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No Sweating A Vet Dice Run

On the evening of Friday June 23, 2023, the Longbow Chapter of the Rough Riders MC hosted their 'No Sweating A Vet' benefit Dice Run. The event started & ended at On The Green Bar & Grill, located at 801 S Power Road in Mesa. It seems like a good place for an event... with lots of both indoor and outdoor seating.

Mother Nature gave us a beautiful night. It was a relatively mild summer evening for being out & about in June here in the Valley.

About 50 bikers took the ride. There were 9+ organizations represented as well as numerous independent riders. First roll was at 6pm and everyone needed to be back by 9pm for last roll & the

winners to be determined. Stops included the Monastery and Roosters Country Bar.

The band Skarlett Fever was on stage this night & did an outstanding job!

Raffle items included a helmet, a knife & sheath, ammo boxes, & more. There were several gift baskets, offering spa products, adult beverages, & other items. Sponsor Roosters Country added a bunch of cool swag to the collection of goodies available to win.

The winners were announced during a band break. Low Roll was won by Jess R, earning him a \$50 certificate from the bar. The night's high roller was Patt, who collected the grand prize Heritage .22 Rough Rider revolver. [Transfer of the weapon was handled by GSP Gunsmithing LLC.]

Congratulations to you both! The 50/50 winner was a Loners MC member who collected \$100 & chose to donate it back to the event.

This event helps to support various Veteran causes taken on by the RRMC Longbow Chapter, including a Veteran family that they have 'adopted' to help out during the Christmas holidays. Very cool.

On behalf of Rough Rider MC's Longbow Chapter, Jason 'Skillet' McPherson sent a message of thanks to sponsors On The Green and Roosters Country, as well as "a very big thank you to all those that came out and sweated with us."

The next event being hosted by the Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter is their annual East Valley Biker Rodeo. This year it is taking place on Sept 30th from Noon till 4pm at Chandler Elks Lodge # 2429, located at 1775 W. Chandler Blvd in Chandler, AZ 85224.

It'll be another good time hosted by the RRMC brothers, and another opportunity to help out our Veterans. That's a great combination! Be sure and mark your calendars.

'bye for now ☺

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Hello Arizona Riders

On the cover... On the road with the Men of Fire MC during their Veterans Poker Run. That story is on page 10.



Just got back from an awesome weekend at ABATE's Too Broke For Sturgis. You'll read about it in another edition. In the meantime, I've got a bunch of pix I'm prepping to post.

They should go up any day now to the AZ Rider photo album on fb.

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Bruce & I have met an awful lot of real good people in our travels over the years. I am thankful to continue to cross paths with some of you & visit a bit.

Got an event coming up? Post your event details to the AZ Rider online calendar via this link. The listing is free. Display ads are modestly priced. Send a message & I'll get you a quote.

Although the Dog Days of Summer are winding to a close, it is important to remain aware of heat concerns as your making your riding plans. Ride early, wear light colored clothing, drink plenty of water, and pay attention to yourself. If you start getting a headache or feeling 'not right' ~ get yourself off the road & into someplace to cool down.

Have a great month ! Ride safely, choose wisely, &
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- Any injury or illness incurred while serving on active duty as a regular, reservist, or Federalized member of the National Guard needs to be noted in your medical records.
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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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NCOM CONVENTION CELEBRATES SUCCESSES

Just days prior to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' NCOM Convention, Nebraska repealed their mandatory helmet law to become the 33rd state allowing adult freedom of choice, and their hard-won success was a cause of celebration for the nationwide gathering of biker activists in Phoenix over Father's Day weekend. To mark the occasion, A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists; ON-A-BIKE.com) rush-ordered the new 2024 version of their wallet-sized Calendar card to hand out, now in its 30th year of printing, showing a "U.S. Helmet Laws" map on the reverse side now indicating Nebraska as Free for 21 and older (eff. 01-01-24, stipulations apply)!

Our hats (helmets) off to ABATE of Nebraska, which was among many victories across the country to be recognized and celebrated. Hurdles too, both legislative and legal, were also addressed during various meetings and seminars throughout the 38th annual NCOM Convention, with positive commitments to work together on methods and solutions to the benefit of the entire motorcycle rights community.

"Seeing all the motorcycle rights groups, clubs and individual bikers coming together to learn and fight for their lifestyles is inspirational. But the understanding and commitment by leaders of NCOM and MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation; MRF.org) and some members of the NCOC (National Council of Clubs; councilofclubs.org) to communicate and work together is monumental," observed NCOM Executive Director Jo-

seph "Joey" Lester, son of AIM/NCOM Founder attorney Richard M. Lester. Similar observations were echoed by other representatives of key organizations present.

