

What is Happening at the Copper Dome?

As your lobbyist, I have contacted all 60 AZ House members to ask for their support for Kong's Law - below please find the talking points used. Working on booking follow-up appointments with those who respond, right now, one with Rep Terech of LD4 is planned for the end of the month. I will approach the Senate when a companion bill emerges.

Day at the Dome is planned for early March (Saturday, 3/4) - as soon as we have details, we will publish those.

I plan on attending NCOM this year in Tempe and will produce an update on that as the event progresses.

Collaboration with CMC, ABATE, MRF and Mountain Motorcycle Association is progressing well.

It's my pleasure to introduce myself -Nathan Deily, Registered Lobbyist for the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona. I represent approximately 300 motorcyclists and registered voters in 107 zip codes across Arizona, all of whom are passionate about protecting their rights and freedoms to enjoy the open road in our beautiful state.

We are also members of and participate in the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs, which has representatives from dozens of organizations across the state, and coordinate our lobbying efforts with ABATE of Arizona, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and the Mountain Motorcycle Association.

As this year's legislative session develops, I want to bring a bill to your attention that is special to our membership

and stakeholders - "Kong's Law" HB2419. As you may know, it provides for increased penalties, fines, required education and criminal charges for drivers responsible for accidents causing the death or serious injury of a motorcyclist, bicyclist or pedestrian.

As the victim of a crash in Tucson caused by the driver of a car who failed to yield on a major street, I can speak first hand about the challenges involved in recovering my health, restitution for the damage of my property and accountability for the motorist who caused me that loss and injury due to their negligence.

It's a story that is repeated all too often in our state, as many drivers who are responsible for causing crashes face very minor consequences when a motorcyclist is injured or killed.

This bill is an excellent example of commonsense legislation amenable to bipartisan support which will promote improved safety for motorcyclists and vigilance for drivers.

I am happy to discuss the merits of the bill with you at your convenience, and will be encouraging all our members and stakeholders to contact yourself and your colleagues to make their voice heard in support.

Respectfully,

Nathan "Kraken" Deily Libertarians MC **National Treasurer** Designated Lobbyist #3613266 - Arizona Modified Motorcycle Association



Arizona Motorcycle Safety & **Awareness Foundation** expands its road-related programs

Submitted By Mick Degn

For more than 10 years, Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) has played a leading role in the effort to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities as a result of distracted driving and a lack of motorcycle training.

AMSAF works with numerous business partners and sponsors including local businesses, healthcare entities, the State of Arizona, police departments, legal and other entities, and individuals, to help decrease the number of distracted and DUI-impaired drivers and to provide scholarships, statewide, to train motorcyclists how to ride more defensively.

"We could not complete our programs without the Governor's Office of Highway Safety grants," says Mick Degn, AMSAF executive director.

AMSAF steadily built its reputation after creating the first discounted training for motorcycle riders statewide.

" Too many riders have no formal training, which is dangerous in terms of defensive riding," says Degn. "This program gives them the tools they need and provides riders with their needed endorsement.'

AMSAF next developed, and continues to promote, a helmet assistance program that helps individuals garner a high-quality DOT full face or modular helmet for a major savings. The program is growing in popularity and support, with 1,000-plus people already enjoying critical helmet safety. Myriad motorcycle businesses and

suppliers embrace the program.

The non-profit next became a spokesperson and committed supporter of Share the Road, a statewide Arizona effort to build an even stronger awareness about the need for Arizonans to share the road and not be undistracted while driving. Share the Road is a statewide public awareness effort aimed at focusing Arizona motorists and riders on the critical need to be undistracted when driving

Most recently, AMSAF began partnering with Accident Scene Management to help reduce crashes and fatalities at the scene of the motor vehicle crashes. Accident Scene Management (ASM), DBA Road Guardians, is a non-profit organization established in 1996. The mission of the organization is to reduce injuries and fatalities to motorcyclists through first response education. ASM is the largest and most recognized motorcycle trauma training organization in the world. Its specialists teach academic classes to motorcyclists introducing a logical approach to minimizing injuries. Critical skills such as moving the injured, helmet removal, jaw thrust rescue breathing and tourniquet, and all are demonstrated and practiced.

"Since the beginning, AMSAF has believed in education," says Degn. "Education, safety and awareness are part of our expanding mission to help the community."

AMSAF's mission is to promote safety and awareness and help reduce crashes and fatalities in Arizona.



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What is the MMA?

MMA is a Motorcyclists Rights Organization (MRO) comprised of motorcyclists 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 motorcycling in a safe and positive image. When you become a member 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 apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These issues are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. 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 issues concerning the motorcyclists in Arizona. On the national level we are aligned with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and several other motorcycle rights organizations.

Memberships are open to anyone regardless of what type of motorcycle you ride, if any. All memberships include: The Motorcycle Patriot Newsletter, Membership Card, \$4,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit, Event Updates, Voting Guides, and the ability to interact with some of the most politically active motorcyclists in the state of Arizona.

The MMA of Arizona needs the support of all motorcycle riders and we hope you will consider joining this dedicated organization.

Please join us in the cause to protect your rights.

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NCOM NEWSLETTER

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U.S. HOUSE JOINS SENATE IN OPPOSING MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

On December 23, 2022, in one of the last actions of the 117th Congress before adjourning, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H. Res.366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

The House now joins with the U.S. Senate in passing separate resolutions opposing the discretionary profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, defining it as; "motorcyclist profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

Sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), House Resolution 366 garnered 103 bipartisan cosponsors, and is similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by the U.S. Senate in 2018 which likewise urges state law enforcement officials to condemn the discriminatory policy.

