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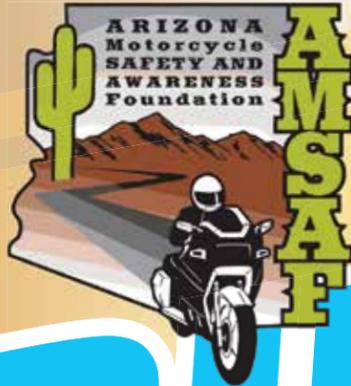


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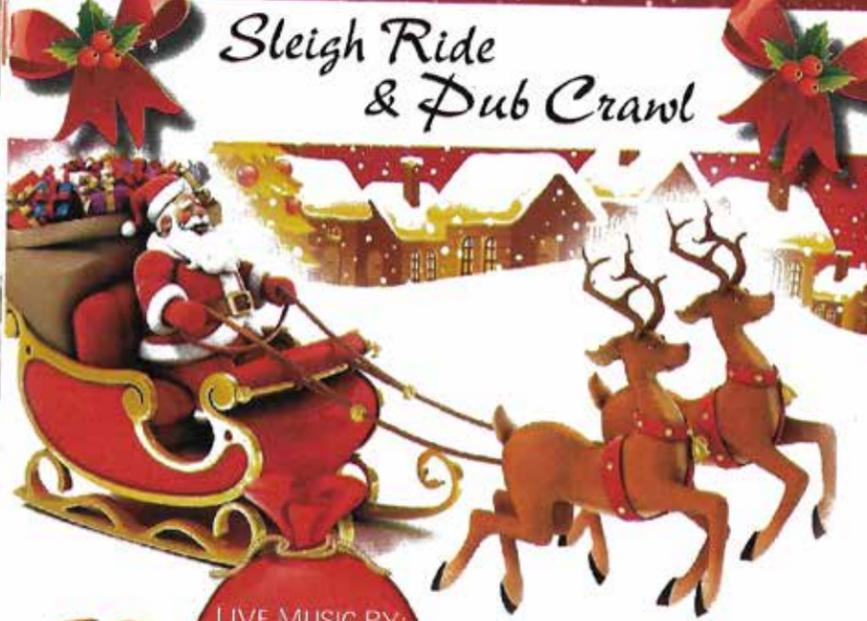


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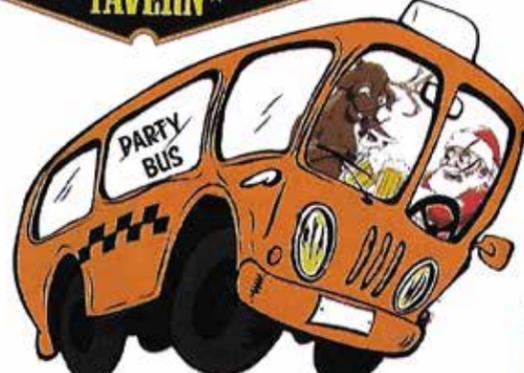


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From Military To Civilian – A Seamless Transition

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Editors Column

This month we welcome two new Advertisers...

Guillermo Eiland has a documentary he'd like you all to check out. Learn more on page 3. Superstition Express Laundry has been voted 2018's Best Laundromat in Apache Junction. See their ad on page 7.

Among the returning events in 2019 is Riding For the Long Haul presented by AMSAF, Law Tigers, and numerous others. Details are on page 2.

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In addition to being concerned about kids getting their 'toys & goodies' this Season, it is important to remember that many of our Veterans living in VA hospitals & nursing homes can use a lift of their Spirits & appreciate being remembered. Check with your local VA to see if any Christmas activities have been organized... or see about scheduling an 'impromptu' visit by yourself or your organization. Also, please keep our GIs in your thoughts & prayers as they spend their Holidays away from friends & loved ones.

Try to keep from getting too overwhelmed during the holidays. Remember, this time of year is supposed to be JOYFUL rather than STRESSFUL.... So KISS ☺ Keep It SSimple! Take some time from the craziness for some good times with friends. Those memories can be some of the best gifts you get.

Snowbirds are in town and holiday parties are not all using designated drivers... so use extra caution as you're out on the roadways.

We wish Everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a joyful 2019.

Bruce & Betsy



Motorcycling Organizations Contacts

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AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES SHOULD STOP HITTING MOTORCYCLES

The safety of autonomous cars remains in question, as a self-driving Chrysler Pacifica hit a motorcyclist on October 19 in Mountain View, California, when the test driver took control of the car to avoid a vehicle that had suddenly moved into its lane. The manufacturer claims its technology, which can "see 360 degrees in every direction," could have avoided the incident if the car's software had remained in control, but reports from around the country indicate that self-driving cars are struggling to handle some driving tasks.

Autonomous cars are hitting the

road whether we like it or not, but the presumption that they will be safer than human drivers when it comes to avoiding accidents has so far proven less than promising. There have been at least three reported cases of an autonomous car crashing into a motorcycle. On July 27, 2016, a motorcyclist in Norway was seriously injured when she was rear-ended by a Tesla Model S with its Autopilot self-driving system engaged. Additionally, on December 7, 2017, a California motorcyclist was hurt in a collision with a self-driving Chevy Bolt that had aborted a signaled lane change and was returning to its original lane while the rider was lane splitting past it, a maneuver that is legal in California.

Another disturbing incident occurred when an autonomous Uber car struck and killed a woman who was walking her bicycle across the road at night. One would think that the car's radar and infrared scanners would detect such an object far better than the human eye could. Indeed, the car's onboard computer detected the obstruction in the road six seconds before impact. Unfortunately, it failed to identify what type of object she was until just 1.3 seconds before impact, at which point it was too late to avoid hitting her. Other factors, such as an inat-

tentive human driver who was supposed to be monitoring the car's surroundings, also contributed to the fatal crash, but a computer that fails to identify a target for nearly five seconds should be quite disturbing to motorcyclists who may suffer from this fate as well.

Adaptive Cruise Control is a radar guidance system that enables a car to change its speed relative to the vehicle in front of it based on traffic conditions. A study by RDW has determined that existing adaptive cruise control systems often do not do an adequate job of locking onto a motorcycle rather than a car. These systems seem to have difficulty detecting a motorcycle not riding in the center of its lane, which is a problem since riders tend to occupy either the left or right tire grooves of a lane.

