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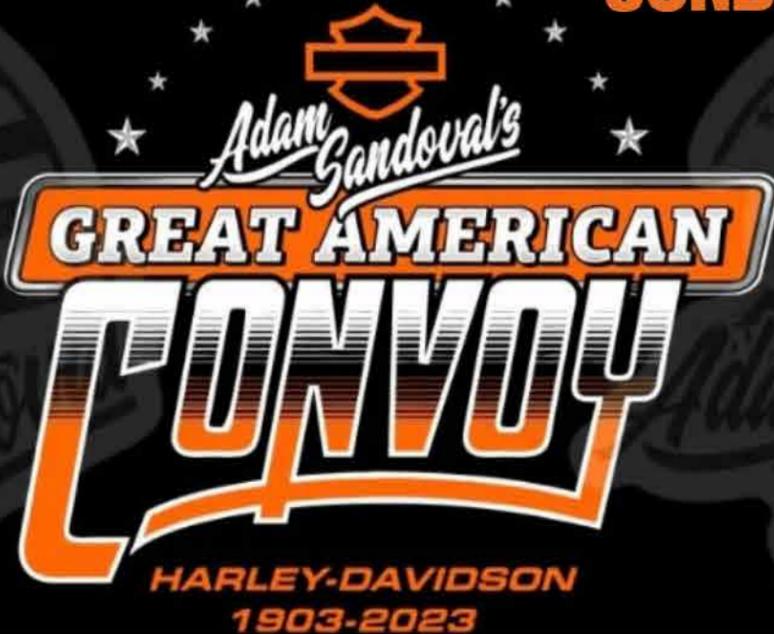
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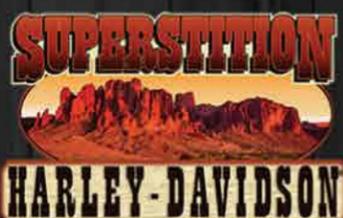
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Striker and other industry professionals discussed topics such as general maintenance, motorcycle suspension, and motorcycle communication. Misty from Dunlop Tires talked about tires and safety.

An Italian meal was served for lunch, provided by Mike Saladino; proprietor of the same food truck that brought the lunch last year. A massage therapist gave free (tips accepted) chair massages.

The ladies each received a raffle ticket, with more tickets available to purchase. Prizes included a Legend Suspension set, a set of Dunlop Tires, Front and rear Custom Dynamics bullet turn signals by ProBEAM®, XK Glow Accent Light Kits, a Nelson-Rigg Day Trip Backrest Rack Bag, massage therapy sessions from Theresa at Relaxxed Atmosphere Massage, and a Pack Talk Edge by CardoSystem. Congratulations to the winners!

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Welcome back Too Broke For Sturgis! A lot of folks were sort of holding their breath this year to see what was going to happen. YES - 2023 WILL have a TBFS! It'll be in Winslow. Please support the sport of motorcycling by supporting ABATE's TBFS.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month {Motorcycle Awareness and You}. It is so important to continuously promote the message that all vehicles CAN safely share our roadways.

May, of course, also brings us to Memorial Day... It is much more than a long weekend with a bbq or campout. Please take some time to reflect on & honor those who lost their lives while In Service to Our Country.

Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms out there!  
Have great month! Ride safely, choose wisely, &  
*Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!*

*Betsy*

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## From Military To Civilian – A Seamless Transition

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

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- 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.
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**CIRCLE THE DATE –  
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A "must-see" in the biker's rights community, this year's NCOM Convention is scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, so don't miss this opportunity to empathize with hundreds of fellow concerned riders coming together from across America for the "Betterment of Biking"!

Register online at [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com) or by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) at (800) 525-5355, and be sure to reserve your hotel

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**MSF CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF TRAINING RIDERS**

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) will celebrate 50 years of providing rider education and training this year. To celebrate, the MSF Communications team has been collecting stories from a diverse group of people with a wide variety of motorcycling backgrounds: new riders, longtime riders, RiderCoaches, influencers, members of the media and families will all share their stories on the MIC website.

Throughout this anniversary year, the MSF will launch 50 stories on its [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org) website under the NEWS tab. The goal each week is to inspire, entertain, and share the fun of riding that often results through top-quality rider education and training – the kind delivered by the MSF for half a century.

**US & EU PUSH IMMINENT DEMISE OF FOSSIL FUEL VEHICLES**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed sweeping

emissions cuts for new cars and trucks through 2032, a move it says could mean two out of every three new vehicles automakers sell will be electric within a decade.