"We want to make it perfectly clear that NCOM and MRF will be working hand in hand to show strength and unity in the ongoing fight for motorcyclists rights," pledged NCOM Chairman Charlie Boone (CBA/ABATE of North Carolina), adding that several NCOM board members will be attending the MRF's upcoming "Meeting of the Minds," September 20-24 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to further the alliance.

The 2024 NCOM Convention will return to Mother's Day Weekend, May 10-11, 2024 at a location TBD, so stay tuned to ON-A-BIKE.com.

MIC WARNS OF BILLS THAT "WILL HINDER THE POWERSPORTS INDUSTRY"

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC; MIC.org) reports that two major bills have been passed in Minnesota and Maine that will create challenges for the powersports industry. One bill is set to ban products containing PFAS chemicals, and both of them specify strict reporting requirements.

In Minnesota, HF 2310 bans products for juveniles that contain PFAS beginning Jan. 1, 2025. It also specifies PFAS registration requirements beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and bans all products containing PFAS on New Year's Day in 2032.

The Maine legislation provides the industry with some relief, as H.P. 138 extends the PFAS reporting deadline to Jan. 1, 2025, and also exempts manufacturers that employ 25 or fewer people from reporting requirements.

However, Minnesota's new PFAS legislation will present significant challenges for powersports companies doing business in the state. "In powersports, PFAS chemicals can be found in or used to produce products such as riding gear, vehicle components resistant to heat, fuel, and chemicals, as well as semiconductors and chrome plating," explains the MIC report, also noting that Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances are a class of synthetic chemicals used for decades in a wide range of consumer products.

"PFAS presents a major powersports industry challenge, and whether you're an OE, aftermarket, or riding gear manufacturer, you must learn about government PFAS proposals and look for ways to replace PFAS in products you sell," forewarns Eric Barnes, MIC technical programs vice president.

Both federal and state governments have examined the health impacts of PFAS in recent years and many bills have been introduced to ban its use. Some states are also setting up registries to list any vehicles, components, parts, and clothing that contain PFAS.

FIGHT FOR YOUR "RIGHT TO REPAIR"

If you want to continue to be able to work on your own motorcycle, with guaranteed access to the parts, tools and service information needed to modify, service and maintain it yourself, then you need to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 906; the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair" Act, or better known in Congress as the "REPAIR Act".

"The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops are not denied access to the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles," reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in an MRF alert. "The proposed law also establishes rules regarding vehicle data access. This commonsense law will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace."

The MRF invites motorcycling constituents to communicate with your federal lawmakers via this link: <https://igniteadvocacy.com/go/you-gotta-fight-for-your-right-to-repair---support-h-r-906-/589>

HELP TO PRESERVE VEHICLE CHOICE

"Congress must act now to pass the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act and avoid forcing consumers to purchase electric vehicles that fail to meet their needs," claimed Congressman John Joyce, M.D. (R-PA), the lead sponsor of House bill H.R. 1435; "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" introduced in March.

Now, several Senators are taking up the cause of Vehicle Choice by introducing a companion bill in the United States Senate; the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" (S. 2090).

NCOM Legislative Task Force chairman Ed Schetter (ABATE of Ohio) forwarded an alert from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation with the note: "I think we need to send this info out in the next NCOM Biker Newsbytes newsletter," and we agree.

According to the MRF; "The bill would limit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing Clean Air Act waivers for state policies seeking

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to ban or otherwise limit the sale of internal combustion engines. This legislation would preserve consumer choice and maintain competition in the automotive markets by ensuring Americans have access to reliable and affordable vehicles."

Senator Roger Marshall of Kansas, a co-sponsor of the bill, stated, "Our legislation is all about protecting consumer choice and, ultimately, free market competition that drives down costs."

"The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to see lawmakers taking the threat to freedom of vehicle choice and the survival of the internal combustion engine seriously," reported the MRF, adding that "Preservation of the internal combustion engine and ensuring availability of the fuel needed to run our bikes is a key part of the MRF's legislative agenda."

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE PASSES BILL PROTECTING 'MULTIPLE-USE' LAND

According to a report from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association; SEMA.org), the House Natural Resources Committee has passed legislation that would direct the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to withdraw the agency's proposed "Conservation and Landscape Health" rule (H.R. 3397).

