

## What is Happening at the Copper Dome?

July 13, 2022  
Consumer Education on Ethanol H.R. 7731 Call-To-Action

In May, President Biden announced the Environmental Protection Agency would temporarily lift the summer restrictions on the sale of gasoline with 15% ethanol (E15). In response Representative Austin Scott (R-GA) and Representative Lois Frankel (D-FL) introduced the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2022 (H.R. 7731).

H.R. 7731 requires more detailed labeling of gas pumps that dispense E15 fuel. Clearer labeling of E15 at the pump will warn consumers about the harmful impacts of misfuelling so consumers can better protect their engines.

Unfortunately, most consumers are not aware that these fuel blends may be

causing damage to their vehicle. A recent survey found 3 in 5 consumers mistakenly believe that E15 is safe for use in all their products. Motorcycles, boats, pre-2001 model year vehicles, and outdoor power equipment are especially at risk to E15 blends.

Please take action now and tell your Representative that consumer education on E15 is needed and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 7731.

HR366  
House Resolution 366 (H Res 366) is a resolution focused on the profiling of bikers and it needs public support from all Members of Congress.

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## AMSAF 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

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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-  
cle you ride, if any. All memberships  
include: The Motorcycle Patriot  
Newsletter, Membership Card,  
\$4,000 Accidental Death & Dis-  
memberment Benefit, Event Up-  
dates, 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 sup-  
port of all motorcycle riders and we  
hope you will consider joining this  
dedicated organization.

Please join us in the cause to pro-  
tect your rights.



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Please print clearly and completely. Mail this form along with payment to address above.

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Check the district you wish to join - You may join any one district of your choice

Eagle/Leather ☐ Superstition ☐ Rim Country ☐ Verde Valley ☐ White Mountain ☐

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Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AMSAF Arizona continued

motorcycle trauma training organization in the  
world.

Its specialists teach academic classes to motorcy-  
clists 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 prac-  
ticed.

"Since the beginning, AMSAF has believed in edu-  
cation," says Degn. "Education, safety and aware-  
ness are part of our expanding mission to help the  
community."

AMSAF's mission is to promote motorcycle safety  
and awareness and help reduce crashes and fatal-  
ities in Arizona.



# NCOM NEWSLETTER

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

## MOTORCYCLIST KILLED BY SELF-DRIVING CAR

“A motorcyclist was killed on I-15 in Draper, Utah when a Tesla crashed into the back of the bike,” reported Fox13 News in Salt Lake City on July 24, adding that “the driver of the Tesla said he had the ‘auto-pilot’ setting on...he told police he didn’t see the motorcyclist.”

“Wow, and even in a driverless vehicle, the ‘I didn’t see the motorcyclist’ gets a rider killed,” commented NCOM Board Member Ed Schetter, who recently presented a “We Just Want Our Place on the Road” seminar at the National Coalition of Motorcyclists’ NCOM Convention in Nashville that examined the inevitability of driverless cars, relating the impact on motorcycling.

“Such an incident stresses our need to protect our space on the road, as I pointed out in my presentation,” said Schetter, a veteran of the auto industry and Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio. “I wonder who the biker’s family gets to sue? The Driver? Tesla? The Software Company? Sometimes you just shake your head.”

## UN SET TO ALLOW INCREASED SPEED FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

The United Nations (UN) is set to allow for an increase in speed for the operation of self-driving vehicles, as well as new tests focused on how well they can detect motorcycles.

Until now, the speed limit for the autonomous driving of vehicles has been 60kph (@37mph), but that is now set to increase to 130kph (80.7mph) thanks to an amendment to UN Regulation No. 157 adopted by the UNECE’s World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations. The amendment also allows for autonomous lane changes, and is set to be implemented from January 2023.

The regulation also states, according to the Federation of European Motorcyclists’ Associations (FEMA), that “all tests that need to be conducted for a system like ALKS (Automated Lane Keeping System) or LCP (Lane Change Procedure), have to be carried out with a passenger car target as well as a powered two-wheeler target.”

This means that, although the autonomous technology is able to operate at a higher rate of speed, the safety for bikers when approaching an autonomous vehicle should now be improved upon, because their ability to detect motorcycles should (hopefully) be improved.

## HONDA DEVELOPING LANE ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR THE BIKES OF THE FUTURE

Recent patent filings from Honda for camera- and radar-enabled lane assist for motorcycles across its roster would keep their bikes in-lane via AI.

“Lane assist” is a commonality now in modern cars, but not so common in motorcycles, as electronic aids which detract from the actual riding of the motorcycle for the person holding the handlebars are generally avoided by the manufacturers, who do not want to lose their core enthusiasts, which is also why autonomous technology has not advanced far in the two-wheeled world, especially compared to the much larger automobile market and tech-hungry car culture.

Honda is developing their lane-keeping assist system (LKAS) with the aim of making accidents a thing of the past, but if they are to reach their goal of slashing car and motorcycle deaths by half in the next eight years and bring the number down to zero by 2050, we can expect to see a massive influx of rider-assistance systems like this in the very near future.

The plan combines driver assistance tech with a predictive AI computer system that can spot situations which lead to driving errors before they happen, and is intended to be introduced in the second half of this decade.

Further ahead, the intention is to introduce “Safe and Sound Network Technology” that allows cars, bikes, roadside furniture and even pedestrians (via their phones) to communicate, allowing a server to create a virtual model of traffic movement to predict and prevent accidents before they even start to unfold. The system is scheduled to be phased in from the 2030s.

## THE UK WANTS TO BAN THE SALE OF NEW FOSSIL FUELED MOTORCYCLES

The government of the United Kingdom has launched an open consultation, called “L-category vehicles: ending sales of new non-zero emission models,” in which they announce a sales ban for new non-zero emission motorcycles from 2035: “It is important that motorcycles do not remain fossil fueled as the rest of the transport fleet cleans up,” states Trudy Harrison MP, Minister of State for Transport.