Another study by Dynamic Research shows similar results when it comes to forward collision warnings detecting motorcycles. Throughout the tests, forward collision warning systems failed to detect the motorcycle adequately in 40% of trials. Similarly, 37% of simulated crashes in this test occurred because the car's onboard detection systems didn't see the motorcycle, which is also the number one cause of motorcycle accidents with human drivers.

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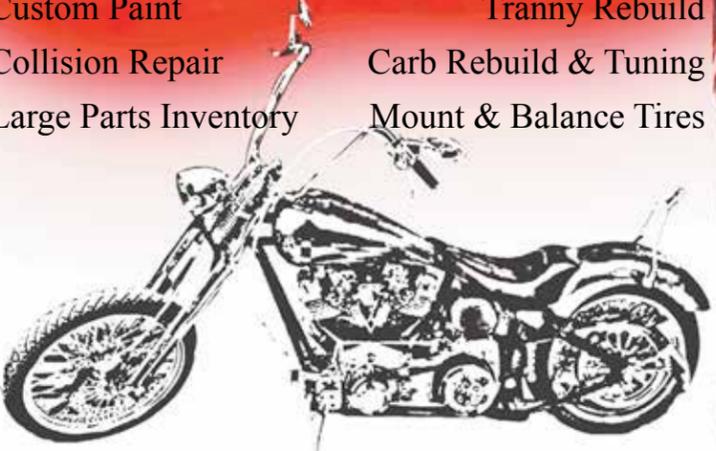
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If autonomous driving systems are designed properly, developed with motorcyclists in mind rather than an afterthought, they could potentially deliver on their promise of making the roads safer for everyone. "They could be on the lookout for motorcycles and other road hazards in all directions at all times, something even the most attentive human driver can never do," according to RideApart.com. "The trick is to design such systems to work in this way as a core functionality. Autonomous vehicles must be able to search, evaluate, and execute the same way the Motorcycle Safety Foundation teaches all riders to."

U.S. SENATE SEEKS FULL FUNDING FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) has aided trail construction and maintenance projects and programs nationwide since 1991. Created through landmark surface transportation legislation, RTP reflected Congressional belief that federal gas taxes paid on motor fuel used in motorized non-highway recreational activities should be used to benefit those paying the tax as well as other users of recreational trails. Tens of millions of hikers and bikers, equestrians

and ATVers, snowmobilers and skiers, canoeists and others now enjoy better outdoor experiences because of this action. RTP's accomplishments unite the efforts in every state of federal agencies, state and local governments, volunteers and recreation businesses.

Now, a bipartisan effort promises to dramatically increase the benefits of RTP's proven formula with the recent introduction of S.3604, the RTP Full Funding Act of 2018 to require a study to estimate the total amount of taxes collected on non-highway recreational fuel, improve reporting on expenditures from the RTP, and streamline RTP funding distribution to the states by reducing unnecessary paperwork.

"Minnesota snowmobilers, hikers, ATV users, cyclists, and countless others who enjoy the outdoors rely on the Recreational Trails Program to explore our state's natural wonders and support our local businesses," said U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), one of the bill's sponsors. "This bipartisan legislation will help ensure states receive all of the resources they deserve to protect and improve these trails for generations to come."

According to the Coalition for Recreational Trails, over the last 27 years the RTP has funded more than 23,000

projects and has attracted hundreds of millions of dollars of matching support from other private and public sources for trails and facilitated healthy outdoor recreation, as well as badly needed economic activity in countless communities.

However, conservative estimates suggest that the RTP currently receives only about one third of the total taxes paid annually by non-highway "recreationists." A study to determine the best available estimate of the total amount of non-highway recreational fuel taxes collected will help ensure that these federal taxes are appropriately returned to the states for RTP while helping provide the Congress with the information it needs as it considers future infrastructure legislation.

OHIO ENACTS DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW

Since the early days of motorcycling, riders have rightfully complained that car drivers don't see them. Frustrated and infuriated by the lack of respect on the road, Motorcycle Rights Organizations across the country began lobbying for and passing laws that added fines and penalties for inattentive drivers who cause accidents resulting in in-

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jury or death. So-called "R-O-W" laws to punish careless or distracted drivers who carelessly violate our Right-of-Way have cropped up in numerous states nationwide, with Oregon being the most recent state to enact such a law last June, spearheaded by the Oregon Confederation of Clubs.

When "distracted driving" entered the national consciousness more than a decade ago, the problem was mainly people who made calls or sent texts from their cell phones. Innovations since then, such as car Wi-Fi and a host of new apps, have led to a boom in internet usage in vehicles that safety experts now say is contributing to a surge in highway deaths. After steady declines over the last four decades, highway fatalities have increased to the highest levels in years, and distracted driving has been cited as the main culprit. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) claims that distracted driving has led to the biggest spike in traffic deaths in 50 years!

Now, distracted driving is about to become a costlier offense on Ohio roads, as effective October 29, 2018, new regulations and penalties went into effect pertaining to what constitutes "distracted driving." House Bill 95 broadens the description of driving distracted beyond

using telecommunications or other hand-held electronic devices while driving. Officers now can cite drivers observed to be engaged in any "activity that is not necessary for the vehicle's operation and that impairs, or reasonably would be expected to impair, the driver's ability to drive safely," according to the legislation.

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Governor John Kasich signed the legislation July 30 to make distracted driving a secondary offense in the state. So, if you're pulled over for speeding or another moving violation, and found to be driving while distracted, the new law enhances the fine by an additional \$100 or completion of a distracted-driving safety course. A person can only be cited for "distracted driving" if the law enforcement officer witnesses the offense while the moving violation is occurring, according to the bill.

Texting while driving has already been a secondary offense in Ohio since

2012, but HB95, which passed the legislature with bipartisan support, applies to distracted driving in all its forms, from putting on makeup to changing the radio station. Similar laws are already on the books in Connecticut, Maine, Washington state, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO - SAVE THE DATE!

The 34th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-12, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Orlando, Florida. The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, the NCOM Convention attracts hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to address topics of concern to all riders.

All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road. Special seminars will be held on Restoration of Rights, Leadership 101 and "Share the Road" Motorcycle Safety.

