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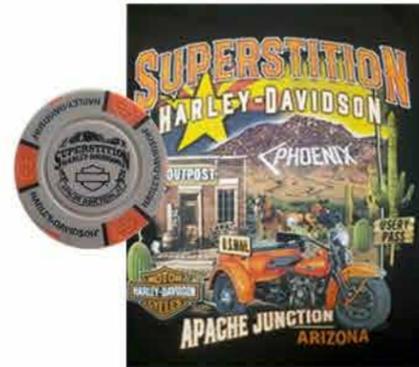
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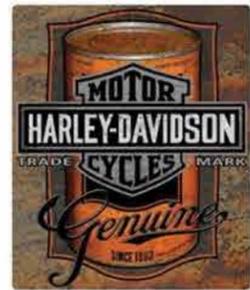


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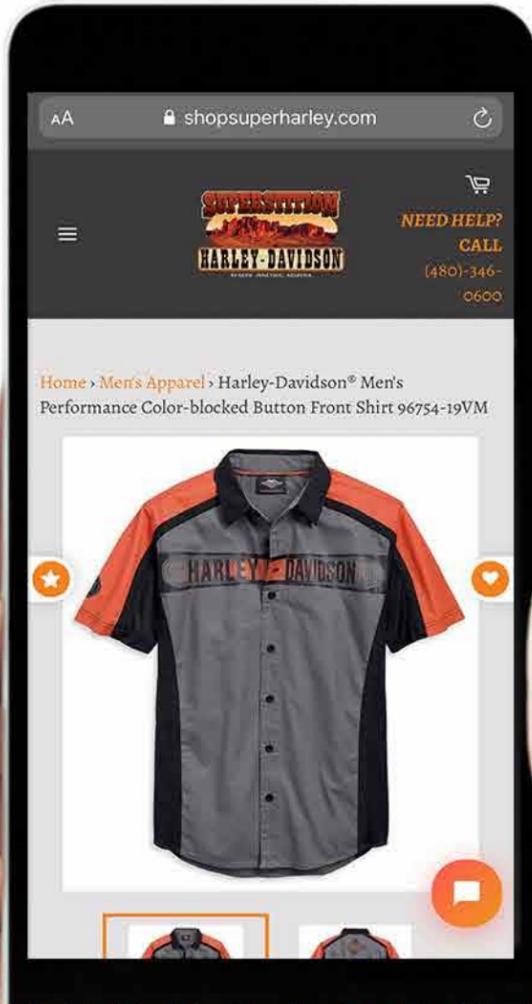
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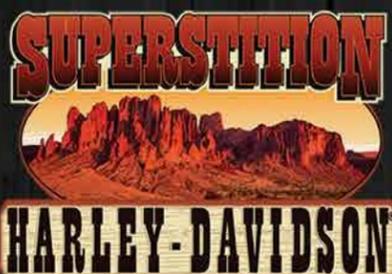


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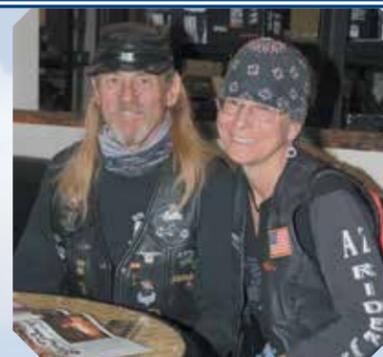
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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders!



This is our 250th issue. We have watched many changes in this community & in the world over that time.... Some big and others more subtle. We want to THANK all the people who have sent Happy Anniversary messages to AZ Rider. 21 years.... still here despite significant roadblocks – especially this most latest that so many people are facing.

After 21 years, there isn't much we can say that hasn't already been said. Understanding that we may sound a bit like a 'broken record' [for you youngsters out there, ask your parents what that means ~ lol], we CANNOT mark this Anniversary without highlighting key factors to our success....

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It's uncertain what sort of remembrances will be "allowed", to commemorate 9/11 this year. Some are going forward 'live' while others will be 'virtual'. While it is difficult not to dwell solely on those heinous acts perpetrated on our Country & on our People – where you were when you learned about it, watching so many images presented repeatedly through the media.... we hope that your day will turn to reflection on the Memory of the many People whose lives were stolen – on that terrible day and in its aftermath.

The calendar is starting to fill in a bit. We commend these organizations AND attendees who are making a choice to stand AGAINST the Unconstitutional decrees & declarations of our gov.

These are some of the most uncertain times that our Nation has recently faced. We, like so many people, have no idea what is coming. But we do know that we plan to be here, sharing what news we can with our Brothers & Sisters of the Wind. If we can give you a brief respite from the crap that we're currently expected to slog through... offer a sense of 'normalcy' and perhaps even cause you a chuckle or two... then we're doing our job. We are very proud to be the longest continuously operating biker news source in AriZona & plan to be here for the foreseeable future ☺

So for now the Valley heat is BREAKING!! Finally! Can we hear an AMEN!? THAT means, more riding! We hope to see you out & about! Ride safe, be smart, and

Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

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NCOM CONVENTION ON TRACK FOR INDY

The 35th Annual NCOM Convention, rescheduled due to the Coronavirus outbreak from Mother's Day weekend to October 16-17 at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis), is still on track and heading into the final stretch. Hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across the country are heading to "The Crossroads of America" to address topics of concern to all riders, so plan now to be a part of this historic gathering of motorcycle rights activists.