The EPA proposal, if finalized, represents the most aggressive U.S. vehicle emissions reduction plan to date, with automakers forecast to produce 60% EVs by 2030 and 67% by 2032 to meet requirements - compared with just 5.8% of U.S. vehicles sold in 2022 that were EVs.

John Bozzella, CEO of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation representing General Motors, Volkswagen, Toyota and others, told Reuters that "factors outside the vehicle, like charging infrastructure, supply chains, grid resiliency, the availability of low carbon fuels and critical minerals will determine whether EPA standards at these levels are achievable."

EPA Administrator Michael Regan declined to endorse setting a date to end the sale of new gasoline-powered vehicles, and emphasized that the current proposal is a "performance-based standard" and not an EV mandate.

Taking an even stricter approach, abroad, the European Parliament has for-

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mally approved a law to effectively ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in the European Union from 2035, aiming to speed up the switch to electric vehicles and combat climate change.

The landmark rules will require that by 2035 carmakers must achieve a 100% cut in CO2 emissions from new cars sold, which would make it impossible to sell new fossil fuel-powered vehicles in the 27-country bloc.

Meanwhile, back in the states, U.S. Representative John Joyce (R-PA) along with more than sixty cosponsors has introduced House Resolution 1435 "To amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines."

Titled the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," H.R. 1435 is designed to protect Americans' right to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles.

## CALIFORNIA BILL WOULD LIFT BANS ON CRUISING

Assemblyman David Alvarez (D-San Diego) has introduced Assembly Bill 436 to repeal the ban on cruising statewide and prohibit local authorities from stopping drivers from cruising and driving cars that have been modified to be of a certain height.

Cruising became popularized nationally after the release of breakout film "American Graffiti" in 1973, a coming of age comedy-drama set in 1960s Modesto, but cities across California (and elsewhere) began to enact bans on cruising in automobiles [and motorcycles] starting in the 1970s during the oil embargo. In 1982, the California Legislature authorized cities to pass ordinances prohibiting cruising, declaring "the cruising of vehicles in business areas of cities and communities in this state for the purpose of socializing and assembling interferes with the conduct of business, wasted precious energy, resources, impedes the progress of general traffic and emergency vehicles, and promotes the generation of local concentrations of air pollution and undesirable noise levels."

AB 436 would remove the authorization for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding cruising. This

current effort follows a resolution unanimously approved by the State Legislature last year (ACR 176) encouraging cities to repeal their bans and recognizes that cruising holds cultural significance for many communities.

## LANE SPLITTING BILL FILTERS THROUGH OREGON LEGISLATURE

Beaver State lawmakers are taking another crack at letting motorcyclists travel between lanes in slow or stopped traffic, two years after then-Gov. Kate Brown unexpectedly vetoed a similar bill. Senate Bill 422 recently passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support by a 27-2 vote. It now heads to the House, where representatives in both parties have signed on as sponsors.

If passed, motorcyclists would be able to travel between lanes on multi-lane highways with a speed limit of at least 50 mph, but only when traffic has slowed to 10 mph or less. Motorcyclists riding between cars could travel no more than 10 mph faster than the flow of traffic.

Motorcyclists argue the policy can improve traffic congestion and leaves them less vulnerable to being rear-ended by inattentive drivers.

If the bill makes it through the Senate and receives gubernatorial approval, Oregon would join four other western states in endorsing some form of the practice, which is known as lane splitting, lane sharing or lane filtering, depending on the exact details of the behavior allowed.

California currently allows lane splitting under different circumstances than Oregon's proposed law, as does Montana. Utah allows a similar concept called "filtering" when traffic is stopped at an intersection. A policy in Arizona took effect in September.

Neighboring Washington does not allow the practice, though is currently considering such legislation (HB 1063). One frequently cited study from the University of California Berkeley concluded that lane splitting can be safe under certain conditions.

## HAWAII CONSIDERS 'RIDE ON RED' LEGISLATION

A new bill in the Aloha State could

allow riders to go on red lights during certain hours, as House Bill 1319 aims to solve the problem of motorcyclists being stranded at red lights that don't detect their presence.

"If you don't have enough metal, sometimes you won't be detected because the loops work on electromagnetic fields which is broken by metal," according to Hawaii Department of Transportation engineering program manager Bryan Kimura.