Additional agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special

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Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

To pre-register for the 2019 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

DENMARK MOVES TO MAKE HELMETS OBLIGATORY

Concerned that the current law is open to exploitation, Denmark could soon see a helmet law overhaul. In the Scandinavian country, riders are allowed to go helmetless if they obtain a doctor's note or have a legitimate non-medical reason such as wearing a turban. However, government ministers believe that "biker gang types" often threaten doctors in order to obtain the note.

According to a report by *The Local*, transport and health ministers have presented a proposal that would eliminate all exceptions. Transport Minister Ole Birk Olesen said, "You can see on the streets that many are riding without a helmet," adding that if there really is a medical reason to not wear a helmet, those people shouldn't ride motorcycles in the first place.

While the ministers conceded they had no idea if false or coerced doctors' notes are a major issue in Denmark, they claimed it was an assumption based on "a clear hunch".

Olesen also noted that the proposed change is for riders' own good.

If the government's proposal is passed the new rules will take effect on January 1st, while those with an existing doctor's note will be allowed to continue riding helmetless until July 1st.

POLICE ARREST STRIKING MOTORCYCLE FACTORY WORKERS DURING PROTEST

A protest march in India has resulted in police detaining nearly 1,500 motorcycle factory workers on strike. Police stopped the protest in Tamil Nadu, claiming that the strikers had not obtained the proper permits to hold a march.

Factory workers from Royal Enfield, Yamaha, and Myoung Shin India (a supplier of Hyundai India) have been on strike against management since September 24. Management has shunned their efforts to form unions and demand salary increases, as well as the reinstatement of workers allegedly fired for wanting to start a union.

As a result, Yamaha's factory is operating at just 40% capacity, while Royal

Enfield's production has ceased completely, delaying the introduction of new models.

This setback will not deter the striking workers, however, telling *News18* they intend to intensify their efforts as the companies they are striking against continue refusing to work with them. Salespeople will soon join factory workers in the strike, and employees from 50 other companies in the area also plan to join in, indicating the situation will continue to get worse before it gets better as a result of these strikes.

PRESIDENT TRUMP AUTHORIZES EPA TO MAKE E-15 FUEL AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND

President Donald Trump has given the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to lift current restrictions on E-15 gas (containing 15% ethanol) to allow year-round sales of the higher ethanol blend. Following the federal rulemaking process and public comment period, the expanded sales are expected to begin during the summer of 2019.

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EPA approved a partial waiver for blends of 15 vol% ethanol in gasoline for use in model year 2001 and newer passenger cars, light-trucks and medium-duty vehicles. However, the EPA does not approve the use of E-15 in small engines such as motorcycles or ATVs, and its use can damage vehicles and void manufacturer warranties.

Currently, gasoline retailers throughout most of the country are prohibited from offering E-15 during the summer months. The President's directive to the EPA is to change that.

CHP TO ADDRESS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WITH FEDERAL FUNDS

The California Highway Patrol is using a federal grant to promote motorcycle safety throughout the state, with the goal of reducing the most dangerous traffic violations which they say are speeding, improper turning, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

There are more than 1.4 million people with a motorcycle license in the state. The education campaign is called GEARS, or Get Educated And Ride Safe.

The year-long campaign will include the CHP deploying officers on enhanced motorcycle safety enforcement operations in regions with a high number of

motorcycle incidents. There will be a series of motorcycle traffic safety education campaigns, including the May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Officers plan to stress the use of properly approved helmets for all riders and raise motorists' awareness of sharing the road with motorcyclists.

According to provisional data from 2017, the number of motorcycle accident victims shows a 6% decrease compared to the previous year.

ABS IS NOW MANDATORY FOR NEW BIKES IN JAPAN

In an effort to reduce the number of traffic-related motorcycle accidents and fatalities, Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MLIT) made amendments to the country's safety standards for road transport back in January, 2015, including the requirement for all new motorcycles, 125cc or larger, to be equipped with standard Anti-lock Braking Systems (ABS) effective on October 1, 2018.

Additionally, newly launched two-wheelers from 125cc and below must come with either ABS or CBS (Combined Braking System, which allows simultaneous front and rear brake application with a single input). Continuous production motorcycles have until

October 1, 2021 to comply.

Dirt bikes specifically designated for off-road use and competition are exempted from the law.

Europe has had ABS laws since 2016, and India's obligatory braking system regulations came into effect earlier this year. Taiwan and China are expected to follow in 2019 and 2020 respectively. Here in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has made recommendations to the federal government to enforce the same measures, while countries like Australia and Brazil are also considering similar regulations.

As more countries get on board, vendors around the world have reportedly been bracing themselves for possible slowdowns in motorcycle sales due to higher manufacturing costs.

PHILIPPINE POLICE SEIZE MODIFIED MOTORCYCLES & ACCESSORIES

The past few months have been very busy for law enforcement officers in the Philippines, where police have apprehended traffic violators, cited smoke belching vehicles, and impounded erring motorcycle riders' property.

Among those apprehended were motorcycles fitted with certain modifi-

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cations, which have been serving as a bone of contention for both riders and enforcers, according to MotoPinas.com. Among those accessories confiscated were auxiliary LED lighting systems, aftermarket mufflers, aftermarket side mirrors, and upgraded brakes which aren't compliant with Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS) guidelines.

The Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO-Philippines) suggests that when apprehended for fitting illegal accessories, refuse the order to remove your accessories and insist the apprehending officer remove the accessories from your motorcycle "because as far as the LTO (Land Transportation Office) is concerned, you are within set regulations," adding "Do not argue with the apprehending officers. There is always a proper/lawful venue for contesting the apprehension."

DRIVER FOUND GUILTY OF HOMICIDE IN RACER NICKY HAYDEN'S FATAL CRASH

On May 17, 2017, a speeding driver struck renowned MotoGP motorcycle racer Nicky Hayden as he was riding a bicycle in Italy, tragically passing away from his injuries five days later. Nearly a year and a half later, we have learned

that the driver was charged with murder. The unidentified 31-year-old driver at the wheel of a Peugeot 206 was reportedly driving at roughly 43 miles per hour (70 kph) in a 30 zone. Although Hayden was zipping down a crossing street and ran through the intersection, the judge in charge of the ruling considers had the driver respected the speed limit, he would have had time to react to Hayden's presence.

The driver has been found guilty of "road homicide" and sentenced to a year in prison. His license has also been revoked and he will be expected to pay all the court fees. The driver's attorney has said they will appeal the ruling.

