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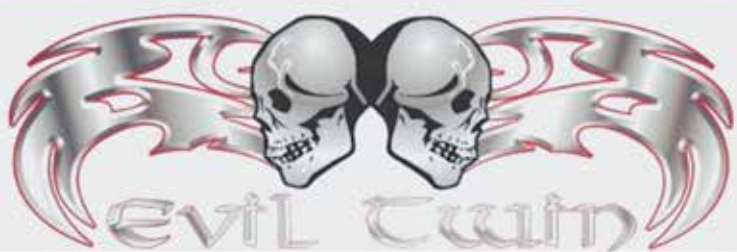
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Motors, Manes, & Miracles

Healing With Horsepower! The inaugural Motors, Manes, & Miracles fundraiser took place on Saturday February 29 at Superstition Harley-Davidson. It was a benefit for the Manes & Miracles organization, based in San Tan Valley.

Manes & Miracles is a therapy facility which employs a unique approach to addressing challenges faced by individuals who have physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. With the use of equine-assisted therapy, Manes & Miracles follows the path of caregivers who have been including horses among their methods since the 1940s & before. M&M's therapy participants include children, first responders, and active or retired military personnel.

This day's event started at the Manes & Miracles Ranch on Friend Avenue in San Tan Valley; with breakfast, games, & the opportunity to meet some of the families and horses. From there, 65 riders de-

parted on a ride of about 60 miles. Stops were at River Bottom Grill in Florence, Wahoos Restaurant in Gold Canyon, and the Hitching Post Saloon in Apache Junction before arriving at Superstition H-D located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction.

The afternoon at SHD had music, lunch, bounce houses & other inflatable fun for the kids, a therapy horse to meet, carnival games, face painting, & more. There was an impressive collection of raffle & silent auction items.

Thanks go out to the Shot Gun LEMC for their support; with about 50 members & friends attending.

Manes and Miracles is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, operated by Volunteers. None of the officers or directors of the organization take a salary. Monies donated go toward care of the horses, upkeep & improvements of the facility,

and other projects that will benefit the children and adults they serve. This day raised \$8,000 for M&M.

This was the first time that Superstition HD worked with Manes & Miracles. Brina, SHD's event coordinator, was impressed with how well the event came together & noted that next year's fundraiser is already being planned.

Learn more about Manes & Miracles, their services, how to make a donation or volunteer by visiting online at <https://manesandmiraclesaz.org/> You can also call 480-359-6470 or email manesandmiracles@gmail.com

Congratulations on a successful day! Thank you Brina for your help with this article ☺

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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders!

On the cover Another beautiful stretch of desert, this time on Bush Highway. No matter how often we ride this road, it always remains a favorite.

Finding the right words to talk about what all is going on in the world right now is difficult. Everything happening is SO BEYOND motorcycling. The last time I felt this loss for words, words that would be considered 'appropriate', was just after 9/11... The big picture was SO big and encompassed SO much that what we were doing felt kind of frivolous in a time when frivolity had no place.

We read a very good presentation about the expression that some of our public figures have been throwing around, that "we are all in this together" and "we're in the same boat". But are we? Really? Some are in luxury yachts and others are on a raft with {if they're lucky} maybe one oar left. There's no need to reinvent the wheel here when there is well said commentary available. You'll find it as our closing page this month.

There's QUITE a list of topics firing people up lately ... Masks or no masks. Virus believer or disbeliever. Lockdown or No Lockdown. Quarantine or No Quarantine. There are people on both sides of these issues who are passionate about their position. Peaceful Protesters are being lumped into the same category as Rioters & Looters. Seeds are being sown that have potential to bloom into civil war.

It is up to each of us to maintain civil UNITY despite our differences. THAT'S what will make us BETTER than the rioters who are doing NOTHING to further the message they portray to be supporting. They are simple, mindless, shit-disturbers who are pawns in a picture that is far larger than they have the ability to comprehend.

Everyone has the Right to live in fear OR to learn more about what is scaring them.



While these pages are primarily motorcycle related, yes, we do occasionally take a detour into areas of information that pertain to the rest of the world as it matters to us as citizens overall rather than just as riders.