HB 1319 "Allows operators of bicycles, motorcycles, and mopeds to proceed through an intersection on a steady red signal during certain hours (11 p.m.-5 a.m.) if the traffic signal is controlled by a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size or composition of the bicycle, motorcycle, or moped."

Hawaii already allows "shoulder surfing" for motorcyclists, which is considered an alternative to lane splitting on their narrower roads.

Over 20 states have enacted "dead red" or "ride on red" laws that give motorcyclists and bicyclists an affirmative defense to proceed through a red light with caution after stopping when they are not detected by the traffic light controller, though each state is different and has its own unique rules about the time period.

## PLUG YOUR EARS

Tinnitus UK is urging motorcycle riders to use ear protection in the name of permanent hearing loss – as much as 80 decibels will cause trouble, despite health officials recommending that "anything over 85dB an employer should provide ear protectors."

According to *Motorcycle Cruiser*, bikes average around 85 decibels of sound at 35-45mph, with a 30-bike pilot test completed by the University of Florida showing far higher levels at highway speeds, noting; "Measurements of motorcycle riding noise levels vary, but are generally around 85-95 dB at speeds up to 35 mph, climbing to 110-116 dB at 65 mph."

120 dB is the equivalent of a rock concert, and you shouldn't be exposed to it for more than 7.5 minutes before possible hearing loss can occur, so plug your ears and hear longer.

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Further, to help identify the thief, the scan data is sent to a central international database of criminals for identification. We don't recommend you use this feature if you have any outstanding warrants.

The system is set to be unveiled to the public at an autumn 2023 motorcycle show, and it'll only be available on BMW's Boxer-engined bikes.

## **POLICE DRONES ZERO IN ON MOTORCYCLE ROAD SAFETY**

New police drones are being trialed in the U.K. to try and reduce road accidents, with a particular focus put on motorcyclists. The RAC reports that the drones will be able to be used to track a vehicle's speed, and record any incidents. Video captured from the drone can then be used against offending road users. Additionally, the drones are reportedly able to check the insurance, MOT, and road tax status of a car or motorcycle, and even track stolen vehicles.

Recording of a vehicle can be done by a drone up to four miles away, and the project is a part of the Police's "Vision Zero" initiative, which aims to improve road safety by totally eradicate injuries and deaths from road traffic collisions and crashes.

It seems that there is a particular focus on motorcyclists, as Inspector Colin Harper from the drone team described the use of the drones as "innovative" and

added: "At present, our focus is on motorcyclists, who are at highest-risk according to our data, particularly at this time of year when more riders will be venturing out again after the winter."

## **SUSTAINABLE SAFETY: BAMBOO HELMETS**

Just as pillowcases have gone from cotton to bamboo, the helmet industry is following suit with bamboo helmet shells produced by French motorcycle helmet brand Roof.

Coverage from RideApart.com states that each helmet comes with a clear protective coating over the bamboo fibers, and that "Roof claims that the Bamboo helmet is just as safe as a standard polycarbonate shell," adding; "The bamboo shell has been engineered to be flexible, resistant, and lightweight. Of course, the helmets have undergone independent

testing, and are certified under the latest ECE 22.06 standard."

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March 17, 2023 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V175000

Brake Light May Stay Illuminated

Potential Number of Units Affected 34,457

Summary: Bombardier Recreational Products, Inc. (BRP) is recalling certain 2020-2023 Spyder RT and 2022-2023 Ryker motorcycles.

The brake lights may stay illuminated even if the brake pedal is not pressed. As such, these motorcycles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and associated Equipment." Brake lights that remain illuminated can fail to alert other motorists of the rider's intention and increase the risk of a crash.

Read more about NHTSA Recall # 23V175 here.

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March 23, 2023 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V195000

Speedometer Cable Incorrectly Routed

Potential Number of Units Affected 15,848

Summary: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.) is recalling certain 2022 Honda NVA110B motorcycles. The speedometer cable was incorrectly routed and may break or detach.

A speedometer with a broken or detached speedometer cable will fail to show the motorcycle speed, increasing the risk of a crash.

Read more about NHTSA Recall # 23V195 here.

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April 12, 2023 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V261000

Engine Crankcase Cover May Leak Oil

Potential Number of Units Affected 1,461

Summary: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.) is recalling certain 2023 Rebel 300 (CMX300) motorcycles. The right engine crank house cover was incorrectly painted, allowing the press-fit plug to fall out. Oil can leak onto the exhaust pipe or rear tire without the plug, increasing the risk of a fire, crash, or injury.

