13, 2021. The host, Roadblock, started this ride 4 years ago so that people like himself could meet other riders... Independent, organizations, RCs and MCs. "I cannot think of a way to meet a better group of people who enjoy riding as much as I do."

Riders in the East Valley gathered at Superstition Harley-Davidson in Apache Junction. West Valley riders met up at the QT at Camelback & I-17 and then headed to SHD in AJ for the group ride to Tortilla Flat. After leaving Superstition H-D it was a straight shot to Tortilla Flat, about a 30-minute ride. This was a self-paced ride. Riders are encouraged to ride within their abilities and exercise safe practices.

Roadblock explained, "At Tortilla Flat, Chris the manager had the back patio open early for us and had the live band there at 10am instead of 11. We had full access to food and drinks on the patio as well as the restaurant." For those who may be unfamiliar, "Tortilla Flat is a small town next to Canyon Lake. They have a souvenir store as well as general store that sells homemade fudge and has amazing ice cream."

The final tally was 78 riders. A lot more had planned to attend, but weather really factored into this day. It was cold and rainy in the Valley. Riders who would normally attend from the Payson and other northern areas were faced with snow & ice and chose to stay home. Roadblock commented, "We were very pleased with this outcome as the weather was chilly for an Arizona day. It had rained quite a bit the day before & there was still a 40% chance of rain that day. When leaving Tortilla Flat a small group of riders were hit by a shower that also had hail."

This is a free event to participate. There is no beneficiary. There is no game or contest as part of the ride. It is simply a ride to get to know new people and make new friends. It is also family-friendly.

Roadblock sent along this message, "We would like to thank Chris and all the staff in Tortilla Flat for being so awesome to work with. We would like to thank all the riders who came out to enjoy the ride, make new friends and see how beautiful that ride is." He continued, "I was so shocked and surprised at the response for the ride. There were over 3,000 interested and 300 stated they were going. If the weather were better, I am sure we would have been more riders. This was the largest one to date. Even with 78 riders showing up. Last year we had around 70."

Roadblock has a small shop that he is working to grow. Right now, he's only working the shop on weekends. He was about to go more full time when pandemic restrictions were being enacted, so he decided to leave it part time. His goal is help others with keeping up the maintenance on their bikes.

His shop is called Liberty Motorcycle Garage and you can reach Roadblock via email at roadblockaz16@gmail.com

Plans for the 5th annual are already being discussed. Roadblock will create a Facebook event when details come together. "We may be adding a stop or twisting things up a bit since it will be the 5th year." It will be added to the *AZ Rider* calendar when we are notified.

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80TH DAYTONA BIKE WEEK HISTORICALLY SUCCESSFUL

As businesses are still recovering from a devastating year of COVID shutdowns and lower capacity restrictions, Daytona Beach is coming off one of their best Bike Weeks ever. Bob Davis, president of the Lodging and Hospitality Association in Volusia County, said it was one of the best Bike Weeks they've ever had for revenue, rating it "among the top 5" in event history.

Billing itself as "The World's Largest Motorcycle Event," Daytona Bike Week celebrated 80 years during the first full week in silva, the 5th through the 14th,

2021, with crowds coming in a steady stream throughout the ten days of festivities.

Last year, the nationwide lockdown to battle the pandemic began during the last weekend of Daytona Bike Week, and a year later the country is finally beginning to open for business. There are still health concerns, and signs encouraging social distancing and mask wearing were posted everywhere, but hopefully the successful turnout will signal better times to come as more and more events find their way back onto the ride calendar.

CAPITAL HILL BRIEFING ON OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), the country's leading outdoor recreation coalition, is set to outline the \$788 billion industry's objectives and priorities for 2021 and beyond to Congress on March 24, including briefings presented by representatives of the motorcycle, RV, boating, outfitter, ski and other outdoor sectors.