Accordingly, H.Res.366 states; "Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives –

- (1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
- (2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
- (3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials."

Meanwhile, in addition to the federal efforts to prevent anti-biker profiling, the five states of Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019), Idaho (2020) and most recently New Hampshire (2022) have all enacted laws at the state level to curb profiling.

NHTSA CHALLENGED ON ANTI-MOTORCY-CLIST PROFILING

On December 20, 2022, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed to a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending measure that will fund the federal government through September, avoiding a government shutdown, but attached within the funding section for the Department of Transportation is language from House Report 117-402 inserted at the request of Rep. Susie Lee (R-NV) that questions the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about their role in the promulgation of anti-motorcyclist profiling;

"The Committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act." SAVE THE PATCH: MONGOLS M/C KEEP THEIR TRADEMARK LOGO

The Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club can keep their trademark logo, a backpatch typically worn on jackets and vests by members, thanks to a Ninth Circuit ruling handed down on January 6, 2023. But the three-judge panel also declined to overturn the 2018 criminal conviction of the organization on federal racketeering charges, reports Courthouse News Service.

Stephen Stubbs, the Mongols general counsel, called the ruling "a victory not only for the Mongols Motorcycle Club, but for all motorcycle clubs, freedom, and America as a whole."

As backdrop to the now-infamous courtroom battle with far-reaching implications for America's biker community; after a decade-long prosecution 77 members were convicted, as was the Mongols organization itself, under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). A federal jury ordered the club be fined \$500,000 and forced to forfeit a large stockpile of vests, guns and ammunition seized by federal agents in raids. The jury also decided the club should forfeit their trademarked patch over to the government.

Months after the verdict, U.S. District Judge David Carter said the Mongols could keep their trademark, ruling that such a forfeiture would violate its First Amendment rights to free speech and association, and would also constitute an excessive fine prohibited by the Eighth Amendment.

Both parties appealed. The Mongols argued the organization wasn't an indictable "person" under the RICO statute. The federal government asked the Ninth Circuit to simply dissolve the Mongols' trademark, effectively allowing anyone to buy and sell products with the design.

In a unanimous opinion, U.S. Circuit Judge Holly Thomas wrote that the RICO law's forfeiture provision only allows the government to seize property, not destroy it.

Attorney Stubbs applauded the appellate ruling, saying that the "Mongol Nation is thrilled to push back against government overreach and win this important freedom of speech battle, first in the federal district court, and then at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals," and adding that "The Mongol patch is a symbol of the esteemed brotherhood of its members, and the Ninth circuit stood strong against the government's unconstitutional attempt to ban and extinguish important symbolic free speech."

HARLEY-DAVIDSON GOING ALL-ELECTRIC American motorcycle company Harley-Davidson, known for its large-engine heavyweight cruiser motorcycles, is transitioning to become an all-electric brand, explains its CEO Jochen Zeitz.

"At some point in time, Harley Davidson will be all-electric," he told Dezeen in an interview. "But that's a long-term transition that needs to happen. It's not something you do overnight."

The Motor Company launched its first electric motorcycle in 2018, named LiveWire, and according to Zeitz electrification is the next logical step in the evolution of the brand that was established 120 years ago.

"If you look at the past 120 years, the company has always evolved, never stood still," he said. "Now, like the founders did at the time by trying to reinvent or invent something unique, that's obviously something that we as a company brand need to do as well."

Harley's planned timeline to become fully electric is longer than many other auto companies, however, with several leading car brands stating that they will be all electric by 2030.

WYOMING LAWMAKERS PROPOSE BAN ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A group of GOP Wyoming state lawmakers want to end electric vehicle sales there by 2035, saying the move will help safeguard the oil and gas industries, which employ thousands of people in the state.

The measure, introduced to the state legislature on January 13, was sponsored by six state legislators, who said in it that electric vehicles will hinder Wyoming's ability to trade with other states. According to "The Hill," the bill states that citizens and industries would be encouraged not to purchase electric vehicles before the ban goes into effect.

"The proliferation of electric vehicles at the expense of gas-powered vehicles will have deleterious impacts on Wyoming's communities and will be detrimental to Wyoming's economy and the ability for the country to efficiently engage in commerce," the bill reads. The legislation further states that adding new power charging stations would require "massive" amounts of new power to "sustain the misadventure of electric vehicles."

Fifteen other states, meanwhile, including New York and California, have moved to ban gaspowered vehicle sales.

UGANDA TO GIVE RIDERS A FREE ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE

Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni is looking to go green, by handing out a free electric motorcycle to all of the region's riders. President Museveni is planning on tackling pollution by providing riders with a completely free electric motorbike, including the region's 100,000+Boda-Boda riders, who are self-employed motorcycle taxis.

The system will be a trade-in, with riders swapping their current petrol bike for a new fully electric motorcycle, and the government is installing a network of charging stations across the country to support the move.

With around 70 percent of East Africa's transport being handled by lightweight small-capacity bikes, the scheme looks set to remove many of those machines from the region's roads.

LEGENDARY MOTORCYCLE DAREDEVIL ROBBIE KNIEVEL -- R.I.P.

'Kaptain Robbie Knievel' followed his famous daredevil father, Evel Knievel, into the high-flying, bone-shattering world of motorcycle stuntriding, going on to break all of his dad's jump records and even successfully clearing the fountains at Caesars Palace that famously nearly killed the elder stuntsman. Decked out in star-spangled leathers, Robbie Knievel landed more than 350 jumps over a death-defying 30-year career, and he died January 13, 2023 of pancreatic cancer at his home in Reno, Nevada at age 60.

