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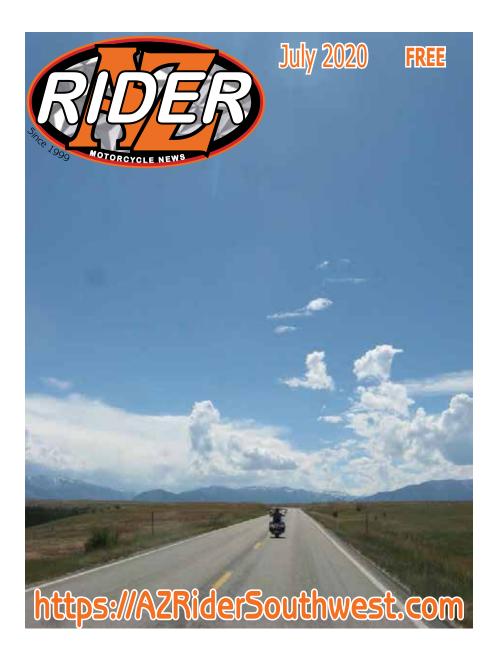
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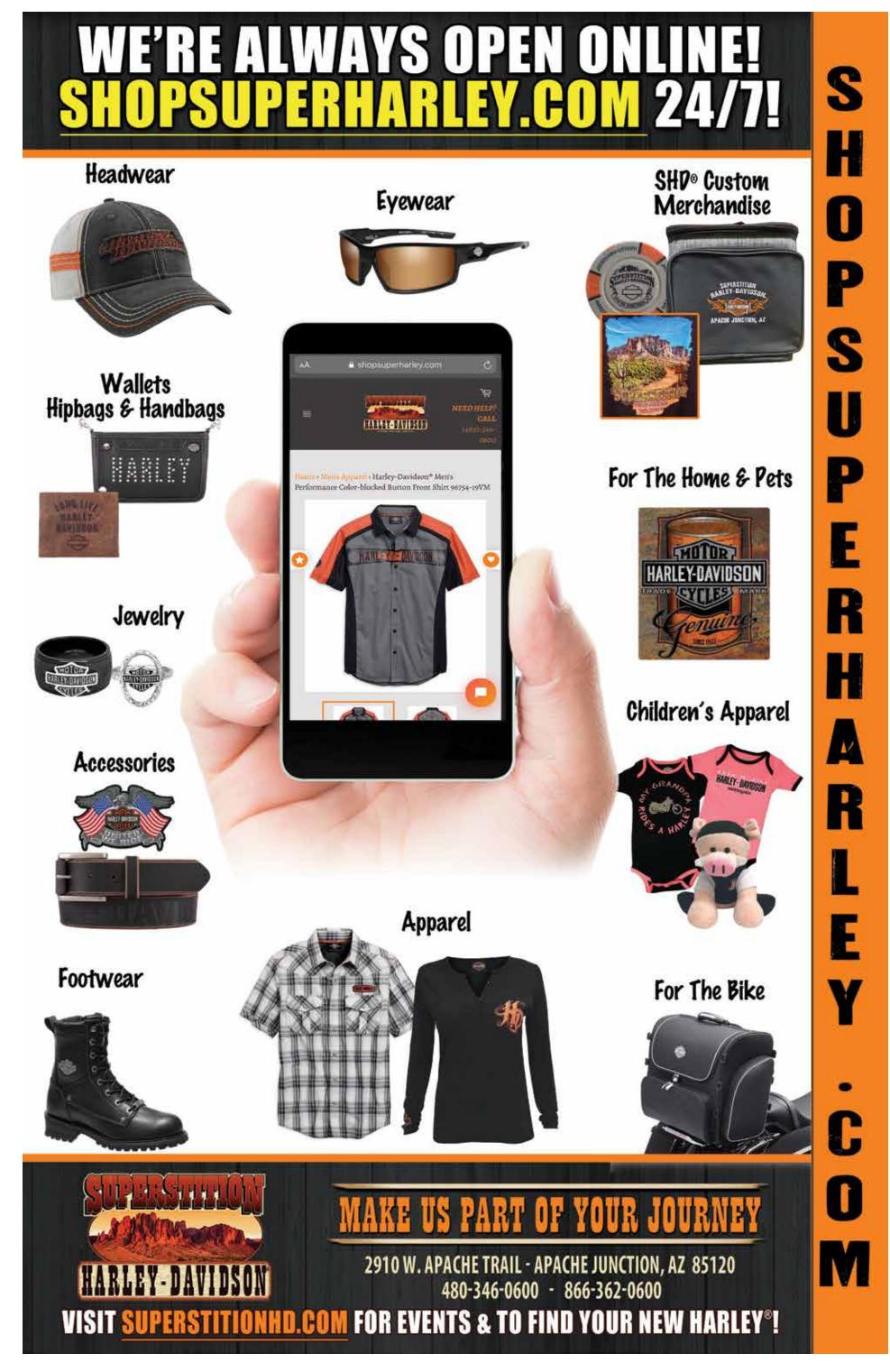
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The Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion #12 took place Valentines Weekend, February 14-16, 2020; at Lake Havasu State Park. There was wonderful weather all weekend. We saw a lot of bikes on the road.