Read more about NHTSA Recall # 23V261 here.

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\*\* Find more Recall Notices here.

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# CycleGear Mesa Bike Night

Every second Tuesday, CycleGear in Mesa hosts a Bike Night from 5-8pm.

My trip on March 14, 2023 was a fun evening... meeting new people, listening to music by The Potent VibeZ, watching the games [helmet toss and slow ride], & visiting the vendors. Riders of all ages were there. Some riders were practicing & showing their stunting skills. Everyone looked to be having a good time.

Booths included Law Tigers AZ, the Christian Motorcyclists Association, and VekTor Moto Adventures. Okuda Mo-

torsports had electric mini-bikes on display & for test rides. At the East Valley ABATE-AZ booth you could learn about the importance of supporting ABATE's motorcyclists' rights & safety agendas ... AND receive a mini apple pie for National Pi Day.

There was a long line for the Helmet Toss. The Slow Ride had 2 categories... Street Legal and Non-Street Legal... So the mini bikes could get in on the fun.

CycleGear had a grill cooking up

dogs & had fixings to go with.

Raffle items include CycleGear gift cards and CircleK gas cards. There was a raffle for an Xcel Track Day, won by Bobbi Jones. Other prizes on the line came from Adrenaline PowerSports.

CycleGear Mesa is located at 1040 S. Country Club in Mesa. Stop in or give 'em a call at 480-969-5555. Please mention you read about them here in *AZ Rider*.

'bye for now ☺ Betsy



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# Arizona Bike Week 2023

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AZ Bike Week 2023 took place March 29 thru April 2nd. Traveling through our desert toward WestWorld in Scottsdale for AZ Bike Week gave the opportunity to view some of Mother Nature's finery.... Wildflowers of yellow, blue, orange, and purple adorned the landscape. Cool morning rides & blue sky gave riders the ideal setting to enjoy their AZ Bike Week adventures.

There was so much positive feedback for this event !

The Power Yard at WestWorld was home base for AZ Bike Week's vendors, bike shows, exhibition rider shows, music, & more. New this year was the Grease and Gears Garage show filming segments in the Kickstand Bar. Discussions on performance bikes, pros & cons of chrome vs paint, and other topics were discussed.

Another new attraction was the Dyno Drags. This innovative racing for-

mat gave riders the opportunity to test their bike's performance in a standing ¼ mile race against another motorcycle. Best of 3 races determined the winner.

A Used Bike Corral, also new this year, was set up in the PowerYard. It was another successful addition to the ABW lineup. There was a total of 28 bikes in quite a variety.... Customs, minis, metrics, cruisers, & more. All sales were private between buyer & seller, so there is no word on how many sold. But from the people observed walking around & the conversations going on, it is likely that some deals were struck ☺

As in the past, there were some amazing stunt riders, with exhibitions throughout the event from the Brigade Freestyle Motocross Extreme Stunt Show and the Clint Ewing Freestyle Stunt Show. You can check out clips on the AZ Bike Week facebook page.

Vendors included the usual expect-

tations.... Apparel, bike accessories, jewelry, leather goods for bike & bod, LEDs, parts, patches & stitching, purses, seats, sound systems, wheels; plus home services, windows, furnishings, flooring.... Too much to list it all.

Of course, MUSIC is always a BIG part of this event, and this year was no different. There was a total of 25 different bands in this year's lineup, including each night's headliners: Texas Hippie Coalition on Wednesday [with opener, Dierdre], Billy Idol on Thursday [opener Kelsy Karter & the Heroines], Megadeth on Friday [opener Color of Chaos], and Staind on Saturday [opener Jesse Money]. AZ Bike Week has always been a big supporter of the Arizona music scene. There were performances in the HandleBar Saloon throughout the weekend by The Darn Kids, Drop Diezel, Jaded Jukebox, KOZA, Mojo Rats, Moon-

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# Arizona Bike Week 2023

shine Voodoo, Southbound Rider Band, Retro-Active, Ripple Affect, School of Rock Sugar Skulls, The Sintrics, Skarlett Fever, Stereo Rex, Too Loud, Travis Bickle, Whiskey's Quicker, & Znora.

For folks who wanted to add to their AZ Bike Week party experience, there's a camping area for RVs & tents. This year there were about 530 RVs and 80 tents making AZ Bike Week their 24/7 'home away from home'.