For those of you who are ok with that... you may recognize the return of our 'State of America' column. For those who prefer motorcycle-content only ~ just skip page 12 ☺

It may be of no interest to you.

We saw a couple out riding LITERALLY with shorts & flip flop sandals. OMG I cringed as the possibilities crossed my mind! I guess they thought the helmets they were wearing would be enough safety gear for their outing.

AriZona's summer heat on the Valley floor presents serious issues for riders to address. And it seems to be coming on sooner this year, or maybe it's just me. If you choose to ride during these months, we recommend getting some type of cooling gear; neck wraps, caps, & vests. Obviously we hope you'll start by checking in with our Advertisers to purchase these. Ride early, stay hydrated, trade your black tee for long-sleeved white. Keep your clothes ON. Avoid the temptation to ride in shorts and sandals. It's a foolish choice any time of year, but at 110+° temps you definitely do not want to go down and be on the pavement with nothing between you and the asphalt. [Try walking to your mailbox barefoot at 110°] The signs of heat exhaustion and dehydration can come on quickly. Get off the road at first signs of headache or lightheadedness. By reviewing your hot weather protocols, it can be a safe and enjoyable summer of riding.

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There are a few events going forward this month. Check out the details on the Calendar page. We hope some of you have the opportunity to get out & have some FUN ... either at these gatherings or ones of your own making.

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RIDING BACK FROM COVID-19

All 50 states are now in various stages of reopening, and along with restrictions being lifted and the COVID-19 curve flattening, hopes for more normalcy are high; and none higher than amongst the motorcycling community.

Most industries have been hit hard by the global pandemic, and motorcycle sales and production have been among the most impacted, with factories shut down, dealerships closed, events cancelled or postponed, and even ridership restricted in many parts of the world.

Rules around travel and mixing in groups are being relaxed because new infections

of the Coronavirus are declining and within the capabilities of the health system to cope, and soon groups will be able to ride together again, and gather at their local watering holes, maintaining social distancing and observing other safety protocols, of course.

Around the globe, motorcycle manufacturers and the supply chain are reopening production, shops and dealerships are doing business within certain constraints, and bikers are realizing a late-Spring bloom amid the gloom.

Harley-Davidson is reopening its U.S. factories in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania and will accelerate production in phases, launching a new five-year strategic plan to revive sales.

Looking forward, the landscape is changing, as major events are planning comebacks. Americade in Lake George, NY, after much deliberation, has decided to move their dates from June to July 21-25. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina's spring Bike Week and Atlantic Beach Bikefest have been postponed, with Horry County leaders giving their blessing to a July motorcycle rally date. Laconia Motorcycle Week, America's "Oldest Running Motorcycle Rally," has officially postponed their 97th annual event in Weirs Beach, NH, to August 22-30, following a unanimous decision by their city council. The 80th annual Sturgis Rally in South Dakota is still on track

for August 7-15 as experts predict COVID-19 will have peaked and continue into decline before the end of the summer.

Speaking of 'track', the MotoGP World Championship racing calendar is expected to drop the checkered flag in July, adapting to a new format of hosting motorsports events with minimal staff and without spectators, while employing social distancing where possible.

ILLINOIS BIKER BAR FIGHTS TO REMAIN OPEN UNDER CORONAVIRUS ORDERS

A popular 24-year old biker bar near Rockford, IL has had enough with Illinois' stay-at-home order, and has decided to sue Governor JB Pritzker, claiming his executive orders are unlawful.

Like many businesses, Poopy's Pub & Grub is feeling the economic sting of the pandemic, and after being shut down by local authorities when bikers began congregating on his property this spring while ordering curbside service, owner Kevin Promenschenkel hired a lawyer to make a legal run at the governor's executive order.

Specifics of the lawsuit, shared by *Northwest Herald* (nwherald.com) assert that "... he (Governor Pritzker) lacks the statuto-

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ry authority to issue executive orders putting restrictions on businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, and therefore a cease-and-desist order issued to the biker bar as a result of such an order should be voided."

