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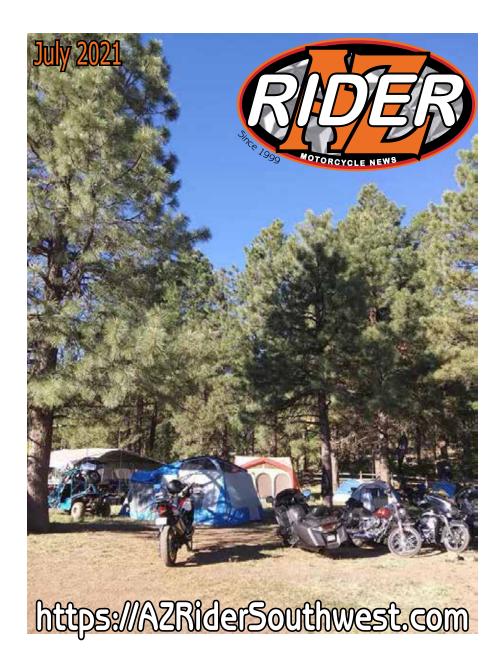
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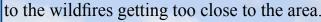
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## Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders !

On the cover ...

Some of the many campsites at Too Broke For Sturgis, as people created their homesaway-from home for the weekend in the tall pines. Fortunately, the event wrapped up prior



Thank Goodness for the firefighters who work so hard during nature's infernos! Anyone who is willing to run toward a fire & help people while most everyone else is running away deserves serious *Respect*!

Summer's heat seems to have arrived a bit earlier this time 'round. For our fellow flatlanders who choose to ride during these months, please remember to be careful about heat exhaustion and dehydration. The signs can come on quickly. Our cooling neck wraps, caps, & vests have been life savers over the years. Cooling gear technology offers some great options. We hope you'll check in with our Advertisers to see what products they are carrying this season.

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We are still amazed when we see people riding in shorts and sandals. It's easy to assume that they've never actually been down. Or they figure that the helmet they are wearing will keep them safe. <eyes rolling> So we will once again remind people to *Keep Your Clothes ON*. At 110+° temps you definitely do not want to go down and be on the pavement with nothing between you and the asphalt.

Use sunscreen, and remember the tops of your ears. Carry water with you, and drink LOTS of it. If you feel ANY sign of headache or lightheadedness, get off the road, drink some water, and try to cool down. With planning, it can be a safe and enjoyable summer of riding.

Ride safely, choose wisely, &

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Troll's Benefit Ride for the Broken Wings Foundation

Troll always seems to find a way to have fun and give back to the local community at the same time. This time, Troll's Biker World sponsored a Memorial Run to benefit the Broken Wings Foundation.

It was a Poker Run held on May 29th - the Saturday before Memorial Day. It looks to become an annual event. 59 riders came and supported this event which started & ended at the Superstition Harley-Davidson dealership in Apache Junction.

The Templar Krusaders MC's Broken Wings Foundation will pay for the cremation of any fallen motorcycle rider when services are provided by At Season's End Mortuary of Apache Junction, AZ. {Some restrictions apply.} You

it was going to be very warm that day, the ride was kept short and fun. The first stop was at the River Bottom Bar and Grill in Florence. There, everyone pulled a card, got hydrated, and headed on to the next stop.

Stop number two was at Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar in Gold Canyon. They are one of Troll's biggest supporters. Erin, the manager there, was on the ride too ... But also made sure everything was ready to feed a crowd of hungry bikers a bunch of great food in a timely fashion.

Last stop was back at the dealership where Brina had tables and chairs set up under the cover out back so there was plenty of shade for everyone. All the donated raffle prizes & door prizes were on display, awaiting the drawings.

Once the raffle & door prizes were awarded and the 50/50 drawn, the best & worst hands of the poker run were announced. The winner of the poker run donated his \$200 winnings back to the cause, resulting in a \$765 total donation to the Broken Wings Foundation.

Troll would like to thank everyone that came out to support the run, the people who donated items for the raffle prizes, and Superstition

events going on in the East Valley and Mesa Arizona area.