FORMER MOTORCYCLE RACER AND OTHER YOUNG ATHLETES 'DIE SUDDENLY' A former NFL defensive tackle and a champion motorcycle racer are the latest examples of apparently healthy people dying suddenly amid evidence the COVID-19 mRNA shots are causing serious heart damage at a rate exponentially higher than for previous vaccines.

Citing the available scientific evidence, an article on WND.com claims that "Prominent cardiologists tie alarming trend to COVID shots" and they believe the best explanation for the rampant "sudden and unexpected" deaths and cardiac events in otherwise healthy people, such as 35-year-old Keith Farmer, a four-time British motorcycle racing champion, and 45-year-old Adrian Dingle, who spent five seasons with the San Diego Chargers, is the COVID-19 vaccines.

In the past, long before the COVID vaccines,



athletes who died suddenly typically were diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an abnormal thickening of the heart, or premature heart blockage. Nowadays, athletes are thoroughly screened to rule out those conditions.

Peer-reviewed literature shows the vaccines can cause myocarditis, the article reports, which is an inflammation of the heart wall that can lead to heart failure and sudden death.
STURGIS CHARITABLE DONATIONS SURPASS \$2 MILLION

Motorcyclists who took part in the Sturgis Buffalo Chip charity events for 2022 raised a generous \$400,000 for Veterans, charities for children and the community. The figure pushes the grand total that Sturgis Buffalo Chip has raised for charity during the Sturgis Rally to over \$2.1 million.

"We are continually blown away by our guests' desire to give back," said Rod Woodruff, presi-

dent of Sturgis Buffalo Chip. "People from all over come here to let loose and have a fun vacation, and yet they still take the time and spend their hard-earned dollars to give through Buffalo Chip charity events. With the help of all our friends, we've raised over \$2 million to help children, injured American war veterans and our local community. Just two years ago, we broke the million-dollar mark, and now we're over two million. We are so blessed to be part of the giving spirit of the motorcycle community." END OF THE ROAD FOR MAYANS M.C. The titular Santo Padre biker club is calling it quits, as it's been announced that the TV series "Mayans M.C." is set to ride off into the sunset at the end of its upcoming fifth season. The news comes from FX network boss John Landgraf during an executive session at the Television Critics' Association winter press tour.

The "Sons of Anarchy" spinoff, which originally premiered on the network in 2008 and lasted

until 2014, centers on a fictional motorcycle gang on the California-Mexico border, and it's set two and a half years after the events of 'Sons'.

2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 38th annual Convention is scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of fellow concerned riders from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders, with agenda items dealing with legal and legislative issues affecting all motorcyclists, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists as they become available.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

- "Daredevils don't live easy lives."
- ~ Kelly Knievel, brother of 'Kaptain Robbie Knievel' (05/07/62 01/13/23)

MRF News

MRF 2023 Road Show Continues...

On January 27th, MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, Executive Director Mark Buckner, and Assistant Executive Director Ryan Hubbard traveled to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to join MRF Rep's Representative Andy Kelly and Past Treasurer Frank Carbone in representing MRF at the 37th Annual ABATE of Pennsylvania Leadership and Legislative Seminar. Attendance was strong as motorcyclists from Maryland, New Jersey, and New York joined many members of ABATE of Pennsylvania for the weekend.

On Friday evening, Hardtail and Ryan joined AMA representative Tiffany Cipoletti, ABATE of PA's State Coordinator Eric Mershimer, Legislative Coordinator

Ken Edwards, OSAL Director Bob LeGore, two legislators, an attorney, and a retired schoolteacher on a televised panel to discuss issues related to motorcycling. After the panel, fun was had at a fundraiser for ABATE of PA's BikePAC.

Saturday brought a variety of breakout sessions covering job duties and responsibilities for officers in the ABATE of PA organization. During one of the afternoon sessions, Andy and Ryan presented MRF's 2022 accomplishments and 2023 goals. As happens at every conference, many valuable conversations were held in the hallways between the sessions also. The seminar wrapped up on Saturday evening with an awards banquet and a rousing, motivational speech by Hardtail.

MRF thanks ABATE of Pennsylvania for

the invitation and opportunity to participate in their L&L and looks forward to attending additional SMRO events around the country.

January 31st, found Rocky Fox in Kansas representing the MRF at Bikers Under The Dome, with ABATE of Kansas.

February 1st was Minnesota's Bikerday at the Capitol. Continue to follow along as the Road Show moves around the country, hope to see you at your next event.





MMA of Arizona Calendar of Events

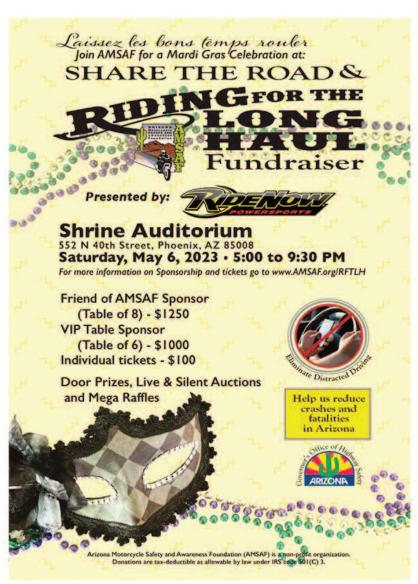


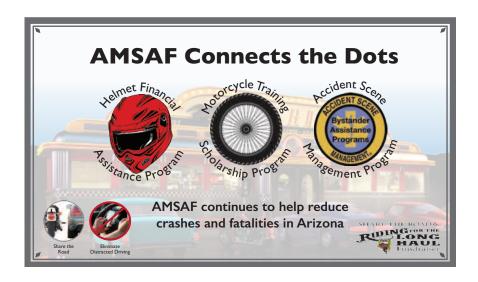
YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR EVENT ON-LINE AT OUR WEBSITE!