The bill was introduced in response to the agency's proposed rule that could potentially lock-up public lands and reduce recreation. The bill also prevents the BLM from issuing a substantially similar rule in the future.

SEMA says it opposes BLM's current proposed rule, which would allow the agency to lease lands under new and vaguely defined terms. "BLM's proposed rule undermines the Federal Land Policy and Management Act's multiple-use requirement for BLM lands as it would hinder access to public lands for recreation, forest management, energy and critical mineral development, and grazing."

NATIONAL FUNDING FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Motorcycle Industry Council has announced that the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior have proposed

\$2.8 billion in funding for fiscal year 2024, authorized by the "Great American Outdoors Act," to improve infrastructure, recreation facilities, federal lands access, and land and water conservation.

"For OHV enthusiasts, this would mean that we will see improvements to many of the trails and riding and driving areas we love to enjoy," says Mario Maiena, of the MIC's Government Relations Office. "There is a lot of overdue maintenance at numerous OHV sites, and with improvements we'd see better access to a lot of them. It would be good news for powersports people across the country."

The budget allocates \$900 million for Land and Water Conservation Fund projects and programs managed by Interior and the Forest Service, as well as \$430 million for federal land acquisition, and \$470 million for state and local grants.

VERMONT CLOSES "BASKET CASE" REGISTRATION LOOPHOLE

Sorry Basket Case lovers, but Vermont has closed a registration loophole allowing vehicles with difficult titles to be legally registered in that state, marking the end of an era for home-build aficionados.

If you meet the above descriptor then you're probably already acquainted with a thing that was previously and widely referred to as "the Vermont loophole," making it a popular state for folks with barn finds and/or other difficult vintage vehicle title situations, where they could legally register their new purchases, "until the past couple of weeks" according to RideApart.com.

For decades prior it was a tailor-made solution for project bike and car enthusiasts from much of the country -- exact rules vary by state -- but unfortunately the laxity of rules allowed thieves an equally easy route to obtain titles for stolen vehicles or fraudulent ownership documents "which was obviously and unsurprisingly a problem."

Therefore, effective July 1, 2023, out-of-state residents will now have additional steps to go through to get a vehicle titled in Vermont, and now requires the DMV in your home state to verify that you're not required to register the vehicle in question there.

"Will more old bikes end up scrapped because people who would previously have been interested in trying to save them decide that it's not worth all the

hoop-jumping?," suggests RideApart, "It's truly the end of an era for project bike fans."

NEW STOP SIGN CAMERAS IN SPAIN

We can all agree that traffic rules are there for a reason, and with today's technology there's always someone, or some thing, watching. For example, the Directorate-General for Traffic (DGT) in Spain has installed and begun testing new cameras that can detect whether or not a vehicle has come to a complete stop at a stop sign.

Cameras on the roadway are nothing new, while red light cameras and speed cameras have been around for decades. Stop sign cameras, on the other hand, are a fairly new thing, and in Spain they are now designed to immediately detect whenever a driver (or motorcycle rider) doesn't come to a complete stop and may result in a hefty fine of 200 Euros (\$220 USD).

"By 'complete stop,' the DGT means a COMPLETE STOP – and not a rolling stop," according to RideApart.com, explaining that "for car drivers this means stopping completely before proceeding. For motorcyclists, it's suggested to put a foot down to demonstrate for the cameras that you have indeed come to a complete stop."

In Spain, failing to obey a stop sign has become a common infraction, drastically increasing the risk of accidents. According to DGT data, approximately 1,100 drivers involved in fatal traffic incidents disregarded the Stop sign.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed."

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July 2023 ... A note came in from OffCycle, wishing Maverick McMenimen a happy July Birthday and sharing an RIP for Porno Mike who passed on July 4th, 2023.
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MEN OF FIRE POKER RUN

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Over 350 participants took the ride, which included stops at River Dog Grill, Bullhead City; Covue; Hooch's 95 Bar & Grill, Ft Mohave; Topock 66 on the Colorado River; Pirates Cove; and the Red Dog Saloon in Needles before finishing at the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse in Bullhead City.

Congratulations to the Poker Run Winners. Skylar won 1st place & received \$300. Charles took 2nd place & donated back his \$150 prize. Jim had the Worst hand, collected \$50, and donated it back.