He is probably best known for hosting Troll's Teddy Bear Run on the first Saturday of December each year. This event collects stuffed animals for Family Advocacy Centers, local PDs, and First Responders in the East Valley. The 6th annual will take place on Saturday December 4th, 2021.

If you would like to contact Troll about his various runs and charity work, or just want to buy a Harley-Davidson from him, you can reach him on his cell at 360-451-1795 or email him at trollsbikerworld@gmail.com

Congratulations Troll on another successful & fun day!! Betsy





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#### SYNTHETIC FUEL COULD PARDON MOTORCYCLES FROM **ELECTROCUTION**

With governments around the world establishing firm deadlines for eliminating gasoline-powered vehicles, the technology that has driven transportation for more than a century isn't ready to go the way of the dinosaur just yet, and combustion engines may be given renewed hope with the advent of synthetic fuels that are nearly as green as going electric.

Synthetic petrol, diesel and aviation fuels are all the subject of heavyweight pilot projects and are gaining interest fast as they eliminate the CO2 emissions from transport without the need for end-users to switch to new tech, according to motorcyclenews.com.

"While biofuels already offset their emissions to an extent, synthetic fuel takes a more direct approach by stripping CO2 from the air and combining it with hydrogen to create a petrol replacement," explains MCN. "By using wind, solar or hydro-electric to generate the electricity for the electrolysis, the process is sustainable, and while engines using the fuel still emit carbon, the same amount is reabsorbed in the fuel-making process."

The idea of using electricity to create synthetic petrol and then to burn that fuel in combustion engines might seem wasteful but the benefits are also significant, reusing existing infrastructures and giving new life to billions of combustion engines rather than reducing them to scrap. With similar power density to normal petrol, synthetic fuels also mean you don't need to lug vast batteries around.

Several synthetic fuel projects are underway, including investments by Porsche and BMW, and the World Rally Championship is due to use 100% sustainable fuel as soon as next year.

While many governments seem keen on switching from combustion tech to

all-electric vehicles in order to achieve carbon neutrality, "synthetic fuel could mean that more than 100 years' worth of bikes have a future"

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#### **MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS** STRUGGLE TO DELIVER **NEW BIKES**

Like other manufacturers struggling with supply chain breakdowns, due in large part to the COVID-19 restrictions worldwide, motorcycle makers are coping with shortages of raw materials and parts and an unreliable global transportation system to fill showroom floors.

Complications from the pandemic have affected many of the logistics and production constraints, but bike firms are facing other challenges in getting motorcycles and parts to customers, including a global shortage of semiconductors, fluctuating demand, unpredictable sales and international trade tensions. Supply-chain disruptions, transportation bottlenecks and labor shortages are now pervasive throughout the motorcycle industry and many others.

COVID's butterfly effect on trade has also left empty shipping containers stranded in some parts of the world and a

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shortage of them where they're needed, pushing up shipping costs and causing further delays.

One major manufacturer had complete motorcycles aboard the Ever Given, the cargo vessel that ran aground and blocked the Suez Canal shipping lanes, which was subsequently seized by the Egyptian government and remains officially impounded months later.

For consumers, a combination of increasing raw materials costs, shipping difficulties and problems securing parts could lead to price increases as firms battle to meet demand.

#### **INITIAL HIGHWAY BILL CONTAINS MOTORCYCLE-FRIENDLY PROVISIONS**

The Investing in a New Vision for the **Environment and Surface Transportation** in America Act (INVEST in America Act; H.R. 3684), a half-trillion-dollar surface transportation reauthorization bill that sets the funding and rules for various ongoing U.S. Department of Transportation programs, specifically highways, transit and rail, has passed initial muster including pro-motorcycle provisions.

On Thursday, June 10, The House

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee voted 38-26 along mostly party lines to approve the massive funding measure, which includes three initiatives that would benefit motorcycle riders;

SEC. 3011: STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING, not only expands prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, but also prohibits law enforcement activities that "otherwise profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers."

SEC. 3013: MOTORCYCLIST AD-VISORY COUNCIL, reauthorizes the MAC to "advise the Secretary, the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists," including "barrier design, road design, construction, and maintenance practices, and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation systems technologies."

