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## COME OUT AND MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS



Motorcycle Day at the Dome (MDATD)

February 22, 2012

The purpose of the Motorcycle

Day at the Dome (MDATD) is to meet, greet and converse with your District Legislators and discuss various issues facing Motorcyclists today. Representatives from various Motorcycle organizations and

Legislators will attend the Annual Motorcycle Day at the Dome.

This event is sponsored by ABATE of Arizona.

The date is Wednesday, February 22nd from 11:30am-1pm on the Capitol grounds, Senate lawn. All volunteer organizations/workers

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Respectfully,  
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The ACMC is made up of Arizona Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations which have come together in unity to facilitate and broaden communication amongst it's Members and with the motorcycling community and general public. It serves to educate both riders and the non-riding public of all of the positive aspects of motorcycling and to warn against and oppose any intrusion(s) upon their rights to live and ride free. It's goals are to promote and protect motorcyclist's rights. It will accomplish these goals by any lawful means necessary.

The ACMC does not approve organizations or in our language sanction Clubs. The ACMC are a select group of Elite Clubs and Organizations who have banded together in a fight for freedom and to stand in defense of people's rights, especially MC Clubs and Motorcyclists.

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was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population.

Motorcycle riders and activist have long recognized that motorcycle rider education and awareness are crucial in enhancing rider safety. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders.

## RAMBLINGS OF A RABBLE ROUSER



Still Ray, Chairman,  
Arizona Confederation of  
Motorcycle Clubs

The following is the article I submitted for my column in the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation's MRF Reports. It is, in my opinion, the best thing that has happened in a long time in the M/C community. As you know I have been working with the MRF for a long time and currently I am an Advisor to the Board of Directors representing Sustaining Member Motorcycle Clubs. We have a long way to go but this is certainly a step in the right direction. By the way, Arizona is number one in Sustaining Member Motorcycle Clubs in the country. My sincere thanks to all of you for making this happen.

### Club Rep Update

Still Ray,

Sustaining Member Motorcycle Club  
Rep

Included with this report you will find the MRF's Position Paper. This document has been reviewed by the MRO's, discussed and accepted by the leaders of the motorcycle rights movement across the country. It is my understanding that the general discussion went something like "its about time".

This Paper not only clarifies the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's opposition to Motorcycle Clubs being included in the FBI's criminal street gang list as well as being targeted as Domestic Terrorists. This Paper can be a very useful tool for us. I want to thank the Board of Directors, Hardtail, the President of the MRF and Jeff Hennie, the MRF Lobbyist not only for their time but their willingness to address our issues and help us in our endeavors

I have to point out one error in the statistics quoted in the Paper. I will have to admit I didn't notice this mistake until I started writing this article. In the Paper

we state that the "Domestic Terrorist List of Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs has grown to over 330 Clubs." The correct number according to the FBI is 2,965 OMGs (Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs) or Clubs with 44,108 members. You can check this out on the FBI web site. When the list was first put together there were three OMGs.

Being listed as a Domestic Terrorist you forfeit all your rights, no warrant, no trial, no sentence and you can be held indefinitely without council or sentencing. You can be deported. (I don't know where you would end up, I was born in Detroit).

We need to encourage the Clubs and Confederations to join together and help us fix this. That is the reason for the MRF Sustaining Member Club Committee. With the help of the MRF's lobbyist and the office in DC, we can fight this and other legislative issues on the Federal level. We currently have approximately twenty COCs and over sixty Clubs that have joined this Committee. Some Confederations like Michigan, Arizona, and New Mexico have been members of the MRF for many years. I have yet to speak to any Confederation who wasn't willing to join the fight. The problem has been getting the word out across the country. This Position Paper will be a great tool for that job. Send it out or show it to other Clubs in your state or region, if there are any questions feel free to contact me.

We have had several meetings across the country in conjunction with the MRF Regional conferences and the Meeting of the Minds. Everyone that I have spoken to agrees that any differences between anyone are left outside, the urgency of what we have to do is more important.

We can and do a lot of brainstorming, exchanging ideas, and solutions as well as problems. Washington State had great success with their Anti Profiling Bill. Minnesota is the only state that I'm aware of that got a Discrimination bill passed. Our lobbyist for the COC in AZ, Dave Kopp, has been working on an Anti Profiling Bill for us. We fill out Incident forms, they are given to me, I make copies and Dave uses them when lawmakers say they don't believe there is any Profiling in Arizona. I got this email today.

*{Hey Ray,  
So it's 2:30 was just driving way too fast down baseline with some tramp and got stopped. The cop was as cool as cops get but was pushing hard for info on the Journeymen. I gave him nothing. He asked for a picture of my patch. Again I told him no. Thought I was gonna get*

*arrested hahaha. Don't know if it's really a big deal to you just wanted to let you know. Give me a call if the details are important.*

*Later  
Mike}*

I asked Mike to fill out an incident form. Personally, I prefer to fill them out while the officer is filling out his. Include badge number, etc. It keeps everything on an even playing field when you are also taking notes. You might even use your cell phone to record the incident. Dial your own answering machine. Or just dial, only you will know who is on the other end.

Quiet Mike, Gypsy Jokers M/C, Oregon COC had a question we put out to the list regarding non association. For many years, it has been a condition for probation or parole and in the last few years it has been used as a bail, bond, or an OR requirement. Now if you happen to belong to the Moose Lodge, Elks, or you are a Baptist or Catholic they don't say you

can't talk to these people if you want to get out of jail. We put the question out on our list, and are getting some interesting feedback. There are many issues, and as long as the perception of Motorcycle Club Members remains the same, and we can only expect more of the same kind of treatment.

Mark your calendars for Bikers on the Beltway, Washinton,DC on May 14th. This event certainly gets the attention of the folks at the Capitol and when you can go to your Congressmen's office and tell him you rode from Arizona to talk to them, you will have their attention. It doesn't hurt to have a few hundred other bikers in the building doing the same thing.

The Best of the West Conference will be in Las Vegas, Nevada hosted by the COC for the first time in the MRF's history and from what I'm hearing will be well attended.

For more information on conferences, The Meeting of the Minds and any other information go to [mrf.org](http://mrf.org).

### MRF MOTORCYCLE CLUB COMMITTEE POSITION PAPER

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has a long history of working with a diverse group of organizations and individuals in an effort to further the interests of all motorcyclists. The MRF endeavors to continue to work with all like minded groups on issues that serve the agendas of both groups. The MRF acknowledges the contributions of motorcycle clubs in the early development of the motorcyclists' rights movement more than 40 years ago. The MRF will continue to work with these clubs in actively monitoring federal legislation that compromises the ability of any motorcyclist to ride and live our associated lifestyle. Motorcycle clubs and motorcycle club Confederations' engagement with and support of the MRF is both recognized and appreciated.

In fact included in our 2010-2011 Federal Legislative Agenda is the statement that the "MRF will continue to watchdog all federally proposed "gang" legislation to prohibit any impact on motorcyclists for non criminal activity". It is particular concerning to the MRF that the Domestic Terrorist List of Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs has grown to over 330 clubs and the ambiguous nature of the definitions being used to classify clubs as such. This carries with it the certainty of discrimination and the profiling of motorcyclists, the MRF staunchly opposes these activities.

The MRF Motorcycle Club Committee feels strongly that there is a distinction that sets a motorcycle club apart from a gang. Motorcycle clubs have been in existence a long time and were initially formed out of a deep appreciation of motorcycling and the camaraderie that comes with being a member of a club, and that those same reasons still exists today.

The MRF maintains a full time office on Capital Hill in Washington D.C. just steps from the U.S. Capital and the Legislative Offices of the U.S. Congress. The MRF monitors every piece of legislation introduced that could possibly affect motorcyclists and within these pieces of legislation of immediate concern is any Bill that targets motorcycles unfairly or aims to classify law abiding motorcyclists as criminal gangs. This type of legislation will always be in the cross hairs of the MRF. In addition the MRF uses close personal relationships with Federal legislators, a vast network of grassroots activists which has proven time and again to be one of the best networks of citizen lobbyists in operation today, and the MRF utilizes a Federal Political Action Committee (PAC) to focus on maintaining and when necessary expanding the freedoms that motorcyclists have today.

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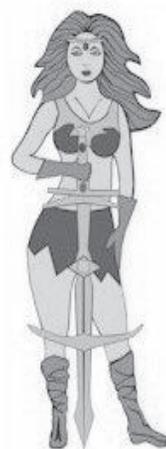
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# MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS CONTINUED

and clubs should be on sight by 9:30am.

Please mark your calendars. "All Bikers Welcome".

A barricaded area is reserved for bike parking on 17th Ave between Washington and Jefferson, the full length of the Capitol grounds itself.

Any delivery vehicles will have to enter the area from the Washington side. We have notified TV stations for media coverage.

Your lobbyists cannot do this alone and we are asking for your help to make this another great year with our Legislation. We are asking that each of you invite as many of your motorcyclist friends as you can to participate in this important event.

PLEASE CALL or EMAIL your 2 Representatives and 1 Senator yourself, and give them a personal invitation to join you.

Set up an appointment with them to meet in their office if you have the time.

If you're not sure who your Legislative person is, you can obtain their name and contact information by going to the following website:

GOTO [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org). ENTER your ZIPCODE on the left. SCROLL DOWN - to "State Legislative". CLICK on Their Name for an info page along with their picture and email address

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same for the other two

We will have a sheet with the Legislative bills that we are running for this year at this time on site and at the Sign-In Table.

For further information on the event, go to <http://www.abateofaz.org/>.

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# MMA SAFETY & EDUCATION ALERT: HARLEY-DAVIDSON RECALL MORE THAN 308,000 MOTORCYCLES

Harley said it noticed the problem in June of 2010 when it got a report of a Trike model motorcycle that lost its rear brakes due to the problem. The company began investigating, and in July of 2010, it sent investigators to a dealership in Louisiana to inspect another bike that was involved in a crash due to the problem. The crash is the only one that Harley-Davidson is aware of. It was unclear if anyone was hurt. Messages were left at the company's Milwaukee headquarters seeking comment. Harley said in the documents that there have been no more reports of the problem occurring since July of 2010.

The company also said in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that it expects the recall to cost \$10 million to \$12 million, which will be charged as an expense in the fourth quarter.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The MMA has been alerted to a serious issue that can cause a failure in late model Harley-Davidson brakes. The news report was forwarded via the Associated Press and is worth taking the time to read. If you own a Harley-Davidson touring or trike model 2009

or later, the MMA strongly suggests contacting your local Harley dealer for the free recall service. For more information, contact [SafetyDirector@MassMotorcycle.org](mailto:SafetyDirector@MassMotorcycle.org) or see:

[http://www.masslive.com/business-news/index.ssf/2011/10/harley-davidson\\_switch\\_recall.html](http://www.masslive.com/business-news/index.ssf/2011/10/harley-davidson_switch_recall.html)

Harley-Davidson to recall more than 308,000 motorcycles

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DETROIT (AP) - Harley-Davidson Inc. is recalling about 308,000 motorcycles to fix a switch problem that can cause failure of the brake lights and possibly even the rear brakes themselves.

The company said in documents filed last week with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that brake light switches can be exposed to too much heat from the exhaust system. The heat can cause the brake lights to fail, and the problem also can cause fluid leaks and the loss of rear brakes,

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ACMC - Arizona Spokesman

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## FUSION CENTER

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A fusion center is a terrorism prevention and response center, many of which were created under a joint project between the Department of Homeland Security and the US Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs between 2003 and 2007.

The fusion centers gather information not only from government sources, but also from their partners in the private sector.

They are designed to promote information sharing at the federal level between agencies such as the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Justice, US Military and state and local level government. As of July 2009, the Department of Homeland Security recognized at least seventy-two fusion centers. Template:PBS Frontline Report: Are We Safer?, season 29 mentions that the DHS created 72 fusion centers. One such fusion center has been involved with spying on anti-war and peace activists as well as anarchists in Washington

State. [3] Fusion centers may also be affiliated with an Emergency Operations Center that responds in the event of a disaster.

