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BIKERS AID HURRICANE VICTIMS

Dear NCOM Board; We have spoken with Doc (NCOM Board Chairman "Doc" Reichenbach) and he has given us the go ahead to solicit relief assistance from our affiliates. After helping our friends and neighbors, we are now ready to contact the motorcycle community to assist with a storm that has contributed to the greatest property loss in our nation's history.

We have responded to an effort led by Central Harley-Davidson in Austin, Texas. They are receiving donations and then trucking them to dealerships in the affected areas, principally Houston. We asked if we could get our organization's members to ship to their store and they said yes, but make sure the boxes are marked.

We see a great need with the cleanup efforts, so this is what we are proposing –

Phase 1 - Groups can order cleanup supplies from the box stores - Walmart.com, Target.com or even the Home Depots and Lowes. Package one type of item per box and then labeled (ex. attached hurricane relief - tarps, or hurricane relief - surgical masks, etc.).

Phase 2 - We are coordinating with Motorcycle Resource Teams and bike clubs to volunteer at Central H-D and delivery points to load/unload boxes so the motorcycle shops can still conduct their daily business.

Phase 3 - Once delivered we will assist with getting the supplies to the areas in most need. Getting a group to set up at the Golden Triangle H-D shop and delivering supplies to neighborhoods in the affected areas.

Following is a list of needed supplies - extension cords, box fans, work gloves, tarps, box cutters, blades, nylon rope for tarps, bug spray, antibacterial wipes, disposable surgical masks, rubber gloves, shop vacs.

If folks would rather send money donations, a Houston organization that is networked with a multitude of churches and organizations in the state who are doing the relief work and gets the supplies that are needed in a very timely manner is www.somebodycares.org. Please check

them out, and they have a donate button on their website. They also have a Houston warehouse with trucks going to affected areas daily, so we will also put them on the suggested list of recipients for Mancuso H-D.

We want to thank you in advance for the assistance offered from our awesome motorcycle community.

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LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK ORGANIZER ELECTED TO N.H. STATEHOUSE

Longtime motorcycle enthusiast and organizer of the annual Laconia Motorcycle Week, Charlie St. Clair has won a House Seat in a special election in Belknap County, New Hampshire, posting a mild upset in the previously Republican-held district.

Charlie rides a Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic and has been riding cross country every year for over thirty-four years to attend Laconia's sister rally in Sturgis, South Dakota, and was inducted into the Sturgis Museum Hall of Fame in 2008. He has served as executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association since 1992, and will

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continue in that role.

Newly-elected State Rep. St. Clair (D-District 9) says "People know me, and I'm going down there to represent my constituents in my district. As for motorcyclists, I'll be watching out on their behalf whether they're constituents or visitors to the state."

ILLINOIS LAW MANDATES STUDENTS LEARN WHAT TO DO DURING A TRAFFIC STOP

In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, students in Illinois will now learn a possibly life-saving lesson; What to Do during a Traffic Stop.

The new state law, signed by Governor Bruce Rauner, is aimed at preventing a situation from escalating when teens are pulled over by police, and mandates that teachers dedicate instruction time to ensuring that students learn what to do and what not to do during a traffic stop, and how not to panic and do something that may seem like a red flag to cops.

"My hope is that if we uniformly require that driver's education include the protocol and what is expected when you interact with a police officer that things will not escalate," Senator Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield), who sponsored the bill, told the local station ABC 7.

NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE

DRIVER INSTRUCTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STOPS

Similar to a measure recently adopted in Louisiana to teach new licensees how to interact with police during traffic stops, House Bill 21 "Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops" has been approved unanimously by the North Carolina legislature and signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on July 12, 2017.

HB 21 provides that "The Division, in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, shall include in the driver license handbook a description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions that a motorist should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers."

ARKANSAS BECOMES 37TH STATE TO REVISE SLINGSHOT LICENSING

Polaris Industries reports that Arkansas no longer requires Slingshot owners to have a motorcycle operator's license, thus making the Natural State the 37th state to classify the three-wheeler as a car for licensing purposes.

"When Slingshot was introduced to the market in 2014, most consumers were required to hold a motorcycle endorsement or license to operate it," the

company said in a recent press release. "Because Slingshot does not feature handlebars or straddle seating, but rather offers a unique three-wheel configuration with a steering wheel and side-by-side seating, state policymakers have recognized the need to update their operator licensing laws."

Although Slingshot resides in the motorcycle classification which has long provided for three-wheel designs, operator skills are more similar to those required for a passenger car. "Our goal is to gain a unified classification and operator licensing scheme across the country to provide more opportunities and driving freedom for consumers looking for the ultimate thrill experience that Slingshot offers," said Rachael Elia, Slingshot Marketing Manager.

BANNED KNIVES NOW LEGAL IN TEXAS

A bipartisan House bill repealing the Lone Star State's 1871 ban on Bowie knives and other large blades has been signed by Governor Greg Abbott, dropping the carry of illegal knives such as "Bowie knives, daggers, dirks, stilettos, poniards, swords, and spears" from the Texas penal code on weapons, a crime which currently carries fines of up to a year in jail, a fine of up to \$4,000, or

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From Military To Civilian – A Seamless Transition

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

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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders!

On the cover ~ another scenic section of roadway enjoyed while on a ride to Globe. It's always a treat to ride AriZona. Even on familiar roads, you can see something new.



As many of you know, we've done some out-of state traveling this year. Since then we've been sharing some fun, interesting and/or just plain quirky things that we had the opportunity to do.

In March we were introduced to the Civic Musical Road in Lancaster, CA. It is named after the Honda Civic & was featured for a time in Honda Civic TV commercials. It is located on Avenue G between 30th St West and 40th St West, in the far left lane of the westbound side of the road. You can even pre-view it by visiting numerous videos online. It would fall into the 'quirky' category. An odd feature is that while you can certainly interpret the song as a portion of the *William Tell Overture*, for some reason when the grooves were cut into the pavement the designers set it up to play 'off-key'.

So, after traveling this one, we read more about these 'musical roads' and learned that while eight different countries host at least one, there are only TWO in the USA.

The second is in New Mexico. The Village of Tijeras {just outside of Albuquerque} is home to the Singing Road. It is a short stretch of Hwy 333 / Rt 66 that has grooves cut into it. If you travel at 45mph you hear the song *America the Beautiful*. It definitely plays the song, but the grooves are only a tire's width or so wide. It is similar to the warning strip alongside many roadways to wake up a drifting driver. So if you can maintain your path on the grooves, you'll hear the song.

We did traverse these roads by CAR rather than on a motorcycle ~ lol. But, if you are traveling by trike, sidecar, or other three-wheeler it's likely that either of these roads would be a safe, and somewhat amusing, activity.

We are so glad we had the opportunity to partake in these bits of Americana. Ours is a beautiful Country with *lots* of character and *many* good people. We all need to hold tight to that knowledge as various forces attempt to manipulate our fellow citizens by means of fear, intimidation, and confusion. We are continuously being bombarded with ploys to increase gun control & surveillance of our citizenry ~ all under the guise of 'public safety'. Our condolences go out to the victims of these terrible acts.

Fall has arrived. YAY! Cooler weather means more rides, but also more traffic. Snowbirds are returning. Please be cautious and conscious of your surroundings. Ride safely, choose wisely, & *Keep Your Butts On Your Putts*. **Bruce & Betsy**

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both.

Still off limits for knives with blades over 5.5 inches will be places such as schools, correctional facilities, houses of worship, and bars that derive more than half their income from alcohol sales. Minors, under 18, will not be able to buy or carry a location-restricted knife.

New Hampshire passed the nation's first repeal of a switchblade (automatic) knife ban in 2010, and since then such knife restrictions have been repealed in Alaska, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

FACING BACKLASH, CONFEDERATE MOTORS CHANGES ITS NAME

When Matt Chambers created his company in 1991 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he chose to name it Confederate Motors "in a salute to good Southern principles," but in today's politically charged climate that associates the Southern Confederacy with racism and white supremacy, Chambers has decided to retire the name.

"The Confederate brand was no longer viable. I think we lost a lot a business with that name," Chambers told the *Los Angeles Times*, adding "We've missed out on branding opportunities. So, it's time to retire it."

The company is now the Curtiss Motorcycle Co., named after the father of American aviation, Glenn Curtiss, who gained fame competing with the Wright Brothers to dominate the skies, but who also famously built and raced motorcycles.

Their first model will be called the Hercules, the name originally used for Curtiss' motorcycles, and will be an electric sportbike.

BRITISH MOTORCYCLISTS RIDE ON PARLIAMENT TO PROTEST BIKE CRIME

Hundreds of concerned motorcyclists rode through London on Saturday, Sept 9th to protest a staggering increase in bike thefts, bike-jackings and brutal attacks on motorcyclists in the U.K.

The protest comes after acid was sprayed at six scooter riders in a 90 minute period in a series of attacks in London in July, with one victim suffering "life-changing injuries" according to police. Due to these vicious assaults, acid attackers now face life in prison, and prosecutors have been advised to impose sentences of up to four years just for carrying acid.

Other riders have had their bikes stolen from them by armed thieves. Recent crime figures have shown that vehicle theft has risen 18.6% nationwide in the

last year and 25.9% in London, which is a trend that has been plain to see for bike owners. The thieves are more brazen than ever, posting pictures of bikes they've stolen on social media.

As the police struggle with motorcycle theft, the army may be called in to address the situation.

Protest organizers '#BikersUnited' say 65 bikes are stolen a day in the capital, while riders increasingly face "violence, knives, acid and even death from the thieves."

Formed of a number of biking groups including MAG (Motorcycle Action Group), #BikersUnited says on its Facebook page: "We represent the 1,000s of riders of motorcycles and scooters in Britain and are protesting about the outrageous escalation of bike theft and bike jackings in our country."