Follow the link below and simply fill out the on-line form to get your event placed onto the website and the Master MMA event calendar.

http://mma-az.org/events/









Please help promote the 2023 NCOM Convention in Phoenix

The 38th annual NCOM Convention in Phoenix (Tempe), Arizona is coming up soon, so the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) requests your kind assistance in promoting this important event by helping distribute the attached flyer in your publication and/or website/Facebook or e-Blast, or at meetings and events.

THANK YOU in advance, and we'll see you there!

Bill Bish,

NCOM Board of Directors / Public Relations Li-

NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX WEL-COMES ALL RIDERS NATIONWIDE

The 38th annual NCOM Convention is coming soon, so mark your calendar now and plan on being part of one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in the world. This year's NCOM Convention, to be held JUNE 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, located at 2100 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe, Arizona will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists to the great American southwest to address topics of concern to all riders everywhere.

Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special 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.

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.

Be sure to reserve your hotel room now by calling (480) 967-1441, and mention NCOM for our Special Room Rate.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$110 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. Preregistrations must be received by June 10, or pay cash at the Convention. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.





Editor's Space



Comments relative to the content, current affairs or anything that is on my mind at the time of this publication.

Eric "Spanky" Hampton Editor, MMA Patriot

Remind everyone to Watch Out For Motorcycles!



Chairman's Report

Welcome to 2023 Time is just flying by. MMA of Arizona is having a Big Birthday March of 2023 we will be 50 years old!

I would like to thank all our members for your continue support for this organization. Without this we would not be able to fight for our rights and protect us and allow us to keep riding our motorcycles and in Arizona the choice you have to ride with a helmet or without.

This year NCOM will be coming to Arizona. What is this? This is an event that

goes to different states and we have a meeting motorcycle clubs, organizations and riders. We learn what is going on in other states and work together for motorcycle safety and awareness. If you have never been to one please join us this year in Tempe AZ. June 15th-17th. I will have more information posted on the MMA page with hotel information if you ant to stay overnight. And the cost of the convention. We also have a banquet which will be held on 17June 2023.

I want to thank you to all our Lobbyist

that do all the work at the capital to help us pass laws for our safety.

Let us enjoy the cooler weather right now. As we all know summer will be here pretty soon.

Be Safe/Ride smart and look out for those cages on the road since they do not look out for us!

Cindy Gates Chairman/MMA of Arizona



MMA OF ARIZONA PRINT & WEB ADVERTISING INFO

DISTRIBUTION

- The Motorcycle Patriot is a membership and free-distribution publication distributed every other month with a circulation of 4,000.
- The newspaper has over 120 distribution points throughout the state
- The Motorcycle Patriot can be found at motorcycle orientated establishments statewide.
- The mma-az.org web site mirrors the content of the Patriot newspaper but is an updated daily source of information.

CONTENTS

- The Motorcycle Patriot features articles and columns that profile statewide legislative issues, lobby reports, the people, businesses and events of the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona.
- The newspaper's calendar of events ensures a long shelf life your advertisement is seen repeatedly throughout the two-month cycle.

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.

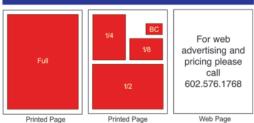
COLOR

Color ads are sold on a space-available basis.

PAYMENT TERMS

Payment is due and payable in full prior to each publication unless otherwise arranged. Payment is considered past due after 30 days.

AD FORMATS



AD SIZES

		Width		Height
Business card	Horizontal/Vertical	31/4"	x	21/4"
1/8 page	Horizontal/Vertical	5"	×	33/4"
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Full page		101/4"	х	15"

AD RATES

Circle your ad selections	2 Months 1 Issue	4 Months 2 Issues	6 Months 3 Issues	12 Months 6 Issues
Business card	\$40	§75	\$100	\$200
1/8 page	\$60	\$100	\$160	\$340
1/4 page	\$125	\$165	\$350	\$650
1/2 page	\$250	\$300	\$650	\$1200
Full page non-color	\$350	\$450	\$1000	\$1800
Back page full color	\$400	\$550	\$1125	\$2000





District Updates

Eagle/Leather District Report

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Verde Valley District Report

The day of the "Frosty Balls Chilly Boobs Charity Run", January 1st 2023, was like most of Arizona, cold, wet and rainy. But even though the weather was nasty, 19 riders and others in vehicles, attened the charity event. Still others chose not to do the ride, but still participated by donating to the charity.

Verde Valley Dist. MMA has selected a different charity each year for the past 28 years, Y.E.S. the Arc of Cottonwood was chosen for 2023. Y.E.S. the Arc helps teach/train adults with developmental disabilities, so they can live a more full life. The VVD MMA was able to generate just shy of \$2000.00 through the generous donations given that rainy day.

On the behalf of Y.E.S. the Arc, we of the Verde Valley Dist. MMA would like to thank all who donated their time, efforts and donations in support of this annual event.

Respectfully, Gary Wilharm



Job Vacancies: Kawasaki to Expand Sales Force with New Districts

https://blog.bikernet.com

Foothill Ranch, CA – Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. has announced it will expand its District Manager sales force with openings across the country. Kawasaki has open positions in major U.S. markets and is now accepting applications.

Following the tremendous success the powersports industry has seen over the past few years, Kawasaki plans to maintain steady growth through expanding its sales force to provide a higher level of engagement and increased contact frequency with its dealer network.