In addition, only the Carroll County Health Department, acting through the Illinois Department of Public Health, has the "supreme authority" vested by the constitution to shut a business down for health code violations, and it has not done so, according to the suit filed in Carroll County Circuit Court.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES DECREASE FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) early estimates of 2019 Motor Vehicle Traffic Data show reduced fatalities for the third consecutive year. According to preliminary estimates for the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), 2019 data on highway crashes demonstrate a continued decline in traffic fatalities. The nation saw a decline in traffic deaths during 2018 and 2017, and these newest estimates suggest a continuing decline in traffic-related deaths.

"Safety is our top priority so this report that traffic fatalities appear to have decreased again for the third year is great news," said U.S. Transportation Secretary

Elaine L. Chao.

Fatalities decreased in most major traffic safety categories:

- Drivers (down 3%)
- Passengers (down 4%)
- Motorcyclists (down 1%)
- Pedestrians (down 2%)
- Pedalcyclists (down 3%)

A statistical projection of traffic fatalities for 2019 shows that an estimated 36,120 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes, representing an estimated decrease of about 440 (down 1.2%) from the reported 36,560 fatalities in 2018, even though Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) increased by 0.9%. As a result, the fatality rate for 2019 was 1.10 fatalities per 100 million VMT, down from 1.13 fatalities per 100 million VMT in 2018. If these estimates are reflected in the final data, the fatality rate per 100 million VMT would be the second lowest since NHTSA started recording fatal crash data.

IN-CAR INFOTAINMENT SYSTEMS MORE DANGEROUS THAN TEXTING OR ALCOHOL

For a few years now, most new cars have come with high-tech, flashy infotainment systems that can control everything from the stereo, air conditioning, and even seating position, but a recent European study has deter-

mined that car infotainment systems can be as detrimental to a driver's reaction times as texting, alcohol and even cannabis are.

Among the results, IAM RoadSmart found that motorway stopping distances were increased by between four and five car lengths when the driver was using infotainment systems. The study also found that drivers took their eyes off the road for as long as 16 seconds while driving (equivalent to a distance of nearly 550 yards at 70 mph), while using the touch-controlled systems -- results that are even worse than texting at the wheel.

Among the key findings from the report;

- Controlling the vehicle's position in the lane and speed suffered significantly when participants failed to react to stimulus on the road ahead.

- Reaction times were slower when selecting music through Spotify while using Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

- Drivers would take their eyes off the road for longer than 12 seconds.

- Participants underestimated time spent looking away from the road, by as much as 5 seconds.

"We're now calling on industry and government to openly test and approve such systems and develop consistent standards that genuinely help minimize driver distraction."

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tion," said Neil Greig, policy and research director at IAM RoadSmart. "Anything that distracts a driver's eyes or mind from the road is bad news for road safety."

HONDA PATENTS EXTERNAL AIRBAGS FOR CARS

While external airbags are not a new idea in the automotive industry, the new system patented by Honda is smarter than just an airbag mounted to the front of a car, and could cut injury rates for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcycle riders.

Instead of having just one airbag that deploys automatically in the event of an accident, the new system scans the road looking for a potential hazard. Once located, the system actually measures the target, determining the size, shape, and location in order to deploy the appropriate airbag at the proper pressure for each scenario. For instance, if a large target is detected, the largest airbag will fire and the bonnet of the car will raise slightly and move backwards, an action designed to help catch the person, rather than bouncing them over the roof of the car. If a smaller person or child is detected, the airbag deploys at a lower pressure to keep them from bouncing off the car and onto the ground or into traffic.

For motorcyclists, the Honda airbag sys-

tem could help in certain situations, and ultimately the extra crash protection for us and other vulnerable road users can only be a good thing.

WASHINGTON STATE EXPANDS PROTECTIONS FOR "VULNERABLE ROAD USERS"

A new law in Washington protects pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists and other "vulnerable roadway users" from careless motorists who cause serious injury or death.

Senate Bill 6045: "Concerning vulnerable users of a public way," was passed unanimously by the state legislature (45-0 in the Senate on Feb 12, and 97-0 in the House on Mar 6) and signed into law on March 25 by Governor Jay Inslee (D), becoming effective June 11, 2020. If convicted, a negligent driver could face penalties up to \$5,000 in fines and have their driving privileges suspended for ninety days.

