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Superstition H-D Collects Teddy Bears for AJPD

Saturday July 21, 2018 was the conclusion of a month-long drive to collect teddy bears for the Apache Junction Police Department. It was a cooperative effort. Superstition Harley-Davidson & members of its Superstition HOG Chapter teamed up with the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion of Post 27 in Apache Junction to make this event possible ☺

Many fire & police departments keep teddy bears & other toys in their vehicles on behalf of the smallest victims they encounter in their work. Over the years, it has been observed that when kids are in a traumatic situation such as a house fire, accident, domestic abuse, etc these small tokens can be a big comfort to a

little one facing scary stuff.

Anyone could participate in the drive at Superstition HD. Bringing a new teddy bear to the dealership earned you a raffle ticket for each bear donated.

On the morning of July 21, the drawing was held. Mary Morelos owned the lucky ticket & received a \$100 cash prize. A second drawing was held & was won by George Pederson. He took home the giant teddy bear and an SHD T-shirt. Congratulations to you both!

Music by Tyler Nielson, a talented young fellow, drifted through the store. Food was available for free at the snack stop... hotdogs, cold drinks, & sweet treats.

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ered to the Apache Junction PD, thanks to the generosity of all who participated. Apache Junction Police Department posted the statement, "Thank you to the citizens who donated and to Superstition Harley-Davidson in Apache Junction!"

Thank you Brina at Superstition for your help with this report.

Superstition Harley-Davidson is located at 2910 West Apache in Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Look 'em up online at <https://superstitionhd.com/>, visit on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SuperstitionHD/> or call 480-346-0600. Please mention that you saw them in *AZ Rider Motorcycle News*.

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winners:
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Chuck Woodcock (American Legion), Brina Brown - SHD,
Ray Morelos (HOG Chapter Member), Justin Umbs (SHD-GM)

3rd Annual Sinners & Saints Against Diabetes Party

Diabetes. Just the word makes you cringe. I'm sure we all have a loved one, or know someone close to us who struggles with Diabetes every day. It is a difficult disease that has no known cure. However, there are many great people out there that are fighting the fight against Diabetes every day. One of them is Anne Dennis, the Area Executive Director - Arizona/New Mexico, and her team at the American Diabetes Association in Phoenix. They inspired us to do something more.

On May 19, 2018, the Silent Saints MC North Valley and the Hooligans MC Deer Valley teamed up together for our 3rd Annual Sinners and Saints vs Diabetes event. This is a tandem party hosted by both clubs at the Hooligans Deer Valley clubhouse. It is an effort to raise awareness about Diabetes, its damaging toll, and the fight against it. Many local Arizona motorcycle clubs, friends, and family attended the party to help us fight Diabetes. Thanks to their help, we were able to raise money for a donation to the ADA.

In follow-up to the event back in May, the Hooligans MC 422 Crew and the Silent Saints MC North Valley Crew together paid a visit to Anne Dennis and the American Diabetes Foundation on the morning of Saturday, June 23rd. Presented was a giant commemorative check, and of course a real check, for a donation in the amount of \$600 from both clubs to assist Anne Dennis and the ADA's efforts to fight diabetes. The money will go to help send more than 300 children with Type 1, Type 2, and MODY diabetes to Summer Camp AZDA next June. Anne was so moved that she kindly invited us all to come up to Prescott to see Camp AZDA in person. We are looking forward to making the

trip up north to the cool country to pay a visit to the kids at the camp, and to see the wonderful things the ADA continues to do in the fight against Diabetes.

Thank you to the Silent Saints MC North Valley, the Hooligans MC Deer Valley, Anne Dennis and the ADA, and to all those who donated by attending the 3rd Annual Sinners and Saints vs Diabetes party. Your help and support for these kids of the ADA, and the fight against diabetes, is greatly appreciated.

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Editors Column

On the cover... Memories of a beautiful & chilly high-country ride while we're down here in the Valley monsoon ~ waiting out the summer.

With it being so hot down here in the Valley right now it's hard to believe that it's time to start planning for the Run to the Rez. But sure enough the flyer is out & it's time to put it on your calendar. Details are on page 9.

First Friday in September marks the return of Motorcycles on Main in Mesa from its summer hiatus and Treasures Flea Market reopens at the end of September. Each something to look forward to.

Here's a question to ponder. Why do some people feel the need to tear other people down? Whether or not people choose to ride in the heat of summer is a personal choice. As is choosing to ride one brand of bike instead of another.

While intolerance of one bike over another has lessened over the years... fewer references to so-called 'rice riders'; with our summers come the tiresome 'goldilocks riders' type slams.

Riders should always ride their own ride, including knowing their own tolerances. Never let someone else's childish attempts at 'one-upmanship' draw you into a situation beyond what is safe FOR YOU. Everyone is different. Some choose to be disrespectful of that. Let THEM be the ones in the emergency room with heat stroke.

FB can be a useful tool if used with discretion... BUT it can also be a ripe feeding ground for haters & trolls... aka people who for some reason need attention to fill a void in their sorry lives. They find that trolling for attention with negative statements reaps the best reactions to get their jollies.

Yes ~ We recognize the irony that by publishing this commentary that there will be those out there who see themselves & therefore are getting a response to boost their sad existence. Reminds us of that song 'You're So Vain.... I bet you think this song is about you.' Sad indeed...

That's enough for now. Ride safely, choose wisely, be nice, &
Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

Bruce & Betsy



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Motorcycle Profiling Project -

The Imaginary War Between MC's And the Government

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Press Release: July 10, 2018

National Council of Clubs

Re: The imaginary war between MC's and government.

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The National Council of Clubs (NCOC), dedicated to protecting the legal and political interests of motorcycle clubs coast-to-coast, is extremely concerned about an imaginary war between motorcycle clubs and the government, created in the minds of some law enforcement and government prosecutors, playing itself out in courthouses across America. This ideology of war has followed us to the steps of the criminal justice system, where visibly draconian security measures have been implemented based on unsubstantiated and ambiguous sources, even though there have been no validated examples of motorcycle clubs storming courthouses during a trial. A topical example reinforcing such irresponsible claims has been recently memorialized in a Texas District Attorney's press release relating to the supposed and constant threat of violent retaliation that prosecutors face during biker trials.

Despite the absurdity of the claim that any motorcycle club would storm a courthouse or target prosecutors with violence, there are no consequences for these falsehoods meant only to perpetuate fear and reinforce false narratives about 1% motorcycle clubs. And, of course, these false threats are used to justify excessive security measures during biker trials.

This fear-based tactic has real implications. Inside the courtroom, juries will be biased against biker defendants because of the perception that their safety is in jeopardy. Outside the courtroom, law enforcement will increasingly treat those exercising the constitutional liberties of association and expression as a direct violent threat based on inaccurate information and training. Incidents of motorcycle profiling and selective enforcement of the law will likely continue at epidemic levels until a more accurate narrative is reported by the media, both grassroots and mainstream.

Texas – The Recent Battleground

Sharon Wilson, the Tarrant County District Attorney, issued a press release on June 28, 2018 (below) reporting that Assistant District Attorney Pamela Boggess has been named "2018 Prosecutor Of The Year" by the Texas Gang Investigators Association for the successful prosecution of Ft. Worth Bandido

Howard "Drifter" Baker, convicted last year of directing a criminal organization.