STUDY SHOWS CAR DRIVERS ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN TEXT AND DRIVE SAFELY

A recent study by Progressive Insurance reveals that about one third of car drivers feel confident in their own ability to text and drive, yet the majority believe distracted driving is the biggest cause of auto accidents and more than 90% say it should be illegal.

The report showed a sharp difference

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in attitudes between younger and older drivers, with more than 60% of 18-34 year olds being confident in their ability to safely text while driving, compared to less than 6% of those 55 and older.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 3,477 people were killed, and 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in the United States in 2015. Teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

The study further showed that men think they are better at texting and driving, with twice as many men (21%) as women (11%) saying they are "very confident" in their ability to text while driving. Despite that confidence in their own abilities, some 88% of men and 97% of women think texting should not be allowed.

Among all drivers, more than 65% of individuals polled believe that texting/looking at one's phone while driving is the most common cause of traffic accidents in the United States. And 83% of individuals believe police should be able to pull over drivers for texting alone. Yet at the same time, 34% of respondents said they were somewhat or very confident in their ability to text while driving.

Meanwhile, the study said the most common feelings evoked when seeing

another driver texting is concern (62%) followed by irritation (50%), and these feelings didn't vary by age or gender.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"A society that gets rid of all its trouble-makers goes downhill."

~ Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988)
science-fiction author

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY WELCOMES BAN ON GAS POWERED VEHICLES

The Motorcycle Industry Association (U.K.) has welcomed reports of a ban on new fossil fuel-powered vehicles starting 2040, saying it will be a "tremendous stimulus" for bike makers.

The Government is due to announce a ban on the sale of new petrol (gasoline) and diesel vehicles from 2040 as part of an effort to tackle air pollution, according to several national newspapers. The measure is expected to include a ban on new hybrid vehicles and "could mark the beginning of the end of the prevalence of the internal combustion engine in automotive transport," reports www.British-DealerNews.co.uk.

The announcement will be in line with a similar commitment already made by France.

Steve Kenward, CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), point-

ed out that no specific mention had been made of motorcycles but added: "I think there's a great opportunity."

"For all the congestion-busting abilities of motorcycles and the abilities to make electric bikes I think it's a tremendous stimulus for the motorcycle industry," Kenward predicts. "It's a tremendous commercial trigger to push on with electric motorcycles."

Motorcycles made before 2007 are already set to be hit by a £12.50 (\$16.10 USD) daily pollution toll for entering London beginning in 2020.

INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE BANS COMING FROM EUROPE, ASIA

A growing list of countries plan to ban conventional vehicles running on gasoline, diesel or other fossil fuels. Several European and Asian countries have already laid out ambitious plans to eliminate fossil fuel-powered vehicles:

Norway & The Netherlands have designed the most aggressive plans, wanting to switch to electric vehicles by 2025.

India wants to get all of its vehicles switched to battery power by 2030, not only ending the sale of internal combustion vehicles, but will convert or replace all vehicles on the road.

France announced plans coinciding

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with the G20 summit to have 80% of its fleet electrified by 2023.

Germany is pushing to end sales of gas and diesel cars by 2030.

China is increasing sales of so-called New Energy Vehicles by putting strict limits on the number of new vehicles that can be registered in major cities, exempting NEV models.

Sales of all battery-based vehicles dipped globally in 2016, and in the U.S. sales of hybrids, plug-ins, and BEVs (Battery Electric Vehicles) collectively accounted for barely 3% of the overall new vehicle market.

INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER

India has dethroned China from a long reign as the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer, having already overtaken China to become the largest domestic motorcycle market three years ago. The growth curve is continuing, as India's growing domestic market and partnerships with English and European bike builders have put the country at the forefront of worldwide two-wheeled production.

While overall new motorcycle sales in the U.S. have been about 500,000 a year, and around 125,000 are sold in the United Kingdom, the total sales of ma-

chines made in India for the last financial year came to 17.6 million – more every three days than are sold in the UK in a year; more every 11 days than are sold annually in America.

Meanwhile, China's domestic motorcycle market has been in decline for five years as government policy has incentivized electric bicycle sales and denied motorcycles access to city centers across China.

Conversely, the relentless growth of motorcycle sales in India is beginning to reshape the global marketplace. According to *New Atlas*, sales within India grew 6.9% last year, thanks to a fast-growing 1.32 billion domestic population that is quickly urbanizing and emerging from poverty -- India has the fastest GDP growth of any major country. A massive India-wide road construction program is also fueling car and bike sales, just as it did in America a century ago.

Currently India's domestic motorcycle marketplace is dominated by sub-125cc scooters and motorcycles, but larger capacity "luxury" classes are taking an increasing share as the market matures. Royal Enfield, built in India for the past 62 years, sold more than 700,000 motorcycles last year, a figure nearly equal to the combined worldwide sales of Harley-Davidson, KTM, BMW, Triumph, and Ducati, and their production target

for this fiscal year is 900,000.

MILLIONS OF LICENSED MOTORCYCLISTS DON'T RIDE

Nearly 8 million Americans have a motorcycle license, but don't own a bike. These phantom riders, referred to as "Sleeping License Holders," have come to the attention of motorcycle manufacturers seeking new customers as baby boomers age out of riding; wanting to wake them up.

Many of these 'sleepers' were active motorcyclists who had things happen in their life that caused them to quit riding: marriage, kids, financial pressures, a job that demands most of their time or simply a change in interests. Others completed rider training, got their license, but never bought a bike.

All of which has led Harley-Davidson, Indian and other bike makers to devise new marketing strategies.

Harley has set a goal of attracting 2 million new U.S. riders in the next decade and says it's committed to introducing 100 new motorcycles over the next 10 years, including an electric bike, and that effort is expected to bring some sleeping license holders into bike ownership.

Indian Motorcycle Co. is also digging into why the sleepers aren't taking that next step to become motorcycle owners. "I think, collectively as an industry, we

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need to answer that,” said Kevin Reilly, vice president of motorcycle marketing for Indian.

The median age of U.S. motorcyclists is about 45, according to a report in *Cycle World* magazine, with an overwhelming number of new bike buyers over the age of 50.

‘E-DUI’ LAW TARGETS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ELECTRONICS

Washington state has enacted a new 'E-DUI' law that imposes stiff penalties for driving under the influence... of electronic devices. Under their new distracted driving law, referred to as “E-DUI,” drivers in the Evergreen State will no longer be able to use a cell phone or any electronic device while driving, even when stopped at a traffic light. The bill was drafted in response to a 32% increase in deaths from distracted driving from 2014 to 2015.

“Put the cell phones down, preserve life,” Gov. Jay Inslee said on the steps of the Capitol in Olympia, according to *Q13 Fox News*. Inslee says the bill is called "electronic driving while impaired" for a reason. “When you are driving with a cell phone, you are a more dangerous driver than if you are driving drunk with a .08 blood alcohol level,” he said.

The first citation will cost drivers

\$136, nearly doubling for a second offense within five years. Tickets issued for driving while using hand-held electronics will go on a motorist’s record and reported to their insurance provider, says a website set up by the state explaining the new law.

In addition, according to the new law, drivers can also get a \$99 ticket for other types of distractions like grooming, smoking, eating or reading if it interferes with safe driving and you are pulled over for another traffic offense.

STURGIS-BOUND BIKE-RIDING MUSIC EXECS BECOME HIGHWAY HEROES

A group of Music Row power brokers bound for Sturgis from Nashville helped yank 10 people from their cars and trucks Aug. 4, 2017, just before fire raced through the scene of a crash in southern Illinois.

A semi-truck had plowed full speed into cars that had stopped for construction on the highway, explains a newspaper article appearing in *The Tennessean*, causing a chain-reaction eight-car pileup. Just in front of that pileup: A 10-person crew of music industry executives riding bikes from Nashville to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota.

Two of the bikers, brothers from a talent agency who were paramedics for

10 years in San Diego, got in touch with 911 operators and immediately began organizing bystanders, while the amateur rescuers went quickly vehicle by vehicle pulling victims to safety: First, a family of six with children ages 6 to 11; then, a couple of guys in a pick-up truck, one with a bad head wound; finally, a woman, screaming, stuck in a car that looked like a crushed beer can.

The Nashvillians couldn’t get her out of the car, so they got about 10 guys together and dragged the entire car, 3 feet at a time, across the highway into a grassy median away from the fire. And like in the movies they did so just before flames ripped through three vehicles that already had been emptied of passengers.

“It was a trip. I’m still tripped out by it,” one of the highway saints was quoted as saying in *USA Today*. “There’s no doubt, had we not sprung into action like we did, there would’ve been fatalities.”

ROLLING ADS PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS ACROSS NEBRASKA

Eight delivery trucks will carry a motorcycle awareness message for 10 weeks this summer while traversing the Cornhusker State as part of a Nebraska Highway Safety Council campaign.

Signs on the delivery trucks' panels

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warn motorists to "watch for motorcycles everywhere," by checking mirrors and looking both ways when at intersections and changing lanes.

The state Department of Transportation, law enforcement and motorcycle safety groups created the campaign to counter a spate of fatal accidents.

Nebraska Highway Safety Administrator Fred Zwonechek said similar campaigns funded by federal motorcycle safety grants have been used in the past to push awareness. "You want to reach drivers, and this is a way to do it," Zwonechek told the *Journal Star* newspaper.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON POLLUTION FINE REDUCED

The U.S. Justice Department has rescinded a requirement that Harley-Davidson Inc spend \$3 million on a project to reduce air pollution as part of a \$15 million fine the Obama administration levied last year for selling illegal tuning kits that cause its vehicles to emit too much pollution.

Under direction from the Trump administration, however, the Justice Dept. has determined that the \$3 million to retrofit wood-fired stoves was not appropriate, saying: "The original consent decree would have required defendants to pay a non-governmental third-party organiza-

tion to carry out the mitigation project. Questions exist as to whether this mitigation project is consistent with the new policy."