SOUTH DAKOTA CLARIFIES CONCEALED CARRY OF FIREARMS ON MOTORCYCLES

When the state legislature in 2019 passed its concealed carry reform, often referred to as "Constitutional Carry," making it legal for every South Dakotan eligible to own a firearm to keep it concealed without a permit, it didn't

apply that right to motorcycle riders, snowmobilers and ATV riders. So, this legislative session, state senators and representatives are addressing that oversight to make it clear that motorcyclists can conceal firearms while riding in South Dakota.

"It was brought to our attention that people on motorcycles were having a little trouble with the definitions of law and whether they were allowed to carry concealed," Rep. Thomas Brunner, (R-Nisland), a sponsor of the measure, testified in support of HB 1094. "Certainly, our intent wasn't that once you get on a motorcycle, snowmobile or four-wheeler that the law changes."

The legislation went on to pass both chambers overwhelmingly (64-4 in the House and 33-2 in the Senate) with the backing of the influential motorcycle lobby group ABATE of South Dakota (A Brotherhood for Awareness, Training and Education), and was signed by Governor Kristi Noem (R) on March 25, 2020.

Dianna Miller, representing ABATE, said left in the state statute, despite passage of last year's concealed carry legislation, are two provisions that restrict possession of firearms on motorcycles and off-road vehicles. That caused confusion for law enforcement and motorcycle riders, especially during the

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annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, she said.

'NAKED RIDER' SPURS ATTIRE RULE

A "naked rider" wearing only a helmet and briefs was apprehended by local authorities in metro Manila, Philippines, and for two seconds enjoyed social media fame, which has prompted authorities to revisit an "attire rule" requiring all motorcycle riders to wear heavy/padded jackets and riding pants as it would be safer to ride wearing all the riding gear.

Last year, during a press briefing, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) General Manager Jojo Garcia told reporters that the agency is looking to penalize motorcycle riders, including pillions (passengers), who wear shorts when riding their motorcycles.

The MMDA GM also said that their office met with their counterparts in the LTO (gov-

ernment) to recommend the creation of laws and policies concerning the proper attire for motorcycle riders; "Protective devices shall include: helmets, goggles, leather boots, and protective clothing such as heavy pants, heavy jacket, leather gloves, and rain suit" added GM Garcia.

Local motorcycle groups do not agree with the proposed rule, citing that with the hot, humid tropical weather in the Philippines, requiring motorcycle riders, especially in congested traffic conditions, to wear heavy jackets and pants may do more harm than good.

So far, the laws of the land concerning proper attire for motorcycle riders require only: a standard helmet and closed-toe shoes, but it's important to note that sometimes stupid is as stupid does, and inappropriate actions such as motorcycling in your skivvies can invite unwanted and unnecessary attention.

