

PIKES PEAK BIKE WEEK
 WED JUNE 21
FRANKIE BALLARD T. HARMON Midland
 THURS JUNE 22
 blue october
 gin blossoms
 FRI JUNE 23
JACKYL WAYLAND
 SAT JUNE 24
LYNYRD SKYNYRD
 SUN JUNE 25
 DALE'S KUSTOMZ SUPER LATIN SUNDAY FEATURING **WAR**

PRE-RALLY DAYS JUNE 16-20
 RALLY / CONCERT DAYS JUNE 21-25

PPIR
 PIKES PEAK INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY
 FOUNTAIN, COLORADO

LIVE CONCERTS RIDES CONTESTS AND MORE!

FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFO
PIKESPEAKBIKEWEEK.COM

Logos for sponsors: iHeart Media, Coca-Cola, Pikes Peak International Raceway, and various motorcycle brands.

FREE RIDER
 Since 1999 MOTORCYCLE NEWS
 Jun '17

www.AZRiderSouthwest.com

*Sign up for our eMailing List by visiting our Subscription Page.
 Receive a monthly reminder when the new edition is posted online.
 Click [HERE](#)*

GENERAL DENTISTRY SERVICES

Stephen J. Vital D.M.D.

PAINFUL or BROKEN TEETH?
FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION
Offer Valid With This Ad

480-924-6169

- ✦ more than 31 years experience
- ✦ payment plans available ✦ most insurance plans accepted
- ✦ specializing in 'The Art of Dentistry'
- ✦ **BIKER FRIENDLY** ✦

3505 E. Brown Rd., Suite 102; Mesa, AZ 85213
 on the south side of Brown, just west of Val Vista
 info@drstephenvital.com • www.VitalDentistry.com

Tired of doing your taxes yourself?
 Want a change from your current preparer?
Looking for someone completely reliable and knowledgeable?

**The Office of
 RK Silva CPA PLLC**
 does Business & Personal Taxes, Payroll,
 Tax Planning, and more

1208 East Broadway Rd, Ste 120; Tempe AZ
Phone: 480-317-9588

email silvainfo@rksilvacpapllc.com
 http://rksilvacpapllc.com
 Please mention *AZ Rider Motorcycle News*

Hey There !!!

Place YOUR
1/8 Page AD
 Here on the
 World Wide Web

Everyone will read it.
YOU just did! Just \$40 per month

Call to Find Out HOW!
480-921-0244

Connect With Your People In Arizona

Book early and SAVE UP TO 20%

Visit ChoiceHotels.com/Arizona-hotels
 or call 888.8GO.WEST (888.846.9378)
 and get our Best Available rate.



Enjoy the Extras

Rest & Refresh

Get More Value

Stay Awhile

Travel Simply

Earn Rewards



You always have a choice.



Advance reservations required. Advance Purchase rate offer only available online and cannot be combined with any other discount or offer. Subject to availability at participating hotels throughout Arizona. ©2017 Choice Hotels International. All rights reserved.

ALEX & SAAVEDRA MOTORCYCLE LAWYER ARIZONA




**Enjoy the Ride...
We've Got Your Back!**
www.MotorCycleLawyerArizona.com

CREDENTIALS:



Motorcycle Accidents Require Attorneys
With Specific Skillsets.

*We Retain the Best Experts and Secure
Outstanding Settlements For You!*



Accessible Attorneys Who Care
About Their Clients

Experienced with
'Pre-existing Conditions' Cases

Skilled Negotiators



Successful Trial Attorneys

Network of Medical Specialists

Non-Motorcycling Cases Also
Represented

FREE same-day attorney consultation. Call

602-971-1233

Alex & Saavedra has been successfully serving Phoenix, Cave Creek, Surprise AZ clients in personal injury and wrongful death cases for over 27 years.

THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS SERVICE is brought to you by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and is sponsored by the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. If you've been involved in any kind of accident, call us at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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

BIGGEST LITTLE NCOM CONVENTION IN RENO

Like "The Biggest Little City in the World," this year's 32nd annual NCOM Convention in Reno NV may have experienced a slight reduction in numbers, but it continues to be the largest gathering of bikers' rights advocates on the planet with hundreds of representatives from Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs and associations across the country.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors moved to broaden the spectrum of programs aimed to assist bikers' rights groups while expanding outreach to active segments of the motorcycling community such as

the Confederations of Clubs, women riders, clean & sober, Christian Unity, sport-bikers, tourers and veterans. The NCOM Legislative Task Force likewise took action to provide supportive services on the legislative front, while the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) nationwide network of biker attorneys continually develops new strategies for litigation on a litany of motorcycling issues.

In addition to meetings and breakout sessions conducted Mother's Day Weekend, May 11-14 at the Silver Legacy casino, the NCOM Convention featured seminars on Federal Anti-Profiling Legislation, Civil Rights And How To Protect Them, Driverless Vehicles, and a special presentation by Sr. EMT Instructor Slider Gilmore on "The Diabetic Rider".

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; GOVERNMENT: U.S. Senator Jodi Ernst of Iowa; MEDIA: Scott & Denise High of *Thunder Roads Magazine* - Tennessee; LEGAL: Christopher Slater, AIM Attorney for Oregon & Washington; ENTERTAINMENT: Frank Fritz of "American Pickers" TV Show; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Stephen Stubbs, NCOM Attorney - Nevada; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement

Award, was presented to Boar, NCOM Liaison for Confederation of Clubs.

Next year's 33rd Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance - Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

ANTI-PROFILING LEGISLATION FILED IN U.S. HOUSE & SENATE

A bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers introduced a resolution to address the issue of motorcycle profiling and promote collaboration between the motorcycle and law enforcement communities. U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Michael C. Burgess, M.D (R-TX) and Collin Peterson (D-MN) led the effort in the House (H.Res. 318), and U.S. Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the Senate version (S.Res.154).

"This bipartisan resolution should send a clear message to relevant regulatory and law enforcement agencies across the country: motorcycle profiling has no place on our roads. Instead, we must foster collaboration and cooperation between these agencies and the riders in order to promote safety and ensure

continues on page 8



ARIZONA BIKER LEATHERS
PHOENIX • ARIZONA

YOUR ONE STOP SHOP!
Largest Selection Lowest Prices In the Valley

PATCH SEWING
We carry the **LARGEST SELECTION** of patches **IN THE VALLEY** DONE WHILE YOU WAIT!

CUSTOM EMBROIDERY
Fast Turn Around with **NO minimum Order**

ALTERATIONS & REPAIRS
Everything Done In Store

TOOL BAGS
Large Assortment to choose from for only **\$17.99 each**

MONDAY-SATURDAY • 9AM-6PM
SUNDAY • CLOSED

N.E. Corner 19th Ave. & T-Bird
13833 N. 19th Ave.
Phoenix, Arizona 85023



BLACK OR BLUE DENIM VEST
14.6 oz • Size Small to 6XL
\$49.99 to \$59.99

NEW STYLES NOW
IN STOCK

JACKETS - CHAPS - VESTS





JACKETS • CHAPS • VESTS • PINS
PATCHES • BELLS • T-SHIRTS
TOOL BAGS • TRAVEL BAGS
SADDLE BAGS • HELMETS • GLOVES
EYE WEAR • FACE MASKS
DOG RAGS • HAIR GLOVES
VEST EXTENDERS • GET BACK WHIPS
& SO MUCH MORE...