The fusion process is an overarching methodology of managing the flow of information and intelligence across levels and sectors of government to integrate information for analysis. That is, the process relies on the active involvement of state, local, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies—and sometimes on non-law enforcement agencies (e.g., private sector) - to provide the input of raw information for intelligence analysis. As the array of diverse information sources increases, there will be more accurate and robust analysis that can be disseminated as intelligence. Although the phrase fusion center has been used widely, there are often misconceptions about the function of the center. Perhaps the most common is that the center is a large room full of work stations where the staff are constantly responding to inquiries from officers, investigators, and agents. This vision is more accurately a watch center or an investigative support center

- not an intelligence fusion center. Another common misconception is that the fusion center is minimally staffed until there is some type of crisis wherein representatives from different public safety agencies converge to staff workstations to manage the crisis. This is an emergency operations center, not an intelligence fusion center. The fusion center is not an operational center but a support center. It is analysis driven.

The fusion process proactively seeks to identify threats posed by terrorists or criminal enterprises and to stop them before they occur - prevention is the essence of the intelligence process. The distinction, however, is that the fusion center is typically organized by amalgamating representatives - ideally, intelligence analysts - from different federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies into one physical location. Each representative is intended to be a conduit of raw information from his or her agency, a representative who can infuse that agency-specific information into the collective body of information for analysis. Conversely, when the fusion center

needs intelligence requirements the representative is the conduit back to the agency to communicate, monitor, and process the new information needs. Similarly, the agency representative ensures that analytic products and threat information are directed back to one's home agency for proper dissemination. According to the fusion center guidelines, a fusion center is defined as "a collaborative effort of two or more agencies that provide resources, expertise, and/or information to the center with the goal of maximizing the ability to detect, prevent, apprehend, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity. The intelligence component of a fusion center focuses on the intelligence process, where information is collected, integrated, evaluated, analyzed, and disseminated. Non-traditional collectors of intelligence, such as public safety entities and private sector organizations, possess important information that can be "fused" with law enforcement data to provide meaningful information and intelligence about threats and criminal activity".

## LEADERSHIP: GOOD VERSUS BAD

**In my opinion**, today's motorcycle clubs are facing a leadership & brotherhood crisis. They can only survive this crisis if the leaders & members respect & believe in each other.

**A good leader** cares about his club, respects his members & leads by example. He believes that every member has a right & duty to vote on all aspects of club policy. A good leader lets you think for yourself & encourages you to be actively involved in club decisions. He wants to build your club into a strong presence that earns the loyalty & respect necessary for today's clubs to survive. A good leader acknowledges that it is your club as much as it is his. He believes in a strong brother-

hood, & represents the will of the members. He values your ideas & listens to your input. He trusts that you will do the right thing to make your club & brotherhood strong. By working together, he earns your willing loyalty & support.

**A bad leader** shows no respect for his members. He rules using fear, intimidation & violence to control you. He believes you don't have the right to voice an opinion or vote on club policies & rules. He believes you are too stupid or inexperienced to contribute worthy ideas. A bad leader feels he alone has the right to make the important decisions about you & your club. He demands you blindly follow & do whatever he decides. These bad leaders seem to believe our Mo-

torcycle clubs should be structured like an organized crime family instead of being based on democracy & brotherhood. A motorcycle club's members are a collection of like-minded individuals whose purpose is riding motorcycles & brotherhood. A criminal organization's members are individuals ruled by a capo whose purpose is criminal activity & personal gain. Today, in some clubs, rules have been twisted to the point where leaders have the power to strip any member of his patch on a whim. A bad leader demands instant loyalty & obedience from you. If you challenge his leadership or decisions, he will attempt to destroy you. If the brotherhood in that club is already weak, it's very easy for a bad leader to "divide & conquer."

This abuse of power destroys the concept of brotherhood. How can brotherhood survive if club members are treated as lackeys who have no rights? We often see how dictatorial leaders responsible for decisions leading to criminal indictments turn on the members who blindly followed them. Like their counterparts in third-world countries, these Tyrants have no loyalty to anyone or anything. Bad leaders who hold a position using intimidation & violence ultimately destroy their own club. When their world eventually crashes down, they are only concerned with saving their own asses. They do not deserve anyone's respect. I believe all club members have a right & duty to decide the goals & future of their club. Once you receive the

**LEADERSHIP** *CONTINUED*

100% vote necessary for membership, you are guaranteed the same rights, duty & responsibility as anyone in that club. Your participation gives you a vested interest in your club, & contributes to its success. I also believe a member should not lose his patch unless if he commits a patch-pulling offense AND if 100% of his chapter's members agree he is guilty. Why should any club member have to live in fear that he might displease some power-tripper & wind up losing his patch & tossed out in bad standing? Is that brotherhood or serfdom?

**The solution** is to establish a clearly defined charter stating the club's goals & the individual member's rights. This should be backed up with a simple common sense set of rules listing the violations for which a member will lose his patch. All club members should have a right to vote on every aspect

of both. Every member has the right to help decide the future of his club. Is your club a motorcycle club or a criminal organization? If you have the strength, integrity & willingness to stand up for what you believe in, you deserve a leader who has loyalty & respect for you. Together, you will earn the pride & recognition of belonging to a first class club that others admire & want to join.

**Today is the day** to bring about change. Stand up & demand your right to be heard by your club leaders. If they refuse to listen, do whatever it takes to get their attention. Your club's future is up to you.

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**HARLEY-DAVIDSON RECALL** *CONTINUED*

the documents said. The problem affects Touring, CVO Touring and Trike motorcycles from the 2009 through 2012 model years. They were built between June 6, 2008 and Sept. 16, 2011. Harley says it will notify owners of the recall. Dealers will install a rear brake

light switch kit free of charge. The recall affects about 251,000 motorcycles in the U.S. alone, with the balance in other countries.

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**CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION COMPLAINT FORM**

Name of complainant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Law:** "Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State ... subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person ... the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law..." 42 USC § 1983.

**The wearing of colors by members of motorcycle clubs is a means of identifying Club Members and symbolizes their common interests and beliefs. Prohibiting speech of this nature constitutes an attack on a particular viewpoint. *Sammartano v. First Judicial District Court, in and for the County of Carson City*, 303 F.3d 959, 971-72 (9th Cir. 2002).**

In *Sammartano*, the Carson City courthouse enacted a rule to prohibit admission of those with "clothing, attire or 'colors' which have symbols, markings or words indicating an affiliation with street gangs, biker or similar organizations," because "such clothing or attire can be extremely disruptive and intimidating, especially when members of different groups are in the building at the same time." 303 F.3d at 964. The Ninth Circuit reasoned that the rule singles out bikers and similar organizations for the message their clothing is presumed to convey, and held that the rule impermissibly discriminates against a particular point of view – the view of biker clubs as opposed to garden clubs and gun clubs. *Id.* at 971-72.

**Complaint Information**

Provide names, address, phone number, organization, business, or any other identifying information of the **PERSONS ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW** to violate your rights. (Example: Officer Dom Foke, Small Town Police Department, badge #0666).

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Describe in detail what the person acting under color of law (the police or their agents such as business proprietors) did and said regarding your wearing colors or being present at the location wearing colors. State date, time, location, names of persons present and what they might be able to testify to. Be prepared to make a truthful, accurate statement under oath.

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Complete and mail to: Still Ray Fitzgerald, 1634 W. Pine Cone Way, Prescott, AZ 86303

**Limited Power of Attorney**

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
 give \_\_\_\_\_ power of attorney to claim, pick up  
 and receive "my personal property including but not limited to my  
 vehicle/motorcycle/trike

\_\_\_\_\_ which is being held at \_\_\_\_\_

All persons holding said property are to immediately release property to

\_\_\_\_\_

This power of attorney is limited to 30 days, after being signed, dated and witnessed.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The form printed is for the benefit of Bikers from  
 Aid to Injured Motorcyclists and Law Offices of Richard M. Lester

**If In an accident call 1-800-On A Bike**  
**Accident Attorneys who Ride**

**Documentation of Discrimination**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS - FULL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME / POSITION OF PERSON ENFORCING POLICY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION (use back if needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
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YOUR NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* INCLUDE ANY PICTURES OF DISCRIMINATING SIGNS POSTED \*\*\***

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**Documentation of Incident/Profiling**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON GIVEN TO PULLOVER OR DETAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
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LOCATION WHERE IT OCCURRED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OFFICER AND POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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WRITTEN STATEMENT OF INCIDENT (use back if needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
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YOUR NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**INCLUDE ANY PICTURES IF YOU HAVE THEM.**

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# THANK YOU FROM THE SPARTAN RIDERS MC

The Spartan Riders M.C. would like to thank everyone who came out and showed their support at our Spaghetti Feed this year. We appreciate your continued support for the last 31 years.

Recently Lee and Jerry fell victim to the infamous left turners. Many of you purchased raffle tickets that we sold to help with Lee's medical expenses. We would like to thank every-

one who purchased tickets and congratulate Mariah from the Medieval Maidens Motorcycle Club. She won the raffle and received tickets for the Arizona Vs. Dallas game on Dec 4th. All proceeds went to help with Lee's expenses.

Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you all Jan 7th for Lee's benefit.

S.R.M.C

# WHEN WRITING YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Your Name

Your Address

Your City, State, Zip

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Date

[Date can be left or right justified. However be sure to skip a line]

Honorable Addressee Name

Addressee Address

Addressee Address [line 2 if needed]

Addressee City, State, Zip

[I often include an email and/or Phone number, although not technically formal according to websites I have referenced]

Dear Representative or Senator, [Salutation or Greeting]

Introduction [Identify Self and any professional or personal experience relevant to the purpose of the letter. State the purpose, for example the issue and a proposed resolution. Formal letters are indented for each paragraph, but again the digital age and Internet often ignores paragraph indenting and have seen acceptable letters written without indents, and instead spaces between paragraphs]

Body Paragraphs [Limit to about three paragraphs. Cite data sources and recommend solutions to each problem, as well as, the effects of the problems. Provide an alternative that the legislator can work with rather simply stating a complaint or disagreement]

Conclusion [Ask for reply or action (be polite). I have even asked for alternative resolutions not stated, but always clearly state the grievance or resolutions that are unacceptable and why if the preceding body paragraphs. For example any resolution that continues to violate my 4th Amendment rights is unacceptable. Include a statement of follow up action and intentions on you yourself or organization.

Thank them for their time, efforts, consideration, etc... [Always maintain a polite and respectful tone. Stay on the high road. I know it can be difficult at times, but remember this letter whether electronic or hardcopy may be distributed and circulated and the content and tone reflects not just the author, but the organization the author represents.]

Respectfully, [Closing - End the letter with "Regards," or "Faithfully," if you do not know the person or well and "Sincerely," for those who you know by person. If there is a disagreement," Respectfully," is appropriate.]

[Typically 3-4 Spaces and sign hardcopies here]

Your Name

Email Address [and/or]

Phone number [if different or not included in top right/header]

Tip 1: Try to keep to one page, I have reduced to the font to ten, shrunk the margins to 0.75" and made the addresses "in-line" to accomplish, which are technically incorrect, but acceptable. You can always includes attachments rather than going into detail to save space.

Tip 2: Use the same format for emails as often one may print the content portion and then your contact information is then disconnected from the letter content or even addressee.



