

What is Happening at the Copper Dome?

AZ MMA Legislative Update April, 2022

I am pleased to report that SB1273 - "Two Wheeled Motorcycle Operation" passed both the Senate (where it originated with Senator Pace from the X District and Co-sponsored by Rep Carroll) and the House and was signed into law by the Governor on March 23rd. The bill takes 90 days to go into effect (meaning these maneuvers should be legal on or about May 1st) and will allow for lane filtering on surface streets under the following conditions:

THE OPERATOR OF A TWO-WHEELED MOTORCYCLE MAY OVERTAKE AND PASS

ANOTHER VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED IN THE SAME DIRECTION OF TRAVEL AND IN THE SAME LANE AS THE OPERATOR AND MAY OPERATE THE MOTORCYCLE BETWEEN LANES OF TRAFFIC IF THE MOVEMENT MAY BE MADE SAFELY AND IF THE OPERATOR DOES BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

OPERATES THE MOTORCYCLE ON A STREET THAT BOTH:

IS DIVIDED INTO AT LEAST TWO ADJACENT TRAFFIC LANES IN THE SAME 3 DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.

HAS A SPEED LIMIT THAT DOES NOT EXCEED FORTY-FIVE MILES PER 5 HOUR.

TRAVELS AT A SPEED THAT DOES NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN MILES PER HOUR

There was a tremendous team effort from AZ MMA, ABATE and MRF to lobby elected representatives on behalf of their members and the motorcycle community, and a very high response rate from calls to action to contact elected representatives via email and other means. Special thanks to SkyPilot and Cindy Gates from MMA for their efforts, as well as the coordi-

nation brought about through the CMC legislative team.

his result directly demonstrates what is possible when we operate as an organized and united front. As your designated lobbyist, I will continue to work to improve cooperation, coordination and mobilization to ensure our voice is heard. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or feedback.

As the legislative session winds down, we'll begin thinking about next year. Legislative priorities include a continued focus on profiling and vigilance around law enforcement related bills. If you have not filled out the MPP survey for 2022, you can do so here. Please ensure that you are reporting any incident of profiling to MMA leadership, especially if you have an audio/video recording of the stop and/or witnesses who can testify to the incident.

Ride Safe.

Nathan "Kraken" Deily

Designated Lobbyist, AZ MMA



AMSAF Supporter

Submitted By Mick Degn

We are getting into the final stretches of preparation for our May 7th, "Share the Road & Riding for the Long Haul" Fundraising event. This will be our seventh year of holding this event and each year we have grown in attendance with the community and this year is no exception. We have a fun night planned and hoping to bring back the "Happy Days" as we have all been confined to some extent the past couple of years with COVID.

If you have not purchased your seat or table, please let me know how I can help or go to www.amsaf.org/RFTLH to purchase your tickets. We are at the stage where we want to get a good head count, so we have enough welcome gifts for you along with a good count on food. Our final day to purchase tickets is April 23rd. There are no ticket sales or walk in at night of event.

Here is a promo video for you to watch on our event: <https://youtu.be/eknPuM5LGIM> Sit back, turn your sound up and think back to those Happy Day memories. Our theme for the evening is the 50's. If you like, come in your best 50's outfit, enjoy the dinner, auctions and just have a fun time. We will have a contest for the best outfit, and will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place along with a number of great auction and raffle items.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening is Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and we are expecting over three

hundred in attendance from the community. Our attendee's will be from the State, Healthcare, Legal, Insurance, Local Police Departments, Motorcycle Business, and many other local businesses.

Our Mission is to help reduce crashes and fatalities and Distracted Driving. We need your help as we cannot do it alone. Together we can do this. Please help us.

We have grown with our Motorcycle training program and Helmet assistance Program. In May we will be offering another great program to help the community. Our goal is to promote safety and awareness and we do a lot of this through our programs, social media, billboards and newsletters. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at our event.

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What is the MMA?

MMA is a Motorcyclists Rights Or-
ganization (MRO) comprised of mo-
torcyclists and motorcycle
enthusiasts who are concerned with
the future, safety, and welfare of
motorcycling. We are a non-profit,
educational organization dedicated
to improving the social atmosphere
that surrounds motorcyclists, and
protecting the individual freedoms
of citizens.

We are an association that lobbies
and educates the government and
the general public to promote mo-
torcycling in a safe and positive
image. When you become a mem-
ber of the MMA of Arizona, you
make a difference in the ongoing
mission to protect your right to ride
and enjoy the motorcycle of your
choice, your choice of riding ap-
parel, and when and where you can
ride a motorcycle. These issues are
real and present in today's "protect
yourself from yourself" political en-
vironment. This holds true for all
levels of government.

At the state level we have a lobbyist
who regularly visits our state capital
to lobby our legislators on the is-
sues concerning the motorcyclists
in Arizona. On the national level we
are aligned with the National Coal-
ition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and
several other motorcycle rights or-
ganizations.

Memberships are open to anyone
regardless of what type of motorcy-
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ability to interact with some of the
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The MMA of Arizona needs the sup-
port of all motorcycle riders and we
hope you will consider joining this
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Please join us in the cause to pro-
tect your rights.



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NCOM NEWSLETTER

*Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)*

ARIZONA LEGALIZES LANE FILTERING
Arizona Governor Doug Ducey (R) has signed Senate Bill 1273 into law on March 24, 2022, that legalizes lane “filtering” for two-wheeled motorcycles under specified conditions.

SB 1273 was sponsored by Senator Tyler Pace (R-Dist. 25), an avid motorcyclist himself, who clarified that lane filtering and lane splitting are not the same thing, and this new law will only allow for low-speed lane filtering in certain situations, like in Utah and Montana, not “lane splitting” on highways as commonly practiced in California. It was crafted to resemble a similar lane filtering measure enacted in Utah in 2019 that was just recently extended by their state legislature for another 5 years.

