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Motorcycles On Main ~ Through New Eyes

April 7, 2017 ... Life has brought changes... I had to step away from the Community in 2014, to take more care of dying parents, continue healing and cross train. I am a Reiki healer now. Deep breath!

I had let my editor, Betsy, know I was available for reporting again... So when she called me to cover Motorcycles on Main Street in Mesa – I jumped at the chance. I had never been, even though it is literally down the street from my condo.

Wearing my vest and attaching my reporter badge after so much time was an experience in & of itself. I love motorfolk. I love to write event stories. My vest felt like a spiritual hug, as my memory Angels Embraced me. This is the life I missed so much. This is my village.

I parked and fell in love almost instantly. My cheeks leaked with love and my spirit soared to see the bikers. My side street was full of scoots and leather. The bands rocked and our heads bobbed to the beats. I passed fragrant Food trucks – selling tastiness ~ BBQ, Mexican, Hawaiian ice, and Italian coffees Mmmm!

I got to the corner and gasped at the view. Looking both ways - Oodles and Oodles of bikers. Sturgis in Mesa. A plethora of seller tents were everywhere. New shops too. A Micro Brewery! A Psychic, a Yoga shop, Jewelry & Poetry readings inside an

art gallery – WOW! And curios and a music shop, too. An artisan village with street bands and even a t-shirt silkscreen shop! My head was spinning with new awareness of downtown Mesa. Pure Awesomeness.

New friends and new venues, plus street vendors hawking everything from double pane windows and doors, to clothing, jewelry and Nail art! But no motorcycle venue would be complete without an ABATE booth, Injury Attorneys, Motorcycle gear, and custom bikes. Everywhere I looked, I saw love.

I hugged my longtime friends, Michael Shearhart and Wes, who were manning the ABATE booth. The next old friend was Red Dog from the Freedom Riders. As I walked on, I smiled and purred with fond memories. Who else would I see? Then in the Trikes section by Subway, I teased my Old friend Guff, Road Captain of Brothers of the Third Wheel. I had not seen him in forever. He did not even know about my stroke in 2009. Suddenly, I reflected on my life as a reporter. I started in 1996, with the *MMA Motorcycle Patriot*. 20-plus years of love. Motorcycles on Main is the perfect event to come to and fall in love with Motor-folk. It's well organized, orderly, friendly, and full of awesome people.

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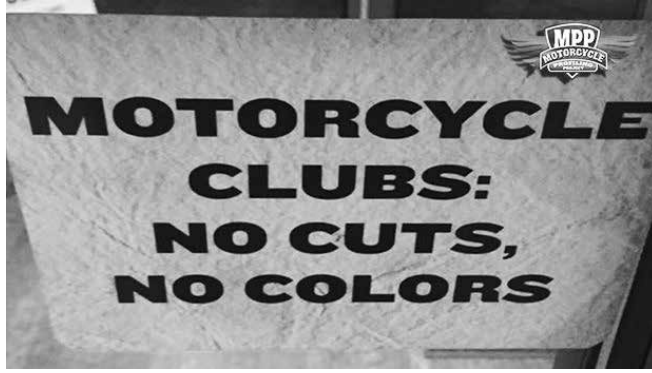
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The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) of Virginia recently sent 30 letters to bars and restaurants in the Central part of the state warning that their licenses could be revoked for allowing Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members to patronize their establishments.¹ Although not directly demanding action in the form of "no motorcycle club colors" policies, that is the intended result of this coercion.

Government discrimination is illegal in any form. Wearing motorcycle club colors, including those labeled OMG's by law enforcement, is protected by the 1st Amendment. Independently, coercing bar owners violates their constitutional right to pursue an occupation as established by case law.

Unfortunately, what's happening in Virginia is a national epidemic occurring in states coast-to-coast. The unconstitutional practice of government agents coercing public establishments that serve club members must stop.



The 1st and 14th Amendments demand it.

Law Enforcement Coercion Is A National Epidemic

According to the National Motorcycle Profiling Survey 2015-2016, an alarming 42% of survey participants reported knowing of a business being forced not

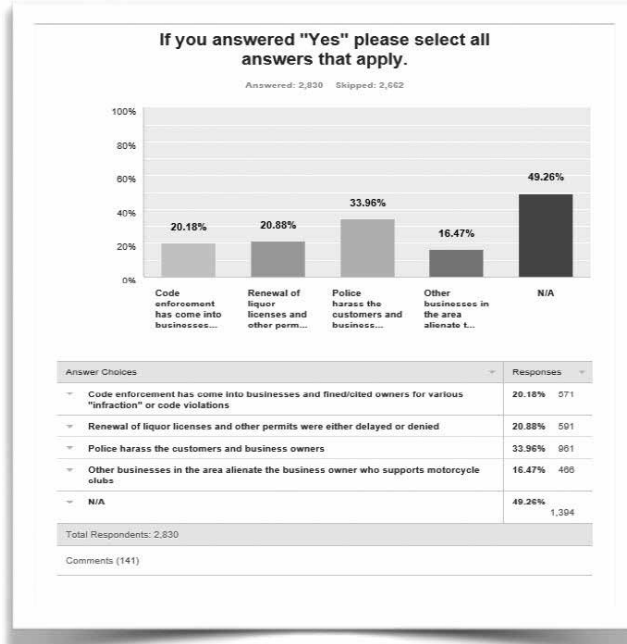
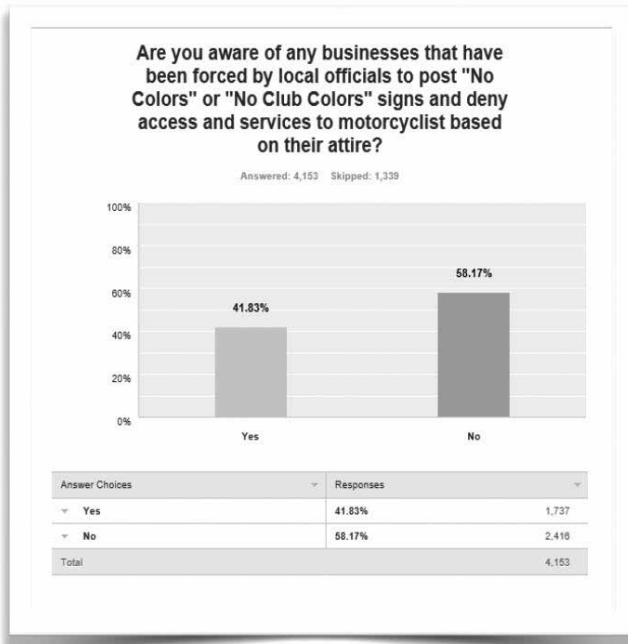
serve club members. Forms of harassment and coercion includes excessive code enforcement violations, threatening denial or renewal of liquor license and or permits, and police harassment of customers and business owners.

Motorcycle Club Colors and the 1st Amendment

There is a fundamental friction between the idea that wearing motorcycle club colors is expressive conduct protected by the 1st Amendment and the idea that motorcycle club colors are gang colors that represent a threat to the public environment. The ABC in Virginia, like agencies across the country, justify pressuring bars to not allow members of motorcycle clubs labeled OMG's to patronize their establishments based on a generalized gang stereotype or historical actions of other members.

Although maintaining a safe environment is definitely in the state's interest, federal case precedent says that government restrictions on motorcycle club colors are unreasonable, and therefore unconstitutional, "absent a showing in the record of an actual (or realistic threat of) interference or disruption." Any restrictions must be narrow and "specific to particular cases involving rival organizations."²

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The government pressuring for a general access ban on persons wearing motorcycle club clothing (including clubs labeled OMG's) would therefore be an unreasonable restriction on 1st Amendment expression.