Some of the motorcyclists' rights movement's most accomplished Freedom Fighters will teach seminars and lead group discussions on legal and legislative issues such as anti-profiling and

"Save the Patch" efforts, with "Protect Your Rights/Probable Cause" and "Vulnerable Road Users Legislation To Protect Our Riders" seminars, and 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.

Capping off Convention activities will be the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet, highlighting outstanding freedom fighters for their contributions to the cause of "Freedom of the Road": author and filmmaker John E. (Black Dragon) Bunch II (ENTERTAINMENT); Jad Breiner - Sons of Silence MC, editor of Brothers Behind Bars (BBB) Newsletter (MEDIA); Pete Leehey - AIM Attorney, Iowa (LEGAL); with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS presented to Nancy Nemecek and Fred "Sarge" Matthews and NCOM's highest honor, the RON ROLOFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD going to John Bilotta Jr. of the NCOM Board of Directors and Operations Director for ABATE of Virginia.

With the Indianapolis Convention racing toward the finish line, pre-register now by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. For more info, click on <http://onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/convention.html>.

TARIFFS ON MOTORCYCLES SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSED, AGAIN

The Office of United States Trade Representative once again proposed tariffs of up to 100% on all 500-700cc motorcycles and scooters, as well as all parts and accessories, imported from the European Union and the United Kingdom, but opposition led by the motorcycle community led to the successful elimination of the ill-conceived 'tax' stemming from a dispute over aircraft subsidies.

The proposed trade sanctions would not only have negatively impacted the motorcycle sales industry, including the aftermarket equipment sector, it could have deeply affected motorcyclists who rely on imported parts for general maintenance.

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pean motorcycles, parts, and accessories have been removed from the most recent round of EU tariffs in relation to the Airbus situation," said John Hinz of the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) and CEO of KTM North America Inc. "We are extremely thankful that the U.S. Trade Representative heard our concerns and recognized the unintended and potentially devastating impacts that tariffs could have on our industry. This would not have been possible without the support of the MIC and its members, the efforts of Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D., Congressman Tim Walberg, Congressman Ken Calvert, Congressman Jim Jordan, our dealers and our employees, and the support of all our industry partners. Thank you to all who wrote letters, made phone calls, and let Washington, D.C., know the value of our industry and our businesses here in

the United States."

It was an international effort as well, with written comments supplied by Antonio Perlot, secretary general of ACEM, the Motorcycle Industry in Europe. "This was the third time the USTR made this proposal, and the third time the industry was able to prevail with combined support," said Erik Pritchard, MIC president and CEO.

MOTORCYCLE SALES UP DESPITE PANDEMIC

"Despite economic downturn, powersports sales have been surprisingly robust," according to *Cycle World Magazine*, which notes; The streets are quiet. Supply chains have disintegrated. Unemployment is at record highs. So it would stand to reason that all economic indicators and consumer spending in particular would be down for the year as well but, perhaps counterintuitively, motorcycle sales are up.

"You heard that right," declares *CW*. "Across the board, retail sales for the last three months have shown a steady uptick. It's more obvious in certain segments but the trend is undeniable; year-to-date powersports sales are better than they've been in years. Can

you say pandemic paradox?"

Following a series of declining years, 2020's data was already looking fairly optimistic; motorcycles sales in February of 2020 were up 3.5% year-to-date, according to MotorcyclesData.com, but when the pandemic hit in early March and the auto industry began its sales freefall, most business insiders assumed the same fate would befall the motorcycle sector. The surprising news came in early June, when the smoke cleared and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) reported that year-to-date retail powersports sales were better than they'd been in the past three years. "The powersports industry is in a much more positive place than where we thought we'd be earlier this year, when the full impact of the pandemic began to come into focus," MIC President and CEO Erik Pritchard said.

Of course, "powersports" includes ATVs, side-by-sides, and motorcycles, but in fact, sales were up 18.9% through March, according to the MIC's Retail Sales Reporting System. In sum, sales were relatively strong from January through April, and May was a great month for most.

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Pritchard also pointed out, "The first four months of 2020, it's the second-best performance only to 2016 -- in the midst of a pandemic."

CARB FINES AFTERMARKET RETAILER FOR "UNAPPROVED" MOTORCYCLE EXHAUSTS

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has announced that Comoto Holdings, Inc., the parent company of Revzilla, J&P Cycles, and Cycle Gear, has agreed to pay a \$1,937,500 fine for selling motorcycle exhaust systems not approved for street use in the state of California.

CARB sets laws and emission regulations for California that are more stringent than the federal government. An aftermarket intake or exhaust can be legal for street use in most of the United States, but illegal in California because CARB has not certified it. According to RideApart.com, this case involves the sale of around 7,750 parts to California residents that allegedly did not have legal exemptions to California's anti-tampering laws for emission controls.

Comoto sold these parts in California with the disclaimer that they were being sold for off-road and race use only, not

for use on public roads. This has been a commonly accepted practice among aftermarket retailers attempting to conform with CARB certification, placing the responsibility on the consumer to make sure their vehicle is compliant with CARB regulations.