The driver is not only facing a criminal sentence but also a civil lawsuit, as Hayden's family is suing the driver for \$6 Million, the maximum covered by the Italian insurance policy.

Nicknamed "The Kentucky Kid", 35-year-old Nicky Hayden began his career in MotoGP in 2003 with Repsol Honda and went on to win the MotoGP championship in 2006. He also competed in American dirt track racing, winning a few Grand National events. Hayden continued racing in MotoGP through 2015, competing for Ducati Team (2009-2013) and Aspar Honda (2014-2015).

Hayden made the jump to the World Superbike Championship for the 2016 season, becoming the sole American in the series until his untimely death last May.

MOTORCYCLE RACING INCIDENT MAY END UP IN COURT

Moto2 rider Romano Fenati was disqualified after he astonishingly grabbed the brake of rival motorcycle racer Stefano Manzi at high speed during a mid-September race in Misano, Italy, and has since been banned for two races, the FIM racing authority suspended his license, and his team contract has been cancelled.

But now the fallout from the disgraced racer's brake-grabbing incident continues, with Italian news agency ANSA reporting he could now face a charge of "private violence."

The Public Prosecutor of Rimini (in Italy) is said to have opened the investigation for the less serious charge, rather than that of "attempted murder."

"Private violence" is akin to a motorist cutting off another driver on the road. However, the use of such a charge for competitors in a motor race would set a very worrying precedent.

Fenati pulled Manzi's front brake after the pair had clashed repeatedly during

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their home race, and although extremely dangerous, both riders remained upright.

TRADE DEAL NETS CHEAPER MOTORCYCLES FOR EU, BUT BREXIT RULES OUT BRITS

A trade agreement between Japan and the European Union could spell disaster for British bike buyers, as the British Motorcyclists Federations (BMF) reports that the deal removes common EU external customs tariffs from Japanese manufacturers' imports.

Under the EU-Japan Economic Partnership signed earlier this year, the 6% tariff affecting motorcycles will be abolished over the next five years -- meaning cheaper bikes for EU buyers. European consumers will also benefit from common standards of type approval on product safety as well as emissions.

However, this free trade deal is unlikely to apply to the UK due to Brexit, with that country's exit from the EU. EU-based manufacturers will also enjoy more competitive access to the Japanese market, while those in the UK will continue to face

tariff constraints.

But Japan's Prime Minister Shinzō Abe did recently state that Japan would welcome Britain with "open arms" to the 11 country Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), though the timeframe is not likely to be soon.

So while EU riders look to benefit from less expensive bikes and Japanese-standard type approval, Brits are still in the dark as to what this means...

SINGAPORE BIKER GROUPS AGGRIEVED BY BAN ON OLDER MOTORCYCLES

When the National Environment Agency (NEA) announced on April 6 that motorcycles registered before July 1, 2003 would be banned from the roads after June 30, 2028, many riders' dreams of having an older classic motorcycle or "hand down our precious bikes to our children," went "down the drain."

Calling it a "Plain injustice," bikers say the ban "will push rare, vintage bikes into oblivion."

The NEA told *Channel-NewsAsia* that the government is trying to reduce emis-

sions from some 27,000 older motorcycles as part of a push to meet Singapore's air quality targets by 2020. Owners of older motorcycles have been offered up to S\$3,500 to de-register their bikes within the next five years. Beyond that, emission standards for such motorcycles will be tightened, before the 2028 ban kicks in.

These initiatives come as NEA figures indicate that older bikes emit up to 30 times more pollutants than new bikes, and contribute 40% of the total carbon monoxide emitted by motorcycles on the road. Bikers counter that all motorcycles, regardless of age, must pass inspection and emissions testing, though older bikes are subject to less stringent standards.

Explaining its rationale for the July 1, 2003 cut-off date, NEA said Singapore adopted Euro 1 type approval standards for new motorcycles on that date. Motorcycles registered before that are more pollutive than newer models which comply with the Euro 4 standard.

Some of these bikes, however, may be able to stay on the roads even after the ban -- provided they are converted under the Classic Vehicle Scheme, which allows vehicles to be used for up to 45 days in a calendar year. But the catch is that to qualify for the scheme, the bikes must be at least 35 years old; meaning that when the ban begins in 2028, affected bikes registered after June 1993 will not qualify...so "nearly two decades of bikes will be destroyed...put into storage...or exported."

DUMB NEWS: YOUTUBE POSTING GETS MAN 1-YEAR MOTORCYCLE BAN

A motorcycle rider who ran from police at speeds up to 143 mph was caught when his own helmet cam video posting was spotted on YouTube. The rider had fled from a St. Charles, ILL officer who spotting him making an illegal turn and riding a bike without a registration plate,

according to a report in the *Daily Herald*.

The incident was included in a compilation video of motorcycles running from police that was posted to the FailsandFlights YouTube account, and shows the elusive motorcyclist waiting at a red light, turn his head toward the officer who is signaling for him to shut the motorcycle off, but instead pulls away through several stopped cars, runs the light and accelerates down the road.

At one point, the video displayed a link to the film star's personal YouTube page, which investigators used, along with his other social media channels, to track him down and make an arrest. He was charged with several felonies, but agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanor reckless driving and will perform 100 hours of community service and cannot own or ride a motorcycle for one year.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

: "Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

~ John Quincy Adams

(1767-1848) sixth U.S. President

"Why is it we think of history as something that is in the past and forget that we are making it?"

~ Winston Churchill

(1874-1965) British Prime Minister

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Sturgis Trademark Ruled Invalid

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November 06, 2018

MINNEAPOLIS—November 2, 2018—The US Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit published its opinion today, finding that a federally registered trademark for the mark Sturgis, owned by Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Inc. (SMRI), is invalid. This is a major victory for Rushmore Photo & Gifts, the Niemann family of Rapid City, SD, and Wal-mart Stores, Inc., the defendants in this seven-year dispute over the Sturgis mark. The Court found that SMRI's unregistered, common law trademarks "Sturgis Motorcycle Rally" and "Sturgis Rally & Races" are also invalid.

SMRI maintained that the Sturgis mark identifies a distinct source of rally-related goods

and services and that consumers associate the mark with the rally, which SMRI promotes. The Court rejected SMRI's arguments, finding no evidence to allow the jury to infer that consumers associate the word Sturgis with only SMRI.

"The trial evidence supports neither argument nor any other basis for finding that the word "Sturgis" identifies SMRI as a source of rally-related goods and services. The jury's finding that the mark is invalid thus warrants reversal," the Court stated.

