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Hello AriZona Riders!

Veterans Day is right around the corner. However you plan to spend the day, please keep our Veterans and GIs in your thoughts & prayers.



As we have reached the Holiday Season, I hope you all had some fun Halloween festivities. With Thanksgiving almost upon us, it is a good time to reflect and remember what we are Thankful for in our lives. I wish you each a Joyful Thanksgiving.

Having family, friends, community, a safe & comfortable home, health and well-being, are among the Blessings I am Thankful for EVERY day Not just at this time of year. I am THANKFUL to be a part of the Brotherhood & Sisterhood that IS this motorcycling community.

As I prepare this edition, I can also say that I am Thankful for having been a part of the biker publishing industry for as many years as I have. It has been an AMAZING ride! It's given me and Bruce so many opportunities to meet & spend time with some phenomenal scooter folk. I wouldn't have missed any bit of it. That being said... I have an announcement to make.

In speaking with compatriots in the publishing industry, I've come to realize that I am a dinosaur ~ lol. If not the last of my kind, one of very few left. Bruce & I were among the first to publish an independent local biker rag in its entirety on the web. Now it appears that AZ Rider will be among the last to leave the party.

The nature of marketing being what it has become, businesses have less and less need to pay for advertising when they can market their goods and services for free via social media. And being the frugal individual that I am... I can't blame them one bit! ☺

Due to that understanding, I am all the more thankful for and appreciative of my Advertisers who have continued their support over time.

Furthermore, nobody needs to wait for a monthly publication to share or read a story. There are means to be following or reporting on an event as it is happening ... via cell phone, youtube, social media, etc.

And so it is that I've decided that it is time for me to fold my tent and move along. 2024 feels like a very 'tidy' time for doing so. This past September's Anniversary edition marked 25 years and the final issue in December will be the 300th edition of AZ Rider Motorcycle News.

I love being a part of this community and will still be out & about ☺. As a proud ABATE-AZ member, I will take notebook in hand from time to time to share stories in the Master-Link.

To those of you who have shown love and support and encouragement and appreciation to me, to Bruce, and to AZ Rider over the years, I thank you so very much !

Ride safely, choose wisely, &

Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

PS: Friends I have shared this news with have suggested that there should be a 'retirement' party of sorts for AZ Rider. I hadn't thought of it. Perhaps being too close to the situation... Forest & Trees, as they say. If a gathering comes together, I will post it to facebook & other social media, thru the newsletter, etc.

'bye for now ☺

Betsy

October Fun at OTG

On the Green Sports Bar, located at 801 S Power Road in Mesa, held their annual Biketoberfest from October 3rd-6th, 2024. Vendors included Buck's Fine Cigars, smoked meat & jerky, apparel, artistic insulated cups & other creative items from Lilo's Creations, jewelry, a display by Ms Conception Paint, & more. The Thigh Brush store, next door to OTG, was open as well.

Part of the celebration on Sunday October 6 included a Pinup Pageant hosted by Ms PinUp AZ.

The overall winner 'Queen of the Pageant' was Miss USA Barbie Lei Cay, with several additional crowns & sashes being awarded as well. There was so much enthusiasm from the Contestants AND the Audience ☺

Miss PinUp AZ hosts pinup pageants at venues around the Valley; each to raise awareness and money for good causes. Whether you might be interested in participating or just knowing where the next pageant will take place, visit the website to learn more at <https://misspinupaz.com>

There was a fundraiser for BACA ~ Bikers Against Child Abuse taking place as well. There was a raffle table with over 30 items to win including sports items, coolers for your favorite adult beverages, giftables, Christmas items, a spa basket, and more. PLUS there was a separate raffle for a trip to Mexico.

This organization does such good and amazing work on behalf of kids. They work to create a 'safer environment for abused children'. Part of the BACA Mission Statement explains, "We exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live." Visit <https://bacaworld.org/> to learn more. There was a very positive response at OTG to their message. The fundraiser collected about \$3000 to help them in their work.