But that didn't stop CARB from taking legal action against Comoto anyway, accusing the company of selling them for both highway and off-road use. Rather than fighting it out in court, CARB and Comoto agreed to a \$1.93 million settlement, which will fund various air pollution funds and projects in California. While a hefty sum indeed, it's still far less than the potential \$180 million fine if Comoto been found guilty in court and slapped with the maximum fine.

Comoto says it will continue to sell these exhausts, but will put even stronger wording on them that they are not to

be used on California roads, ever. This sets a dangerous precedent as well since the "for off-road use only" disclaimer has been a standard operating procedure for years. Therefore, other aftermarket retailers may begin having second thoughts about continuing this practice, not wanting to risk having to go through an ordeal as Comoto did.

STURGIS CROWD SETS RECORDS

Some 400,000 bikers rumbled into the small South Dakota city of Sturgis for the 80th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, one of the largest public gatherings since the COVID-19 pandemic began, despite fears it could become a "super-spreader" triggering a massive Coronavirus outbreak.

Though city officials reportedly expected a much smaller crowd this year, perhaps by as much as half, according to the Department of Transportation, the seven-day total for the 10-day rally as of Friday, August 14 was 365,979 people, which is down just by 7.5% compared to last year at the same time. In spite of a drop-off in attendance of those in the 60-70 age range, which is understandable during the pandemic, the rally

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surprisingly experienced historically high numbers in first-time attendees, vendors and spending.

“Screw COVID” t-shirts nearly outnumbered mask sightings, as Republican Gov. Kristi Noem adopted a largely hands-off approach to the pandemic, avoiding a mask mandate and preaching personal responsibility. She supported holding the Sturgis rally, pointing out that no virus outbreak was documented from the several thousand people who turned out to see President Donald Trump and Fourth of July fireworks at Mount Rushmore.

SIoux TRIBE BLOCKS RIDERS FROM GOING TO STURGIS

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe established strategic checkpoints at entrance locations to the reservation to turn away tourists and bikers going to Sturgis as a means to control the spread of the Coronavirus into Native American territory. *The Rapid City Journal* reported that the Cheyenne River Reservation authorities would not allow those attending the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally to pass through the road blocks onto reservation land.

South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem (R) opposed this move, saying the traffic checkpoints are unlawful and demanded that they be removed. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe sued the federal government to keep its checkpoints, citing what they called Noem’s inappropriate request for federal assistance.

The seven tribes that make up the Sioux Nation are now in a fight with federal and state officials regarding the legality of the checkpoints.

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A LIE IS A LIE EVEN IF EVERYONE BELIEVES IT.**

NEW HAMPSHIRE MANDATES MASKS FOR LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK

Nationwide media images of mask-less, closely packed, attendees broadcast out of South Dakota at this year’s Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, with just days before the August 22 start of the 97th annual Laconia Motorcycle Week, convinced Governor Chris Sununu to institute the first broad face-covering mandate in New Hampshire for all events of 100 or more people.

“Sturgis was a real warning sign to us,” said the two-term Republican Governor, hoping to avoid a COVID controversy.

To add some teeth to the statute, the state will deploy Liquor Commission enforcement teams to levy fines on those not observing the directive during bike week, and state regulators also have the authority to seize the liquor license of offending establishments.

PHILIPPINES REQUIRES MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS TO CARRY PPE SHIELDS

Over the past four months of COVID-19 quarantine restrictions, the Philippine government has outlawed carrying passengers on a motorcycle, and although they now permit pillion (passenger) riding only for couples who live in the same household and share the same bed at night, all backriders are now required by law to carry a clear plastic shield or barrier in between the pillion and the rider as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Pasig City mayor, Vico Sotto, has sided with the riders and their plight, but says that for now, all we can do is follow guidelines, because there is no other choice. “It is true that this shield is dangerous. But for now, we have no other choice if we want to carry pillions as this is required by the government.”

At the moment, the government stands firm on its ground that the required barrier shield is safe and effective, insisting that “these approved designs underwent a thorough study which includes the concept of aerodynamics and were also tested for quality safety standards.”

Motorcycle safety experts, bike manufacturers, and the Motorcycle Rights Organization all disagree with the mandate and have called on the government to “hear the opinion of experts and professionals in the motorcycle industry before enacting protocols that would affect the lives of motorcycle riders unnecessarily.”

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It IS Possible to RESTORE Your CIVIL RIGHTS After a Felony Conviction

RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Thank you Michael Infanzon, Legislative Director for [ABATE-AZ](#), for sharing this information with our readers!

What rights are lost when a person is convicted of a felony?

A felony conviction suspends a person's civil liberties. The person loses the right to vote, the right to hold public office of trust or profit, the right to serve as a juror and right to possess a gun. A felony conviction may also prevent a person from obtaining business and professional licenses, government secured loans and housing.

Can a person restore their Civil Liberties?

A person's civil liberties may be restored. A person with only one Arizona felony conviction, whose civil rights were lost or suspended, had their rights automatically restored upon completion of a term of probation, or receipt of an absolute discharge from imprisonment if the person paid all imposed fines or restitution. However, this does not apply to the right to possess a weapon. To restore the right to possess a weapon the person must file an application with Superior Court in the county where you were convicted. A person with two or more Arizona felony convictions must file the applications to restore their civil liberties with Superior Court in the county where you were convicted. A separate application will be required for each felony criminal case.