The Court remanded several issues to the District Court for additional proceedings consistent with the opinion.

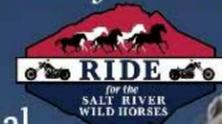
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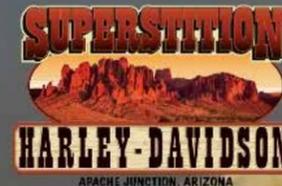
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The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association {CVMA} Chapter 32-1 hosted the Pony Express Run along with H-D of Scottsdale on Saturday September 29, 2018. My thanks to Chapter Commander Ken "Ghost" Hickins for his help with this article. Photos from the day, shared here from the CMVA 32-1 Facebook page, were taken by CVMA member Taz.

There were 83 riders who participated. It was a self-paced ride. There were also small groups, with a CVMA member leading each one, that you could roll with. This inaugural ride had 5 checkpoints. The route, about 54 miles, started at Harley Davidson of Scottsdale, then went to Cave Creek Guns and Connolly's Sports Bar in Phoenix, Carefree's Desert Gardens Park, and lastly the Hideaway in Cave Creek.

The game was a variation on a Poker Run. They wanted to do it a little differently, and give more people the opportunity to get in on winning prizes. Riders received 'postcards' at sign-in. They re-

ceived a 'postmark' at each checkpoint, to confirm they visited the stop. At the last stop, the cards were turned in to be put in the hopper for drawings. There was a large collection of items, valued at about \$4000 to be distributed; with most everyone winning a prize. There was riding apparel, HD merchandise & gift cards, a membership to the Scottsdale Gun Club, overnight casino stays, lodging, food gifts, & more.

Over & above the prize pool above, there were raffles that you could buy into... including a drawing for a stay at Hannagan Meadow Lodge on the Mogollon Rim.

The day raised \$2200. The monies went to Arizona Mission of Mercy and Operation Freedom Bird.

Ken sent along thanks to the numerous supporters & donors ... including Harley Davidson of Scottsdale, Connolly's, Cave Creek Guns, Hideaway, Hannagan Meadow Lodge, Orleans Casino Resort, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, Harrah's of

Laughlin, Riverside Casino, Hon Dah Casino, Southpoint Casino, Aquarius Casino, Top Shelf Restaurant, & Blazin M Ranch. He added, "It was a great first time. We are hoping to do it bigger and better this coming year."

This is CVMA 32-1's main fundraiser. Mark your calendar for the 2nd annual Pony Express Run which will take place on September 28, 2019. BEFORE that, you can get in on their fundraising efforts by visiting their booth at the Peoria Sports Complex during Bikefest. They'll be raffling an HD t-shirt quilt.

Members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association come from all branches of the United States Armed Forces. This is a nationwide organization. For more information, follow or contact CVMA 32-1 online via their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cvma32.1/>

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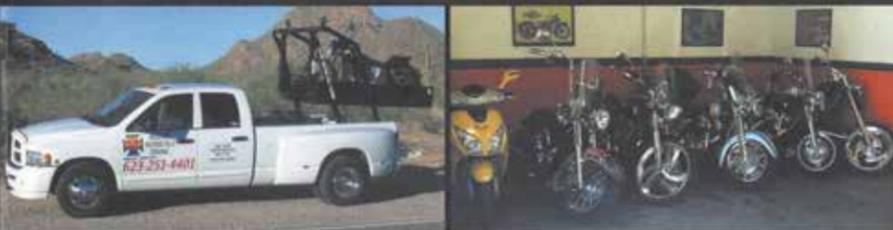
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October 18, 2018 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V734
Clutch Fluid may Leak and cause Loss of Control

Potential N# of Units Affected: 177,636

Components: POWER TRAIN

Summary: Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Police Road King (FLHP), Road King (FLHR), Road King Special (FLHRXS), Electra Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU), Ultra Limited (FLHTK), Ultra Limited Low (FLHTKL), Ultra Limited Shrine (FLHTK SHRINE), Police Electra Glide (FLHTP), Street Glide (FLHX), Street Glide Special (FLHXS), Road Glide Ultra (FLTRU), Road Glide (FLTRX), Road Glide Special (FLTRXS), Freewheeler (FLRT), Tri Glide Ultra (FLHTCUTG), CVO Limited (FLHTKSE) and CVO Street Glide (FLHXSE) motorcycles, 2017 Softail Slim S (FLSS), Fat Boy S (FLSTFBS) and CVO Pro Street Breakout (FXSE) motorcycles, 2018 115th Anniversary Ultra Limited (FLHTK ANV), 115th Anniversary Street Glide (FLHX ANV), 115th Anniversary Street Glide Special (FLHXS ANX), 115th Anniversary Tri Glide Ultra (FLHTCUTG ANV), 115th Anniversary CVO Limited (FLHTKSE ANV) and CVO Road Glide (FLTRXSE) motorcycles. The secondary clutch actuator cylinder may leak fluid internally and the clutch master cylinder may lose the ability to generate enough lift to disengage the clutch. If the clutch cannot be disengaged it can result in a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will install a new secondary clutch actuator piston assembly, free of charge. The recall began November 5, 2018. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0173.

Note: For this and EACH recall notice here, owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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November 9, 2018 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V793
Vibrations may Distort Rear View Mirror Images

Potential # of Units Affected: 1,676

Components: VISIBILITY

Summary: Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Ducati Supersport motorcycles. Vibrations may distort the images in the mirrors, reducing the driver's visibility. Reduced rearward visibility can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will replace the mirrors with new mirrors, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 7, 2019. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-888-391-5446.

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November 13, 2018 ... *Serious Injury Crash.*
On Tuesday, November 13th, at about 12:35pm Kingman Police investigated a serious injury

crash that occurred at the intersection of Stockton Hill Rd and Sycamore Ave. involving a pickup truck and a motorcycle. The investigation determined that a maroon colored 2015 Chevrolet truck was northbound Stockton Hill Rd. when the driver, Robert Langham, 56 from Douglas, AZ, ran a red light, into the path of a Harley Davidson motorcycle, driven by a 63 year old Kingman man that was westbound on Sycamore through the intersection. The motorcycle crashed into the right front corner of the truck, causing the motorcyclist to be thrown from the motorcycle. The motorcyclist received serious injuries to his leg. He was transported to Kingman Regional Medical Center before being air evac'd to University Medical Center in Las Vegas, where he was listed in serious but stable condition. Langham was issued a citation charged with a red light violation.