This was among the last of our state's large-scale parties before all this covid crap hit the fan and began destroying Ari-Zona's rally & tourism season.

This is a gathering that draws far more people that only motorcyclists; yet scooter folk are definitely well represented. People of all ages come out to enjoy great music, tons of eye-candy, vendors to visit, and beautiful lake-side & mountain views.

The motorcycle portion of the event was hosted by <u>Soldiers For Jesus MC</u> - <u>LHC</u>. As you made your way into the venue from the parking area, there was a motorcycle riders skills demonstration underway. Plus, a motocross freestyle stunt team had numerous opportunities on the schedule for people to check out its show. These riders were amazing to watch.

Many add to the fun of this rockabilly-themed event by dressing in vintage clothes. Vendors included several booths for rockabilly attire – for guys & gals! You could even do a hair & makeup 'Rockabilly Makeover'.

Lake Havasu City Properties had reps on hand to discuss buying or selling your Havasu home. Among the organizations represented was the KHRA.... Keeping Hot Rodding Alive. It is a free youth program based out of Earl's Hot Rod Shop in Golden Valley Arizona. You can learn about the program & <u>a very kool</u> fundraising raffle they are currently running, from this link. There was a Kids Zone with carnival games, bounce houses, and other activities.

The vehicles are certainly a centerpiece to the weekend. There were row after row of beautiful cars, motorcycles, and specialty vehicles. They represented many eras & all conditions. Some were concourse-ready & others still under construction.

The Pinup Pageant is a popular attraction that draws a large audience. It was again emceed by Ms Dixie Rebelle, a professional pinup model & event planner. Competition is open to gals 16 years & older. There is also a separate pageant for the younger girls. Unfortunately the winners list was unavailable for this writing. Congratulations to each of the winners.

Rockabilly music blends elements of rock & roll, rhythm & blues, country, boogie woogie, swing, jump, even bluegrass. While Rockabilly is pure Americana, it has an International following. One band on the schedule, The Booze Bombs, hails from the Black Forest & Southern regions of Germany. They've toured in Europe, Australia, & the USA. Tomorrow's Anthem was a band from Rockstars of Tomorrow Musicians Academy in California. Each of the four musicians were girls; ages 10 to 13 years. While their choice of tunes to perform seemed out of context for this gathering, their talent was unquestionable. Although it would be impossible to review each performance from the event's lengthy lineup; a band that we particularly enjoyed was Rafael Espinoza & the Rockabilly Railroad. They are based in Texas.

This was our second trip to this event. It was just as enjoyable as our first. We are certain that the next will be just as rockin'! 2021 dates have been announced. Mark *your* calendar for February 12-14. We hope to see you there!