The move followed a recent decision by Attorney General Jeff Sessions to halt a longstanding practice under which polluters could be compelled to pay for environmental or community projects, in addition to fines and direct compensation to victims.

Now, a bill working its way through Congress could make AG Sessions's policy law. The bill, sponsored by Representative Robert W. Goodlatte (R-VA) would prevent the government from using settlement money from civil cases for purposes other than direct victim compensation or remediation, like clean-ups of environmental disasters.

OVER A QUARTER OF DRIVERS FEEL "BIKER ENVY"

If you've ever come across one of those drivers who seem determined to prevent you from passing on your bike, you may feel a sense of satisfaction in knowing that they're probably just jealous... and it's going to take them some time to calm down after they arrive late for work.

A recent survey has found that 27.8% of drivers experienced 'biker envy' when motorcyclists passed them in traffic and

it took them an average of 34.2 minutes to feel calm and in control again after getting to work late.

The survey of 2,000 commuters by British motorcycle insurer Devitt Insurance also found that employees lose on average 29.6 minutes of work a week because of heavy traffic, costing the U.K. economy £203,846,153 (\$261,351,152 USD).

Almost 13% had missed a job interview while stuck in traffic, while 32.3% said they would try to sneak into work unnoticed on arriving late. Here's a better idea: get a bike!

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

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MILLENNIALS ARE NEGATIVELY IMPACTING MOTORCYCLING

U.S. motorcycle sales for Harley-Davidson, which represents about half of America's big-bike market, were down 3.9% last year, and investment management firm Alliance Bernstein recently

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downgraded the Motor Company's rating while citing the millennial generation as a key contributor in the brand's downturn.

"Our data suggests the younger Gen Y population is adopting motorcycling at a far lower rate than prior generations," AB analyst David Beckel told AOL's Business Insider. "Gen Y's are aging into the important 'pre-family' cohort of riders and Boomers are increasingly handing over their keys to the smaller Gen X population."

Millennials have surpassed Baby Boomers in numbers to become the largest generation pool in the United States, and these 18 to 35-year-olds grew up during a recession, which has impacted their spending habits.

"I think we have got a very significant psychological scar from this great recession," according to Morgan Stanley analyst Kimberly Greenberger. "One in every five households at the time were severely negatively impacted by that event. And, if you think about the children in that house and how the length and depth of that recession really impacted people, I think you have an entire generation with permanently changed spending habits."

BIKE-TO-VEHICLE (B2V) TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

Drivers involved in an accident with a motorcycle often claim they didn't see the bike. Their smaller size, quickness and maneuverability makes motorcycles more difficult to identify in traffic. Autotalks, the world leader in V2X (Vehicle-to-Everything) communication solutions, is launching its bike-to-vehicle (B2V) solution, a technology for the prevention of motorcycle accidents. The solution is based on the B2X (Bike-to-Everything) chipset developed by the Israeli company.

Research conducted by Bosch, a leading global supplier of technology and services, finds that motorcycle-to-car communication could prevent almost one third of motorcycle related accidents, which has encouraged the German company to develop what they call a "digital protective shield" for riders. Digital visibility would warn the driver of a car about a motorcycle's close presence, even when it's not visible to the human eye.

The goal of the new technology is to prevent accidents from occurring, by providing warning notices on dashboards. The data would be exchanged by vehicle transmitters through public WLAN and ITS-G5. Potential hazards and nearby motorcycles would then show up on satellite navigation, including direction of

travel, position, speed, acceleration, and vehicle type.

Advantages of the Autotalks' B2V solution include simple integration, low power consumption, the smallest form factor, highest range of operating temperature and smallest physical size, which results in its resistance to the strong vibration and challenging environmental conditions of motorcycles.

OREGON ENACTS R-O-W LAW TO PROTECT MOTORCYCLISTS

A "Right-of-Way" or R-O-W law has been enacted in Oregon, as House Bill 2598 was signed by Governor Kate Brown on June 20, 2017. The bill also known as the "Milkman Mike Act" or the "Driver Responsibility Bill" will become law on January 1, 2018 and expands the offense of vehicular assault to include contact with motorcycle, motorcycle operator or motorcycle passenger that causes physical injury.

"This means that if a reckless driver injures a motorcycle rider or their passenger, the driver can be charged with vehicular assault and will be a Class A Misdemeanor," reports the Oregon Confederation of Clubs. The punishment can be doing time up to one year in prison and a maximum fine up to a \$6,250.

"This is a great win for Oregon rid-

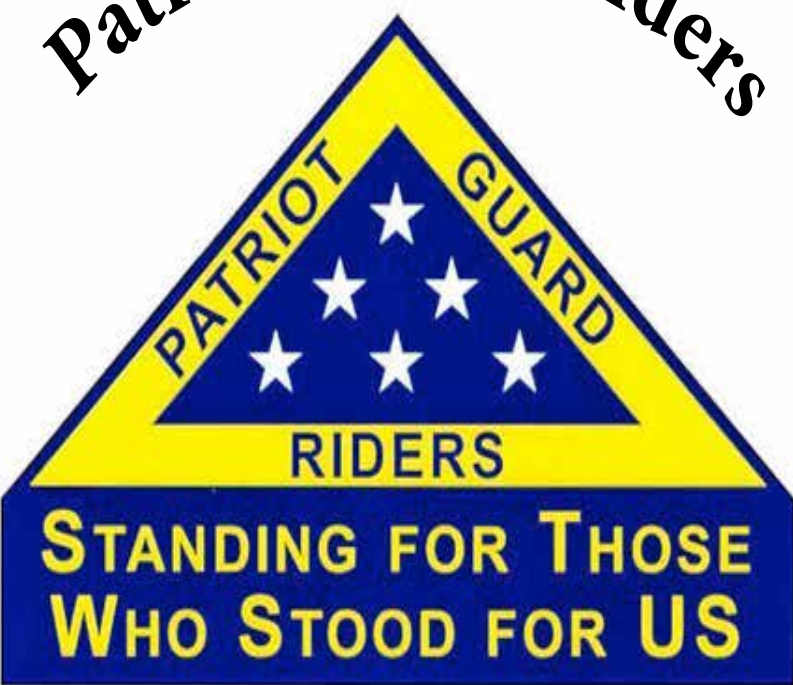
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ers!!,” states the Oregon COC on their website (www.oregoncoc.org). “Now we have something that has some teeth in it to punish drivers who are determined to be ‘reckless’. We have had too many brothers and sisters run down by car drivers getting a ticket for nominal money or no ticket at all. At best they get a slight bump in their insurance rates. And in the case of no ticket, their insurance company never really has a clue they have a high risk client on their hands.

“All it took was a sharp attorney (Oregon A.I.M. Attorney Christopher Slater) to do a very simple thing. He had the great idea to look to see if there is existing legislation. He found legislation that covered bicyclists and pedestrians (ORS 811.060). From there it was easy to add a few words...‘motorcycle rider and passenger.’ It was so simple it was brilliant. Much thanks to Christopher and his efforts. Many thanks to BikePac of Oregon and ABATE of Oregon who also worked hard to make this bill a reality.

“And may Milkman Mike rest in peace forever. This legislation is something he worked hard to achieve for many years. He was unable to see it done due to a health issue and we lost him several years ago. Mike was constantly working

within the motorcycle rights community. He also worked as the coordinator for the Coalition of Independent Riders (COIR). He spent a great amount of time adding non affiliated and independent riders to his communication roster.”

OHIO ‘DEAD RED’ LAW AMENDED FOR BICYCLES ONLY

During a lame-duck legislative session ending last December, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 154, commonly referred to as a “Dead Red” law, allowing all vehicles and bicycles to treat a malfunctioning traffic signal as a stop sign and to proceed through a red light after a reasonable time has elapsed, as long as the intersection is clear and you must yield to oncoming traffic with the right of way. Signed by the governor, the new law was to take effect in March, but an amendment was introduced and fast-tracked as an emergency measure to remove all motor vehicles (cars, trucks and motorcycles) from the law, and House Bill 9 amended the red light section to apply to bicycles only.

Under the language of HB 154, if drivers think they have waited long enough at a red light, they can go through it, explained Representative Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield), primary sponsor of the

amendment bill HB 9 “To amend section 4511.132 of the Revised Code to specify that the alternative protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights due to a failure of a vehicle detector applies only to bicycles, and to declare an emergency.”

Unlike when a stoplight is out or blinking because of a mechanical failure, there is no way for a driver to know for sure if an otherwise functioning light has been signaled to change, so legislators worried that the law would allow motor vehicle drivers to treat intersections like stop signs. Lawmakers rushed to fix the law, and HB 154 passed both chambers unanimously and was signed into law as an emergency measure by Gov. John Kasich, taking effect right away.

While ABATE of Ohio maintains that all Traffic Control Devices should be in good working order at all times and is working with the Ohio Department of Transportation to report/repair malfunctioning devices (Red Light Hotline (614) 387-0722 or biker.report@dot.state.oh.us), the organization reports that “Legislation granting motorcycles the ability to treat a malfunctioning traffic signal as a stop sign is planned for the

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AMSFA Motorcycle Rider Training Scholarships Will Be Available November & December

Thanks to recent grants from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the Arizona Trauma Association, AMSAF {Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation}, AMSAF is again accepting applications for Motorcycle Rider Training Scholarships.

“AMSFA is excited to continue

Rider Training Scholarships are BACK!

giving out more scholarships to help educate new and present riders,” says Mick Degn, AMSAF Executive Director. “I want to emphasize that AMSAF is a 501c3 non-profit and we look to raise money from State, Federal, Businesses, Community, individuals and events. This money goes to motorcycle safety and awareness and helping to get folks into Motorcycle training.” He added, “Since we started offering scholarships, AMSAF has provided more than 2500 in Arizona to help educate riders.” AMSAF is committed to helping reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities here in Arizona.