The crash and subsequent investigation impacted traffic for about :45 minutes.

Release sent November 14, 2018 from the Kingman Police Dept ... Deputy Chief Rusty Cooper, Public Information Officer FMI: Office (928) 753-2191 x8180; rcooper@city-ofkingman.gov | www.kingmanpolice.com

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November 15, 2018 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V809
Backup Camera Failure/Loss of Taillight/FM-VSS 108

Potential # of Units Affected: 11,371

Components BACK OVER PREVENTION

Summary: Polaris Industries (Polaris) is recalling certain 2015-2016 Polaris Slingshot, Slingshot SL and Slingshot SL LE motorcycles equipped with a backup camera. The back-up camera may fail internally, possibly melting the voltage regulator and blowing the fuse for that circuit, thereby preventing the taillight from functioning properly. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FM-VSS) number 108, Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment. The melted voltage regulator can increase the risk of a fire. The loss of a tail light can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Polaris will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the back-up camera, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 6, 2018. Owners may contact Polaris at 1-855-863-2284. Polaris' number for this recall is T-18-04.

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December 8, 2018 at SHD Bring the kids to Superstition HD to take their pictures with Santa from 10a-1pm. The Jolly Elf will return on December 15 for another opportunity. Located at 2910 West Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600

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Frank Luke Jr Day Remembrance @MMP



Mesa Market Place Swap Meet hosted a Frank Luke, Jr. Day Remembrance event on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, 2018. Joan Wells, of Mesa Market Place, shared this commentary on the day....

"What a wonderful event! Col. Bill Simon (Ret.) and his wife Sandi have long been collecting Frank Luke, Jr. memorabilia and other World War I era militaria. They are working toward opening a permanent display and museum. They brought out some of their extensive collection to Mesa Market Place in addition to several military vehicles from WWII. He also brought out an A-10 Trainer.

"Dr. Baron Smith brought out Deucey and Charlie Chopper. Charlie Chopper is a Viet Nam era helicopter (1970), a Series III OH-6A Hardbelly. 'Deucey' is an M35 triple-axle 2 1/2 ton cargo truck. A number of other collectors from the AHMTA [Arizona Historic Military Transport Association] and the AMVCC [Arizona Military Vehicles Collectors Club] including Matthew Walker, Mark Jewell, and Troy Moody brought out restored military museum-quality vehicles and equipment.

"The Motorcycle Color Guard of

America presented the Colors at the Remembrance. Children and adults also wrote notes and colored pictures to go into 'Packages From Home' care packages that will be sent to Armed Forces personnel serving in the Middle East.

"Here's a bit of info about Frank Luke, Jr. Arizona native Frank Luke, Jr. lost his life 100 years ago flying his Spad Biplane over Germany in World War I. He quickly became an ace pilot. What he accomplished in his short flying career was nothing short of amazing. He was known as the 'balloon-buster'. Those balloons were used by the Germans to surveil the location of Allied troops. They were not easy to shoot down, yet he doggedly shot down 14 German balloons. He also shot down four German airplanes."

Mesa Market Place Swap Meet is located at 10550 E Baseline Rd in Mesa, Arizona. They are open Fridays through Sundays year 'round. Their current [winter] hours are 7am-4pm.

MMP regularly hosts community-oriented events.... in support of GIs & Veterans, motorcyclists, and the general public. You'll find their calendar online at their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/mesamarket/> Mesa Market Place Swap Meet offers a great venue for recreational shopping, including a food court & live entertainment. Stop by MMP & support small businesses as you seek those perfect items on your gift-giving lists.

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CycleRides.com Bike Night at Tempe Marketplace



On Thursday November 8, 2018 we headed over to Tempe Market Place for the CycleRides.com Bike Night. Law Tigers Arizona was among the sponsors of this event.

It was a beautiful night to head over to TMP, and we weren't alone in thinking so! It was a great looking turnout. One observation we were happy to make was the variety of people in attendance.... Older and younger riders, cruisers and sport riders, independents and club members.

Broken Toys was the band perform-

ing. Vendors this evening included Desert Wind HD, Discount Biker Supply, Indian Motorcycles, KUPD Radio, Nash Powersports, & Phoenix Motor Leathers.

One of the evening's attractions was the first public viewing of the *KISS* bike, built by Paul Yaffe's Bagger Nation. It was commissioned by the band to be part of their latest 'final' tour. You can see a detailed 'walk around' of the bike by Barry as part of his Cyclerides.com Bike Night at Tempe Marketplace video posted 11-8-18. It is a pretty amazing creation.

This is a beautiful venue, with numerous eateries to choose from; making it a nice evening out for dinner, refreshments, & fun.

The CycleRides.com Bike Nights are now on hiatus until after the holidays. Watch for announcements of dates for Spring 2019.

It was a good night & we're glad we could be there! Click the title above to see more photos from the evening.

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Suicide Awareness Poker Run

The Ride to Fight Suicide Poker Run took place on Saturday October 27, 2018. The beneficiary of the day was Team Rudy Roo, in preparation for their participation in the AFSP 'Out of the Darkness' Walk.

Registration took place at the Queen Creek Café. Stops on this self-paced ride were at the River Bottom Saloon in Florence, Porters Café in Superior, and Rosati's Pizza in Gold Canyon. The destination was Superstition Harley Davidson, located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction. According to Brina at SHD, there were 45 riders; plus at least another 100 people attended the after party in support.

Fundraising events are put together for many different causes.... And for a wide variety of reasons. There's a lot of work that goes into organizing a fundraiser. You have to have some dedicated souls involved to make it come together successfully.

The beginnings of this gathering are particularly poignant. On August 4th, 2017 Rudy Bencomo took his own life... at the age of 17. This set his family on a path they never imagined traveling. Part of the networking that has helped them deal with such a difficult time in their lives brought them to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Activities at Superstition HD included speakers, vendors, and music. SHD employees Jeff & Jose were at the grill, cooking of burgers & hotdogs for the participants.

There was a vendor from an organization called Project: Rock Their World. They are Survivors of Suicide... Parents & other loved ones. They offered creatively decorated 'kindness rocks' which

donors are encouraged to take to different destinations, photograph, then post to Facebook to show how far the rocks have traveled. Their mission is to spread kindness & suicide awareness.