‘L-category’ vehicles include 2- and 3-wheeled mopeds, motorcycles, trikes, sidecar-equipped motorbikes, and quadricycles, and in the consult the government clearly states: “While cars and vans vastly outnumber motorcycles on UK roads, motorcycles are an important and sizeable vehicle population, with 1.3 million currently licensed in 2021. We do not want to see them remaining fossil-fueled as the rest of our vehicles clean up.”

The British government has already committed to phasing out new cars and vans that run solely on petrol or diesel by 2030, and all new non-zero emission road vehicles by 2040.

Jim Freeman, Chairman of the British Motorcyclists Federation (BMF) said: “The BMF will oppose any proposals to ban the use of motorcycles powered by internal combustion engines while such vehicles are still capable of being run. We also oppose a ban on the sale of new internal combustion engine-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.”

## JURY ACQUITS TRUCKER CHARGED WITH SEVEN-COUNT MOTORCYCLE HOMICIDE

On the morning of June 21, 2019, truck-driver Volodymyr Zhukovskyy admitted to driving under the influence of fentanyl, heroin and cocaine before crashing his 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman crew-cab pickup into a pack of Marine Corps veterans riding their motorcycles near Randolph, New Hampshire, killing seven members of the Jarheads Motorcycle Club.

Prosecutors argued that Zhukovskyy, who had previous DUI convictions and should have had his license suspended, repeatedly swerved back and forth before the collision and told police he caused it. But the judge dismissed eight charges related to whether he was impaired, based on a contested blood test, and his defense attorneys blamed the lead biker for causing the accident, claiming that “he was drunk and not looking where he was going when he lost control of his motorcycle and slid in front of

Zhukovskyy’s truck.”

Following a 2-week trial, jurors deliberated for less than three hours before finding Zhukovskyy, 26, innocent on seven counts of manslaughter, seven counts of negligent homicide and one count of reckless conduct, setting him free after being held in custody since the accident.

This high-profile case has garnered staggering coverage across the country, and the surprising verdict has been soundly criticized by many, including New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu (R) who said he shares in the “shock, outrage, and anger that so many have expressed” since the crash. “The Fallen Seven did not receive justice today, and that is an absolute tragedy,” Gov. Sununu stated.

New Hampshire Attorney General John Formella said he believes the state proved its case. “Mr. Zhukovskyy should have been found guilty of the charges in this case and held responsible for causing seven deaths and numerous injuries,” he said. “We thank the Court and the jurors for their service, and while we are extremely disappointed, we respect the verdict and our system of justice.”

## PETITION CALLS FOR PROPER PUNISHMENT FOR BIKE THIEVES

A petition has been launched on the Change.org website calling for tougher sentences for bike thieves. The petition was started by British biker, Xander James from Hull, U.K., and has already amassed thousands of signatures -- enough to draw attention of local news.

“As we know, motorcycle & vehicle theft is the highest it’s ever been, this is partly due to the minimal sentences from the Crown Prosecution Service,” explains James on his petition to the U.K. Parliament and Scotland Yard. “We need change. We can’t safely park our vehicles outside our own homes anymore! But with the Crown Prosecution Service handing out cautions & early release they keep doing it.”

Along with tougher sentencing, James wants to see Operation Yellowfin receive more support from the Government, a police operational initiative which was launched locally in 2018 to tackle motorcycle crime and anti-social behavior.

## STURGIS TRAFFIC DOWN, BUT STILL HIGHER THAN AVERAGE

The good news is; the Department of Transportation counted over half a million vehicles entering Sturgis, South Dakota during the 82nd annual Black Hills Motorcycle Rally week, but the bad news; that’s down 4.4% from last year.

The city of Sturgis estimated the 2021 attendance at 555,000. Although down from 2021, the 2022 total vehicle count is still higher than the five-year average of 492,535.

Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie told the Black Hills Pioneer that 2021 was far better than expected because people had been in lockdown during the pandemic and just wanted to get out and travel. “It was a significant Rally last year. It was actually the largest Rally we had other than the 75th for more than a decade,” he said. “Given that last year was such a large Rally, it’s not unexpected that numbers are down.”

Some worried initially that gas prices -- which hovered near \$5 a gallon mid-summer -- might have deterred people from attending this year’s Rally, but according to Ainslie; “With a lot of individuals that come here, no matter what, they’re going to be coming. But, I think they are being a little more careful with what they are spending.”



**BONNEVILLE MOTORCYCLE SPEED TRIALS CANCELED DUE TO FLOODING**  
On August 13, 2022, the Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials organizers officially announced that the 2022 event is canceled. This year's speed trials had originally been scheduled to take place from August 28 through September 1, 2022, but due to flooding on the Bonneville Salt Flats, the BMST, FIM Land Speed World Records, and AMA Land Speed Grand Championship is officially canceled for 2022.

Heavy storm systems brought flooding to the salt flats, and when organizers did an aerial assessment of the state of the standard track area on August 12, they found that "the entire length of our tracks and beyond are flooded," and noted that "Although the area is drying, it is unfortunately not drying quickly enough for the event to take place."

**GWRRA CALLS IT QUILTS**  
Putting down their kickstand for good, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is waving farewell after 45 years of meeting the

nicest people, and ceased operations following this year's Wing Ding 43 in Shreveport, Louisiana at the end of July.

Founded in 1977 with the motto, "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge," the GWRRA called itself, "the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles" that once boasted nearly 80,000 members across 53 countries, with 800-plus chapters staffed by 4,000 volunteer leaders.

GWRRA Founders Paul Hildebrand and Shirley Stevens-Garcia made good on the '60s era ad slogan "You meet the nicest people on a Honda" by creating a non-profit, non-religious, non-political organization "that advocated for rider education and safety, motorist awareness, and leadership training."

**SAVE THE DATE - 2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX**  
Next year's 38th annual NCOM Convention is now scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead

to join with hundreds of like-minded bikers' rights activists from across the country for a weekend of learning, sharing and camaraderie!