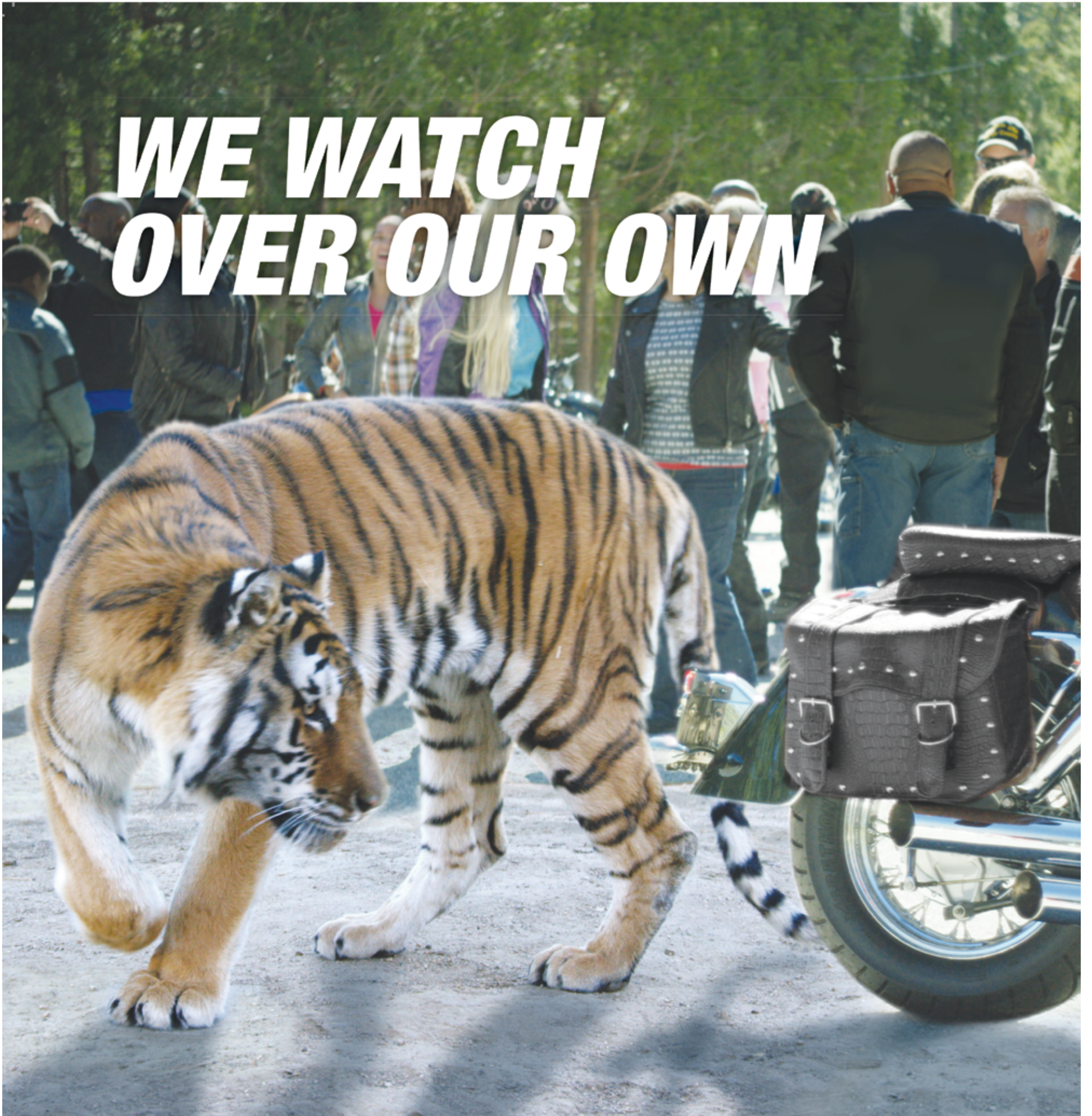


602-843-5847

www.arizonabikerleathers.com

www.facebook.com/arizonabikerleathers





**WE WATCH
OVER OUR OWN**

TRUSTED BY
1,000's OF RIDERS



LAW TIGERS[®]

MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS

**Motorcycle Accident?
Call 1-800-Law Tigers | LawTigers.com**

Law Tigers is not a referral service, but a service mark used to identify a lawyer's membership in the American Association of Motorcycle Injury Lawyers. © 2016

AZ Rider Motorcycle News & Entertainment

P O Box 7375, Mesa, AZ 85216-7375
Phone 480-921-0244

Owner / Publisher: Arizona Rider LLC
Editors: Bruce & Betsy Newkirk

June 2017 ✦ Volume 19, Issue 6 ✦ 212th edition
Editor@AZRiderSouthwest.com
www.AZRiderSouthwest.com

This Month's Contributors:

Bill Bish ~ NCOM
Double D ~ MPP
Woody ~
MotorcycleSafari.com

Advertising:
Bruce & Betsy

Layout:
Meltdown & Fallout

Complaint Department:
Meltdown

AZ Rider Motorcycle News {AZR} is published twelve times per year. Submissions of articles, photos, and other interesting stuff are always welcome and will be considered for future issues. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. By submitting material for publication, you are certifying that it is an original work, and not infringing upon others' property; unless otherwise stated and properly annotated. We reserve the right to edit submissions for content and length. Photos submitted for publication are received with an implied consent to use them. We apologize in advance if we use your picture against your wishes, but assume no responsibility in doing so.

The opinions expressed herein are exclusively those of the contributors and/or advertisers, and do not necessarily reflect the position of AZ Rider Motorcycle News.

We accept no responsibility for the accuracy or content of submitted advertisements. We offer no guarantees or endorsements regarding advertisements herein. Caveat emptor - let the buyer beware.

Reprints with permission of the publisher and with attribution.

AZ Rider Motorcycle News is an independent publication with no affiliation to any motorcycling club.

Reader Index

NCOM News	pgs 4, 8-13	Community News	pg 16
Wild in the Weeds	pg14	Int'l Female Ride Day	pg 17-18
Motorcycle Profiling Project	pg 15	Calendar	pgs 20-21

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.

Service members need to enroll PROMPTLY and do it NOW by following these steps:

- **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!
- **Join a veterans service organization** - American Legion, DAV, Rolling Thunder®, VFW, AMVETS, Marine Corps League, Alliance of Marine Corps Vets, etc.

IT'S YOUR DUTY TO DO SO!

“WELCOME HOME, CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE, AND GOOD LUCK”



Michael DePaulo,
National Parliamentarian, Rolling Thunder®, Inc.
Plt. Sgt. USMC, RVN

6

Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders!



Welcome back to Stick Engineering in Apache Junction. Rick's got some specials going that you'll want to get in on... but you've GOT to remember to mention US ~ AZ Rider ~ to get the deals.

On the cover... The road home from Wild in the Weeds. NOPE ~ not this year for us. This was taken during our ride last year. But you've got a great story about the weekend, courtesy of Woody & MotorcycleSafari.com to read about what you missed... maybe even if you were there ~ lol ☺

Flag Day June 14, 2017 celebrates the 240th birthday of our Stars & Stripes; adopted June 14, 1777 by the Second Continental Congress. Oddly enough, Flag Day ISN'T a federal holiday despite commemorating one of our Nation's most iconic symbols. What's With THAT!?

Happy Fathers Day to all you Dads out there! We hope you have an excellent day!

And that'll do it for this month. We are wrapping this up and getting ourselves ready to ROLL ~ to Too Broke For Sturgis! We sure hope to see LOTS of you up at Mormon Lake this weekend June 8-11. It's always one helluva fine time ☺

Whatever your plans are..... Have a good month.

Ride safely, choose wisely, & Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

Bruce & Betsy

Motorcycling Organizations Contacts

click here to visit our Organizations Directory with clickable contacts



To have your organization listed, send the name, phone # and website {if available} to us @ Editor@AZRiderSouthwest.com or call 480-921-0244 or snail mail P O Box 7375; Mesa, AZ 85216-7375

Advertiser Index

ABATE of Arizona	9	Geico Insurance	11
Alex & Saavedra PC Law Office	3	Independent Motorcycles	12
Arizona Biker Leathers	4	Law Tigers	5
Cabin Bar & Grill	13	MRF, A&E	13
Chandler Custom Cycles	10	Pikes Peak Bike Week	1
Choice Hotels	2, 19	San Tan Ford	7
CPA - RK Silva	1	Soaring Eagle Jewelry	13
Dentist - Dr. Steve Vital	1	Stick Engineering	8
Evil Twin Custom Cycles	13		

East Valley ABATE's 15th annual Hard Ass Run

September 30, 2017

FMI: Jim
602-312-1927



Sign-in 7:30a at Evil Twin Custom Cycle
58 N Country Club, Mesa, 85201.

San Tan Credit Center
GOT BAD CREDIT?
 Let the pros at the San Tan Ford Credit Center help you get that brand new or pre-owned car, truck, or S.U.V. you deserve...
 Call for fast, friendly, FREE loan APPROVAL!!