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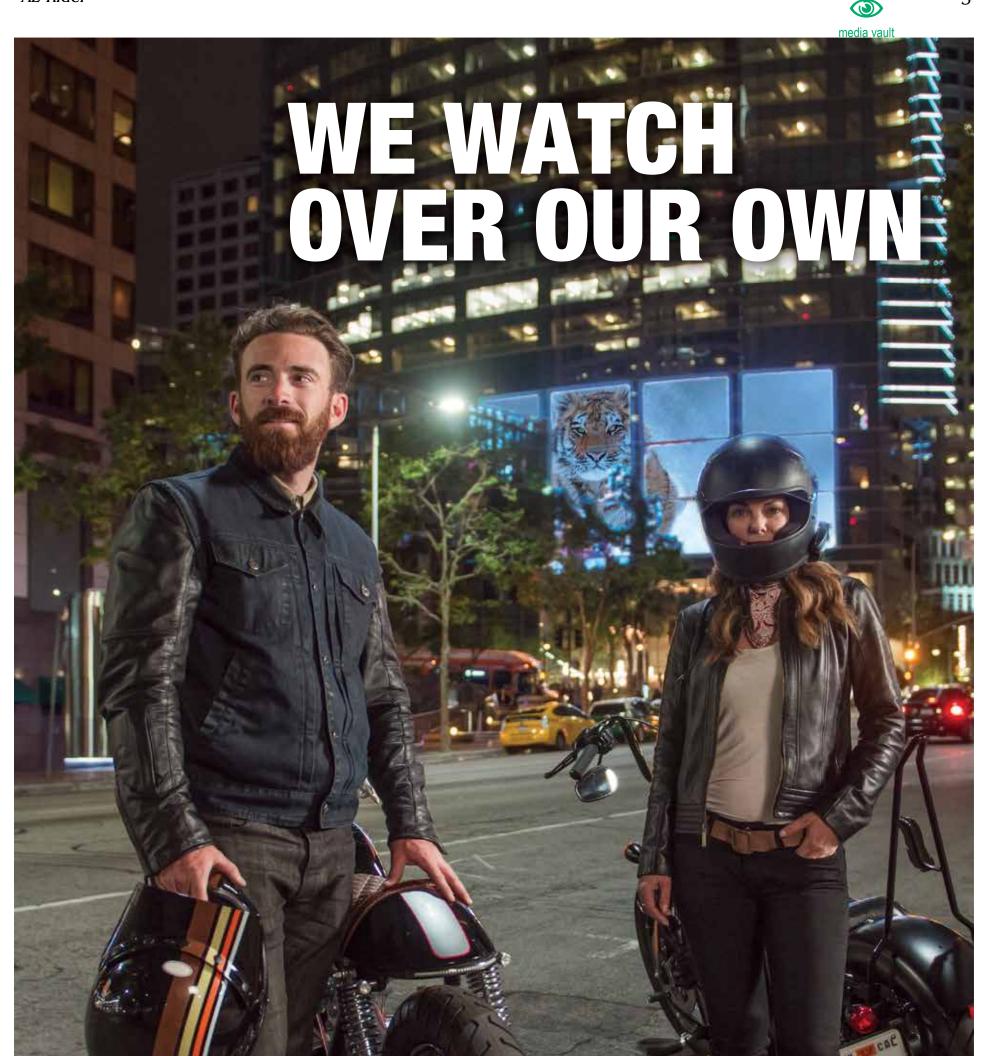
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## From Military To Civilian – A Seamless Transition

When members of the Armed Forces of the United States finish at least one year of their tour of deployment they need to enroll in the Veterans Administration (VA) program to obtain any VA Health Benefits they

may be entitled to receive.

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

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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.

#### **Editors Column**

Hello AriZona Riders!

On the cover ... Rolling toward the Beartooth Highway in Montana. Long stretches of wide-open road, big sky... The ROAD is calling!

Bikers ... social distancing before it became 'fashionable'. Now Everyone wants to do it. < eyes rolling >

We hope you each had an enjoyable July 4 Weekend. This year it feels particularly important for us to each reflect on the concepts of

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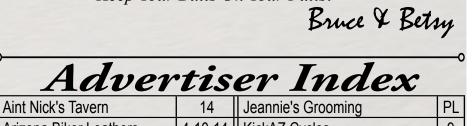
What do they mean to us? What examples do you see and experience in your lives? It is time to take an inventory of what we still have and what we have lost.