The number one concern of applicants is affordability. Many folks are on tight budgets and can't afford to do motorcycle training. These Scholarships allow riders to get into a Training course where they otherwise couldn't afford it.

There were 70 Basic Rider Course Scholarships and 8 Basic Rider Scholarship 2 (BRC2) available for the month of October, but they go FAST. The window to submit an application opens at 7am on the first Monday of the month. It is an online process. Once

all the scholarships are given out for the month, the program closes down until the next month. October's BRC classes were gone in 8 hours.

As of this writing there were still a few BRC2 scholarships available. If you are looking for a scholarship, read up on the program at their website, then mark your calendar for Monday November 6 at 7am. Scholarships will also be available in December. A call for applications in January may also be made, once resources and availability are assessed.

AMSFA's annual event, Riding For the Long Haul will take place March 4, 2018 at El Zaribah Shriners Auditorium in Phoenix.

To learn about AMSAF, the Rider Training Scholarships, Riding For the Long Haul, the Executive and Advisory Boards, sponsorship opportunities and more, visit their website www.amsaf.org. For their Tuesday Tips, Like AMSAF on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AMSFA.ORG/

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future.”

Basically, “Dead Red” laws allow a motorcyclist stopped at an intersection who has not been detected by a traffic signal sensor to run the light legally, when done so safely. Currently, 20 states have enacted such laws, varying in specificity from 45 seconds to 3 minutes, or 1-2 cycles of the light, or “when safe”: AR, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, NV, NC, OK, OR, NJ, PA, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WY.

NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES VETERAN RIDERS

On Thursday, June 22, 2017 the New Jersey Senate and the Assembly voted unanimously to pass Senate Bill No. 1750, and Assembly Bill No. 2729, to create a Veteran license plate for motorcycles.

This establishes "U.S. VET" plates for any honorably discharged Veteran. There will be an annual \$10 charge for these plates and all monies collected will be deposited in a fund to be used by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the support of programs benefiting New Jersey military veterans.

“When the Governor signs this legislation, it will end an over eight year campaign by ABATE for these plates,” announced Frank C. Maimone of ABATE of the Garden State.

HAWAII GOVERNOR VETOES BILL FOR MOTORCYCLISTS TO USE SHOULDER LANES

Legislation to allow motorcyclists to travel on shoulder lanes in congested traffic passed through the Hawaii legislature but was vetoed by Governor David Ige on July 11.

House Bill 727, introduced by Representative Henry J.C. Aquino (D-Waipahu), passed both the House and Senate with only two ‘No’ votes, and would “authorize the operator of a motorcycle or motor scooter to proceed cautiously upon the shoulder of the roadway, in the same direction at a reduced rate of speed of no more than ten miles per hour” until the adjacent lane cleared.

The intent of the measure was to alleviate congestion and reduce the risk of injury or loss of life, but in his veto message, Gov. Ige countered that “There is concern that this will compromise road safety. The shoulder lane is designed to accommodate stopped vehicles and emergency vehicles on highways, and bicycles on arterial roadways. While the intent of the bill is to reduce risk or injury or loss of life, there is concern that allowing shoulder lane use to these types of vehicles will instead create more danger for the operators of these vehicles.”

WHAT IF 10% OF DRIVERS

SWITCHED TO MOTORCYCLES?

In recognition of Ride to Work Day in June {annually on the 3rd Monday in June}, the Motorcycle Industry Association in the U.K. released figures highlighting the benefits for everyone if just 10% of car drivers made the switch to two wheels -- including a 20% increase in parking spaces, a 40% reduction in road congestion and financial savings from less cars on the road.

The figures come from a Belgian study, which modeled traffic for one of Europe’s congested roads and found that if 10% of car drivers swapped four wheels for two, congestion for all road users went down by 40%. If 25% of drivers rode, congestion was completely eliminated.

The INRIX Global Traffic Scorecard calculated the cost of congestion to the economy at around £30 billion a year (\$39 billion USD) – a figure that would reduce if more people switched to two wheels. Drivers could gain up to the equivalent of four days (32 hours) annually stuck in traffic.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “The most difficult thing is the decision to act. The rest is merely tenacity.”


~ Amelia Earhart (1897 - ?), American aviation heroine

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Brotherly Love-In

Every year the Leather/Eagle District of the Modified Motorcycle Association Leather/Eagle sponsors a few charity events. On Saturday July 29, they hosted their 10th annual Brotherly Love-in. It took place in Phoenix at the Amber Inn, located at 42336 W Dunlap Ave. My thanks to Velvet, Activities Officer for the District, for sharing news of the evening.

It is an event for EVERYONE! This gathering is an homage to the 60s ~ both for those of us old enough to recall ... and for those who aren't but are open-minded to having some light-hearted fun. Tie-dye, bell bottoms, and fringe are encouraged! The entry donation was \$10. With that you got your chance to buy raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, and participate in a auction. The evening was filled with 60s music ~ played by a groovy DJ named GQ. Plus there were games, trivia, and *Ladmo Bags*. For our readers who may be too young to understand the 'Ladmo Bag' reference ☺ they were a sought-after treasure for those Phoenician children who grew up in the 60s watching the Wallace & Ladmo Show.

Velvet explained, "As a District, we voted to sponsor the animal rescue Surrendered Souls once again. Mary Ann Everett is the owner and operator of Surrendered Souls." So, along with a wonderful evening of camaraderie, this evening was a fundraiser for this small, 501(c)(3) non-profit dog rescue. SSR relies on donations and in-home fostering by dog loving supporters. Surrendered Souls restores the health of and finds forever homes for the sick and injured. They also rehome owner surrenders, dogs from shelters, strays, and dogs from other bad situations. "Mary Ann does amazing work with these fur babies. You can look her up online at www.ssrescue.org/ or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SurrenderedSoulsRescue/"

According to Velvet, about 30 people attended, "weather being a factor". While I assumed that was Velvet's polite way of saying "AriZona's miserably hot July so nobody wants to go outdoors not even to an air-conditioned bar for a party" type weather {we all know that feeling} ... she clarified that it actually

was a rain-out. That's monsoon for ya! She also shared that it was "wonderful to see some new and old friends." And the lower than hoped-for attendance "didn't stop us from raising a phenomenal \$1183 with auction and donations." OUTSTANDING! It goes to show that sometimes a small group that's big on *heart* can do a *lot*...

The Modified Motorcycle Association is a Motorcyclists Rights Organization, with Districts around the state. It is a non-profit, educational organization comprised of motorcyclists and motorcycle enthusiasts who are concerned with the future, safety and welfare of motorcycling. Learn more about the MMA-AZ via their website <http://mma-az.org/>

The next event for MMA will be the 25th Annual Freedom Beach Party on Saturday February 17, 2018 at Jake's Corner in beautiful Payson AZ! There are more details about it in our calendar, in this e-dition.

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MPP Pressure Causes San Marcos Police to Condemn Motorcycle Profiling



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Our department is here to serve and assist the entire community, that includes both business owners and their patrons. We are sometimes called upon to assist in situations that may arise at a business, and in some

partment has seen 'an increase in the presence of the Bandidos Motorcycle Gang in the city and in downtown in recent weeks' and are 'recommending that downtown establishments to keep an eye out and consider implementing strategies to make their space unwelcoming to this group.' One of those strategies is to post dress code signage at the door to include rules against 'Gang related 'cuts,' 'vests,' or other insignia'" in addition to any dress code rules.¹¹

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www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/san-marcos-denounce-no-colors-policy/

San Marcos (TX)- The San Marcos Police Department (SMPD) has publicly rejected motorcycle profiling and discrimination in response to an inquiry regarding a recent Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP) request that the SMPD cease and desist from recommending that private owners make their establishments unwelcome to motorcycle clubs by adopting "no motorcycle colors" policies. The department explains that such recommendations are the result of one well-intentioned but misguided officer's actions that are "not in line with the policies of the San Marcos Police Department." The SMPD reminds *KXAN* that the department "has a policy against profiling and discrimination" and "support[s] the rights of people to peaceably assemble regardless of their appearance, clothing or affiliation with any group."

Although, as of this writing, the SMPD has not directly responded to the MPP's request, *KXAN News* in Austin reached out to the MPP and the SMPD for comment, and ran a follow up to the original story exposing the SMPD recommendations. ([click to view](#)) In a statement sent to *KXAN*, in answer to *KXAN*'s inquiries, the SMPD rejects profiling and separates the agency from the recommendations that private owners exclude club members.

From *KXAN*- The full statement received from the City of San Marcos:

"A San Marcos police officer gave well intentioned advice to some local business owners in response to incidents that took place at their establishments. While well meaning, some of that advice is not in line with the policies of the San Marcos Police Department. In fact, the San Marcos Police Department has a policy

cases to assist when a person is criminally trespassing. We also support the rights of people to peaceably assemble regardless of their appearance, clothing or affiliation with any group.

Our downtown, and our entire community welcomes all law-abiding citizens and visitors.

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The back story of this article is thoroughly covered [including resource footnotes] in the previously published article, [Police in Texas Pressuring Bars to Ban "Motorcycle Colors"](#) posted July 26th, 2017 on the Motorcycle Profiling Project website ~ also presented by "Double D". www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/police-texas-pressuring-bars-ban-motorcycle-colors/

In part ...

"Recently, the San Marcos Police Department (SMPD) made a prejudicial recommendation to downtown San Marcos businesses to implement a broad policy of discrimination against any individual wearing motorcycle-related insignia or colors."