Without debating the merits of Drifter's prosecution, or the sufficiency of his legal counsel, the NCOC believes that the Tarrant County District Attorney's press release further perpetuates baseless claims only intended to sensationalize and prejudice public perception against defendants and motorcycle clubs generally. Boggess is being recognized not only for a successful prosecution, but also for being successful under the constant threat of gang retaliation, a theatrical claim at best. The Press Release states:

"Prosecutors were the target of violent threats from gang sources throughout their handling of the case, and Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn maintained an unprecedented lockdown of the courthouse, including deputies positioned on the rooftops, for the duration of the trial."...."These gang members rely on intimidation tactics, but they find out quickly they've met their match in Pam Boggess."

What gang sources? What information did these sources provide? Why has no one been arrested or prosecuted for these threats? Unfortunately, this "made for Hollywood" scenario in Ft. Worth is NOT an anomaly. Similar incidents in Waco and San Antonio courthouses involving enhanced security measures based on fictitious threats, with the same unanswered questions, have been widely publicized in the media.

Imaginary Threats in Waco and San Antonio

In fact, NCOC participants were present during both trials and witnessed firsthand the ridiculous security measures employed, again based on unsubstantiated claims. In Waco, the Sheriff's Office constructed a fence around the entire courthouse and paid hundreds of thousands for extra security at the courthouse, and for personal security for prosecutors away from the courthouse. In San Antonio, a person was required to go through two metal detectors and have their ID photographed before they could enter the courtroom and sit in designated seats. Marshals surrounded the defendants in court, even when the jury was present.

The idea of using a tragic incident, whether it be a trial or a shooting, to advance a campaign of fear and draconian security, is not a new one. And it's particularly not new in Texas.

An Example Outside The Courthouse- Sgt. Swanton's Fairytale Fiction

Years before the mistrial in the first Waco prosecution of Dallas Bandido Jake Carrizal, Sgt. Swanton of the Waco Police Department declared on national TV, as nearly 200 people were rounded-up to ultimately be arrested on generic fill-in the blank arrest warrants based solely on their associations, that they

had received credible threats that bikers had "green-lit" law enforcement and were coming to Waco to retaliate.¹ Immediately following the incident at Twin peaks Waco law enforcement issued a statement warning *"bikers to stay off the streets because it was difficult to distinguish between law-abiding riders and those bent on criminality."* The local Harley Davidson dealership was even closed.² The Federal Board of Prisons, the Texas Border Intelligence Agency, and the Texas Department of Public Safety all issued bulletins based on these reports about retaliation.³ **But in the end, after the national spotlight had disappeared, authorities admitted that none of the threats of retaliation were found valid or true.**

Law enforcement quietly acknowledged, but failed to emphasize, that these reports were based on completely unsubstantiated information provided by an unnamed informant.⁴ Additionally, the alleged informant lost all credibility and believability by naming a non-existent club called the "Black Widows" as the source of the information. *"The Black Widows Motorcycle Club, while it might carry a looming scary name, is actually the fictitious group from a Clint Eastwood movie 'Every Which Way But Loose'. There is no actual Bike Gang called 'The Black Widows' anywhere in the South or Southwest."*⁵

Furthermore, NCOC participants observed firsthand Waco PD and Texas DPS officers admitting under oath during the Carrizal trial that threats reported by Swanton in 2015 turned out to be false and unsubstantiated. But even after the Waco PD's original story started to fall apart, most of the media that originally swallowed Swanton's narrative without question, never doing their own investigation or fact checking, never went back to correct the record even though many were present during this testimony.

After the smoke and mirrors are removed, no valid threat of violence from motorcycle clubs against law enforcement or government authorities exists. An NCOC participant from Nevada with vast trial experience, including trials with excessive security issues, confirms that authorities have zero historical basis when he writes, "We have asked judges or prosecutors to find a biker trial where they have had court issues, and they cannot." But the headlines have already done their perceptual damage. The outlaw image is simply too easy to exploit, too easy to sensationalize, and too easily manipulated to generate real fear. Fear in the eyes of jurors, law enforcement, the general public, and even other motorcyclists.

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HAWAII APPROVES SHOULDER SURFING

Some places allow lane splitting, riding between lanes of slow moving traffic, and others allow lane filtering where riders can filter through traffic at stop lights and proceed ahead of other vehicles when it turns green, but as an alternative Hawaii will now allow motorcycles to ride on the shoulder of the roadway.

Authorities have been debating allowing riders to practice lane filtering, as opposed to lane splitting, but after much deliberation Hawaiian riders will get neither, and instead will be the first state to get shoulder surfing: House Bill 2589 will allow two-wheel motorcycles

to travel on the shoulder in designated areas of state roads, when there is congestion.

In Hawaii, the lanes are narrow, which makes lane splitting and filtering a greater concern. The motion was approved, however, Governor David Ige (D) was initially against the idea, stating that the shoulder lane was reserved for stopped vehicles and emergency services. He considered that allowing motorcyclists to surf the shoulder would equate to higher risks of accidents.

Despite the Governor's initial intention to veto the motion, on July 12th, 2018, it was passed by default, without the Governor's signature. In Hawaii, any bill left unsigned and un-vetoed automatically becomes a law. Effective January 1, 2019 riders will be allowed on the shoulder on roads of at least two lanes in each direction and with a shoulder lane wide enough for a vehicle to circulate safely.

This experiment will also serve as an indication of whether this kind of measure concretely helps the flow of traffic or not.

LANE SPLITTING MAY BE ALLOWABLE IN MORE PLACES

Although practiced by motorcyclists around the globe, lane splitting is legal

in only one American state; California, though theoretically the practice could be permissible in 12 other states and Washington, D.C., reports RideApart.com; "California is the only state where lane splitting has any sort of official legal status, but that has only been the case since 1 January 2017. Before then, the commonly practiced riding technique was something of a gray area -- not specifically legal, but equally not specifically illegal. According to attorney Michael Padway, lane splitting exists in the same legal gray space in the following states: Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia."

So, perhaps the only reason people think it's against the rules in the states mentioned is precedent, but since lane splitting is not necessarily protected it would be up to an officer's discretion to determine whether the practice is safe.

MICHIGAN MODIFIES HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW

Michigan recently became the latest state to modify or repeal their antiquated handlebar height law, which many states enacted decades ago to give police a reason to pull over bikers. Currently, Mich-

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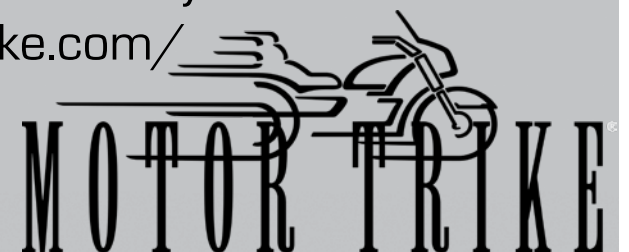
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igan law prohibits anything with a handlebar height over 15 inches (measured from the lowest point on the saddle to the highest point on the handlebars), but Senate Bill 568, signed into law by Governor Rick Snyder (R) increases the maximum allowable height of handlebars on motorcycles and mopeds from 15 inches to 30 inches.

“Motorcycles have changed drastically over the years and customization is very popular among riders,” said Senator Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) who sponsored the legislation. “One area where they are often doing so is with the height of the handlebars to offer a more enjoyable ride...by allowing for additional rider customization that does not expose a safety hazard.”

Additionally, many motorcycles on the road today may not even be compliant with current state law.

In recent years, states like Wisconsin and Ohio have eased their restrictions; “I look forward to the governor putting Michigan on par with some of our neighbors concerning handlebar restrictions,” commented Sen. Jones, adding that some states have no height restriction at all.