On The Green {OTG} hosts good music, offers both indoor and outdoor seating, has friendly staff, and has dedicated motorcycle parking. Watch their facebook page to see what events are coming up.





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Happy Birthday in November to
Mike 'Redbone' Schneider, Norman Crain,
JR Reichelt, Dyan 'Painted Lady' Norfleet,
JoAnn Goodson, Ernie Lizarraga,
Josh Barela, Brad Cosby, Kenneth Hebert,
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Kristina Lee Whalen ~ November 2, 2003
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Anne M. Varese ~ November 24, 2008
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Austin Anthony 'Cheech' Diaz ~ November 30, 2019
Theresa Ann Kalifut ~ November 25, 2021
Scott Hagemann ~ November 30, 2023
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Speed Limit Changes in Phoenix
Shared by ABATE-AZ, 10-31-24 ... Item 31 Amend City Code - Section 36-158, Schedule I, Local Speed Limits at 20 Locations (Ordinance G-7314) - Citywide was passed in Phoenix City Council yesterday.
Speed limits are established under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 28-703, which requires an engineering study and traffic investigation. The Phoenix City Code and Charter require that all changes to local speed limits on City streets be approved by City Council in the form of an amendment to Phoenix City Code.
The Street Transportation Department conducted a comprehensive review of the speed limit ordi-

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Attachment B			
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SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN CITY OF PHOENIX SPEED LIMITS AMENDING SECTION 36-158, SCHEDULE I - LOCAL SPEED LIMITS			
Prima Facie Speed Limit 25 mph at all times To be removed from ordinance			
Street Changed	Segment Changed	Reason for Change	Council District
Cholla Street	Tatum Boulevard to 56th Street	Recommend reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front-facing homes.	3
Mountain View Road	19th Avenue to 15th Avenue	Recommend reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front-facing homes.	3
Sweetwater Avenue	Cave Creek Road to 32nd Street	Recommend reduction from 35 mph to 25 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front-facing homes.	3
Sweetwater Avenue	32nd Street to 42nd Street	Recommend reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front-facing homes.	3
40th Street	Mountain View Road to Shea Boulevard	Recommend reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front-facing homes.	3
55th Avenue	McDowell Road to Camelback Road	Recommend reduction from 30 mph to 25 mph by a traffic engineer based on number of front- and side-facing homes.	4,5, and 7

Prima Facie Speed Limit 30 mph at all times			
Street Changed	Segment Changed	Reason for Change	Council District
Lafayette Boulevard	44th Street to 64th Street	Recommend reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front-facing homes.	6
Oak Street	24th Street to 32nd Street	Recommend reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front-facing homes. Consistent with adjoining segments.	4 and 8
Princess Drive	68th Street to Scottsdale Road	Recommend reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph in conjunction with upcoming lane modifications	2
15th Avenue	0.25 miles south of Magnolia Street to Bethany Home Road	Recommend reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front- and side-facing homes. Consistent with segment to the north.	4,7, and 8
52nd Street	Cactus Road to Thunderbird Road	Recommend reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study and number of front- and side-facing homes. Consistent with segments to the south and north	2 and 3
65th Avenue	2500 feet +/-south of to Dobbins Road	New construction. Not in previous ordinance.	7
68th Street	Princess Drive to Mayo Boulevard	Recommend reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph in conjunction with upcoming lane modifications.	2

nance and is recommending local speed limit changes at 20 locations, as summarized in the pdf attached. Seventeen changes are related to road and traffic conditions. The three other changes are additions to the speed limit ordinance for newly constructed and annexed roadway segments. As with all recommended speed limit changes, they are based on traffic investigations conducted with the engineering judgment of Street Transportation Department staff.

The related traffic studies can be viewed at <https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/speed-limitchange>.

Watch your speedometer. Watch for speed limit signs. Some in your neighborhood may be changing soon.