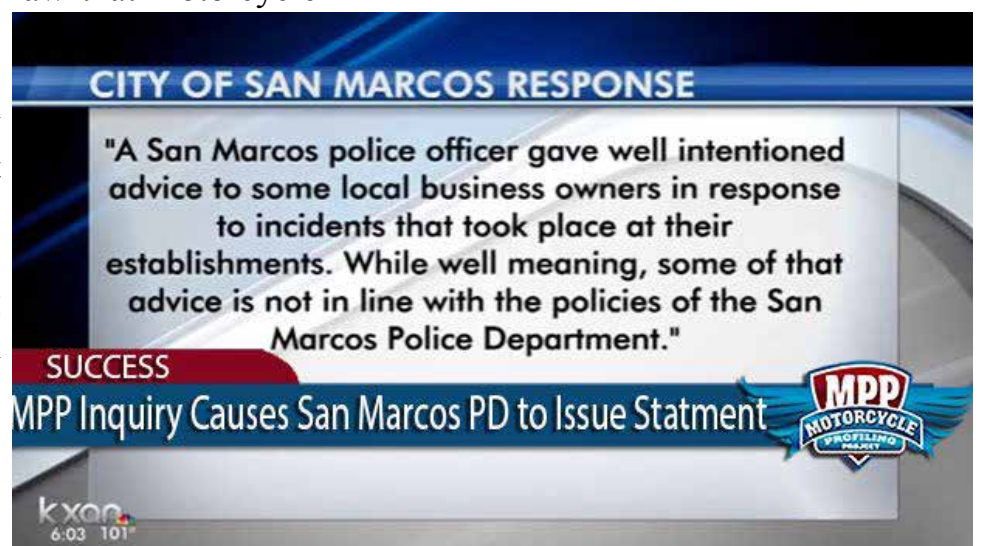
"These recommendations amount to coercive pressure from a government actor to implement policies of discrimination. It is settled law that motorcycle patches and colors are Constitutionally protected by the 1st Amendment from acts of government discrimination. Prohibiting individuals from expressing themselves with patches or insignia exposes the government to liability under 42 USC §1983."

"As reported in the *San Marcos Record*, the President of the Downtown Association of San Marcos has publicly stated that the San Marcos Police De-

"Private owners confirm pressure from SMPD recommendations, against their own wishes and economic well-being, are driving bikers NBC News affiliate *KXAN* (Austin) reports that Kristan Alvarez, owner of KnDs in downtown San Marcos, reports: 'I want bikers in here; I would love to see more bikers here. Like I said, we do sale biker stuff and I'm totally against it,' says Alvarez. 'I know a lot of bikers, Bandidos specifically and I just feel like they aren't all bad people, they shop here all the time and I want to welcome them here,' said Alvarez. 'I was a little upset that they were kind of pushing them away, I lose sales because of that.'"⁹

"Cohen California establishes that individuals have the 1st Amendment right to wear clothing which displays writing or designs in public places.¹² The United States Supreme Court has long recognized and protected the right of an individual to freedom of association. Thus, a person's right to wear the clothing of his choice, as well as his right to belong to any club or organization of his choice is constitutionally protected."

Read more on this topic by following the links offered at the beginning of this section.



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Biker Santas - Won't you help?

Marines Toys For Tots

The 2016 Marines Toys For Tots Ride took place on November 19. Sign-in & breakfast took place at H-D of Scottsdale. That event had 165 in attendance. A large U-Haul truck of toys plus approx. \$3,200 in donations went directly to the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation and stayed in Maricopa County.

The Mission of the Marines Toys For Tots "is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted." In its simplest terms... "Making a child smile on Christmas Morning."

Fast forward to 2017.... And YES ~ hard as it may be to believe... it's time to prepare for the Season of Giving in the most fun way possible ~ BIKER STYLE!

You'll want to mark your calendars for Saturday, November 25th for the Marines Toys For Tots Ride 2017. This year's registration again takes place at event sponsor Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, located at 15656 N Hayden Rd. HDoS became the official Sponsor for the Annual Marines Toys for Tots in 2014. Entry fee {per rider} is \$15 with a toy or \$20 without a toy. This year the fee includes breakfast donated by HDoS at registration. The end party runs from 1pm until midnight at Lucie's Sage & Sand Bar ~ that's at 13831 W Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ 85307. This year's party will include the usual fare of good

food, friends, and of course an array of awesome raffle prizes; plus entertainment by JD Madrid 1-3pm, 74th Street Band 4-7pm, & Outback Blues Band 830-midnight.

Sue 'Brat' Ashe is the Chairperson for this Annual Marine Toys for Tots Ride Event. Her dedication to this cause is pretty much immeasurable and has been for decades. She paints a poignant picture to share her passion, "Picture this: A 5-year old boy is sitting in a living room on Christmas morning looking out the window wondering why Santa missed his house again. Did Santa forget or did he get lost? Is he just running late? I sure can't picture that scene without getting teary eyed, can you? That's where the Marines Toys for Tots Organization and those of us in the riding community come into play. Since 1947 the Marines have helped families in need with the donations of 351 million toys for 166 million needy children."

For the 2017 ride, the event planner is Aaron Cutrano, founder and President of Cutrano AZ Troop Run, Inc. In regard to Aaron's participation Sue exclaimed, "All I have to say to describe Aaron Cutrano is WOW! His huge heart matches his passion and determination and that all has led to him working diligently to get sponsors and make the 2017 ride FAN-freaking-TASTIC (yep, that's a word in my book !)"

Sue sent along this message, "Many thanks to our sponsors including Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, Chuck Franklin Law, Cutrano AZ Troop Run,

Inc, Gremlin Garage, Desert Rose Dispensary, Financial Security Group of AZ, Inc, American Legion Post 90/VFW Post 1796, and MobileAccountantAZ just to name a few of our major "Santa's" and so many more wonderful and generous local businesses and people. For a complete list of sponsors and event updates check out the event's [Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/1250363101713971/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1250363101713971/)

Follow this link to the pre-registration form. Early registration gives you a chance at a ride pin & goodie bag {to the first 150 people registered}.

There is still time for new Sponsors & Vendors to get involved in this year's run. Contact either Sue "Brat" Ashe at bratstoysfortots@gmail.com 602-576-7052 or Aaron Cutrano, Event Planner/Vendor Coordinator at acutrano@hotmail.com 602-577-9789 for information about those opportunities.

In closing Sue shared, "As an active member of the riding community I am always in awe of the amazing support and generosity of the biker community but not at all surprised. I am sure this year will be no different. The Grinch cannot steal Christmas if the riding community has anything to say about it. With much love and respect, see you all on November 25th 2017 starting with registration at HDoS. Let's enjoy an awesome day while helping out less fortunate children and working off some of that turkey dinner before it's time to ramp up for Christmas."

pix of prior years show good times for a good cause



Happy Birthday in October to

Law Tiger Bob Moellman,
Ray Suiter, Bob Goodwin LFFL,
Joshua Sellards, Stan Corbin,
Donald 'Gypsy' Callahan,
Rose Confer, Cash McCall,
Bill Dunnells, Ray Simpson,
Carl E. Herbison, Kelly Gage,
Shortbus Radcliff,
Fernando Freddie Araiza,
Johnnyd ~ ALMA MC,
LaLa Montes, Casey Yates,
Lisa 'Bucket' Johnson,
Tim 'Ferdinand' Mclachlan,
Annette 'Red' Baker,
Martin 'Jughead' Ridgway,
Tom Lazzara, Gina Leathers,
Cathleen O'Brien, JD Annis,
Connie Roler-Jones,
Damien Browning,
Joe Stazione, Rayney Perkins,
Jon 'Scrappy' Ritzheimer,
Michele Peltier, Mud Flap,
Lisa Cyr, Farley McDavidson,
Lucy Barreras, John Haines,
Jane Adler, Gina ~SAHR MC,
Carl Consoni, Cindy ~SAHR MC,
Linda L Hix, Patricia Neiman,
Christy Dvoret, Steve Bullock,
Angela Vegas Verdugo,
David 'Spook' Ornelas,
Teresa 'Trauma Mama' McClelland,
Lorri L. Weld Lizarraga,
Victor Castorena,
Bonnie aka Wolf, and
Betsy ☺
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Happy Anniversary in October to

Raynita & Steve Carlson
Jack & Donna Batty
Gypsy & Sheri
James & Carolyn DeBoer
Manny & Desi
Tracie & Rhino
Sara & Brad Storcks
Aaron & Linda Velvet Sikes
Cindy & Brian ~ SAHR MC
Michael & Tammie Beaver
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Gone But Not Forgotten

Jack 'Fat Jack' Thompson ~
October 13, 2001

Bill 'Mule' Pierce ~
October 28, 2003
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July 21, 2017 ... Recall ~ NHTSA
Campaign Number: 17V467000
Front Wheel Rim may be Missing
Markings/FMVSS 120
Potential Number of Units
Affected: 37
Summary: BMW of North America,
LLC (BMW) is recalling certain
2017 BMW C650 GT and BMW C
Evolution scooters for failing to
conform to Federal Motor Vehicle
Safety Standard (FMVSS) number
120, "Wheels and rims-other than
passenger cars." The front rims
may not be marked with the
required rim type and the DOT
designation.

Since the rim is not marked with
the rim size and the DOT designa-
tion, a tire of the incorrect size
may be installed on this rim, af-
fecting the handling of the scooter
and increasing the risk of a crash.
Remedy: BMW will notify owners,
and dealers will replace any rims
that are not correctly marked, free
of charge. The recall is expected to
begin September 15, 2017. Owners
may contact BMW customer service
at 1-800-525-7417.

Notes: Owners may also contact
the National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration Vehicle
Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236
(TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to
www.safercar.gov.
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July 24, 2017 ... We learned from
our Facebook network that Mike
McCall, of the Mountain Motorcycle
Association based in Show Low,
passed away on July 24, 2017.

From the *White Mountain In-*
dependent, "Michael 'Mike' Ray
McCall died July 24, 2017. He was
born May 17, 1953, in Phoenix.
Mike worked as a surveyor and was
a business owner. He loved riding
motorcycles, sailboating, flying,
writing, drawing, hiking and dis-
covering.

He is survived by his mother,
Alice Holden; father Raymond
McCall; daughters: Michelle
Miller, Athena Anderson, Crystal
Henderson; two sisters: Kay
Harlow, Cindy Halstead; and
brother David McCall."