The entire 2021 highway bill will next be taken up by the House Ways and Means Committee before advancing to the full House floor.

#### **OREGON GOVERNOR VETOES** LANE-SPLITTING BILL

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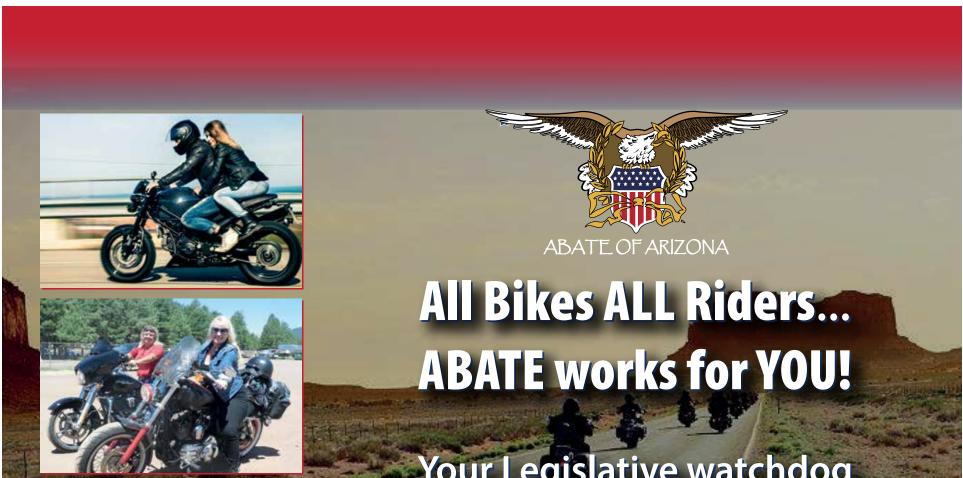
Despite resounding bipartisan support, Oregon Governor Kate Brown (D) has officially vetoed Senate Bill 574, which would have allowed motorcyclists to travel between lanes of slow-moving traffic under certain conditions.

Gov. Brown sent a letter to the House and Senate on May 26 informing them of her decision to veto S.B. 574; "I have several concerns with the bill as currently drafted, particularly related to public safety and noncompliance," Brown wrote in her veto message.

Under S.B. 574, motorcyclists would have been permitted to travel between lanes on multi-lane highways with a speed limit of at least 50 mph, but only when traffic had slowed to 10 mph or less on those roads. Motorcyclists riding between cars could travel no more than 10 mph faster than the flow of traffic.

Proponents said the bill was a compromise from past attempts to legalize lane splitting in Oregon and drew a distinction between the proposal and the law in California, where riders can travel in between cars at faster speeds.

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Supportive motorcyclists testified in favor of the bill in droves, arguing the policy would help riders avoid being rear-ended in stop-and-go traffic, and would help clear congestion. Many pointed to a study from the University of California, Berkeley, that concluded lane splitting can be safe under certain conditions.

California has long allowed lane splitting, and Montana recently passed a law similar to Oregon's failed proposal. Utah now allows riders to "filter" through traffic stopped at an intersection, while Hawaii permits motorcyclists to utilize the shoulder when traffic is congested.

#### MOTO INDUSTRY REPORTS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AT AN ALL-TIME LOW

With industries leading the way into a newer, brighter, cleaner future for transport, a new report from *Forbes* released a series of studies carried out by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) demonstrating that fatality statistics have been fluxing in favor of automobiles and trending against motorcycle safety.

According to the studies cited, motorcycle fatalities have increased to 21.46

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fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles driven when measuring intel gathered between 2009 and 2018, meaning that motorcycle riders' risk has been increased by 15-21% -- and equating to 22 times that of automobile drivers.

By contrast, automobile fatalities are at an all-time low, with 1.11 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles driven stated for the same time frame.

Data like this contributes to creating the Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessments (HARAs), used to determine Functional and Technical Safety Concepts, which guides design requirements for a new vehicle and in turn creates a safer product.