Federal Case Precedent Specific To MC Colors

The longtime Supreme Court Precedent case *Cohen v. California* (1971) says individuals have the 1st Amendment right to wear clothing which displays writing or designs free from unreasonable government restrictions.³

This precedent has been specifically applied to motorcycle club colors, including those labeled OMG's by law enforcement. In *Sammartano v. First Judicial District Court* (2002), 10 members of motorcycle clubs, including the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club, were denied access to a courthouse in Carson City, Nevada based on the fact that they were wearing their club colors. They refused to remove their colors and were arrested for trespassing. The Court of Appeals concluded that this was unconstitutional because it violated their 1st Amendment rights to expression.⁴

Federal courts reject the general gang argument

Police often assert that motorcycle club colors are gang attire and could cause a potential threat of violence and intimidation. But the Court finds these generalizations insufficient, concluding that "a total ban on this expressive activity...is "an unreasonable means" of preserving a safe environment.

Any restrictions must be narrow and specific "to

particular (apparently hypothetical) cases involving rival organizations." But a general ban on motorcycle club colors is unconstitutional "absent a showing in the record of actual (or realistic threat of) interference or disruption."

General Restrictions Violate The Doctrine Of Personal Guilt

There is "no evidence that by merely wearing [1% motorcycle club] "colors," an individual is "involved in or associated with the alleged violent or criminal activity of other [1% motorcycle club] members. It is a fundamental principle that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual "merely because an individual belong[s] to a group, some members of which committed acts of violence." In fact, the Supreme Court has long "disapproved governmental action . . . denying rights and privileges solely because of a citizen's association with an unpopular organization." *Healy v. James*, 408 U.S. 169, 185-86 (1972).

To permit [law enforcement officers] to impose restrictions on any person "who wears the insignia of [a 1% motorcycle club], without regard to or knowledge of that individual's specific intent to engage in the alleged violent activities committed by other members, is antithetical to the basic principles enshrined in the First Amendment and repugnant to the fundamental doctrine of personal guilt that is a hallmark of American jurisprudence."⁵

Coercion Infringes On The Constitutional Right To Pursue An Occupation

The implication of coercion goes beyond the 1st Amendment. The practice of law enforcement or other government actors, such as liquor control agents,

harassing and threatening owners of public establishments because they allow motorcycle clubs to patronize their establishments is unconstitutional. The right to pursue an occupation is a fundamental liberty protected under the Due Process Clause. According to the Supreme Court, the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment protects a liberty or property interest in pursuing the "common occupations or professions of life."⁶ The constitutional right infringed in cases of excessive and unreasonable LE conduct is "the right to pursue an occupation."⁷

1 <http://www.nbc29.com/story/35017372/virginia-abc-cracking-down-on-biker-bars-in-central-virginia>

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7 *Benigni v. City of Hemet*, 879 F.2d 473 (9th Cir. 1989)

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As we were putting these pages together we learned about the passing of our dear friend, Dick Tush. For those who are able to attend, there will be a Memorial in Show Low at the Moose Lodge on Friday May 12 starting at 2pm. More info is in our calendar.

Bike Week often turns out to be a great time to catch up with people you haven't seen in a while ... This year was no different. Our Bike Week stories are scheduled for the July issue.

Thank you to our friend SmartAlex for the new photo ☺ He took it during the Evil Twin party, which you'll read about in these pages.

Thank you ALL for the VERY positive response regarding the message we posted about the shooting that took place earlier in April. We've included it below, on this page. It goes to show that you have to continuously question what mainstream media is trying to feed the people & refrain from believing everything you read & hear from your favorite 'talking head'.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. This month and EVERY month it is so important to continuously promote the message that all vehicles need to safely share our roadways. Ride as if no one sees you. Pay attention and always expect the unexpected.

Memorial Day... is SO much more than a long weekend with a bbq or campout. Please remember to take a few moments to reflect on the high price paid for that day off you spend with friends and family.

Have a good month. Ride safely, choose wisely, &

Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

Bruce & Betsy

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Arizona Bike Week UNCONNECTED to Phoenix Shooting

We read an article on April 17 via News 12 with the erroneous title *2 shot, 1 dead at Arizona Bike Week event* and I immediately went to work tracking down *WTF happened*. Putting out questions to various information sources, within very little time I not only got the corrected story that NO shooting took place during Arizona Bike Week festivities ~ I also got a copy of the exact same press release that was sent out to local mainstream media outlets. Funny, the words Arizona Bike Week were nowhere to be seen. On top of that... Neither were the words motorcycle, club, nor biker. How about that?

One can assume that someone from News12 visited the scene, took notes, talked to people, etc? Apparently, based simply upon the fact that, as it turns out, motorcycle people were involved in the incident & that the shooting happened to take place during the Arizona Bike Week timeline... They came up with the flawed conclusion that the events must be linked. I can say that no reporter bothered to 'fact check' with any official of the Arizona Bike Week organization before making such a statement ~ I checked that myself.

In their zeal to sensationalize the news of a shooting between motorcyclists, the reporter {I use that term loosely} latched onto Arizona Bike Week as a 'catch-all' umbrella for any & all motorcycling-related activities taking place in our Valley during that time span...

Confirmation from Phoenix Police made it clear when asked that they never considered it to be a sanctioned "Arizona Bike Week" event; acknowledging that, "it is safe to say that many motorcycle events are planned during this time due to AZ Bike Week."

Okay... so it's been retracted [barely] by News 12... The article now added the word 'unofficial' before calling the fateful gathering a kickoff event for Arizona Bike Week and the title now says 'motorcycle club event' instead. Great... thanks so much. Try and UNring that bell...

So this message is for locals who are curious and even more so for out-of-towners who might be thinking of visiting for AZ Bike Week and now are gonna see news about a shooting, get all freaked out, & change their minds.

Just because you read something in mainstream news doesn't make it true! Hey is this what is meant by 'FAKE NEWS FROM MAINSTREAM MEDIA'?

What we DO know is that Arizona Bike Week has a VERY safe reputation regarding this sort of thing and shouldn't be penalized because some would-be reporter misguidedly believes that 'Sons of Anarchy' is real.

Betsy & Bruce Newkirk, Arizona Rider Motorcycle News

as sent to News12

Riding For the Long Haul



A huge thank you to Director Alberto Gutier of AZ's GOHS for everything he does to help reduce Motorcycle Crashes & Fatalities in Arizona

The 3rd annual 'Riding For the Long Haul' hosted by AMSAF [Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation] took place on Sunday March 5, 2017 at the El Zaribah Shriners Auditorium located at 552 N 40th Street in Phoenix. My thanks to AMSAF's Executive Director Mick Degn for his help with this report. The goal of this event is motorcycle safety... Promoting Motorcycle Safety and Awareness to help to reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities here in Arizona. The means is fundraising for Rider Education Scholarships and educational information and presentations.

But quite frankly ... as much as we all recognize the need for it... motorcycle safety isn't fun. It ain't sexy. It can be downright boring. So how do you get people to attend an event centered around such dry stuff? AMSAF's Board of Directors and the 'Riding For the Long Haul' organizers have managed to strike the right balance ~ creating more of a festive atmosphere in which to wrap their message.

There was music throughout the day by 74th Street Band ~ a community favorite.

Rider skills demonstrations were given by Mesa Police Motor Unit. Their motorcycle maneuvers are always impressive to watch.

There was a photo booth set up where folks could get their picture taken on their bike.

A total of 54 vendors were set up inside and outside of the auditorium. A big % of them were Healthcare related ~ with information booths from State & County organizations; plus the state offices ADOT & AZGOHS were represented. Healthcare hospitals, rehab, trauma, helicopter rescue, Police & Fire from Phoenix, Chandler, & Mesa were there; and insurance companies, attorneys, Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as some biker businesses.