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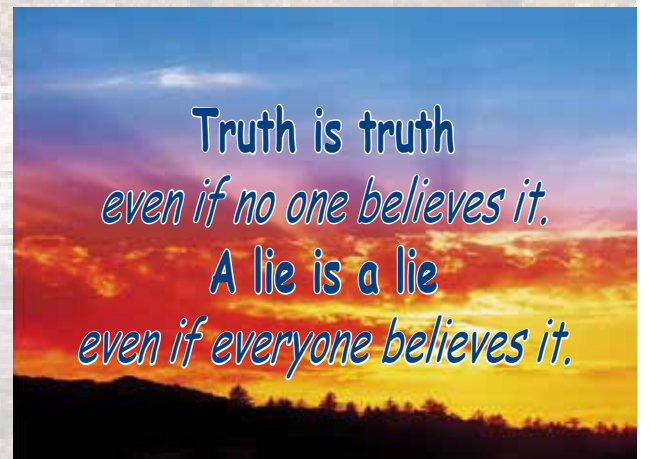
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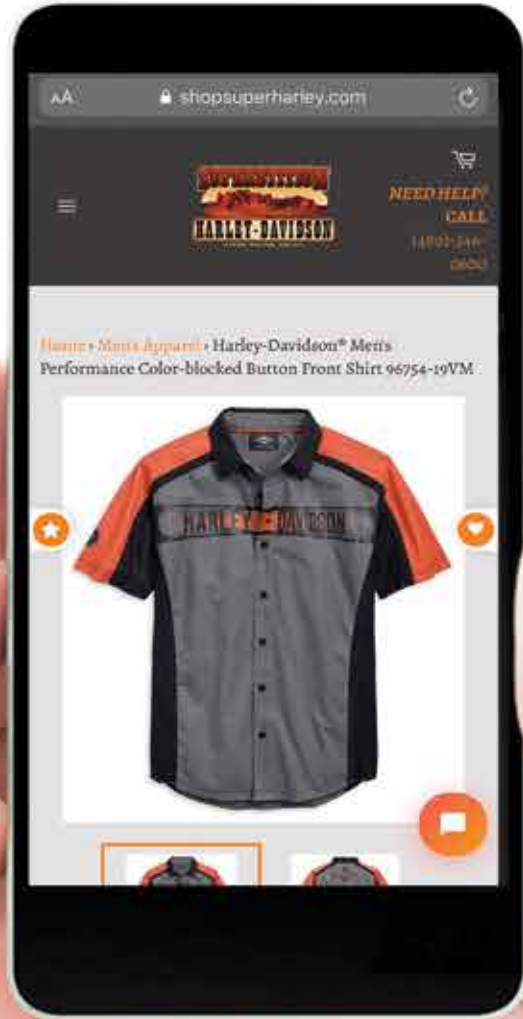
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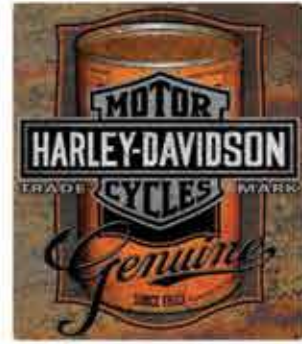
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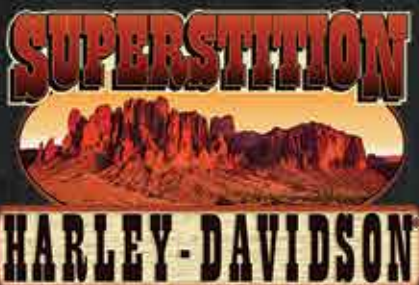
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How We Learned To Love Big Brother

by James Corbett

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“He gazed up at the enormous face. Forty years it had taken him to learn what kind of smile was hidden beneath the dark moustache. O cruel, needless misunderstanding! O stubborn, self-willed exile from the loving breast! Two gin-scented tears trickled down the sides of his nose. But it was all right, everything was all right, the struggle was finished. He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother.”
— George Orwell, 1984

When I started The Corbett Report in 2007, the idea that governments were watching and listening to everything we do was still wild-eyed conspiracy theory. Oh, sure, the fact that the NSA had been secretly and illegally wiretapping Americans since at least 9/11 was, by that point, mainstream news.

But those “revelations” (which themselves were old news to conspiracy realists) were not enough to convince the dyed-in-the-wool coincidence theorists that the government was actively engaged in the electronic surveillance of everyone.

We conspiracy realists could (and did) talk till we were blue in the face about the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act and Stellar Wind and Room 641A. “The NSA is splitting off the internet trunk lines and running them into locked off server rooms, for crying out loud!” we shouted. “What more do you need to know?”

We talked to NSA whistleblowers like William Binney and Russ Tice. We learned about ThinThread and Trailblazer, and how mass collection of everything was ready and waiting to go before 9/11. We learned how the NSA was spying on high-ranking officials within the US government itself, including senior congressional leaders, high-ranking military generals, the entire Supreme Court, and even then-US Senator from Illinois and future President, Barack Obama.

We made note of the mainstream media’s own casual admissions of the power of the deep state’s spying tools. We observed how our phones are listening to us even when they’re “off.” How

smart appliances will be used to spy on us in our own homes. How the FBI can go back and listen to a recording of any phone conversation you’ve had at any point in the past, even if you weren’t under surveillance.

“Big Brother is already here!” we warned. “1984 is today!”

And we were laughed at.

Fast forward to 2020, and now no one is laughing. Instead, everyone’s shrugging their shoulders: “Yeah, of course the government is tracking us. They have to! It’s for our own good!”

So what happened?

The turnaround started in 2013. That’s when the public was given another of its phony heroes: Edward Snowden. Finally, here was a *real*, honest-to-gosh whistleblower spilling the beans and sharing the documents that proved that the NSA was . . . collecting metadata?