Jones said the bill was brought to him by the group American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) after a member of the riding community proposed the idea.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT PROMOTES POWERSPORTS

A new U.S. Department of the Interior summer video posted on YouTube and other social media sites features exciting scenes of off-road motorcycling on public lands, and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) is calling on all riders to applaud the efforts of the department and the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR).

The Interior Dept. video, “Recreation’s New Look,” is the latest result of combined Interior and industry efforts to give outdoor recreation a new look for the 21st century, and one that clearly includes powersports.

“Along with Interior and the ORR, the Motorcycle Industry Council, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) and the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) have worked hard to make powersports an even more recognized outdoor activity on

public lands and this new video really showcases that effort,” said Tim Buche, MIC president and CEO.

The ORR works to promote policy and legislative reforms needed to enhance the outdoor recreation economy, which accounts for \$673 billion in annual economic output. Since early 2017, the MIC, SVIA, ROHVA and other outdoor industries have been meeting with Secretary Ryan Zinke and officials from Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to discuss ways to improve visitor experiences on America’s public lands and waters, including providing more and better access to trails.

H-D SHIFTS OVERSEAS CITING TARIFFS, TRUMP LURES OTHER BIKE-MAKERS TO U.S.

A few weeks ago, Harley-Davidson announced that it was moving some production offshore claiming it was due to President Trump’s trade war tariffs, stat-

ing in prepared remarks; “Increasing international production to alleviate the EU tariff burden is not the company’s preference, but represents the only sustainable option to make its motorcycles accessible to customers in the EU and maintain a viable business in Europe. Europe is a critical market for Harley-Davidson.”

To briefly recap: Trump enacted tariffs on imported steel and aluminum earlier this year, prompting the European Union to place tariffs on a broad range of American imports, including motorcycles. That, in turn, prompted Harley, already facing headwinds, to move some of its jobs overseas, announcing plans to open a motorcycle assembly plant in Thailand this year.

In response, according to a report by *Business Insider*, the President is now looking to foster foreign manufacturers in the US, tweeting; “Now that Har-

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ley-Davidson is moving part of its operation out of the U.S., my Administration is working with other Motor Cycle companies who want to move into the U.S. Harley customers are not happy with their move - sales are down 7% in 2017. The U.S. is where the Action is!"

SCOTUS SIDES WITH MOTORCYCLE THIEF

It's not often that a motorcycle-related legal case ends up in the U.S. Supreme Court, but as the result of a dispute over a stolen bike in Virginia, the case of Collins v. Virginia, 16-1027 focused on the Fourth Amendment, and whether or not police violated the defendant's Constitutional right against unreasonable searches and seizures during a 2014 investigation.

Now, several years after the initial incident, the highest court in the land has concluded that the defendant's fourth amendment rights were indeed violated when a Albemarle County, Virginia, police officer strolled onto the defendant's (or rather his girlfriend's) property, lifting a cover to reveal a stolen motorcycle.

In this particular case, the Supreme Court Justices voted 8-1 in favor of Collins, with Justice Sonia Sotomayor asserting the search was an "invasion of the

sanctity" of Collins' curtilage (basically the land/area surrounding one's house).

Regarding the "automobile exception" which allows certain types of searches to be conducted on vehicles without a warrant since, unlike a house, cars can be moved at a moment's notice, Sotomayor contended it "does not justify an intrusion on a person's separate and substantial Fourth Amendment interest in his home and curtilage".

So in the end, Collins' "receiving stolen property" conviction previously handed down by the Virginia Supreme Court was overturned, though the U.S. Supreme Court has yet to close the book on the potential for Collin's convictions to be upheld on different grounds.

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Located at Mirabilandia, the "Ducati World" will be the world's first entertainment arena themed after a motorcycle brand. It will become a part of the Mirabilandia leisure park which is in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy, the birthplace of Ducati.

It will be spread across 35,000 square-meters and feature a unique new-gen roller coaster that will "turn each visitor into a Ducati rider" as a major attraction. It will also be home to motorcycle simulators allowing visitors to have the feel of the road on superbikes and track machines going at full throttle.

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SOA BLAMED FOR RISING ‘BIKER GANG’ NUMBERS

We blame a lot on television shows and on movies...violence, sexuality, food – but we can apparently now add fictional dramas to the long list of things that are bad for us on TV, as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recently released a statement that blamed the FX series “Sons of Anarchy” for the rise in “outlaw biker gangs’ numbers” in the province of Nova Scotia. The show ended four years ago, but it apparently keeps inspiring edgy riders to jump in the saddle and seek out their peers.

According to RCMP Constable Scott Morrison, the spirit of camaraderie is the big selling point. "They think the camaraderie is there based on the television show and they're joining up," he told CBC News.

DUTCH JUDGES BAN ‘HOMEGROWN BIKER’S GANG’

In The Hague on June 18, Dutch judges banned a national motorcycle club and seized all its assets, ruling members had spread a culture of violence and criminal activities in the Netherlands: "The court in The Hague has decided today that the motorcycle club Satudarah is banned with immediate effect," the judges said in their ruling.

The judges also ordered that the club should lose all its assets including access to its clubhouse.

The case had been brought by the Dutch prosecution service, as part of an ongoing clampdown on gang violence. Last year prosecutors successfully shut down the Bandidos MC when a court in Utrecht ordered all the club's chapters to close, saying it posed a public threat. Dutch justices have also tried in vain several times to outlaw the Hells Angels as a criminal organization, but a new case against the club is due to be heard soon.

NEW ‘A BIKER’S GUIDE TO MAKING LAW’ BROCHURE AVAILABLE FROM NCOM

The latest in a line of “BIKER’S GUIDE” brochures was recently unveiled during the Mock Legislative Session at this year’s NCOM Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Conducted by the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists’ Leg-

islative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), the seminar was a hands-on demonstration of passing legislation, providing a perfect opportunity to unveil the new “A BIKER’S GUIDE TO MAKING LAW” educational brochure of similar topic.

The new tri-fold brochure was produced by the NCOM-LTF to explain how to get a bill introduced and lobby for pro-motorcycle legislation, and is being provided free of charge to any Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO), Confederation of Clubs (COC), NCOM Member Group, club or organization, through Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester.

“The Biker’s Guide was well received,” said Frank Ernst, Chairman of the NCOM-LTF following the mock session on May 12th. “After we passed them out, many attendees came up and asked if they could have additional copies, and most agreed it is a valuable tool and will give people help on how to get started in the process.”

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MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES TREND DOWNWARD

Nationwide motorcycle traffic fatalities dropped by 5.6% from 2016 to 2017, a new report shows. The Governors Highway Safety Association released a report in May showcasing preliminary data on last year's motorcycle fatalities by state. Per the report, U.S. motorcycle fatalities dropped by 296 deaths -- from 5,286 in 2016 to a projected 4,990 last year. That's coming off a 5.1% increase in such road fatalities from 2015 to 2016, the report states.

The figures reported are projections based on preliminary data provided for 2017 from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Compared with 2016, motorcyclist fatalities are estimated to have decreased in 30 states, remained the same in two states, and increased in 18 states.

E15 ETHANOL PROTECTION PROPOSED IN CONGRESS

U.S. Representatives Austin Scott (R-GA) and Lois Frankel (D-FL) have introduced the bipartisan "Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act

of 2018" to require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to expand consumer awareness on how to safely use fuel containing more than 10% ethanol.