Concerned advocates from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders will gather together for the betterment of biking, with agenda items dealing with legal and legislative issues, so check back at [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com) for further details from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists as they are announced.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "But where, says some, is the king of America? I'll tell you. . . . let a crown be placed . . . , by which the world may know, . . . that in America the law is king. For in absolute governments the king is the law, so in free countries the law ought to be king; and there ought to be no other . . . "  
~ Thomas Paine (1776), Patriot

MRF News

Hi all,  
  
The time has come to get your Top Three Accomplishments for the last year in so that we can get the slides ready for Meet the States on Thursday evening at the Meeting of the Minds. Send us your Top Three items reduced to bullet points that will fit on one slide, bill numbers bill

titles and such. We will put these up for the attendees to see while you explain what happened.  
  
Send your list to Dave Dwyer, [dad@mrf.org](mailto:dad@mrf.org) or Brick Lindsey, [brick@mrf.org](mailto:brick@mrf.org). We need to have all your responses in hand prior to September 14, 2022.

Please get in touch with us with any questions.  
  
Thanks  
  
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Help us reduce  
**DISTRACTED  
DRIVING**

Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation



# MMA of Arizona Calendar of Events



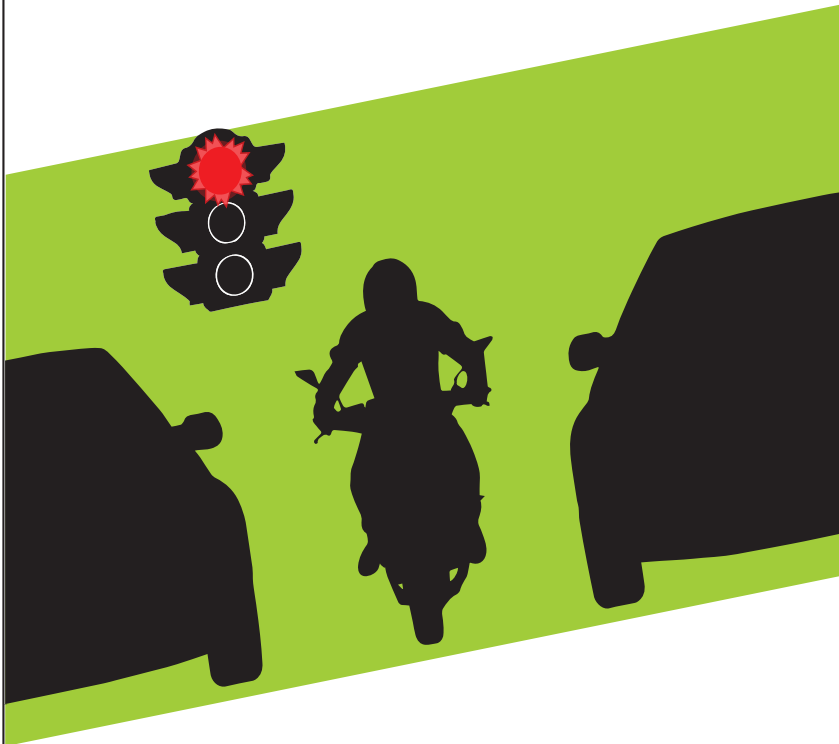
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## What you need to know about the new LANE FILTERING LAW (SBI273)



for more information on this go to: [www.amsaf.org/filtering](http://www.amsaf.org/filtering)

Arizona's new lane filtering law (SBI 273) allows a motorcycle to travel between lanes of traffic in very specific instances:

### Here are some things you, as a motorcyclist, need to know:

- **NO FREEWAYS**  
This is not the California "lane splitting" law! The Arizona law only allows lane filtering on surface streets with a speed limit of 45 MPH or slower.
- **NOT EVERY STREET**  
Only on streets that have 2 or more lanes in the same direction.
- **NOT MOVING**  
You may not pass a vehicle in motion. You may only overtake a vehicle between lanes that is stopped.
- **NO SPEEDING**  
The maximum speed for a motorcycle traveling between lanes is 15 MPH.

And (you'll want to do this anyway) you must recognize that you can move between lanes safely before beginning lane filtering.

### Here's a couple more things you should know:

This law is for 2-wheeled motorcycles. Sorry Trike, Spyder, Slingshot and Ural sidecar riders.

Make sure you tell all your non-motorcyclist friends and neighbors about the law and what to expect. It will help keep them and every motorcyclist safe.

**THIS LAW DOES NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL 90 DAYS AFTER THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS.**







## Chairman's Report

Happy to say Summer is almost over and riding season will begin. Please be smart out there on the new Lane Filtering Bill. If you are caught before the 90 days are up you will be heavily fined. In the Summer I drive my car more often than riding and I see Bikers do this all the time Please be careful and mindful. Our lobbyist team works hard for you rights as a rider.

Now that cooler weather will be upon us we will see alot of great charity events I try to go to most of them. For the MMA this will be our 40th year For BIRDS ON BIKES I w ill get a flyer out this month. It is always the Sunday before Thanksgiving we show up at St. Vincent De Paul and drop our turkeys. It has turned into a competition. East side VS West Side. Come on West side East side has beat us the past 2 years.

## Editor's Space

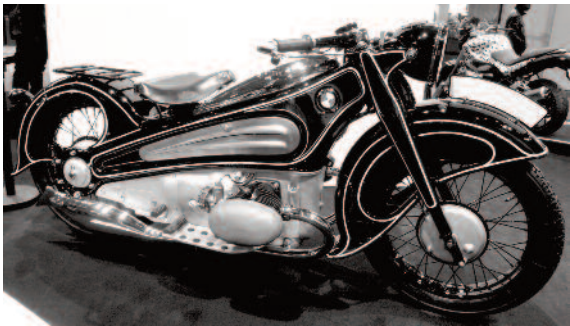


Comments relative to the content, current affairs or anything that is on my mind at the time of this publication.

Eric "Spanky" Hampton  
Editor, MMA Patriot

It's finally getting cooler!