# ACMC Runs, Events, And Happenings



Compiled by Kat

January 2012

**Jan 1st** .....Frosty Balls and Chilly Boobs

Desert Thunder MC 17th Annual Frosty Balls and Chilly Boobs Poker Run

(high/low hand) \$15 Single Rider/\$20 with Passenger All proceeds go to The Verde Valley Hospice Sponsored by VV-MMA, K A Cycles and Desert Thunder MC Registration starts at 9am – K A Cycles (595 S. 6th St. Cottonwood, AZ) Kickstands up at 10:30am Great ride thru the Verde Valley! For more information contact Keith at K A Cycles at 928-634-1364 or 8 Ball or Keith (email: 8ball @ desertthundermc.com)

**Jan 6th** .....Motorcycles on Main Bike Night

Every 1st Friday: Motorcycles on Main. This is a Sturgis-style Bike Night from 6-10pm. Cruise Main Street in Downtown Mesa. Beer Gardens, Live Bands, vendors, park & show your bike. You don't need a bike to attend. Sponsors include Logan's Valley Motorcycles

& Chester's Harley-Davidson. Vendors call 480-890-2613 Website: [www.downtownmesa.com/index.php/mom](http://www.downtownmesa.com/index.php/mom)

**Jan 7th** .....ACMC Meeting

ACMC Meeting will be hosted by Hells Angels MC Cave Creek at their Clubhouse at 21448 N 24th Ave Phoenix, AZ. at 12:00 Noon. Please send at least 2 representatives from your Club or Organization who has the authority to vote, if needed. Anything to address at the meeting or any business with the ACMC please contact Still Ray - Chairman. His info is on the Contacts Page of the ACMC website. Any questions or concerns please contact a Board Member.

Contact: Kat Grover (email: [katmmmc @ yahoo.com](mailto:katmmmc@yahoo.com)) Website: [www.azcmc.org](http://www.azcmc.org)

**Jan 7th**....Benefit for Lee

Spartan Riders are hosting a Benefit for Lee. All proceeds go to help Lee with expenses incurred due to a left turner hitting him. Live bands, Food and door prizes. 3pm until the party stops.

**Jan 13th** .....LRMC Open House

6739 N 60 Av..1Blk S of Glendale Av..7PM

E.Z. (email: [oldhippy13 @ gmail.com](mailto:oldhippy13@gmail.com))

**Jan 21st** .....Chris' 5th An-

nual Smoker Party

Chris' Infamous Smoker Party! Come celebrate with Cave Creek HAMC on Jan 21st 2012 at 6pm. Dinner included. Cheap drinks, band, and show. Location: Croatian American Club 2434 W Devonshire Phoenix, AZ.

**Jan 27th** .....Sons of Aesir MC Bike Night

Sons Of Aesir MC Bike Night @ The Wagon Yard 2625 E. Bell Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85032 (it's near 27th Street & Bell Ave) 7pm until ??? Music, Drink Specials & Food, come out have a good time with the Sons! F.M.I. contact Hooligan (email: [Hooligan @ sonsofaesirmc.com](mailto:Hooligan@sonsofaesirmc.com)) Website: [sonsofaesirmc.com/upcoming-events.html](http://sonsofaesirmc.com/upcoming-events.html) ph# 928-600-4064

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**February 2012**

**Feb 3rd** .....Motorcycles on Main Bike Night

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**Feb 11th** .....LRMC Valentines Party

6739 N 60 Ave..1 Blk S of Glendale ave..Starts at 7 PM E.Z. (email: [oldhippy13 @ gmail.com](mailto:oldhippy13@gmail.com))

**Feb 12th**.....29th Annual Florence Prison Run

Ride a Harley. Go to Prison. Time: Sign starts @ 8:00AM, Pack leaves @ 10:00AM from 4 different locations. Mesa: Lost Dutchman Clubhouse, Tucson:HAMC Tucson Clubhouse, Phoenix:HAMC Phoenix Clubhouse, Cave Creek/Nomads: Steel Horse Saloon. Party starts at 11am at Charles Withrow Rodeo Grounds 4 miles south of Florence. \$20 registration Fee at Start Locations or Gate.

**Feb 22nd** .....Motorcycle Day at the Dome

The Annual event is sponsored by ABATE of Arizona. The purpose of the Motorcycle Day at the Dome (MDATD) is to meet, greet and discuss issues facing motorcyclist with your District Legislators. 11:30am-1pm on the Capitol grounds, Senate lawn. A barricaded area is reserved for bike parking on 17th Ave between Washington

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and Jefferson. For further information on the event, go to the <http://www.mma-az.org/> or <http://www.abateofaz.org/> or Kat Grover (email: [katmmmc@yahoo.com](mailto:katmmmc@yahoo.com)) Website: [www.azcmc.com](http://www.azcmc.com)

**Feb 25th** .....Soldiers for Jesus MC Run

Soldiers for Jesus MC.first annual run for the clubs poker run. come out and support the clubs with us. cash prize for high and low hand,50/50 and raffle prizes,time and location,T.B.A Earlslick 623 203-3681 (email: [hoggswild@cox.net](mailto:hoggswild@cox.net))

**March 2012**

**March 2nd** .....Motorcycles on Main Bike Night

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**March 3rd** .....ACMC Meeting

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least 2 representatives from your Club or Organization who has the authority to vote, if needed. Anything to address at the meeting or any business with the ACMC please contact Still Ray - Chairman. His info is on the Contacts Page of the ACMC website. Any questions or concerns please contact a Board Member.

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**March 3rd** ..... "In Memory Run"

Rough Riders M/C (Papago Chapter) More into to follow. Event moved from 10 March-Warhead (email: [warheadrrmc@cox.net](mailto:warheadrrmc@cox.net))

**March 10th** .....Shamrocks & Shenanigans

#"Contact: Jacob (email: [cobyd\\_73@yahoo.com](mailto:cobyd_73@yahoo.com))

**March 17th** .....GOLDRUSH POKER RUN Your browser may not support display of this image.

Lost Dutchman MC Sign in at clubhouse in MESA, at 9:00am. Poker route takes you through the Southern back country roads. High hand gets pure GOLD. There'll be a 50/50, many raffle prizes, vendors of all types, live music, drink specials, and of course the Best Wet Tee Shirt contest in Arizona. for vendor or other info: [billetdmc@juno.com](mailto:billetdmc@juno.com)

Bill Bracken (email: [billetdmc@juno.com](mailto:billetdmc@juno.com))

**March 24th** .....Zombie Bash

Desert Thunder MC Biker Zombies come out. Zombie contest. Raffles, 50/50 Location TBA : Lodur (email: [lodur@desertthundermc.com](mailto:lodur@desertthundermc.com))

**March 24th** .....LRMC 29th Anniversary Party

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**March 28th - April 1st**

.....Arizona Bike Week 2012

The 2012 Arizona Bike Week will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona from March 28th, 2012 to April 1st, 2012. It will be held at 16601 N. Pima Rd in Scottsdale. This is the 16th anniversary of the AZ Bike Week and will be a non-stop party. This year's event will include Concerts, Vendors and Festivities for 5 days!

**April 2012**

**April 6th** ..... Motorcycles on Main Bike Night

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**April 8th** .....HAMC CC hosts Sonny's Anniversary Poker Run/Party

End Arizona Bike week celebrating the Anniversary of Sonny Barger. Details to follow.

**MAY 2012**

**May 5th**..... ALMA MC'S CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

Details to follow. FMI: Chapo at [Soy.Chapo@gmail.com](mailto:Soy.Chapo@gmail.com). OR visit website: [www.ALMAMC.com](http://www.ALMAMC.com).

**May 12th**....ACMC Meeting

To All ACMC Members: Next ACMC Meeting is Jan 7th 2012 at 12 noon. Please send at least 2 representatives from your Club or Organization who has the authority to vote, if needed. The Next ACMC Meeting will be hosted by Hells Angels MC Tucson at their Clubhouse. Anything to address at the meeting please contact Still Ray. His info is on the Contacts Page of this website. If you have business with the ACMC please also contact Still Ray-Chairman. Any questions or concerns please contact a Board Member.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The following are some guidelines to follow in the unfortunate event that you have an encounter with the police or other law enforcement officer

- \* Be polite and respectful.
- \* Never bad-mouth an officer of the law.
- \* Stay calm and in control of your words, body language and emotions.
- \* Don't get into an argument with the police.
- \* Remember, anything you say or do can be used against you.
- \* Keep your hands where the police can see them.
- \* Don't run.
- \* Don't touch the police officer.
- \* Don't resist even if you believe you are innocent.
- \* Don't complain on the scene or tell the police they are wrong or that you are going to file a complaint.
- \* Do not make any statements regarding the incident.
- \* Ask for a lawyer immediately upon your arrest.
- \* Remember the officer's badge and patrol car numbers.
- \* Write down everything you remember ASAP.
- \* Try to find witnesses and get their name, address and phone

number.

\* If you are injured, take a photograph of the injuries as soon as possible, but make sure you seek medical attention first.

\* If you feel your rights have been violated, file a written complaint with the police department's internal affairs division or civilian complaint board and send a copy to the A.C.M.C.

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### REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT FACTS

1. What you say to the police is ALWAYS important. What you say CAN be used against you and it can give the police an excuse to arrest you, especially if you are disrespectful or bad-mouth the police officer.
2. You DON'T have to answer the police officer's questions, but you MUST show your driver's license and registration (and in some states proof of insurance) when stopped in a car or motorcycle. In other situations you can't legally

be arrested for refusing to identify yourself to a police officer.

3. You DON'T have to consent to any search of yourself, your car or your house. If you DO consent to a search, it can affect your rights later in court. If the police say they have a search warrant, ASK TO SEE IT.

4. Do not interfere with, or obstruct the police - you can be arrested for it.

5. Fill out Incident/Profiling form provided by ACMC. Find inside Spokesman or on ACMC website.

### IF YOU ARE STOPPED FOR QUESTIONING

\* It is NOT A CRIME to refuse to answer questions, but refusing to answer can make the police suspicious about you. You CAN'T BE ARRESTED merely for refusing to identify yourself on the street.

\* Police may "pat-down" your clothing if they suspect a concealed weapon. DO NOT physically resist, but make it clear that you don't consent to any further search.

\* Ask if you are under arrest. If you are, you have a right to know why.

\* DON'T bad-mouth the police officer or run away. Even if you believe what is happening is unreasonable. That could lead to your arrest.

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### WHAT TO SAY TO THE POLICE TO ASSERT YOUR RIGHTS

Officer, Please understand:

I have the right to have an attorney present if you want to question me or conduct any search of my body or personal effects. I am not giving my consent to any type of search.

If I am under arrest, I wish to invoke and exercise my Miranda Rights. I want to speak to an attorney now. I do not want my personal property impounded, nor do I consent to any impoundment. I request the opportunity to secure my personal effects.

If I am NOT under arrest, please tell me immediately so I may leave.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE-ONE AT A TIME

A FIVE-MINUTE HANDBOOK FOR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

**NO ONE IS AS INTERESTED AS YOU ARE:** Nowadays everyone's attention span and time are limited. Be grateful if you get anyone's attention on our issue, even for a few seconds. Some wannabe activists come in like a lion, then disappear faster than sh\*t through a short dog. Take whatever you get from any volunteer. Praise and thank them. Don't be disappointed when they drift away. They will. But some come back. Keep the light on for them. The AMA stinks. So does MRF, NCOM, ABATE, and any or all of the rest of the MROs. At the same time, all

of these organizations are the best thing since sliced bread. We won't keep or retrieve our rights without them. It's normal to love them and hate them at the same time. Be sure your complaints about them go to the person who can do something about your problem. Never give up your membership - it's much easier to fix things from the inside. Avoid griping in public -- our opponents love it when we do. Always handle our dirty laundry behind closed doors. Always.

**THERE IS NO MAGIC BULLET:** There is no single answer, rule, or solution. Never has been, and never will be. None of us will write the single brilliant letter to the editor or internet message that

will miraculously turn everything around. Keep steadily busy. Do as much as you can, whenever you can. Anything you do counts. But some things count more than others. Find out what counts. Then do it more.