Since motorcycle and ATV engines are prohibited from using fuel with more than 10% ethanol content, namely E15 (fuel containing 15% ethanol), improved labeling, fuel pump safeguards, and education outreach are key to protecting consumers. E15 fuel is sold at many retail gas stations, and currently 63% of consumers assume all products sold at these stations are safe for their engines despite the fact that high ethanol fuel blends can damage smaller engines and void manufacturer warranties.

RETALIATORY TARIFFS WOULD 'SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT' HARLEY-DAVIDSON

With the full support of all 28 member states, the European Union will impose "rebalancing" tariffs on U.S. imports ranging from Harley-Davidson motorcycles to Levi's jeans beginning in July in retaliation over President Donald Trump's decision to put duties on European aluminum and steel. After failing to win trade concessions, on June 1 the Trump administration withdrew exemptions given to imported metals from the EU, Canada and Mexico from global tar-

iffs imposed in March, citing "national security" interests.

Harley-Davidson has warned of a "significant impact" on its sales from reprisal duties, saying in a statement; "We believe a punitive, retaliatory tariff on Harley-Davidson motorcycles in any of our major markets would have a significant impact on our sales, our dealers, our suppliers and our customers in those markets."

The Milwaukee-based Motor Company claims such tariffs on raw materials would inflate its costs by an additional \$15-20 million this year.

Likewise, India is countering the Trump tariffs by proposing an increase on import duty on 30 American products, including "specific motorcycles imported from the U.S.," by up to 100%.

MIC, CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS CONFER ON AUTOMATED TECH

The Motorcycle Industry Council, in coordination with the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus, hosted a briefing on "Intelligent Transportation Systems and Automated Vehicle Applications Impacts on Motorcycle Safety" on May 22. Caucus co-chairs, U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Michael

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Burgess (R-TX) addressed the Caucus's mission to support riders through education and awareness, the potential for technologies to improve the riding experience and bring in new riders, and why the discussion on how motorcycles will factor into a connected and autonomous world is so important.

The briefing, moderated by Callie Hoyt, MIC's manager of federal affairs, featured a panel of industry and research experts: Sam Campbell, BMW Group; Gary Higgins, American Honda Motor Company, Inc.; Shane McLaughlin, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute; and Eric Teoh, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"Visibility on the road can equate to life or death for motorcyclists, and human error is a major factor in that equation. If emerging connected and automated technologies are developed to correctly detect and respond to motorcycles, their deployment holds the potential to considerably decrease motorcyclist injury and fatality rates," Hoyt said.

Panelists discussed how connected and autonomous applications relate to motorcycles, how the applications can supplement one another, and the overall effect that widespread connected and automated technology can have on motorcycling.

Both the House and Senate have been developing legislation that would establish the first federal regulatory framework for autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies. The briefing recognized the importance of ensuring that the needs of everyone on the road -- particularly motorcyclists -- are addressed in AV legislative and regulatory landscapes, as well as in real-life applications.

Advanced technology will also affect motorcycle rider training programs, and the panel talked about the need to train riders on how to interact with connected and automated vehicles.

AUTOMATED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY SHOWING UP ON MOTORCYCLES TOO

It's not only cars and trucks: automated tech is starting to show up wherever there are wheels, and companies are starting to focus on making motorcycles safer with automated-driving technology. Exposed to the elements and operating on two wheels instead of four, motorcyclists are particularly defenseless in the event of a crash. Yet there's been little innovation in the motorcycle safety industry until recently.

Earlier this year, major auto parts supplier Bosch announced it was working on driver-assistance systems for mo-

torcycles, like adaptive cruise control, which accelerates and decelerates to avoid potential collisions. Before that, a Canadian startup called Damon X Labs also launched with the intention of creating a similar system for motorcycles.

Now, Israel-based startup Ride Vision is also working on rider safety features for motorcycles, creating an alert system that uses relatively inexpensive front- and rearview cameras to give a 360-degree view of the motorcycle's immediate surroundings. The system uses lights attached to the motorcycle's rearview mirrors to alert the motorcyclist when there is a chance of collision -- whether there's a car passing or if the rider is leaning too hard.

Skully Technologies, an Atlanta-based wearable tech company, is introducing a DOT certified motorcycle helmet that has augmented reality and artificial intelligence features including a heads-up display, rearview camera, Smart Phone and Bluetooth integration, with hands-free control and other smart technology.

While some of the self-driving sensors and systems are the same between cars and motorcycles, it's a notably different product says recode.net; "While the mechanics are different, the automa-

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ed motorcycle industry will likely move in a similar direction as the autonomous car industry. Startups and suppliers alike will rush to partner with major motorcycle manufacturers to begin testing and then eventually producing vehicles with this technology.”

NEW HAMPSHIRE BANS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY ROADSIDE CHECKPOINTS

Motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints first appeared in New York in 2009; functioning like sobriety checkpoints, motorcycle-only checkpoints (MOC) allow law enforcement to pull over motorcyclists without cause, for an on-the-spot safety, license, and helmet inspection. Since then, these so-called safety checkpoints have popped up across the country and have spiked controversy as opponents claim invasion of privacy and discrimination against motorcyclists over the operators of other motor vehicles.

Nineteen states now bar such roadblocks either through legislation or judicial proceedings (AK CA IL ID IA LA MD MO MI MN NC NH OR RI TX VA WA WI & WY), and in 2015 Congress banned the use of federal funds for MOCs as part of the FAST Act highway bill. Yet they continue to be a problem

for bikers in some states.

Although in 2011 New Hampshire became the first state to prohibit the use of federal funds to conduct discriminatory motorcycle-only stops by police, the “Live Free Or Die” state recently enacted Senate Bill 516 to prohibit motorcycle-only checkpoints outright.

Signed by Governor Chris Sununu on May 30, 2018, effective immediately; “No law enforcement officer or agency shall establish or conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints.”

PHILIPPINE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR REVIEW OF ALL ANTI-BIKER LAWS

Senator Grace Poe of the Philippines has recently filed a resolution in the Senate to look into legislation and ordinances that lead to the discrimination of motorcycle riders. The resolution notes the prevalence of, “stricter checkpoints specifically targeting motorcycle riders and the latter are now perceived by the community as reckless riders and/or prone to criminal activities.”

It cites the following activities as discriminatory to riders: "a. irregular PNP checkpoints; b. national laws that penalize motorcycle riders excessively; c. high fines being imposed against motorcycle riders; and d. local ordinances

that have overlooked the income of minimum wage-earning motorists.”

The resolution is hoped to review current legislation, ordinances, and law enforcement practices that specifically target motorcycle riders. Riders of the Philippines recently united several groups to ride in protest of such discriminatory practices, and drew several thousand attendees.

The resolution, filed on May 28, 2018, ends with the statement, “that while it intends to substantially bring down the number of accidents and crimes involving motorcycles, the State shall not do so to the detriment of the rights of motorcycle riders who seem to be treated with automatic disdain and "Harassment" at times.”

MOTORCYCLE RACING ENDANGERED BY INSURANCE IN ENGLAND & THE EU

Motorcycle racing is in danger in the U.K. and across Europe as new insurance rules loom, and the Motorcycle Industry Association (MIA) has called on EU member governments to reject the latest European Commission proposals, which have the potential to end all competitive motorsports across England...”Even if this means defying Brussels.”