According to the bill as written, amended, passed through both chambers of the State house with bipartisan support, and signed into law effective in 90 days after adjournment:

“The operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may overtake and pass another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel and in the same lane as the operator and may operate the motorcycle between lanes of traffic if the movement may be made safely and if the operator does both of the following:

1. Operates the motorcycle on a street that both:
(a) is divided into at least two adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel.
(b) has a speed limit that does not exceed forty-five miles per hour.
2. Travels at a speed that does not exceed fifteen miles per hour”

Other provisions in the bill spell out the fact that, under Arizona state law, motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane on the road. They may also ride two abreast -- but no more than two can ride in this configuration across a single lane. Furthermore, motorcycles may not pass other vehicles within a single lane except in the specific situations outlined by the language above. Riding in between lanes is also not allowed by motorcycles in most situations, except in the specific circumstance outlined above.

It’s also important to note that this law specifically addresses two-wheeled motorcycles, as trikes and sidecars are prohibited from performing such maneuvers under any circumstances.

Meanwhile, similar lane filtering legislation (House Bill 2667) has passed the Oklahoma House of Representatives with overwhelming support, by a vote of 70-22 on March 22, and is currently under consideration in the State Senate.

STANDARD DRIVER’S LICENSE APPROVED FOR THREE-WHEELERS IN NEW YORK

After both the reclassification of the three-wheeled motorcycle as a three-wheeled motor vehicle and providing operator licensing requirements similar to nearly every U.S. state, residents in the state of New York can now operate 3-wheelers such as the Polaris Slingshot with a standard driver’s license.

Beginning April 20, 2022 drivers in the Empire State can drive an open-air machine with “side-by-side bucket seats, seat belts, and an automated manual transmission or manual transmission option typically found in traditional automobiles” using their standard D-class driver’s license, instead of the previously required motorcycle endorsement. The state of New York has both reclassified the three-wheeled motorcycle as a three-wheeled motor vehicle (often referred to as “autocycle”) and conferred operator licensing requirements comparable to nearly every U.S. state.

‘EXPANSIVE REMOVAL’ OF TARIFFS BENEFITS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

A deal has been made between the United Kingdom and the United States to suspend retaliatory tariffs on imported American products such as Harley-Davidson motorcycles, leading to potentially cheaper bikes.

Back in 2018, following a dispute with the European Union (of which the UK was then a part) the Trump administration imposed tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. In response, retaliatory tariffs were imposed on US imports such as Levi jeans, whiskey and... Harley-Davidsons.

However, following a meeting between the UK and US trade officials in Washington, DC on March 22, an agreement was reached whereby the US will partially end tariffs on British steel and aluminum.

In response, the UK will suspend retaliatory measures against US products, with the “expansive removal” of tariffs taking effect in June this year.

CYCLE SALES CRASH IN WORLD’S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MARKET-PLACE

Spiraling cost of fuel prices and rural distress negatively impacted the Indian two-wheeler segment, the largest motorcycle market in the world (China is 2nd) and home to the largest manufacturer of two-wheelers, with sales last fiscal year falling sharply to pre-2012 levels.

Two-wheeler sales in India crashed to a 10-year-low, falling to 14,466,000 units in FY22, as per the latest data from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), down from a high of 21,180,000 in 2019, and it was in 2011-2012 that two-wheeler sales were close to this low at 13,409,000 (India’s Financial Year is calculated as from 01-April-2021 to 31-March-2022).

Throughout the year, demand for motorcycles and scooters was impacted by moderation in rural demand and higher ownership cost amidst soaring petrol prices, which escalated in almost all months of FY22. New motorcycle sales there are directly correlated with fuel prices, as 62% of that country’s fuel sales are consumed by the two-wheeler segment.

BRITISH BIKERS DECLARE ‘DECARBONISATION’ POLICY; OPPOSE BANNING ICE BIKES

The British Motorcyclists Federation (BMF) have detailed three key points in their recently announced decarbonization policy; “regarding the use of internal combustion engine (ICE) motorcycles, the sale of ICE bikes, and the idea of electric battery technology as the only solution going forwards for motorcycles.”

Specifically, following the BMF Council meeting on April 9th, the Federation’s position “is opposed to any proposals to ban the use of motorcycles powered by internal combustion engines (ICE) while such vehicles are still capable of being run,” meaning gas is available.

Additionally, the Federation “is opposed to a ban on the sale of new ICE-powered motorcycles while there is the possibility of providing alternatives to fossil fuel and while the electric vehicle charging infrastructure does not adequately support electric motorcycles.”

The BMF’s third and final point is that it “supports a technology-neutral approach to powering new motorcycles; we do not accept that electric battery technology is the only approach.”

BMF Director, Anna Zee, said, “The use of motorcycles, however powered, rather than cars can make a valuable contribution to reducing carbon and particle emissions and congestion of course.”

ITALY INCENTIVIZES ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN NEW LAW

All over the world, governments are taking huge steps towards the incentivization and mainstream integration of sustainable, low-emission mobility. More than ever before, alternative modes of transport which were once seen as leisure activities, i.e., cycling and electric scooters are now being integrated into the mainstream transportation framework, with infrastructure being developed to accommodate these vehicles.

The latest country to roll out some form of new incentivization program is Italy, wherein a law supporting electric vehicles (EVs) will soon be implemented, and isn’t just centered around automobiles, but includes lightweight electric vehicles such as motorcycles, mopeds and e-scooters, too. In fact, list prices could be slashed by up to 30% due to the incentives.

Mario Draghi, Italian prime minister, has signed a new Ministerial Decree which is set to finance incentives for the purchase of electric and low-carbon vehicles. The

government seeks to allocate sizable resources towards the project, with 650 million Euros per year being set aside until 2024, which translates to a total of nearly two billion Euros until 2024, and a staggering 8.7 billion until 2030.

Not only will the incentivization program help to make low-emission and fully electric transport more accessible to the general public, they'll also provide manufacturers with a much-needed boost. Minister of Economic Development Giancarlo Giorgetti explained that the industry is going through a lot of difficulties including the pandemic, raw materials shortages occurring across the globe, as well as the raging war in Ukraine which has disrupted several economies.

STUDY IDENTIFIES EIGHT CATEGORIES OF MOTORCYCLIST
Vias, a research group from Belgium, has conducted a study into motorcyclists, from which they have determined eight categories of motorcyclist; so what type are you?

Firstly, there is the Time-Optimizer, who uses their motorcycle to minimize the time of the journey. This comprised 11.6% of the sample.