**THERE IS NO FINAL VICTORY:** Preserving Bikers Rights is an ongoing PROCESS. We are winning and losing battles during this process, but the war will never be over. Becoming active to keep your rights is a lot like cleaning your house: it's thankless and boring work, but necessary. Like dirt, the Safety Nazi crowd will just keep coming back. Forever. Your activism will keep us winning more than losing. Our opponents count

on wearing us down. They love it when one of us (not you, of course) gets discouraged and drops out. When you fully understand and accept the reality that Biker Rights is a never-ending struggle, you're automatically in the top 5 percent of all Bikers Rights defenders. Congratulations.

**BIKERS RIGHTS ACTIVISM IS BORING:** It's especially boring when you are doing things that really make a difference. Most of us want drama. We want to be entertained. Phone bank calling, precinct walking, going to Bikers Rights grassroots seminars -- suddenly, even a trip to the dentist

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**ACCIDENT / DUI / CRIMINAL**

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*"I'VE BEEN DEFENDING  
THE RIGHTS OF ARIZONA BIKERS  
FOR OVER 20 YEARS"*



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## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE-ONE AT A TIME** *CONTINUED*

for a root canal will start to look better. Sorry, but there is no work-around on this aspect. Freedom is not free. It's a pain in the ass. Get used to it, get over it, and get to work.

**USE THE POWER OF FEAR AND GUILT:** Bikers are susceptible to these emotions. Awaken sleeping Bikers Rights activists by tapping these powerful emotions. Fear and guilt will move mountains - and fill the collection plate, and recruit new members. If Bikers won't become active for themselves, ask them to do it for their families. For their children. For their country. And -- this tactic works! -- ask them to do it for YOU.

**POLITICIANS ONLY CARE ABOUT VOTES AND MONEY:** In-person visits, phone calls, and snail-mailed, handwritten letters to elected folks help -- because politicians know that if you take this much trouble, you and your family and friends will also vote.

**HOT TIP:** Make yourself known to politicians for issues other than Bikers rights. Don't present yourself as a single-issue person. Praise and help politicians on THEIR pet projects. Then, when Motorcycle issues come up, your opinion will seem especially credible. Otherwise, you will soon be stereotyped and discounted as a single-issue voter.

**ANOTHER HOT TIP:** Politicians have to explain why they vote Yes or No on proposed laws. Sometimes they really need your help in composing explanations to their constituents. If you want your elected official to vote Yes, on a seemingly unpopular Helmet Modification Bill, she might be more willing to vote your way if you give her a "back door" -- a good, common sense explanation that she can give to all of her constituents.

**GET THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN OFFICE IN THE FIRST PLACE:** If we have the right people in power, anti-biker laws will not be passed. Period. The laws are what matter. This concept is so simple that many folks can't see it, just like they can't "see" the air they breathe. The anti-rights crowd can hold all the news conferences they want, but nothing will happen unless they can pass more laws. This fact tells you about the how, what, where, when, why, and with whom you should be spending your time, energy, and money. Politicians pass laws. Therefore, you must get involved in politics to protect your rights. There is just no way to get around this. Sorry. I don't like politics either. Bummer!

**STOP THE SABER RATTING -- NOW!:** Avoid those shrill folks who sound threatening or talk about doomsday. It's a waste of your time. These noisy

folks remind me of a couple in a failing marriage who only talk about a getting a divorce instead of talking about their real problems. If they don't solve their problems, separation or divorce becomes the inevitable outcome. Some people get pumped up on silly fantasy scenarios. I do not.

**ARM YOURSELF WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION:** Paradoxically, bad information or disinformation is a plague in the so-called Information Age. When you write or talk about Bikers Rights issues, use only the facts, the truth, and the provable. Verify any quotes that you use. Back up your generalizations with powerful and specific examples. Get on the internet, and get your like-minded friends online. Join several of the hundreds of net communities that will keep you informed instantly and completely about our special issues. Information is power!

**IGNORE MEDIA SPIN:** It's far too easy to go bonkers reacting to the latest media-driven crisis. Don't let the media push your buttons. The activist pros I know do not overreact to crises. In fact, most of the ultra-pros that I know do not react at all to media hysteria. Bashing the media about their bias is not productive. Some Bikers use media bias as an excuse to do nothing -- because the situation seems so overwhelming and hopeless. Truth is, if you are a busy activist -- already steadily doing stuff that matters -- you will find the media reacting to YOU. Be friendly and polite with them -- not hostile. Become a reliable source of information for them. And just keep on being ACTIVE.

**JUST SHOW UP:** It's been said that 80 percent of success is showing up. Being there. Showing up to vote. Showing up at a Bikers Rights seminar. At your Senator/Delegates office. At a city council meeting. My father's

favorite motto: "Your actions speak so loud that I can't hear a word you're saying." Your "silent" activism can be a model for others. What will your 3 riding buddies think when they find out you spent an afternoon handing out brochures door-to-door for a pro-biker politician?

**DON'T MESS WITH TRUE BELIEVERS - THE HIDDEN BONUS OF BIKERS RIGHTS ACTIVISM:** The more involved you get with freedom, issues, the more you will realize that your single issue actually complements and protects other human rights issues. Personally, I am deeply offended by many aspects of today's culture. When I focus my activism on Bikers Rights, I can often sense I am making a measurable difference. All rights -- like all humans -- are connected.

**WHEN IN DOUBT, JUST DO SOMETHING:** Sometimes we don't know what will work. Sometimes the rule is that there are no rules. Don't hesitate to try something new and innovative -- get it out on the table! Often your finest essay or brilliant letter will not be acknowledged, or you will just get a form letter response. But that letter to the editor that you dashed off in a few minutes appears in tomorrow's newspaper! Go figure. Better yet, try not to figure. Trust yourself, trust your instincts -- and just do something.

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**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

~ George Orwell (1903-1950) author of "1984"

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### The Huns of the Southwest

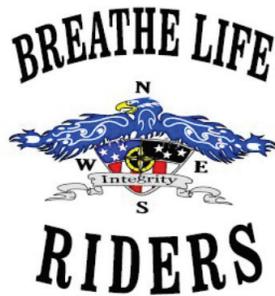


The Huns of the Southwest supports the efforts of the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC) in their endeavor to preserve the rights of all motorcycle riders. We also support the idea for a safer riding community by educating the public and making them aware of motorcyclists. This can be done with the guidance through this Motorcycle Rights Organization. We ask that you to give them your support.



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### THE DESERT ROAD RIDERS

SUPPORT THE ANTI - DISCRIMINATION WORK THE ACMC IS DOING



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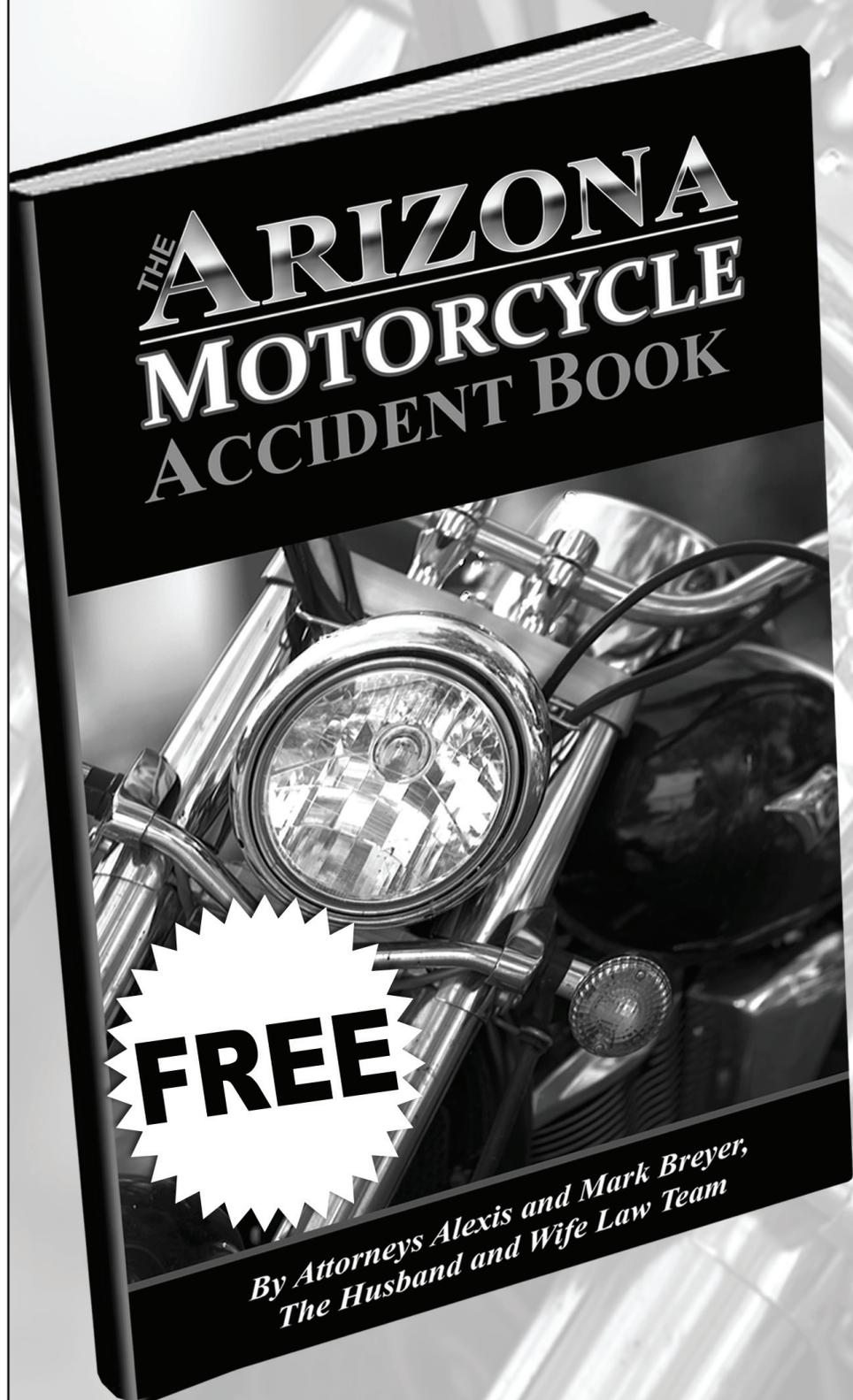
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# Attention Members of the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs:



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# AS POOH SEES IT



"I set to the right of center on most topics. Like most old clubbers I tend to be conservative and a traditionalist by nature. But there is way too much predatory self interest being practiced by our elected officials. This coupled with the entitlement that I wrote of in my previous column has brought us to a frightening place. If history is a barometer of things to come. The corporations will brake out with the funds to turn the economy around or they will be forced to. I hope I never see the later happen in my life time. For then people who have no idea what to do with the money most often find themselves in charge of how it is spent. Our revolution worked when others failed because our founding fathers were business men. They knew the value of a buck. But what was so astonishing was they also understood liberty and cared about the people.

I hope our elected officials take a chance on us and pass legislation that turns the economy around. I am not distinguishing between parties here. There doesn't seem to be a candidate running for office anywhere at any level that is on the side of the people.

One of the truths Jack Kennedy believed in was that the people always remember the man who does for them."

Love & Respect,

"Pooh Bear"

"Words are what Men say and live by."

So along those lines I suggest our elected officials take heed to these words said by Warren Buffet in a recent interview with CNBC. In it he offers one of the best quotes about the debt ceiling:"I could end the deficit in 5 minutes," he told CNBC. "You just pass a law that says that anytime there is a deficit of more than 3% of GOP, all sitting members of Congress are ineligible for re-election. The 26th amendment (granting the right to vote for 18 year-olds) took only 3 months & 8 days to be ratified! Why? Simple! The people demanded it. That was in 1971... before computers, e-mail, cell phones, etc. Of the 27 amendments to the Constitution, seven (7) took 1 year or less to become the law of the land...all because of public pressure.