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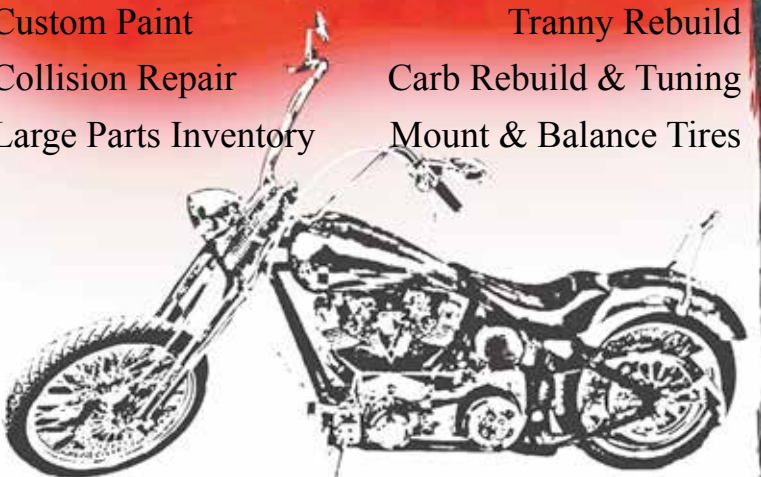
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The EU directive amends aspects of the Motor Insurance Directive, responding to the so-called 'Vnuk' judgment from 2014 which ruled that all mechanically propelled vehicles must have third-party insurance, even if they are only used on private land.

The insurance industry has already made it clear that it would be difficult to provide such insurance given the risks involved with racing and that doing so could be incredibly expensive and lead to "catastrophic damage inflicted on motorsports across the board if this ruling becomes law," according to the MIA. In other EU countries where this has already been applied, premiums have risen dramatically making many events unsustainable.

The proposals represent a complete U-turn from the

European Commission's previous position in 2016, when it proposed to exclude vehicles not being used 'in traffic'. This would have made all forms of motorsports exempt from the impact of the ruling, impacting around £11 billion (\$14.6 billion USD) to the U.K. economy alone.

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

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~Henry David Thoreau (1817-62), American Essayist, Philosopher

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The Media's Responsibility

The NCOC believes that public officials and law enforcement should be challenged by the media when they feed reporters sensationalized rhetoric. The media should demand an answer to these questions before irresponsible and one-sided messaging is used to generate fear and hysteria that has tangibly negative impacts on motorcycle clubs and their members. The imaginary threats faced by law enforcement do not exist. But the ability to influence juries, justify draconian security on the taxpayer's dime, and perpetuate law enforcement profiling and abuse is very real.

Until that happens, grassroots media unconstrained by institutional control must continue to challenge mainstream media with balanced and investigative reporting. Reducing the use of one-sided media reports that reinforce stereotypes of danger reduces bias, and the probability of treating bikers as criminals, Media that counters stereotypes can reduce perceptions of danger. There is even evidence that "counter-stereotypic information can reduce or even eliminate bias." (*See JOSHUA CORRELL from the University of Chicago, The influence of stereotypes on decisions to shoot, Eur. J. Soc. Psychol. 37, 1102–1117 (2007))

Balanced media that highlights the positive contributions and attributes of the motorcycling community directly impacts the general perception that all bikers are dangerous. Beyond the inherent value of truth, reducing perceptions of danger can directly reduce mistakes made by police when dealing with bikers.

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Saddle Up For Kids

The Saddle Up For Kids Ride, sponsored by Harley-Davidson® of Scottsdale is another among the official Arizona Bike Week events. This year was its 6th annual, taking place on April 13, 2018. This event is organized by HOGZ United Charities to benefit Arizona's Camp Courage, a summer camp for young burn survivors. Camp Courage, "was created to address the emotional needs of children who have suffered severe burn injuries." {from their website, <https://azburn.org/camp-courage/>}

Many thanks to Ken & Annette Gray for their help in preparing this article.

We learned that there was an "amazing turn out, from not only riders from all over the United States but from other countries; from California to Virginia and some great folks from Australia and Germany."

An estimated 325 riders participated, with about 100 on the shorter in-town ride and about 225 taking the traditional northern ride. The northern ride traveled through Pine, Strawberry, & Payson.

Ken reflected, "Last year it was a slow process of getting riders on board for the short ride. So many love the long ride due to the northern scenic views of our great state of Arizona. We enjoy giving our riders a choice from taking a long ride or just doing a small route in town to get into Arizona Bike Week early to enjoy the vendors and bands."

Several stops along the way provided free food & drinks plus chances to win raffle tickets toward prizes. Ken got a bit mysterious here ☺ "As we do every year there is always a surprise. The riders never know what's in store at some of the stops. We don't want to disclose some of the activities. We have to keep some surprises under wrap. Have to go on this ride to see! This year on our short

ride we not only had 2 free meals provided but there were fun activities. One impracticable was at Peaks & Valleys on Carefree Hwy. They provided a fun and exciting atmosphere for our riders. Our riders really enjoyed themselves with the special activity from what we were told. Spanks Peaks & Valleys!"

Both rides are self-paced, arriving at WestWorld in Scottsdale for AZ Bike Week attractions, including the evening concert with headliner 'Shinedown'. Once at WestWorld you'll find a fire truck in the Pavilion, where the riders who have completed the run await announcements & drawings.

This year's event generated \$10,000 for Camp Courage. HOGZ UC, along with Wind & Fire MC Phoenix, have a run in June up to Camp Courage to deliver the donations plus spend time with the kids at the camp. Ken shared that, "The common purpose, [is] to shine this light of joy on these children. Our hope is that by working together, in this small way, we can make a difference in the lives of these children, so they will have a moment of joy where they can smile once again."

A secondary beneficiary this year was Nation of Patriots, for military families in Arizona. This organization, which supports AZ military families with minor children, received \$2000. You can learn about this organization via their website www.arizonanationofpatriots.com.

Ken sent along thanks to all who helped make this day a success:

We can never do all we do without the support of the riders and sponsors. We appreciate all of them. Some of our sponsors have been with us from the beginning and we can't say enough about them. Time and time again they not only give for the cause but they make it fun for our riders. Some of our amazing sponsors go above and beyond to support this camp for children and children of military families. Not only with donations but the attitude and caring of the cause:

Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale – Every year they support us and our cause 100% and they go out of their way to make us and our riders feel welcome... the amazing building/property to use, the raffle prizes

they give us to give away; the kindness, the smiles from all who work there.

Waffle House - provides a free breakfast for all the riders & also donates for the cause. They raise donations up to 2 months right before Arizona Bike Week.

Sportsman Chalet - There was an amazing lunch special provided by Sportsman Chalet in Strawberry. Plus an extra way for riders to earn more raffle tickets. Owner Tim Chalet is still very much involved for the kids. He has a big heart and enjoys being a part of a great cause.

Jakes Corner – the team at Jakes Corner are so caring not just for the kids but they go out of their way for our riders.

Law Tigers – Time and time again Law Tigers has been there for our riders.

The last couple of years we have had some new sponsors who have also stepped up for the cause:

Playa II – Great folks and great food.

Peaks & Valleys – Our riders could not say enough about them, great atmosphere, fun and they treated each rider as a special guest.

Rosati's Pizza – they also had a great band playing and food specials just for our riders.

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There are more but we could go on and on.