And yes, there was some gentle bribery as well

© A \$2500 Grand Prize package including \$1500 CASH plus a 3-night stay in Laughlin and concert for two was up for grabs. There was no purchase required, just show up at the event. There was a 'Bingo Walk' for the grand prize. Participants got a Bingo-style card and visited the various vendor & information booths, getting their card signed in the process. The stamped cards were turned in & put into the hopper for the big drawing.

There was a Fashion Show featuring safety gear which was well received. Attendees to the show had the chance to win a \$1000 gift card for Motorcycle Safety gear and another \$200 gift card for a helmet. Cool! Among other gear presented there was a demo of a safety vest with an internal airbag. It was pretty remarkable. If you are curious about it, AMSAF posted a video on their FB page.

A blood drive to benefit United Blood Services had 20 donors and 15 successful blood draws.

Each of the Guest Speakers spoke on the importance of community involvement. Mick Degn, Executive Director of AMSAF explained the rising trend in motorcycle crashes and fatalities. Alberto Gutier, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety spoke on what the State is doing in regard to that trend. Wendy Otten and Pam Gosler, a Manager and a Doctor from Dignity Health each talked about what they are seeing from the Hospital side.

Mick commented, "Unfortunately many folks don't get involved or care until someone they know is in a crash or lost their life to a motorcycle crash. Motorcycle crashes are about 50% the fault of the motorcycle rider due to lack of experience, or drugs and alcohol. Left hand turns are a big factor and again, the fault of both the car and motorcycle rider."

While this was a free event to attend, it was a fundraiser all the same ☺ Monies raised through donations, raffles, silent auction, etc go into a fund

called "Riding it Forward" which gives out Scholarship to get folks into Motorcycle training. Money goes to PSAs for TV & radio and for billboards, etc ... all to help get the motorcycle safety message out. It also helps cover some of the expenses that AMSAF incurs as a non-profit 501c3.

Special recognition trophies, created by Clyde Brooks, were presented for: Largest Group in Attendance - Superstition HOG, First Group to Arrive - Forsaken Hawgs, and Furthest Distance Traveled - Desert Road Racers ~ out of Prescott.

It's estimated that a little over 1000 people attended throughout the day, with the majority being there between 10a- 2pm. About 2/3 arrived on bikes. Mick sent along thanks to Title Sponsors Dignity Health and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. "Our biggest supporters were the Healthcare community where unfortunately most of our motorcycle crashes and fatalities end up, Insurance, Legal, Police, Fire and a number of other vendors helped us."

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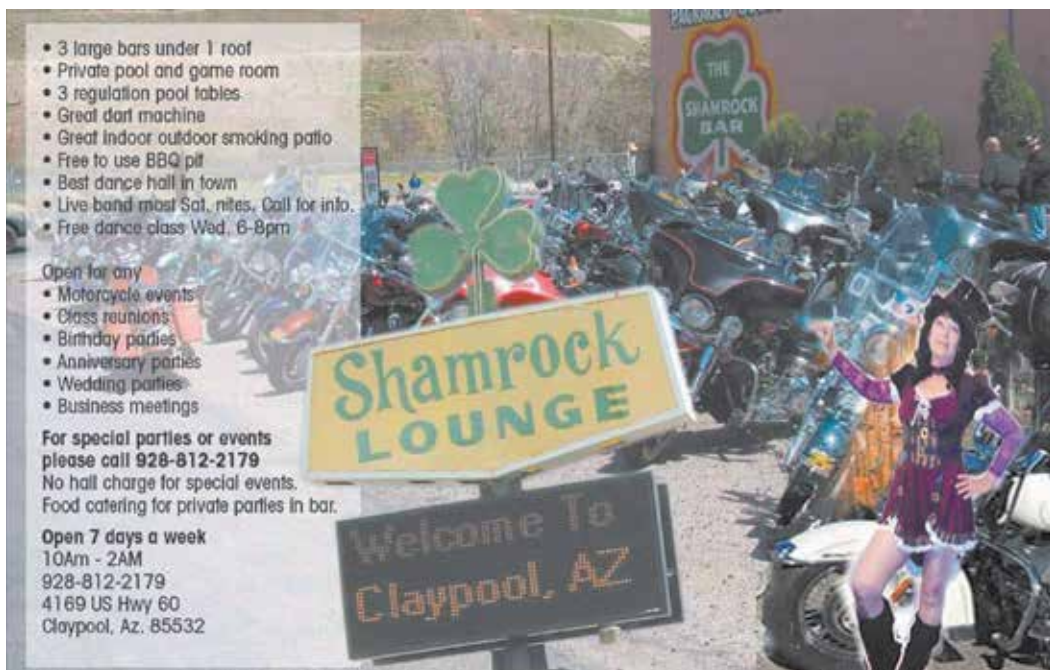
AMSAF is all about Motorcycle Safety & Awareness ... just safety and reducing motorcycle crashes. They aren't involved in politics ... no lobbying, no bills, none of that.

More scholarships are expected to be available starting in September, although it could be sooner depending on Grants, Sponsorships, and Donations. So, watch AMSAF via their website www.amsaf.org and follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AMSAF.ORG/> for these and other announcements.

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September 10, 1946 ~ March 23, 2017

George Ziegler, of Arizona Biker Leathers in Phoenix, died suddenly on March 23rd, from health-related causes.

Finding the words for this memorial is difficult. It so often is... but this one in particular because it seemed so sudden. We had just seen George. As is said so many times... He looked fine. How could this have happened?

Our wonderful biker community moved fast to share the word, with love & support being extended to Ann and their family.

George had a good heart and a mischievous wit ~ all wrapped up in a gruff exterior that could throw you off when you first met him. He could play to that tough New Yorker part of him. But any disconcert felt passed quickly as the twinkle in his eye belied his bearish act.

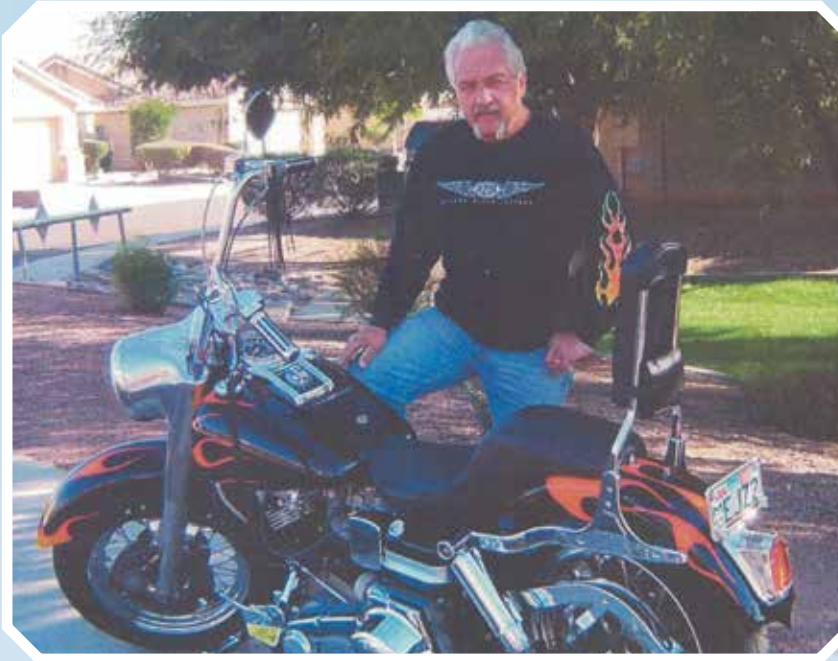
George's Celebration of Life took place on Sunday April 2, at Chapel of the Chimes Mortuary in Glendale, AZ. The outpouring of love, respect, & support to George's family was heartwarming. George touched so many lives and was known to so many. More than 60 organizations were represented. The Chapel was 'standing room only' with many more people out in the parking lot.

Sitting in the Chapel and hearing the continuous rumble of motorcycles that is oh so familiar to the biker community was a comforting backdrop to the Remembrance.