Ryan 'Cadillac' Granath, Men of Fire MC, sent out this message, "MEN OF FIRE CH 6 NW ARIZONA would like to thank all of our participants who came out to show support for our annual Veterans Poker Run on Apr 29th. Our donation will be \$20,000.00 to the River Fund

Veterans account plus \$1000 from Mayhem Motorcycle Rally 2023. Thanks, Larry Topping.

"Thanks to MFMC Chapters 2, 5,6,7,8,12 and 13. Soldiers of Jesus Mark Donnell, USMVMC AZ 1 and 2 Shocker, American Legion Riders, Bikers for Christ, LACO Fire Hogs, and Chozen Lunatics MC. Thanks to Anderson Ford Bill Smith, Deanna Long-LaRoche, Keith Parker, Bullhead Rotary Cindy Head, High Desert Heat, Dave's Signs Eric Rhoten, & Cutwood Designs.

"Over the last 10 years we have now raised \$135,000.00. Thanks again to all of our participants and sponsors!!!!"

The Men of Fire Motorcycle Club is comprised of professional firefighters, active & retired. Their Mission includes promoting the professionalism & brotherhood of firefighters, supporting fellow firefighters who are dealing with PTSD, & supporting active military members and veterans. Learn more about this org at <https://www.mfmcusa.org/> Men of Fire MC Chapter 6 NW AZ Chapter is based in Bullhead City.

About RIVER FUND, INC. – from their

[website https://riverfundinc.com/](https://riverfundinc.com/)

Serving the Tri-State Region from Golden Valley to Golden Shores, including Laughlin, Nevada and Needles, California. Among the numerous programs within the River Fund is the

VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND

This fund was created through the efforts of the Bullhead City Fire Department, Men of Fire Motorcycle Club, and the VFW Riders from Post 404 in Fort Mohave, Arizona. Their idea was to organize motorcycle poker runs at different times of the year to raise funds to help River Fund provide assistance for veterans in need of help for any type of crisis or hardship situation. The first "run" was held April 24, 2015 and raised \$7,000.00 which was seed money for the Veterans Assistance Fund. Now, the net proceeds in recent years has exceeded \$24,000 annually.

Congratulations to Men of Fire MC Chapter 6 NW AZ for another successful day on behalf of Veterans! Thank you for your service in your communities.

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MRF 2023 HoF Inductee Announcement

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation announces the 2023 Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame Inductees.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to release the names of the 2023 class of Inductees to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame (MRF HOF). These will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Minds conference September 21-24, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

This year's MRF HOF Class of 2023 - Freedom Fighter Inductees are:

Jim "Legs" Korte
Mary K. Donnay

Past Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame inductees are: Keith "Bandit" Ball, Mark Buckner, Wayne Curtin, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, "Still" Ray Fitzgerald, Richard

Gray, Bob Illingworth, Nathan "Buck" Kittredge, Ed Netterberg, Sherman Packard, Todd Vandermyde, Paul Vestal, Penny Walker, Ed Youngblood, Vince Consiglio, Fredric Harrell, Rodney Roberts, Simon Milward, JoAnne Packard, Karen Bolin, Lee Richardson, Jerry "JT" Thomas, Teresa Hepker, Dick "Slider" Gilmore, Charles Umbenhauer, Wanda

Hummel-Shultz, "Biker" Jim Rhoades, Lee Ryan, Marc Falsetti, Gary Klinker, Charlie Williams, Dave Dwyer, "Radio" Bob Letourneau, "Farmer" John Eggers, Michael "Boz" Kerr, Butch Brown, Deb Butitta, Jim Dahling, Carol Downs, Jay Jackson, Gary Sellers and Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.



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Kingman Area Food Bank Benefit

The Chozen Lunatics MC, based in Kingman AZ, hosted a benefit for the Kingman Area Food Bank on May 13, 2023. Sign-in took place at the CLMC Clubhouse, 1555 #3 E. Northern Ave in Kingman from 9-11am.

Around 100 people participated in the self-paced ride. Attendance included support from numerous area clubs and organizations. Stops were at Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories, Great American Pizza, Hualapai Lodge, & Kingman Harley-Davidson. Last hand was due in by 3pm @ Hot Rod Grill 66, 2215 Hualapai Mountain Rd, also in Kingman.

For a change up to the traditional card draw, one of the stops had a deck of cards

mounted on a board, so that the players could throw a dart at the card they wanted to add to their hand. At the Wild Card stop, there was a spinning wheel. Players got to spin the wheel, in hope of getting a joker for a wild card.