He spoke very highly of the Volunteers. "Our volunteers were amazing this year. Each year it keeps getting better and better." Despite all the forms & waivers required to participate in a ride like this, they have worked to make it go smoothly. "We do everything we can to make the process quick and painless; so to speak. We want the participants to get their forms done, goodie bag, shirt etc. and out; so they can begin their adventure of riding through Arizona and having fun." Ken noted that they receive many compliments regarding this, from riders & sponsors. "We want to Thank them for that and for being so patient with the registration process at the beginning."

He continued, "We look forward to another great year and helping children as much as we can. We have some new ideas and new surprises for Saddle Up For Kids Ride in 2019 and we can't wait."

The 2019 Saddle Up For Kids is scheduled for Friday April 5. You can follow HOGZ UC on FB at www.facebook.com/HogzUnitedCharities/ to stay apprised of their upcoming activities.

Betsy



Community News

AZ Rider

Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Announce a birth or marriage, or your GI just got home or is being deployed. Extend congratulations or condolences. You get the idea. We look forward to hearing from you. And so, for now ~

Happy Birthday in August to
Ari Levenbaum, Michael Beaver,
Clayton Gandara, Sarah DeFer,
Jeff Gorall, Robert Windsor,
Buddy Laskan ~ LDMC,
Richard Dalton,
Nancy Judith Robinson,
Rita Brenner, Harold Thomas,
Bill Bracken ~ LDMC,
Tiny Dillon, Skeeter Peak,
Crystal Miles, Lyman Scherer,
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Logan Roberts,
'Santa' Tony Gasorowski,
Kathy Sleeper, Kathy Spitzer,
Jim Moore, Benjamin Martinez,
Missi Hughes, Teresa Goodson,
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Christie Richtar-French,
David Joseph Maclellan,
Heather Franklin Atwood,
Amber Lee Snow,
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Holy D ~ ALMA MC,
Charity Stuart,
Suzi Q ~ SAHR MC,
Sage Dunham, Autumn Foster,
Nick Confer, Aleshia Fisher,
Ron 'Ronzo' Spirlock,
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Digger Dave, Mark Tapp,
Journeymen Doc, Kim Icee Smock,
Debra 'Eagle' Donaldson,
Pat Savage, Barry Van Hook,
Jc Reece, Curly Judy Amsbury,
Dawn Vella, Dennis Beye,
Bridget Hughes, Wendy Schops,
Michelle Holmberg,
Kristin McWilliams,
Henrietta Nelson, & DJ Mata
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Happy Anniversary in August to
Mike & Wilma Shearhart
LarryTami CMA
Ray & Denise Hartman
Mick & Janelle Degn
B Paul & Teresa Price
Kevin & Alicia Rhode
Greg & Cindy Hughes
Gary & Suzy Lindroos
Suzi Q & Allen B ~ SAHR MC
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Gone But Not Forgotten

Sheryl Ann Terrell
~ August 25, 2005

PaulR ~ August 8, 2009

Tom Bragg, Jr
~ August 28, 2009

Richard (Dick) "Turtle" Lee
Davis ~ August 12, 2010

Mesa Frank Smith
~ August 13, 2010

Add'l August Remembrances

Rick 'Animal' Henry
~ August 9, 2011

Steve 'Muskrat' Musgrave
~ August 9, 2015

Jubel Dean Perkins
~ August 23, 2016
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June 5, 2018 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V371000
Hoses Near Exhaust Manifold May
Melt Causing Fire
Potential # Units Affected
1,462
Components FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE
Summary: Ducati North America
(Ducati) is recalling certain
2017-2018 Ducati Supersport,
and Supersport S motorcycles.
The Airbox blow-by and fuel tank
overflow hoses may be routed too
close to the exhaust manifold,
which may cause the hoses to
melt. If the hoses melt, it can
cause a fuel leak, increasing
the risk of a fire.

Remedy: Ducati will notify owners,
and dealers will inspect
the hose routing and correct as
necessary, free of charge. The
recall is expected to begin August
11, 2018. Owners may contact
Ducati customer service at
1-888-391-5446.

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

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June 15, 2018 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V408000
Side Stand or Frame Damage
Potential # Units: 2,376
Components STRUCTURE
Summary: BMW of North America,
LLC (BMW) is recalling certain
2017-2018 BMW G310R and 2018
BMW G310GS motorcycles. Over
time, repeated use and loading
of the side stand could cause
damage to the side stand and the
motorcycle's frame. Damage to
the side stand and/or frame may
result in the motorcycle unexpectedly
falling over while it
is stationary, increasing the
risk of injury.

Remedy: BMW will notify owners,
and dealers will inspect the
frame, installing a reinforcement
plate and new side stand,
or the frame will be replaced
if necessary, free of charge.

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The recall is expected to begin
August 7, 2018. Owners may contact
BMW customer service at
1-800-525-7417.

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June 19, 2018 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V416000
Air in the Anti-Lock Brake System

Potential # Units Affected
4,185

Components SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Summary: Indian Motorcycle Company
(Indian) is recalling certain
2017-2018 Indian Scout,
Scout Sixty, and Scout Bobber
motorcycles. The Anti-Lock
Brake System (ABS) may have air
left in the system after the
assembly process. Air in the
brake system can reduce brake
effectiveness, increasing the
risk of a crash.

Remedy: Indian will notify
owners, and dealers will bleed
the front and rear anti-lock
brake system, free of charge.
The recall is expected to begin
in July 2018. Owners may contact
Indian customer service at
1-877-204-3697. Indian's number
for this recall is I-18-07.

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June 29, 2018 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V441000
Brake Light May Not Illuminate

Potential # Units Affected 191
Components EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Summary: Suzuki Motor of America,
Inc. (Suzuki) is recalling certain
2018 Suzuki DR-Z400S and
DR-Z400SM motorcycles. During
assembly the resin that fills the
rear brake stop lamp switch may
have adhered to the internal
contacts, which can prevent the
brake lamp from illuminating. If
the brake lights do not illuminate,
it can increase the risk of a
crash.

Remedy: Suzuki will notify owners,
and dealers will install a new
stop lamp switch assembly, free
of charge. The recall began on
July 16, 2018. Owners may
contact Suzuki customer service
at 1-800-934-0934. Suzuki's
number for this recall is 2A84.

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July 6, 2018 ... ABATE of Arizona
is expanding to establish a new
Chapter, based in Mohave County.
Officers are: Coordinator Tom
Aydt, Secretary Cynde Aydt,
Treasurer Cyndier McClure, &
Membership Cat Spicker.
Contact number is 928-768-9832.
Meeting information TBA.

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July 10, 2018 ... Recall ~
NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V458000

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Fork Axle Carrier Defect May Cause Loss of Control
Potential # Units Affected 22
Components SUSPENSION

Summary: MV Agusta USA, LLC (MV Agusta) is recalling certain 2018 MV Agusta Brutale 800 Dragster RC, F3 800RC, and F3 800 motorcycles. These vehicles are equipped with a fork axle carrier that may have damaged threads which can cause excessive play of the wheel clamping screw. Wheel clamping screws that experience excessive play can cause a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash. Remedy: MV Agusta will notify owners, and dealers will in-

spect the threaded holes in the fork axle carriers, and if necessary replace the fork leg, free of charge. Owners are advised to not ride their motorcycles until the repair has been performed. The recall began July 20, 2018. Owners may contact MV Agusta customer service at 1-215-781-1770. MV Agusta's number for this recall is 18RC02.

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August 1, 2018 ... Congratulations to Henrietta Nelson ~ Hoka Hey Rider #906. She is among the riders who successfully completed the 2018 Hoka Hey Chal-

lenge which commenced on July 15. We learned that she is the first Native Lady Rider in the ride's history to cross the Hoka Hey finish line. This year's run started & ended in Medicine Park, OK; covering nearly 10,000 miles ~ all within the lower 48 states. She completed the ride on the night of August 1.