"Per a recent 2021 report prepared for Congress," writes *Forbes*, "The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has urged NHTSA to address the design of motorcycles including the following: - requiring motorcycles to meet performance standards for passenger vehicle

crash warning systems;

- mandating that new motorcycles manufactured for on-road use come equipped with antilock braking systems; and

- developing standards for stability control systems for on-road motorcycles."

#### SEATBELTS FOR MOTORCYCLES

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A new patent filed by Italdesign reveals a Smart Seatbelt System for motorcycles, describing all-new technology that they believe to be the answer to road safety for riders.

Of course, in the event of accident, riders are frequently taught to let the bike go. Disconnecting from the vehicle can reduce the severity of injuries, as the rider avoids entanglements with the machinery. To suit the seatbelt harness system for such unplanned dismounts, engineers at the Italian design firm equipped the software to detect when it's best to detach the apparatus.

For instance, if the rider t-bones another vehicle, the onboard computer could determine that it's best to lock the user in place, avoiding an additional collision with the vehicle itself. However, that doesn't save the rider from tipping over with the motorcycle or scooter, as two-wheeled vehicles aren't self-balancing. Conversely, in a high-speed crash, the system may eject the rider to decrease the likelihood of injury.

It all sounds a little James Bond-ish, but its inventor hopes the novel idea

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could attract non-riders, though the system may restrict passenger accommodations and slightly resembles a child's car seat.

#### A THIRD OF MOTORCYCLISTS WOULD STOP RIDING IF ELECTRIC REPLACES GAS

A new survey conducted by the Motorcycle Action Group (U.K.) has shown that nearly a third of motorcyclists would give up riding rather than switch to an electric-powered motorcycle, reflecting strong opposition to governments' plans to electrify transportation and phase out gasoline engines.

The British government is currently working towards an ambitious plan to end the sale of petrol and diesel powered four-wheel vehicles in 2030, and it is presumed the ban will eventually cover all modes of transport.

The participants were asked whether

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For now, motorcycles have been a little forgotten in the government's crusade to get petrol banned, but it likely won't stay that way forever as 55% were 'completely opposed' to the idea of a future without gas-powered motorcycles, while a huge 83% wanted to see groups come together to oppose a ban on petrol and diesel.

#### FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR NCOM CONVENTION IN DES MOINES

With the 36th annual NCOM Convention in Des Moines, Iowa just weeks away, plan NOW to join with hundreds of like-minded biker's rights activists from across the country, July 23-25, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport, located at 6111 Fleur Drive.

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Aint Nick's Tavern hosted its 6th annual Hawaiian Dice Run on Saturday May 15, 2021. The ride was just for fun. Hawaiian shirts are encouraged <sup>©</sup> The entry fees go to the winners.

It startsed and ended at Aint Nick's Tavern, located at 6840 N. 27th Ave in Phoenix. This year's stops were at Hoopers in Glendale, Kimmyz on Greenway, the Deer Valley Eagles {FOE}, and The Last Stop on Northern Ave. before heading back to Aint Nicks. There were about 50 bikes. While it was a self-paced ride, most of the group stuck together.

The entry fee included food once back at Aint Nick's. There was live music by Albert Hamper. And of course, the announcement of the winners ©

Dick G won 1st place and \$400. Second place & \$240 went to Teresa E. Shawna P took Third place and collected \$100. Congratulations to each of you!

<u>Aint Nick's Tavern</u> is open daily from 8am-2am. When you are in the area, be sure & check it out. There are food & drink specials daily, and Karaoke starts at 9pm every night. The patio is a nice 'oasis' in our summer heat.