Warren Buffet is asking each addressee to forward this email to a minimum of twenty people on their address list; in turn ask each of those to do likewise. In three days, most people in The United States of America will have the message. This is one idea that really should be passed around.

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3. Congress can purchase their own retirement plan, just as all Americans do.

4. Congress will no longer vote themselves a pay raise. Congress-

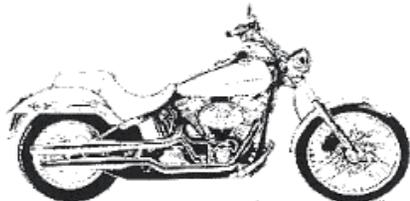
sional pay will rise by the lower of CPI or 3%.

5. Congress loses their current health care system and participates in the same health care system as the American people.

6. Congress must equally abide by all laws they impose on the American people.

7. All contracts with past and present Congressmen are void effective 1/1/12. The American people did not make this contract with Congressmen. Congressmen made all these contracts for themselves. Serving in Congress is an honor, not a career. The Founding Fathers envisioned citizen legislators, so ours should serve their term(s), then go home and back to work. Now having read this and if you agree send it to your Congressmen.



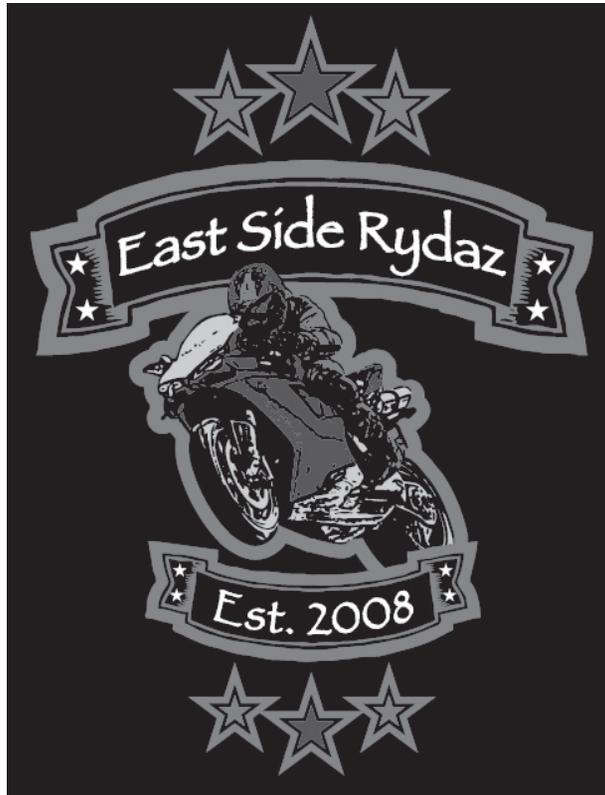
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## NATIONWIDE MOTORCYCLE THEFTS DOWN

A motorcycle is stolen every 9.5 minutes in America, but according to a report by the National Insurance Crime Bureau, motorcycle thefts last year were down 24% from their 2007 total.

There were 65,678 motorcycles reported stolen in 2007 compared with 49,791 in 2010, according to data from theft reports contained in the National Crime Information Center.

The top 5 makes stolen last year were: (1) Honda, 12,260; (2) Yamaha, 9,853;

(3) Suzuki, 7,869; (4) Kawasaki, 5,470; & (5) H-D, 3,301.

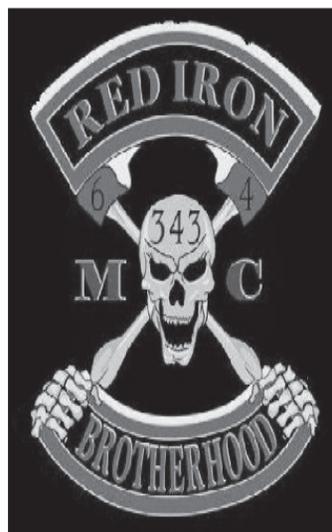
Combined, these 5 brands accounted for 38,753 thefts in 2010, or 77.8% of the total.

The 5 states with the most motorcycle thefts in 2010 were: (1) California, 5,662; (2) Texas, 4,394; (3) Florida, 4,148; (4) North Carolina, 2,649; & (5) Indian, 1,925. These 5 states accounted for 18,778 thefts, or 37.7% of the total.

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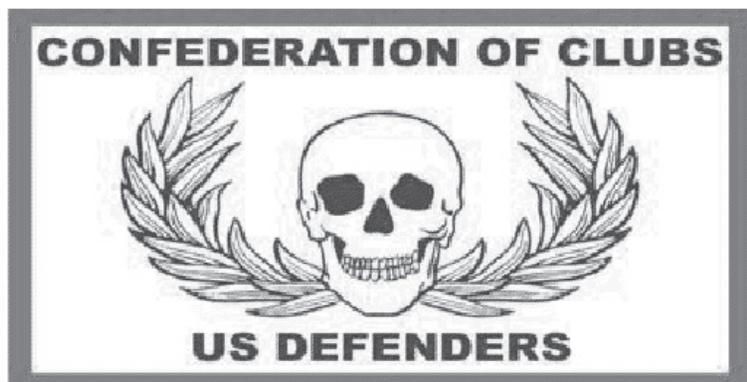
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# US DEFENDERS PROGRAM



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“Let us form one body, one heart, and defend to the last warrior our country, our homes, our liberty, and the graves of our fathers.” Tecumseh

## What we are:

The US Defenders is a grass roots manpower movement formed from within each Confederation of Clubs from every state. Composed of State Citizen Biker manpower from Motorcycle Clubs and C.O.I.R (Coalition of Independent Riders) representatives, the US Defenders work in solidarity for the common good of our communities and to defend the Constitution of these Unites States of America.

**Mission:**The US Defenders stand ready to implement and support motorcycle rights organizations and other organization’s “Call-to-Actions” that are identified as falling within each Confederation of Club’s agenda. The US Defenders also “Stand at the Ready” when it comes to assist-

ing your State’s Civil Defense in emergency situations such as tornado or flood damage that may befall our communities.

**US DEFENDERS:**The US Defenders program was commissioned by National Commander Gimmi Jimmy in the early fall of 2007 and has taken on a force of its own. Composed of members from every state COC and their COIR representatives, these freedom fighters have been appointed by their club, or selected from the independent rider community. The US Defenders units, led by each state’s Secretary of Defense and his unit commanders, will report to the National Lieutenant Commander who will assist you in all phases of the US Defenders program. Commissioned by your state’s COC, each US Defender will wear a state COC sanctioned US Defender patch that cannot be sold or traded; it is the property of the state. Any changes in personnel will need to be coordinated with the unit’s commander to which they are assigned.

The US Defenders program is not a Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) such as the TMRA, TMRA II, ABATE, AIM, MRF and the AMA, but manageable units of Motorcycle Clubs and Independent Riders manpower.

All US Defenders will be trained in “Call-to-Action” grass root strategies such as letter writing campaigns, emailing and phoning state and national legislators and canvassing crowds who will then take that training back to their clubs or groups to implement the action. Open training seminars in grass roots strategies like letter writing to legislators will be conducted by state and national leaders and teachers from around the country.

One of the most important tools of a US Defenders Unit will be the US Defender’s Booths that will be set up and manned at most major events and rallies across your state including motorcycle rallies, drag races, car and truck shows, etc. The mission of the US Defenders Booths will include registering voters, handing out US Defender and state COC literature, signing up C.O.I.R individuals, completing

surveys and distributing “I SUPPORT” gear whose donations go directly to help fund the movement.

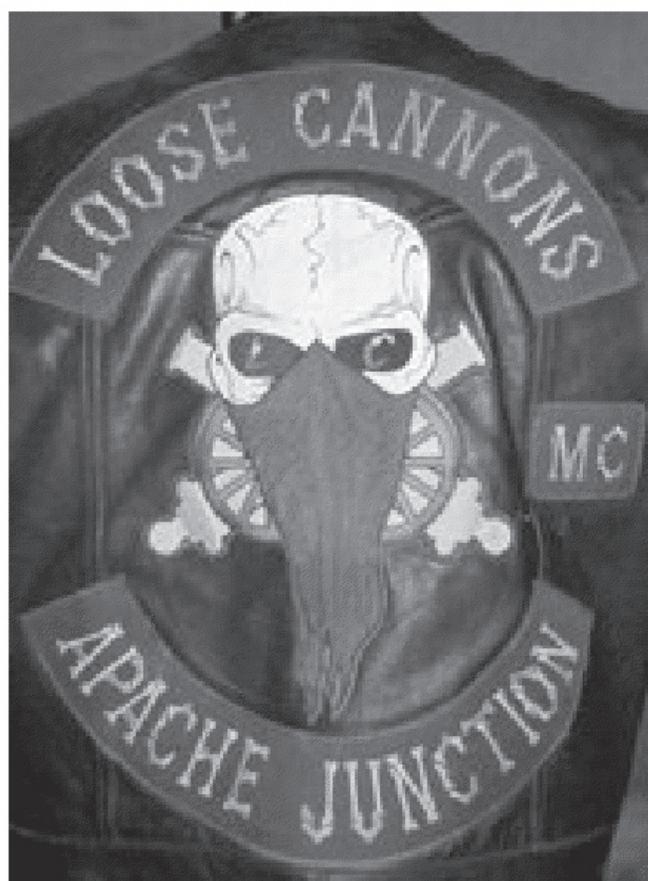
The US Defenders program promises to be the most exciting grass roots movement destined to spread across the country, all us working in concert together can achieve great things. Motorcycle club members, independent riders and even non-riders alike are coming together in solidarity in an effort to defend our constitutional liberties and to protect our right to pursue the biker lifestyle that we live day and night.

Remember, “One Heart, One Voice”!

For any questions concerning the US Defenders Program or to find out how you can get involved contact me directly at

paul@usdefenders.org or attend the next regional Confederation of Clubs meeting in your state.

Respect,  
Paul  
Lt. Commander  
US Defenders  
512.276.0681



## 20 YEARS AS A SOBER RIDER



Let me try to share with you, in a general way, the events in my life up till now.

I am about to celebrate 20 years of sobriety. My club is almost 20 years old in its conception, and about to celebrate 17 years as an active member of the ACMC.

I believe life is a series of choices. All people choose as they do because they believe it will make them happy. Most make the majority of those decisions well, and enjoy life.

For those afflicted with this malady of mind and body as I, have no choice while in their disease.

Now I believe there is no wrong way to stay clean and sober, but for those like me getting high was only a symptom of what ailed me. My only hope for recovery was through a 12 step program with it's principles for a life worth living. In no other way would I have the choices normal people make every day.

Born October 9th, 1950 I was the illegitimate child of a Pimp and his Whore in Hammond Indiana. My parents went to prison by the time I was 3 and I went to the Catholic Carmelite Home for Boys.

I was adopted by a wonderful couple from Hobart Indiana at age 6. I was an angry child. I could not see the good in my life. I pushed all who tried to get close to me and

punished all who loved me.

I was a good athlete and had many opportunities as the result. I often times feel if it were not for football I would have never gotten out of High School.

My adopted father disliked bikers and made that obvious. I knew what I wanted to be from a very early age. I bought my first motorcycle at 15½. Met some guys in a local Motorcycle Club in the 60's and have been involved in the MC world ever since.

I used adrenalin rushes, gratuitous sex, violence, drugs, and alcohol. In short anything and everything available so as not to feel. They were all working for me and thought I was flying high. But in truth, I was spiraling down and down. You see for me lies only cover lies and the truth always rises to the surface. No mater how hard I tried to destroy its physical presents the truth never went away.

Avoiding some serious trouble in Indiana brought me to Arizona. Drugs and alcohol had taken over my life. But I was not through. King Alcohol had not whipped me yet. I was raised to believe the last one swinging wins. So down I went, deep into the incomprehensible demoralization that can only be bought at the expense of ones soul.