Yes, our wise and crusading Hero For Truth Snowden shined a light on the *real* problem with Big Brother: He isn’t filling out the right paperwork, or using the right legal mumbo jumbo to justify his spying. And so this “whistleblower” (who washed out of special forces training and worked for the CIA before becoming a super-duper computer god with access to the NSA’s internal network while he was in his 20s, somehow) just wanted to bring this spying to light so we could have a “conversation” about it!

(Oh, and don’t worry, guys: Snowden says there’s nothing to any of that silly 9/11 conspiracy stuff or to chemtrails or aliens or any other crazy theory, so you don’t have to bother thinking about them anymore, OK?)

Hearing his reassurances was actually something of a relief, even for the people who barked about how Snowden’s irresponsible actions had endangered American lives blah blah blah. Because, you see, now we could stop doing all that doublethink about government spying. Of course, the government is spying on us! . . . But maybe that’s a good thing. At any rate, it’s a debate we should be having. How much spying is too much? I mean, there is a terror threat, after all, and we want to get the bad guys, right? And you don’t have anything to hide, do you?

And so we admitted there *is* a Big Brother.

But that wasn’t enough for Big Brother. Oh no, you can’t just be *aware* of what Big Brother is doing. You can’t just *tolerate* Big Brother’s actions. You also must learn to *love* Big Brother.

Then China caught a cold. And so did Europe. And New York City. And—sure, why not—the rest of the world did, too. Maybe not in that order. Or maybe not at all. Don’t fret about the details. The important thing is that (say it with me) *nothing will ever be the same again*.

You will never again be able to leave your house without thinking about the mortal danger that each and every physical interaction with every human being on earth poses.

What? Get within six feet of someone? Without a mask on? Are you nuts?

Oh, if only someone could save us from this dreaded scourge!

But wait . . . Whatever happened to that Big Brother guy? Can’t he find out everywhere we’ve been? And everyone we’ve been in contact with? And if someone gets sick, can’t he just go back and force everyone in that chain of connection into quarantine? Hey, it worked in Korea! Problem solved, right?

And so it was that “contact tracing” was born. And it spread to Canada and Australia and India and the UK and (you guessed it) everywhere else, too.

What? The contact tracing apps don’t actually work unless a “critical mass” adopts them? Well, then, just make them mandatory! After all, what kind of weirdo doesn’t walk around with a phone surgically attached at all times, anyway?

I want professional health care providers (and professional contact tracers and government employees and big tech companies and their subcontractors and app developers and extortionware makers and hackers and everyone else in the world) to know where I’ve been, who I’ve been talking to, what I’ve been buying and doing, and when I’ve been buying it and doing it!

I want to be spied on, dammit! It’s for my own good!

And that, my friends, is how we won the victory over ourselves. We love Big Brother now.

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And so, for now ~

Happy Birthday in June to

Helen Musselman, Christy Mark Crow,
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Ed 'Cajun' Leclere, Duane Moore,
Buffalo Rick Galeener, Tony Miller,
Frank R White, & Chuck DeFlorio

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April 28, 2020 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign #: 20V236000
Brake Pads May Corrode/Detach
From Backing Plate
Potential Units: 3,691
Summary: Triumph Motorcycles
America, LTD (Triumph) is re-
calling certain 2018-2020
Street Triple RS, Tiger 1200
XCx and Tiger 1200 XCA, 2019-
2020 Speed Triple S and Speed
Triple RS, 2018-2019 Tiger
1200 XRT, Tiger 1200 XR, Tiger
1200 XRx and Tiger 1200 XRx
LRH and 2020 Tiger 1200 Alpine
Edition and Tiger 1200 Desert
Edition motorcycles. The front
brake pads may corrode, poten-
tially causing the front brake
pad friction material to de-
tach from the backing plate.
If the brake pad friction ma-
terial detaches from the back-
ing plate, it may lengthen the
distance needed to stop the mo-
torcycle, increasing the risk
of a crash.
Remedy: Triumph will notify
owners, and dealers will re-
place the front brake pads,
free of charge. The recall
is expected to begin June 24,
2020. Owners may contact Tri-
umph customer service at 1-678-
854-2010. Triumph's number for
this recall is SRAN 579.
Notes: For this recall & oth-
ers posted here, owners may

also contact the National
Highway Traffic Safety Admin-
istration Vehicle Safety Ho-
tline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY
1-800-424-9153), or go to www.
safercar.gov.