Remind everyone to Watch Out For Motorcycles!



Hope to see everyone there.

Until next time Be Safe/ Ride Safe and watch out for those cages since they do not watch out for us!



### 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](http://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.

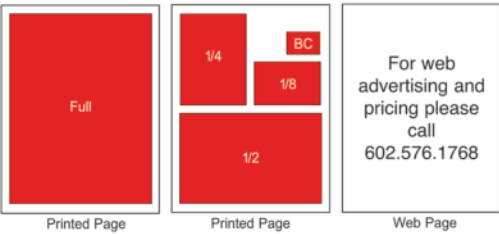
##### COLOR

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	3 1/4"	x	2 1/4"
1/8 page	Horizontal/Vertical	5"	x	3 3/4"
1/4 page	Horizontal/Vertical	5"	x	7 1/4"
1/2 page	Horizontal	10 1/4"	x	7 1/4"
Full page		10 1/4"	x	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



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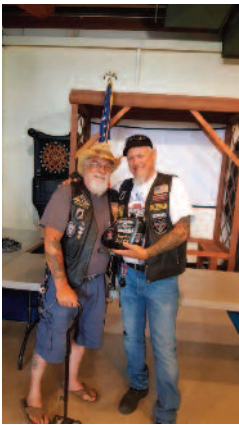


# District Updates

## Eagle/Leather District Report

## Verde Valley District Report

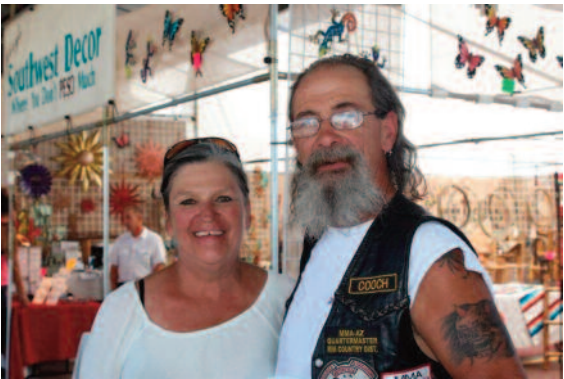
### Jester Memorial Run 2022



This year's "Jester Memorial Run" sadly had 13 people named who passed away last year, but will forever be remembered. 80 riders came together to pay tribute to their friends and family members on a warm, but fittingly, cloudy day. This event gives time to reflect on the lives and the joy our lost ones have given us. We had commemorative event shirts, 50/50, high-low "Dice Run winners, raffle gifts and more. But most importantly, is and always will be, the reverence we have in holding up our loved ones.

Respectfully Gary Wilharm  
Verde Valley Dist. MMA

### Cooch , Buddha and Skypilot



### Photo Radar Opponents Sweep Arizona GOP Primary

By Richard Diamond

Voters in the Arizona Republican primary on Tuesday chose a slate of statewide candidates committed to ending the use of speed cameras and red light cameras in the state. At the top of the ticket, Kari Lake has made eliminating photo enforcement a top campaign priority. With 97 percent of the vote counted, she is set to be the Republican nominee against Democrat Katie Hobbs in the November 8 general election for governor.

"Red light cameras have been scamming Arizonans for decades," Lake tweeted on Monday. "They are tax systems, not safety systems. If you make me your next governor, I will ask the legislature to ban them all immediately. I want that bill on my desk."

Another victor in a tight, high-profile GOP primary race, state Senator Wendy Rogers (R-Flagstaff), will serve as a primary sponsor of

the bill banning the use of photo radar.

"The photo radar industry made its home base in Arizona," Rogers told TheNewspaper. "And that ends next year. We're no longer going to allow government to spy on Arizonans for profit and trample due process rights."

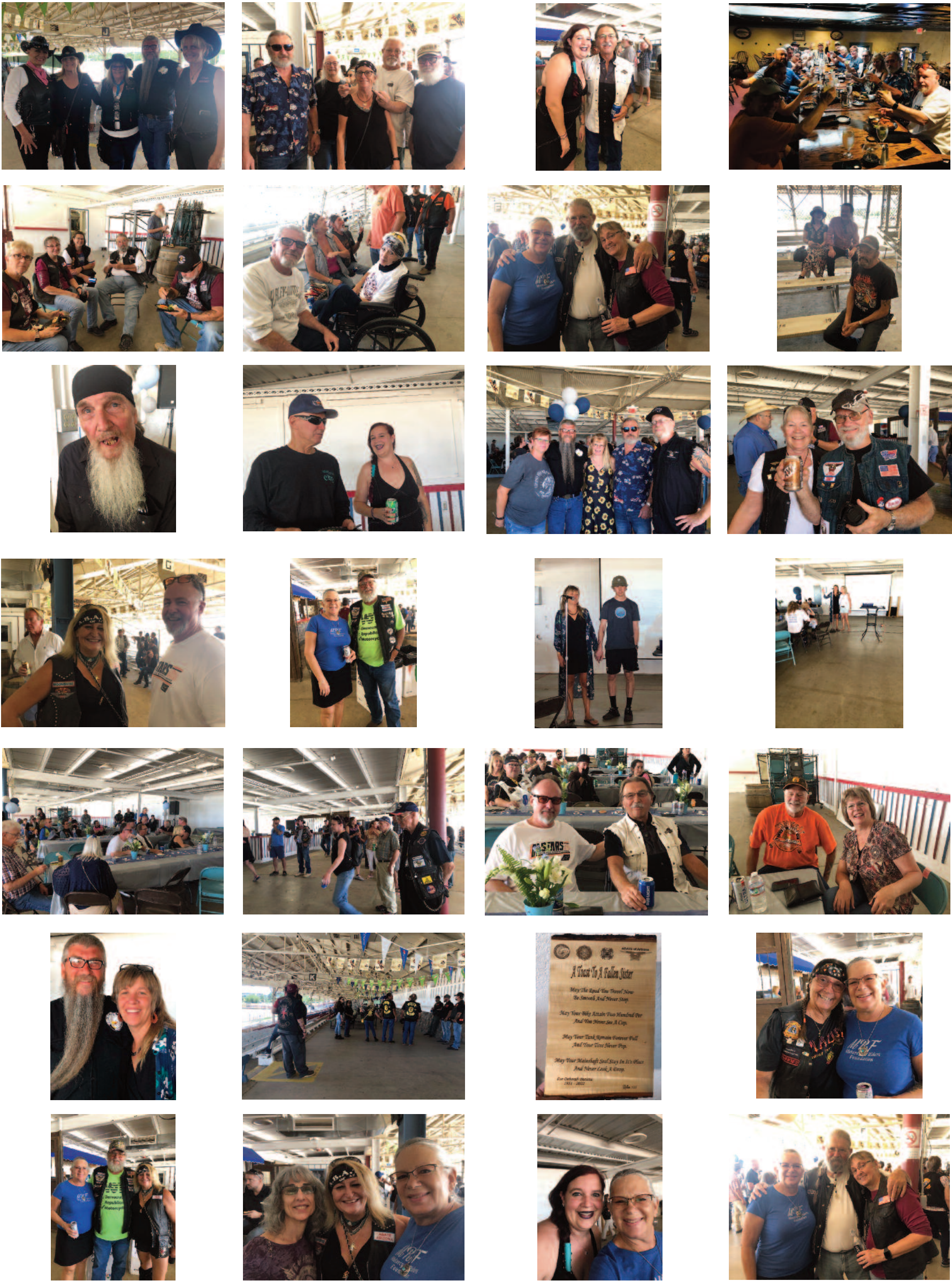
Passage of such legislation is enhanced with state Senator Warren Petersen (R-Gilbert) and state House Representative Joseph Chaplik likely to secure leadership positions in the upcoming session. Both Chaplik and Petersen championed bills that would have banned automated ticketing machines only to lose out on final passage by a handful of votes due to the powerful lobbying influence Redflex Traffic Systems and American Traffic Solutions have over lawmakers in Phoenix. The companies recently merged to become Verra Mobility, the largest camera operator in the country. Verra is based in Mesa.