Much of the focus will be on the industry's 21st century recreation agenda, capitalizing on soaring participation rates for job creation and economic recovery and particularly how recreation can cre-

ate jobs in rural America. The group will also discuss implementing the goals of the Great American Outdoors Act and the process of choosing and implementing LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) projects.

SAVE MOTORSPORTS!

SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) is challenging the EPA's motorsports regulations in court, arguing against the federal agency's contention that the Clean Air Act (CAA) does not allow any street vehicle - cars, trucks or motorcycles - to be converted into a racing vehicle used solely for competition.

A recent lawsuit between the Environmental Protection Agency and an aftermarket manufacturer, Gear Box Z, is the agency's latest action against racing. In the lawsuit, the EPA again maintains that once a vehicle has been certified as a street vehicle, it cannot be converted for racing even if that vehicle is trailered to the track and is never driven on public roads.

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) says the EPA's position left them with no choice but to strike back, filing an amicus brief in court arguing that the Clean Air

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“As racers and fans know well, members of Congress introduced legislation to confirm what had already been understood for the previous 45 years: that the CAA did not apply to vehicles modified for racing use only,” according to a SAN statement. Hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts have since contacted Congress urging passage of the “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act” (RPM Act).

“Enactment of this important critical bill into law would remove any doubt that it is legal to modify a motor vehicle for exclusive use on the track,” writes SAN, adding that “It also would confirm that it is legal to produce, market and install racing equipment.” The SAN continues to work tirelessly to pass this important legislation to counter EPA overreach, and save not only the sport of racing, but performance modifications.

OIL & GAS INDUSTRY FEARS BIDEN'S CLIMATE POLICIES

There's deep paranoia in the oil and gas industry regarding the Biden Administration's ambitious plans to address climate change. President Biden is aiming

for a net-zero electricity sector by 2035, which would require massive reductions in the burning of oil, gas and coal at power plants. Net-zero means there could still be some fossil-fuel use, as long as an equivalent amount of carbon is pulled from the air using technologies that aren't yet fully developed. Biden aims for a net-zero economy by 2050, which would require the near-elimination of carbon as a transportation fuel.

There are obvious, and worrisome, implications for businesses and workers in the traditional oil and gas industry, which supports roughly 10 million jobs directly and indirectly. Biden already killed the Keystone XL oil pipeline and halted new drilling permits on federal land, pending a review. He backs the mass adoption of electric vehicles that won't burn gasoline or diesel. A huge Democratic infrastructure bill coming later this year is likely to include massive investments in renewable energy that would displace oil, gas and coal, while also repealing tax breaks for oil and gas drillers.

Clear battle lines are being drawn between the Administration's climate team and the carbon industries, and more fervent opposition will heat up as Biden fleshes out his ambitious transformation

plan and winners and losers become more apparent.

CALIFORNIA WILL BE BANNING SALES OF NEW NON-ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Huge news, as the sale of new off-road combustion engine vehicles (including dirt bikes) will be banned in California by 2035 in an attempt to bring the state down to carbon-neutral, and reduce pollution in the most-populated state in the country. Golden State off-roaders will be looking at a future of electric power and no combustion engines, after Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to ban the sale of any non-zero-emission passenger vehicle (cars and trucks) by 2035.

On the face of it, this will be affecting 4-wheels only, but it was ruled off-road vehicles of all types will be included in the forthcoming ban - be it off-road motorcycles, ATVs, quads, or side-by-sides. Bummer, dude.

MONTANA LEGALIZES LANE-SPLITTING

Montana Governor Greg Gianforte signed Senate Bill 9 into law on March 3,

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which will allow motorcycles to “filter” through stopped and slow-moving vehicles beginning October 1, 2021.

Lane splitting, lane sharing or filtering... whatever it's called, Montana now joins California and Utah in legally recognizing the practice that allows motorcyclists to maneuver through traffic.