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May 2020 ... A longtime sales-
man at Superstition Harley-Da-
vidson in Apache Junction,
Flip has stepped away to enjoy
a well-deserved retirement.
His friends at SHD wish him
the very best!

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May 15, 2020 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign #: 20V277000
Insufficiently Tightened
Cylinder Head Nuts
Potential Units: 3,116
Summary: Yamaha Motor Corpora-
tion, USA (Yamaha) is recall-
ing certain 2015-2018 XC155
scooters. The cylinder head
nuts may not have been tight-
ened properly and could loos-
en, allowing coolant to foul
the spark plug. A fouled spark
plug could cause the engine to
stall at idle and possibly not
restart, increasing the risk
of a crash.
Remedy: Yamaha will notify
owners and dealers will re-
place the cylinder head gasket
and tighten the cylinder head

Happy Anniversary in June to

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Stu & Christy Dvoret
Tony & Terri Miller
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~ June 14, 2001
James 'Trouble' Saunders ~ June 12, 2004
'Hooper' ~ VNV/LVMC ~ June 7, 2006
Ronnie 'Worms' Lee Brown, LMC
~ June 18, 2007
James 'Squire' Burke ~ June 29, 2011
Cathy 'Sidekick' Krause ~ June 6, 2014
Robert Adair ~ June 1, 2016
Rodrigo A. Ortega Saldade ~ June 15, 2016
Jimmy 'Maverick' Clark ~ June 22, 2016
Camaro Dave Tenison ~ June 7, 2017
Rick Beam ~ June 1, 2019
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nuts, free of charge. The re-
call is expected to begin May
29, 2020. Owners may contact
Yamaha customer service at
1-800-962-7926. Yamaha's num-
ber for this recall is 990137.

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May 24, 2020 ... Robert & Jeanne
Shinn are welcoming their first
grandbaby into their family!
Kyson James Shinn, son of Jes-
se James & his ladylove Maleah
Taylor, was born at 11:08pm;
measuring 20.5 inches & weigh-
ing 8 pounds. Mother & son are
both strong & healthy.
Congratulations and best wish-
es to the family!

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May 28, 2020 ... Raynita &
Steve Carlson have announced
the arrival of their second
great-grandchild; Michael
Shane Kirkpatrick, son of Si-
mon & Lorena R. Kirkpatrick.
He weighed 9 lb 14 oz and mea-
sured 23" long. Mom & baby are
doing fine. Congratulations &
all the best to the family!

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Ernie & Friends 'Finish The Ride'

Whether you followed the news of the horrific wreck that took place on Carefree Highway when it happened 10 years back, or read [Ernie Lizarraga's recent 6-part series](#) about it in these pages, or both..... Many of us are familiar with the story of the terrible tragedy back on March 25, 2010 that stole the lives of four of our fellow riders ~ and forever changed the lives of the survivors.

Ernie's efforts to keep the memory of these people alive includes a ride that took place this year on March 21. He calls it simply 'Finish the Ride'.

Ernie marks this anniversary each year. Riders were invited to follow the path of that fateful day along with Ernie; all in memory of Clyde Nachand, Daniel Butler, Dayle Veronica Downs-Totonchi, and Stephen James Punch.

The start location for the ride was at the Albertson's parking lot at 18411 N. Cave Creek Rd., on the southeast corner of Union Hills & Cave Creek Roads. Kickstands up was same time as 10 years ago, at 10:40a.

There were about 40 or 50 riders plus a few RZR's & cars. While a larger group had been anticipated, you must recall that this was taking place right after the covid scare had been announced and people were being encouraged to 'shelter in place'. So attendance was limited to those who were willing to defy social pressure and leave their homes.

Channel 12 News hooked up a camera to Ernie's handle bars at the start, in addition to interviewing him & other people. [That video is available to view here.](#)

Ernie led the ride which went north on Cave Creek Road to Carefree Hwy, west on Carefree Hwy to 7th Street, then north to New River Road and the

Roadrunner Restaurant for lunch. Pulled pork sandwiches with chips were served 'take out' style rather than dine-in; again due to the covid 'crisis' restrictions. A group discount had been prearranged for anyone participating in the ride.