Lake was in a tough primary against former US Representative Matt Salmon, who lobbied on behalf of Willetta Partners, which represented Redflex. Salmon dropped out of the race and joined former Governor Jan Brewer, a photo radar supporter, in endorsing Karrin Taylor Robson, Lake's main rival for the nomination.

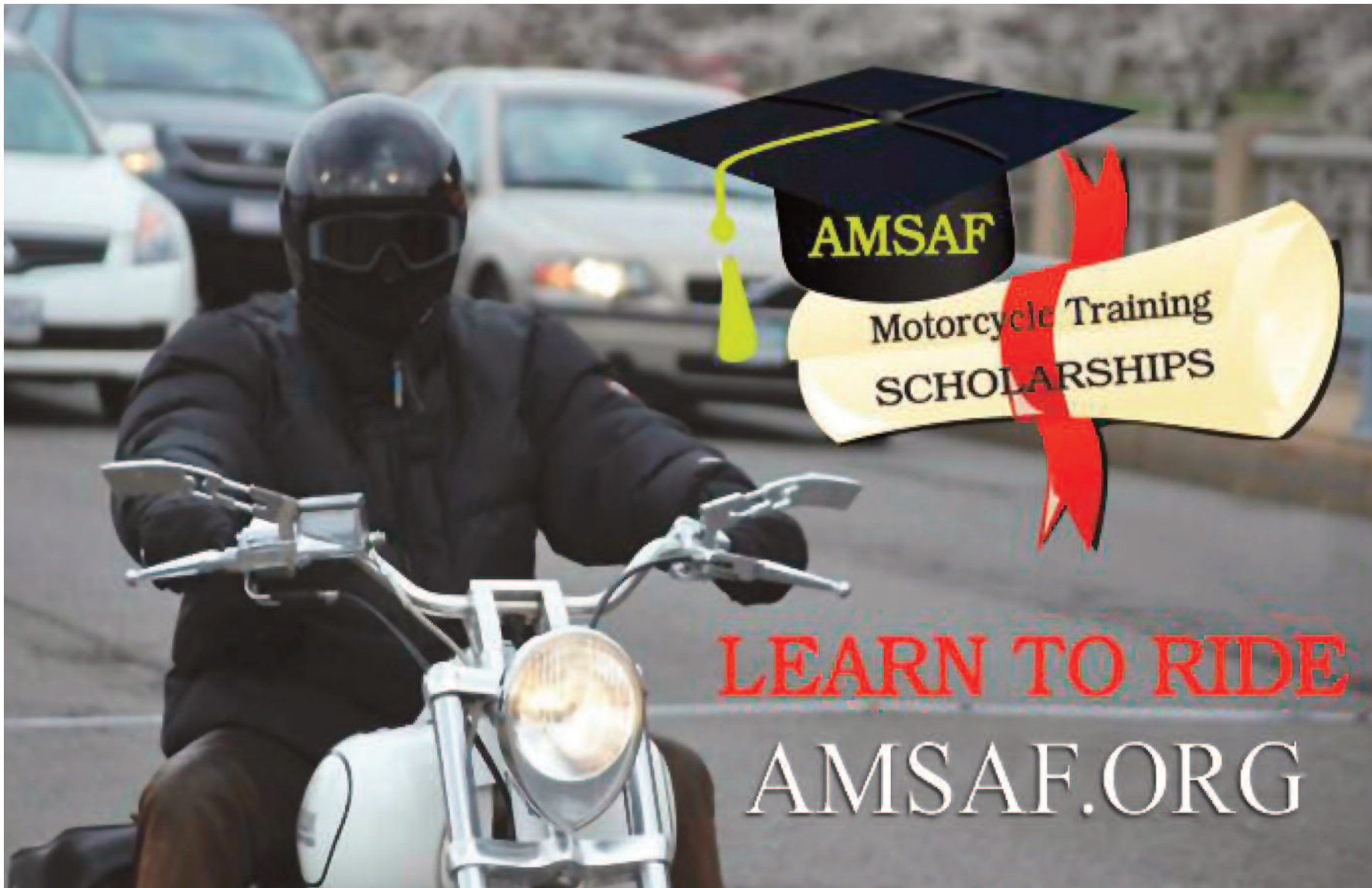
While Arizona was an early adopter of photo radar, it also is home to the first public revolt at the ballot box against the use of automated ticketing machines. In 1991, more than two-thirds of Peoria voters decided to overturn the city council's photo radar deal with the company that went on to become Verra Mobility. More than two-thirds voted cameras out in Sierra Vista and Tucson in more recent challenges.