Freedom of Choice! It's NOT just for helmets! We can now add masks to that list. Seems like whenever a government, group, or other entity runs out of convincing evidence to sway so-called 'unbelievers' to their way of thinking, they resort to basic manipulation of human instinct & their inherent good hearts ..... aka shaming or guilting people into compliance. That is a latest tactic being employed in regard to mask wearing. "If you won't wear a mask to protect yourself then oh please wear one to protect & respect the people around you." Oh BROTHER!!!!!

There was an interesting visual included in a mask-related message we heard from a doctor. He related the sub-microscopic size of a virus going through a face mask to throwing grains of rice through a chain-link fence. Some medical people have offered excellent explanations as to why masks are detrimental to a person's health. For those interested in learning more; there is PLENTY of information out there & it takes very little research to find.

There ARE still some gatherings taking place. They are smaller perhaps but scooter-folk are doing what they can to maintain some degree of 'normalcy'; getting out, putting on some miles, visiting with fellow riders. As we find out about gatherings we'll share them. If you are organizing a 'shout out' or impromptu ride, you are welcome to post it on our fb wall to help get the word out. For the women riders, the Windsisters group has been having small outings. Read about them on page 13.

That'll do it for this time. Ride safely, choose wisely, & Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!





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### NCOM CONVENTION IN INDY ---**BACK ON TRACK!**

The 35th annual NCOM Convention, originally scheduled for Mother's Day weekend at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis), is back on track, despite the COVID-19 pandemic forcing a postponement to October 16-17, 2020.

So, SAVE THE DATE and plan on attending one of the largest and most informative bikers' rights gatherings in the world, expected to draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "Circle City" to address topics of concern to all riders.

Known worldwide for its "Indy 500", it's a little known fact that it was motorcycles that first lapped the Brickyard's banked oval track when it opened in 1909, and it's bikers who are still setting the pace for political activism over a century later.

Some of the motorcyclists' rights movement's finest Freedom Fighters will teach seminars and lead group discussions on legal and legislative issues such as "Protect Your Rights/Probable Cause" and "Vulnerable Road Users Legislation To Protect Our Riders" seminars, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting. Renowned EMT Dick "Slider" Gilmore will present his "Save a Biker's Life" seminar on The Golden Hour, a must-see tutorial.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www. ON-A-BIKE.com.

Claim your spot in the starting lineup and reserve your hotel room now for the special NCOM rate of \$129 per night by calling (317) 352-9775, and we'll meet you in the winners' circle!

'INVEST IN AMERICA' HIGHWAY BILL ADDRESSES **MOTORCYCLISTS' CONCERNS** Congress moved to reauthorize the Fixing

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America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which expires on September 30, when House Democrats unveiled the INVEST in America Act ("Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America"), H.R. 2; a new 864-page \$494 billion long-term funding plan for the nation's surface transportation infrastructure like highways, vehicle safety and public transit.

Included by unanimous consent during markup of H.R. 2 by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on June 18 are three amendments offered to bolster previous tenets contained in the FAST Act of 2015; A provision to extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints would also prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; An amendment to require the Department of Transportation to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and would also include a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; An extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers.

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INVEST in America Act seeks to increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25%, to \$5.8 million.

#### **YET ANOTHER REASON TO RIDE!**

Comments made by President Donald Trump during a recent roundtable meeting at the White House have prompted speculation that Americans might receive a domestic travel credit as part of a second round of stimulus payments.

On May 18, Trump met with restaurant executives to discuss the future of the industry amid the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting, Trump suggested a possible credit that could benefit the restaurant and travel industries, two of the hardest-hit by the Coronavirus.

"Create an 'Explore America' tax credit that Americans can use for domestic travel, including visits to restaurants," said President Trump, adding "That's a big deal."

While the President didn't mention any specified amount, U.S. tourism industry lobbyists have been circulating a proposal in Washington that would give people an extra \$4,000 in tax breaks to spend at U.S. theme parks, restaurants, hotels and other travel-related businesses, the *Orlando Sentinel* reports.

Details of the "Explore America" tax cred-

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it are still being finalized, according to the paper, but early drafts propose covering 50% of airfare and other travel costs up to \$4,000 through 2021.