This was a gathering of friends and loved ones... with George's burial being a private moment with family the next day at the National Veterans Cemetery in Phoenix.

Online tributes were collected into a book, as an additional keepsake tribute for the family.

To conclude the remembrance, there was a balloon release at 1:15pm. It was a beautiful day for it, to watch the balloons rise up into the heavens.



BACA, Bikers For Christ, Blue Knights, Breath Life Riders, Buffalo Soldiers, Chosen Few, CMA, Combat Vets MA, Copper Hills Riders, Crawlers, Desert Dawgz, Desert Thunder, Eagle Riders, El Mirage Gentlemen, Expendables, Fifth, Green Knights, HOG Chapters, Hooligans, Hurricane Biker Girls, Infinite Rydaz, Iron Brotherhood, Leathernecks, LeFemme Knights, Limey Riders, Loose Cannons, Old Bastards, Old Guard Riders, Marine Riders, Phoenix Deuces, Phoenix Underground, Revolution Riders, Riders USA, Rollin' Knights, Sho Ryders, Sin City Disciples, Soldiers For Jesus, Sons of Aesir, Sons of God, Sons of Liberty, Soul Brothers, Southside Pirates, Spartan Riders, Street Assault, Street Trauma, Survivors, Tattered Souls, Unbroken, US Military Vets, Veterans IV Veterans, VFW Riders, Viet Nam Vets /Legacy Vets, and Warrior Brotherhood.

George's wife, Ann, send along this note.... "I have a lot to say and want to start off by saying myself, my son George Jr, my daughter Summer, and my daughter-in-law Amber want to say Thank you to each and every one of you for your Love, Support, Prayers, Help and Kind words during a tough time for the AZBL family. We lost a key player on our team, however, we know he is watching over us and keeping us strong. The outcome of a sad situation within the Biker Family of MC Clubs and Independent Riders is above and beyond what anyone could possibly understand unless you're part of the family. Good, bad, or indifferent, sad situations will always bring true bikers together with Honor and Respect and for this we at AZBL want to say Thank You to: Patriot Guard Riders for the amazing flag line, 2nd to None, ABATE, Aka Manah, ALMA, American Legion Riders from several posts, America's Overwatch,

"Our thanks also to Law Tigers, Pierce Family, Wolfskin, Steel Horse Saloon, Arrowhead HD, Rosies Italian Cafe, The Place, Subway, and Wallies Burgers. And, what a great Last Ride in honor of my husband that Desert Souls started from our store to his services! Thank you also to each and every one of you that took the time to honor my husband during his Celebration of Life. *AriZona Rider* and *Biker Information Guide* doing the great job they have always done with love, support and keeping everyone informed. I am truly sorry if I missed anyone. Again thank you so much for everything, it helps more than you realize. We cannot say thank you enough. Love, Honor and Respect from all of us at AZBL."

George will be sorely missed ~but DEFINITELY never forgotten.

With love & respect, *Bruce & Betsy*



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Too Broke For Bike Week

We spent some time at the new Too Broke For Bike Week event, held the weekend of March 31 & April 1, 2017. It took place at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, located at 922 S Country Club Drive in Mesa, as a fundraiser for ABATE-AZ's Phoenix /Shadow Mountain Chapter.

Vendors ringed the DWHD event venue... there were about 20 of them ... offering jewelry, apparel, and other goods; plus various services such as insurance, towing, and tattoo.

The bike show was sponsored by Evil Twin Custom Cycle of Mesa. There were some very cool custom-made trophies on the line to win, and some beautiful bikes in the competition.

During our visit at Desert Wind H-D, we met Joe from Iowa. He was in town for business & came out to enjoy some Bike Week entertainment. We hope you've had a great stay here in AZ!

There were two nights full of music... 74th Street Band, Pete Cummings Band, & headliner .38 Special on Friday; then headliner Jackyl plus The Visitors, Mojo Rats, & Wayland on Saturday. What we heard of these bands, plus reviews from other people, gave the whole music lineup straight A's for the weekend! ".38 Special was awesome", "Pete Cummings rocked the place", ".38 Special was Rocking!", and so on...

We learned from organizer Ed LeClere of Motorsports

Entertainment LLC that more than 5,000 people attended Too Broke For Bike Week over the 2-day event and \$8,200 was raised for ABATE of Arizona. Outstanding!

This was a family-friendly event. Ed noted that the younger members of the motorcycling community are our future... His events are family-friendly so the up & coming riders can see how much fun being a part of this community can be.

Although this was initially presented as an event with daytime activities such as a ride, things were revised and there was no ride. It was determined that there were already several rides taking place that day and so riders were encouraged to support those instead & then join the party at DWHD later for the Saturday night concert.

Ed sent along thanks to title sponsor Chuck Franklin, Missi at Two Gals Events, Kalil & Monster drinks for their generous donations, beer vendors Miller & Coors for the best possible prices, Evapeology for sponsoring the stage, Gary at Breakthru Beverage, Desert Wind Harley-Davidson for providing the venue, and the riding community for its support.

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nity. ABATE's position is that all motorcycle riders have the right to choose not only the machine that they ride, but also the riding gear that they choose to wear or not to wear (i.e., leathers, gloves, boots and helmets). ABATE promotes rider education for all motorcycle riders, and motorcycle awareness for all automobile drivers."

Learn more about ABATE of Arizona via their website at www.abateofaz.org/ Chapter meetings take place monthly. All riders are welcome.

ABATE's 26th annual state fundraiser 'Too Broke For Sturgis' is taking place June 8-11 at Mormon Lake Lodge, just south of Flagstaff. It is an adults-only party, for 18-years & older. It's a great time & you can get more details online at www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/ or call 480-318-6182. Come on out, have a lot of fun, and support the organization that supports your right to ride. We hope to see you there!

Bruce & Betsy

Add'l pix from Robb Felder, Phx-ShadowMtn ABATE & Dawn Steed, East Valley ABATE

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Remembering Patricia Jean Rohn

July 1, 1949 ~ Feb 28, 2017

Some of you will remember the MotoDad Leather & Cycle Gear store in Phoenix, owned by Bob & Pat Rohn. Either at their store or in their vendor booth during events, you may have had Pat sew on a patch or two. When the business closed back in 2011, they retired up to Cordes Junction.

Pat lost her lengthy battle with lung cancer on February 28th ... Creating that familiar bitter-sweet realization that while she will be deeply missed by the many who love her ~ she is now free of the pain, the difficult breathing, the constant fatigue, and the torturous existence that cancer creates.

They shared 30 years together, facing the ups and downs of life in complete Unity. Bob & Pat always had big smiles for everyone.... even when we knew that things were less than ideal. Their inner strength came from a deep and abiding Faith in their Lord that everything would always be all right.

Bob & Pat are long time friends of the Black Sheep M/M ~ and they organized a ride for Pat at the end of last year. She hadn't been able to get out for a ride in quite a while and wanted to get her 'knees in



the breeze' again....

The Black Sheep again surrounded Bob & Pat with their love and support when the word of her passing traveled... They organized a Memorial Ride, with meeting locations in Prescott and in Phoenix...

Her Memorial Service took place on Saturday Mar 25th at Cordes Lakes Community Center in Cordes Lakes, AZ. Friends & family gathered to

remember and celebrate her life. It was a simple service. She didn't want a big 'to-do'. People were invited to bring pictures & stories. It was an opportunity to share memories, laughs, tears, and celebrate a woman who was loved, admired, appreciated, and respected by so many. There were tears of sadness that she is gone and tears of joy for having known such a good person.

She touched a lot of lives ~ within and beyond the motorcycling community. She worked for 22 years as a CNA, working

for the most part with terminal patients. Caring for her patients was very emotionally intense and after a while she understandably retired.