See associated tables.

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October 21, 2024 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V785000
Alternator Wiring May Short and Overheat
Summary: Triumph Motorcycles America, Ltd. (Triumph) is recalling certain 2022-2024 Bonneville T100, T120, T120 Black, 2022 Tri-

umph Street Scrambler, Street Scrambler Sandstorm, Street Twin, Street Twin Goldline, 2023-2024 Scrambler 900, and Speed Twin 900 motorcycles. The wiring between the alternator and main harness connector may short circuit and overheat. Overheated wiring increases the risk of a fire or crash. Potential Number of Units Affected: 8,801
Remedy: Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed October 28, 2024. Owners may contact Triumph customer service at 1-678-854-2010. Triumph's number for this recall is SRAN 627.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 24V785 here.](#)

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October 16, 2024... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V769000
Brake Master Cylinder Blocked Port/FMVSS 122
Summary: Suzuki Motor USA, LLC (Suzuki) is recalling certain 2022-2024 GSX1300R (Hayabusa) motorcycles. The master cylinder internal rubber components may swell due to contamination from the brake fluid cap diaphragm, which can result in a blocked brake fluid port. As such, these motorcycles fail to comply with the require-

ments of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 122, "Motorcycle Brake Systems." A blocked brake fluid port can extend the distance required to stop, increasing the risk of a crash.

Potential Number of Units Affected 6,338
Remedy: Dealers will replace the front brake master cylinder body and brake fluid cap diaphragm, free of charge. Owner notification letters were mailed October 25, 2024. Owners may contact Suzuki Customer Service at 1-714- 572-1490. Suzuki's number for this recall is 3A04. This recall expands and replaces previous recall number 23V-088. Motorcycles previously recalled under 23V-088 will need to have the new remedy completed.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 24V769 here.](#)

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October 9, 2024 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V753000

Bent Front Brake Line May Contact Fuel Tank
Summary: Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2022 FXRST and 2022-2024 FXLRST motorcycles. The front brake lines may contact the fuel tank and become damaged, possibly resulting in a brake fluid leak and a loss of front brake function. A loss of front brake function can increase the risk of a crash. Potential Number of Units Affected: 15,778
Remedy: Owner notification letters were mailed

October 25, 2024. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson Customer Service at (414) 343-4056. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0187. [Read more about NHTSA Recall #24V753 here.](#)

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September 30, 2024 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V728000

Engine Output Shaft May Break

Summary: Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Can-Am Spyder F3 and RT motorcycles. The engine output shaft may fatigue and break, resulting in a loss of drive power. A loss of drive power increases the risk of a crash.

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8,721

Remedy: The remedy is currently under development. Interim owner letters notifying owners of the safety risk were mailed October 23, 2024. A second letter will be sent once the remedy is available, anticipated January 2025. Owners may contact BRP customer service at 1-888-272-9222.

[Read more about NHTSA Recall # 24V728 here.](#)

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[** Find more Recall Notices here.](#)

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Prima Facie Speed Limit 30 mph from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on School Days			
Street Changed	Segment Changed	Reason for Change	Council District
Cactus Road	Wb 350 ft +/- east of 37th Avenue and eb 350 ft +/- west of 37th Avenue	Removal of time-of-day speed limit reduction from ordinance. New speed feedback signs installed.	1
Ray Road	400 Feet North of Thunderhill Drive to 100 Feet South of Mountain Sky Avenue	Removal of time-of-day speed limit reduction from ordinance. New speed feedback signs installed.	6

Prima Facie Speed Limit 35 mph at all times143			
Street Changed	Segment Changed	Reason for Change	Council District
Estrella Drive	SR202 to 51st Avenue	Newly annexed portion of roadway. Not in previous ordinance.	8

Prima Facie Speed Limit 35 mph from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on School Days			
Street Changed	Segment Changed	Reason for Change	Council District
Greenway Parkway	400 Feet West of 7th Avenue to 250 Feet East of 5th Avenue	Removal of time-of-day speed limit reduction from ordinance. New speed feedback signs installed.	3