ROUSH
ARIZONA CARDINALS
Firebird RACEWAY
My Sports Sports Center
Just Paradise
Thanks!

f
YouTube



*Rider-Friendly Staff
It's All About You*

San Tan

Gilbert



Arizona

We Know Why You Ride
but when You need to Drive
We've got You covered

Cars & Trucks • New & Pre-Owned
Parts • Accessories • Service
Motorcycle Trades Welcome

1429 E Motorplex Loop,
Gilbert, Arizona 85297
at Val Vista Dr & 202 Fwy
Sales: 480-821-3200
Service: 480-621-3750
Parts: 480-621-3751
<http://santanford.com/>

continued from page 4

on web, click title to visit site

all motorists are treated fairly under the law," stated Rep. Pocan in a press release issued by Rep. Walberg, co-chair of the House Motorcycle Caucus.

"From coast to coast, Americans of all backgrounds responsibly ride a motorcycle as their means of transportation or simply to enjoy the open road. This bipartisan resolution aims to raise awareness about the reality of motorcycle profiling and foster an open dialogue between motorcyclists and law enforcement," said Walberg.

H.Res.318 – "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee, and defines profiling as; "motorcycle profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS SEEKS MEMBERS

Since 2009, the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus has provided a forum

for members of Congress who ride to support motorcyclists "through education and awareness in order to encourage responsible motorcycling." The CMC also "serves to ensure that the motorcycling community is treated equitably by Congress as it considers infrastructure and environmental policies, as well as safety and education programs."

U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX) head the caucus, and with the new Congress being recently seated the two sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to their peers in the U.S. House of Representatives soliciting CMC memberships from those who ride or have an interest in motorcycle issues: "We invite you to join the CMC to help promote these and other initiatives," and in addition to promoting sound policy, "CMC members can help highlight the safety of motorcyclists through the recognition of Motorcycle Awareness Month, hosting and participating in industry fly-ins, drawing attention to the national 'Ride to Work Day,' promoting rider awareness and safety at national events -- such as the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and Summer X Games -- ensuring motorcycle safety is remembered in the transportation reauthorization process, and working to remind operators to be aware of motorcycles with whom they share the roads and highways."

If he or she rides, please encourage your Congressional Representative to join the CMC by contacting Rep. Burgess' office at 5-7772 or Rep. Walberg at 5-6276.

HISTORIC VEHICLE REGISTRY

A federal bill has been introduced in the 115th Congress "to establish a program to accurately document vehicles that were significant in the history of the United States."

The National Historic Vehicle Register Act of 2017 (S.966) was introduced April 27, 2017 by U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) and would require the U.S. Department of the Interior to create a register housed in the Library of Congress to preserve examples of historically significant automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and commercial vehicles.

This project is the first of its type to create a permanent archive of significant historic vehicles that would include short narratives, photographs and engineering drawings of each vehicle. To be eligible for the register, vehicles must be connected to a significant person or event in American history, have a unique design or be a rare model.

The Senate bill has been referred to

continues on page 9

Stick Engineering, Inc.

Performance Work
Routine Maintenance
Extended Warranty
Service Work

1678 W. Superstion Blvd # C-10
Apache Junction, Arizona 85120

Tires *ALWAYS* on Discount!

Dyno Tuning



480-288-4395 Tue-Sat 8-5

www.stickengineering.com

Summer Specials
10% Off

Oil Changes, Service, & More

\$ For Special Offers \$

SAY you saw this in

AZ Rider Motorcycle News

Offers expire August 31, 2017

Now a Motor Trike Dealer

providing motorcycle to trike conversions

Harley-Davidson ▲ Honda ▲ Indian ▲ Kawasaki

Suzuki ▲ Triumph ▲ Victory ▲ Yamaha

<http://motortrike.com/>



GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

LIQUOR SALES CHARGE AGAINST MOTORCYCLE CLUB DISMISSED

A North Dakota district court judge has dismissed a liquor sales charge against a Minot motorcycle club, following motions to dismiss filed by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Justin Vinje and the prosecuting attorney.

The Ice Cold Ryders Motorcycle Club had been charged with engaging in the unlicensed sale of alcohol at their clubhouse. A police investigation of a nearby disturbance during the morning of November 29, 2015, led law enforcement to peer inside the clubhouse during a social gathering.

Inside, officers saw a large number of people socializing and drinking alcoholic beverages. Law enforcement concluded that unlicensed liquor sales were occurring. One officer testified in support of a search warrant, falsely claiming to have also seen a cash register in the clubhouse.

Law enforcement received a search warrant and entered the clubhouse later that morning, seizing the club's security equipment, sound system, coolers, alcoholic beverages, and paper documents. Law enforcement also froze the club's bank accounts.

On October 6, 2016, nearly a year after the raid, law enforcement charged the club with the unlicensed sale of alcohol. A.I.M. Attorney Justin Vinje represented the club and requested law enforcement's investigative reports. Those reports mainly consisted of an analysis of the club's banking records and an inventory of items seized. The reports also revealed that law enforcement never seized a cash register from the premises.

During the case, a confidential informant with ties to local law enforcement contacted Vinje, telling the club's lawyer that law enforcement asked her to attend club gatherings and wear a wireless recording device to capture proof of unlicensed alcohol sales.

The informant wore a wire and attended two club gatherings in the spring of 2016. A SWAT team stood at the ready to raid the club in the event of illegal activity. No unlawful alcohol sales took place, but the government failed to provide any records of this to the defense.

Attorney Vinje filed a motion to dismiss the charge, due to the government's failure to turn over records related to the confidential informant's activities. Vinje also filed a motion to suppress evidence from the search, arguing that law enforcement testified falsely about the presence of a cash register during its application for the search warrant.

Three days later, the government filed a motion to dismiss the charge, citing insufficient evidence to proceed and that dismissal would serve the interest of judicial economy. The case was dismissed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE REPEALS HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW

Without a federal standard, the regulation of handlebars on motorcycles rests with the states, and until recently New Hampshire was among more than 30 states that limit the height of handlebars.

On May 15, 2017 N.H. Governor Chris Sununu signed SB27; "RSA 266:77, relative to grips and handlebars on motorcycles, is repealed."

The Granite State began regulating handlebars in 1967, a time when many state legislatures associated motorcycling with the counter-culture captured by films like "The Wild Ones" and "Easy Rider," explained Charlie St. Clair, executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association. "Law enforcement pulled people over for high bars as a tool for probable cause," he said in applauding the bill's passage, adding, "I have never heard of handlebars presented as a safety issue."

Unfortunately for attendees of this year's Laconia Motorcycle Week, held

continues on page 10

We ARE

DEDICATED TO FREEDOM OF THE ROAD



American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education

If you are a motorcyclist, then ABATE needs you to help protect the Freedom of the Road and reduce motorcycle accidents through Rider Education and Awareness Programs, regardless of Machine, Gear, Club or Organization affiliation. Join us and help save motorcyclists and motorcycling in AZ!

Awareness

LQK OUT FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

Rights

LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE

PSA

Education



EDUCATE, NOT LEGISLATE

American **B**rotherhood **A**imed **T**owards **E**ducation

7509 N. 12th Street, Suite 200; Phoenix, AZ 85020 - Phone 480-256-9237; Website <http://abateofaz.org/>



Support ABATE's efforts on YOUR behalf as a motorcyclist.

JOIN ABATE TODAY and help protect your rights as a rider.

Visit ABATE on the web at www.abateofaz.org/

your membership application is available there

or call ABATE at 480-256-9237

ABATE of Arizona, Inc is a non-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization that is dedicated to the freedom of the road for ALL motorcyclists. We are a volunteer organization that fights discriminatory legislation aimed toward the motorcycling community. ABATE's position is that all motorcycle riders have the right to choose not only the machine they ride but also what gear they will wear or not wear. We also Lobby to educate the government and general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

NCOM Coast To Coast Biker News

continued from page 9

annually since 1923 during the nine days in June ending on Father's Day, the law becomes effective 60 days after passage, which will be July 11, 2017.