Secondly, we have what Vias called the "Time-For-Me Seeker," who are those riders who like to use the motorcycle to relax, get away from the family or work. According to Vias, this category made up 18.8% of the sample.

Next up is "The Unconditional." According to Vias, this group made up 9.5% of the sample, and these are those riders who go out whenever, no matter the conditions, the time of day, the amount of rain - if the

bike has fuel, that fuel will be used.

Moving on now to the fourth group, which Vias called the "Good-Vibe Seeker," who are those who use their motorcycle only when the weather allows for it. These riders ride solely for enjoyment, as well as to avoid using the car. 14.2% fit into the "Good-Vibe" category.

Now, onto group number five: the "I-Want-It-All" class. These are the people who want the best of the best, the option that suits them and their needs perfectly. 18.2% apparently fall into this category.

The sixth group is called "Multimodal," which is the category for people who are not solely riders, and use their motorcycle in conjunction with other forms of transport, as well as instead of a car in good weather. These make up 11% of the sample.

"The Daily User," is category number seven. The Addict. The Junkie. The Two-Wheeled Doper. Many of you reading this fall into this category, that makes up 7.5%.

Only one category to go... That final category, number eight, is "The Life-Long Experience," whose members also probably fall into the "Daily User," class. These are the Lifers who make up 9.2%, and are the cornerstone of motorcycling, because they are the ones who -- intentionally or otherwise -- pass the bug on to others, and keep our wheels turning.

The Vias study was conducted using a sample of 3,000 16-years-old-and-over Belgians.

NCOM CONVENTION TURNS 37 IN NASHVILLE

The 37th annual NCOM Convention in Nashville is pert near here, so plan now if'n yer fixin' to join in on one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists on Earth! This year's NCOM Convention, to be held June 17-19, 2022 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport, located at 10 Century Blvd., in Nashville, Tennessee (615-871-0033 for room reservations) will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "Music City, USA" to address topics of concern to all riders.

For more information, or to pre-register (by June 10), call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. Don't delay, call today, and we'll see y'all in the Birthplace of Country Music and Land of Southern Charm!

In the meantime, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have passed away over the past year, since June 2021, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision."
~ Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965), British statesman & Prime Minister

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Chairman's Report

Bike week is over and now it is time for Arizona to heat up. Already in the upper 90's. With that being said please let us all stay hydrated when riding in the heat. My favorite time is that we get to ride up to Northern Arizona and enjoy all that beautiful weather and event that go on in that area this time of year..

Well as most of you have heard about the passing of the lane filtering bill,

Please note it does not go into effect until 90 days after the session closes. If you get caught lane filtering before that time they will fine you heavily. The next project that our lobbyist are working on is a profiling bill. We have found in certain areas of the Valley they are pulling over all motorcyclist and giving ticket for no reason. Please if this happens to you please go on line and sign the petition for the profile project. This is Nation

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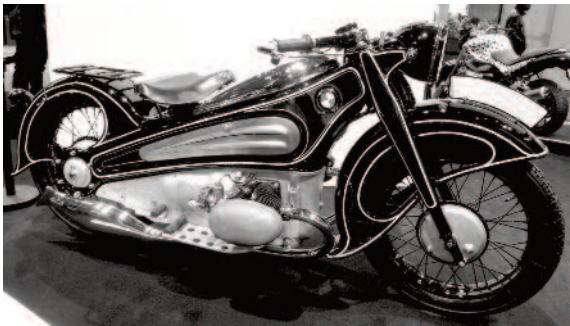


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Eric "Spanky" Hampton
Editor, MMA Patriot

It's finally getting cooler!

Remind everyone to Watch Out For Motorcycles!



wide and we want it to stop. We should not be pulled over for what we ride or wear. Go to this web site and take the survey. They do not ask for any personal information.

Stay Safe and Stay Cool

Cindy Gates
Chairman MMA of Arizona



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SPECIFICATIONS

DEADLINES

Closing date for space reservations is the 5th day of each month prior to publication date. Advertisers will receive a proof, upon request. Digital-ready ads are due by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

FORMAT

Motorcycle Patriot is formatted as a three column, (11"x 17") newspaper and is printed by offset.

DIGITAL-READY SPECIFICATIONS

Digital ads should be high resolution (300 dpi) jpeg, tiff or pdf files. Pdf files are preferred.


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PAYMENT TERMS


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


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AD RATES


Circle your ad selections

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Business card	\$40	\$75	\$100	\$200
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1/2 page	\$250	\$300	\$650	\$1200
Full page non-color	\$350	\$450	\$1000	\$1800
Back page full color	\$400	\$550	\$1125	\$2000



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE from the MRF

The Legislative session is more than three-quarters over with today being day 94 and 26 days left. Quick numbers: Senate introduced 206 bills; 14 to S-T&E with only 8 transportation issues; House introduced 376 bills; 32 to H-T&LG with 12 about transportation. So, you can see, there hasn't been much concern with transportation issues this year. There continues to be only 1-2 more bills introduced each day because of being "late-statis" bills which need approval from the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House. The various committees are busy right now, even addressing those bills that were introduced way back in January, but

there will still be some bills that are "killed" due to no action at all.

I haven't done an in-depth analysis yet, but it appears more bills are being passed than are being PI (killed). The Governor has signed pretty many already but hasn't gotten to HB22-1043 (Definition of a Motorcycle).

SB22-175 (Distracted Driving) passed the Senate floor on 2nd reading yesterday and is scheduled for 3rd reading on Monday, 4/18. Senate Minority Leader, Sen. Holbert, gave a very "persuasive" argument in support of the bill

at 2nd reading, citing how his personal distracted driving experiences have changed his view to supporting a bill which he had opposed in the past. More later as the bill progresses through the process.

Making progress on a resolution for "May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month". More later....

–Deb Craig

www.MRF.org

AUSTIN, TEXAS TORNADO WATCH

<https://blog.bikernet.com/>

Sometimes the news kicks my ass. Then a hot news flash flies in the door. In this case we received a report from The Sierra Madre Motorcycle Company, Austin, Texas branch operated by Steve Klein. He currently holds one of the rarest Crockers on the planet and several other motor-

cycle treasures. He recently bought 400 acres of land outside of town to hide his line-up of the rarest motorcycles on the planet, plus tend to his herd of cows and riding horses.