Information was made available from the National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255, AZ Teen Lifeline 1-800-248-8336, and a Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741.

The fundraising raffle table offered a wide variety of goods... Something to draw most anyone's interest. They were grills, a Craftsman rollaway toolbox, kitchen appliances, glassware sets, adult beverages, a toolbox with tools, a gift basket, an Olive Mill collection, numerous gift certificates offering HD goods, nursery discounts for those with green thumbs, spa visits, & more.

The band 'Headstrum' entertained. During band breaks there were speakers. A lady named Joronda Montañó was among the day's speakers. She represents an organization called NotMyKid.org. She made a very good presentation regarding teen suicide... handling a topic which many admit is very difficult & uncomfortable to discuss. She offered stats, explained the need for empathy, and pointed out some of the stressors that teens are up against days.

Low hand winner of the Poker Run was Fat Bastard and Jack Marshall won High. They both donated their prize money back to Team Rudy Roo.

The AFSP is headquartered in New York, with local chapters, programs, and events in all 50 states. There are some very sobering statistics regarding suicide available on their website <https://afsp.org> It is "a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advo-

cacy to take action against this leading cause of death." AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. A disturbing statistic they share is that "Suicide is currently the third leading cause of death among young people age 15 to 24."

Among the AFSP goals is to 'change the conversation about Mental Health'. They are working to 'reduce the suicide rate 20% by 2025'. These Walks, which take place nationwide, help raise awareness about suicide and funds for programs to education people about suicide and reach out to those at risk. From the AFSP website, "We fund research to improve interventions, train clinicians in suicide prevention, and advocate for policy that will save lives."

Among the AFSP activities is the 'Out of the Darkness' Walk for Suicide Prevention. Team Rudy Roo and the Bencomo family will be taking part in the Phoenix area walk, coming up December 15. This October Poker Run raised \$2235 toward the Team's goal of \$5000. Since that day, they have met and exceeded their goal... with more fundraising time to go. Well done!

YOU can help Team Rudy Roo's efforts on behalf of AFSP by donating to their Walk... There is STILL time! All donations to AFSP and Team Rudy Roo are 100% tax deductible.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you Brina, from Superstition Harley-Davidson for your help with this article!

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Learn more about Walking to Fight Suicide here.



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Saturdays 2018 { 12/8, 12/22 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Meet at East Lot at 9:30a. Kickstands up at 10a. 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

Last Saturdays: VIII'S Society Open House 8-11:30pm. 5th Ave, Apache Junction. FMI: n/a

Sundays 2018 { 12/16, 12/30 }: 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 9:30a. Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

1st Sundays [10/7- 4/7/19]: Arizona Cycle Swap @ Big Surf Waterpark, 1500 N McClintock Dr. Tempe, AZ 85281 from 8a-noon. \$5/pp @ gate, under 12 free. Free Parking. Buy, Sell, Swap. Rain or shine. Sponsors include Law Tigers. General & or Vendor info: www.arizonacycleswap.com/

Wednesdays 2018 { 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot 9:30a, ride @ 10am. 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

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: billetldmc@juno.com, 602-463-7886

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>

12/7 Ride With The Dealer to Motorcycles on Main for Bike Night! Meet on the west lot of Superstition Harley-Davidson. KSU 6:15pm. SHD located @ 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 480-346-0600 | receptionist@superstitionhd.com

12/7 Togs for Tots Toy Drive at Thunder-Rode 102 E. Beale St, Kingman, AZ from 2-6pm to benefit the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Bring a new, unwrapped child's toy into Thunder-Rode & receive a sealed envelope containing a gift voucher for use in the Thunder-Rode shop. Vouchers run from \$10 - \$50; with a \$100 grand prize. Each toy donor receives one sealed gift voucher per person. FMI: <http://thunder-rode.com>

12/8 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter Toy Run. Starts 11am at Buffalo Bar & Grill 311 S Beeline Hwy in Payson. Requesting donations of unwrapped gifts & toys, for toddlers to teens. Music, silent auction, & more. Donations will be distributed by Moose Lodge #852. FMI: 928-476-1955, Cecilia.ransom@gmail.com

12/8 Arizona Biker Leather 16th Anniversary Party & Customer Appreciation Day. From noon-4pm. Located at NE corner of 19th Ave & Thunderbird, Phoenix. Music, raffles, vendors, free food & beverages, in store specials. Free vendor set up. Call for details & reservation. FMI: 602-843-5847

12/8 The Loners M/C Tucson Chapter is celebrating their 20th Anniversary with a Supporter Appreciation Hog Roast. Noon-11:30pm at Shooters Saloon (520-322-0779), 3115 E Prince Rd, Tucson. No cover charge and a free hog roast. Games, raffles, vendors. Sponsors include Law Tigers.

12/8 Rough Riders MC (Papago) annual "Day of Infamy" Chili Cook-off from 6-11:30pm. \$10 all-you-can-eat (while Chili lasts). 10 Competitor Slots available. Contact Novel to lock in your Spot in the competition 1st Place Cash Prize. FMI: Novel, RRM 602-790-9143, : Novel_1818@yahoo.com Venue TBA

12/8 11th Annual Toys For Tots Fundraiser at Fuzzy's Grill from 10a to 4pm. {Located at 18795 N Reems Rd, #109, Surprise, AZ 85387} Co-sponsored and supported by the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots Fndn. Ride/drive on out & bring a toy or donation. Santa will be on site for pictures + face painting for kids, noon-3. Afterparty starts 4pm w/ music & drawings. FMI: 623-556-0664, Mike@FuzzysSportsGrill.com

12/9 14th Annual Lost Dutchman Christmas Angel Toy Drive, 9a-5pm. Meet at LDMC Clubhouse, 1826 W Broadway Ste #42, Mesa. Enjoy the clubhouse until noon, then ride in a group to the Walmart on Dobson / Rio Salado. Pick a gift ornament from a Christmas tree in Walmart, purchase that gift & the rest is done by the Lost Dutchman MC and the Salvation Army. Make some less fortunate children happy on Christmas. Thank you FMI: 602-463-7886, Billetldmc@juno.com