As fate would have it I had a mo-

ment of clarity just in time to find a place where recovery from my disease could be found. I learned to abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol. I worked at the local Biker bar and hung out with the local Motorcycle club. But when you sober up a horse thief all you get is a sober horse thief. I soon picked up again and found myself in much trouble.

That was December 23rd of 1991. That local MC helped me out with a lawyer. After getting to know me better the people I pissed off that night felt I deserved a brake. And all the trouble I was in went away. I knew there must be something to the psychic change the program said I must make. But how? What I could not do forever, I did do one day at a time. I knew that for me I needed others like me, to support me with 12 step recovery if I were to live in the MC world I loved so much. It is in a daily reprieve from my disease based on a well maintained spiritual conditional that my life could be saved. So that morning December 23rd, 1991 started my path as a Sober Rider.

I was invited to one of the first ACMC meetings in 1994. As luck would have it I missed that meeting do to an injury that put me in the Hospital. After being released from the Hospital I found that in missing the ACMC meeting as I had, I missed the opportunity to join the order as a club. I was told that if I wanted to be in a club that was a member of the ACMC I must join a club that had attended that meeting. Or I could start a Motorcycle Association and become an associate member.

Wanting not to be just another band of buddies who called themselves a club and road together, Sober Riders wanted to make a difference in the way MC's were treated by the law and were seen in the public's eye. We wanted to be members of the ACMC.

So on December 10, 1994 Sober Riders became Sober Riders Motorcycle Association.

That January we were accepted as an Associate member of the confederation.

We consider ourselves a traditional MC in that we believe in, and practice many old school traditions in spite of the many changes that have come about in the MC world.

Volunteering for every service we could render from serving food to picking up

trash to securing run sites until on May 5th 2001 Sober Riders MC was made a full club member of the ACMC.

I have been at this long enough to see many changes in the MC world here and across the country. I have learned that it is the similarities not the differences that bind a club. We have learned that friendships fail and a club based on such to hold them together, fail as well. It is a common commitment to the patch on your back, good or bad come hell or high water that is the measure of a member and the club they belong to.

It is too little said any more, but none the less forever true. The patch does not make the man but the man makes the patch.

It is the same with The Confederation. The members new and old who are dedicated to the ACMC's mission will shine the brightest and last. Make no mistake we are all in this together. We must stand on our similarities and put away any differences we might have. If we don't stand together each and every one, we surely will fail.

So having spoken my piece, I offer a poem I found on a Hallmark greeting card. I find it encouraging in that it says it all. I use it to calm my soul and encourage me less I forget these words I have written here. I hope it will do the same for you.

“ The Oak Tree”

A mighty wind blew night and day,  
It stole the oak tree's leaves away  
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark  
until the Oak was tired and stark.  
But still the oak tree held its ground  
while other trees fell all around.  
The weary gave up and spoke,  
“ How can you still be standing , Oak?”  
The Oak tree said, I know that you  
can break each branch of mine in two,  
carry every leaf away,  
shake my limbs and make me sway.  
But I have roots stretched in the earth,  
growing stronger since my birth.  
You'll never touch them, for you see,  
They are the deepest part of me.  
Until today, I wasn't sure of just how  
much I could endure.  
But now I have found with thanks to  
you,  
I am stronger than I ever knew.”

Love & Respect,  
“Pooh Bear”

## 96% OF CONGRESSMEN AGREE: BAD LEGISLATION IS EASIER TO CRAFT IN SECRET

We recently discussed the National Defense Authorization Act currently working its way through the House and Senate. Both have passed their respective bills but some debate continues over a controversial provision which aims to extend indefinite military detention (without charge or trial) to cover US citizens, rather than just foreign terrorist suspects.

The whole “indefinite military detention” aspect of the bill is heinous enough even if it just ends up being used against foreign suspects. But the decision to declare US territory as a “war zone” in order to mobilize the military against US citizens is particularly worrisome. Due to the fact that this provision is highly controversial and yet another in a long line of post-PATRIOT Act attacks on the Bill of Rights, Congress has decided to move the discussion behind closed doors, presumably to avoid any scrutiny from the very public it wishes to foist this legislation upon. The vote wasn’t even close:

With the House having voted 406-17 to “close” portions of the meetings and avoid public scrutiny, members from both chambers and both parties are meeting in a secretive conference committee to work on reconciling the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. On the military detention provision, their main task is going to be to find a solution that can pass both chambers

(again) and not draw a veto from President Obama.

Here is the very brief list of representatives who still believe that government still has something to do with being “by the people, for the people”:

Justin Amash (MI) , Earl Blumenauer (OR) , Yvette Clarke (NY) , John Conyers (MI) , Peter DeFazio (OR) , Keith Ellison (MN) , Sam Farr (CA) , Raul Grijalva (AZ) , Michael Honda (CA) , Dennis Kucinich (OH) , Barbara Lee (CA) , John Lewis (GA) , James McDermott (WA) , John Oliver (MA) , Ron Paul (TX) , Fortney Stark (CA) , Lynn Woolsey (CA)

As depressing as it is that only 17 representatives out of the 423 voting would stand up for government openness, it’s even more depressing that the threat of a veto doesn’t carry much weight. The administration is not altogether opposed to this provision, as is evidenced by this Statement of Administrative Policy:

Section 1031 attempts to expressly codify the detention authority that exists under the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107-40) (the “AUMF”). The authorities granted by the AUMF, including the detention authority, are essential to our ability to protect the American people from the threat posed by al-Qa’ida and its associated forces,

and have enabled us to confront the full range of threats this country faces from those organizations and individuals. Because the authorities codified in this section already exist, the Administration does not believe codification is necessary and poses some risk. After a decade of settled jurisprudence on detention authority, Congress must be careful not to open a whole new series of legal questions that will distract from our efforts to protect the country. While the current language minimizes many of those risks, future legislative action must ensure that the codification in statute of express military detention authority does not carry unintended consequences that could compromise our ability to protect the American people.

Basically, the administration is expressing its “concern” and advising Congress to pass clarifying legislation in the future. Of course, the legislation the House wanted to pass will already be on the books and judging by the swift passage of both the House and Senate versions, combined with this overwhelming vote for secrecy, there’s no reason to believe Congress will ever feel the urge to dial back its overreach.

In fact, the only thing the administration strongly opposes enough to deploy a veto is the provision that would mandate this power be used against all terrorist suspects besides US citizens.

The Administration strongly objects to the military custody provision of section 1032, which would appear to mandate military custody for a certain class of terrorism suspects.

The administration wants to retain its power to detain suspected terrorists outside the context of war and the Geneva Convention protections, but (at least according to this statement) it’s much less concerned about mobilizing the military against US citizens. So the controversial Section 1031 can likely remain intact, unlike the Bill of Rights. It would be the Section 1032 mandate that would need to be altered to fit the administration’s desires, namely broad power over suspected foreign terrorists.

The long and the short of it is that the government wants to retain its worldwide overreach and is more than willing to extend this grasp to US citizens, provided detaining the home crowd indefinitely doesn’t interfere with detaining the visiting team indefinitely. All of this is being done under the pretense of keeping the US safe. And nothing’s safer for citizens than being in indefinite “protective” custody, apparently.

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## AMA-DISTRACTED AND INATTENTIVE VEHICLE OPERATION-POSITION

All road users are responsible for the safe operation of their vehicles on public roads and highways. Advances in mobile technology have made it easier than ever to become momentarily distracted by operating the controls of a stereo system, a global positioning unit, or some other device. The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) acknowledges that motorcyclists – in addition to car drivers, truck drivers, and even bicyclists -- share this responsibility. Distracted motorcycle operation can be every bit as dangerous to the operator, other road users, and

pedestrians as the distracted operation of a larger motor vehicle. The AMA recognizes that distracted or inattentive driving has become a major concern to the motorcycling community. Far too many cases have been documented of motorcyclists being injured or killed as the result of other vehicle operators being distracted or inattentive. Motor vehicle operators engaged in distracted or inattentive driving behaviors are not just a danger to motorcyclists – they endanger pedestrians, bicyclists, roadside assistance and emergency medical personnel, highway construction

workers, law enforcement personnel, and the list goes on. For too long, inappropriate non-driving activities while operating a motor vehicle have been accepted as “just the way it is.” Even the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) acknowledges that distracted and inattentive driving behaviors have significantly contributed to motor vehicle crashes. From an NHTSA report:

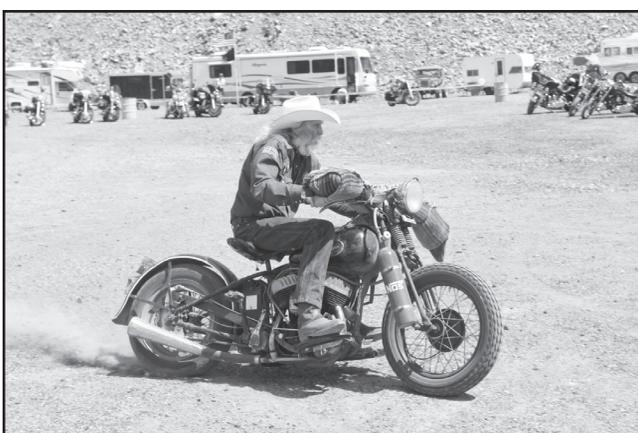
“Driver inattention is the leading factor in most crashes and near-crashes, according to a landmark

research report released today by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI). Nearly 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near-crashes involved some form of driver inattention within three seconds before the event. Primary causes of driver inattention are distracting activities, such as cell phone use, and drowsiness.”

Within the last few years in nearly

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# AMA-DISTRACTED AND INATTENTIVE VEHICLE OPERATION-POSITION CONTINUED

every state, new legislation has been introduced to address some facet of distracted or inattentive driving. Most of the bills are well intentioned. However, almost all focus on only one or a few in-vehicle behaviors, such as cell phone or text messaging system use, rather than addressing the main issue. Other bills, particularly those with age-based restrictions or prohibitions, are virtually unenforceable in the real world. Several bills, however, specify that distracted or inattentive behavior that contributes to a crash would subject the vehicle operator to enhanced penalties, similar to aggravating

circumstances such as operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This approach is promising because enhanced penalties for violations resulting in injury or death to other roadway users holds violators more accountable for their actions. Note that specific restrictions or prohibitions are not required – any distracted or inattentive behavior that can be documented prior to a crash can be used as evidence. Therefore, the AMA supports legislation that includes enhanced penalty options to be determined by the courts. Examples of penalties include the following, but are not limited to

enhanced fines, operator's license suspension, points assessed on an operator's record, community service, and imprisonment. Additionally, the AMA supports the prominent placement of signage that notifies roadway users that the state provides specific sanctions for those convicted of moving violations while operating a motor vehicle in a distracted or inattentive manner. The inclusion of these sanctions depends on a state's current penalty structure of similar-magnitude offenses. The AMA has adopted this position statement on distracted and inattentive motor vehicle operation because roadway

users such as motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians pay a disproportionately higher price for motor vehicle operator distraction and inattention.

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## Motorcycle Riders Foundation Motorcycle Statistics Fact or Fiction?



**Analysis** A number of inaccuracies and inconsistencies have been uncovered in examining data related to motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities. If the information is incorrect it can only lead to theories and conclusions that are also incorrect or, at the very least, suspect.

**Solution** Since much of the data is obviously flawed and most of the conclusions are therefore speculative at best, the only true solutions to motorcycle safety are proactive measures which prevent a collision from occurring at all rather than reactive steps that may offer some level of injury mitigation only after a crash has already taken place. Rider education that prepares the motorcyclist to interact with other roadway users by learning and practicing the skills necessary for hazard avoidance and developing a strategy to deal with real world traffic is the primary component of a comprehensive motorcycle safety plan. Additionally, educating all motor vehicle operators to be alert and free of impairment as they share the road with others is critical in deterring crashes caused by inattention.