Sponsored by state Senator Russ Tempel (R-SD14) and state Representative Barry Usher (R-HD40), S.B. 9 defines “lane filtering” as “the act of overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped or traveling at a speed not in excess of 10 miles an hour in the same direction of travel and in the same lane.”

The entire text of the bill is one page long, and reads; “An operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may engage in lane filtering when:

A) the operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle is on a road with lanes wide enough to pass safely;

B) the overtaking motorcycle is not operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles an hour when overtaking the stopped or slow-moving vehicle; and

C) conditions permit continued reasonable and prudent operation of the motorcycle while lane filtering.”

While controversial and contentious,

even amongst motorcyclists, a UC Berkeley study confirmed that lane-splitting is less dangerous for motorcyclists than being stopped in traffic.

FRANCE BANS LANE SPLITTING; MOTORCYCLISTS

PROTEST IN THE THOUSANDS

Lane-splitting was never “legal” in France, but some urban roadways in Paris, Bordeaux, Marseille & Lyon trialed the practice over a five-year test period from 2016-2021; and following some “disappointing results” the country has now banned it, much to the chagrin of French riders who are protesting the move.

On February 20, following the end of the filtering experiment, the French motorcyclists’ organization FFMC (Fédération Française des Motards en Colère) put 20,000 angry motorcyclists in the streets to demand the legalization of filtering between lanes of slow moving or stopped traffic, and the government is ready to listen to the bikers.

On 25 February, at the initiative of the Road Safety Delegation (DSR), the FFMC (a member of FEMA - Federation of European Motorcyclists’ Associations) met the Interministerial Road Safety Delegate and was assured that a ban on this

practice in the future was absolutely not envisaged; but for the state to validate this practice and for the Highway Code to be modified, more experiments are necessary. Since the last experiment did not give convincing results, it is necessary to conduct a second new experiment.

While waiting for the signing of the decree which will give it the starting signal, filtering remains ‘prohibited’ and as of February 1st riders could be fined and potentially even lose their license for weaving through traffic in France now.

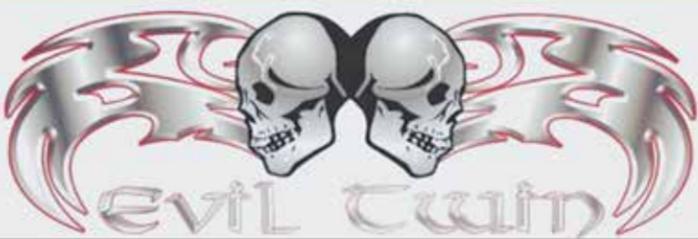
SPAIN PONDERES MANDATORY AIRBAGS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

The Spanish Directorate-General for Traffic, within measures to reduce the accident and severity of its consequences on the motorcyclist collective, is considering the mandatory use of airbag vests or jackets.

65% of motorcyclists surveyed do not agree with the mandatory use of airbags, and many riders consider that before imposing more obligations, the Spanish government should fulfill its obligation to have the infrastructure in optimal security condition. Riders also want the govern-

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ment to fulfill old promises such as legalizing intercoms for motorcyclists.

“The problem we have is that, when a European country legislates something in relation to motorcyclists, others follow,” said Juan Manuel Reyes, president of Asociación Mutua Motera, “This is what happened with gloves in France. When they became mandatory in our neighboring country, the Spanish government wanted to imitate the measure immediately. That is why I believe that any measure is approved in a European country, must be monitored by all European motorcyclists, because sooner or later, it is possible that it will be extended to others.”

AMM has scheduled a meeting with the Spanish Directorate-General for Traffic to further discuss the matter. Also on the agenda: the Directorate-General’s wish to make wearing motorcycle gloves mandatory.

FACE MASKS REQUIRED WHILE RIDING MOTORCYCLES IN THE PHILIPPINES

These days, face masks are an all too common sight, and although studies have shown that wearing a mask can reduce the risk of Coronavirus contamination, the Philippine government has taken it

a step further to mandate that face masks be worn at all times when outside of your residence - including while riding your motorcycle.