BILL ADDRESSES "MASKED" MOTORCYCLISTS BEING CITED IN LOUISIANA

Louisiana has a law prohibiting the wearing of masks in public, and according to an article in the *Baton-Rouge Times-Picayune*, motorcycle riders are being "pulled over and ticketed under the mask-wearing law because they were wearing helmets that concealed their faces." Louisianans are banned from "concealing their faces with masks or hoods, except during Mardi Gras, Halloween or for religious reasons."

Now a bill authored by Rep. Alan Seabaugh (R-Shreveport), HB161, would revise the law to exempt motorcycle safety helmets. By all indications, the bill will pass, and it is currently pending Senate final passage. Speaking before the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, Rep. Seabaugh said his bill arose out of complaints from motorcyclists in his district who said they have been harassed by "overzealous law enforcement officers." Riders have been pulled over at random, according to testimony by ABATE of Louisiana, claiming one

officer in particular has targeted motorcyclists whose helmets and face shields concealed their faces.

Apparently recognizing the absurdity of ticketing motorcyclists for wearing helmets, when helmets are required by law, committee members unanimously agreed that the mask-wearing ban needs revision. They tacked on an amendment "clarifying that the exemption only applied to motorcycle helmets being used during a ride," then recommended the bill for full House approval.

Rep. Terry Landry (D-New Iberia), a former Louisiana State Police superintendent, thanked the committee for supporting the bill. "I think it corrects a wrong."

WEIRD NEWS: MAN ATTEMPTED SEX WITH MOTORCYCLE

A man has appeared in court in Canterbury, England for allegedly attempting to have sex with Suzuki's most alluring model, a GSX-R. Mechanophilia, where a person is sexually attracted to cars, motorcycles, helicopters, ships, planes and other vehicles, is a crime in the U.K. and if found guilty, perpetrators can be placed on the sex offenders' register.

The 33-year old chap reportedly exposed himself in public and tried to engage in a tempestuous relationship with his motorcycle, after previously being

seen punching and kicking the bike on the same day. Apparently drunk and on drugs, he claimed in court to remember dropping his trousers but denied exposing himself and has pleaded not guilty to indecent exposure and criminal damage.

FIRST-EVER MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS FORMED IN U.S. SENATE

In a rare bipartisan effort, motorcyclists are getting a very special form of representation in the U.S. Senate as two Senators are reaching across the aisle to establish the first Senate Motorcycle Caucus. Kickstarting this unique legislative road trip, Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Gary Peters (D-Michigan), both lifelong motorcyclists, will serve as co-chairs of the caucus, which will advocate on behalf of both motorcycle riders and manufacturers.

Sen. Ernst said her concern for motorcycles and motorcyclists started when she was a child. "Some of my most cherished memories include motorcycles, from delivering messages as a young girl to my dad while he was working out in the fields, to riding through the rolling hills of Northeast Iowa with family and friends," Ernst said. "Throughout my 99 county tour of Iowa, I have heard from many of these folks about some of their

continues on page 11

Chandler Custom Cycles

Harley Repair/Service ♦ All Years & Models

Engine / Tranny / Carb Rebuilds

Mount & Balance Tires ♦ Insurance Claims / Repairs

Largest parts selection in the East Valley

Customs Mild to Wild

bikes@chandlercustomcycles.com

2775 N Arizona Ave, #8; Chandler, AZ 85225

480-497-3573

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30a-6pm; Saturday 8:30a-3pm

www.ChandlerCustomCycles.com

priorities, including improving safety, infrastructure and energy efficiency. These concerns are shared by folks across our great state and country, and I look forward to working with Sen. Peters toward solutions.”

Sen. Peters bought his first motorcycle at age 11. “I’ve loved motorcycles since I was a kid, and I started a newspaper route to buy my first motorcycle at age 11. To this day, I believe there is no better way to see Michigan’s beautiful scenery than by bike, whether I’m riding to meet with constituents and small businesses or taking my bike out on the weekend,” Peters said. “Motorcyclists come from all walks of life, and I can’t think of a better way to bring together a diverse and dedicated group of advocates to discuss everything from safety concerns to manufacturing. I’m looking forward to working with Sen. Ernst as co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Motorcycle Caucus to foster these important discussions and find common ground with motorcycle lovers across the country.”

SECURITY AND PRIVACY IN YOUR (SPY) CAR STUDY ACT

With motorcyclists sharing the road with a growing number of Smart vehicles, security from cyber-intrusion is a significant safety concern, and U.S. Reps

Joe Wilson (R-SC) and Ted Lieu (D-CA) have introduced H.R. 701; the Security and Privacy in Your Car Study Act of 2017 ("SPY Car Study Act") to address automotive software safety, cybersecurity and privacy regulations.

This bill would require the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct a study to determine and recommend standards for the regulation of the cybersecurity of motor vehicles manufactured or imported for sale in the United States. The study shall identify:

- isolation measures that are necessary to separate critical software systems that can affect the driver's control of the movement of the vehicle from other software systems;
- measures that are necessary to detect and prevent or minimize anomalous codes, in vehicle software systems, associated with malicious behavior;
- techniques that are necessary to detect and prevent, discourage, or mitigate intrusions into vehicle software systems and other cybersecurity risks in motor vehicles; and
- best practices to secure driving data about a vehicle's status or about the owner, lessee, driver, or passenger of a vehicle that is collected by the electronic systems of motor vehicles; and
- a timeline for implementing systems and software that reflect such measures,

techniques, and best practices.

POLICE MOTORCYCLE HIT BY AUTOPILOT TESLA

According to a report in the *Arizona Republic*, a Phoenix police motorcycle was hit by a Tesla Model X operating on autopilot. Police said the officer and the Tesla exited a freeway with the motorcycle in front. When the rider stopped for a light, the car stopped as well, but then started moving forward. The officer jumped off the bike, which was struck at low speed by the car.

The driver reported having the car on autopilot at the time. The officer was uninjured and the car driver wasn't ticketed.

Tesla has warned customers in the past that its autopilot mode does not mean a driver can completely disengage, but increasingly it seems customers are unwilling to listen. Tesla's website specifically states that drivers are in command of their vehicles after exiting freeways.

The company announced in October that it would soon begin including hardware in its vehicles that could make them fully autonomous. Currently, the vehicles are simply equipped with driver aids like forward collision warning, automatic braking and auto steering.

continues on page 12

We know your bike.

WE FEEL
Your PASSION

**Insurance for all the things that move you.
Get a free rate quote today.**

GEICO
Local Office®

PHOENIX

John Nix | 9515 W. Camelback Rd Ste 134 | 623-931-0766

Some discounts, coverages, payment plans and features are not available in all states or all GEICO companies. Motorcycle and ATV coverages are underwritten by GEICO Indemnity Company. Homeowners, renters, boat and PWC coverages are written through non-affiliated insurance companies and are secured through the GEICO Insurance Agency, Inc. GEICO is a registered service mark of Government Employees Insurance Company, Washington, D.C. 20076; a Berkshire Hathaway Inc. subsidiary. © 2013 GEICO

continues from page 11

"AUTOCYCLES" NO LONGER CONSIDERED MOTORCYCLES IN TWO MORE STATES

Colorado and Wyoming are the latest states to reclassify their licensing requirements which allow drivers of so-called "Autocycles", such as the Polaris Slingshot, to operate the vehicle with a valid state driver's license instead of requiring a motorcycle endorsement or license. Drivers under the age of 18 will still be required to wear a helmet, in accordance with the states' motorcycle helmet laws.

Because of the three-wheeled configuration and characteristics of autocycles, determining how to classify them has been a challenge for state governments. Polaris calls the Slingshot a "three-wheeled moto-roadster." Initially, when it was introduced to the market in 2014, consumers were required to have a motorcycle endorsement or license to operate the Slingshot, which offers a distinct ride through its open cockpit and side-by-side seating.

Currently, 30 states, including the District of Columbia, require only a driver's license to drive an autocycle. The remaining states require a motorcycle endorsement, but Polaris says efforts are being made to reclassify the vehicle to gain full conformity throughout the United States.