Our condolences go out to his
family and friends.
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August 14, 2017 ... Recall ~ NHTSA
Campaign Number: 17V502000
Right-Side Swingarm Pivot Pin
Bolts May Loosen
Potential Number of Units
Affected: 3,368
Summary: BMW of North America,
LLC (BMW) is recalling certain
2014-2017 R NINE T motorcycles.
The bolts that connect the right-
side swingarm pivot pin to the
frame may loosen. If the right-
side pivot pin loosens, the handling
and stability of the motorcycle may
be affected, increase the risk of
a crash.

Remedy: BMW will notify owners,
and dealers will remove the pivot
pin bolts, clean, and re-install them
with the proper torque after ap-
plying a thread locking adhesive,
free of charge. The recall is ex-
pected to begin October 9, 2017.
Owners may contact BMW customer
service at 1-800-525-7417 or by
email at Customer-Relations@bmw-
motorcycles.com. Notes: Owners
may also contact

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

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August 27, 2017 ... Haze, mem-
ber of Alma MC, announced via
Facebook that he is going to be
a grandfather. "I'm so happy
words couldn't explain it." We
wish the entire family all the best
at this joyful time.

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September 1, 2017... The start
of the new season of Motorcycles
on Main in Downtown Mesa
kicked off on Friday night Sep-
tember 1. Considering the heat
and the number of people who
traditionally leave the Valley for
the Labor Day Weekend, we thought
the turnout looked great. Numer-
ous other people offered similar
comments.

Music by Chris Kane Trio per-
forming at the beer garden filled
the air as people viewed bikes,
visited vendors, and caught up
with friends after the summer
break.

Our visit to the ABATE-AZ
booth gave us the opportunity to
catch up with a bunch of folks.
Please support your local MRO
{Motorcyclists Rights Organiza-
tion} with your membership and/or
by attending their events.

MoM has always been a good
outing to see friends and visit.
Tonight was no different... Cheryl
~ Robert & Jeanne ~ Jim Silk
~ Smiley ~ MikeT ~ Jack DTMC
~ Rhino ~ and more were there
☺

We strolled down to the Phoenix
Motor Leathers grand opening party.
The store was busy with shoppers
and well-wishers ~ and people were
enjoying music by the Unknown
Associates.

Next up will be Friday October
6... Mark your calendars for
First Fridays between September
& June.

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September 22, 2017 ... She said
YES! East Valley ABATE mem-
bers Jim Silk & Jennifer Jones
Hutt have announced their en-
gagement. WooHOO & Congratu-
lations!! We are SO happy for
you! B&B

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September 27, 2017 ... Bruce
& I have been participating in
the new 'Yoga For Riders' classes
at Superstition Harley-Davidson
in Apache Junction that you read
about in our last month's issue.
We have no problem sharing with
you that it has been a very
positive experience. We strive

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Community News

to keep our minds open to new opportunities to increase our health and well-being. Trying this was a good call that we will carry forward & incorporate into our overall health program.

Fellow students have been a mix of younger & older folks, guys and gals.

Teacher Greg Ormson offers a relaxed introduction to yoga; with its cross over benefits for motorcyclists. As we get older, flexibility, balance, strength, and range of motion become concerns that can plague riders... in some cases creating the need to switch from bikes to trikes, or some pilots even having to clip their wings altogether. In some cases, the benefits of yoga can help alleviate some of these issues. You owe it to yourself to see what it can for you.

October class dates will be announced soon, also taking place at Superstition H-D.

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September 28, 2017 ... Life Threatening Injury Motorcycle Crash ~ Kingman, AZ.

According to Public Information Officer Jennifer Sochocki of the Kingman Police Department, on the morning of Thursday "September 28th, around 6:00 a.m., Kingman Police responded to the scene of a serious with life threatening injuries motorcycle crash in the 24000 block of E. Hualapai Mountain Rd. Police responded after a Good Samaritan, who noticed a blinking light off in a ditch near the intersection of Van Buren Street and Hualapai Mountain Rd., pulled off the roadway to investigate the source of light which was found to be a motorcycle. The Good Samaritan called 9-1-1 when he found a male operator lying on the ground nearby. The investigation revealed that between 1:30 and 3:00 a.m., the 31 year old male travelled east on Hualapai Mountain Rd. in the "slow lane" and struck the southern curb line just as he passed Van Buren St. ejecting the male from his Harley Davidson Sportster before coming to a rest in a storm water control ditch where he laid until located. The male

was transported to Kingman Regional Medical Center and later flown by air ambulance to the University Medical Center in Las Vegas, NV with life threatening injuries.

The victim, whose identity will not be released at this time, was wearing a helmet. It is unknown if speed, alcohol or drugs are a factor as the investigation remains on-going."

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September 30, 2017 ... Food Vendor Needed ~ Fridays-Saturdays-Sundays at Treasures Flea Market, 9705 E Main St; East Mesa, AZ. For more information contact Nola at 480-235-3668

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Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Boast about a grand-baby, extend congratulations or well wishes, send someone kudos for a promotion, announce an engagement, welcome your GI home. You get the idea. Send an email to editor@azridersouthwest.com, subject line: Community News.

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September / October 2017

National and Regional News

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. House unanimously approved a proposal Sept. 6 to speed the deployment of self-driving cars without human controls by putting federal regulators in charge and barring states from blocking autonomous vehicles, according to a Reuters report. The measure is the first significant federal legislation intended to speed self-driving cars to market. The bill would allow automakers to obtain exemptions to deploy as many as 25,000 vehicles without meeting existing auto safety standards in the first year. The cap would rise over three years to 100,000 vehicles annually. Manufacturers seeking exemptions would have to demonstrate that self-driving cars are at least as safe as existing vehicles. States could still set rules on registration, licensing, liability, insurance and safety inspections, but not performance standards.

State News

NEW YORK - Motorcyclists are reporting that the New York Police Department is towing their bikes after citing the owners for minor traffic or parking infractions and that some bikes have been damaged in the process. The NYPD claims on social media that at least some of these tows are part of the city's Vision Zero

plan to eliminate traffic fatalities. In addition to the fine associated with the infraction, the owners have to pay \$185 for the tow and \$20 a night for storage until they retrieve their motorcycles. The AMA sent a letter to the NYPD protesting these actions and asking for a full explanation, but received no response.

Industry News

OCEAN VIEW, Del. - The electric scooter and motorcycle market is expected to reach \$55 billion by 2024, according to a report from Global Market Insights Inc. The report cites increased mobility for short distances, reduced carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide emissions and the actions of regulatory agencies in several countries as factors in the market expansion. Electric scooter and motorcycle market includes both commercial and personal use cases. Logistics companies can use these products for their small delivery requirements. Food and beverage delivery sector is an attractive segment for this industry. The rental business also presents growth potential in the coming years, the report states.

FRANKFURT, Germany - Volkswagen's supervisory board does not back a plan to sell Ducati, even though several companies showed interest when Volkswagen initially floated the idea in April. According to *Reuters*,

five bidders were on a shortlist of potential buyers, including the Benetton family. Ducati reportedly received offers between \$1.52 billion and \$1.76 billion. However, half of VW's 20-member supervisory board rejected the sale of Ducati unless there are compelling financial reasons. VW's six-month financial results show the company doesn't need more money, according to *Reuters*.

International News

BARIPADA, India - Motorcyclists who are not wearing helmets will be denied fuel for their bikes under a pilot program launched in August. Police there say most of the motorcycle crash fatalities are youths who are not helmeted. Wearing a helmet while riding is mandatory, and service station owners have been directed by the government not to provide fuel to riders without helmets. Those not wearing helmets also are subject to a fine.

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Run Calendar

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Every Saturday: Rollin Knights' Steak Night at the Castle, 1134 W Grant Ave Phoenix. Starts at 8pm-til all the steaks are gone. Drinks, music and great dinners. FMI: www.rollinknightsmc.com

Every other Saturday {updated 9/23/17}: 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 East Lot at 7:30a. Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

1st Saturday: Ride in Movie Night at Rosie's Den Café, 19949 N. US Hwy 93; White Hills, AZ 86445. 8pm 'til Sunday morning. Classic B-movies followed by an old fashioned biker campout complete with a Bloody Mary b'fast the next morning. The movie is free, the camp out is \$30/pp. Bring a group of ten+ & get \$5/pp off. Submit your favorite b grade biker movie to get a chance to win an overnight package for you & a guest if we show your suggestion. FMI: events@sincitybiker.com, (702)630-5527, www.sincitybiker.com

Every other Sunday {updated 10-1-17}: 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 East Lot at 7:30a. Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

1st Sundays [thru 3/2018]: Arizona Cycle Swap @ Big Surf Waterpark, 1500 N McClintock Dr. Tempe, AZ 85281 from 8a-noon. \$5/pp @ gate, under 12 free. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI / Vendor info: www.arizonacycleswap.com/

Every Tuesday: Rollin Knights MC Tucson Taco Tuesday @ 3385 Winstel Blvd 85716. Info@rollinknightsmc.com

Every Wednesday {updated 10-4-17}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot at 7:30a. KSU 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

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

2nd Thursdays: Nomaden MC Bike Night 6p-? @ Nomaden MC Clubhouse 137 N Huachuca Blvd, Huachuca City, next to WW Piz-za. Open to the public. Plz bring non-perishable food item for the Community Food Bank. FMI: on FB @ /nomaden.mc | nomadenmc@cox.net

Every Friday: ALMA MC Westside Open House... 8-11:30pm. 1050 N. Eliseo Felix Jr Way #105, Avondale. FMI: www.facebook.com/AlmaMcWestside/

Every other Friday: Loose Cannons MC Open House 7-11:30pm. 1408 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction. FMI: n/a