What if my felony conviction was in another state?

A person wishing to restore their civil liberties must do so in the state in which the felony conviction occurred. Many states automatically restore a person's civil liberties upon completion of probation or discharge from the department of corrections. A person should contact the state in which the conviction occurred to obtain information regarding the restoration process.

What if I was convicted of a felony in federal court?

A person convicted of a felony in federal court may apply to restore their civil liberties in the county in which they currently reside. However, the state may not restore the person's right to possess a fire arm or have their judgment of guilt vacated/set aside.

How do I know if I am eligible to restore my rights?

If you only had one Arizona felony

your rights were restored upon completion of probation or absolute discharge from the Department of Corrections as long as all fines and restitution were paid. However, to ensure that the court informs the elections office that you are eligible to vote you should file an application to restore your civil liberties. Also, the court will not set aside a judgment of guilt without an application. If you have two or more felonies in Arizona you may apply to restore your civil liberties upon completion of probation or two years from your absolute discharge as long as all your fines and restitution were paid.

What is setting aside judgment?

Upon completion of probation or sentence and discharge by the court a person may file to have their judgment set aside. Setting aside a judgment releases the citizen from all penalties and disabilities resulting from the conviction. Setting aside judgment does not seal or expunge ones record. The record is still accessible to the public. However, the record will have a notation stating that the judgment has been set aside. Some employers are more likely to view the setting aside of a judgment favorably. The setting aside of a judgment lets the employer know that the court is satisfied that the person has been rehabilitated. The setting aside of judgment does not apply to Department of Motor Vehicle records or Game and Fish. A felony that has been set aside may be used at a subsequent trial as a prior felony conviction. Persons convicted of criminal offenses involving infliction of serious physical injury, exhibition or use of a weapon, sexual motivation or a victim under fifteen may not have their judgment vacated.

Where can I get an application?

Go to the Superior Court website in the county where you were convicted and look for: ServiceCenter/ Forms/ CriminalCases. This will take you to the Criminal Court forms, and you will want to click on "Requesting the Restoration of Civil Rights Form". This is the application you will need to complete this process. You may also pick up an application in person at the courthouse. Carefully read over the form to ensure you know what information the form is requesting.

Where do I get a copy of my Absolute Discharge?

Certificate of Absolute Discharge from the Department of Corrections may be obtained by writing or visiting the Arizona Department of Corrections, 1601 W Jefferson, M/C 112, Phoenix, AZ 85007

and requesting the records. The information will be mailed in three to six weeks. Absolute Discharges from the Federal Bureau of Prisons may be obtained at the clerk's office of the United States District Court, 401 W Washington, Phoenix; 123 N. San Francisco St, Flagstaff; 405 W Congress St, Tucson; Prescott Valley Courthouse, 325 W 19th St, Suite A, 3001 N Main St, Prescott Valley; or 325 W 19th St, Yuma AZ 85364. The person may wish to contact the restoration clerk at 602-506-4949 to assist with a federal conviction.

Once I complete the application, then what?

After making a copy of the completed application and absolute discharge (if you were sentenced to the Department of Corrections), file the documents at the Court Clerk's desk marked criminal at the Court house. The Court will send you written notice of whether your request was granted or denied. It may take 90 days or more to get your notice. If the Court denies your application the court will provide you with the reason for the denial. You may file an application for reconsideration.

My Felony was dropped to a Misdemeanor, but background checks are still showing that I have a felony. Why?

It appears that the state does not forward the information regarding a person's Class 6 designation from a felony to misdemeanor to anyone. This means that when background checks are done, the charges are still showing as felonies. You need to make copies of your designation form and write a note asking the following entities to please change the information in their databases. The three (3) entities that need to be contacted about this issue are:

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

550 West Jackson Street

Phoenix, AZ 85003

Arizona Department of Public Safety

PO Box 6638

Phoenix, AZ 85005-6638

Note: To ensure proper and faster routing of mail inquiries please write the department or subject relating to your inquiry on the outside of your envelope. They will send you an application that you will need to fill out.

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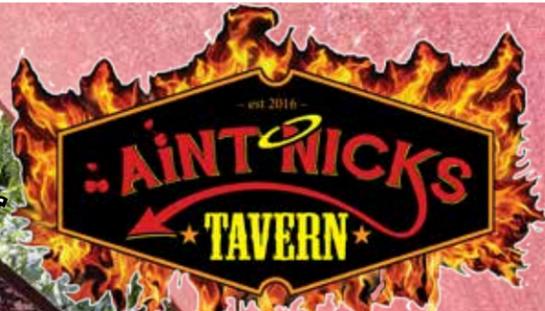
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"ABATE VOICES HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR ... On August 3rd, the morning DJ from Tucson radio station KLPX made several disparaging remarks about 'bikers' that were very stereotypical of how uninformed people look at motorcyclists. ABATE members in our Southern Arizona chapter contacted our Legislative Director who put out a call to action to contact the radio station

and he penned an email to the station management immediately demanding a retraction and apology.