"The powersports industry continues to grow and we are growing our team along with it." said Senior Director of U.S. Sales, Anthony Kestler. "Kawasaki has the industry's best dealer network and we are adding new team members that have enthusiasm and passion for power-sports as we expand our sales force and model line-up of Motorcycles, ATVs, Side x Sides and Personal Watercraft in 2023 and beyond."

Open positions are available to view now. Please visit the Corporate Careers link on Kawasaki.com for additional information.

Gear Up for Royal Enfield Events in 2023

https://blog.bikernet.com/

ARE YOU READY FOR AN EVENTFUL 2023?

2023 is already gearing up for Royal Enfield and motorcycle enthusiasts! Expect another year packed full of motorcycle events, demo rides, and racing. You'll find us all across North America; we hope to see you on the road!

Check out the start of our events this year and be sure to keep an eye out as more and more is added to the 2023 calendar.

MAMA TRIED

February 18 – 19 | Milwaukee, WI Kick the winter blues at this Milwaukee staple. Featuring over 100 motorcycles from top builders! See more about the show & get your tickets!

FLAT OUT FRIDAY

Women's Open Presented by Royal Enfield February 17 | Milwaukee, WI The Dr. Pepper syrup track is almost ready for the indoor flat track race, are you? Get tickets now!

TORONTO MOTORCYCLE SHOW February 17 – 19 | Toronto, ON Canada, the Toronto Motorcycle Show is back! Join us at the Enercare Centre at Exhibition Place, booth 433. Buy tickets now!

FLAT TRACK RACING?

Johnny Lewis and the Moto Anatomy X Powered by Royal Enfield team are back for the 2023 Progressive American Flat Track season.

They've been busy in the off-season & are ready to show you how hungry they are this year. Which race will we see you at?

THE 2023 BTR SEASON IS HERE!

The first all-woman initiative that teaches women to build & race their own motorcycles is back & accepting applications for the 2023 season. Do you want to take part in the new season of the ladies crushing the flat track or conquering road racing? Now's the time to apply!

NEW OWNERS STARTER KIT

Whether you're a new owner or just looking for new gear, the New Owners Starter Kit from Royal Enfield puts safety first while providing a look that will stand out. Kit includes Streetwind V2 Jacket & Urban Hustler Gloves

Warm Weather Cancels Snow Outlaws Round 2

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Snow Outlaws snowmobile drag racing series — race cancellation announcement CANCELLED event: STM Powersports Snow Outlaws The Pioneer / Long Lake Shootout originally scheduled: February 17-18, 2023 where: N1690 County Highway M, Sarona, Wisconsin, USA

It seems that the phrase "hottest show" in snowmobile drag racing is being taken too literally. Following "hot" on the heals of a brutally cold Friday night session on Rice Lake, an unseasonably warm Wisconsin has forced the STM Powersports Snow Outlaws series to cancel their second round of 2023. Originally scheduled for February 17-18 on Sarona's Long Lake, bad ice there had Snow Outlaws planning a return engagement at Rice Lake. But even that is off the table as warm, sunny days are thinning Rice Lake's ice and producing no new snow.

So the world's quickest nitro, alcohol, supercharged and turbocharged sleds and the teams that race them will have to wait until March 3-4 and the Weenie Roast World Finals at Lakewoods Resort in Cable, Wisconsin.

Pro Outlaw, Pro Xtreme 55, and Pro Mods will all converge for the legendary Weenie Roast festival for high speed thrills and late night

swills. Team owners and riders such as Chris Connelly, Jeff Ratzlaff, Mike Allen, Dominick Ernst, Brian and Corey Sullivan, Alec Gibas, Lance Flathers, Ethan Erhardt, Jeremey Hannen, Kyle Shilts, Samson Exhaust's Mike Baverstock, Matt Musselman, Samantha Martin, Tom Brennan, Ryan Rowe, Andy Gosch, Casey Down, Anthony Tondryk, Blake Saltzman, Tyler Stelton and more will race the Lakewoods 500 foot track.

Chad and Jenny Nyhus regret that even the Snow Outlaws track-building magicians can't conjure up a race track without snow and ice, but look forward to welcoming their drag racing family back to action at the Weenie Roast in March.

Harley-Davidson launches H-D Collections Apparel

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HARLEY-DAVIDSON LAUNCHES H-D COLLECTIONS, A GROUPING OF LIFESTYLE APPAREL LINES DEFINED BY HERITAGE AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

Building on 120 years of moto culture, H-D Collections honors the past, while driving Harley-Davidson apparel into the future

MILWAUKEE (Feb. 13, 2023) – Harley-Davidson is excited to announce H-D® Collections, a grouping of unique and distinct lifestyle apparel lines, defined by the heritage and authenticity of Harley-Davidson, the most desirable motorcycle brand in the world, will launch on hdcollections.com on March 9, 2023.

With over 120 years of craftsmanship and heritage under its belt, Harley-Davidson has shaped motorcycle culture while driving its relevance far beyond the world of two wheels. As part of H-D's continued growth strategy, H-D Collections aims to connect authentically with consumers who identify with the adventurous spirit of Harley-Davidson. Through curated products, experiences and collaborations, H-D Collections seeks to honor the past, while driving the motorcycle brand into the next 120 years and beyond.

"With H-D Collections we're excited to celebrate two elements of our heritage: design and craftsmanship," said

Jochen Zeitz, Chairman, President and CEO, Harley-Davidson. "H-D Collections brings together the many facets of moto-culture lifestyle, paying tribute to our heritage with both Harley-Davidson Originals and Authorized Vintage, while pushing the limits of design, form and function with Bar & Shield."