2nd & 3rd Friday: ALMA MC East Side Open House from 7pm-? Entertainment. Food & Beverages available. 3212 S. Fair Lane, Tempe. FMI: 127.Eastside@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Friday: ALMA MC Open House- All Chapters. 7pm at the OriGinal Club House, 1446 N. 27th Ave, Phx, AZ 85009. Great Food, Great Music & a Great Time! FMI: Chapo soy.chapo@gmail.com

10/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Moonshine VooDoo Band. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

10/6-7 {Fr-Sat} Run to the Rez #14 ~ Honoring All Veterans, at Apache Gold Resort & Casino. \$25/pp. Veterans Tribute, Music by Gray Wolf, Rolling Stones Tribute Band 'Jumping Jack Flash', & AC/DC Tribute 'Noise Pollution'. Poker Run, Bike Show, & Great Giveaways. 2017 Harley Davidson X-GR 750 Grand Prize Raffle. Room reservations at 1-800-APACHE-8. FMI: johnrezrider@yahoo.com www.facebook.com/runtotherez/

10/7 {Sat} 2nd Annual MMA Motorcycle & Classic Car Show, from 9a-1p, at & sponsored by Mesa Market Place 10550 E Baseline Rd. Sponsors include San Tan Ford. Benefits MMA-AZ & AZ StandDown. \$20 pre-reg, \$25 day of ~ car OR bike. FMI: Dawn 480-213-1184, <http://tinyurl.com/hakdmav> | soloridergal@aol.com

10/7 Accident Scene Management Basic Class, 9a-4pm at Grand Canyon H-D Mayer, 10434 AZ Hwy 69, 86333. Learn what to do in the first 5-30 minutes after a crash until professional help arrives. FMI: www.facebook.com/azasm1/ ; www.accidentscene.org

10/7 Moon Mullins Run 2017, hosted by Phoenix-Shadow Mountain ABATE. Register 5:30-6:30pm at Bikini Bean Espresso (1420 N. Scottsdale Rd, Tempe). \$10/sgl, \$15/two-up. Kickstands up 6:45pm. Ride to Bartlett Lake then to business member The Draw 10 Bar & Grill (5444 E Washington St, Phoenix). Shirts & Chapter merchandise for sale. 50/50 raffle winner must be present to win. Join us for a great moonlight ride! All proceeds support the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter of ABATE of AZ. FMI: abatephxshdwmtn@gmail.com

10/7 The Huns MC 15th annual Hawg Roast, from 7-11:30 pm at Desert Thunder MC. Clubhouse, 3101 W. Thomas Rd. Phoenix. FMI: lodur@desertthundermc.com

10/7 Roots Music Fest & Poker Run to benefit Steps to Recovery Homes. Poker run starts 9am @ The Collective - 7000 AZ-179, Sedona 86351. \$10/sgl, \$15/2-up, \$5 discount with a toy to benefit the Old Town Mission. Music starts 11am. Bands & FMI at <http://stepstorecoveryhomes.org/> ; 928-649-0077

10/7 East Meets West 9th Annual B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) Awareness Event from 9a-5pm Details: East Side Starts at Scottsdale Harley Davidson 15656 N. Hayden Rd. Scottsdale, AZ. 85260 West Side Starts at Go AZ Motorcycles 16844 N. Arrowhead Fountain Center Dr. Peoria, AZ. 85382 Sign-In from 9am to 11am \$10 Donation per person. End Party is at Steel Horse Saloon 1818 W. Bell Rd. Phoenix, AZ. FMI- Email Nytro at Nytro@mc-az.bacaworld.org

10/8 {Sun} Motorcycle Swap Meet at 11 Mile Corner opens 9am. @ Pinal Cty Fairgrounds, 512 N. 11-Mile Corner Rd. \$5/pp, Under 12 free. Accessories & parts: rare, new, used, antique... 10x15 Vendor spaces = \$30 [includes 2pp/space] Bike Corral \$5. Setup 6am. FMI: 480-209-8521, raysrydes@yahoo.com

10/8 Accident Scene Management Advanced Class, 9a-4pm at Grand Canyon H-D Mayer, 10434 AZ Hwy 69, 86333. FMI: www.facebook.com/azasm1/ | www.accidentscene.org

10/14 {Sat} ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter Motor Head Swap Meet. Motorcycles, ATVs, trail bikes, side by sides, street rods, cars, etc.. If it needs parts, this is for you! Come to cool Prescott Valley to buy or sell. FMI: Reed 928-710-0737 ycabateaz@gmail.com

10/14 22nd Annual Choir Boys Cuffs Run. Sign-in 9am @ Superstition HD in Apache Junction. \$20/vehicle plus Poker Run fee. \$5 Hand or 3 for \$10. Last bike out at 11am. Last stop at We-Ko-Pa Resort. Vendors, Music, & more. 100% of proceeds benefit peace officers who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: www.cuffsrn.com, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

10/14 Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts ~ 3pm. Awards presentation after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

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10/14 Nomaden MC Xmas Toy Drive. Party at Nomaden MC Club House 137 N. Huachuca Blvd. Huachuca City, AZ 85616. Live Music, Family Games, Family Activities, Vendors, Food, on site. 9a-11:30pm. FMI: mc-lain_656@hotmail.com, 520-559-5150

10/14 Vet-Oberfest hosted by Viet Nam Vets / Legacy Vets MC at the Wooden Nickel Tavern, 1908 S Country Club Rd Tucson, 85713 from 11a-11:30pm. Proceeds will go to various Homeless Vets Charities in Tucson. There will be Food, Fun, Drinks, Live Music, Bike Show, 50/50 raffle and much more!! Entry cost for Bike Show is \$10.00. Admission is \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. FMI: Rip VNVLV/MC 480-669-4433

10/14 Ride For the Warrior 6 Poker Run. Register at VFW Post 1677 Casa Grande from 9-10am, KSU 10:15. \$20/sgl, \$25/2-up INCLUDES event pass for Friday 11/3 @ music festival @ Paul Mason Sports Complex. Cash prizes for high & low hands. FMI: www.rideforthewarrior.com

10/20-22 {Fr-Sun} SAHR MC 23rd Annual Biker Rodeo, NEW Location: Cattlerest RV Park & Saloon 933 S. Haskell Ave, Willcox, AZ Directions: Easy access from I-10 Eastbound: Take Exit 336 - 2miles down left side of rd. Westbound: Take Exit 344 6.1 miles on right side of rd. Fee:\$15/pp covers you for the whole weekend. Kids under 16 free with parents. Free dry camping on site. There are about 10 RV full hookup spots on site for \$20/night. Make reservations with RV park 520-384-9213. Looking for vendors. Events: Have a clue ride, adult and kid biker rodeo games, DJ Mata, Live bands. camping, vendors, and fun. FMI: Suzi Q 520-249-3939 or Hoss 520-227-5145 or <http://sahr.us/Run.html>

10/20-22 ShineToberfest Moonshine Festival & Chili Cook Off at Saddle Sore Ranch in Mohave County, just off Rt 66. An old school biker party for 21 and up only. Weekend camping, live music and nightly campfire parties. www.Shinetoberfest.com

10/21 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter annual Chili Cookoff. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/

10/21 'Bikers for Boobies' 9th Annual Poker Run. Sign-in 10a-noon @ H-D of Scottsdale. Pre-reg = \$30/sgl, \$50/cpl. FMI: www.bikers4boobiesaz.org/

10/21 30th annual Nam Jam 'Nam to Sand Jam' hosted by Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapter 106, Tucson at Reid Park {900 S Randolph Way, Tucson} from 9a-7pm. Onsite resources for Veterans, music, & more. Music includes 'Mr. Skynyrd' and AC/DC Tribute 'The Jack'. All are welcome. Accepting donations of non-perishable food items. FMI: www.namjamtucson.org/

10/21 Ride a Hog Save a Dog at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85120 from 11a-2pm. Benefits HALO {Helping Animals Live On} Animal Rescue, a no-kill shelter & a 501(c) (3) non-profit. HALO will be onsite with some pups looking for their forever homes. Live music by Joel Maze. H.O.G.s & Dogs hosted by Superstition HOG Chapter is grilling up hot dogs from 11am till gone. Bitchin Stitchin will be sewing from 10a-1pm. HOG Chapter General Meeting 10am; 9:30 for coffee, conversation, & cake. Biker Blood Drive also taking place. Call ahead for appointment. FMI: receptionist@superstitionhd.com, 480-346-0600

10/21 Loners MC 11th Annual Old School Bike Show/Rat Rod Show & Motorcycle Swap Meet @ Road Runner Restaurant [623-465-9903] 47801 N. Black Canyon Hwy. Swap Meet starts at 7am. Live Band, Food & Drink Specials, Chicken Shit Bingo FMI: ?