"In less than 12 hours, the radio station and the morning DJ issued an on-air apology to the motorcycle community. And going as far as keeping the DJ off the air on Aug 4th to 'reflect' on what he said.

"That's how it's done. And it couldn't be done without a joint effort from all members! So for those who sent emails from around the state, thank you."

Learn more about ABATE of AZ at <http://www.abateofaz.org>. You can also follow ABATE-AZ on Facebook. Support your local MRO!

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August 3, 2020 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V451000
Reflex Reflector May Detach/FMVSS 108
Components EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected 603

Summary: Triumph Motorcycles America, LTD (Triumph) is recalling certain Tiger 900, Rally, Rally Pro, GT, GT Low and GT Pro motorcycles. The rear reflex reflectors may detach. As such, these motorcycles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, reflective devices, and associated Equipment." Detachment of the rear reflector may reduce the visibility of the motorcycle to other drivers, increasing risk of crash.

Remedy: Triumph will notify owners, and dealers will replace the rear reflex reflectors, free of charge. The recall began August 19, 2020. Owners may contact Triumph customer service at 1-800-232-3780. Triumph's number for this recall is SRAN 582.

Notes: On this & on each of the recall notices shared here, 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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August 4, 2020 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V454000
Possible Reduction in Brake Performance
Components SERVICE BRAKES

Potential Number of Units Affected 2,742

Summary: Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain 2019 Scout, Scout Sixty, and Scout Bobber motorcycles equipped with Anti-Lock Brake Systems (ABS). After the manufacturing process, air may remain trapped within the brake system, possibly reducing brake performance. Reduced brake performance can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Indian will notify owners, and dealers will perform a brake fluid bleed of the front and rear ABS to evacuate the air, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a recall start date. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is 1-18-07. This recall is an expansion of NHTSA Recall number 19V-156.

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August 6, 2020 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign# 20V460000
Flywheel May Break Causing
Engine Oil Leak
Components ELECTRICAL SYSTEM,
ENGINE

Potential # Units Affected 156
Summary: Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain 2021 Streetfighter V4 and Streetfighter V4 S motorcycles. The generator rotor (flywheel) may break, damaging the generator cover and causing oil leakage from the engine. Leaking oil may drip into the path of the rear tire, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: All affected vehicles are still in dealer inventory. Dealers will inspect the production dates on the generator rotors (flywheels) and replace them, as necessary. The recall began August 12, 2020. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-888-391-5446. Ducati's number for this recall is SRV-RCL-20-002.

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August 10, 2020 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign #20V471000
Fuel Pump Flange may Leak
Components FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE

Potential # Units Affected 16,926
Summary: BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain 2009-2011 K1300 (S, GT), 2010-2011 S1000 RR, 2005-2011 R1200 (GS, GS Adventure, R, RT, S, ST), 2006-2010 HP2

(Enduro, Megamoto, Sport), 2005-2008 K1200 (R, R Sport, S, GT), and 2012 K1600 (GT, GTL) motorcycles that were repaired under recall 13V-617 with the support ring remedy and where the fuel pump was not replaced at a later date. This recall involves the fuel pump, and also the auxiliary fuel pump as applicable. The affected motorcycles have a fuel pump flange that may crack, possibly resulting in a fuel leak while the engine is running. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy: BMW will notify owners, and dealers will replace the fuel pump(s) with an improved version, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 2, 2020. Owners may contact BMW customer service at 1-800-525-7417.

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August 11, 2020 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign #20V472000
Misrouted Wiring Harness May Become Damaged
Components ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
Potential # Units Affected 2,224

Summary: Triumph Motorcycle America, LTD (Triumph) is recalling certain 2019-2020 Street Scrambler and Street Twin motorcycles. The wiring harness may have been misrouted, allowing it to contact the lower lug on main frame headstock. Contact between the harness and the headstock lug can damage the wire and cause the engine to stall, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Triumph will notify owners, and dealers will

apply a new VIN label protector to prevent wiring harness damage, and, as necessary, damaged wiring harnesses will be repaired or replaced, free of charge. The recall began August 28, 2020. Owners may contact Triumph customer service at 1-800-232-3780. Triumph's number for this recall is SRAN 584.