Prima Facie Speed Limit 40 mph at all times			
Street Changed	Segment Changed	Reason for Change	Council District
Deer Valley Drive	56th Street to 450 feet east of 60th Street	New construction. Not in previous ordinance.	2
Tatum Boulevard	Mayo Boulevard to Deer Valley Drive	Recommend reduction from 45 mph to 40 mph by a traffic engineer based on a traffic study	2
Van Buren Street	56th Street to 500 Feet East of Project Drive	Recommend reduction from 45 mph to 40 mph. Posted 40 mph to the west, and Tempe is reducing speed limit along corridor.	6

Note: All speed limit changes were recommended based on a traffic study and approved by a traffic engineer.

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AMA Hall of Fame Inductee: Erwin 'Cannonball' Baker

AMA Hall of Famer
Pioneering racer;
Cross-country record holder;
Inducted into the Hall of Fame 1998

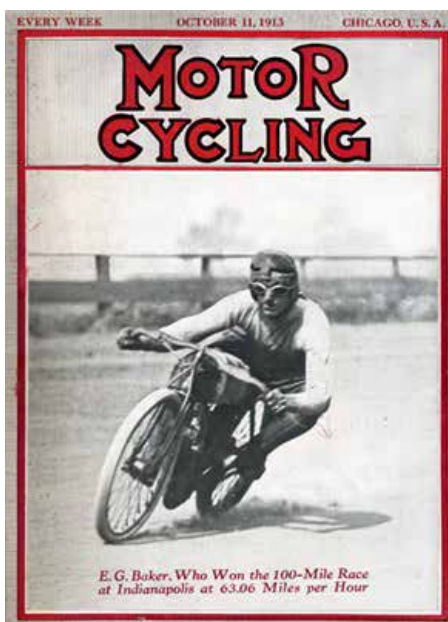
E.G. Baker was an early motorcycling pioneer who set dozens of cross-country records riding a variety of motorcycles and sidecars. He also was known for record-setting runs in automobiles. By the time he retired from his pursuit of records, it was estimated that Baker had ridden or driven more than five million miles. During his exhausting career, Baker made more than 143 attempts at a variety of timed, long-distance records, including his most famous transcontinental and three flags (Canada to Mexico) attempts.

Born Erwin George Baker in 1882 in a four-room log house in Dearborn County, Indiana, Baker moved to Indianapolis when he was 12 years old. Baker learned the machinist trade and worked in a foundry. A tall and lanky youngster, Baker became interested in athletics and participated in boxing, wrestling and tumbling. He worked out in a gymnasium faithfully and gained a reputation as quite an athlete. His athleticism earned him a job with a acrobatic drill team that traveled the vaudeville circuit at the turn of the century. Erwin was also part of the popular bicycle racing craze at the time, which led to him riding some of the first motorized bicycles.



In 1908, Baker purchased an Indian motorcycle and began entering and winning local races. His most famous victory came in 1909 at the first race ever held at the newly built Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was during this time that Baker began his endurance runs. Most of his early records were city-to-city runs.

One of Baker's well-publicized stunts was racing passenger trains from town to town. These were in the days before well-maintained roads. Baker often encountered deep mud, sand washes, flooded river crossings and snowed-in mountain passes during his long-distance attempts.



rides for other motorcycle makers. In 1913, Baker rode an Indian on a record transcontinental run which ended in Savannah, Georgia. Once there, he entered the 300-mile national championship on the same machine he had just ridden across the country.

After a record-setting transcontinental run in by Baker in 1914, a New York newspaper writer compared him to the Cannonball Express train and he picked up the famous moniker that would stick with him the rest of his life.