#### *POST-COVID: MOTORCYCLES WILL BE THE LOGICAL CHOICE*

If we are to believe the so-called "experts," travelling will never be the same again. Even when the Coronavirus itself is under control, we have to take into account the risk of contamination or a new wave of the pandemic for a long time, if not forever. Already politicians and medical experts speak of a socially-distanced society in which we have to keep away from one another in the public space, including public transport, schools, restaurants, et cetera.

"Assuming that we will be able to travel freely soon, there will probably, at least for a period of time, be limitations to our freedom," states the head of the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), "Not in distance or direction, but in the way we travel as a result of the need to keep distance from each other."

FEMA's General Secretary Dolf Willigers concludes that the capacity of public transport, buses, trains, airplanes and the such will be limited, and we will have to switch to more individual ways. At the same time, he notes that city councils allocate more road space to pedestrians and cyclists instead of cars and commercial vehicles. This calls for vehicles that are smaller than cars and trucks, so "for personal transport and partly for goods transport, powered two-wheelers (motorcycles, mopeds, e-bikes, etc.) will be the logical choice."

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Road authorities and city councils should keep the use of motorcycles possible and facilitate the use of them by keeping roads open for them, says Willigers in calling for the creation of dedicated parking spaces and safe charging infrastructure for electric powered two-wheelers (PTW). "The use of small individual motorized transport -- as powered two-wheelers are -- allow people to travel into the cities while maintaining the needed social distance and leaving room for pedestrians, cyclists and users of other kinds of micro-mobility."

#### RIDING WITH A MASK UNDER YOUR HELMET COULD LEAD TO BLACKOUTS

As an ongoing part of the government's guidelines to combat the spread of the Coronavirus, face masks are recommended (and even required in some places) to be worn while out of our homes. However, one mo-

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torcycle-riding doctor has spoken out against wearing face masks under full-face and modular motorcycle helmets while riding, cautioning that the material used to filter out particles before they enter the lungs could cause riders to take on too little oxygen and potentially cause them to lose consciousness.

While riding a bike, adrenaline will begin circulating through the rider's body, elevating their heart rate and increasing the amount of oxygen the rider needs to take in. In circumstances such as this, the restrictive nature of a surgical type face mask could prevent the rider from taking on enough oxygen and potentially lead to the rider passing out.

"Surgical masks restrict your breathing," explains Dr. Tommy Lim, a rider and surgeon, warning that this can be fatal at high speeds when your adrenaline kicks in. "Adrenaline will cause your heartbeat to double depending on your speed. This, in effect, will make you breathe faster and these masks will re-



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strict your breathing and give your heart a hard time. Next, your brain will also suffer due to lack of oxygen until you blackout."

#### HARLEY-DAVIDSON TAKES A STAND AGAINST RACISM

Harley-Davidson Motor Co. has made an unprecedented stand against racism and bigotry in the aftermath of the George Floyd protests, taking to social media to make the statement that racism has no place at the Milwaukee firm and that H-D stands shoulder to shoulder with those people protesting against racism and bigotry in any form.

America's most famous motorcycle maker recently posted on their Instagram page that:

"Racism, hate or intolerance have no place at Harley-Davidson. We stand in solidarity with our Black colleagues and riders, as we condemn acts of racism and bigotry of any kind, and move forward together toward and equitable society for all. United we

ride."

#### **"BIKER GANGS RIDING TO** SEATTLE TO FIGHT ANTIFA"

In mid-June, "news" started circulating on social media platforms that the Hells Angels and Mongols were riding together "on their way" to Seattle, Washington, to scrap with Antifa, or anti-fascists, in the city's Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone (CHAZ), a so-called "cop free" area that was set up by protesters amid widespread rioting against police brutality and racial injustice.

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This incendiary hoax was supported by little more than unfounded tweets and unrelated years old YouTube videos, but no evidence was ever provided to support this claim, and Sonny Barger of the Hells Angels has issued a statement refuting these rumors in a Facebook post on June 13, 2020, in which he wrote:

"People have asked me about these fake articles involving the Hells Angels and another club going to face antifa. Stop, it's untrue and will never happen."

In light of such fake news abuzz across the Internet, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) would like to invite all concerned motorcyclists to sign up for our free NCOM Biker Newsbytes, a trusted source you can turn to for fact-based reporting and current news items of interest to all riders. Simply send a "subscribe" e-mail to NCOM-Bish@aol.com.