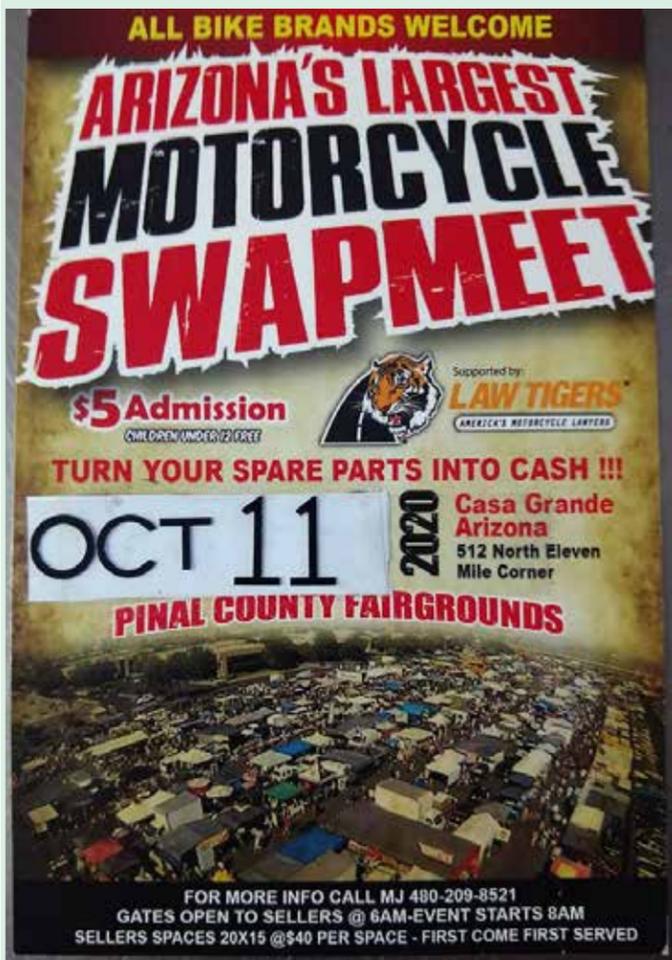
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August 13, 2020 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign #20V476000
Front Brake Calipers May Leak/
FMVSS 122
Components SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC, SERVICE BRAKES
Potential # Units Affected 9,392

Summary: BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain 2019-2020 R 1250 GS, GS Adventure and R 1250 RT, 2020 S 1000 RR and S 1000 XR motorcycles. The front brake calipers may leak brake fluid when parked. As such, these motorcycles fail to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 122, "Motorcycle Brake Systems." Overtime, a leaking front brake caliper can reduce the amount of brake fluid in the reservoir. Low volume could affect brake performance, increasing the risk of crash.

Remedy: BMW will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and if necessary, replace the front brake calipers with an improved version, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 6, 2020. Owners may contact BMW customer service at 1-800-525-7417.

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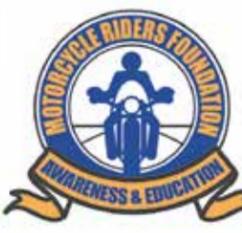
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My Trip to Sturgis 2020

As June rolls around, ABATE of AZ's Too Broke for Sturgis is always quite an event. Well, at least usually – this year's cancellation was appalling!!!

June also seems to kick off by hearing from who of my friends are willing to ride up to the biggest motorcycle event of the summer in Sturgis, South Dakota. I start getting the texts and phone calls. They go kinda like this, "When are you leaving?" "Which way are you going?" "How many days on the road?" So let me take ya back to my first ride in 1987.

I had just gotten a great job and was given two weeks of vacation in August. I had just purchased a brand new Harley Heritage softail. The farthest I had ever been was to a HOG rally in Breckenridge Colorado. Now I was going to do a solo to the rally. Back then it was a sleeping bag and a tent with very few items; all wrapped up in a bag, with bungee cords everywhere. No GPS. I was a terrible map reader but off I went. Since then I've gotten pretty good at it.

You hear this all the time as you travel, "Are you going to Sturgis?" Every gas stop people thought I had a sign on my head "ask me where I am going" and they did! As you get closer to the event

the bikes just seem to pour out of every off-ramp and freeway and back road. I stopped in Lusk Wyoming for a beer and a burger at the Silver Dollar Saloon, and this stop has become a tradition ever since. Sitting in the bar I met up with a group of guys and gals who asked me to join their group for the last part of the ride. It was the best thing I did. When we pulled into town the sights of thousands of bikes and people will never be captured in pictures or stories from magazines. 'Unbelievable' is the only word that came to mind. My first beer in the Dungeon Bar opened my eyes to see everyone looked kinda like me! There were sunburned faces with white around the eyes and the smell of leather, suntan lotion, cigarettes, and body odor. I was there!

Now fast forward to 2020, the 80th Annual Rally.

I read in the *Rapid City Journal* that, according to the Dept of Transportation, attendance was a little over 365k ... that's down just 7.5% for the week from last year. Based on my visits to the event, attendance felt like about the same as the 75th. We went to the 50th and the 75th which were both packed.

No one could care less about the covid media frenzy. We saw no one wearing

masks at all!!! We were normal for a week!!!

There are so many things to see and do while you are there; demo rides, shopping, bike shows the hill climb & drag races, and tons of great concerts too. But Harley did not have demo rides. *Boo!!!* There were many 'celebrity impersonators' there, including two Elvis guys posing with a 'painted lady'. We did see a few vendors spots open here & there.

I have done this ride over 15 times and it is never ever a bad ride. It's an adventure that you have to put on your summer list and get out of this darn heat. Only once have I ever done only the freeway to get there and never again. The backroads through the twisties of Colorado can be cold and wet; but we have learned to stop and let the storm pass and move on with no issues. Campgrounds are good deals and I always recommend staying at the Buffalo Chip at least once, to see what it's about. Now I have moved down to a little quieter place.

Going to Sturgis next year? You bet! Life is about adventure. It's your turn to go! Ride safe and I'll see you on Main Street!

Jim Silk



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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, 85142. Starts 6pm.

9/4-6 {Fri-Sun} Four Corners Motorcycle Rally is ON in Durango CO. Sponsors include Law Tigers.