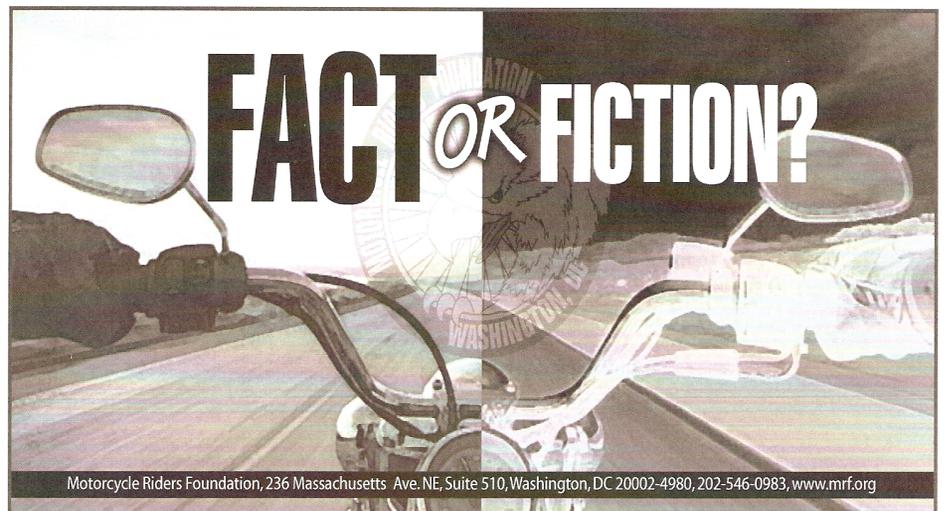
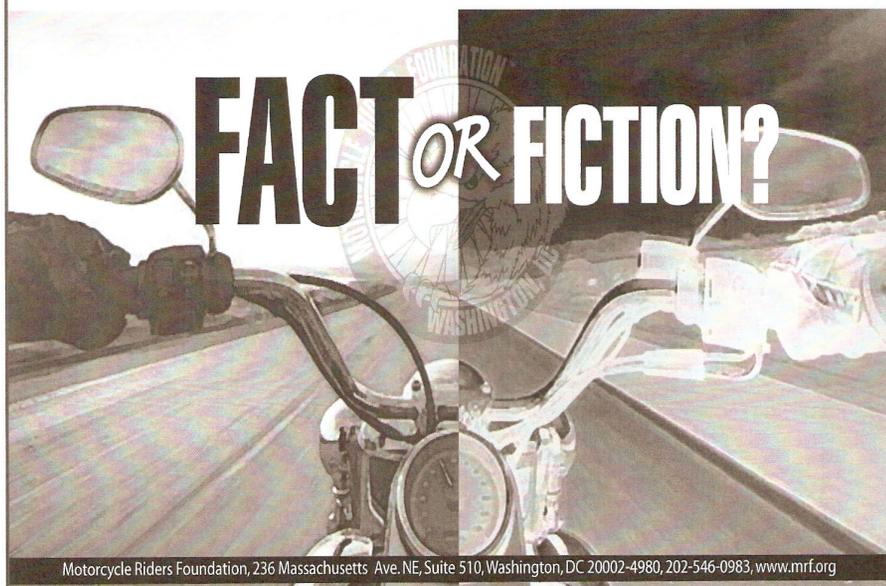
### Training and Awareness are the Keys...



Examples of how the motorcycling community works to address and implement these measures are as follows:

- Lobby** for state legislated rider education programs and work with state program coordinator to develop, promote and improve training courses.
- Present** "Share the Road" programs to driver education classes, civic and social organizations and public meetings.
- Introduce** "Right of Way" legislation that provides prosecutors more opportunities in cases where a motorist's negligence causes injury or death to another.
- Create** Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month to remind all motor vehicle operators of motorcyclists' presence on the road.
- Deliver** "Ride Straight" messages within the motorcycling culture encouraging everyone to ride and drive free of impairments.

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### Possible Errors?

When errors, omissions or inaccuracies are discovered in reports or statistics, it calls into question the integrity of results. Additionally, small numbers can be easily skewed by slight or seemingly insignificant variations. Furthermore, numbers may be exploited if uncharacteristic highs or lows are used as a baseline. None of these discoveries are intended to argue against helmet use, but rather to demonstrate that suggesting a helmet law is not the solution to motorcycle safety. Individual states need to maintain the ability to determine what measures best address the needs and desires of their residents as suggested in the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (NAMS)

**FACT** Comparison of studies is complicated due to varying criteria, wherein one report references riders, it is unclear if that includes passengers or specifically operators. Other papers may refer to the numbers of persons, crashes or vehicles intermittently. This can be quite confusing as the numbers are usually very close and are frequently compared in error.

**FACT** A Minnesota motorcyclist survived a crash only to be struck by a car while standing on the road attempting to flag down a motorist for assistance. This was subsequently counted as a motorcycle fatality.

**FACT** A Pennsylvania taxi driver, with multiple suspensions, was responsible for about two percent of the state's total motorcycle fatalities when he caused a crash with three motorcycles and killed five helmeted riders in a single incident.

**FACT** Motorcycle fatalities dropped by 10% in 2009 and preliminary reports indicate that 2010 numbers will be further reduced by at least 2%. The Motorcycle Industry Council advises that sales of replacement tires were up by 6.1% in 2010, suggesting an increase in motorcycle usage. A decrease in fatalities despite an increase in exposure would suggest that motorcycle safety and awareness programs, specifically rider education courses, have been successful.

**FACT** The National Transportation Safety Board has investigated over 120,000 airplane incidents, over 60,000 surface transportation incidents, and just 6 individual motorcycle incidents in their entire 44 year history — Apparently enough investigation to warrant adding mandatory helmet laws for motorcyclists on their "top ten most wanted list".

**FACT** According to preliminary data from the Governors Highway Safety Association, states that have a mandatory adult helmet law had six fewer fatalities in 2010 than in 2009, while free choice states saw a reduction of 74. The state with the single largest decline in fatalities (Texas -60) is a choice state and a state which requires helmets on all riders tied for the greatest increase (New York +24).

**FACT** FARS continues to include "mopeds" in motorcycle crash statistics despite the fact that most states do not require registration of these vehicles. This practice skews the most respected method of measuring the effectiveness of motorcycle safety programs, which is the ratio of accidents, injuries and fatalities per 10,000 registrations.

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# DRRMC GOING TO THE DOGS

The Desert Road Riders M/C hosted their 16th annual "Going to the Dogs Run" raising money for Mutt Matchers (a no kill animal shelter). We had live music at the Moose Lodge in Kingman was ready and waiting for our arrival. The day started with a dual sign-in in Bullhead City at Cathiez Leather (a very biker friendly establishment) and in Kingman at Porky's Pitt. (Also a very biker friendly establishment)!

We put this event together every year for Mutt Matchers and friends and is one of our favorite! Many of our sponsors will put up "bones" in their businesses to help raise money for Mutt Matchers. This year, 1st place was taken by the Outpost Bar and Grill on Old Route 66...Special thanks! 2nd place was Castle Rock Bar on Highway 93 just outside of Kingman and 3rd place was Judy's Bar in colorful Oatman, Az., a long

time friend.

We also got the local True Value Warehouse to donate a pallet of food for the above mentioned "mutts". Many of the bikers that signed in brought chew toys, blankets, collars and such. Any idea how funny a biker looks with a 50lb bag of kibbles on the back? It's always worth the watch.

the air! Val and Ken first met on the 2009 Bone Run! They began dating and then about a year later they were married. They now help out with "Mutt Matchers" often. All the hard work from everyone sure makes a run like this a joy, year after year!

"Later" Desert Road Riders M/C.

We even had some romance in



# NCOM REPORT 2011 MEMPHIS, TN

This years Board Meeting was held in conjunction with the Region Five, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee Regional Conference.

These meetings although necessary and informative are a get there, get done and get out tiring event. Most of us that come from the Nine Regions all over the Country fly in sometime Friday, as we have the closed Board meeting Friday evening to cover information and voting on various issues that can then be conveyed to the general public the next morning at the open Board meeting. Then it's meetings from 10am until 7pm and then flew out early Sunday morning, exhausted.

After the meeting was called to order, there was a proposed

change of a Board member for Region Five out of Texas. Angel Richardson has already been a great influence and dedicated Freedom Fighter for all motorcycle rights issues and is currently a member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force. It was explained to her that according to the NCOM By-Laws that as a Board member she could no longer sit on the Task Force as an authorized member, but could certainly continue in an advisory position. The head of the Legislative Task Force, Senator Jim Putman from South Dakota asserted that Angel has been very much indispensable in the gathering of information and getting it out to all the other LTF Members, and wanted to be assured that she could continue in this capacity.

Richard Lester, Founder of NCOM

continued the meeting with his reports. The Freedom Fund will this coming year send Jim Putman and another LTF Member to Washington DC for a one on one with current Congressional and Senate Membership personally discuss Motorcycle Rights Issues, such as Motorcycle ONLY Checkpoint Stops, Fusion Centers, and other discriminatory matters related to Motorcyclists. He then discussed the issues with AIM, mailings to member groups, looking for more and better AIM Reps and Chiefs of Staff. Aim Reps and Board Members to reach out to other groups to bring them into the AIM / NCOM Family, and doing this by handing out the new National and State DVD's that are available.

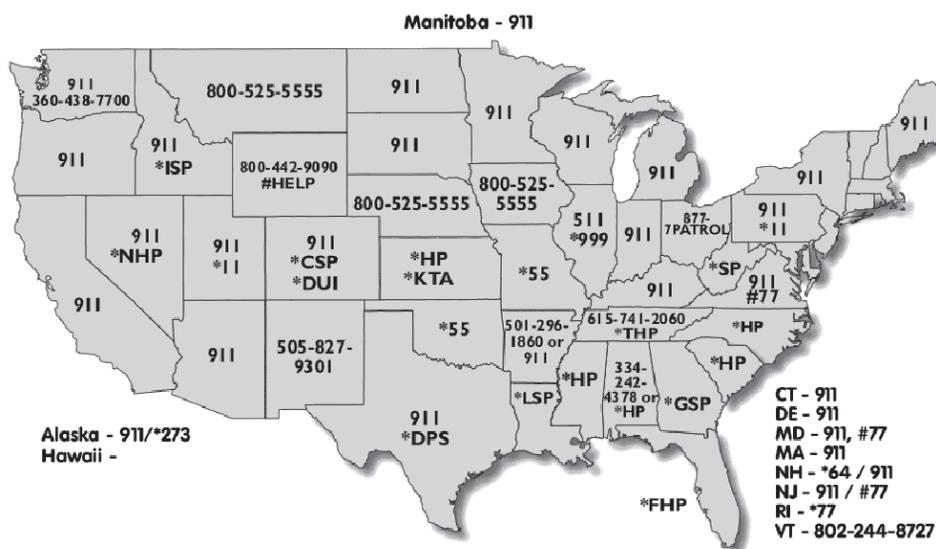
Dave "Animal" Reid out of Louisiana discussed the proposed

locations for the upcoming, Board meetings and Conventions. After Indianapolis the next Board meeting will be in Phoenix, Nov 2012 and the 2013 Convention will be back in Reno, NV.

One of the most important things we discuss at the Board meetings are Recipients for the Silver Spokes Awards. People that have done outstanding things for the Motorcycling Community, and I am happy to say that although posthumously, A Special Award will be given to Kimmy Chapman for her dedication to Motorcyclists through the AZ Biker Guide, which has now gone Nationwide.

Steve Musgrave - MUSKRAT - Region 9 BOD NCOM

## HIGHWAY NOTIFICATION NUMBERS



Although 911 has been designated as the "official" number for reporting emergencies in the United States, many other numbers have been implemented for reporting highway situations: accidents, intoxicated drivers (DUIs), or disabled vehicles. In most cases, dialing these special numbers routes the call to the agency with jurisdiction over the state highways or Interstates, rather than to the local law enforcement agency.