{Henrietta is an AZ Rider reader in Oklahoma.}

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Did You Know...?

Vehicle owners can receive hundreds of dollars towards repairs from ADEQ after failed emissions tests

Go from 'failed it to nailed it' with the Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program

Editors: YES we realize that, thanks to the efforts of ABATE-AZ & our other SMROs, that motorcyclists in AZ no longer have to go through emission testing for their bikes. That being said, there are many of us who have cars in addition to their bikes. So we thought this article might offer some helpful information. B&B

PHOENIX (June 1, 2018) -- The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) provides vehicle owners with hundreds of dollars towards repairs after failed emissions tests through the Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program (VVRP). ADEQ understands the financial strain that can come with having to repair a vehicle due to a failed emissions test. Vehicle owners are now able to use VVRP to get back on the road faster, saving money and reducing emissions. With cleaner burning engines, the public and environment benefit with better air quality.

If a vehicle fails to pass testing at an ADEQ Vehicle Emissions Inspection (VEI) Station, owners are immediately provided information about VVRP. Customer vehicles meeting program requirements and co-pay the first \$150 toward repairs can receive up to \$550 for gasoline vehicles and up to \$1000 for heavy duty diesel vehicles to pass the test and get back on the road.

"After failing the test, I applied for the program and was able to repair my car for a fraction of what it would have cost me otherwise," said Kamella, a VVRP customer in Phoenix. "I was even able to buy a new set of tires with the money I saved."

If their vehicle qualifies for VVRP, owners

can go from 'failed it to nailed it' by simply talking with a manager at the VEI Station to get the process started. Once a vehicle is accepted into the program, owners take it to a VVRP Approved Repair Facility, which have been identified to successfully repair vehicles to pass an emissions re-test at least 90 percent of the time.

"All costs for repairs, beyond the \$150 co-pay, are billed directly back to ADEQ," said Timothy Franquist, ADEQ Air Quality Director. "It was important that Arizona create a program which reduced out-of-pocket costs to the owners, encouraging them to move quickly to repair their vehicles and help us in our mission to improve air quality for all Arizonans."

Visit azdeq.gov/CarHelp for more information.

Customer testimonial video interview and b-roll of emissions testing at a VEI station are available upon request.

Background

Monitoring of vehicle emissions is required in major metropolitan areas, which are not meeting the air quality standards for ozone and other pollutants through the 1990 Clean Air Act (CAA). The CAA outlines a four-point strategy to reduce emissions through cleaner vehicles, cleaner fuels, clean transportation alternatives, plus inspection and maintenance programs. The goal is to improve air quality by reducing hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, which contribute to the formation of ozone. In Arizona, the Phoenix and Yuma metropolitan areas are classified as nonattainment areas for ozone, meaning those ar-

reas do not meet the federal health standard required by the EPA through the CAA. Vehicle emissions testing in Tucson began due to elevated carbon monoxide emissions, however the area is also very close to exceeding the standard for ozone. When the standard is exceeded, a plan to reduce emissions is put into place, which can have negative economic impacts on industry and the general public. If a sufficient reduction in emissions is not achieved, additional restrictions to emission sources could be required by the EPA.

[ADEQ Vehicle Emissions Control Section](#) & [ADEQ Air Forecasting](#)

Contact: [Erin Jordan, ADEQ Public Information Officer](#) | 602-771-2215 desk | 602-540-8072 cell

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Hamster 'Dry Heat' Charity Run



Arizona Bike Week brings with it many favorite gatherings, looked forward to by rally-goers each year. The Hamster 'Dry Heat' Run, presented by Paul Yaffe's Bagger Nation, is one such event. For the eighth annual, held on Friday April 13, 2018, an approximate 900 riders gathered at the Paul Yaffe Originals shop in Phoenix. The ride fee included lunch plus entry into Arizona Bike Week at WestWorld.

Paul Yaffe {photo bottom, right}, along with fellow Hamster Dan Roche, led the 75-mile ride through the Arizona desert. Paul commented that it was "Very cool seeing 900 motorcycles all riding 2 by 2!" The destination was the Road Runner Saloon in New River; where

lunch and entertainment awaited the riders as they spent the afternoon 'Hamster style'. Paul explained, "Hamster Style is simply an easy going day spent on fun custom motorcycles making new friends and raising some \$\$ for a great cause!" Sounds good!

From New River, riders made their way to West World in Scottsdale for all of the attractions of Arizona Bike Week; including that night's concert ~ headlined by Shinedown.

The beneficiary of this run is Lifescape Children's Care Hospital, a medical facility headquartered in SD. Over the years, Hamsters USA has focused its charitable efforts here. Lifescape's mission reads, "We empower children and adults with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives." You can learn more about it online at [https://](https://www.lifescapesd.org/)

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Hamster activities around the country have reportedly generated over \$2 million dollars on behalf of special-needs children in South Dakota. Paul shared that from this event, "We were able to send \$65,212.00 to Lifescape Children's Hospital! That's a new record!" Adding, "The Hamster Organization is celebrating 40 years this year and is humbled to be able to support such a great cause as Children's Care."

Paul conveyed, "A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped pull the event off! Hot Leathers Apparel for donating Dry Heat Run shirts, Road Runner Saloon (a great biker hang out) for hosting us and Brad Bennett & Lisa Cyr who are the owners of AZ Bike Week for sponsoring our event." And, "I'm blown away every year at just how great all the riders that join us are and I'm looking forward to next year's ride being bigger and better!"

Congratulations on such a successful outcome! Thank you for helping us share some of your day with our readers.

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Saturdays 2018 { 8/11, 8/25 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Meet at East Lot at 6:30a. Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

2nd Saturdays: Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Open House, from 7-11:30pm for any of you bikers. We make a nice rest stop on your way home or your way out. Cold drinks, good bbq, music, etc. You are welcome to join in. All types of bikes, all types of people, cars too. 17998 186th St, Queen Creek. Thank you. FMI: mwarren0717@gmail.com

3rd Saturdays {8/18, 9/15}: Superstition Harley-Davidson HOG Chapter Monthly General Meeting in the H.O.G. Room at 10am. Start gathering at 9:30am for cake, conversation, & coffee. Superstition H-D 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: receptionist@superstitionhd.com, 480-346-0600

Sundays 2018 { 8/5, 8/19}: 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 6:30a. Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

Wednesdays 2018 { 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot 6:30a, ride @ 7am. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

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

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

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

Last Fridays: Lost Dutchman MC Mesa Open House, from 7-11:30pm. 1826 W Broadway Suite #42, Mesa FMI: billetdmc@juno.com, 602-463-7886

8/9 {Thur} Bike Night at The Hitching Post with Superstition Harley Davidson. Meet in the SHD west lot, 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Kickstands up at 6:15pm FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

8/11 {Sat} ABATE-AZ Member Appreciation Event hosted by High Country Chapter at Bandit's Restaurant & Dirty Cowboy Saloon, at 5079 AZ-87, Strawberry, AZ. Noon-5pm. ABATE members get in FREE. Non-members \$10. {Join up or renew} Live music, free food. No-host bar. FMI: 928-363-4075, cecilia.ransom@gmail.com

8/11 {Sat} Skipped Sturgis Shindig @ Superstition Harley-Davidson. Skipped Sturgis? Come party with us! Live Music, Bikini Bike Wash, Frozen T-shirt contest & lunch! Fun starts at 11am. ALSO: Blood Drive from 9a-1pm. Call 480-346-0600 to set an appointment. SHD, located at 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

8/18 {Sat} Poker Run hosted by Cochise Riders MC at Buddy's Bar { 520-456-1511} in Whetstone, 189 E Hwy 82. \$5/entry to party. Music, food & more. \$5/hand for poker run. Sign-in 10am. Last card in by 5pm.