Solid Chrome and Metal-flake News

<https://www.bikernet.com>

Hey,

We are living in strange times to say the least. I had a discussion with the leader of a major vehicle organization regarding Climate Doom and Scientific Transparency. He wouldn't go there with his organization. "Some of my members will get upset."

I told him two things: "I'm just asking for Scientific Transparency, the truth. Just demand the truth." And, "If you don't demand the truth, what will happen? Choppers will be gone." Doesn't make sense. We either question authority or die.

Here's the strange aspect to the whole argument. I've even talked to kids you have a better understanding of the issue than some adults. Fossil Fuels can never just go away. Look around you. Everything is made with fossil fuel technology including medicine and the containers it comes in. Nuts.

Here's an interesting concept, which was mentioned by Michael Shellenberger recently. It's call the Citizens Jury. South Korea, like many countries has an

energy issue. They reached out to 700 citizens. It wasn't mandatory. Anyone could drop out at any time. They explained the positive and negative aspects to refurbishing their nuclear power plants and then asked the jury to decide. The citizens decided to move forward with nuclear. Interesting. It's all about the truth.

Let's hit the news...

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LAW TIGERS TIPS--Top Motorcycle Safety Tips for Riders Everywhere

Riding a motorcycle isn't just a form of transportation; it's a way of life. Anyone who rides a bike will tell you that they've made adjustments to their wardrobe ("can I ride my bike wearing this?"), they've formed new friendships, and they pay attention to the weather more than the average human.

With this lifestyle, there's also an element of danger to consider. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that mile for mile, motorcyclists face a 29x higher likelihood of being involved in a

fatal accident.

The good news is that, while we can't guarantee you'll never have a wreck, you can greatly increase your chances of a thrilling ride that ends with you arriving safely at your destination if you follow safety guideline.

Let's hit number 5 this week

Tip 5: Take Safety and Riding Courses Regularly
You've probably already taken a safety course (if you haven't, do that pronto), but have you considered taking a more advanced riding course?

Once you've mastered the basics, an advanced class can better equip you to drive defensively. From maneuvering and braking techniques to collision avoidance techniques, the skills you learn here can upgrade and enhance your experience.

If it's been a while since your last class, consider a refresher to keep your skills and knowledge up to date.

--Law Tigers Team

BROTHERS AND SISTERS...

SADDLY, ONCE AGAIN, WE'VE ALL LOST ANOTHER GOOD BROTHER, AND A VERY HONEST AND GOOD MAN HE WAS TOO, RIM COUNTRY DIST. MGR. AND LIFETIME MMA MEMBER, MICHAEL (COOCH) MENOCHÉ, LOST HIS SHORT, PAINFUL FIGHT AGAINST CANCER ON THURSDAY, MAR. 24TH AT APPROXIMATELY 6 PM.

A FEW OF US WERE TOLD WITHIN THE HOUR. I WAS A LITTLE STUNNED AS TO HOW QUICKLY IT ALL WENT DOWNHILL AT THE END.

COOCH WORKED VERY HARD FOR OUR DISTRICT, JUST AS HE DID EVERYDAY AT HIS JOB. HE "STEPPED-UP" MANY TIMES, WITHOUT BEING ASKED, NOR EVEN TELLING US WHAT HE DID TILL AFTERWARDS. HE'S ALREADY SORELY MISSED 'ROUND HERE.

HE WAS ALSO ONE OF OUR STATE BOARD REPS. HE AND BOWIE (WHO WE LOST LAST YEAR) WERE TWO BIG REASONS FOR ME DECIDING TO JOIN THE MMA 8 YRS. AGO.

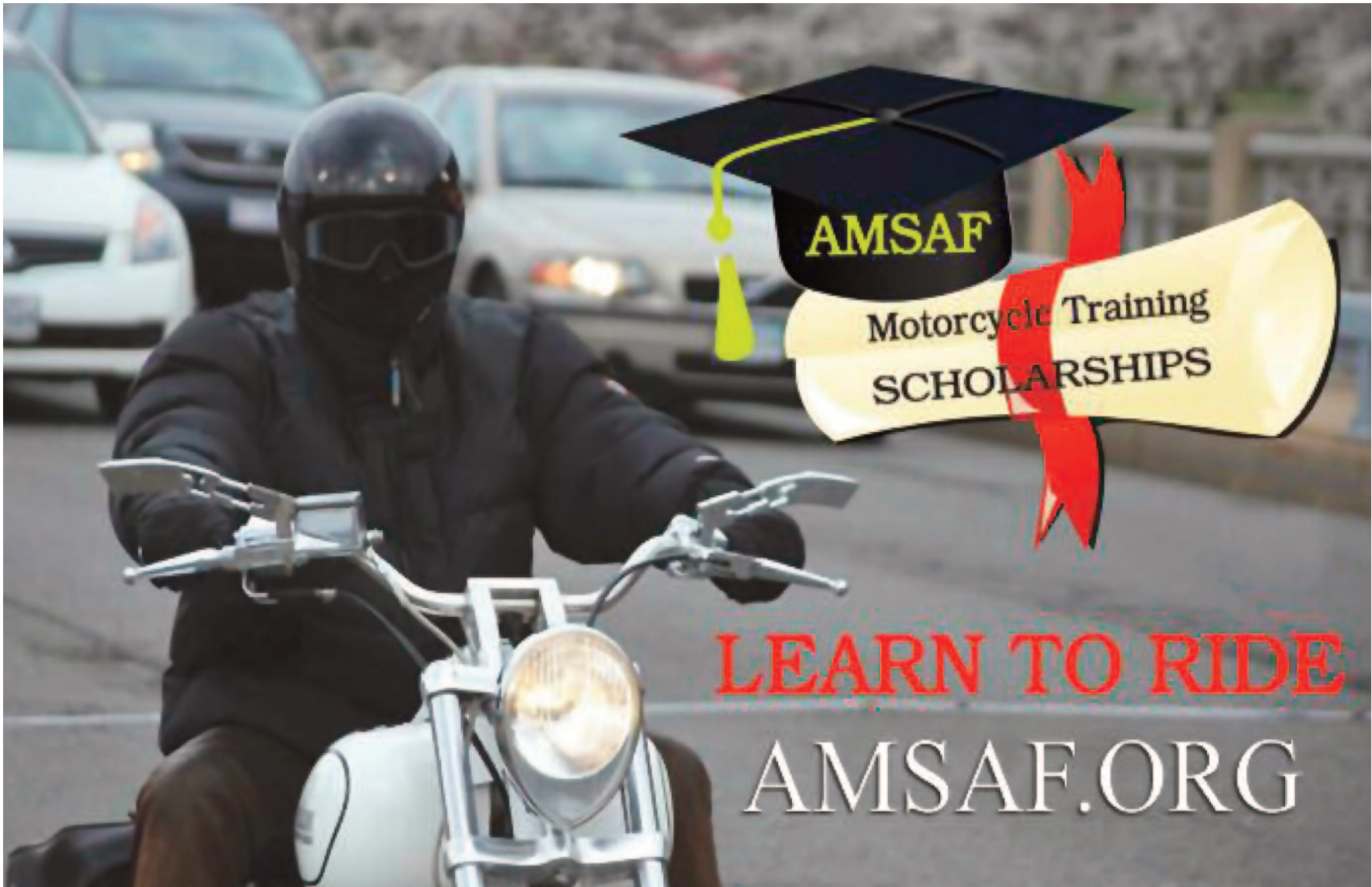
COOCH WAS A "PARTY ANIMAL" BUT ALSO A SERIOUS "STRAIT-TALKER". WHEN HE "SAID IT", HE "MEANT IT". AND YOU COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM. HE WAS THE BEST OF HOW WE ALL SHOULD BE, AND MY FRIEND.