#### Coming up THIS month ...

Aint Nick's is hosting the <u>Sweat For The Vets</u> benefit with <u>Free-dom Biker Outreach M/M</u> on Saturday July 31. Sign in 8-9am at Aint Nicks. this will be a 3-stop photo scavenger hunt. Entry fee \$15/sgl, \$20/2-up + a donated item. *Suggestions include travel size hygiene items, tarps 6x8 or 8x10, small flash lights, hand sanitizer, body wipes, sunscreen, chapstick, hats, or any other items appropriate for backpacks. See the flyer on page 6.* 

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# Too Broke For Sturgis #30

What a fun weekend! For you people who were there, you know what I mean. To the rest of you..... we're sorry you missed it. Hopefully next time ©

ABATE of Arizona's 30th Anniversary of Too Broke For Sturgis took place once again at Mormon Lake Lodge Arena; the weekend of June 10-13, 2021. This weekend is the only fundraiser for ABATE-AZ's state operations & activities... including maintaining their website, publishing the *MasterLink*, and supporting riders' rights and education programs. Anyone who attends Too Broke can be sure that their money is going for the benefit of motorcycling in AZ... all while having a GREAT time! You can learn more about this Motorcyclists Rights Organization {MRO} by visiting their website.

We arrived the afternoon of Thursday June 10..... READY to get out of the Valley, have some fun, & see people who it's been WAY too long since seeing! After getting camp set up, we walked around to get the lay of the land. The place was already filling up.... Tent camping and RVs were both popular options.

Registration was busy. Vendors were set up inside the arena & ready to show their wares. The games as usual gave players and spectators a couple afternoons of fun entertainment. Music on the main stage each night was sponsored by Russ Brown. Each morning the CMA offered breakfast & coffee, with donations appreciated.

Thursday evening's music was provided by Bayou Bandits. This was their first appearance on the TBFS stage. They offered a good mix of tunes, diverse enough to cover the preferences of most listeners.

On Friday morning, out front of Mormon Lake Lodge, there was a dedication ceremony for a 'Motorcycle-Only Parking' area. Very cool!

The 18 or so vendors offered accessories, apparel, CBD products, flannel shirts [welcome on the chilly nights!], hats [welcome during the sunny days], holsters, jewelry, massage, patches, & more. Plus there were several food trucks, including <u>HoggDoggs</u> – the official hot dog of Too Broke For Sturgis. <u>Law Tigers Arizona</u> was there, with Law Tiger Jay and Law Tiger Bryan representing.

Friday's Poker Walk encourages everyone to visit the vendors. This year's checkpoints were at Shiny Side Up, Apache Brand Customs, the VFW booth, Riderz Gear, and the ABATE merchandise booth. High-hand winner was Jason Filer with a Flush. Low hand winner held a pair of 2s but we didn't get their name.

Fridays' People Games included the

Helmet Toss {winners Brianna W. & Bill Bodine} ; Plank Walk {won by the Acrid Angels team} ; Honey I'm Home {winners Paul & Donata} ; Tire Toss {winners Hannah & Tor} ; Pole in the Hole {winners Rebecca & Thumper} ; and Tug o' War {won by the American Legion Post 105 team}.

The Ms Too Broke For Sturgis Contest, sponsored by <u>Law Tigers</u>, was won by Jenn. Ms Too Broke represents ABATE-AZ throughout the year and helps promote the upcoming Too Broke For Sturgis at events.

The Tattoo Contest {sponsored by Dozer Ink} winners were Joel Selvey and Skye.

Friday night's music by <u>Unchained</u> drew a big crowd. It was a real good time!!

Saturday's activities up at the Arena included the Bike Show. There were 45 bikes on display representing 7 categories: *Best Custom* - Gunner Gunison ; *Best Ladies Bike* - Hailey Quinn ; *Best Rat Bike* - Fat Fred ; *Best Trike* - David Lewis (Jim Silk still has your trophy!!!) ; *Best Metric* - Lon Haberman ; *Best Bagger* – Shorty. Scott Marks and Shaun Ritzheimer TIED for *Best Vintage*! The *Best of Show* trophy went to Billy Page.

A Silent Auction was a new feature. There were about 40 different items in-



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cluding tools, apparel, collectibles, & more. It was quite an array of good choices.

At 2pm there was a Remembrance for Brothers & Sisters who have taken the Long Ride. Everyone was invited to bring their bikes into the arena. James Graves from Unchained sang our National Anthem. A member of the <u>Christian Motorcyclists Association</u> offered a prayer. A Moment of Silence was followed by a roaring rev up of all the motorcycles.