High hand won \$150 and low hand won \$50. The winners' names were not available at the time of this writing. Congratulations to each of you!

The end party included live music. Plus there were over 50 raffle items up for grabs. Many thanks go out to the 40 or so raffle donors. There were tattoo & piercing gift certificates, gift baskets (themes such as spa day, date night, adult beverages), a motorcycle lift, a BBQ grill, and many more!

Thanks also go to the local business sponsors of the run, and to all who took time of out their busy lives to attend!

Kingman Area Food Bank received \$1350 dollars from this day's event.

Chozen Lunatics MC is a mixed bike MC that does fundraising events for the community. It is a non-profit 501(c)(3) doing fundraisers as Rural Area Aid for the Disadvantaged (R.A.A.D.). CLMC members are all about riding, networking, and enjoying life.

Thank you, Rekluse of the Chozen Lunatics MC, for sending along info to include in this article!

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International Female Riders Day

May 6, 2023 marked the 17th annual International Female Riders Day aka 'IFRD' Ride. Turquoise was the color of the day; with the ladies sporting tees, headbands, bandanas, backpacks, & more. Founder Motoress Vicki Gray created the IFRD to promote women in motorcycling.

It is an annual gathering of women riders, with synchronized rides taking place all over the World. Photos posted to the Official IFRD facebook page, come from numerous USA states – California to Florida and BUNCHES in between; plus Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, and NO DOUBT others! I had to stop reading ☺

But it was extremely cool to see all these women gathering together in their common love of motorcycling.

Superstition Harley Davidson, located at 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction hosted a gathering for Arizona's riders from across the state. Smaller groups converged there from other locations including Helmet Center (Phoenix), Moto Leathers (Avondale), Chandler Harley Davidson, JP Cycles and Cycle Gear (Mesa). Thank you to the Breyer Law 'Husband & Wife Law Team' for hosting breakfast at Superstition HD with a selection of sweet treats, yogurt, bagels, fruit, coffee, water, & juice.

Preregistration accounted for more than 363 registered riders. There were

certainly more than that with day-of sign-ins. According to the IFRD Arizona webpage, 36 different riding clubs/groups/organizations were represented. *Niiiiice!*

What an amazing group of gals! There was so much enthusiasm for the day! All ages were represented ~ riding a wide variety of bikes & trikes. Some were newer riders and others had many years & miles of experience. There were patch holders and independents. No competition... just lifting each other up and encouraging each other. Very impressive & inspiring.

SHD was the departure point, with the ultimate destination being Superior, AZ. For safety reasons, it was determined to break up the riders into smaller groups;

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rather than the huge roll out that took place last year. Smaller groups of 20-30 departed about every 5 minutes. This is a very well-organized ride, with Road Captains, Medical Support Riders, Sweeps, and a chase truck provided by female-rider-owned Arizona Motorcycle Towing. Some riders chose to hang back; still meeting up with the rest but preferring to avoid the 'parade' format. That's fine too. Whatever works for you. Everyone is encouraged to *Ride Your Own Ride!* ☺

The weather was great for the ride and the day spent in town. Everyone made the trip safely. There was SO much positive response to the day From the riders, the organizers, and the town of Superior.

Superior is a great destination & the organizers had a fun day planned. Main Street in Superior was blocked off for the gals to park their motorcycles. The official group photo was taken on Main also. There were vendors, including Lucky Strike Cycles. The band White Lightnin' played in the park, as well performances by The Superior Dance Company.

Organizer Michelle Theis of the Windsisters shared, "Huge THANKS to all our volunteers and all the ladies for riding out to celebrate IFRD together." She added, "Huge thanks to the Town of Superior and their residents for being great hosts. We had a great band in the park and a vintage WW2 vehicle giving the ladies lifts up and down the street."

On behalf of Superstition HD, Brina sent along this message, "Superstition Harley-Davidson loves their kick ass lady riders! We were thrilled to assist in this AMAZINGLY ORGANIZED event again this year. The energy brought here that morning was INCREDIBLE! We could not have asked for a more beautiful day to celebrate #IFRD!"

IFRD takes place on the first Saturday in May. The 2024 International Female Riders Day will be on Saturday May 4. Mark your calendars!

Betsy



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

Saturdays Aug-Dec'23 {8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16}: Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600

Sundays August 2023 {8/6}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 6:30a, Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix-Shadow Mtn Chapter meeting. 12:30pm at VFW Post 1433, 7718 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. Opens at noon.