Baker accumulated his share of scars as well as trophies during his years of setting records. He also had a slew of interesting stories of things that happened to him during his record runs. In one three-flags record attempt in 1916, Baker had to change routes several times to avoid vast forest fires. In another run he came around a curve at a high rate of speed and came upon



a herd of cattle in the road. In trying to miss the herd, Baker turned sharply, hit a hole in the road and was thrown off his motorcycle into a fence which in turn bounced him right onto the back of one of the cows. The surprised cow bucked him off and he ultimately landed in a ditch off the side of the road.

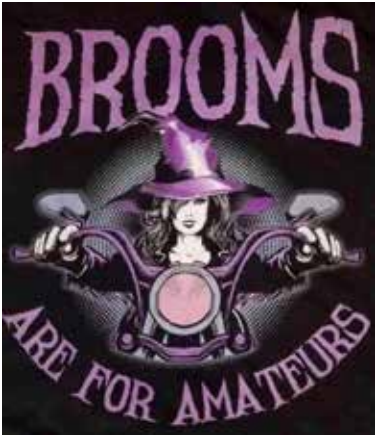
Baker took his skills overseas and set numerous records in foreign countries, most notably Australia and New Zealand.

By the 1930s, Baker began shifting his focus and most of his record attempts were in automobiles. In 1922, he ran in the Indianapolis 500 and finished 11th, though well back of the leaders. He also became a test driver for automobile companies. He worked for Rickenbacker Automobiles, which was owned by the famous World War I flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker. On motorcycles, Baker began increasingly to participate in economy runs. In one such run, his Neracar motorcycle went 3,364 miles on 45 gallons of gas. He became an AMA race official and later was named national commissioner for NASCAR. After his record-setting days Baker also took up building miniature racing cars.

Baker died in Indianapolis on May 10, 1960, survived by his wife Emma. Baker goes down in history as one of the most famous motorcyclists of the early 20th century. His name was perhaps the most recognized of any motorcycle racer through the 1930s.



The AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum is located at 13515 Yarmouth Drive in Pickerington, Ohio 43147. You can also learn about more of the AMA's Motorcycle Hall of Fame Inductees by [clicking here](#).



Witches Ride 2024

This Ladies-Only Ride is hosted by [Motorcycle Princess](#) Jennifer Sievers. The event first took place in 2018 and has been a popular & fun annual ride ever since.

In addition to some pretty amazing costumes, some of the ladies decorate their bikes as well. It makes for quite a sight for other motorists as the pack of witches makes their way down the road.

This year, the riders met up at J&P Cycles in Scottsdale on Sunday October 20. Kickstands up at 10am and they were headed on a route through Fountain Hills & Rio Verde before landing at the Mountain View Pub in Cave Creek for lunch.

Follow the [Motorcycle Princess Group on facebook](#) to see what fun Princess Jennifer is planning next.



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Superstition HOG Chapter Rides start at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet times change depending on season. Watch SHOG calendar. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://www.superstitionhog.com/calendar>

2nd Saturdays: Bike Nite at VFW Post 1433 {phn 623-934-2152}, at 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. Hosted by Veterans MC AZ 7p-close. Karaoke, kitchen, bar, dart boards, pool tables, & more.

1st Sundays: Roosters Bar & Finn's Main-street Motorcycles host Saddlebag Sundays. Starts 2pm at Roosters, 3731 E Main, Mesa. No cover, live music, complimentary food. FMI: 480-985-4088, 480-357-7595

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix Chapter meeting. 12:30pm at VFW Post 1433, 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. Post opens at noon. FMI: text 480-768-8747

3rd Sundays: ABATE-AZ East Valley Chapter meets 10a at American Legion Post 138, 1264 W University Dr Mesa ~ Alma School & University. {B'fast available before meeting} FMI: Joe Silk 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com

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

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

4th Tuesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6:30pm at VFW Bucky O'Neill Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave ; Prescott 86301. FMI: Timothy, 360-720-3465 tntblaster@netzero.net