H-D Collections is launching with three unique product lines: Bar & Shield by Harley-Davidson, Harley-Davidson® Originals, and Harley-Davidson® Authorized Vintage, in addition to planned collaborations.

· Bar & Shield by Harley-Davidson is a new, elevated lifestyle product line. Mirroring the study and craftsmanship associated with Harley-Davidson heritage, Bar & Shield is inspired by the unique combination of engineering, functionality and motorcycle culture. The line, which takes its name from the phrase historically used to describe the classic Harley-Davidson logo, is designed by Creative Director of Apparel Design Louise Goldin and her team to bring a new spirit into the evolution of Harley-Davidson apparel.

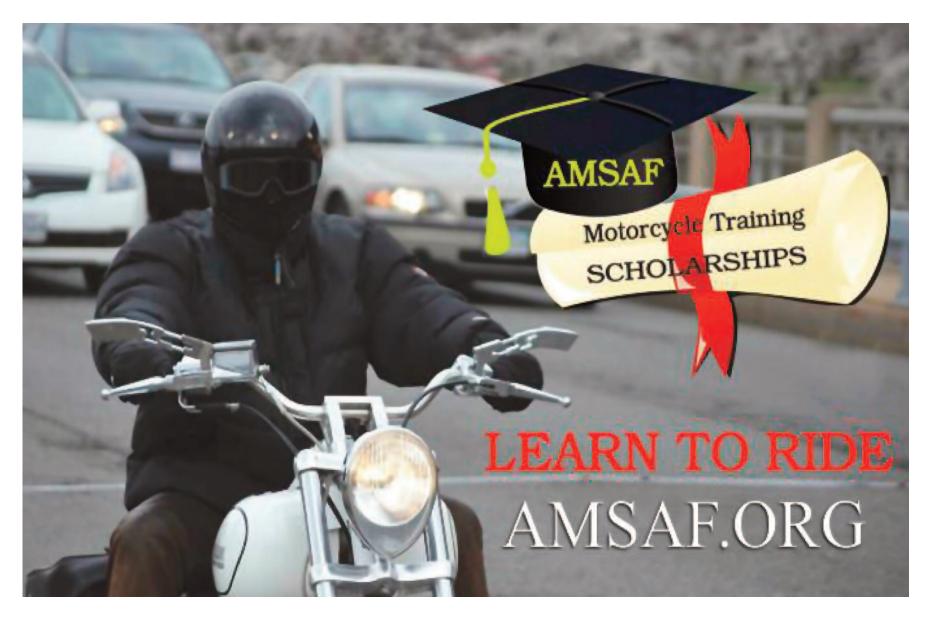
· Harley-Davidson® Originals looks to the brand's rich heritage for inspiration, coming to life as a modern interpretation of the classics. The items in this product line embody the history of Harley- Davidson worn by fearless racers, notable personalities, artists, everyday riders and enthusiasts for generations.

· Harley-Davidson® Authorized Vintage is genuine, archival, and collectible. Painstakingly sourced and thoroughly vetted, the product line is a collection of rare H-D® apparel throughout history, certified by H-D's historians with certificates of authenticity. H-D Authorized Vintage is rich with stories of adventure, rebellion and the American spirit, positioning these items among the most desirable in the vintage apparel market. Consumers can look forward to an ever-changing array of vintage t-shirts, sweatshirts, accessories, vests, jackets and leathers, as well as monthly drops with rich Harley-Davidson stories.

· Harley-Davidson® Collaborations will see Harley-Davidson partnering with creatives and brands in celebration of moto-culture lifestyle – coming soon in 2023.

H-D® Collections will come to life through apparel, unique retail experiences, and partnerships rooted in the spirit of Harley-Davidson moto-culture, reaching new and existing fans of the brand. As H-D Collections evolves, additional lines and collaborations will be introduced and designed by Louise and her team, based out of the H-D Design Studio in New York City.

Beginning March 9, 2023, H-D Collections will be available for purchase at www.hdcollections.com and will pop-up at select cultural events & festivals, starting with Austin, TX March 10-14.



World's Oldest Production Motorcycle Sells For \$212,000

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by Janaki Jitchotvisut from https://www.rideapart.com

The early days of motorcycling were a wild time. From strapping engines to the frames of unsuspecting bicycles, to steam-powered velocipedes, people were eager to find new and improved ways to get around. New technological frontiers are typically a time of great experimentation, and this era in motorcycling was certainly no different.

In February, 2023, an extremely interesting piece of that early history went up for auction at Bonhams Paris The machine in question is an extremely rare 1894 Hildebrand & Wolfmüller, which bears the reputation of "the first powered two-wheeler to enter series production," as well as the first vehicle to be called by the name "motorcycle" (or "motorrad," in German). It ultimately sold for €195,500, or roughly \$212,000 Yankee dollars including the premium.

Brothers Heinrich and Wilhelm Hildebrand set to work crafting their first powered two-wheeler designs during the crucial transition between steam-powered and gasoline-powered vehicles. As the story goes, they started with steam, but eventually turned to a two-stroke design in cooperation with two other individuals: Alois Wolfmüller and his mechanic Hans Geisenhof.

Development is often an iterative process, and what the team eventually came up with to make this production vehicle was a water-cooled, four-stroke, parallel twin engine with what must have been a breathtaking displacement at the time: 1,489cc. This report-

edly made about 2.5 brake horsepower at 240 RPM, and resulted in a machine that could top out around 30 miles per hour. That might seem terribly slow in 2023, but was likely more impressive in a time when motor vehicles (let alone faster ones) weren't so commonplace.