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

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

2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Desert Thunder MC hosts an Open House @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix from 6-11pm. No cover charge. Dinner available \$7. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

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

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

8/19 {Sat} HOG Dogs at Superstition HD from 11a 'til gone. Plus, Bitchin' Stitchin' from 10a-1pm. SHD @ 910 W Apache Trl, Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600

8/20 {Sun} Down N Durdy Sunday Dinner. This organization helps downed bikers & their families as they go through recovery from their injuries. Enjoy a pasta dinner, served from Noon-4pm at American Legion Post 2, 2125 S Industrial Park Ave, Tempe. \$10/plate supports DnD as they support our community. FMI: cnoll1234@gmail.com

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8/26 {Sat} Superstition HD's first ever Redneck Rally! Live Music & Humor by Harley Davidson Harkins, Free Food & Drinks, Games, Cash Prizes & Give-a-ways! Redneck Beauty Contest, Best Mullet of the Day, Dukes Best Buns Contest. Noon-4pm. SHD @ 910 W Apache Trl, Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600

8/26 {Sat} Monsoon Fiesta hosted by ALMA MC Westside & US Military Vets MC at ALMA Clubhouse, 1050 N Eliseo Felix Jr Way #105, Avondale. \$20/solo, \$25/cpl includes great food!! Doors open 7pm. FMI: mmitchell123@yahoo.com

9/9 {Sat} Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Chapter 7th annual 6-Shooter Poker Run. Sign-in 10am at Superstition HD. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. End Party @ LDMC - Queen Creek Clubhouse with live music & drawings. Food available. Last Card in by 4pm. FMI: 602-281-0691

9/15-16 {Fr-Sa} Thunder Valley Rally, sponsored by Law Tigers AZ.

9/16 {Sat} Old Bastards MC Payson Chapter 'Runnin' With the Pups' fundraiser for Humane Society of Central AZ. Noon -4pm @ OBMC Clubhouse, 109 W Phoenix St, Payson. Includes live music, vendors, bike games, & more. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl includes food.

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

9/23 Handlebars for Monkeybars. Supports Satori School Tucson. Sign-in 10am @ HD Tucson, 7355 N I-10 Frontage Rd. \$20/sgl, \$25/2-up. KSU noon. Last stop Whiskey Roads, 2265 W Ina. Music by Mothers Lament. FMI: <https://www.handlebarsformonkeybars.com/>

9/30 {Sat} 5th annual East Valley Biker Rodeo hosted by Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter. Noon till 4pm at Chandler Elks Lodge 2429 -- 1775 W. Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ. FMI: mcpherson6975@gmail.com

9/30-10/1 {Sa-Su} Hassayampa Music Festival @ Gambel Field in Tonopah. 2 days of Blues & Grooves. HassyMusic.com

10/7 {Sat} Sun Riders MC 45th Anniversary Party from 5-11:30pm at Tucson Clubhouse, 7251 S Cardinal Ave. Music by "XCEPTION". Smoked beef tenderloin dinner. More details TBA.

10/14 {Sat} Bikers for Boobies. Sponsors include @Law Tigers.

10/19-21 {Th-Sat} Run to the Rez, Veterans Honor Ride. Sponsors include Superstition Harley-Davidson. Weekend also includes live music, poker run, bike show, & more. FMI: 928-475-2932, 928-961-6002, johnrezrider@yahoo.com ; <https://www.runtotherez.com/>

10/21 {Sat} 3rd annual Chicano Pride Ride Poker Run in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Ride starts/ends at Roadrunner HD, 1402 N 159th Ave, Goodyear. Ride's end will be a family friendly party with entertainment, food, dancing, vendors, music, & more. Supports the local nonprofit, Advance. Advance delivers meals to seniors in low-income housing, and provides community health education. Pre-reg tickets \$40/sgl, \$50/2-up. Reg includes meal. Add \$10 at gate. FMI: 602-820-4091, Sandra@advancecommunity.org ; <https://chicanopriderideaz.com>

11/2-4 {Th-Sa} ACMC's Riot on the River at Winkelman Gila River Park. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl includes dry camping & Saturday night dinner. Vendors, live music Saturday, games. FMI: billetldmc@gmail.com

11/4 {Sat} The 10th annual Seductive CC & Superstition HD Toy Drive Bike & Car Show. 10a-2pm at SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction FMI: 480-346-0600

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

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March 22-23 {Fr-Sat} 13th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash. Lake Pleasant, Peoria. <https://azrockabillybash.com/>

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

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