According to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Memorandum Circular 2020-2185, the act of driving, or riding a motorcycle, while failing to comply with the minimum health and safety protocols is tantamount to reckless driving.

Specifically, Article IV, Section 7, makes it clear that there are pretty hefty fines involved for those caught disregarding the sanitary protocols in place, with fines between PHP2,000-10,000 (@ \$50-250 USD) -- that's pretty hefty penalties for the average Filipino.

BIKIES COULD BE BANNED FROM WEARING CLUB COLORS IN PUBLIC

“Outlaw bikie gangs could be banned from wearing gang colours in public and subject to greater stop-and-search powers under laws proposed by police to “dismantle and destroy” WA’s criminal networks,” according to a March 17 article in *WAtoday* in Western Australia.

WA Police Commissioner Chris Dawson announced the reform plan shortly after confirming detectives had made

a breakthrough arrest in relation to the “outrageous killing” of a former biker boss in a crowded public place, resulting in 136 search warrants issued and 102 arrests.

Anti-consorting laws are already in place in Queensland and New South Wales, where ‘bikies’ could face prison time for being caught talking to each other on a telephone call.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

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~ Michael Malice (b. 1976), American author, columnist & media personality

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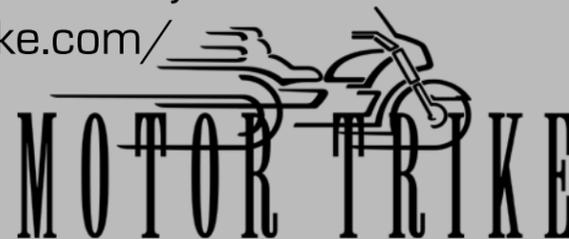
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 Charlie Zap ~ April 23, 2006
 Dickson Smith ~ April 3, 2008
 Jack Dave 'Whale' Perkins ~ April 25, 2014
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By Mary K. Donnay

I'd been needing to replace my full-face Shoei helmet for some time. It gave me a headache after wearing it for an hour, every time I rode.

Wanted ya' all to know about the MONEY SAVING helmet program offered by AMSAF (Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation) www.amsaf.org/helmets

It's called the Financial Assistance Helmet Program. Fill out their on-line application and make a \$50 tax deductible donation to AMSAF. They email you a receipt with a Helmet Promo Code. Print that out and take it to one of their participating retailers. Pick out a qualified helmet (full face or modular DOT helmet). They'll knock 25% off

M.S.R.P., then deduct \$125.00 more, using your promo code.

I chose the Shoei GT-Air II Panorama. GT-Air II Features Summary | Shoei Helmets & Accessories (shoei-helmets.com) My previous helmet was 7 years old. The technology changes are impressive:

- ✓ Lengthened internal sun shield for optimal sun-glare protection (my favorite feature!)
- ✓ All-new "first position" shield opening for advance ventilation and defogging
- ✓ Enhanced aerodynamics and noise-reduction technology
- ✓ Ability to seamlessly integrate with all-new SENA-SRL2 Communication System

- ✓ Quick release micro ratchet chin strap (no more threading through 2 rings)
- ✓ Increased ventilation; 3 intakes, 5 exhaust outlets
- ✓ 3D Max dry interior

This helmet retails for \$699. Take 25% off MSRP, deduct \$125 coupon, add tax, for a net cost of \$445, (\$300 in savings).

I bought and installed the SENA-SRL2 Blue Tooth communication system (\$299 MSRP), and LOVE IT! I stream Sirius XM from my iPhone and can get verbal directions to destinations as I ride.

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What is the MRF?

The MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

is a national lobbyist organization dedicated to those who ride. It is based in Washington D.C. to have easy access to our nation's lawmakers for legislation to protect and defend our rights, safety and welfare concerns for Motorcyclists.