HIS WIDOW (MELODY), OUR MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, IS STILL, OF COURSE, SHOOK-UP AND GRIEVING. SHE NEEDS ALL OUR HELP AND SUPPORT (FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE).

WE HOPE TO HAVE A MEMORIAL GATHERING/FUNDRAISER IN STRAWBERRY IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WHICH WE'LL NOTIFY AND POST HERE AT OUR MMA SITE.

RCD BOARD REP.
MIKE (MOTEL) LOOTANS





Solid Chrome and Metal-flake News continued

KEANU REEVES AND GARD HOLLINGER
TALK CYBERPUNK 2077 AS ARCH MOTORCY-
CLE STARS--

The CyberPunk 2077 team knew just how to get Keanu Reeves to bite on their offer to be a part of the video game – give his motorcycle company a starring role.

Reeves’ love of motorcycles is no secret, so when CyberPunk 2077 said it would feature Arch Motorcycle in it, the deal was sealed.

Reeves co-founded the company in 2011 along-
side LA County Choprods’ Gard Hollinger, and the
futuristic Arch Motorcycle that will be featured in
the game is loosely based on its top-of-the-line
Method 143, whose carbon fiber mono-cell chas-
sis is an engineering marvel in its own right.

“When CD Projekt Red approached me about
doing CyberPunk 2077, they also spoke about in-
tegrating - they were fans of, these people that
work at the company, were fans of Arch Motorcy-
cle, and so they approached the idea of creating a
specialized Cyberpunk 2077 version of the Arch
Motorcycle and I thought that was a very fine
idea,” said Reeves.

Arch Motorcycle also helped supply the sound-
track for CyberPunk 2077 by taking an Arch Mo-
torcycle out to California City Municipal Airport
and recording its exhaust singing its wide-open
song because the snarl of an Arch Motorcycle on
the boil is a beautiful thing. The audio recordings
attempted to capture nuances of the motorcycle’s
drivetrain and character as well.

That guttural growl will now forever be a part of
the CyberPunk77 experience as gamers mob
around Night City on a 2077 Arch as Reeves’ Cy-
berPunk persona Johnny Silverhand.

--Bryan Harley

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Here’s a story about one: It is serial number 5913
USA number M1013 and was delivered January
1945. What makes it interesting to me is they
used everything they could from the MB, pur-
chased right from Willys. The engine complete
with oil filter, air filter, regulator, battery, bell hous-
ing and T-84 transmission and all of the gauges
are the same as the MB. They even used the MB
fuel tank and radiator. It is 4 wheel drive and that
is accomplished through chain drive and a for-
ward-reverse lever which gave three gear speeds
in each direction so the transfer case was not
needed.

When it was found and purchased 5 or 6 years
ago, it was still in very good running condition and
had never been allowed to set outside. Most of
the vehicle is wood and due to inside storage for
60 years 95% of the original wood was saved in
the total restoration. You can see in the as pur-
chased photos (yellow trim) how good the wood
was, only the side rail boards had to be replaced
mainly from being kicked and broken. Before
restoration it was used on several Sunday rail
trips in the Jackson Ohio area. It will go much
faster that you will want to drive it. As you can see
from the photos it was professionally and totally
disassembled rebuilt, researched for paint

scheme and reassembled. With the wood being in
such good condition it was easy to sand down to
the original colors and markings.

PHONE:
740-703-3794

--Bandit

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NEWS from the MASTER of LIGHT--
Greetings from Lakeland, Florida and the Sun n
Fun fly-in! We've had a great week here and will
be wrapping things up later today.

Our production department continues to ship art-
work and puzzles, so we appreciate your pa-
tience.

I will be returning to Florida later this month for the
Thunder Beach Spring Rally in Panama City
Beach. If you're going, please stop by and see us
at Frank Brown Park!



Art book sales are still on hold, so please hang
tight and I'll update you in the next week or two.