Pictures from Deborah Butitta's Celebration of Life







# STURGIS 2022 RALLY REPORT

<https://www.bikernet.com>

This is going to be good, like the party of parties before the battle for freedom and America begins. I'll stay between the white lines as I attempt to cover the rally and my first wild experience after relocating to the Black Hills and available for action every day.

The constant hum of action prevailed daily, with the rumble of V-twins, non-stop shows, concerts, celebrations, parties and jamming bars are just the tip of the chromed mountain leading up to the rally. Last year, my shop wasn't complete, and I was attacked by the deadly Covid virus. I found myself locked down in my basement dungeon. Only semi-prepared this year, the rally kept coming like it or not.

Let's back up some and look at the times leading up to the action. I did all I could to keep the shop building progress on track. I encountered troubled neighbors who got in the way, and I needed to grapple with property line decisions and quickly available resources. It got it handled, a new fence constructed, and we moved on.

I needed a trailer for our Bonneville effort and worked with Mike Baynes, a Hamster who owned a trailer sales company in Belle Fourche. I visited his facility and he offered help with a bridge over the creek traversing through my property to reach the other side. Now we have access to another half-acre.

Speaking of Bonneville lurking just two weeks after the rally, we had projects to tackle. We needed to deal with repairs and prep. Fortunately, we rapidly built a team who wanted to see the Salt Torpedo, our streamlined trike, on the salt.

I also worked with a local welder to complete a gantry to allow us to work on the Salt Torpedo and replace the rear tire. It froze in the winter. Damn, a brand-new tire. There went another \$500. Jason, our contractor was kind enough to offer his equipment to move crates within working distance of the shop and a group of brothers, including Hamsters offered to come and tear down each crate.

When I first arrived in Sturgis, the moving company off loaded the massive truck and packed the upper level two-car garage to the rafters with shop equipment and too boxes. Unfortunately, there was no room for the Salt Torpedo and the Red-head's new car. The Torpedo was relegated to the outdoors. The cold winter destroyed the rear tire, cheaper than a new wife.

As the shop reached completion, Jason moved everything out of the upper garage. We moved equipment into the shop, but critical stuff was missing, like legs for benches and bench vices. My Smithy lathe was delivered but not into the shop until it was finished and then we ran into set-up issues.

This all occurred less than three weeks before the rally. Every day I forced progress of some sorts. We were able to move benches and equipment, but we couldn't get to work without final building inspection. Then we faced the final electrical inspection. But we continued to take major steps and once the inspections passed, we could start to get to work unencumbered.

We ran into minor issues like setting up the lathe and making it work or not work with existing outlets. My contractor and electrician decided I needed 50 amp 220 outlets, which didn't match any of my equipment. Chris, the boss of Baldwin electrical, made me a pigtail to support the difference and it worked, I could start welding.

My lifts were both damaged from the move. One needed a new airline and the other needed re-assembly and ultimately a new retaining spring, so I reached out to Handy Lifts for a replacement part. A local auto parts made a new line for the other lift, and I was golden, almost. I still need a brass 45-degree 3/4 pipe thread fitting.

I bought a replacement yesterday.

We rapidly closed in on the rally, Salt Torpedo preparations and Bonneville including new certified harnesses, certified fire extinguishers and the tire.

My grandson, in Los Angeles, just completed his first major event with 5-Ball Racing Leathers, at Born Free and he wanted out of the city. I figured they could figure it out. The options included trailers, driving, riding in groups, or just the two riding out together, which is how it happened.

I started riding bikes from our Deadwood storage to the shop digs in Boulder Canyon. Nuts, bikes ran fine until the ride three miles into the canyon, then they acted up. That included my 2014, recently serviced Indian. It wouldn't start. The battery in the fob needed to be replaced.

As I grappled with my deadline, bike and shop issues, I would occasionally think about other folks in similar circumstances. Take for instance, Arlin Fatland, a Hamster who owns 2wheelers in Denver. For over 30 years, he and Donna packed up an entire shop and headed to Sturgis, where he bought a satellite store. He brings staff and runs the store and then peels back to Denver, where he has run his bike shop for over 50 years. Lots more stuff to think about.

How about Woody, his family and Marilyn Stemp who run the Buffalo Chip. Fuck, imagine all the bullshit, plumbing, electrical, tents, RVs, tacos, staff and rock groups they deal with during the rally. I'm super lightweight when it comes to this experience, but still it was my first time. Here's a quick rally take from Marilyn:

"Ha - my brain is fried! I get it now..."

"Impressions of the rally? Several factors seem to be affecting the trend toward arriving early to the Rally - and leaving early, too.

"Add to this: the city decided a few years ago to make the rally begin on the first Friday in August. If that Friday is on, say, the 5th of the month like this year, the entire event gets pushed back to the second week of August instead of the first.



# 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)

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- 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.
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- 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.



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## STURGIS 2022 RALLY REPORT continued

"I heard polar opposite reports regarding foot traffic in town. Some said it was mobbed, others indicated light. So who knows? I only got off site twice and both times took me toward the east. I thought motorcycle traffic on I-90 was light.

"Just my 2 cents..."

The day before the rally hit Adrian, who has lived in Deadwood for over 20 years reached out. "I broke my side-mount taillight, license plate bracket off my Softail. Gotta fix it quick."