While the work she chose after that was less stressful, her giving nature was still able to show through. Working with the public provided her opportunities to meet people who needed help... home repairs and other tasks that she & Bob could do for them. He noted that her volunteering helped 'get me out of the living room'. She saw what people around her needed & did what she could to make it happen.

She inspired people with her strength and absolute Faith. She was admired by many. One friend commented, "What an inspiration that woman was to me... in the face of certain death, she was so strong and I never sensed any fear in her."

There has been such an outpouring of support ~ in person and online which Bob appreciates very much.

Rest in Peace Pat, knowing that you left a very positive mark in this Life and are well-loved.

With Love & Respect,
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March 2017 ... American Legion Post

5, 3927 W Southern in Phoenix, is raffling off a 2005 Victory Kingpin motorcycle as a fundraiser for American Legion Charities. There are 250 tickets available at \$50 each. The drawing will take place once all the tickets are sold. 92 cubic inch, less than 14k miles, silver & white, lots of accessories. FMI or tickets 602-237-3114.
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3-21-2017 ... Recall ... NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V194000 ... "Preformed Fuel Hose May Develop Holes or Cracks" Potential Number of Units Affected: 487
 Summary: KTM North America, Inc. (KTM) is recalling certain 2016-2017 KTM 1290 Super Duke GT motorcycles. The preformed fuel hose can develop small holes or cracks, potentially causing a fuel leak. A fuel leak in the presence of a ignition source can increase the risk of a fire.
 Remedy: KTM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the defective fuel hose, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Customers may contact KTM customer service at 1-888-985-6090.
 Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.
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3-30-2017 ... Shared to the East Valley ABATE group on Facebook: Steve (Stubby) Teunissen lost his

life in a motorcycle accident on Thursday March 30. A memorial to celebrate Stubby's life and share memories was held on Saturday April 8th, at 10am at the north end of Prospector Park in Apache Junction, AZ. If there are any questions, contact Toby Vorpahl at 262-689-5895.

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3-31-2017 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V221000 ... "Handlebar Mounts may Loosen" Potential # of Units Affected 22,433
 Summary: Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain 2015-2017 FJ-09, FZ-09, and XSR900 motorcycles. The lower handlebar holder may loosen due to a painting issue and the inadequate application of the thread-locking agent. If the handlebars are not properly secured to the motorcycle, a loss of vehicle control may result, increasing the risk of a crash.
 Remedy: Yamaha will notify owners, and dealers will replace the lower handlebar holder, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2017. Owners may contact Yamaha customer service at 1-800-962-7926. Yamaha's number for this recall is 990114.
 Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.
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4-7-17 ... A member of the Chosen Few MC, Arthur "Smurph" Murphy, was killed in a shooting on April 7, 2017.

Our condolences go out to his family & friends.
 "Phoenix Police responded to a call of shots fired in the area of 400 E. Grant St. Callers reported hearing approximately 20 shots coming from a large party in the area. When police arrived they saw several people fleeing the area. Police officers located two victims with gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to a local hospital. One of the victims died from his injuries and the other had a non life-threatening injury."
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4-17-17 ... No more Evil Twin Custom Cycles Bike Night in Tempe. We'll let you know if/when one is re-established at another location.
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4-21-17 ... Congratulations to Clayton Gandara [from Evil Twin Custom Cycles] and his wife Danica as they welcome daughter Mianette Gandara to their family. Born @ 12:10pm, 8lbs, 11oz & 20 1/2 inches long.
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Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Boast about a grand-baby, extend congratulations or well wishes, send someone kudos for a promotion, announce an engagement, welcome your GI home. You get the idea. Send an email to editor@azridersouthwest.com, subject line: Community News.
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Hogs 4 Dogs Fun Run

The 2nd annual Hogs 4 Dogs Fun Run on March 11 was an amazing success. Organized by Roxanne Hill, this event benefits the Valley Humane Society in Casa Grande, AZ. All proceeds are used for vaccinations, spay/neuter, medicine, bedding, food, & cleaning supplies, to keep our fur friends comfy and find a forever home.

VHS is a non-profit 501(c)3 no-kill shelter and receives no funding from any government or national welfare group and relies on donations and fundraisers to care for hundreds of homeless pets per year.

I (Roxanne) am a volunteer for VHS. Board Member Cindy Sutton asked if I would consider doing a Hogs for Dogs event, as it hasn't been done for many years. So I put together a small committee December 2015 and launched our first run March 19, 2016. That year we raised \$5000.

This year, on March 11, William (WB) Mowery was the Road Captain for 83 bikes and approximate 20 cars that followed the pack. We raised \$4712. The Run started at Cotton Bowl Lanes at 8:30am with kickstands up at 10am. There was no registration fee. The pack left the bowling alley and headed to the Tumbleweed Inn, Eloy, AZ. That stop was followed by a visit to the Moose Lodge, Arizona City, AZ. The final stop was the Airport Tavern, Casa Grande. Raffle and Auction items were collected from Casa Grande, Phoenix and Tucson. Some of the donations were from Budweiser, Coors, Cardinals, Phoenix Zoo, Coyotes, Harkins Theatre, Iron City Polaris, Massages, Tattoo, Restaurants and more.

Raffle tickets were sold at each stop - \$1/ticket or arms' length for \$20 for great prizes at each stop. At the Airport Tavern, all tickets were collected for a grand prize of 4 Diamondback tickets, a D-Back tailgate umbrella, a Budweiser cooler and beer.

A big Thank You to Julie Mikkelsen (owner of Airport Tavern), who has opened her home to many stray animals and has helped me & VHS to continue this fundraiser each year!

Some of the riders were local animal lovers, Casa Grande Elk Riders, VFW Riders and winter visitors. It's a great feeling walking thru the kennel knowing we made a difference for these fur babies!

I would like to Thank all the donors and supporters for your generosity, awesome turnout and a great day!

Roxanne Hill, Volunteer



on web, click title above for more calendar entries and event details

Every Saturday: Rollin Knights' Steak Night at the Castle, 1134 W Grant Ave Phoenix. Starts at 8pm-til all the steaks are gone. Drinks, music & great dinners. FMI: www.rollinknightsmc.com

1st Saturday: Ride in Movie Night at Rosie's Den Café, 19949 N. US Hwy 93; White Hills, AZ 86445. 8pm 'til Sunday morning. Classic B-movies, an old fashioned biker campout, & a Bloody Mary b'fast. The movie is free, the camp out is \$30/pp. Groups of ten+ get \$5/pp off. Submit your favorite b-grade biker movie for a chance to win an overnight package for you & a guest if we show your suggestion. FMI: events@sincitybiker.com, 702-630-5527

Every Sunday. Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition Harley Davidson - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot at 8:30a. Kickstands up at 9a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

Every Tuesday: Rollin Knights MC Tucson Taco Tuesday @ 3385 Winstel Blvd 85716. info@rollinknightsmc.com

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Every Wednesday: Bike Night at Brat Haus [3600 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale] 6-10pm. FMI: Brathausaz.com

2nd Wednesday: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at Addictions Bar & Grill 1590 Swenson St, Prescott. FMI: 928-237-9029, ycabateaz@gmail.com

2nd Thursdays: Nomaden MC Bike Night 6p-? @ Nomaden MC Clubhouse 137 N Huachuca Blvd, Huachuca City, next to WW Pizza. Open to the public. Plz bring non-perishable food item for the Community Food Bank. FMI: on FB @ /nomaden.mc | nomadenmc@cox.net

Every other Friday: Loose Cannons MC Open House 7-11:30pm. 1408 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction. FMI: n/a

Every Friday: ALMA MC Westside Open House... 8-11:30pm. 1050 N. Eliseo Felix Jr Way #105, Avondale. FMI: www.facebook.com/AlmaMcWestside/