I am your Arizona MRF Representative, Dale 'Animal' Dedrick. Here I will give you a brief History of what we do, why we do it, and some of the greatest Achievements of the MRF.

In 1985, in ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, hundreds of riders gathered for a very important meeting. The Reason? The United States Congress was rumored to be considering a ban on Motorcycles. The Attendees knew danger was ahead - not just on the Horizon, but an immediate and direct threat. They knew that even if they defeated this piece of legislation (which they eventually did in 1987) many more like it would surface.

And so, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation was born.

The MRF is the first and only motorcycle rights advocacy organization exclusively dedicated to on-street riders, with a full-time political presence in our Nation's Capitol.

Since its beginning, the MRF has grown to become a network of over 250,000 motorcyclists through affiliated state motorcycle rights organizations, motorcycle and riding clubs, and independent riders.

The organization has succeeded in shaping public policies to ensure riders opinions, concerns, and safety are paramount in national discussions.



Today the MRF is recognized and respected by lawmakers as the voice of the American street motorcyclist. This recognition would not be possible without the tireless efforts and hours of service its members have given over the last thirty years. They RIDE, they VOTE, they CONTRIBUTE.

JOIN US TODAY and RIDE WITH THE LEADERS.

The MRF meets yearly in September to discuss the Legislative Agenda Items that are important to the riders of America. Through direct Lobbying, Calls to Action, Congressional Outreach, an annual Lobby Day in D.C., and events like Meeting of the Minds; all members are kept up to date via a weekly newsletter, a bi-monthly magazine, and legislative alerts.

The battles fought for riders are ongoing. A few examples are EPA wanting to control my pipe modifications and dictate what fuel I can use, and the Dept. of Transportation not doing enough for motorcycle safety in regard to autonomous vehicles.

The ACHIEVEMENTS of the MRF are many, but here are a few that not many riders know.

- ◆ Killed legislation Banning Motorcycles with engines bigger than 650c.c.
- ◆ Lobbied Congress to remove financial incentives for mandatory HELMET LAWS, allowing the States to have freedom of choice;
- ◆ Ensured that Healthcare Legislation did not single out and exclude Motorcyclists from Insurance Coverage;
- ◆ Removed all references to Motorcyclists in National Gang Legislation;
- ◆ Established the Nation's first Motorcycle Advisory Council - a direct dialogue between Riders and the Federal Government;
- ◆ Introduced Bipartisan and Bicameral legislation raising awareness of Motorcycle Profiling;
- ◆ Increased the amount of Federal Funding for State Rider Training and Safety Programs; and
- ◆ Eliminated Federal Money for Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints.

I am very proud to be a part of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and I invite you to join me in keeping our Rights, Safety, and Lifestyle intact.

The State Motorcycle Rights Organizations in Arizona that the MRF works with are ABATE-AZ, the AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs, MMA-AZ, and MMAA. I report the legislative accomplishments and other issues and concerns of our riding community bi-monthly to the MRF, so all the States are aware

of our activity. Please join one of these organizations to help protect your rights and freedom of the road.

*Dale 'Animal' Dedrick
Arizona MRF
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{photo left of Animal in
Washington DC with
AZ Representative
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A Must-Try Motorcycle Route In Arizona

{Editor: this is one in a series of touring articles shared with us by Wes Pentana of FirstCheckpoint.com}

Why Arizona? 3,182 miles of pristine asphalt winds across deserts, skirts canyons, runs through picturesque towns, in a state that offers 300 sunshine days a year. Arizona is more than just the Grand Canyon National Park and the red hills of Sedona. This state boasts some of America's best motorcycle roads – and perhaps in the world.

Arizona is the 6th largest US state and home to more than its fair share of the world's most famous natural sights. Southern Arizona features deserts while northern Arizona is full of forests, mountain ranges, lakes, and canyons.