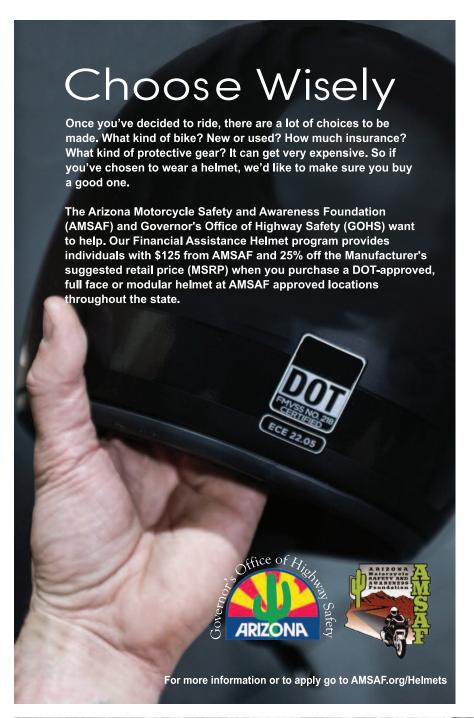
If this machine seems like an alien contraption to your modern eyes, that's because it's quite different from any motorcycle we know today. Here's how the Bonhams listing describes some key features of this bike:

"Steam locomotive practice was further recalled by the long connecting rods directly linking the pistons to the rear wheel, which opened and closed the mechanical exhaust valves via pushrods actuated by a cam on the hub. The latter contained an epicyclic reduction gear and there was no crankshaft flywheel, the solid disc rear wheel serving that purpose. Rubber bands assisted the pistons on the return stroke. Fuel was fed from the tank to a surface carburetor and thence via atmospheric inlet valves to the cylinders where it was ignited by platinum hot tube, as developed by Daimler. The box-like rear mudguard acted as a reservoir for the engine's cooling water, while one of the frame tubes served as the oil tank. The tires, manufactured under license from Dunlop by Veith in Germany, were the first of the pneumatic variety ever fitted to a motorcycle," it reads.

Also, this bike didn't have a clutch. Instead, the starting procedure involved pushing it until the engine fired up, then jumping into the saddle and riding it wherever you needed to go. (Perhaps it wasn't only the world's first production motorcycle, but also the world's first production exercise bike?)

The design for this bike was patented in 1894, and the machines were produced both in Munich, by parent company Motofahrrad-Fabrik Hildebrand & Wolfmüller, and also under license in France as La Petrolette. People of the time were reportedly optimistic about the new bikes, but their optimism was soon tinged with regret and demands for their money back due to starting difficulties and unsatisfactory running performance. By 1897, after French licensee Duncan, Superbie et Cie lost a court case with a customer about these issues, both the German and French concerns went bust. It's unclear how many of these machines were ever made, but it's believed to be somewhere between 800 and 2,000 in total.

This specific example is believed to be the earliest numbered example still existing today, with frame number 619 and engine number 69. It was last sold in 1990, and documentation that accompanies this sale includes papers from that time, as well as period marque literature (mostly, if not all, in German). The tires and bands have been replaced (and one of the bands needs replacing yet again), but this bike is otherwise in mostly untouched condition—which makes it even more remarkable, given the fact that it's almost 130 years old.



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



MMA of Arizona

Mail to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation – PO Box 250 – Highland II 62249 – Phone: 202.546.0983 – www.mrf.org – mrfoffice@mrf.org

- $lue{}$ Annual Individual Membership \$35
- □ Annual Joint Membership \$60□ Annual Sustaining Membership \$100

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- ☐ Annual Industry Council Membership \$100
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MMA of Arizona Business Member Listing by City

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Apache Junction

American Legion Riders Post 27 1018 S. Meridan Rd. Apache Junction, AZ 85220 602-541-2441 www.ajlrpost27.org Business Life Member

Captain's Bar 300 W. Apache Trail #118 Apache Junction, AZ 85217 480-288-2590 Business Life Member

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Dart Cycle Worx 1060 N. Eliseo Felix Way Ste. 10 Avondale, AZ 85323 623-925-5503 www.dartcycleworx.com Business Life Member

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Ligon Excavation 636 S McCracken Ln. Camp Verde, AZ 86322 928-300-2126 Business Life

Clarkdale

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Verde Valley Moose Lodge 1449 1051 S Broadway Clarkdale, AZ 86324 Business Life

Coolidge

Tags Cafe 156 N. AZ Blvd. Coolidge, AZ 85128 520-723-1013

Cottonwood

ABC Body Shop 1269 E Cherry St Cottonwood, AZ 86326 928-634-6442 Business Life

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Chaparral Bar 325 S. Main St. Cottonwood, AZ 86326 928-254-1307 928-634-2131

Kactus Kate's Bar 929 N. Main St. Cottonwood, AZ 86326 928-634-7822

The American Legion Riders Post 25 Business Life Member

Scherich Insurance LLC 657 E Cottonwood St, Ste 6C, Cottonwood AZ 86326 928-567-0335

Seitz Architectural Design 728 Cove Parkway Cottonwood, AZ 86326 928-646-1788, 928-301-2620 Business Life Member The Bar at Strombolli's 321 S. Main St. Cottonwood, AZ 86326 928-634-3838

The Steak-N- Stuff 1100 S SR 260 #21 Cottonwood, AZ 86326 602-571-8142 Business Member

Cornville

Old Corral Bar 11375 E Cornville Rd Cornville, AZ 86325 928-649-9495

Gilbert

Team Arizona Motorcyclist Training Center 36 N. William Dillard Dr. Gilbert, AZ 85233 480-998-9888, 480-236-2997 Business Life Member