8/24-26 {Fr-Sun} Marble Canyon/Zion National Park Ride with Superstition HOG Chapter. All are welcome. Make your reservations now. Call Marble Canyon Lodge at 928-355-2225, use code: Superstition Hog. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

8/25 {Sat} 2019 New Model Reveal Party @ Superstition Harley Davidson from 11a-2pm. See the 2019's here first! Free food 11am till gone, In-store poker run, Jumpstart demos, Giveaways & more! SHD, 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

8/25 Loners M/C Tucson chapter presents the 17th annual Bark at the Moon. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Register 4-6pm at the House of Bards (520-327-2011), 4915 E. Speedway.

8/25 ALR Post 69 hosts "End of Summer Poker Run". \$20/bike, \$30/2-up. Reg 9-11am at Punkin Center. {B'fast bar available}. Last stop Post 69, 709 E Hwy 260, Payson. FMI: 928-474-6969

8/25 Join the East Valley Riders as they ride to Winslow to Stand on the Corner! Meet 7-7:45am at QT - 9229 E University Dr, Mesa, AZ 85207. KSU 8am. IF there are 10 confirmed riders, a p'cake b'fast will be at Old Bastards MC Payson Chapter clubhouse for just \$5. [If fewer, ride still goes, but b'fast location TBD] Return to Valley at own pace. FMI/RSVP: gnome@obmcsalttriver.com | www.meetup.com/OBSaltRiver/events/253439628/

9/1 {Sat} 2018 Charity Car Show with more than 100 vintage, classic, & modified cars, trucks, & motorcycles. Mesa Market Place Swap Meet {10550 E Baseline Rd} from 9a-1pm. Benefits AZ Humane Society. Adoptions 9:30a-1pm. FMI: joan@mesamarket.com

9/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night returns from summer break! Visit Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by The Hardways. 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>

9/8 {Sun} East Valley Biker Rodeo with Rough Riders MC at Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Clubhouse, 17998 186th St Queen Creek, AZ 85142. Benefits Dogs 4 Vets in Gilbert { <https://dogs4vets.org/> }. Starts at noon. \$5/pp + food is \$5. Dog bite contest, slow roll, keg roll, keg toss, and skillet toss. Trophies for 1st-3rd place in each event. There will be live music and vendors. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: Toro 602-670-2154

9/8 4th Annual Patriots Day Ride with Superstition HD & Crisis 22. Help us to Honor & Remember. Sign-in 8:45am Pre-register = \$20; Day Of = \$22 per bike. KSU 10am. Vendors, 50/50, Free Food, Live Music, Bikini Bike Wash. 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

9/12-15 {Wed-Sat} Thunder Valley Rally in Cottonwood AZ. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://thundervalleyrallyaz.com>

9/15 {Sat} September Scorchers Poker Walk hosted by Loners MC San Tan Chapter 11a-5pm at River Bottom Saloon in Florence, 2501 N. Hwy 79. \$10/sgl, \$15,cpl. Live music, vendors, high hand, raffle, & more. FMI: Irish@LonersMC.org



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9/20-23 {Thu-Sun} MRF's 2018 Meeting of the Minds in Denver CO {Motorcycle Riders Foundation} FMI: <https://mrf.org/events/>

9/29 {Sat} Desert Thunder Summer Sun-downer @ DTMC Clubhouse, 3101 W. Thomas Rd, Phoenix. \$5/pp. Poker walk, live music, food. FMI: lodur@desertthundermc.com

10/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by Cliffside Push. 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>

10/11-14 {Th-Sun} Las Vegas BikeFest <https://lasvegasbikefest.com/>

10/13 {Sat} Roots Music Festival, in the Village of Oak Creek to benefit Steps to Recovery Homes. FMI: 928-592-2603, stepstorecoveryhomes@gmail.com

10/18-20 {Th-Sat} 15th annual Run to the Rez to Honor All Veterans. San Carlos & Apache Gold Resort Globe, AZ. Music, Poker Run, Bike Show, & Great Give-aways. FMI: johnrezrider@yahoo.com

10/19-21 {Fr-Sun} 24th annual Southern AZ Biker Rodeo hosted by Southern AZ Harley Riders MC at Cattlerest RV Park & Saloon, Willcox. Dry camping on site. 'Have a Clue' ride, biker games. Music by Live Wire. \$15/pp. FMI: Rob 520-508-1756, sahrmcaz@gmail.com | sahr.us | www.facebook.com/SAHRMC/

10/20 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter Chili Cook-off at Spur Bar, Hwy 260 in Star Valley, noon-5pm. \$5/pp. \$200 cash prize & trophy to the winner! Live music. FMI: Cecilia.ransom@gmail.com

10/20 Bikers For Boobies 10th anniversary fundraiser. \$30/sgl, \$50/dbl includes b'fast & lunch. Check-in at H-D of Scottsdale. End party at the Dirty Dogg Saloon. Live Music w/ Skarlett Fever. Food, raffles, contests & more. 21 & older event. First 500 pre-registered receive swag bag & shirt. Law Tigers is a sponsor. FMI: www.bikers4boobiesaz.org

10/27 {Sat} Motorcycle Monster Mash at Desert Wind H-D { 922 S Country Club Dr} in Mesa. From noon-10pm with live music, vendors, beer gardens, contests, bike shows & more. More details TBA. FMI: Erica.eric@downtown-mesa.com

10/27 Desert Road Riders MC annual Going to the Dogs Poker Run ("Bone Run") FMI: Duke 928-530-0641, DesertRoadRidersMC.com

11/2 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by CTS. 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>

11/2-4 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River @ Gila River Park, Winkelman. Weekend prices = \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. FMI: 623-363-3470, moehmcdv@gmail.com

11/3 {Sat} 5th Annual Toy Drive Kick-Off Motorcycle & Car Show with Seductive Car Club at Superstition H-D from 10a-2pm. Please bring a new unwrapped toy! Live Music - Food - Vendors - Awards & More! SHD, 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

11/18 {Sun} El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show returns to Tucson! Details TBA. FMI: ElMontePaint32@gmail.com

11/30-12/2 {Fr-Sun} 4th Annual International Off-Road & UTV Expo, at WestWorld in Scottsdale. General Admission \$20, Fri {5-7pm} \$15. \$5 Military discount with ID. \$5parking {cash}. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: <http://internationaloffroadexpo.com/>

12/1 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run to collect New Teddy Bears and stuffed animals for children. They will be donated to Mesa Family Advocacy Center along with local Police & Fire Departments to be given to the kids when they are stuck in a traumatic situation. Meet 9am at American Bike & Trike, 3272 S 147th Pl, Gilbert, AZ 85297 {off of Pecos between Val Vista & Lindsey on the south side of the road.} \$10/pp+ a Teddy Bear. Departs 10am. Ride details TBA. FMI: Troll 360-451-1795

12/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by Moonshine VooDoo. 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>


12/8 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter Toy Run. Details TBA. FMI: Cecilia.ransom@gmail.com



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