12/9 Yucca Toy Run & Food Drive sponsored by Soldiers For Jesus MC Havasu. Meet at either Desert Road Riders MC Club House, 5433 W Hwy 68 Ste E, Golden Valley OR Desert Thunder Motorcycle Shop, 2770 Sweetwater Ave, Lake Havasu. Bring an unwrapped gift or non-perishable food items. Food being donated to the Yucca Food Bank. Proceeds being donated to the local school for the kids. Both groups depart 11am to meet at Yucca Fire Dept 12349 Frontage Rd, Yucca, AZ 86438. Take pictures with Santa, awards for ugly Christmas sweater, & more. Free food. Raffles & 50-50. FMI: SFJHavas@gmail.com

12/12 {Wed} Yoga for Bikers classes on the Eagles Nest Patio @ Superstition Harley-Davidson. Come & find out how Yoga helps bikers ride on. Bring a yoga mat & wear comfortable clothing. This is not an exercise class, but an introduction to yoga with basic poses as part of the experience. 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 480-346-0600 | receptionist@superstitionhd.com

12/15 {Sat} Sleigh Ride & Pub Crawl hosted by Aint Nicks Tavern. Sign-in 8-10a at Aint Nicks, 6840 N. 27th Ave, Phoenix. \$20/pp OR \$10/pp +a toy. **NO STUFFED ANIMALS!** Benefits Crisis Nursery. FMI: 602-242-2345

12/15 Toy Delivery Ride to Sunshine Acres with Superstition Harley-Davidson and Seductive Car Club. Kickstands up at SHD {2910 West Apache Trail, Apache Junction} at 1pm to deliver the toys and have a Christmas party with the kids at Sunshine Acres. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

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12/15 Superstition Harley-Davidson add'l activities... HOG Chapter Meeting 9:30a, HOG Dogs 11am, Pictures with Santa 10a-1pm, Free Gift Wrapping 10a-2pm, Battle of the Beards, Bitchin Stitchin. Located at 2910 West Apache Trail, Apache Junction. FMI: receptionist@superstitionhd.com, 480-346-0600

12/15 5th Annual Toy & Charity Poker Run to benefit Hospice of the Valley. Register 8-9:30am at Osborn Aerie #2843 @ 7575 N 67th Ave Glendale 85301 [67th Ave & Orangewood]. Cost is 1 new unwrapped toy + \$15/pilot & 1 toy + \$10/passenger. (All vehicles and bikes are welcome). The toys go to local needy children for Christmas & cash proceeds go to Hospice of the Valley. Stops include Beaver Bar in Phoenix. FMI: Nikki Raven Rodgers 602-386-9971, 2843toyrun@gmail.com

12/15 Wreaths Across America ceremony, 10a at the Phoenix National Memorial Cemetery For event info or to sponsor a wreath contact Tarra 602.487.0970 or tarramatyas2@gmail.com

12/15 Wreaths Across America remembrance ceremony, 1pm at Hi Jolly Cemetery in Quartzite. Meet 12:20pm at event sponsor VFW/Auxiliary Post 769, located at 305 N Central Blvd, Quartzsite, AZ 85346. The Jr. Color Guard and Freedom Riders will have a parade from the VFW to Hi Jolly, where 7 wreaths will be placed, for every branch of our military. There will be a musical tribute by Skyhawks. Remember, honor, teach. FMI: Sheri 218-355-8588.

12/16 {Sun} AZ Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs 6th annual Charity Toy Run at the Wal-Mart, 1825 W Bell Rd, Phoenix (Bell Rd. & 19th Ave) from 7am-12pm. Please bring new, unwrapped toy. 'Tis the season to give. FMI: Moe 623-363-3470, moehmcdv@gmail.com

12/29 {Sat} New Years Eve Eve Eve Party at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. Celebrate the coming of 2019 with SHD! Champagne toast at 12pm with live music and free hor's d'oeuvres until gone. {Mention the phrase 'Sport Glide' to get a free gift.} FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

12/30 {Sun} Ride with Yoga Greg. Ride & Yoga...can it get any better!! Yoga Greg will lead a short ride, then give a demo & speak about stretching/breathing to help improve your riding experience! KSU 10:30am at SHD. Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Happy New Year 2019!

1/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, 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>

1/19 {Sat} 9th annual Skin & Steel takes place January 19, 2019 at the American Legion Post 2 [2125 S Industrial Park Ave] in Tempe. 10a-4pm. Tattoo & Motorcycle contests, vendors, & more. Music by 'Moonshine VooDoo Band'. Free admission. Benefits American Legion Rider Programs. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: 480-967-2968, Skin.SteelAZ@gmail.com www.skinandsteelaz.com

1/26 {Sat} 4th Annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses, a benefit for the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group {<http://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org>} to continue protecting & keeping the Salt River Wild Horses Wild & Free. Register at American Legion Post 58 Fountain Hills. 9-11am. \$10/pp suggested donation. The unescorted scenic ride ends at Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction 85120. End party 11a-4:30pm. Flag Presentation, National Anthem, Live Music, Beer Garden, Vendors, Educational Booths, Speakers, & more. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1811432915557693/>

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2/15-17 {Fr-Sun} Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion at Lake Havasu City includes Car / Motorcycle Show with over 800 plus vehicles on display; 150+ Vendors to shop; Vintage Pin Up Pageant; Food Court; 22 Bands during the 3 days; much more. FMI: 928-846-0335 <https://www.lakehavasurockabillyreunion.com>

2-19-19 {Tues} Motorcycle Day at the Dome 8a-1pm. Hosted by ABATE of AZ. FMI: lobbyist@abateofaz.org

2-23-19 Hooked on Healing. Details TBA. FMI: www.healingvets.org

3/1 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, 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>

3/3 {Sun} AMSAF {AZ Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation} annual Riding For the Long Haul will be at El Zariyah Shriners Auditorium, 552 N 40th St, Phoenix. Free admission, live music, bike show, demos, 'safety is sexy' fashion show, vendors, & more. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: www.amsaf.org

3-23-19 Dakota's Run hosted by Green Knights Chapter 28 MMC. Details TBA. FMI: greenknights28@gmail.com

4/3-7 Arizona Bike Week <http://www.azbike-week.com/>

4/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, 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>

5/2-5, 2019 Wild in the Weeds with ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter. Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Mile Post 262 Hwy 188, Tonto Basin AZ. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://wildintheweeds.com/>

5/3 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, 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>

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9/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa returns from summer break. Music, vendors, & more. 6-10pm. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>