"As we educate state officials on the unique attributes of this category-creating Slingshot, they are realizing that the licensing requirement for the roadster are more similar to that of a driver's license than of a motorcycle endorsement or license," said Rachael Elia, Slingshot Marketing Manager. "Our goal is to gain a unified classification across the country to provide more opportunity and driving freedom for consumers looking for the ultimate thrill experience."

DRIVER WHO "DIDN'T CARE" HE HIT MOTORCYCLIST GETS 15 YEARS

Remember the Texas driver who was filmed deliberately swerving across centerline into a passing motorcyclist and then said "I don't care" that he'd knocked the rider and his girlfriend to the ground?

The heartless car driver is 69-year-old William Crum and following a two-day trial at 355th District Court in Hood County, Texas, he's been sentenced to 15 years in prison after being convicted on one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing bodily injury.

The 15-year sentence means that Crum, who was arrested soon after the incident in Granbury, TX in October

2015, will be in prison until he's 84.

HARLEY PULLED INTO POLITICAL FIGHT OVER LEATHER PRODUCTS

Many challenges face motorcycle manufacturers selling their products in other countries; and a strange example of this is Harley-Davidson facing a public relations issue in India over leather, something as closely associated with bikers as the bikes they ride.

Leather comes from cows, which are revered and even worshiped by many in the Hindu community, and according to the *Hindustan Times* a well-known Bollywood actor is taking on the iconic American motorcycle-maker over religious principles.

Popular actor and producer Ajaz Khan is urging India's Prime Minister to impose a ban on Harley-Davidson products, claiming they're made from cow hide. "I just bought a leather belt from Harley Davidson," Khan is quoted by the *Hindustan Times* as saying. "This is a cow leather belt. It's being sold in the entire world. If you really consider yourself men, then I request [the Prime Minister] shuts down Harley Davidson."

continues on page 13



INDEPENDENT
MOTORCYCLES

SERVICE SPECIALS

starting at:

\$35.00 OIL CHANGE
YOUR CHOICE OF:
BLACK OR CHROME FILTER

*SYNTHETIC OIL EXTRA

10% OFF TIRES & FREE INSTALL

⚙️ PARTS
⚙️ ACCESSORIES

⚙️ SERVICE
⚙️ MACHINE SHOP

AND
MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE



Wookie Style
Tattoos

Wookie Style Tattoos
Located inside Independent Motorcycles
(480) 599-0584
www.WookieStyleAZ.com

VISIT INDEPENDENTMOTORCYCLES.AZ.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION



6403 W CHANDLER BLVD
CHANDLER, AZ 85526
(480) 785-4888

 /IndependentMotorcyclesAZ
 /independentmotorcycles

 /IndyCyclesAZ
 /independent-motorcycles-chandler



continues from page 12

on web, click title to visit site

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RALLY PUT ON HOLD AFTER LONDON TERROR ATTACK

A mass London "Awareness Ride-Out" to be held a day after a deadly terrorist attack in the vicinity of the Palace of Westminster, seat of the British Parliament, had to be rescheduled in the wake of the Wednesday, March 22 car attack that killed four and injured more than 50 pedestrians.

The campaign group "We Ride London," which aims to be the "main lobby

group for riders of motorcycles, scooters and mopeds in London," had invited thousands to join a ride at 1pm on Thursday April 23, from Regents Park through central London to City Hall, but had to call the event off. A statement on the group's Facebook page said: "We have decided to cancel tomorrow's awareness ride in light of the terrible events in our capital today. Now is not the time to be hindering the emergency and security services as they investigate and recover from this."

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"Among individuals, as among nations, respect for the rights of others is peace."
~ Benito Juárez (1806-1872),
President of Mexico

"The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience."
~ Harper Lee (1926-2016) author of the classic novel "To Kill a Mockingbird"

**Contact Arizona Rider Motorcycle News
for Advertising Information
480-921-0244 ♦ editor@azridersouthwest.com**



SOARING EAGLE
Custom Designed Jewelry
Fine Jewelry Repair
lapidary prospecting

Al Ytsma Apache Trail Swap Meet
480-461-0383 9452 E. Main St, Sp #27
480-404-4529 cell East Mesa, AZ 85207

Summer hours: Friday-Sunday ~ 7a-1pm

"Experience is a
hard teacher.
She gives the test first,
the lesson afterwards."
Unknown

Advertise in

Everyone will read it.
YOU just did!
Budget-Friendly Rates
AZRiderSouthwest.com or 480-921-0244

a Biker-Friendly Bar & Grill
in the beautiful pines of Overgaard, AZ

20,000 square foot outdoor party area
patio, fire pits, dry camping available
six beers on tap

The Cabin 2763 Hwy 260
2 miles east of Rt 277
928-535-6117



58 N. Country Club; Mesa, AZ 85201
480.784.0040

Harley Extended Warranty Specialist
> service for American v-twins & metrics <

Build Kit Bikes	Service All Kit Bikes
Service all H-D Products	Engine Rebuild
Custom Paint	Tranny Rebuild
Collision Repair	Carb Rebuild & Tuning
Large Parts Inventory	Mount & Balance Tires



www.EvilTwinCustomCycle.com

OUR MISSION:

Promote awareness and education in the motorcycle community to improve riders' safety. To Educate non-riders globally in the interest of all riders' safety.

Please donate, we are a 501C3 Corporation. Your donation is Tax deductible. To donate go to our web site listed at the bottom.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)
236 Massachusetts Avenue NE, #510
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 546-0983
www.mrfae.org

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E) was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population. Motorcycle riders and activists have long recognized that motorcycle rider education and awareness are crucial in enhancing rider safety. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders.



The 13th Annual Wild in the Weeds is in the Books

Posted May 14, 2017 to

<http://www.motorcyclesafari.com>

reprinted with permission

~ thank you Woody!

This year's Wild in the Weeds old school motorcycle rally was held on May 5th, 6th and 7th (the first weekend in May is its permanent date) at the Punkin Center Bar & Grill in Tonto Basin, Arizona. The event, hosted by the High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ kicks off the summer riding season in the high country where riders from the Valley of the Sun head during those steamier months to enjoy cool riding on great roads.

The event started on Friday around noon time with the first of the campers arriving for the best spots for tent and RV's alike. The High Country Chapter had their brand new 10x20 pop-up tent set-up with merchandise, raffle and 50/50 tickets as well as sign-up forms for the people and bike games that would follow on Saturday. For most of the afternoon as attendees started to file in, camaraderie and cold beer were the main staples until the live music started. Frozen Fire, the band for Friday night, did not disappoint starting at 7 pm and leaving after midnight having thoroughly entertained those lucky enough to get away early on Friday to attend.

Saturday started with Harley's famous breakfast buffet and quite a few Bloody Marys. Harley, the manager of the Pun-

kin Center Bar, had new chefs in the kitchen this year and food had definitely improved over past events. The breakfast buffet was well-attended despite the numerous sleepy heads and hangovers. The food was great all weekend including the lunch buffet on Saturday and a different breakfast selection Sunday morning. The author's personal favorite was the dinner buffet Saturday evening as the BBQ chicken was totally awesome. We enjoyed that immensely as Plum Krazy, the band for Saturday evening, rocked us from the patio.

After breakfast was the poker walk among the various vendors in attendance. Thanks to Wolfskin Tattoo, Discount Biker Supply, Coyote Rose, Xen with Richard Lester's Law Firm's Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM), Rim Country District of the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona, and SOS House for their support.

At about 11 am Royce Kinanon, the same DJ/MC as 2016's event, arrived with his music system and the ever popular Photo Booth, sponsored by MotorcycleSafari.com. Royce entertained us with rocking tunes and doubled as MC during both the people and bike games that followed.

A nice treat was the arrival of about 25 bikers from Chop Town that were camping that weekend up in Tonto Village (Choppertown.com). Their presence with some really old school hand-built choppers, including stretched forks, hardtails and suicide shifters, added some real

challenge to the bike games.

Visits to the photo booth, tattoo parlor on wheels, vendors and even an amazing game of Giant Jenga were enjoyed when not involved in a people or bike games. However this year's most popular spot became the pool that had been used the night before for an impromptu Belly Flop Contest by the Payson Chapter of the Old Bastards MC. I'm not sure who won that contest, but the pool was certainly well used over the course of the weekend culminating with substituting for the stage during the Wet T-Shirt Contest (Congratulations, Courtney).