2nd & 3rd Friday: ALMA MC East Side Open House from 7pm-? Entertainment. Food & Beverages available. 3212 S. Fair Lane, Tempe. FMI: n/a

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5/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday September - June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

5/5-7 {Fr-Sun} Wild in the Weeds hosted by ABATE-AZ's High Country Chapter. 13th Annual Old School Bike Rally. Punkin Center Bar & Grill - Mile Post 262 SR 188 Ton-to Basin, AZ. B'fast Buffet Sat. & Sun.; Live Music Friday & Saturday Nights; Photo Booth; Bike & People Games; \$500 Raffle; Wet T-Shirt Contest; Raffles; 50/50; Silent Auction; Vendors. FREE RV & Tent Spaces (no hook-ups). Weekend Admission is \$15/Sgl, \$25/Cpl. \$10 Discount for ABATE Members. Memberships available onsite. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <http://wildintheweeds.com/> | <https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/>

5/6 {Sat} Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts around 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

5/6 ALMA OriGinal's 8th Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at ALMA's OriGinal Clubhouse - 1446 N 27th Ave Phoenix 85009. Great food, great music & a great time. \$10 gets you in & includes meal of steak picado, beans, rice & tortillas + Poker Walk entry. Music by the Feel Good Factor Band & DJ Ruben D. There'll be a piñata for everyone to beat the crap out of it! You Know How We Do It! If you don't, come see for yourself.

5/6 11th International Female Ride Day. Meet ?am at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Day kicks off with muffins, coffee, & refreshments. Goodie bags for the first 30 ladies to register! FMI / rsvp 480-346-0600 or by email to receptionist@superstitionhd.com

5/7 {Sun} CANCELLED - 10-year Memorial Celebration, Remembering Waldo. RT's Black Bull Restaurant - 4484 S White Mountain Rd, Show Low, AZ 85901, from noon-? Bring stories, pictures & friends. \$5/pp gets you food, live entertainment & some great memories! All proceeds go to Waldo's grandson Shea's Cub Scouts Pack #531. Lots of other boys are financially unable participate in activities since the costs keep rising! FMI: foxycharity13@yahoo.com

5/12 {Fri} Memorial Service for Dick Tush at Moose Lodge, 145 N White Mountain Rd; Ste E; Show Low 85901. Starts 2pm. FMI: Lisa 928-434-0200

5/13 {Sat} Law Tigers AMA Pro Flat Track Arizona Mile at Turf Paradise, 1501 W Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023 from 11a-6pm. FMI: <http://tinyurl.com/je4ys8h>

5/13 Party on the Patio with ABATE of AZ from 11a-2pm at Desert Wind HD, 922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa, 85210. Live music by Sidewayz, complimentary BBQ, & more. FMI: 480-894-0404, 480-318-6182

5/13 22nd Annual Jester Run will start at Auto Motion - 595 S. 6th St., Cottonwood, AZ, 86322. Registration 9am. \$20/sgl, \$30/2-up. Ceremony starts at 10a. KSU 10:30a. Follow us on Facebook: MMA - Verde Valley. End Party starts 1pm at The Chaparral Bar 323 S. Main St., Cottonwood Live Music, Raffles, 50/50 and a Great Time! Benefits motorcycle safety & awareness efforts and District's 'Down Riders Fund'. FMI: 480-226-4135, mmaverdevalley@yahoo.com | 928-963-1829, traciejohnson13@gmail.com

5/13 Bike and Car part Swap Meet at the Williams Rodeo Barn - 501 E. Rodeo Rd, Williams, AZ, 86046. Bike, car parts, accessories. Free admission to public. \$20/space before May 6 & \$25 after that. Benefits American Legion Post 13 and area veterans. FMI: 635-4447, angiemikkelsen@gmail.com

5/13 10th Annual Howling for the Hounds hosted by the Wolves MC from 11a-5pm at Truck & Trailer Parts, Inc. - 2702 N Flowing Wells, Tucson, AZ, 85705. \$20 at the door includes Choo Choo's Smoked brisket [served at 1pm till gone]. Vendors, live music, DJ, motorcycle raffle, & more. Benefits Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSA). Pets welcome. FMI: Guy 520-240-6264 Deb 520-730-8983

5/13 2nd Annual Lost Dutchman Six Shooter Poker Run starts at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, 85120. \$10/pp. Sign in from 10a-Noon. End Party at LDMC Queen Creek Clubhouse starts at 4pm. Live music - Bike show - Door prizes - 50/50 raffle - Food provided by VIII's Society MC. FMI: 480-346-0600 or <http://superstitionhd.com/>

5/14 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet @ Pinal County Fairground from 9a-4pm. \$5 @ gate. Spaces are \$30/ea, 10x15. All parts, all brands welcome. Features rare parts, antique, & more. No dogs except service dogs. FMI: 480-209-8521, raysrydes@yahoo.com

5/20 {Sat} Sho Ryders MC Tucson Chapter Annual BBQ from 12p-5pm at Shooters Steakhouse 3115 E Prince Rd, Tucson, 85712, USA \$15/pp Donation. All ages welcome. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: info@shoryders.com

5/20 Hold'em or Fold'em Charity Casino Night fundraiser with Gatekeepers MC from 6:30-10pm at HD of Scottsdale [15656 N. Hayden Rd] for The Nick Lowery Fndn & Safer Stronger Sports. 21 & older. \$50/pp includes \$500 in casino chips, food, & live music. FMI: www.twogalsevents.com or 602-568-5313

5/20 8th annual National Armed Forces Freedom Ride. Starts at American Legion Post 2, 2125 S Industrial Park Ave, Tempe. Details TBA. FMI: Skeeter.freedomrideaz.2010@gmail.com, <http://azfreedomride.webs.com/>

5/20 Carriage House Bike Run to benefit Carriage House Assisted Living Home in Snowflake, AZ. Meet 9-10am at Show Low Motorsports {intersection of Hwys 60&77}. Entry fee = 1 non-perishable food item p/p to assist needy Veterans of the White Mtns. Visiting & lunch with CH residents, bike games by CMA. FMI: Moses 928-367-0359

5/20 Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts around 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

5/20 Ride for Richard Forte Jr. starts at Superstition Harley Davidson - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Signup 9-11am. Ride, Car & Bike Show, Vendors, Live Music & More. Donate at www.gofundme.com/teambubbatrip. FMI: 480-346-0600, <http://superstitionhd.com/>

5/29 {Mon} Flags For Our Fallen Memorial Day Remembrance at Phoenix National Cemetery 23029 N Cave Creek in Phoenix. Flag line, etc 5-8am. Ceremony in cemetery starts at 8am. Visit www.ridersusa.net for the schedule of the weekend's activities.

6/2 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place first Fridays September-June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

6/3 {Sat} ABATE of Arizona East Valley Chapter Annual Spaghetti Feed. All U Can eat Spaghetti, Meatballs, Garlic bread, Salad, & Desserts. 6-9pm. Adults \$10 Kids \$5. Held at Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) 1712 W. Broadway Rd, Mesa, AZ 85202. FMI: Jim 602-312-1927

6/5 {Mon} 14th annual Burn Camp Ride hosted by Wind & Fire MC Chapter 113. Meet 7am at Phoenix Fire Station #56, @ 3210 W. Canotia Pl, Phoenix. \$40/pilot + \$20/2-up. Mandatory Helmets. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: Lori 480-694-3660 or Steve 602-758-2151

6/8-11 {Th-Su} Too Broke For Sturgis #26. Support your State Motorcyclists Rights Organization ABATE-AZ while having a helluva lot of fun! Music by Unchained & Skarlett Fever. Mormon Lake Lodge. FMI: 480-318-6182, <http://www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/>

6/10 Huns MC Heatstroke Drags at Tucson Dragway, 12000 S Houghton Rd. Motorcycle & car drag races to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. \$50/racers, \$15/spectators. Music, food, vendors, more. Gate opens 5pm, racing starts @ 7p. FMI: Tigger 520-631-0803, hffh143@aol.com