9/5-7 {Sat-Mon} 1st Annual Whiskey Row Rally, Prescott AZ. FMI: 928-443-5220 info2@prescottdowntown.com

9/12 {Sat} Concealed Carry Class at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 10a. Must pre-register. \$50/pp. Learn how to safely and legally carry your firearm. Call & reserve your spot today 480-346-0600. SHD is located at 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com <https://www.superstitionhd.com/>

9/12 {Sat} Remembrance Ride for Gynni & Coach of ABATE-AZ. Meet at noon @ What the Hell B&G, East Mesa. KSU 2pm. Ride to WG Ranch, 48214 N Black Canyon Hwy, New River. \$20/sgl, \$30/2-up. Primitive camping, BYOB, music by Skarlett Fever, & more. Hosted by ABATE-AZ. FMI: Marc 480-765-4079.

9/12 September Scorchers 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/>

9/13 {Sun} Jester Memorial Run hosted by MMA's Verde Valley District. Register 9-10am at American Legion Post 25, 480 S Calvary Way, Cottonwood. \$20/sgl, +\$10/2-up. FMI: Gary 928-300-2242, David 928-274-0805

9/26 {Sat} 2nd Annual Clinton Pennington Memorial Ride hosted by ABATE-AZ Superstition Chapter. Reg 8:30 at What the Hell B&G; KSU 9:30am. Last stop Rancho Bar 7 in Wickenburg, AZ. FMI: Marc Schultz 480-765-4079

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

9/27 {Sun} Roll With The Troll Sunday Funday Run includes Oracle - Winkelman - Gold Canyon. Meet at Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. KSU 9a. FMI: TrollsBikerWorld@gmail.com or 480-346-0600

10/2 {Fri} Awaiting Confirmation ... Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa FMI: Courtney 480-890-2613

10/3 {Sat} Lost Dutchman MC QC Six Shooter Poker Run. Sign-in 10a-noon @ Superstition HD {2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ}. Last card by 4pm at location TBA. High hand wins a large caliber magnum "Six Shooter Revolver". There will be vendors, raffles, music and all the fun stuff. FMI: billetldmc@gmail.com

10/3 3rd Annual Healing Heroes Ride West (AZ) to raise awareness of Post Traumatic Stress, combat-related stress, and to support the programs at Boulder Crest Retreat in Sonoita, AZ. Boulder Crest is committed to improving the physical, emotional, spiritual, & economic well-being of our nation's military, veterans, their family members, & first responders. Meet 8am at: Old Pueblo HD, East Tucson; Tucson Harley, West Tucson; or Sierra Cycles, Sierra Vista. Ride to Sonoita Fairgrounds 3142 AZ-83. FMI: Codi McCaw 520-455-4668, www.azheroesride.com

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

10/9 {Fri} Saddle Up For Kids poker run. Sign-in 7am @ HD Scottsdale, 15656 Hayden Rd. \$40/pp includes b'fast at HDoS (1st 300 pre-registered), Friday entry to AZ Bike Week. Benefits HOGZ United Charities & children in AZ. Choose from short in-town ride or 235-mile scenic ride. FMI: 602-695-1181, president@hogzuc.com

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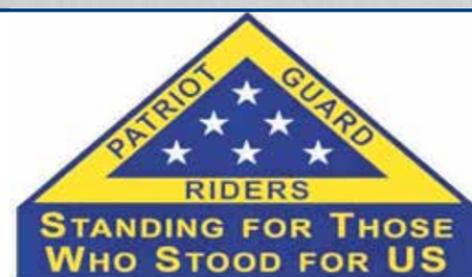


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"Joining" means you are added to our email list for the notification of upcoming missions. Just follow this link and register. <http://www.azpgr.org/>

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10/10 {Sat} Concealed Carry Class at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 10a. Must pre-register. \$50/pp. Learn how to safely and legally carry your firearm. Call & reserve your spot today 480-346-0600. SHD is located at 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com | https://www.superstitionhd.com/

10/11 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet – AZ's Largest Motorcycle Swap Meet takes place at @ Pinal County Fairground, 512 N 11-Mile Corner Road. {Exit 194 from I-10} Gates open to sellers 6am, public 8am. \$5 @ gate [kids under 12 years free]. Spaces are 20x15 = \$40/ea. First come, first served. All bike brands welcome. Turn your spare parts into cash. Find rare parts, antique, & more. No dogs except service dogs. Supported by Law Tigers AZ. FMI: MJ 480-209-8521

10/17 {Sat} **Bikers For Boobies.** Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://www.bikers4boobiesaz.org/> | b4b2013@hotmail.com

10/24 {{Sat} The 3rd annual Pony Express Ride, hosted by Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 32-1. Vets Helping Vets!!! Sign-in at Scottsdale HD. KSU 9:30am. \$20/sgl, \$10/passenger. 145-mile ride. Be in by 3pm to be eligible for prizes!! FMI: 321chapterpro@gmail.com

11/6 {Fri} TBA - Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa. FMI: Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

11/6-8 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River in Winkelman, AZ \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Bike show, bike games, vendors, camping, music, & more. FMI: billetdmc@gmail.com