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hopeful for major changes to the state's mandatory helmet law after legislators recently approved a massive transportation bill that contains a provision that would allow most adults to ride without a helmet, but they must be at least 26 years old and have medical insurance and proof of financial responsibility. The state's Senate and House approved the legislative package; now it's up to the state's governor to give his final stamp of approval.

Representative Jared Taylor (R-Nixa) told Missourinet.com that Governor Mike Parson (R) promised he'd sign the measure that is now sitting on his desk, but Parson's spokeswoman says while he has "indicated he is supportive of this issue, but like always, there will be a thorough bill review to see what else is in the bill."

The new rules also restrict police from pulling over helmetless riders to check if they have the required health insurance.

The motorcyclists' rights organization "Freedom of the Road Riders of Missouri" (FORR-MO) supports the repeal effort and has lobbied the perennial issue annually at the Capitol for more than 25 years, successfully getting a bill to their governor on multiple occasions since 1999.

At least three Missouri governors, including GOP Governor Parson, have vetoed helmet repeal legislation in the past. Governor Parson vetoed a broad bill in 2019 that included a helmet repeal, though the governor's objections were to a different part of that overall bill.

If Gov. Parson approves the current proposal, H.B. 1963, the changes will take effect August 28, 2020.

#### AUSTRIAN NOISE BAN WOULD EXCLUDE LEGALLY-SOLD NEW MOTORCYCLES

Officials in Austria have enacted a ban on motorcycles that emit noise above 95dB on a popular scenic tourist route through the mountains of Tyrol, and several top-selling motorcycles will not be allowed to operate on more than 100 kilometers within the resort area.

The debate over noisy motorcycles has been brewing around the world, but now even bikes that pass strict Euro standards will be barred from the road, including brand new models from Kawasaki, Aprilia, BMW, Ducati and KTM, which all register noise levels just above the limit.

Frustratingly, the ban only covers motorcycles, while noisy cars are not included, but the law will give police the authority to carry out spot checks and hand down 220 euros (\$246 USD) in fines.

#### QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."

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The SHD-HOG Chapter, normally quite busy, has postponed all activities. Meetings are anticipated to resume in July, so stay tuned for that confirmation at <u>their webpage</u> or <u>Facebook page</u>.

While the store's event calendar is also uncharacteristically quiet, due to circumstances beyond their control.... They are offering a monthly CCW class. Contact the Reception Desk for the class schedule & to preregister. Watch their <u>online calendar</u> for the latest event announcements.

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# Community News

Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Announce a birth or marriage. Is your GI newly home or being deployed? Send someone kudos for a promotion. Extend congratulations, well wishes, or condolences. You get the idea. We look forward to hearing from you. And so, for now ~

#### Happy Birthday in July to

Cliff Stringham, Jim J Baginski, Ken Gray, Patty Schneider, Tim Rankin, Diane Lind, Max Power, Shawn 'RamRod' Gray, Patrick Flannery, David Lefland, Larry Sheppard, Toni Romankiewicz, Angel A Cortes, Mike Infanzon, Gina Dittmar, Murrell 'Chief' Wilhite, Robert Gasman, Aaron Sikes, D.j. Perkins, Kelly Hemphill, Tyesha Marie-Starr Merchant, Jason Perdue, Michael Dawkins, Janice Hamilton, Bags Lind, Barry Caraway, Matt O'Brien, Denise Gibbons-Castorena, JBoy HFFH, Sarah Cupp, Karen M G Bailey, John RezRider, Becky 'Rocker Chick' Poe, Deb Brunko Ferrucci, Beth Marston, Barry 'ScaryBarry' Groom, Shelley Parrish, Tara Rudometkin, Ronda Tumbleweed Griffith, A K Fourty Seven, Ro Franciamone, Susie 'Lil Bit' Grimmer-Potter, and my mostest favoritest person in the world, Bruce 😊

May 27, 2020 ... Recall ~ NHTSA program the ECU and inspect Campaign Number: 20V307000 the air suction valves and Damaged Air Suction Valves May surrounding parts, replacing Cause Fire them as necessary. All re-