Suddenly, another factor fed into the rally mix. I have a shop. Adrian brought his bike over and we went to work, but he had a construction job, so he peeled out. Before he left, he told me the story behind his first rally once he moved. "It ru-

ined it for me," Adrian said. "I was doing an interior design job in the Bullock Hotel and brothers started to roll into town. My boss took one look as my face and told me, "Get out and come back in a week."

I built a bracket to save his billet aluminum system, reshaped the unit and rewired the taillight. The next morning a brother called. He broke his belt somewhere between the east coast and the badlands. Grease loaded his bike in their support truck and unloaded and rode his son's Sportster the rest of the trip. I steered him to Dakota V-Twin, Randy Cramer's stellar shop and U-Haul trailer dealership in Spearfish. I couldn't deal with the rally and become a working shop. Holy shit.

I suddenly discovered my calendar was packed with a minimum of two events a day starting with Saturday arrivals and the Hamster block party.

Sunday was already packed with the Flying Piston Breakfast and the Chip industry party at the Michael Lichter exhibit and something in the evening.

I rode the 2014 Indian down to the Chip, signed books, took interviews, met lots of folks and had breakfast sans ketchup or salsa. WTF over.

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

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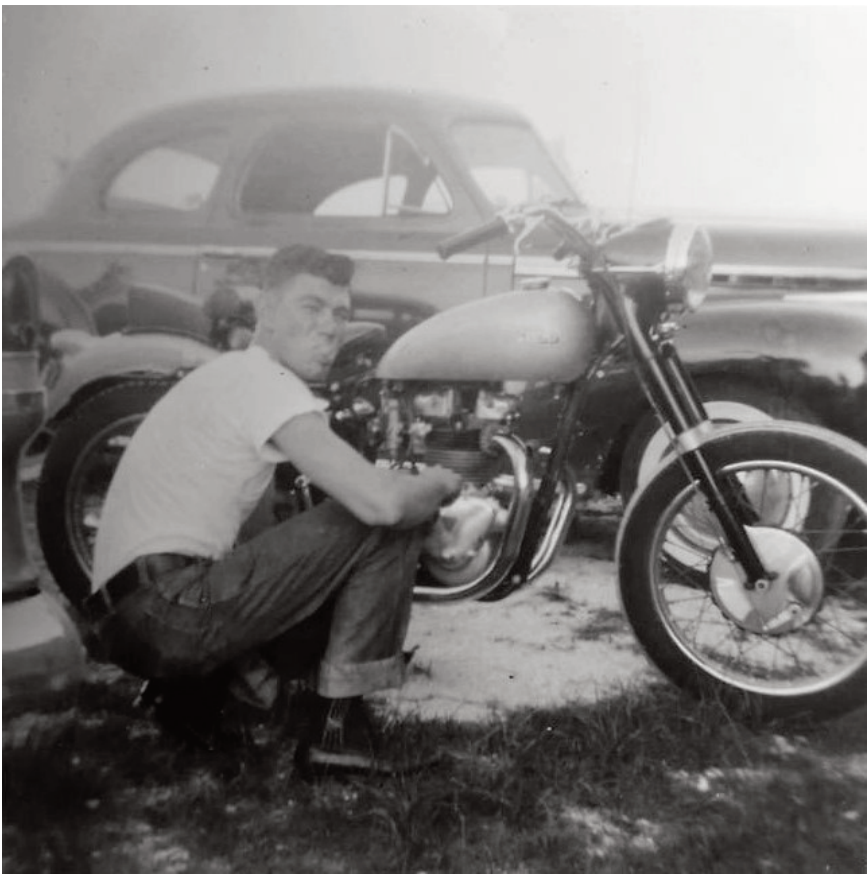
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# STURGIS 2022 RALLY REPORT continued

After breakfast, Dr. Hamster, Frankie and I rode to the Michael Lichter building, built specifically for Mike's stellar exhibits, but he wasn't there, and we couldn't get in. Reports indicated this was Mike's best exhibit ever. Right up to the rally I helped write and edit his bike and art plaque copy.

I installed a Baker 4-6 speed transmission in a Paughco frame with Paughco trees and gas tank and delivered it to the Chip for a grand show award of some sorts. The recipient would also receive an S&S engine. Paughco did a terrific job supplying raked trees and everything chromed or powder-coated. The winner would score!

Finding the pallet of stuff at the Iron Horse Saloon was a trip, and I hope the Cycle Source Magazine staff received all their goods. Security was sorta lax.

I also grappled with my two Panheads and the '48 UL. I wanted to ride a different one to each event, but each bike had issues. Whenever we had a minute, we played with carbs, clutches and fuel issues.

Frankie and the good doctor came over and we tested the two Panheads. They rode them to the Deadwood Outlaw Square for a Choppers Magazine show. The left case is cracked on the UL, and I wanted Cabana Dan to take a look. I'm tempted to tear it down this winter and go through the engine. Micah McCloskey rode fast and hard from the west coast with some Ugly brothers and needed to ride out on Wednesday after the Sturgis Museum Hall of Fame breakfast where Carlo and Emma were being inducted, also Uglys. We had limited time to meet and it turned out to be Monday morning when Hamsters and team members came to inspect the Salt Torpedo shinning in the new shop.

Just a couple of days before, we struggled with BMST, AMA and FIM Bonneville land speed record sign-up registration forms. Micah was forced to have a doctor fill out forms and sign off on his racing capabilities. We were required to take a series of photos of the Salt Torpedo. Cabana Dan helped clean and prep the liner.

At first it wouldn't start. Micah was concerned and I chased the power source to the coil, nada. Ultimately, I discovered a bad ground and ran a ground directly from the battery to the German ignition system.

The day before Micah's visit, I fixed the ground on the ignition system and Cabana Dan and I installed the new certified harness system, but Micah needed to adjust all five to his slight

frame. That was one of his assignments on Monday. About 30 guys came over to check the action and watch as Micah fired the Salt torpedo, checked the controls and shifting. It was good to go, except Carl Pussar recommended a carb strap to prevent movement. I'll handle that.