Trying to plot a trip to take in a fraction of their natural beauty and attractions will see you clock up hundreds of miles. Those won't be miles you'll rue either: over every horizon lies more beauty to explore and witness.

This article comes from our collection of the best riding routes in Arizona you can enjoy for an unforgettable motorcycle adventure.

Historic Route 66 from Topock to Seligman

photo credits to the Kingman Office of Tourism

Ride Distance: 137 miles | Recommended Ride Time: 5-6 hours
Description:

This is literally a trip down memory lane. Nostalgia and scenic beauty mark this as one of the most fun rides you'll ever do: The Historic Route 66. Starting in Topock, a border town with California, cruise north easterly to Oatman through the Mojave Desert and over the Black Mountains. The road opens to a long stretch where you can take in the vast open spaces of the Golden Valley on your way to Walnut Creek, and then to Kingman. On the way you'll pass through abandoned mining towns, old gas stations and diners. From Kingman you'll cross old Navajo lands, pass through the Hualapai Mountains with a beautiful stretching road that winds through more old "Wild West" towns of Antares, Hackberry, Truxton, Peach Springs, and brings you into Seligman.

Points of Interest:

You'll pass a handful number of old gas stations, abandoned mining towns and outposts. Oatman is one such town that has survived the gold rush and is teeming with history and charm. Peach Springs is surrounded by awe-inspiring canyons.

- Oatman Hotel, Restaurant & Saloon: This museum attracts many visitors to the area, offering tours of the historic town, the



Oatman Hwy in bloom,
Sitgreaves Pass

haunted hotel, and its famous history with movie stars.

- Mike's Route 66 Outpost & Saloon: This famous attraction is found between Kingman and Antares. This bar offers a time capsule of the heydays of Route 66 and is a favorite for bikers in Arizona.

- Roadkill Café & O.K. Saloon: Seligman boasts the famous Roadkill Café & O.K. Saloon, offering the best burgers and coldest beers in the area. It is a rustic café and saloon with an adventurous menu you must see for yourself.

Where to Stay:

There are a number of accommodation types for every budget in and near both Topock and Seligman.

Topock:

- Pirate Cove Resort & Marina: Available are cabins, RV camping facilities, restaurants, shops, and more.

Seligman:

- Historic Route 66 Motel: With spacious rooms and nearby amenities, this motel offers comfortable and safe accommodation.



Conclusion:

Arizona's roads can't be ignored if you're a motorcyclist with adventure running through your veins. From natural wonders of the world, ancient forests, deserts, abandoned mining villages and towns, ghost gas stations on the iconic Route 66, and more, this state offers dreamy rides along its perfect asphalt. Book your next riding vacation in Arizona on one of the routes we recommend and you won't be disappointed.

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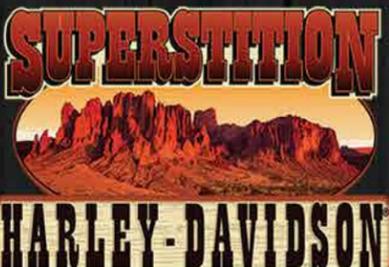
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- 3rd - Iron Horse Rodeo Run 9-10:30am**
- 3rd & 17th - Bitchin' Stitchin' 10am - 1pm**
- 10th - B.Y.O. Bike Show 10am - 2pm**
- 25th - Motorcycle Parts Swap Meet 10am - 2pm**

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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



4/3 {Sat} Iron Horse Rodeo Run with Superstition Harley-Davidson. Last stop Elks Lodge Payson. Supports Veterans & scholastic programs. Details TBA. SHD @ 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ. FMI: 480-346-0600

4/10 {Sat} BYO Bike Show at Superstition Harley-Davidson®, 10a-2pm. \$10/entry. Pre-reg at SHD Info Center & received a free H-D pin. Music, food trucks, raffles. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ. FMI: 480-346-0600