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623-930-9165
Business Life Member

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Mayer

Smokin' Harley's Steakhouse 11255 AZ-69 Mayer, AZ 86333 928-379-8480 928-632-4255 Business Life Member

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America's Ultra Clean Carpet Cleaning 738 E. Dana Suite A Mesa, AZ 85204 480-206-4003 Business Life Member

Mainstreet Motorcycles 9750 E. Apache Tr. Mesa, AZ 85207 480-357-7595 Business Life Member

VIII Society M/C 7930 E. 1st Ave. Mesa, AZ 85208 480-227-2690 Business Life Member

New River

Roadrunner Restaurant & Saloon 47801 N. Black Canyon Highway New River, AZ 85087 623-465-9903 Business Life Member

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Blair's Trading Post 626 N. Navajo Dr. Page, AZ 86040 928-645-3008 www.blairstradingpost.com Business Life Member

Fred's Liquor Store 902 N. Navajo Dr. Page, AZ 86040 520-645-3575 Business Life Member

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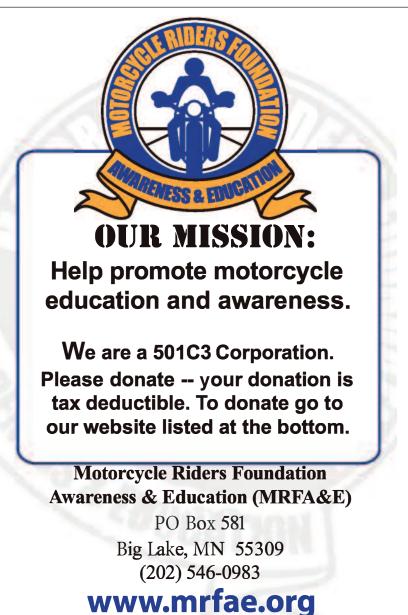
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1958 Triumph Thunderbird Custom by Von Dutch

PLAN A VISIT to NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

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A young man in Los Angeles named Ken Howard began tinkering with his Indian Scout around 1946. Removing the shapely Indian fuel and oil tanks, he installed a smaller gas tank, a simple oil tank. He added upswept exhausts and taller handlebars atop risers. Employing one of his best skills, he painted and pin-striped the fuel tank. The story goes that he street raced it, crashed it, reworked it over and over, making it his own.

Liking what they saw, Von Dutch did similar types of custom modifications to his friends' bikes as well. There may have been others detailing what came to be known as bob-jobs that way in 1946. Some car builders were likely an influence, but evidence points to Howard, aka Von Dutch, as a spark for a revolution in motorcycle style. And we are still living with the impact and inspiration of his work. Luckily, many ma-

chines he painted decades ago retain his paint work and fabrications.

This 1958 Triumph Thunderbird is typical of Von Dutch's work for customers in the 1950's and 1960's. It was created when he worked with the famed Bud Ekins to build modified motorcycles in the Los Angeles area. The leather Bates saddle with pillion pad is typical as are the small tank and narrow rear fender with sculpted custom tail light. The fork is stripped of most lugs, chrome plated and a perch style headlight bracket is used letting the headlight float. Where some would go to a spool hub, Von Dutch ran with racers who knew the value of a front brake so the stock unit, polished, remains. Upswept pipes make the bike light, sleek in appearance as do the low bars. The polished engine cases with a few custom bits is on full display beneath the small tank. A few parts are drilled for lightness.

Some refer to this paint job as "scalloped," others call it a "seaweed" design. The paint is likely nitro cellulose lacquer and has therefore dulled a bit over the decades. Either way it's quite understated and nothing like many typical red, orange and yellow flame jobs on black that soon followed. The reversing green/blue metallic scheme is timeless.

While Von Dutch focused more on customs and bobbers than choppers, his style influenced generations of customizers of all types, still does today. And you could say he's one who opened the door to the style that evolved into the less functional, more outrageous chopper in the 1960s.

This Von Dutch Triumph is largely original, never restored and is part of the Jill & John Parham Collection. You can enjoy the Von Dutch Triumph, other Von Dutch creations and many other custom bikes from all eras when you visit the National Motorcycle Museum before it closes its doors in early September.

Specifications:

Engine: OHV Parallel Twin, Non-Unit Bore & Stroke: 71mm x 82mm Displacement: 649cc / 30.5 Cubic Inches Induction: Amal Monobloc Carburetor

Compression Ratio: 8.5:1 Clutch: Multi-Plate Starting: Kick Only Horsepower: 34HP, Stock Transmission: 4-Speed, Foot Shift

Primary: Roller Chain Final Drive: Roller Chain

Frame: Lugged Steel, Single Down Tube Suspension: Hydraulic Fork / Twin Shocks,

Swingarm

Wheels: 19" Front, 19" Rear Brakes: Drum, Front & Rear Wheelbase: 56 Inches Top Speed: Approximately 95

Weight: 310 Pounds









STURGIS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2023

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The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame honors the most influential people in the motorcycle

industry, sport, and culture, to highlight their accomplishments and to promote the future of

motorcycling. On behalf of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame Board of Directors, I am

proud to announce our 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees (in alphabetical order by first name):

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Chris Callen

Jay Allen

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Scott Jacobs

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Bert Munro, Kickstands Down

Congratulations to each of these individuals. Stay tuned for Hall of Fame Highlights where the Sturgis

Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame shares information about each inductee leading up to the

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The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum's Hall of Fame Induction ceremony is sponsored by Law Tigers Inc.

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