Other ABW attractions included the Demo Rides with Harley-Davidson, Indian, and BMW motorcycles. Miss AZ Bike Week was crowned. There were bike games, a charity live auction plus a silent auction, and a Sunday morning Swap Meet. ABW was the destination for several charity rides, some of which you'll read about in upcoming editions of *AZ Rider*. There was LOTS of eye candy, including the *Cycle Source* Perfor-

mance Bike Show, *Cycle Source* Custom Bike Show, & the Iron Goddess Ladies Bike Show; PLUS the 'Chopper Friends Throwdown Reveal'. Late night entertainment in the HandleBar included a Tattoo Contest, Mr AZ Bike Week, Dirty Dogg Games, and the Wet-Tshirt Contest.

Organizer Lisa Cyr relayed that attendance hit 85,000 this year! Congratulations on your success & growth!

The passing of AZ Bike Week President Brad Bennett was a huge hit to the ABW team, not only personally but on an organizational level as well. A Tribute to Brad was a moving part of the ABW activities – including a 'missing man' flyover, over the PowerYard. Lisa shared, "We lost our President, Brad Bennett, over the summer. This left us as an all-woman owned event, with Kristina Anderson, Suzy Yaffe and myself to run the show. As you can imagine, there

were many huge gaps to fill. We are very proud to not only have pulled it off without any significant hitches but to have also had record attendance. We are extremely grateful to our extended Arizona Bike Week family, who rallied around us and lent their support. It certainly takes a village to create a five-day temporary biker town and we couldn't do it without all those that pitched in to help make it happen."

AZ Bike Week 2023 had enough going on to entertain most anybody! 2024 is already on the roster. Next year's dates are April 3 – 7, 2024. Put AZ Bike Week on your calendar & check it out for yourself too ☺

Follow [AZ Bike Week](#) on [facebook](#) and visit the [ABW website](#) to see more pix & clips from 2023 & stay up to date on 2024 plans.

'bye for now ~ Betsy



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**Saturday May 2023 { 5/13, 5/27 }:** Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Meet 7:30a, Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600

**Saturdays May-Oct'23 { 5/13, 5/27, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21}:** Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600

**Sundays May { 5/7, 5/21 }:** Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 7:30a, Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600

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

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

**3rd Sundays: ABATE-AZ East Valley Chapter meeting ~ 10a at American Legion Post 138, 107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe.** {B'fast available before meeting} FMI: Joe Silk 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com

**4th Tuesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 5:30p @ American Legion Post 6 @ 202 S Pleasant St Prescott 86301.** FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

**Wednesdays April 2023: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride.** Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet 7:30am, KSU 8am. FMI: 480-346-0600

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

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

## Motorcycle Clubs Are NOT Street Gangs

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

**5/6 Loners MC North Valley Chapter** hosts 'MUD DE MAYO' benefit for Brother Mud who is battling stage 3 Rectal Cancer. 11a-11pm at Maverick Saloon {phn 602-943-5680}, at 9605 N 19th Ave, Phoenix. All proceeds will be donated to him for help with his expenses. There will be a Poker draw on the hour and Raffles and Giveaways!!

**5/6 Old Bastards MC Blues, Brews, & BBQ** at Territorial Bar {phn 520-514-9035} at 3727 S Palo Verde Rd, Tucson from noon -4pm. \$20/pp benefits the "Fisher House" BBQ Pork, Live Music, Raffle off 2011 HD Sportster with 5000 original miles (Bike Raffle tickets: \$20 each, or 3 for \$50)

**5/12-14 {Fr-Sun} Road Rash Rodeo** at Williams Rodeo grounds; hosted by the American Legion Riders of Posts 13 & 57 to benefit veterans programs & local first responders. Bike games, bike show, music, kids activities, vendors, & more. Limited camping available onsite. FMI: <http://roadrashrodeo.com/>

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

**5/13 Yavapai HOG Poker Run & BBQ.** Reg 9-10:30am @ Creekside Lodge, 11255 AZ-69, Mayer, AZ. \$25/pilot, +\$10/2-up includes poker hand & bbq. Last stop Legends HD. Benefits Yavapai County Food Bank. All riders welcome. FMI: <https://yavapaihog.com/contact/>

**5/13 14th annual Howling For The Hounds** hosted by Wolves MC to benefit Humane Society of Southern Arizona. Starts 11a at Hydraulic Repair & Supply, 119 W Alturas St., Tucson. Live Music, raffles, auction, food, & beverages. \$20/pp. First 100 get an Event Tee Shirt ! FMI: wolvestucson@gmail.com, <https://www.wolvestucsonmc.com/>

**5/14 {Sun} Adam Sandoval's Great American Convoy stops at Superstition Harley-Davidson from 2-4pm.** 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://adamsandoval.com/great-american-convoy/>

**5/14 Benefit** to help the family of murdered Sons of Liberty Riders MC member Arron 'Draco' Hendricks. Roosters Country {480-985-4088} @ 3731 E Main, Mesa. Bike / Car Wash 10a-2pm, Auction, raffles+ from 2-5pm.