Potential # Units Affected: 1,529

Components: ELECTRICAL SYS-TEM, ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING Summary: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (Kawasaki) is recalling certain 2019-2020 NINJA ZX-10R, NINJA ZX-10R ABS, and NINJA ZX-10R ABS KRT EDITION motorcycles. The engine control unit (ECU) programming may cause the engine to backfire when the quick shift function is used under high engine load, possibly resulting in damage to the air suction valves. Damaged air suction valves may allow high temperature exhaust gas to blow back through and melt surrounding parts, increasing the risk of a fire. Remedy: Kawasaki will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the ECU and inspect the air suction valves and surrounding parts, replacing them as necessary. All repairs will be performed free of charge. This recall began June 8, 2020. Owners may contact Kawasaki customer service at 1-866-802-9381. Kawasaki's number for this recall is MC20-02.

Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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June 2020 .... The STURGIS Rally

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Lynn J. Harding II ~ July 20, 2014

GioVonnie 'Bout It' Ellis ~ July 11, 2015

Michael McCall ~ July 24, 2017

Bob 'Motodad' Rohn ~ July 16, 2018

Robert Frank 'Gnome' Welch ~ July 13, 2019 \* & & & \*



one has the right to cancel it. The rally isn't 'owned' by anyone. It seems that the more appropriate question was who would participate or optout... towns, businesses, etc. According to what we've been reading, there are PLENTY of businesses looking forward to the rally. So for those making the trip, we wish you safe travels & great times.

#### Sturgis.com blog

Buffalo Chip news

Sturgis SD rally press release \* & & & \*

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is ON. A question among riders has been whether the Sturgis Rally would take place, would the town cancel it, etc. Here are several links to fill you in. Bottom line, the rally is ON, August 7-16, 2020. Here's a neat tidbit of info ... No To share your news within AZ's Biker Community, send an email to editor@azridersouthwest. com, subject line: Community News or message us on Facebook.

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## Windsisters' Balls of Steel Ride

The Windsisters of Arizona is a group of women riders who enjoy the freedom of two wheels within the great state of Arizona. There's no membership requirement to join other than you must own and ride your own motorcycle.

When it comes to being 'in the wind' these women DON'T mess around!! Motorcycles may be their first love, but wind is wind... and a group of Windsisters took that to the next level by making a SKYDIVING run to Eloy AZ!

Member Michelle Theis contacted me about their adventure. They had taken a ride to Eloy to watch the skydivers and started talking about doing it themselves. "Once the idea was put out about doing it for [member] Jessica's birthday, it snowballed and we quickly filled up the 12 person limit. For most of the ladies, it was their first jump and yes a 'bucket list' item for at least 10 of us! It also turned out that we had 2 more ladies/jumpers with birthdays on the same jump date. Some ladies (like myself) were dared into doing it – 'T'll do it if you do it' - lol."

Jump Day was Saturday March 14, 2020. Meet up was in Gilbert to ride the

backroads to Eloy and the Skydive Arizona jump facility. There were about 25 bikes plus several chase cars. A few sisters rode up from Tucson to Eloy to support the jumpers as well.

Not enough to simply jump out of a perfectly good airplane at 13,000 feet ... these gals chose to do it with their own flair & style. They decided to all wear onesies. <sup>(C)</sup> There was Supergirl, Wonder Woman, a Power Ranger, 2 unicorns, Ms Captain America, a pig, a butterfly, a shark, and a few others.

Michelle estimated they had a total of about 35-40 supporters at the Skydiving place; Windsisters, spouses, partners. Their jump was scheduled for about 5pm; but they arrived early, about 1:30. They ate lunch at the Bent Prop, enjoyed the beautiful day & each other's company, hung out on the lawn, & watched the other skydivers come down. "We were the last jumpers of the day and the sun was beginning to go down - it was beautiful. We could hear the cheers of our supporters as we came in for landing."

After landing, the jumpers received a 'First Jump' certificate from Skydive AZ.

The group had a ceremony where each jumper received their 'balls of steel' pin; plus a Windsister also made them 'balls of steel' necklaces. They finished the day with happy birthday and a skydiving cake. It was dark by the time they headed home.