The Magnificent Mustache & Beard Contest [sponsored by Thigh Brush] had about a dozen fellas participating. Freestyle winner was Austin McKean. Best Groomed was Austin Reed. Rex had the Longest Beard, measuring 20". Joshua had the Best Mustache.

The Bike Games, sponsored by HoggDoggs, had good participation. Slow Race {winner Kickstart} ; Drag Race {winner Harley} ; Keg Push {winner Sammy Yates} ; and the Weenie Bite {winners Lindsay & Craig}. We didn't catch the Road Kill winners names. Adding some extra amusement to the Weenie Bite was Austin M aka Double D, a prospect of the Skanky Whores Crew -- riding bitch in bright pink.

The Wet-T Contest, sponsored by the Dirty Dogg Saloon, had about 15 contestants. This is a 'what happens at Too Broke stays at Too Broke' moment. Check it out for yourself next year ©

This year's 50/50 winner collected \$1141. How cool is THAT?! He made a donation of \$500 back to ABATE, which was very awesome.

When all of the day's announcements were completed, the day wrapped up with the <u>Moonshine VooDoo Band</u> on the main stage. It was a full house, with everyone having a great time. Between songs, the winner of the raffle for the commemorative Too Broke For Sturgis guitar was announced. Nick W was a Too Broke virgin and a brand new ABATE member. Welcome!

Congratulations to all the winners of this weekend's games, contests, & draw-ings!

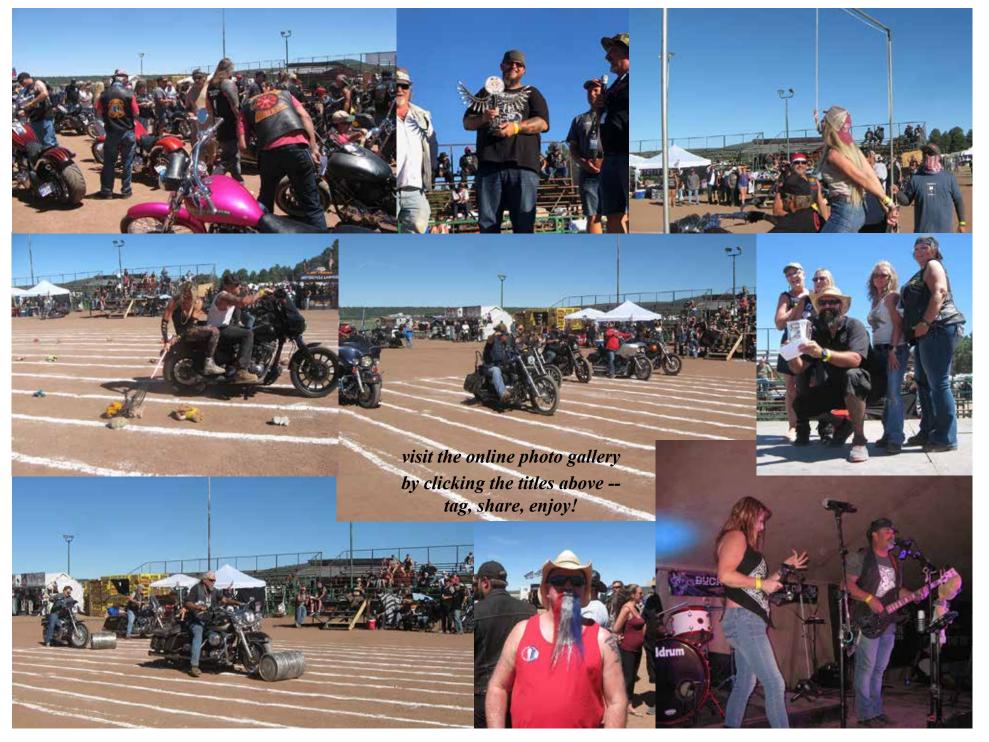
Attendance is estimated at 1500+. We observed about 25 different organizations being represented, along with all the many independent riders.