And speaking of winners; congratulations to Nolan Steed who won the \$500 cash raffle and Joy Opie who won the 50/50 (\$275) as well as all the raffle prizes and poker walk winners. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Next year's event, the 14th Annual, will also be at Punkin Center and the dates for 2018 are May 4, 5 and 6. Don't forget to mark your calendar and make reservations now as area rooms sell out fast and well in advance of each event. Also, there will be some Cinco de Mayo surprises planned and designated driver(s) will be on-hand to get you to local motels should you over imbibe.

Thanks to everyone who turned out for this fun event. We can't wait to see you again next year!

Visit WildInTheWeeds.com for information about the next event as well as photos and videos from this and past events.

Anti-Motorcycle Profiling Bill

Published on March 7, 2017 |
by David "Double D" Devereaux

<http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/idaho-house-unanimously-approves-ho123/>

Reprinted with permission from
Motorcycle Profiling Project

Grassroots manpower is the most powerful tool in the motorcycle rights movement's arsenal and motorcycle clubs are a critical component. This power was again demonstrated by the Idaho motorcycle club community and ABATE of Idaho beginning on February 21, 2017 when HO 123, a law prohibiting motorcycle profiling, passed out of the House Judiciary committee with a unanimous do-pass recommendation. On February 27th the entire Idaho House of Representatives voted 69-0-1 (one rep. was absent) in favor of HO 123. Which will now go through the same process in the Senate and, if successful, will ultimately be the third state to send similar legislation to their Governor's desk to be signed into law.

Manpower and The Public Hearing

Bikers filled every available seat during the public hearing, so the adjacent room was opened up in order to accommodate the overflow. Bikers are one of the most visible constituencies actively utilizing the democratic process through grassroots mobilization. The movement

to pass anti- motorcycle profiling laws at the state and federal level is proof positive, and legislators are taking notice.

HO 123's primary sponsor, Representative Robert Anderst, introduced the bill, emphasizing that the goal was to look forward and improve the relationship between law enforcement and the biking community. Rep. Anderst testified that his support stemmed from the perspective of both a legislator and an advocate. Rep. Anderst is a biker himself, and proudly stands with the motorcycle community.

Anderst said, *"We definitely aren't the caricature sensationalized on TV. Just like any large group, we are made up of individuals ... tradesmen to attorneys, truckers to clergy - even a few legislators. What I can say is that the vast majority are hardworking, productive members of society who want to be left alone."*

The Motorcycle Profiling Project travelled from Washington State to offer their perspective based on the Washington law- RCW 43.101.419- that passed unanimously there in 2011. Maryland also passed the law without a no vote in 2016. ¹

Although the Washington law hasn't eliminated profiling incidents, it has reduced them noticeably. *"There is no downside,"* the MPP told the Idaho lawmakers. *"HO 123 simply prohibits motorcycle profiling. ... It has no fiscal impact. ... It also reduces the state's exposure to civil liability."* ²

Rep. tells bikers, "This is your house!"

Rep. Christy Perry, R-Nampa, told the big crowd of motorcycle enthusiasts as she moved to approve the bill, "You had us at hello...This is the people's house, and you are welcome any time, as is anybody who wants to come in and address their government."

There is every reason to expect that Idaho motorcycle clubs and ABATE members will again show up to the Capitol in huge numbers in support of HO 123 when it receives a public hearing in the Idaho Senate. The only question remaining is whether Idaho will be the third state behind Washington and Maryland to pass similar laws without a single no vote.

Footnotes:

¹ www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/feb/21/idaho-house-panel-unanimously-backs-motorcycle-pro/

² Id

About the Author:

David "Double D" Devereaux is the Spokesperson for the Washington State Council of Clubs, Founder of the Motorcycle Profiling Project, and works with motorcyclists at the national level.

 **Motorcycle Clubs Are NOT Street Gangs** 

The Cabin Bar & Grill
2763 Hwy 260, Overgaard, AZ

Biker Bash & Packages From Home Fundraiser

July 21, 22, & 23, 2017



Fun, Food, Vendors, Outdoor Patio, DJ in the afternoons, Live Music Fri. & Sat. nights with THE SIRINGO BAND, Poker Run, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, Bike Games, Tattoos and FREE CAMPING ON SITE.

All to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for

the benefit of PACKAGES FROM HOME.

Call The Cabin & Grill: 928-535-6117 or
Raynita: 602-769-1656 raynita1@cox.net

Patriot Guard Riders



COME JOIN US

Become a Patriot Guard Rider

We are patriots who join together to Honor Fallen Heroes and support their families. "The Patriot Guard Riders is a 100% Volunteer, Federally registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization which ensures dignity and respect at memorial services honoring Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders and Honorably Discharged Veterans." We don't care what you ride or if you ride, what your political views are, or whether you're a hawk or a dove. It is not a requirement that you be a veteran. It doesn't matter where you're from or what your income is; you don't even have to ride. The only prerequisite is Respect.

"Joining" means you are added to our email list for notification of upcoming missions. Just follow this link and register

<https://www.patriotguard.org/content.php>

Happy Birthday in June to....

Robert Shinn, Ann Ziegler,
 Lisa Poteat Johnson,
 Christy Mark Crow,
 Ken Couture, Joe McPhee,
 Corliss Ventura-Ditton,
 Lonnie Schleicher ~ HAMC,
 Debbie Strong, Cindy Gates,
 Pam Kosteba, Paul Trujillo,
 Richard Lee 'Bronco' Wood,
 Scott Stone, Amy Baker,
 Traci Victor, Michele Root,
 Darrel Lieske,
 Gary 'Bam Bam' Lindroos,
 Dennis 'Goose' Lansberry,
 Christina Duwel,
 Chewey ~ ALMA MC,
 Sara Rood Storcks,
 Ed Leclere, Joeta,
 Daniel Swaine, Duane Moore,
 Buffalo Rick Galeener,
 Carmen Ewald
 * & & & *

Happy Anniversary in June to....

Mike Ysco & Tina Cheena
 Stu & Christy Dvoret
 Joe & Deb Ferrucci
 Amy Rose & John Aho
 * & & & *

Gone But Not Forgotten...

Larry B Holt ~ 2000
 Michael 'Bam Bam' Lowery,
 Desert Road Riders MC ~ 2001
 James 'Trouble' Saunders ~
 2004
 'Hooper',
 Viet Nam / Legacy Vets MC ~
 2006
 Ronnie 'Worms' Lee Brown,
 Loners MC ~ 2007
 James 'Squire' Burke ~ 2011
 Cathy 'Sidekick' Krause ~
 2014
 * & & & *

April 25, 2017 ... NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V274000

Rear Shock Absorber may Crack and Detach

Potential Number of Units Affected: 568

Summary: Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain 2016-2017 Multistrada 1200 Enduro motorcycles. The motorcycle's rear shock absorber lower shock-end eyelet may crack and possibly detach from the swingarm. If the rear shock absorber detaches from the swingarm, the motorcycle's handling would be affected, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will replace the rear shock absorber assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin

May 22, 2017. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-800-231-6696. Ducati's number for this recall is SRV-RCL-17-002.

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.

* & & & *

April 29, 2017 ... MMA-Superstition District held their annual Poker Run. 30+ bikes were at Brick & Barley in Tempe for registration. This self-paced ride included stops at the Trough {East Mesa}, River Bottom {Florence}, San Tan Flats {Queen Creek} and ending at Jolie's Place {Chandler}.

In addition to raffle and 50/50 drawings, high- and low-hand winners were announced with \$250 & \$100 prizes being awarded. Music was provided by George Brunson.

This was a benefit for the District, to help support their educational and legislative activities, with over \$1200 being raised. Thank yous go to everyone who sponsored and supported this event.

Mark your calendars for the Superstition Chapter Motorcycle & Classic Car Show, taking place from 8a-noon on October 7 at Mesa Market Place. More details are in our calendar.