6/16-25 {Fr-Sun} Pikes Peak Bike Week at Pikes Peak Int'l Speedway - 16650 Midway Ranch Rd, Fountain, Colorado. Vendors, riding, onsite camping, Demo Ride Trucks, & more. Concerts with Gin Blossoms, Blue Orchid, Jackyl, & WAR. Headliner Saturday night Lynyrd Skynrd live on the main stage. FMI & tickets: www.pikespeakbikeweek.com/

6/23-25 {Fr-Sun} Great Escape with the Desert Road Riders MC. <http://desertroadridersmc.com/>

7/6-9 {Th-Sun} Detroit Motorcycle City inaugural event FMI: www.detroitmotorcyclecity.com/

9/1 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday September-June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

9/15-17 {Fri-Sun} River Riders MC 33rd Annual Friendship Run, hosted at the Grand Canyon Caverns. FMI: www.riverridersmc.com/33rd-annual-friendship-run.html

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9/30 {Sat} 15th annual ABATE of Arizona East Valley Chapter "Hard Ass Run" in 2017. Details TBA. FMI: Jim 602-312-1927

9/30 Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts around 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley (email: Director@AZFlattrackRacing.com), www.AZFlattrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

10/5-8 {Th-Sun} Las Vegas BikeFest www.LasVegasBikeFest.com

10/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. First Fridays from September-June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain

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10/7 {Sat} 2nd Annual MMA Motorcycle & Classic Car Show, from 8a-noon, at & sponsored by Mesa Market Place 10550 E Baseline Rd. Sponsors include San Tan Ford. Details TBA. FMI: Tammy Springsteen 602-434-6920, http://tinyurl.com/hakdmav, http://mma-az.org

10/14 Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts around 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley (email: Director@AZFlattrackRacing.com), www.AZFlattrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

10/21 {Sat} 'Bikers for Boobies' 9th Annual Poker Run FMI: www.bikers4boobiesaz.org/

10/28 {Sat} Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts around 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley (email: Director@AZFlattrackRacing.com), www.AZFlattrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

10/28 Bone Run with the Desert Road Riders MC. http://desertroadridersmc.com/

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ALR Post 58, Fountain Hills	602-818-2719	Patriot Guard Riders AZ	602-999-0632
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- **Obtain a copy of your service medical records prior to discharge.** Do not take any shortcuts when separating and do this immediately. Any idea of hurrying to get home may cost you time and money should you require VA Healthcare at any time in the future.
- A veteran has two years, after separation, to apply for medical conditions that are a result of their service in the military. After two years the process becomes more difficult.
- **If you require medical assistance from the VA after separation/discharge, bring with you a copy of your medical records, a copy of your DD-214, and two forms of picture identification.**
- Any injury or illness incurred while serving on active duty as a regular, reservist, or Federalized member of the National Guard needs to be noted in your medical records.
- **Enroll in the VA IMMEDIATELY. Do Not Procrastinate!!** Know your rights and your responsibilities. If you are not sure, ASK-ASK-ASK-ASK-ASK!!! Ensure that your transition is smooth. Know what you need to do, and DO IT!
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Over the years of writing stories for *AZ Rider*, a name has come up from time to time. This woman performs a service within our community that people don't really want to think about until it's absolutely necessary. She is a mortician.

Christina Duwel {photo below} owns and operates At Season's End Mortuary in Apache Junction, located at 861 W Superstition Blvd. This is a full service funeral home which is family owned and operated.

She quietly serves the motorcycling and Veteran communities.

She has been an active participant in the MIAP 'Missing in America Program' for many years. Among many other Veterans whose remains have gone through the unimaginable circumstance of literally being Lost in America, Christina received & cared for the remains of Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Isaiah Mays on his journey from a Phoenix, AZ pauper's grave to his rightful final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery.

She stepped up to care for and coordinate a smooth trip home to New Mexico for Al & Samantha Barela, the victims of the tragic motorcycle wreck that took place in Scottsdale during the 2015 Torch Ride.

Closer to home, she and her team cared for our old friend Wayne 'Undertaker' Anderson at his passing.

Christina explained, "Not all funerals are alike. Some people do not want a funeral service and that's just fine." She can provide everything from a simple direct cremation to the most detailed full traditional service and everything in between; including shipping out of state or even out of the country. Christina will try and do what you want for funeral services so that your memory of your loved one is special. Cremation has become more popular over the past several years and Christina understands that the financial aspects are important. She never tries to push sales. She will even recommend that you bring in an urn that is a personal item of the deceased. She also recognizes that pets are family members too and provides pet cremation service as well. She encourages people to do some research. There are huge differences in pricing between providers.

At Season's End has a Chapel to host a Memorial Service; plus caskets, urns, flag cases, and other items for purchase. Services also include preparing necessary paperwork for filing with the State, filing obituary notices & vital statistic reports & other

such record keeping.

Christina is a rider herself and understands the closeness of the riding community.

She holds a special place in her heart for all Veterans. Her ties to the Veteran community run deep in her heritage. Her Grandfather and Uncle served in the US Navy and her Father served in the U.S. Army. Her Husband is a disabled Veteran; having served multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan - in both in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army.

She rode up to Prescott Valley last December with a group of fellow riders and Veterans to take Ray Weser (also a Veteran) on a ride for his 102nd birthday.

Regarding Veterans and their funeral arrangements, she meets many Vets and/or their survivors who believe that they will have no funeral expenses due to their military service. She clarified that this is NOT true. She explained that while the VA covers a plot at a VA cemetery, opening and closing of the grave, the vault and the headstone, the funeral expenses such as preparing of the body, transportation, etc are 100% on the family.

Her full title is Rev. Dr. Christina Duwel. She is a licensed funeral director, licensed embalmer, licensed insurance agent, and licensed cremationist. She holds doctorates in metaphysics and theology. She also teaches embalming for the Mortuary Science Program.

We were curious about her 'insurance agent' license. Among the numerous areas she can guide you through is the option of pre-planning your own final arrangements. Christina can write 'funeral insurance' policies. While this may sound morbid at first glance... it is actually an extremely thoughtful gesture on your part.

We feel that funerals are for the people left behind. When you are already in a place of grief, it can be a very difficult thing to have to arrange a funeral and consider what your loved one would have wanted ~ and that's even before figuring out the financing of those final arrangements.

Letting someone know ahead of time how you want your Earthly remains cared for is more like a gift to your survivors... It relieves them of those decisions and that extra financial weight as they are already shouldering the grief of your passing.

A Funeral Policy locks in the price of the funeral service you plan and pay for at the time the policy is written. For example, a policy that was written back in the 1970's for funeral services was purchased for

\$350. Now those same services would cost perhaps \$700. But the policy covers your final arrangements at the rate LOCKED IN at the purchase date. The policy has been collecting interest since it was purchased ~ to help offset price increases. If the policy interest exceeds the cost of the funeral, the beneficiary of the policy receives the difference.

These pre-paid policies can be transferred to another funeral home. So if Christina is already enjoying a well-deserved vacation by the time you need these services, the coverage remains the same. But Christina did caution, "Be sure to include the phrase 'as written' within the wording of the policy." She can explain that more thoroughly when you meet with her.

Other topics Christina can discuss with you include 'natural' burial, cremation trends & policies of different religions, who can execute your funeral arrangements, and the Return Assured program ~ be sure to ask about this. She can offer you resources pertaining to organ donation, elder care & caregiver programs, hospice care, living wills, trusts, estate planning, and more.

No one likes to think about dying, or making arrangements like a will, funeral plans, etc. Some even have the irrational fear that thinking about such things will speed along the arrival of such an event. Christina encourages everyone to talk with their family & loved ones ~ let them know your feelings about organ donation, cremation vs traditional burial, etc. She acknowledges that this isn't something people like to talk about, but emphasizes that it is a conversation that NEEDS to take place... at ANY age.