The mandatory annual Hamster meeting called for required attendance at 4:30. The banquet followed. I attended the meeting, took notes and then slipped out the back door to meet with some thugs in a dark canyon about a carburetor. The Hamsters raised over \$507,000 for the Children's Hospital, Life Scape, in Rapid City, a record.

I received a call; my new FIM assigned number 5 Salt Torpedo stickers were ready at Quick Signs in Spearfish. I received another call about my Bonneville Team shirts.

The next day, Tuesday, I rode to Nemo with 200 Hamsters for the memorial ride for Hamsters who are no longer with us. The weather was perfect, and the ride up winding Vanocker Canyon into the Jack Pine woods couldn't be more amazing. I think one brother broke down.

A quick mention of the Hamsters. It's a group made of a combination of industry guys who own motorcycle shops or motorcycle companies, other businesses guys and even sports figures, but all enjoy custom bikes. The other Hamster notion or code is giving back. They support lots of charity efforts and the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum. About 30 of the Hamsters now live in South Dakota. If you're ever in a jam and need help and you stumble across a Hamster, he will help, and he'll probably buy you a drink.

We all took various roads back into towns around the region, like Deadwood, Lead, Sturgis, Spearfish and Rapid City. I steered my 5-Ball Indian into Deadwood to the Lodge for a Hall of Fame breakfast rehearsal. I was scheduled to introduce Tom Seymour, the founder of Saddlemen seats, a 2022 Sturgis Museum inductee.

Afterwards, the Redhead and I blasted into a little town west of Rapid, Piedmont and the new Saddlemen Headquarters overlooking a magnificent view of the valley below. We ran into Jeff, the V-Twin visionary, who ran several shows and several industry cats and the new boss of Saddlemen, Dave Eckart. Also Buster, from Saddlemen, enjoyed the rally for the first time in a few years.

The following day I spent half of it at the inspiring Sturgis Hall of Fame breakfast, and then spent some time with my grandson, because

Frankie and Dr. Hamster planned to hit the road at the crack of dawn the next morning. Micah called and the Redhead and I slipped into Sturgis in the evening to Pappy Hoel's old digs for an Ugly dinner with Vinnie and the crew.

I received a call. Doctor Hamster's Evo FLH minus bag lids needed an air-cleaner bracket, quick. Fortunately, he handled it and the next morning they stopped by the shop before heading toward the west coast.

peeled back to Spearfish for the Hamster barbecue and ride to Sturgis. Suddenly, the rally seem shot, over, gone or toast. Rigs pulled out, brothers packed to cut a dusty trail in the morning and the airport got busy. Late Thursday night I received a call from Michael Lichter and his son Shawn. "Can we meet for Breakfast at Sturgis Coffee?"

"What time?" I asked.

"Early, we gotta roll to Denver," Mike said.

We met, although the times changed some. Mike is another rally master who kicks his own ass every rally, while trying to produce a world class, art/custom motorcycle exhibit annually. This is his 22nd year. He pushed himself way too hard. I can say that, and his son will roll his eyes.

"Our headlights went out at 3:00 in the morning on the way out," Shawn said. "Then the taillights became intermittent."

On top of organizing and directing this exhibit with 40 bikes and several artists, Mike commits to producing a complete photo shoot of every bike on display. A feature photoshoot takes about four hours. Do the math. He spent all night long at the Chip building many nights, without air conditioning, and was lucky to get out before 2:00 in the morning.

Plus, he was supposed to shoot the rally, for Easyriders magazine. "I couldn't get focused," Mike said.

"Plus, our SUV tailgate stopped closing and we had to bungee it," Shawn added. Then in the middle of the rally a biker at the Chip ran into their trailer with his bike, got up, dusted himself off and rode away damaging their rear fender. "No big deal," Shawn added.

There's never a dull moment at a Sturgis Rally...

--Bandit

## MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION ALERT

### House Motorcycle Caucus Grows by 39%!

06/16/2022 6:30 AM | It's been one month since the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Bikers Inside the Beltway event and our efforts are paying off.

An updated membership list of the House Motorcycle Caucus was released last week and it shows substantial growth in the month since riders came to Capitol Hill. 11 new members joined the organization which previously had 28 mem-

bers. The nearly 40% increase is a direct result of outreach by MRF members!

The caucus hosts educational seminars and press events that shine a light on the issues facing the motorcycle community. It's also a great way for riders to know which lawmakers are true allies. The Senate has a similar caucus and we hope to see growth with that group when its roster is updated.

Below is a list of the 11 new members of the House Motorcycle Caucus:

- Representative Axne (Iowa)
- Representative Brooks (Alabama)
- Representative Brownley (California)
- Representative Budd (North Carolina)
- Representative Rodney Davis (Illinois)
- Representative Norman (South Carolina)
- Representative Obernolte (California)
- Representative Pappas (New Hampshire)
- Representative Scott Peters (California)
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Additionally, the House profiling resolution (H. Res 366) passed the 100-cosponsor mark last week as 10 new lawmakers

signed on since Bikers Inside the Beltway. Passing the 100 mark is a great benchmark that helps show Congressional leadership that the issue of profiling is a concern to lawmakers. A special shout out to the riders from Kansas who added three new members and now have all four Representatives from their state as cosponsors.

Below is a list of the 10 new H. Res 366 cosponsors:

- Representative Banks (Indiana)
- Representative Davids (Kansas)
- Representative Dean (Pennsylvania)
- Representative Estes (Kansas)
- Representative Hinson (Iowa)
- Representative LaTurner (Kansas)
- Representative Kustoff (Tennessee)
- Representative Obernolte (California)

- Representative Ryan (Ohio)
- Representative Titus (Nevada)

Thank you to those that help impact these numbers and thank you to all the riders who came to D.C. last month.

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming calls to action on our legislative priorities. Answering calls to action is the easiest way to have your voice be heard in our nation's capital.





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