Wednesdays: Verde Valley Bike Night 6-10 at the Robbers Roost Sports Grill, 1160 S Page Springs Rd, Cornville. Live Music, vendors, cigar bar, food & drink specials, & more. FMI: 928-466-8366

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

11/9 {Sat} BACA {Bikers Against Child Abuse} Pima County Chapter Awareness Party at Wooden Nickel Tavern, 1908 S Country Club Rd, Tucson. Noon-6pm. Music, Vendors, more. Music, food, drinks, raffles, vendors, and more. This is a free event open to bikers and non-bikers alike and is kid-friendly. BACAworld.org

11/10 {Sun} Aint Nicks Tavern 10 Year Anniversary Party from 8a-2am. Free b'fast 8a-noon, games, raffles, & more. Food & drink specials. Pool tournament 1pm. Music 4-7pm. Located at 6840 N. 27th Ave, Phoenix, AZ. FMI: 602-242-2345

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Friday From DC: It's Not Just Bikers

October 25, 2024 ...

Two recent news stories demonstrate that the issues motorcyclists care about also impact all Americans. Concerns about a pair of items, both parts of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) legislative agenda, are making news... and

not in a good way.

First, fears are increasing that guardrails and other safety features will not be able to withstand the increased weight of electric vehicles. Roadways have been designed to account for vehicles weighing 5,000 lbs. However, new electric vehicles can far exceed that weight.

Cody Stolle, a University of Nebraska associate professor studying guardrail performance, said, "Unfortunately, these guardrail systems, which have performed very well with gasoline vehicles historically, do not appear to be containing electric vehicles when impacting [in] similar types of conditions."

Secondly, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced it would investigate Tesla's Autopilot system. The research will examine whether the technology can detect and respond effectively to reduced visibility on roadways. NHTSA is concerned the technology is hampered by sun glare, fog and airborne dust. Four recent crashes have shined a light on this problem.



These topics are nothing new to bikers. For the better part of a decade the MRF, along with our partners and champions, have tried to sound the alarm on these issues to government officials. While the mainstream media and the average American might be just waking up to the downside of electric vehicles or self-driving cars, the MRF is not new to the game. We have been and will remain engaged. We are and continue to be the voice of the street rider in Washington, D.C.

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

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11/10 Bikers & Bulls at Roadrunner Saloon, 47801 N Black Canyon Hwy, New River. Hosted by HAMC Cave Creek. Gates open 9am. Vendors, live music, & more.

11/14-17 {Th-Sun} **ACMC's Riot on the River at Winkleman Park on the Gila River.** \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl includes Saturday dinner. Games, vendors, music, & more. **ACMC members include ABATE-AZ.** FMI: **BilletLDMC@gmail.com ; <https://azcmc.org/riot-on-the-river/>**

11/16 {Sat} **Christmas Run hosted by NW Tucson Moose Riders of Lodge 2543.** Meet 10:30a at NW Tucson Moose Lodge, 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd, Tucson. \$15/sgl, \$2/cpl on one (1) bike. Toy donations are appreciated. **Proceeds & toys benefit Davis Monthan AFB Airmen families, and "More Than a Bed" Foster Care service.** Sponsors include **ABATE-AZ.** FMI: **520-406-5565, lodge2543@mooseunits.org**

11/16 Chicano Pride Ride Poker Run. KSU out of Desert Wind HD in Mesa 10a. FMI: ChicanoPrideRideAZ.com

11/30 {Sat} Battleship Run, hosted by Foreign War Veterans MA. Ride starts/ends @ DAV Chapter 18, 4656 E 1st St, Tucson. Details TBA.