4/10 Concealed Carry Class, 11a-2pm. Learn how to safely and legally carry your firearm. Sign Up Online Today @ safearizona.com. \$20/pp + \$20/pp fingerprinting. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ. FMI: 480-346-0600

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: lobbyist@abateofaz.org

4/17 {Sat} New Life CMA & Superstition Harley-Davidson are hosting a Bike Blessing, Silent Auction, & Food Drive. 11a-2pm. Collecting non-perishables for the Superstition Food Bank in AJ. Bitchin' Stitchin' will be on site, 10a-1pm. SHD @ 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction. FMI: Julia Beall 602-999-0727, SHD 480-346-0600

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4/17 {Sat} Shoot-n-Scoot 21 with America's Overwatch Motorcycle Association Unit 1B. Join us for a day of Riding, Shooting, Throwing Axes, Darts, & Trivia. 8a-4pm. Sign-in 8am at Desert Wind H-D, 922 S Country Club Dr. Mesa, AZ 85210. FMI: 602-566-3141, <https://aoma1b.com/calendar> <https://aoma1b.ticketleap.com/>

4/17 American Legion Riders of Post 2 'Good of the Post' Poker Run from 12 – 5pm. Post 2 is located at 2125 S. Industrial Park Ave. in Tempe. FMI: 480-967-2968

4/17 CANCELLED ... Veteran Alliance Photo Scavenger Hunt. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1010270556152546/>

4/21-25 {Wed-Sun} Route 66 Bike Week. FMI: Rob@BikerAtlas, Call or text 424-322-0505

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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

4/30-5/2 {Fr-Sun} Wild in the Weeds with ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter. Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Mile Post 262 Hwy 188, Tonto Basin AZ. Music, Games, raffles, wet-T contest, silent auction... ABATE members \$15/sgl, \$25/cpl; non-members \$25 & \$35. Memberships available. FMI: Denise 928-978-5972, www.WildInTheWeeds.com

5/1 {Sat} IFRD {Int'l Female Riders Day} Ride to Cave Creek. Ride With SHD® & Lunch Is On Us! Meet 9am at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Muffins - Coffee – Refreshments. 10am Group Photo, 10:15am Kickstands Up! 12pm arrive at the Buffalo Chip, 12-1:30pm Lunch Buffet, 1:30pm Raffles - \$200 Gift Basket Raffle, 2pm Group Photo. Sign Up Today @ The SHD Info Center or call 480-346-0600. SHD® 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction.

5/1 IFRD Ride to Prescott. Departing The Helmet Center (4330 W Union Hills Dr) at 10am. Group meet up locations, route, etc TBA. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ifrdarizona>

5/8 {Sat} Rhino's Celebration of Life, 11a-2pm at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson. Please come join us in celebrating our dear friend Rhino's life. And let's show him that his legacy lives on - Never a Bad Day in My Life® **Memorial Patches Are In the Process of Being Made** FMI: info@dbs-az.com | <https://www.facebook.com/events/345856726655422/>

5/8-9 {SatSun} Team Arizona Basic Rider Course {BRC} at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 1-4pm each day. FMI: 480-998-9888

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5/31 {Mon} 15th Annual Flags for Our Fallen Memorial Day Rally. Flag Display & Salute to arrivals: 6am. This is where we park our bikes along the many flags lined on Cave Creek Road and say "thank you" to those that are going into the cemetery. Also, the AZ Central T-Buckets will be joining us with their hot rods along Pinnacle Peak Road. As family members go into the cemetery, we salute them and let them know their relatives buried in the cemetery are not forgotten. Event Pins available for the first 300. LOCATION - Phoenix National Memorial Cemetery, South East corner of Cave Creek & Pinnacle Peak Roads, Phoenix, AZ 85050. FMI: <https://www.ridersusa.net/event-4041902>

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.

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. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. FMI: <http://www.azcmc.org/>



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