On a serious note, sirens on Saturday afternoon brought EMTs to care for one gal that passed out with heat exhaustion/ dehydration. She was treated onsite. A man was transported to the hospital & released the next day, according to the MLL staff. Please remember ... It's so easy to get caught up in the fun and forget to drink some water & grab a bit of food from time to time. Temps in the high country are cooler ... but that sun can still bite you in the butt if you aren't careful. We're SO glad to hear that 'all's well that ends well' with these two!

From ABATE OF ARIZONA, INC. State Chairman Mary K. Donnay, "ABATE of Arizona, Inc. is grateful to everyone that took the time and effort to attend the 30th Annual Too Broke For Sturgis motorcycle rally at Mormon Lake Lodge campground. It was a very fun weekend, filled with people games, bike games, contests, vendors and entertainment. This years' bands were Bayou Bandits on Thursday, Unchained on Friday, and Moonshine Voodoo on Saturday. The days were very pleasant, and the evenings were cool. Proceeds benefit ALL BIKES, ALL RIDERS, your right to ride FREE, and support our lobbyist at the AZ State Capital. Mark your calendar for June 9-12, 2022, same location, Mormon Lake campground! Thank you!"

Sunday morning brought the sounds of people breaking camp & prepping to head home. The CMA offered a Worship Service in the Arena for those who chose to attend. As usual, it all felt like it was ending much too soon. It was a great weekend & we're glad we could be there. B&B

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Saturdays: The Kingman Farmers Market at Thunder-Rode [102 E Beale St, Kingman, AZ] from 8a-noon. Includes local produce & handcrafted goods. FREE to the public. FREE to all vendors. Paved lot, sanitized restrooms, an air-conditioned shop to cool off in, music, ample parking, & more. FMI: Jack, Amanda, or Tamra (928) 542-6059. jack@ info@kingmanfarmersthunder-rode.com, market.com

Sundays 2021 { 7/18, 7/25 }: Superstition **HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition** H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 11a at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: Dan Tumey 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

Wednesdays in July: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride departs Superstition HD -2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Ride with our HOG Members. KSU 7am. FMI: SHD-HOG hotline 480-346-0626, main 480-346-0600, Info@superstitionhog.com ; http://superstitionhog.com/

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7/10 {Sat} Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600

7/10 Loners MC North Valley Chapter's 'Merica Poker Run. Sign-in 9am at Aint Nicks Tavern, 6840 N. 27th Ave in Phoenix. \$10/pp. FMI: Andrew 623-414-2019

7/10 8th annual Runnin With The Pups hosted by Old Bastards MC of Payson. Fundraiser for the Humane Society of Central AZ. Music, bike games, vendors, smoked tacos, & more. \$20 entry includes food. OBMC Payson Clubhouse @ 109 W. Phoenix St, Payson, AZ FMI: 928-978-8110

Medieval Maidens MC 15th Anniver-7/10 sary, held at the Spartan Riders MC Phoenix clubhouse, 2218 N 24th Pl, Phoenix. \$10/sgl, \$15cpl. Water Theme with dunk tank, tug a rope, raffles, 50/50, food, & more! 5pm 'til ?

7/17 {Sat} Accident Scene Management Class Part 1, from 9am - 4:30pm at Superstition Harley-Davidson® - 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 {Part 2 will be held July 31st 9am-4:30pm} FMI: SHD 480-346-0600

7/17 Cochise Riders MC 20th Anniversary. Party starts noon at PC's Lounge [520-459-3873] 4700 E Highway 90, Sierra Vista, AZ. Poker Run, Bike Show. Moonshine VooDoo Band @ 6pm

7/24-25 {Sa-Sun} New Basic Riders Course 2 Day Class at Superstition HD. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ. FMI: SHD 480-346-0600

7/24 Debbie's Brotherly Love-in, 14th annual hosted by the Eagle-Leather District MMA-AZ at Beaver Bar, 11801 N 19th Ave in Phoenix, AZ. Starts 6pm. \$10/pp. Benefits a local animal rescue. FMI: Cindy 623-696-5459

7/31 {Sat} Superstition HD Customer Appreciation Indoor Picnic from 12-3pm. Live Music w/ Poppy Harpman & The Storm. Free Lunch 12pm until gone. Raffles & more. SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction, AZ. FMI: 480-346-0600