11/30 Benefit Poker Ride for Cajun Navy Relief cajunnavyrelief.com . Hosted by Desert Wind H-D. They are helping the families affected by the hurricanes with needed supplies & rebuilding the community. Their mission statement: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". Registration starts at 9a with coffee & donuts. \$25/sgl, +\$10/2-up. Last stop Hideaway in Cave Creek. All proceeds benefit The Cajun Navy Relief. DWHD 9-11am, 922 S. Country Club Dr, Mesa. FMI: 480-894-0404

11/30 Dogs & Hogs Bully & Bike Fun Show. This is an outdoor, family friendly event. All Dog Breeds Welcome! Booth Set Up 10a-1pm. Doors Open @ 2pm. Fun Show starts at 4pm. We'll have fun classes for all Bull breeds + activities for the kids. Laveen Education Center, 5001 W. Dobbins Rd, Laveen, AZ.

12/7 {Sat} **Troll's Teddy Bear Run.** Sponsors include **Law Tigers AZ & Superstition HD.** Sign-in 9-10:30a @ SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction. Entry \$10+teddy bear. FMI: **360-451-1795, troll@trollsteddybearrun.com ; <https://www.trollsteddybearrun.com/>**

12/7 Loners MC 44th annual Globe Toy Run. Meet at Bullion Plaza, Miami. \$20/pp or toys of equal value. KSU noon. Ride ends at American Legion Post 4 in Globe. Live music, food, drinks, raffles, auction. FMI: Happy 928-812-9326, Laz-E H 928-200-6916

12/7 Kilroy MC Marana Chili CookOff. Starts noon at Wagon Wheel Post, 6803 N Sandario Rd, Tucson. \$15/sgl, \$20/cpl. \$5off with unwrapped toy. Enter your chili for \$20, or come get samples for \$5 and vote for your favorite. Benefits Marana Youth Programs. Donated toys will go to the Deplorable's Christmas parade. FMI: Jason 520-403-8289.

12/8 {Sun} River Riders MC 41st annual Toy Run in Lake Havasu. Starts at the Pirates Den in Parker, AZ. FMI: 952-818-4359, <https://riverridersmc.com/41st-toy-run>

2025 ~ Happy New Year!

1/17-20 {Fr-Mon} Winter Round Up in Yuma, AZ. "Riders from across the country participate, as individuals or clubs, and all riders on all makes are welcome!" Radisson Hotel, 1501 S Redondo Center Dr. FMI: 702-630-9202, micheleloker@gmail.com ; 619-300-7203, seawatch35@gmail.com

1/25/25 {Sat} **10th annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses.** Sign in 9-11am @ **American Legion Post 58, 16837 E Parkview Ave. Fountain Hills.** \$15/sgl, \$25/dbl. Last stop at **Superstition HD, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction.** Sponsors include **SHD, Law Tigers, On The Green {OTG}.** FMI: **ride4srwh@gmail.com ; <https://www.facebook.com/SkeetersupporterforSRWHMG>**

2/13 {Thurs} **Motorcycle Day at the Dome with ABATE-AZ.** Details TBA

2/22 Drew's Ride 2025 to support Down-n-Durdy will leave out of Desert Wind Harley-Davidson in Mesa. Details TBA. FMI: <https://down-n-durdy.org/>

3/15 {Sat} **The Prowl Motorcycle Show in Bisbee, AZ.** FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/theprowlbisbeeaz>

4/2-6 {Wed-Sun} **AZ Bike Week 2025 – held at WestWorld in Scottsdale.** FMI: <https://az-bikeweek.com/>

4/12 {Sat} **2nd annual Shriners Ride For Kids,** hosted by El Zaribah Shrine {Phoenix} Motorcycle Unit. Details TBA. FMI: 602-231-0300

5/17 {Sat}: **AMSAF's Riding For the Long Haul event, 5:30 to 9:30pm at Marriott Phoenix Chandler - 1600 South Price Rd., Chandler.** Join **AMSAF** for an evening of tropical fun, island vibes, and fundraising! **Dress in your best Hawaiian attire and get ready for: Delicious Cuisine; Live Entertainment; Silent Auction; and much more!** Sponsors include **Law Tigers.** FMI: <https://www.amsaf.org/rftlh/>



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