10/28 {Sat} The Cabin Bar & Grill, 2763 Hwy 260 in Overgaard is hosting their annual Halloween Party to close the season. Live music, costume contest, drink specials, & lotsa fun. FMI: 928-535-6117 or <http://tinyurl.com/hbp7wd2>

10/28 ABATE-AZ Yuma Chapter is hosting Virginia's Memorial Charity Run to benefit Hospice of Yuma. Sign-in 9-10am @ Bobby's Territorial H-D, 2550 E Gila Ridge Rd, Yuma. \$10/pp, \$15/cpl includes lunch catered by Texas Roadhouse. Last bike in by 1pm. FMI: frankrandallwhite@yahoo.com, 209-327-0814

10/28 {Sat} Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts ~ 3pm. Awards presentation after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

10/28 Bone Run with the Desert Road Riders MC @ Club House 5433 W Hwy 68, Golden Valley. <http://desertroadridersmc.com/>

10/28 Desert Thunder and Fifth Halloween Party from 7p-1am @ DTMC Club House 3101 W. Thomas Rd. Phx. Includes food, Best Costume contest, 50/50. FMI: lodur@desertthundermc.com

10/28 StreetLightUSA Trauma to Triumph Ride starts/ends at Arrowhead HD, 16130 N. Arrowhead Fntns Ctr Dr., Peoria, 85382. Signup 8:30am. \$30/sgl, \$20/passenger. 5 Card Poker Run - \$750 High Hand & \$750 Low Hand. B'fast & Coffee, Music, Vendors, Lunch, Silent Auction, T-Shirt, Patch, Door Prizes. FMI: 623-247-5542, 623-217-8301, 623-435-0900 x 8102 or visit www.traumatotriumph.org

10/28 1st Annual Starlite Lounge Poker Run Starts/ends at Starlite Lounge - 4346 W. Olive Ave. Glendale, 85302. KSU noon. \$15/sgl, \$25/cpl. Hamburgers & Dogs \$5/plate proceeds going to the National Kidney Foundation of AZ. FMI:623-934-1913 or email starlitelounge16@mail.com

11/3 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by CTS- Consider the Source. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

11/3 Tucson Celtic Festival Bike Night at Rillito Raceway Park - 4502 N 1st Ave, Tucson, 85718. The Tucson Celtic Festival and Highland Games is in it 31st year & is having bike night on Friday. There will be bike & non-bike games to include: best legs in a kilt, keg toss, barrel race, slow race, & more. Live music, contests for biggest group/club, farthest rider, and ? Food & Beverages as well as other vendors will be open. Admission is only \$5. Come to the opening party of the Tucson Celtic Festival {Nov 3-5} & enjoy Bike Night from 5-10pm. Everyone welcome, encouraged to attend & have a great time. FMI: <http://www.tucsoncelticfestival.org>

11/3-5 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River, Winkelman, AZ. Weekend = \$20/pp, \$30/cpl; day pass \$10/pp. FMI: 623-363-3470, moehmcdv@gmail.com

11/4 6th Annual Bob's Biker Blast, from 9a-10pm at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale. All proceeds benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. Includes live concert by 3 Doors Down & more. Free admission w/ motorcycle endorsement. FMI: 480-905-1903

11/4 4th annual Toy Drive Kick-Off & Seductive CC Motorcycle & Custom Car Show at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. From 10a-2pm. Music, Car Hop Competition. Food, Vendors, Awards. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for our Christmas Toy Drive. FMI: 480-346-0600 or <http://www.superstitionhd.com>

11/4 5th Annual Cutrano & Bowtie's Car & Bike Charity Show at Desert Wind HD, 922 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa, 85210 from 11a-5pm. All Welcome! Hot Rods, Hawgs, Baggers, Low Riders, Trucks, VW, Euros, UTVs & Classics. FMI: 602-577-9789 or www.facebook.com/events/2155880374638605/

11/5 {Sun} Oasis Masonic Lodge #52 annual Benefit Poker Run starts & ends at American Legion Post 109, 15921 S Houghton Rd, Coronado, 85641. \$20/pp @ door, Reg early & \$ave \$5. Ask about group discount. Sign-in 8-10am. Vendors, music, & more. FMI: Ray 520-820-2494, rmdonohue@cox.net

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11/10-12 {Fr-Sun} Viet Nam Vets / Legacy Vets MC 1st annual Veterans Day Rally. Punkin Center Bar {928-479-2627}, Highway 188 & Greenback Rd, Tonto Basin, AZ. Biker Games, Tattoos, Vendors & Wet/Dry Camping available.

11/11 {Sat} Burgers and Beers with the Old Bastards MC Tucson to celebrate 20 years in Tucson. From noon-6pm at Midtown B&G {or TBD} 4915 E. Speedway Tucson, AZ. \$20/pp donation. Food, drink, music, raffles, 50/50 and much more. FMI: ?

11/11-12 Two-day event. Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens 10am. Racing starts ≈ 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201, www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com

11/17-19 {Fr-Sun} Mohave County Music Harvest at Saddle Sore Ranch. The ultimate music festival & weekend camping experience. More than 15 bands & independent artists. 3 days of live music, nightly campfire parties, & select vendors. www.MohaveCountyMusicHarvest.com

11/18 {Sat} 4th Annual Ride for Ryan House with Breathe Life Riders - from 8:30a-3pm. Sign-in at Ryan House, 110 W Merrell St, Phoenix, 85013. \$15/sgl, \$25/2-up. Last bike out 10am. Last stop at Road Runner in New River. Poker Games, 50/50, Auction, & more. Ryan House { www.ryanhouse.org} is a partner of Hospice of the Valley AZ & a non-profit care facility that provides respite & palliative care to children with life-threatening conditions &, as needed, end-of-life care. 100% of the Proceeds go to Ryan House. FMI: Lerch 623-640-4830 or Bella 602-421-3546

11/25 {Sat} Marines Toys for Tots Run to benefit Maricopa County Marine's Toys for Tots Program. Donations stay in Maricopa County. Register 9-11 at H-D of Scottsdale - 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, 85260 Last bike out @ 11a. \$15/pp with toy, \$20/pp without toy. End Party @ Lucie's Sage & Sand Bar & Grill 13831 W Glendale Ave, Glendale, 85307. Sponsorships & Vendor Spaces Available. FMI: Sue "Brat" Ashe bratstoysfortots@gmail.com | Aaron 602-577-9789, acutrano@hotmail.com

11/25 Alma MC Old Pueblo Charter winter opener from 5-11:30pm, at 620 E. 19th St, Tucson. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl, (Presidents free), food included. FMI: ?

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

11/26 {Sun} Motorcycle Swap Meet at Ramjet Racing - 12001 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, 85020 from 7a-Noon. Free to public, vendor spots \$5. Motorcycle Parking only, No vehicles in parking. General Parking available nearby. FMI: 602-788-0364, www.ramjetracing.com

12/1 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music with Poppy and the Usual Suspects. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain

12/2 {Sat} Toy Run ~ Bullhead City ~ with the Desert Road Riders MC. http://desertroadridersmc.com/

12/3 {Sun} ABATE of AZ State Social. Annual membership meeting followed by Annual Holiday Social Chili cook off, White elephant exchange, 50/50, Karaoke, and more. Held at Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) 1712 W. Broadway Road, Mesa, 85202 FMI: Dawn ~ steeddp@gmail.com

12/3 31st annual Casa Grande Toy Parade & Auction. Sign-in @ Dave White Park. Departs noon sharp. Entry = \$10 or toy. End location at 'The Property' 1281 W Gila Bend Hwy. Toys distributed by CG Salvation Army. FMI: 480-518-3311, 480-287-0564

12/9 {Sat} Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run hosted by ABATE-AZ High Country FMI: CC 928-476-1955, www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/

12/9 Arizona Biker Leather 15th Anniversary Party & Customer Appreciation Day. From noon-4pm. Located at NE corner of 19th Ave & Thunderbird, Phoenix. Balloon release in honor of George. Music, raffles, vendors, free food & beverages, in store specials. FMI: 602-843-5847

12/10 {Sun} Sun Riders MC 36th annual Toy Parade FMI: Robin 520-312-8120

12/10 12th annual Lost Dutchman Christmas Angel Run. Meet at LDMC Clubhouse 1826 W Broadway Suite 42 - Mesa . Come enjoy the clubhouse until noon - then ride in a group to the Walmart on Dobson / Rio Salado. Pick a gift ornament from a Salvation Army Christmas tree. Purchase that gift & the rest is done by the LDMC & SA. Make some less fortunate children happy on Christmas. Thank you. FMI: 602-463-7886, Billetldmc@juno.com

12/16 {Sat} Join Wreaths Across America & the Old Guard Riders @ the Phoenix National Memorial Cemetery for the WAA Remembrance Ceremony at 10am. For local sponsorship / attendance info contact Tarra, tarramatyas2@gmail.com, 602.487.0970 FMI National: www.wreathsassamerica.org

12/16 Toy Run ~ Kingman ~ with the Desert Road Riders MC. http://desertroadridersmc.com/

12/17 {Sun} Toy Run ~ Chloride ~ with the Desert Road Riders MC. http://desertroadridersmc.com/

12/17 ACMC 6th annual Christmas Toy Run 8a-2pm. Details TBA

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1-27 {Sat} Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sign-in 10-11am at American Legion Post 58, 16837 E Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills. \$10/pp. Unescorted Ride on a scenic route where the wild horses call home thru the Lower Salt River on Bush Highway in the Tonto National Forest. Last stop at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W Apache Trail. End party {11a-4:30pm} includes live music, beer garden, food, vendors, educational booths, & raffles. Proceeds benefit the Salt River Wild Horse Mgmt Group to continue protecting & keeping these Horses Wild & FREE. Sponsors include Law Tigers. http://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/

2/17 {Sat} MMA'S 25th annual Freedom Beach Party, noon-5pm @ Jakes Corner. \$15/pp. First 200 meal included. Music by Frozen Fire. Ugly Hawaiian shirt contest, Hula dance contest, people games, 50/50, raffles, tattoo contest. FMI: Vine 928-978-2850

3/4 {Sun} AMSAF {AZ Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation} annual Riding For the Long Haul, at El Zaribah Shriners Auditorium in Phoenix. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: www.amsaf.org

3/24 {Sat} 3rd annual Dakota's Run, organized by the Green Knights MMC Chapter 28. All proceeds benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org/) Starts/Ends at Go AZ Motorcycles Peoria. Register 8-10:30a. \$25/sgl, \$35/2-up includes lunch. Last Bike Out at 10:30a, Last Bike In at 2pm. Music, food, vendors, & a silent auction. PRE-registration includes FREE t-shirt. Each year we get together to Battle Toward Victory over blood cancers & to celebrate as Dakota continues her cancer free reign! FMI: www.lukegreenknights28.org | www.lukegreenknights28.org/ridesevents/

4/11 {Wed} Wednesday Ride for Kids. Join Phoenix HOG 93 for a 250-mile ride through beautiful Northern AZ. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI/register at www.wednesdayride.com

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