After lunch, the ride went west down New River Road to Carefree Hwy then east on Carefree Hwy to 27th Drive for a stop at the crash site to pay respects at the memorial.

Ernie shared, "The Daisy Mountain fire chief Brian Tobin [he was a captain for Phoenix that I had worked for before he retired and became the chief for Daisy Mountain] was waiting for us. The firetruck and firefighters that treated me were there, plus the police officer Brandon Epperson that held a blanket over me to shield me from the fire was there also. I couldn't help it but I fell apart standing over the memorial. It was real hard."

Upon leaving the memorial site the riders headed east on Carefree to Tom Darlington

Road, north to Cave Creek Hwy, & east to Bartlett Lake Road to 'finish the ride'. "When we all went to the lake it was very emotional for me pulling up to Bartlett Lake."

Ernie sent along this message, "Hey, I wanna thank you people that came on the 'Finish the Ride' with me. It really meant a lot. Thank you."



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6/19-20 {Fr-Sat} 'Where the Heck is Concho?' weekend party hosted by the Sons of Odin MC at Fire Stone Pizza. Located at 7 County Rd 5100 in Concho, AZ {928-337-4992} \$10 entry/pp. Live music, great riding, biker games, wet t-shirt contest & more. 100+ acres for dry camping. 30 miles from the Painted Desert & Petrified Forest. Come party with the Sons of Odin Motorcycle Club, Fathers Day Weekend!

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6/26-28 {Fr-Sun} CANCELLED ... Friends of the Kids Ride to the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children's Shelter in White River. 602-793-0614 ; <https://www.azfotk.org/>

7/12 {Sun} Roll With The Troll Sunday Fun-day Run to Winslow. Meet at Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. KSU 8am. 400-mile ride. Back around 5:30pm. FMI: TrollsBikerWorld@gmail.com or 480-346-0600

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9/26 3rd Annual Pony Express Run hosted by CMVA 32-1 {Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. Details TBA. FMI: Ken Hickins - 623 234-9294, hickinskd@yahoo.com

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10/7-11 {Wed-Sun} Arizona Bike Week at WestWorld in Scottsdale. [rescheduled from April] <http://www.azbikeweek.com/>

10/17 {Sat} Bikers For Boobies <http://www.bikers4boobiesaz.org/>

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12/5 {Sat} Troll's Troll's Teddy Bear Run Mesa collects stuffed animals for Family Advocacy Center, Mesa Police & First Responders to assist traumatized children. <https://trollsbikerworld.com/>

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Happy Father's Day

To All Our Dads!!!

We Are NOT In The Same Boat!

I've heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that.

We are in the same storm, but *not* in the same boat.

Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be.

Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal. A 'vacation'.

A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee.

For others, this is a desperate financial & family crisis. How will I pay my bills?

For some who live alone they're facing endless loneliness.

While for others it is peace, rest, & time with their mother, father, sons & daughters.

For still others, quarantine means an increased danger due to domestic violence.

With the \$600 weekly increase in unemployment, some are bringing in more money to their households than when they were working.

Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales.

Some families of 4 just received \$3400 from the stimulus

while other families of 4 saw \$0.

Some were concerned about getting a certain candy for Easter

while others were concerned if there would be

enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.

Some want to go back to work because

they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money.

Others want to kill those who break the quarantine.

Some are home spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling

while others are spending 2-3 hours/day to educate their children

on top of a 10-12 hour workday.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus,

some have already lost someone from it,

and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it.

Others don't believe this is a big deal.

Some have faith in God and expect miracles during this 2020.

Others say the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we are *not* in the same boat.

We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm.

It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance.

Not just looking, actually *seeing*.

We are all on different ships during this storm, experiencing a very different journey.

Realize that and be kind.

This is a commentary that has been widely shared on social media outlets about the current coronavirus lockdown & quarantines.

It's been shared, copied, pasted, & tweaked along the way; maintaining a good message all the same.

A version has been attributed to Damian Barr; other versions say Unknown Author