Want to learn more about Superstition MMA-AZ? Contact District Manager Daniel Bey-er 602-809-0953, danielbeyer@cox.net

* & & & *

May 12, 2017 ... NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V318000

Low Beam may Shine Too High/FMVSS 108

Potential Number of Units Affected: 94

Summary: Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (BRP) is recalling certain 2017 Can Am Spyder RT motorcycles. Due to a manufacturing error within the headlight assembly, the headlight may shine too high when on the low beam setting. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and associated Equipment." If the headlight beam is too high, oncoming traffic may be blinded by the glare, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: BRP will notify owners, and dealers will replace the defective headlights, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may

contact BRP customer service at 1-888-272-9222.

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.

* & & & *

May 22, 2017 ... Roy & Lisa Siqueiros welcome a new grandbaby to the family ... A boy was born to daughter Taylor & son-in-law Drew. Congratulations and best wishes to the family!

* & & & *

May 22, 2017 ... recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V333000

Engine Oil Cooler Line Clamp Incorrectly Installed

Potential Number of Units Affected: 45,589

Summary: Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2017 Electric Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU), Police Electra Glide (FLHTP), Police Road King (FLHP), Road King (FLHR), Road King Special (FLHRXS), Street Glide (FLHX), Street Glide Special (FLHXS), Road Glide (FLTRX), and Road Glide Special (FLTRXS) motorcycles.

In the affected motorcycles, a clamp used to secure an engine oil cooler line may have been improperly installed. The incorrectly installed clamp may result in the engine oil cooler line detaching, causing a sudden loss of oil, potentially into the path of the rear tire, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and correct the oil cooler line clamps, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on June 6, 2017. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0170.

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.

* & & & *

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.

* & & & *

International Female Ride Day

May 6, 2017 was the 11th annual International Female Ride Day. This is a coordinated ride with participants all across our state... across the country, and around the world. It always takes place on the first Saturday in May. Countless women participated this year, on all sorts of bikes... large, small, cruisers, sport, off-road, trikes, even scooters!

On the International Female Ride Day Facebook page you'll find images from Australia, Egypt, Israel, Ireland, Canada, India, Mexico, Brazil, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, South Africa, Panama, Germany, Spain, Finland, France, Poland... As well as closer to home... Kansas, Michigan, Nevada, Texas, California, Colorado, Florida, Arkansas, Oregon, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Maryland, Washington, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, Indiana, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, North Dakota, New Hampshire, & Wisconsin.

And probably more ~ as ladies continue to post their pix.

According to the IFRD website "This is the world's largest and only women motorcycle rider event which is also synchronized across all borders." It encompasses pilots of all makes and models... on this day to celebrate women on their own wheels.

What an extraordinary undertaking! And the response has been outstanding! Each year more rider groups, dealerships, and individual pilots learn about and participate in IFRD.

One such example came from our friend Andreeanne, as we discussed the involvement of *Desert Wind Harley-Davidson* of Mesa. She commented that, "It was great to see all HD dealerships participating this year again." I learned that DWHD had 30 ladies check into the dealership for free breakfast burritos, goody bags and refreshments before

heading out on a scenic 1 hour ride to the Roadhouse in Cave Creek.

The sister store to Desert Wind is *Loess Hills Harley-Davidson* in Pacific Junction, Iowa. The Nebraska & Iowa girls haven't been involved in IFRD... Until now ☺ Andreeanne sure changed that! She traveled to Iowa to organize the inaugural International Female Ride Day there, and invited participation from other dealerships in the area... They ended up with 97 ladies from 3 dealerships in the Iowa/Nebraska area... Loess Hills HD plus Dillon Brothers HD and Holstein's HD ~ both located in Omaha, Nebraska. "I thought since this worked so well here in Arizona - why not have the same thing happening in Iowa. So off I went and put the dealerships together. The countryside is beautiful." It turned out so well that the 3 dealers are already planning on next year's.

continues on page 18



with Buddy Stubbs

coffee at SHD

Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale

International Female Ride Day AZ Rider

from page 17

Back here in AriZona...

A FB post from Ronda Yancey Allaway out of *Buddy Stubbs HD* noted, "The cool thing is that for the past 3 years all of the Arizona Harley-Davidson dealerships {Phoenix, Anthem, & Cave Creek} have come together to celebrate as one for a giant party.... We thank all who worked so hard to provide the ladies with a great day of riding, food, and fun... Thanks Kevin Price and gang at Roadhouse for the hospitality...."

Attendees included Valerie Thompson ~ America's 'Queen of Speed'. She is the 7-time land speed record holder, with a top speed of 304.263mph. She posted, "Another fabulous day in Arizona! International Female Ride Day. My riding partner Amy Skaling and I rode from Buddy Stubbs Harley-Davidson to the Roadhouse. This is the third year Diva Amy and I started this cooperative event with all the Arizona Harley-Davidson dealerships and so far it's been

a successful growing event. Great to see everyone and meet new friends..."

Shelley at *Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale* shared that 40 gals rode out of their dealership. The overall day was great. Their route to The Roadhouse included a stop at Bartlett Lake.

I learned from Ruth at *Tucson H-D* that approximately 25 riders rolled up from Tucson to the Road House. The dealership's FB comment declared, "It was a wonderful day for riding with a fantastic group of women!"

Brina from *Superstition H-D* in Apache Junction share that 34 ladies rode out from their dealership. SHD had a reception area on the patio for the ladies when they arrived and had muffins and Danish to fuel up before departing, plus SHD paid for the lunch of the lady rider if she rode with their group. The first 30 received goodie bags that included a turquoise bandana (the signature color of the IFRD ride) & more.

There ended up being over 350 ladies dancing, eating, and enjoying each other's company at the Road House in Cave Creek. While some observed a bit of disorganization and some chaos as the group photo was being taken, there is no doubt that, for the most part, it was an outstanding day.

Posts & photos on Facebook from the various dealerships and women who attended helped to paint a picture of this day. It looks like on the whole it was a worldwide success and there was a lot of fun to be had!

Next year's IFRD will take place on Saturday May 5, 2018. Check with your favorite local dealership to see if they have something planned. If they don't already, start putting something in the works! This is YOUR day, Ladies! Make it what YOU want it to be!

Ride safe ~ *Betsy*

[Connect with IFRD here in AZ by visiting this link...](#)



Connect With Your People In Arizona Book early and SAVE UP TO 20%

Visit ChoiceHotels.com/Arizona-hotels
or call 888.8GO.WEST (888.846.9378)
and get our Best Available rate.



Enjoy the Extras

Rest & Refresh

Get More Value

Stay Anytime

Travel Simply

Earn Rewards



You always have a choice.



Advance reservations required. Advance Purchase rate offer only available online and cannot be combined with any other discount or offer. Subject to availability at participating hotels throughout Arizona. ©2017 Choice Hotels International. All rights reserved.

online, 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 and great dinners. FMI: www.rollinknightsmc.com

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

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

Every Wednesday. Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot at 8:30a. KSU 9a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

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 VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

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

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

Every Friday: Hawg Ridin' Fools MC Open House at Clubhouse. Take I-10 East, Exit 297, 5 miles West of Benson. Go left at stop sign, over I-10, right on 1st road next to the interstate - N. Cherokee Trail. Go ≈ 2 miles & the road makes a 90° turn left. Pass the Mescal B&G. (NOT the Clubhouse!) Continue down N. Cherokee Trl another ≈ 2 miles & it turns 90° to the left. Clubhouse is on the left. FMI: n/a

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

2nd & 3rd Friday: ALMA MC East Side Open House from 7pm-? Entertainment. Food & Beverages available. 3212 S. Fair Lane, Tempe. FMI: 127.Eastside@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Friday: ALMA MC Open House- All Chapters. 7pm at the OriGinal Club House, 1446 N. 27th Ave, Phx, AZ 85009. Great Food, Great Music & a Great Time! FMI: Chapo soy.chapo@gmail.com

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 Pancakes & Pancakes & Parts @ Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trl. Apache Junction, AZ. P'cake b'fast with FOTK {Friends of the Kids ~ www.facebook.com/AZFOTK/} 8-10am. Motorcycle Swap Meet 8-12pm. Spaces are limited so stop in & reserve yours today! SHD reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone selling goods not deemed to be in the spirit of the event. Motorcycle parts only - \$10/space - all proceeds benefit FOTK, for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children's Shelter. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist @ superstitionhd.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