--Greg Rhodes
International Sales Director
David Uhl Fine Art
Uhl Studios

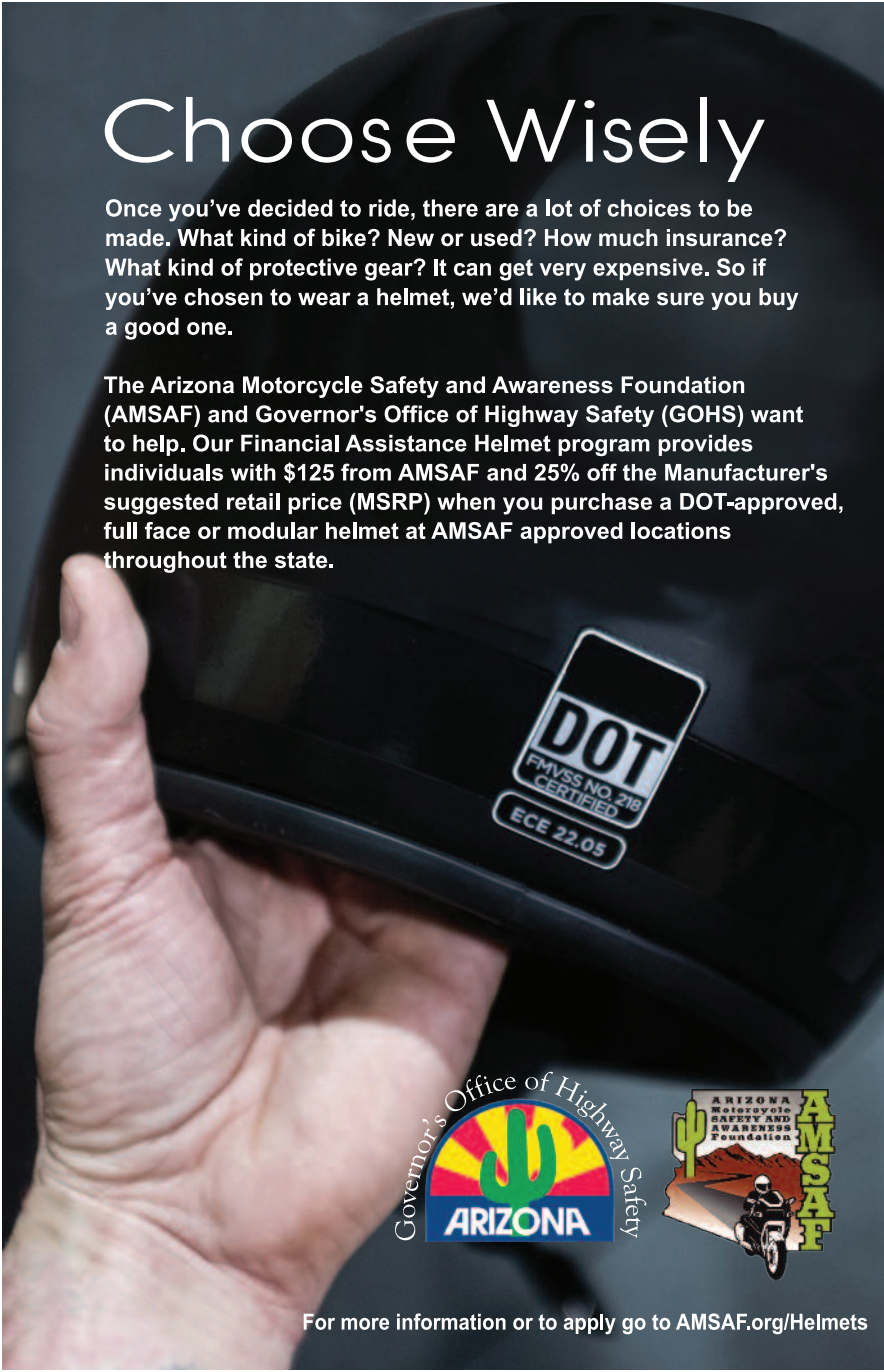
Choose Wisely

Once you've decided to ride, there are a lot of choices to be made. What kind of bike? New or used? How much insurance? What kind of protective gear? It can get very expensive. So if you've chosen to wear a helmet, we'd like to make sure you buy a good one.

The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) and Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) want to help. Our Financial Assistance Helmet program provides individuals with \$125 from AMSAF and 25% off the Manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) when you purchase a DOT-approved, full face or modular helmet at AMSAF approved locations throughout the state.



For more information or to apply go to [AMSAF.org/Helmets](https://amsaf.org/helmets)



The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation
Financial Assistance Helmet Program

How it works

- AMSAF Vouchers are valid towards the purchase of a \$200.00 or higher DOT Certified Full Face or Modular Street Helmet.
- Vouchers are only valid to those dealers approved by AMSAF and listed on the AMSAF website.
- Vouchers are not valid for discounted, special order or discontinued helmets.
- Purchased helmet is non-returnable if warning tag is cut off. Helmets may be returnable at the discretion of the dealer.
- Voucher is valid for a \$125.00 credit toward qualified helmet due to grant received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.
- Dealer or store will give an additional 25% off of Helmet MSRP.
- \$50.00 tax deductible donation is required to AMSAF at time of application.
- Voucher and promo code is only valid toward one (1) Helmet purchase.
- Dealer will credit individual up front at time of purchase and invoice AMSAF.



For more information or to apply go to [AMSAF.org/Helmets](https://amsaf.org/helmets)



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MMA of Arizona

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To all MMA-AZ Members

*****AS OF July,2016*****

Hello all,

I am pleased to announce that all Members of MMA-AZ now have their Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance increased from (\$3,500.00) Three Thousand Five -Hundred Dol-lars to (\$4,000.00) Four Thousand Dollars.

MMA-AZ is the first Motorcycle origination to have secured this cost free insurance in Arizona. The Membership officer will personally be mailing out this announcement with A.I.L. information in the very near future.

Please remember that if you want to be contacted by a A.I.L. Representative you must mail in their correspondence that will be in the letter that we are sending you.

If you do not want to be contacted by an A.I.L. Representative do not send this information in to A.I.L. A.I.L. does not have your contact information unless you send in their reply card.

It's that simple -- you need to do nothing to have this increase to (\$4,000.00) Four Thousand Dollars of Accidental Death & Dis-memberment Insurance.

If you have been thinking about getting more insurance or any other type of insurance --- by all means please use the Insurance Company that is sponsoring this \$4,000.00 of Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance benefit to us MMA-AZ Members.

Below is the web site and phone contact for American Income Life Insurance Company for MMA-AZ Members.