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7/31 Sweat for a Vet Charity Ride fundraiser for our homeless Veterans. Photo scavenger hunt ride starts/ends at Aint Nicks Tavern, 6840 N. 27th Ave in Phoenix. Sign in 8am. \$15/sgl, \$20/2-up + a donated item {see pg 6, 11}. Food, raffle, live music by Albert. FMI: 602-242-2345

7/31 Nomaden MC Christmas in July at Nomaden MC Club House 137 N. Huachuca Blvd, Huachuca City.Starts 1pm. FMI: nomadenmc@gmail.com

8/7 {Sat} Bikers For Christ Down Bikers Annual Fundraiser. Starts 10am at Hotrods Old Vail, 10500 E. Old Vail Rd, Tucson. Bike Show, Biker Games, Family-friendly. Free admission. Come one come all, from Baggers to Knee Draggers. Support us as we support those who have been in a motorcycle accident. 100% of the proceeds go to riders & their families. bikersforchrist.org ; FMI: call or text Gus 520-254-2599

8/21 {Sat} Rough Riders MC Papago Chapter's 20th Anniversary in the Valley of the Sun. Party starts 6pm at Trackside Sports B&G - 27806 W Grand Ave, Surprise. \$10/pp includes food. FMI: Novel, RRMC 602-790-9143, Novel\_1818@ yahoo.com 9/11 {Sat} Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter Five Year Anniversary Party. Starts 6pm at Roosters Country in Mesa. FMI: mcpherson6975@gmail.com

## 9/17-18 {Fr-Sat} 20th anniversary Thunder Valley Rally. Sponsored by Law Tigers.

9/18 The Americans Motorcycle Club's 7th annual White Mountains Toy Run. High-Low Poker Hands, Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50, Bike Games. \$20 per Entry + Unwrapped New Toy includes dinner & run shirt. Sign-in 9-10am at Show Low Motorsports - 1000 N. Automall Pkwy. End Party at Avery's BBQ 262 W Main St, Springerville. All toys stay local! Live music! Call 928-333-4365 for rooms at the Rode Inn & Suites in Springerville! All Riders receive discount under The Americans M/C. FMI: Ugly 575-773-4387 & Leave A Message

9/18 AZ Poker Run 4 Ovarian Cancer. Meet 8a at Indian Motorcycle of Peoria - 8546 W Ludlow Dr. KSU 9:30; wrap ≈ 2pm ?? This fundraiser is to raise awareness about Ovarian Cancer & help local women who are victims of it and their families. 50/50 Raffle, Music, Food, Local Vendors, & Information Booths. FMI: alex@mocacc.com

9/18 Loners MC 19th annual Bark at the Moon. Register 4-6pm at The Edge, 4635 N. Flowing Wells Rd, Tucson, AZ. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Live music, bike show, & more. FMI: Rabbit 520-977-8162 or Rumpy 520-425-4654 10/2 {Sat} Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter 3rd East Valley Biker Rodeo. 11a 'til ? at the Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Clubhouse - 950 E Baseline, Apache Junction. Music, auction, raffles, food, & more. \$10/pp. Proceeds from the event to be donated to Dogs 4 Vets. FMI: Blackout 910-261-9113

10/15-16 {Fr-Sat} Run to the Rez, San Carlos AZ & Apache Gold Casino. Concerts, poker run, bike show... Details TBA. FMI: johnrezrider@yahoo.com

10/23 Hooked on Healing Veterans Ride. Benefits Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing and the AZ Patriot Guard Riders. Register 8:30am at Desert Wind HD, 922 S. Country Club Dr.; Mesa, AZ. Last stop Buffalo Chip. FMI: HealingVets.org

11/5-7 ACMC's Riot on the River, Winkelman, AZ. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. FMI: http:// www.azcmc.org/

12/4 {Sat} 6th annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run to collect stuffed animals for the Family Advocacy Centers, local PDs, and First Responders of the East Valley. FMI: 360-451-1795, trollsbikerworld@gmail. com