6/11 {Sun} Shriner's Appreciation Day at D'back Stadium. Diamondback vs Brewers. @ 1:10 Chase Field. \$20/pp, seating in Coors Strike Zone. Tickets at El Zaribah Shrine 552 N. 40th St. Phx 602.231.0300, Pat McNichols 602.369.3209 or JC Reece 602.531.6545 FMI: JC Reece ([harleyrider32 @ cox.net](mailto:harleyrider32@cox.net)) , www.el-zaribah.org

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.pikespeakbike-week.com/

6/17 {Sat} Suds, Spuds, & Spokes @ Superstition Harley-Davidson to celebrate 2 years under new ownership. Bikini Bike Wash - Food - Vendors - Raffles and more! FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist @ superstitionhd.com

6/17 Loners MC Prescott Charter Biker Dudes for St. Jude's Children's Hospital Overnighter at Kirkland Bar. 11a-1pm at Far From Folsom – Prescott. \$15/sgl, \$20/cpl. KSU 1pm. Live Music, Live Auction, Bike Games, Raffle, 50/50, Food on site for purchase. All proceeds go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. FMI: Thumper 928-710-1172 or Harley 928-277-6038

6/17 Sizzlin Saturday Bike Show & Party @ Sun Riders MC Clubhouse 4441 S 6th Ave, Tucson. 6-11:30pm. \$5/bike show entry. Best of show takes trophy & pot. \$7/plate ~ fajitas, rice & beans. Drink specials & 50/50. info@tucsonsunridersmc.com

6/17 Curly's 1 Year Anniversary @ Curly's Custom, 7391 E. 1st St, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 from 11a-3pm. Free food and Refreshments, Giveaways and Raffles, Live Music, & more. FMI: 623-977-0339

6/23-24 {Fr-Sat} 8th Annual White Mountain Bike Rally at Hon-Dah Resort Casino, 777 Hwy. 60, Pinetop, AZ 85901. On-site registration or on line includes poker run on Saturday with \$3000 in prize money, \$20/pilot + \$10/passenger. \$3000 in prize money for the bike contest. Entry also includes dinner Friday and Saturday night, beer garden, T shirts, pins, 1 ticket for drawing and bike contest. Concert on Saturday. FMI: 928-369-7590 <http://hon-dah.com/casino/>

6/23-25 {Fr-Sun} Great Escape with the Desert Road Riders MC. Kaibab Nat'l Forest. \$25/sgl, \$45/cpl. <http://desertroadridersmc.com/> , 928-530-0641

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

7/9 24th Annual Stoned Sober MC Cycle Splash from noon -6pm at Riley's Irish Tavern 5140 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705. Bike Show, Pin Up Contest, Rock-a-Billy Band(s), Wet-T-Shirt Contest, Vendors & more. FMI: 520-408-0507

7/15 Nomaden MC - Black and Gold Support Party from 1-7pm at Buddies Bar in Whetstone; then 7PM to the Nomaden Club House {137 N Huachuca Blvd Huachuca City, AZ 85616} for the after-hours party. FMI: animal69@cox.net

7/15 ALMA MC Eastside Beast-side Bash - Summer party with the Eastside Crew from 8-11:30pm. Food, Drinks, Music, Vendors, & Raffles. 3212 S Fair Lane, Tempe, AZ FMI: 127.Eastside@gmail.com

7/21-23 {Fr-Sun} Biker Bash & Fundraiser for 'Packages From Home' at the Cabin Bar & Grill, Overgaard, AZ [2763 Hwy 260]. Free entry to party. Vendor space \$35 {100% goes to PFH}. Music by Siringo. Always FREE Dry Camping on site. FMI: 928-535-6117

Submit YOUR calendar postings to <http://azrider-southwest.com/calendar.html> click into the Online Calendar, select your date, & follow the prompts to Post A New Event

continues on page 21

continued from page 22

online, click title above for more calendar entries and event details

7/29 {Sat} Brotherly Love-in at Amber Inn 42336 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix. Starts at 7pm - \$10/pp. Yes, that's right Brothers and Sisters; We are doing it yet again in 2017. Break out your tie-dye and fringe for an evening filled with 60's style fun and brotherly love to raise donations for a worthy cause and to spend a fun night getting to know your fellow riders. We will be supporting the charity we chose last year, Surrendered Souls Rescue. They are dedicated to rescuing, restoring the health and finding forever homes for sick and injured dogs. FMI: Velvet 623-329-4668

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. Takes place every first Friday between 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

9/16 {Sat} Flat Track Motorcycle Races on 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 & Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts around 3pm. Awards presentation after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson 602-320-9201, (Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com

9/30 {Sat} 15th annual ABATE of Arizona East Valley Chapter "Hard Ass Run" in 2017. Sign-in 7:30a at Evil Twin Custom Cycle 58 N Country Club, Mesa, 85201. More details TBA. FMI: Jim 602-312-1927

9/30 Flat Track Motorcycle Races on 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 presentation after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson (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. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

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: Dan 602-809-0953, danielbeyer@cox.net, <http://mma-az.org>, <http://tinyurl.com/hakdmav>

10/14 Flat Track Motorcycle Races on 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 presentation after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson (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 presentation after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson 602-320-9201 (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com

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

11/3 {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 between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

11/3 Tucson Celtic Festival Bike Night at Rillito Raceway Park - 4502 N 1st Ave, Tucson, AZ, 85718. The Tucson Celtic Festival and Highland games is in its 31st year & is having bike night on Friday. There will be bike & non-bike games to include: best legs in a kilt, keg toss, barrel race, slow race, & more. Live music, contests for biggest group/club, farthest rider, and ? Food & Beverages as well as other vendors will be open. Admission is only \$5. Come to the opening party of the Tucson Celtic Festival {Nov 3-5} & enjoy Bike Night from 5-10pm. Everyone welcome, encouraged to attend & have a great time. FMI: <http://www.tucsoncelticfestival.org>

11/4 6th Annual Bob's Biker Blast, from 9a-10pm at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale. All proceeds benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. Includes live concert by 3 Doors Down & more. Free admission. FMI: 480-905-1903

11/4 {Sat} 4th annual Toy Drive Kick-Off & Seductive CC Motorcycle & Custom Car Show at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. From 10a-2pm. Music, Car Hop Competition. Food, Vendors, Awards. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for our Christmas Toy Drive. FMI: 480-346-0600 or <http://www.superstitionhd.com>

11/5 {Sun} Oasis Masonic Lodge #52 annual Benefit Poker Run starts & ends at American Legion Post 109, 15921 S Houghton Rd, Coronado, AZ 85641. \$20/pp @ door, Reg early & Save \$5. Ask about group discount. Sign-in 8-10am. Vendors, music, & more. FMI: Ray 520-820-2494, rmdonohue@cox.net

11/11-12 Two-day event. 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 presentation after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson 602-320-9201 (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com

12/1 {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 between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

12/2 {Sat} Toy Run ~ Bullhead City ~ with the Desert Road Riders MC. <http://desertroadridersmc.com/>

12/3 {Sun} ABATE of AZ State Social. Annual membership meeting followed by Annual Holiday Social Chili cook off, White elephant exchange, 50/50, Karaoke, and more. Held at Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) 1712 W. Broadway Road, Mesa, AZ 85202 FMI: Dawn (email: steddp@gmail.com)

12/3 31st annual Casa Grande Toy Parade & Auction. Sign-in @ Dave White Park. Departs noon sharp. Entry = \$10 or toy. End location at 'The Property' 1281 W Gila Bend Hwy. Toys distributed by CG Salvation Army. FMI: 480-518-3311, 480-287-0564

12/10 {Sun} Sun Riders MC 36th annual Toy Parade FMI: Robin 520-312-8120, www.tucsonsunridersmc.com

12/16 {Sat} Toy Run ~ Kingman ~ with the Desert Road Riders MC. <http://desertroadridersmc.com/>

12/17 {Sun} Toy Run ~ Chloride ~ with the Desert Road Riders MC. <http://desertroadridersmc.com/>

The Freedom to Assemble is a RIGHT, not a 'privilege'