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Remember, if you want to be contacted send it in, if you do not what to be contacted do not send it in. That's the way it works.

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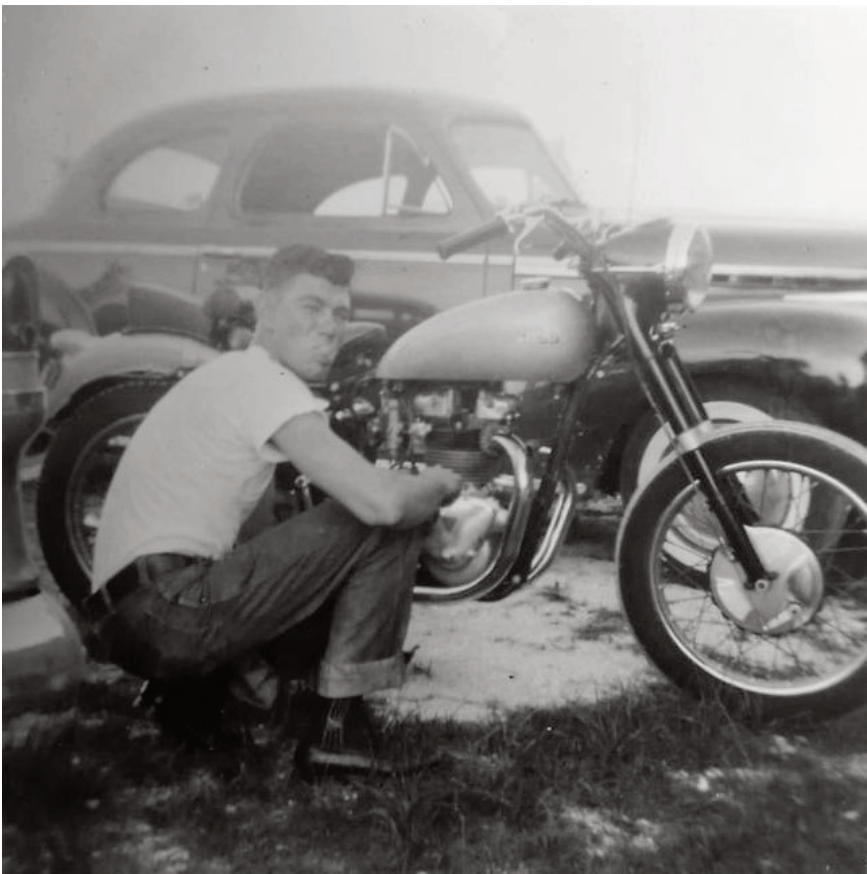
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Mobile Application For Road Safety Enforcement

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NRSA To Introduce Mobile Application For Road Safety Enforcement

The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) is developing a mobile application to improve road safety across the country.

Known as the Public Eye Enforcement Programme (PEEP), the mobile application will empower anyone with a smart phone to record road traffic violations and forward to the Authority for the prosecution of offenders.

The Board Chairman of the NRSA, Jeremaine Nkrumah, made this known when he led a team of officials from the Authority to commend the Greater Accra Regional Minister, Henry Quartey, for his leadership and determination in championing road safety in the region.

Their visit was also to recognise the minister for his productive collaboration with stakeholders in managing the operations of motorcycles and tricycles on major roads as well as bringing some sanity to the Madina Zongo Junction within the La Nkwatanang Madina Municipality. A citation was presented to the Regional Minister.

PEEP mobile application

Touching on the mobile application, Mr Nkrumah

said it would be piloted in the Greater Accra, Eastern and the Ashanti regions immediately after the new legislative Instrument, drafted by the Authority is approved by Parliament.

“We are currently developing a website and mobile application and we are going to take advantage of the constitution aspect of citizens’ arrests and empower anybody who owns a mobile device to be able to record,” Mr Nkrumah noted.

He added that the sender of a video which led to prosecution would be rewarded.

“If a person sends in a video and the video leads to prosecution, the mobile number of the sender if registered with the mobile money, will get a percentage of the fine,” he said.

Mr Nkrumah explained that statistics have shown an increase in the number of vehicles registered as compared to expansion works on roads across the country.

“What is scary in statistics is that for a country of 9,200 square miles and road network of 78,000 square kilometres, roads do not expand as rapidly as the number of vehicles added onto the industry every day,” he said.

He added that 16,000 new vehicles were registered every month, accounting for over 500 vehicles every day into the system.

Tricycle directive

For his part, Mr Quartey thanked the Authority for the recognition and appealed to the officials to support the Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council (GA-RCC) to revisit the implementation of restrictions on tricycles on the Tema highway.

“We had a meeting with the Police Regional Command and we want to revisit the directive. We believe three months’ moratorium is enough.

So I crave your indulgence to avail yourself as quickly as possible for us to move into action, possibly we can do this after the Easter festivities. The RCC has donated a pickup truck and two motorbikes to the Greater Accra Police Command to be used to patrol the stretch of the motorway,” he added

He, however, appealed to corporate bodies and stakeholders to support the activities of the RCC in ensuring safety in the region.

“Operation Clean Your Frontage is also in play. We have had four months of sensitisation, which is enough moratorium. After the Easter holidays, all assemblies in the Greater Accra Region will go into full force to ensure the implementation of the Operation Clean Your Frontage by-law,” he added.



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Citywide Speed Limit Reductions. Wars against cars. Creating Violators in the Name of Safety

An email claimed that a speed limit reduction in Portland, Oregon "resulted in lower observed vehicle speeds and fewer vehicles traveling at higher speeds." I was suspicious because it is well known that speed limits and speed limit signs do not have a strong effect on traffic speed. My suspicions were justified. There was no speed reduction.

Look at the science, not the publicity. The paper itself, from Portland State University, reports on the consequences of a speed limit reduction to 20 mph on minor residential streets in Portland. Some streets had been posted 25 or 30. Most of them did not have any signs before.

With the lower speed limit the average speed increased from 21.6 to 21.7 mph. Most drivers used to obey the speed limit. Now most drivers are speeding. These speed limit reductions were on residential streets meant for local traffic only, not arterials and collectors meant for commuters and shoppers. Not even the residents of

those streets support the new speed limit.