11/7 {Sat} Craft Fair & Bake Sale at American Legion Post 34 in Cave Creek, in the Al Morgan Hall from 10a-3pm. Includes 16 fantastic vendors who all will contribute an item for our raffle. Bake Sale will consist of mostly home-made items made by our members. All proceeds benefit Veterans & their families in need. FMI: Susie Snider-480-772-6778 email: ssgoldfc@gmail.com

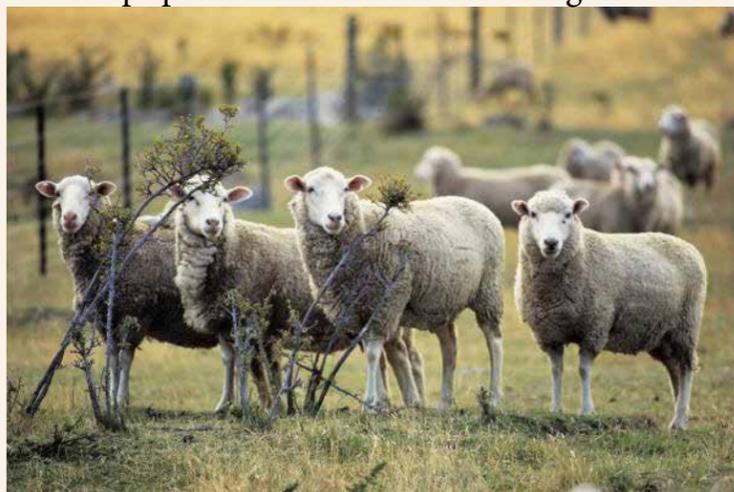
11/7 Veteran Alliance Dice Run starts 8am at Veteran Alliance office, 3530 S Val Vista, Gilbert. \$20 registration, \$5/card. Last stop Chandler American Legion Post 35, with food available. FMI: 602-469-1225, admin@amhascottsdale.com | www.facebook.com/veteranallianceusa

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12/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa TBA. FMI: Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

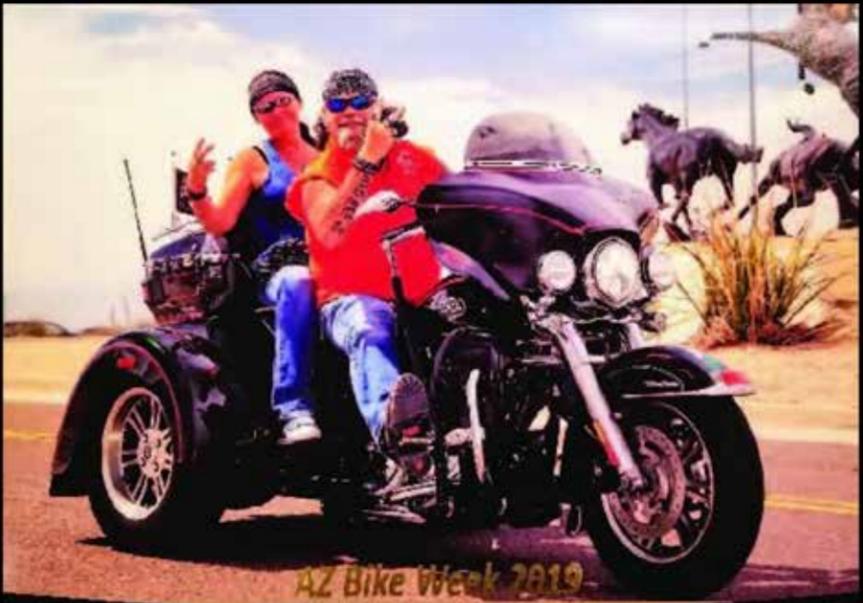
12/5 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run Mesa collects stuffed animals for Family Advocacy Center, Mesa Police & First Responders to assist traumatized children. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: 360-451-1795, <https://trollsbikerworld.com/>

Sheep spend their whole lives fearing the Wolf



But in the end it is the SHEPHERD who shears & eats them.





AZ Bike Week 2019

CELEBRATION OF LIFE RIDE

Coach & Gynni

September 12, 2020

<p>What the Hell Bar & Grill: Registration: Noon Kick Stands Up: 2pm</p> <p>Single Rider: \$20 with Passenger: \$30</p>	<p>Destination: WG Ranch 48214 N. Black Canyon Highway New River, AZ</p> <p>50/50 Raffle, Music, Primitive Camping</p> <p>Hosted by: ABATE of Arizona</p>
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If you are skipping the ride and going directly to the Ranch
Donations for Coach and Gynni's Memorial will be taken at the gate

Address is a quarter mile past Roadrunner Restaurant on the left

BYOB

MMA Verde Valley District Presents

Jester Memorial Run

For Lost Brothers and Sisters

American Legion Post 25
480 S Calvary Way
Cottonwood AZ

September 13th
Registration: 9 to 10am
KSU @10:30am



20.00 per rider & 10.00 per passenger

Breakfast will be available & Burgers at End Party
Join us fo this annual ride through the beautiful Verde Valley to honor those we have lost. Then join us for the after Party for even more fun, raffles and camaraderie.

Ride shirts available for pre sale @ wscreenprint.com/camp-verde-local & at the the run

Hope to see everyone there & ride safe