There are Windsisters statewide; including Prescott, White Mountains, & Tucson in addition to here in the Valley of the Sun. Michelle explained that the group is only 2 years old but already has over 400 members because they do so much riding, including weekend trips. If anyone wants to join <u>Windsisters of AZ</u>, the group can be found on Facebook. She sent along, "Again, we do a lot of riding - at least one organized ride a month and countless 'shout out' rides. Most rides are ladies only but we occasionally have a co-ed ride and include the hubbies. Our rides focus on safety and fun!"

Sounds like this was a crazy fun time! My thanks to Michelle for working with me to share the story!

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Riders were invited to pack a lunch and meet up at Superstition Harley-Davidson in Apache Junction on May 10; to embark on another Sunday Funday ride organized by Troll.

Troll shared that there were 17 riders. They took off about 11am. First stop was at Jakes Corner for a quick refreshment. He noted that they were serving "to go" stuff 'cause of the covid restrictions. But that worked for picnicking. They rode to Vineyard Canyon Picnic Area near Roosevelt Dam and enjoyed a nice lunch together. The ride toward Globe was a wet one. They got soaked, but it let up some by the time they got to Globe.

After gassing up in Globe they head-

ed back toward Gold Canyon. The rain cleared up a few miles out.

They weren't able to go to Wahoo's {again because of covid}, so they opted for "Oldies Ice Cream" in Gold Canyon to have some killer ice cream & cool off.

It was about a 200-mile ride. Weather included rain and temps ranging from 100° to 68°. It's a reminder to always be prepared when riding in AriZona... especially now that Monsoon is upon us.

July gives you another opportunity to Roll With The Troll... This Sunday Funday run will take place on July 12. They're heading to Winslow to 'Stand on the Corner'. Troll clarified that it's not a

fundraiser, but he hopes to raise awareness for Troll's Teddy Bear Run -- coming the first Saturday of December.

The Winslow Ride will be about 400 miles. KSU is 8am at Superstition HD, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction, AZ 85120. The route will take in Payson, Winslow, Flagstaff, Camp Verde, & back to East Mesa. Got questions? Email TrollsBikerWorld@ gmail.com or call 480-346-0600.

Thank you Troll for helping us share this day with our readers!

Betsy



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

Tuesdays: July 7 & 21, 2020: Two Wheel Tuesdays at Superstition Harley-Davidson. 10a-5pm. Ride in for a Free multipoint inspection. No appointment necessary. Done on the spot while you wait. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@ superstitionhd.com

2nd Wednesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: Dan Tumey 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

Last Wednesdays thru 11-25-2020: Bike Night with Loners MC at Skippy's Grille & Cantina [480-988-5466] 23858 S Power Rd, Queen Creek, AZ 85142. Starts 6pm.

7/11 {Sat} Guardians of the Children, Rt 66 Chapter – 1st annual Awareness Motorcycle & Hot Rod Poker Run. Meet 8a at Kingman Moose Lodge # 1704, 302 Monroe St. KSU 10am. \$20/sgl, +\$10/2-up. FMI: Ozzy 928-303-6307

7/12 {Sun} Roll With The Troll Sunday Funday 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

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

7/18 {Sat} Down Biker Poker Run in Tucson, from 9a-1pm. Poker Run to raise funds for riders after an accident. All proceeds go to riders & their families. Ride starts Elite Guns 150 Camino Seco Tucson, AZ. 85710 FMI: Gus 520-254-2544 or gusmcmillion@yahoo.com

9/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. First Fridays September-June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613

9/12 {Sat} September Scorcher Poker Walk hosted by Loners M/C 11a-5pm. \$10/sgl, \$15/ cpl. Live music. Vendors. Gun raffle, High hand prize, 50/50. Sign-in 11a-1pm @ River Bottom Bar & Grill [520-868-3131] 2501 N Highway 79 Florence, Arizona 85132 FMI: https://www. facebook.com/events/308921180137728/

9/26 {Sat} 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

10/2 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain 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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11/6-8 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River in Winkelman, AZ \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Bike show, bike games, vendors, camping, & more. FMI: billetIdmc@gmail.com

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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/

[Editors Note: PLEASE confirm all events before heading out!]

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