I don't give that 0.1 mile per hour increase much weight, despite it being declared "statistically significant," nor am I impressed by the report that the fraction of vehicles at or below 35 mph increased from 98.9 percent to 99.4 percent. If you have to hold a magnifying glass up to the speed curve and squint to imagine a change, the experiment failed. The data set is not clean enough or complete enough to draw strong conclusions. The scattered measurements taken over the years were clearly not part of a controlled experiment. For example, depending on exactly when the "before" measurements were made NE Ainsworth Street might have been posted 20, 25, or 30, or had no speed limit signs. One or two parked cars on the street on the day speed was measured could have had a large effect on reported speed.

The conclusion most consistent with the evidence is the so-called "null hypothesis": nothing happened. As a long line of similar experiments already showed. As Boston found out. As Spokane found out.

Advocates of low speed limits like to say they

are for pedestrian safety. But in Portland these new limits aren't being posted where pedestrians are unsafe. Pedestrian, by the way, is a misnomer. In one case a truck ran over a man sleeping in a tent next to an Interstate highway. According to The Oregonian, many people "experiencing homelessness" camp out along busy roads, and most of the Portland pedestrians now experiencing lifelessness come from that community. I bet the residents of streets with less traffic don't want the "unhoused" living more safely near them.

In modern traffic regulation slogans are more important than science. Mayors chant "Vision Zero" and when it doesn't work they keep doing it anyway. We keep hearing about the myth of the "vulnerable" road user who is found by government statistics to be much less likely to be injured or killed by a "speeder."

Making up low numbers in the name of safety does not work. Treating drivers as enemies does not work. But it's the only tool modern politicians know how to use.

--By John Carr
NMA Massachusetts Activist

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MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION ALERT

Tuesday, at an event in Iowa, President Biden announced plans by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to temporarily lift the summer restrictions on the sale of gasoline with 15% ethanol (E15).

The decision will allow E15 to be sold between June 1 and September 15. Normally only a 10% ethanol blend can be sold during that period to reduce smog caused by the 15% blend's higher volatility. This move by the administration is an attempt to bring down surging fuel prices. However, most estimates predict this change will result in a decrease of just 5 to 10 cents per gallon.

Citing the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the EPA is using its emergency exemption authority to make the policy change. The EPA says it will review the policy every 20 days and make adjustments if needed.

All motorcyclists should be educated on the proper fuel to use in their bikes. More ethanol in the marketplace may limit your fueling options. Be vigilant and as always ride safe and ride free.

--MRF
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AHDRA to Remember "Nitro Santa" with Gainesville Opener

event: AHDRA Don "D.J." Johnson Nitro Spring Nationals sponsored by MTC and Gainesville Harley-Davidson

when: April 1-3, 2022
where: Gainesville Raceway, Florida, USA

Much like the life of nitro Harley tuner Don "DJ" Johnson, the all-American motorcycle drag race named in his honor ended too soon on April 3rd. Saturday rain shut down qualifying for the AHDRA Don "DJ" Johnson Nitro Spring Nationals sponsored by MTC and Gainesville Harley-Davidson, and dreaded weepers finished eliminations early as the Sunday afternoon sun brought that rain back up through the Gainesville Raceway shutdown area pavement.

Purses and points were divided and distributed according to where each class was in the schedule at the time the event was cancelled. But two nitro classes—Top Fuel and Hawaya Racing Nitro Funnybike—still have their All Harley World Shootout belts to race for.

Top Fuel belt competition will pick up where they left off the next time that all four racers still standing are together again at the same AHDRA event. The class also still has something extra special (and extra valuable) to race for in addition to the belt—brand new 45 degree "Dominator" cases donated in DJ's memory by 2002 Top Fuel champ Ron Houniet and Fast Lane Racing. That's an incredible gift by the Canadian Houniet and one much coveted by every racer in the field.

But the only ones with a chance will be current champion Ryan Peery, "Billy Jack" Jackson, Robert "Ziggy" Stewart, and John "JT" Toth. Performance leaders Jackson and Peery will face each other when racing resumes, and Toth will have lane choice against Stewart.

"Sportsman and even some pros, we don't do it for the money. I do it for the love of going fast."

Bill Rowe and his family will persevere and move on to the next event—the sportsman-only AHDRA Shoot-Out at Rockingham Dragway on June 18, followed by a full national event at Milan Dragway on July 29-31.

The AHDRA website is at <http://raceahdra.com/>

For more information, email AHDRA's Bill Rowe at bcrowe92891@gmail.com

AHDRA thanks Cox Double Eagle Harley-Davidson, Vreeland's Harley-Davidson, Gainesville Harley-Davidson, MTC Engineering, Hawaya Racing, Pingel Enterprise, GMS Racing Engines, Zippers Performance, Horsepower Inc., Vanson Leathers, Universal Fleet & Tire, IHDRA, V-Twin Powersports, Daryl Coffin Motorsports, All-Harley World Shootout, and Racers For Christ.

This report was prepared by Tim Hailey. Enjoy everything there is to read, see and watch about motorcycle drag racing and more at <https://www.eatmyink.com>

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LETTER TO TIME MAGAZINE--Editorial Integrity Rules

Monday morning editorial meeting.

One reporter raises his hand, "So, what are we going to do with Hunter's lap-top story this time? We buried it last time so Biden could win, but look at the country. It's a mess. How about the World... What did the media have to do with that?"

The editor looks sorta sweaty around the gills, like something bad might happen. "Can we blame it on Bush?" He said trying to make light of it.

The editorial staff department heads murmur and shake their collective heads. Something isn't right in the room.

The Climate Editor stands up and coughs to break the spell. "We've got something worse to consider, if that's possible," he starts. He's a new guy and intimidated by the sheer intellect in the room. "The IPCC just posted another climate doomsday report. Are we supposed to believe the planet is doomed in three years? Is it our mission to terrify the public for all these years without questioning the data? Are we investigative journalists or political journalists? Can't we ask?" He sits down abruptly, terrified he might lose his job post-haste.

The editor yanks his fossil fuel manufactured Nylon handkerchief out of his pocket and wiped his brow. He wants to suspend the meeting and find his flask...

--Bandit



June 18th 2022

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