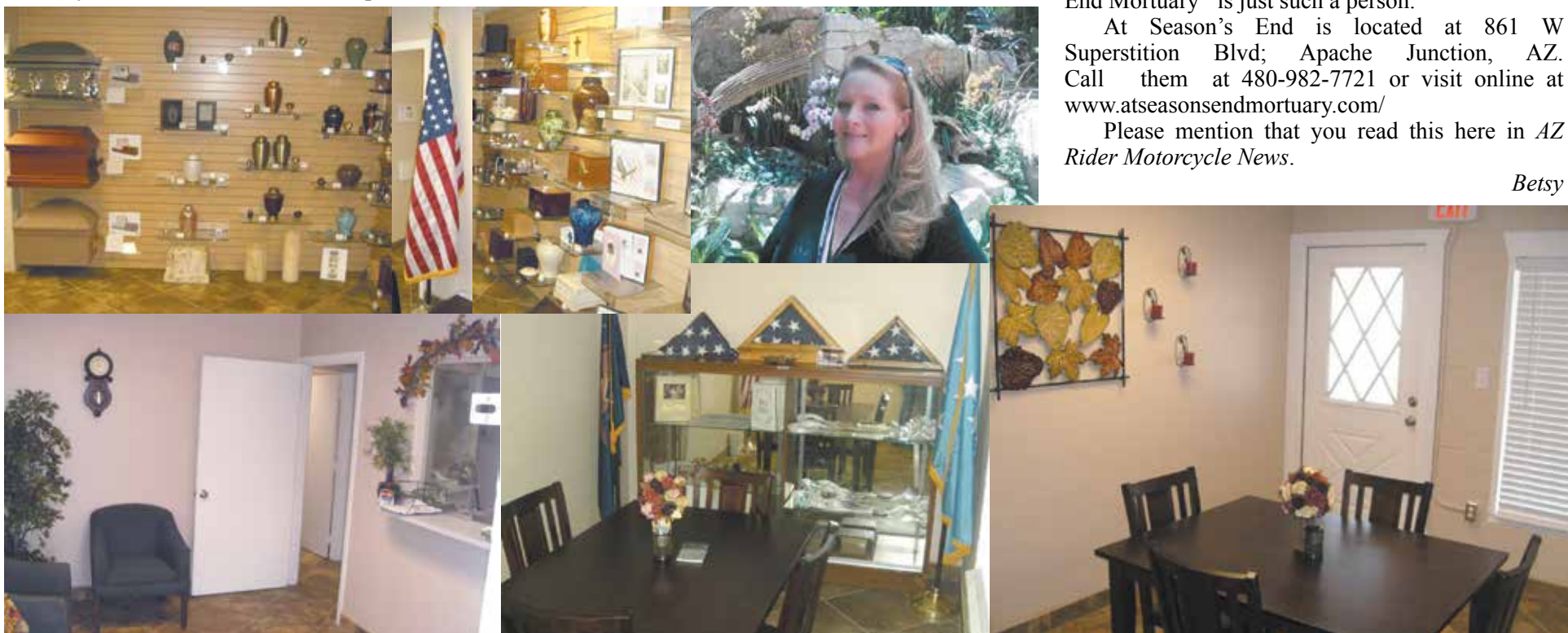
There's a lot of information here ~ which can all be very overwhelming. Having someone like Christina who can go through and explain everything to you and help you make your plans can take a 'heavy' task and make it easier.

Ever received a postcard & mailed away for information about funeral planning? Cremation? Ever got anything back but a lot of pushy phone calls and unwanted junk mail? Many of these mailings are designed to build mailing lists... rather than helping you with your genuine search for useful information. A task like preparing your funeral, or that of a loved one, belongs in the hands of a real person... someone kind, conscientious, & compassionate enough that you know, when your time comes, that she is the person that you'd want your family to be able to turn to and work with. Christina Duwel at 'At Season's End Mortuary' is just such a person.

At Season's End is located at 861 W Superstition Blvd; Apache Junction, AZ. Call them at 480-982-7721 or visit online at www.atseasonsendmortuary.com/

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Evil Twin Custom Cycle's Customer Appreciation Party

Evil Twin's owner, Robert Shinn, hosted a Customer Appreciation Party on Saturday April 1st. This yearly party is his way to say 'thank you' to his many customers, supporters, and friends; plus this time it gave everyone the opportunity to check out the shop's NEW location ~ which they moved into in January.

We arrived at Evil Twin Custom Cycles, now located at 58 N. Country Club in Mesa, to a full house. It was a sunny, warm, beautiful afternoon... Great for being out and about.

Music through the day by the Moon Doggers, in addition to Robert's band the Unknown Associates, kept everyone entertained.

Food was provided by Nick at the Fat Daddy's Beef Jerky hot dog cart, with Evil Twin hosting the lunch. Four kegs were tapped throughout the day,

also courtesy of Evil Twin.

Vendors included Phoenix Motor Leathers, Turtle Creations jewelry, Debbie's Pepper Jelly, A2Z Variety {flags, patches, & military-related items}, Drag Specialties, and jeweler Hal Brown Designs. TeeKay had a booth of swap meet items as well.

There were over 80 door prizes to give away INCLUDING 3 sets of tickets to see Jackyl that night at the Too Broke For Bike Week party. You could buy raffle tickets OR you could donate goods to the Food Bank in exchange for tickets.

Donations of non-perishable foodstuffs went to the local Salvation Army, still working to restock their warehouse after fire damage ruined much of their stored goods. A pallet of water plus a pickup truck full of food ~ an estimated 400# of dry goods

~ was collected.

The day also benefited the Jocelyn Tangitau Foundation {<http://www.jtfinc.org/>} which you'll read more about below.

The day wound down at 4:20pm ☺ This party always offers good music, good people, and a lot of love. It was a good time & we're glad we could be there.

Bruce & Betsy

Thank you Robert for the add'l photos

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Ride for Life Benefits Jocelyn Tangitau Foundation

Anyone who is familiar with Robert of Evil Twin Custom Cycles knows that he & his wife Jeanne have been doing fundraisers for kids for years. The Ride for Life to benefit Jocelyn Tangitau Foundation was this year's beneficiary of their efforts.

We learned from Robert that this event along with his Customer Appreciation Party from the prior week raised \$2500 for the Foundation.

The ride departed from Evil Twin Custom Cycles, located at 58 N. Country Club in Mesa on April 8th. Between 50 – 60 bikes rolled out on a self-paced ride ending at The Hideaway in Cave Creek. The scenic route took riders up the Beeline and through Fountain Hills.

Creative Hands Cuisine brought their food truck

and of course plenty of adult-beverages were available.

Thank you to everyone who posted pix to Facebook to help show what a great day it was! Vuki Tangitau, father of Jocelyn, sent out thanks to Dane, F-Troop, Team Blaze, Evil Twin Custom Cycles, and everyone who supported the ride.

The Jocelyn Tangitau Foundation is a 501(C)3 charity that provides "pediatric palliative care to improve the quality of life for children and families suffering life-threatening, irreversible, and terminal health conditions." [from their website <http://www.jtfinc.org/>] Young Jocelyn's is a very inspiring story. Being stricken before her first birthday with a debilitating disease, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

Type 1 ... a condition for which there is no cure, doctors had given her no more than 2 years of survival. She is now 7 years along ~ Thanks no doubt to her parents' absolute dedication to finding resources that could help their daughter and their refusal to accept the doctors' prognosis as the last word.

The Jocelyn Tangitau Foundation now advocates for other SMA children, and are working to establish a program to help other parents receive the care and support they need and deserve. Learn more about JTF at <http://www.jtfinc.org/> and follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/jtfinc/>

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