**5/20 {Sat} Loyalty or Nothing MC 2nd annual Dance.** 8p-1am at Rarebreed MC Clubhouse, 1632 E Southern, Phoenix. \$15 with colors, \$20 without. Prez & VPs free. Vendors contact Bozz 602-919-8539, Yazz 602-800-2760

**5/27 {Sat} Troll's 3rd annual Memorial Run, Honoring All Our Lost Brothers & Sisters.** Benefits the AZ Patriot Guard Riders & Troll's Teddy Bear Run. Sign-in 7-9am at the Slaughterhouse 7303 E Main, Mesa. \$15/pilot, \$5/passenger. Last stop Superstition Harley-Davidson {2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction.} FMI: Troll 360-451-1795

**5/27 Red, White & Blue BBQ** from noon-3pm at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Free lunch, bike wash, raffles, & more. FMI: 480-346-0600

**6/10 {Sat} Loners MC Globe Chapter** host a Hi-Low Lake Poker Run. Registration starts 10am at Ffinche's Waterfront Bar (602-912-1667 - at Roosevelt Lake Marina). \$20/hand. Final stop at Shamrock Bar. Beautiful 51-mile Poker Ride through awesome country. High hand \$200 / Low hand \$100. FMI: Pistolz 928-812-3250, Laz- H 928-200-6916

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6/17-18 {Sat} Route 666 Run. Meet up with the #EstrellaMotorcycleRidingGroup at 8am in the Estrella Safeway parking lot for a run up the Devil's Highway, AZ Route 666. Dinner and overnight in Hannigan Meadow. More accommodations can be found just up the road in Alpine if Hannigan Meadow is full. Sunday's ride home via Salt River Canyon, Globe, and pit stop at The Chopper Compound. FMI: EstrellaMotorcycleRidingGroup@gmail.com

6/16-18 NCOM / Nat'l Coalition of Motorcyclists Convention 2023 at Double Tree Inn, 2100 S Priest Dr, Tempe. <http://onabike.com>

6/24 {Sat} No Sweating A Vet benefit event by Rough Riders MC. Details TBA. FMI: mcpherson6975@gmail.com

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

6/3 {Sat} Tucson Bike Night hosted by Motoero Life at O'Malley's Bar {520-623-8600} at 247 N 4th Ave, Tucson. Starts 6pm. DJ, raffles, vendors, & more. All welcome.

7/27-30 {Th-Sun} 32nd anniversary Too Broke For Sturgis, hosted by ABATE of AZ at Winslow Rodeo Grounds {500 Airport Rd}. Music by Perfect Storm, Friendly Gesture, & Bad June. \$40/pp, \$35 for ABATE members. Adults-only {18 years & older}. Saturday-only pass \$25, RV +\$30. 30+ years of supporting ABATE-AZ's mission of protecting motorcyclists' rights, increasing public awareness of motorcycles, & promoting rider safety. FMI <http://www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/> | <https://www.facebook.com/Toobrokeforsturgis>

9/23 {Sat} Loners MC San Tan Valley Chapter hosts annual September Scorcher starts 11am at the River Bottom {520-868-3131} in Florence. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Poker walk, chicken shit bingo, raffles, & more.

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

12/2 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run. 9a~4p. Starts & ends at Superstition Harley Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. Sign-in 9 -10:30a. \$10/pp plus a "new" Teddy Bear each enters you into Poker Run. Raffles - Door Prizes - 50/50 and Merch will be available. Biker Breakfast Buffet will be available at Wahoo's (the 1st stop). FMI: [troll@trollsteddybearrun.com](mailto:troll@trollsteddybearrun.com)

### 2024

April 3-7 AZ Bike Week #27 at WestWorld in Scottsdale. FMI: <https://azbikeweek.com/>

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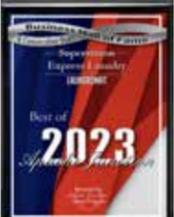
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