This map shows alternate tele-

phone numbers established by the states to reach a state-level law enforcement agency to report highway situations, some of which could be considered "urgent." These numbers were generally established before the wide implementation of the 9-1-1 emergency number. The numbers also are routed to various types of agencies, some of which may not be first responders—police, fire or EMS—but rather highway departments.

Adding to the confusion, if you're

traveling adjacent to a state boundary such as Virginia, Maryland and DC, dialing one of these special numbers could connect you with... well, who knows which state or agency you'd hear on the phone? That's the disadvantage of non-standard numbers, and of wireless phones whose signal can go in all directions.

Therefore, you are advised to dial 9-1-1 to report emergencies, especially from a cellular phone.

This map was originally developed by the Missouri Highway Patrol, and has been periodically updated by DISPATCH Magazine On-Line. Let us know of any errors or changes.

Some of the alternate uses for the above numbers include:

Nextel has a list of # and \* associated numbers for highway assistance.

We have a report that Color-

do also has the number \*CSP for reaching the State Patrol from wireless phones.

In Kansas, motorists can dial \*KTA while on the turnpike.

In Illinois, the number \*999 number is operated jointly by the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the state's DOT, and is intended for "emergencies," which the Authority defines generally as being "stranded" on the tollway.

On the Indiana toll-road, \*11 reaches the state police

In Louisiana, \*24 reaches the Coast Guard

Dialing \*555 in Prince George's and Montgomery County (Md.) reaches the Park Police

Dialing \*11 reaches Emergency Operations for the Pennsylvania Turnpike

Dialing \*ISP in Idaho is intended to report DUI drivers.

Also check this U.S. DOT Web page on the 5-1-1 phone number.

## NEWS FROM THE MRF

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11NR33 MRF News Release  
NHTSA Proposes Motorcycle Study-Dec 8th, 2011

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has requested comments on a proposed motorcycle safety study.

The study they are proposing copycats one that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) is currently conducting, known as the "naturalistic study." The MSF study has instrumented a hundred motorcycles with computers, cameras and all sorts of meters. Those specially-equipped one hundred motorcycles are being ridden by volunteers across the country as their personal bikes. After one year, the instruments are taken off and the analysis begins. NHTSA is proposing the exact same study, only with 160 motorcycles.

This proposal does come as a bit of a shock, considering the feds have been struggling to conduct another motorcycle study that tracks actual crashes. That "crash causation study" has been languishing since 2006 and has yet to complete data collection, analysis and final reporting.

"I do like the idea of the study," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs. "Tracking volunteer riders and collecting some best practices for countermeasures is a great idea, but as with every study there will be some technical and logistical bugs to work out over the course of the study. It seems to me that it would be wise to wait on the MSF results and use them to craft a better, sturdier study."

NHTSA is already predicting that out of the 160 participants in their proposed new naturalistic study, 20 will have a crash and sustain

injuries so severe that they must be reported. So far there has been no mention of the cost for the new study.

The feds are asking for comments on the proposal. The comment period runs through January 17, 2011. Read the proposal and learn how to submit comments here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-11-16/pdf/2011-29361.pdf>

Do not hesitate to contact the MRF with any questions or concerns.

11NR31 - MRF News Release  
- Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner Receives Award for Supporting Motorcyclists-Nov 9th, 2011.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that ABATE of Wisconsin awarded Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner with its Certificate of Appreciation. The award goes to individuals who go above and beyond when it comes to protecting motorcyclists' rights. In years past, the award was reserved for ABATE members only; this is the first time it has ever been awarded to anyone outside the organization.

Sensenbrenner has redefined what it means to go "above and beyond." He has worked tirelessly to protect motorcyclists' rights on every front at the federal level for over 35 years. "Not only are the motorcyclists of Wisconsin in Mr. Sensenbrenner's debt, every motorcyclist in this country has benefitted from his steadfast support," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President Government Relations and Public Affairs.

Representative Sensenbrenner has been the lead advocate for stopping motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints, supporting crash avoidance over safer crashing, and lately the ethanol fuel issue.

The MRF also commends ABATE of Wisconsin for fostering a model relationship with an elected official. This should be an example to everyone for developing a good

working relationship with an elected official.

Congressman Sensenbrenner, upon receiving the award, said, "I want to thank ABATE of Wisconsin for their tireless work to raise awareness on issues that affect motorcyclists. I am honored to work with them to make their voices heard in Washington, and I look forward to continuing our efforts to reduce unnecessary and burdensome federal government regulations."

John Reblin, who presented the award, pointed out that, "Representative Sensenbrenner was chosen because of the support he has given motorcyclists throughout the years with his common sense approach with such things as HR 748 to prohibit the EPA from authorizing the use of gasoline greater than 10 percent ethanol in certain vehicles, and HR 904 which would prohibit the Federal DOT from providing grants or any other funds to another unit of government for motorcycle-only checkpoints."

The MRF joins ABATE of Wisconsin in recognizing the leadership and dedication of the Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner.

National Call to Action: Federal Helmet Mandates-Dec 13th, 2011

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that the US Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation will be marking up The Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2011 (S. 1449). This bill governs the National Highway Transportation Safety Administrations activities. This bill has the potential to greatly affect motorcyclists nationwide.

There are three provisions that specifically target motorcyclists.

Call your Senators and ask them to:

Oppose Lautenberg amendment #1. This amendment would alter the motorcycle safety grant program

by forcing states to pass mandatory universal helmet laws and drive federal tax dollars to be used to promote the use of helmets. This provision would make it easier for helmet law states to obtain 2010 grant money. This amendment would provide no money for awareness or training.

Support DeMint amendments #1 and #18. These amendments protect the NHTSA lobby ban. Under the proposed legislation are provisions to lift this lobby ban.

Support DeMint amendment #2. The bill, (S 1449) would change the definition of "motor vehicle equipment" to include motorcycle helmets. This would allow States to spend federal money dedicated to "motor vehicle equipment" on motorcycle helmets. The DeMint amendment would keep helmets out of that definition.

Call Now. Time is of the essence. Call you Senators via the capitol switch board at 202 224 3121.

Of key importance are the Senators on the committee you can contact them directly:

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Senator Kerry-MA 202 224 2742  
Senator Lautenberg-NJ 202 224 3224  
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Senator Begich-AK 202 224 3004  
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Senator Boozman-AR 202 224

# NEWS FROM THE MRF CONTINUED

4843 Senator Marco Rubio-FL  
202 224 3041  
Senator Heller-NV 202 224 6244

This is of extreme importance. Please call today, Tuesday, December 13th, 2011.

Do not hesitate to contact the MRF should you have any questions. 202 546 0983

Senate Committee Passes Highway Safety Bill-Dec 14th, 2011.

Today, the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation passed a sweeping safety bill known as the Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act (S. 1449). The bill passed by voice vote.

Earlier this week, Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) filed an amendment that would have gutted the popular federal motorcycle education and awareness grants, known as the 2010 funds. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to report that Lautenberg did not call that amendment for a vote. Due to an overwhelming response from the motorcycle community, the 2010 grants are safe for now.

Also under attack was the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) lobby ban. This law prohibits NHTSA from using federal money to lobby State legislatures, uninvited. The way S. 1449 was drafted, it removed this lobby ban. Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) introduced a number of

amendments to maintain the ban and the necessary amendments were agreed to, by unanimous consent of the full committee.

The one sticking point that remains is at least, the least troublesome. That being said, it is still something that will keep the attention of the MRF lobby efforts. The trouble lies in a provision in S. 1449 that calls out motorcycle helmets in the list of definitions as "motor vehicle equipment". Previously, the list simply stated:

"any device or an article or apparel... that is not a system, part, or component of a motor vehicle".

The MRF would like to thank all the State motorcycle rights organizations and everyone else who helped with this legislation.

The bill passed today will likely move on to be a part of the larger Highway Bill which could happen in early 2012. The MRF will keep you informed on this Issue.

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## ACMC MEETINGS 2012

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| Jan 7th 2012 Hells Angels MC<br>Cave Creek Clubhouse | Sept 8th 2012 Huns MC Tucson (TBA)           |
| March 3rd 2012 Spartan Riders MC Phoenix Clubhouse   | Nov 3rd 2012 Lost Dutchman MC Mesa Clubhouse |
| May 12th 2012 Hells Angels MC Tucson Clubhouse       | Jan 5th 2013 Possible date-save it           |
| July 7th, 2012 Journeymen MC (TBA)                   |  |

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# THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY AGENDA FOR 2011-2012

At the 2011 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) Meeting of the Minds Conference held in September in Detroit, Michigan, a Legislative Strategy Session was hosted by the MRF's Legislative Committee. As has been done for the past several years, the MRF requested that it be attended by Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO) Legislative and/or Executive Officers. The goal was to set the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 2011 Meeting of the Minds to 2012 Meeting of the Minds annual cycle.

The MRF's SSMRO partners responded once again with a majority attendance, and the Legislative Committee was extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction from our SSMRO partners. This level of alignment will allow for a solid and focused Strategic Action Plan to be developed, disseminated, and effectively employed. The session this year was moderated by MRF Vice President Jay Jackson, supported by MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs Jeff Hennie and MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

The MRF continued the practice instituted last year, recording one vote per organization. Shown below in the order raised and discussed with our SSMROs is the

MRF's Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2011-2012.

Transportation Equity Act (TEA) Reauthorization (the Highway Bill) – closely monitor for any action that would positively or negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists

Continuation of the Motorcycle 2010 Grant Funding program – tighten up language for qualification and use

Continuation of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) lobbying ban within individual states

Pursue continuation of the Motorcycle Advisory Council designed to advise the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on motorcycling issues

Oppose any federal blackmails or sanctions contained in the Highway Bill related to motorcycles

The MRF will not promote adoption of the SAE sound test as a national enforcement standard – considered a state issue

Pursue reintroduction of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) HR1253, which would require health insurance companies to disclose the list

of "source of injury" exclusions in the policies they issue

Continue successful work to cut off all funding for NHTSA motorcycle-specific checkpoint grants

Continue monitoring the crash causation and the naturalistic studies

Oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying motorcycle exhaust systems – considered a state issue

Continue to monitor the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sound emissions study; oppose federal agencies encouraging states to take action – considered a state issue

Oppose ALL forms of distracted driving; oppose any related funding blackmails or withholding of funds related to motorcycles

Watch closely for motorcycle-specific discrimination

Continue promotion of Right to Repair Act

Continue participation at the federal level where definitions of a motorcycle are under review

Oppose any motorcycle-, motorcycling-, or motorcyclist-based

discrimination proposed by the U.S. Congress or any Federal agency in Washington D.C.

Continue active participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union and United Nations

Oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel laws

MRF will not support the use of E15 fuel until further testing is done; continue to seek recommendations from motorcycle original equipment manufacturers (OEM)

Pursue safer roadway design strategies and inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) work; encourage improved crash barriers and safer cable barrier engineering

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, using the principles of HR1498 which urges NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education

MRF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Kirk "Hardtail" Willard (Chair), Keith Ball, Dave Dwyer, Jeff Hennie, Cindy Hodges, Jay Jackson, Jim "Legs" Korte, Boyd McFail, Larry Nielson, John Pierce, Todd Riba

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### ACMC Mission Statement

The ACMC is made up of Arizona Clubs and organizations which have come together in unity to facilitate and broaden communications amongst its members and within the riding community and general public.

It serves to educate both riders and

non-riding public of all the positive aspects of motorcycling and to warn against and oppose any intrusion upon their rights. It will accomplish these goals by any lawful means necessary.

If you are trying to start a new Club for the purpose of ACMC membership we suggest you contact Clubs in your area.

This relationship will be useful as the Member Clubs are familiar with protocol and can be helpful in introducing you to others as well as informing you of upcoming events, functions, etc.



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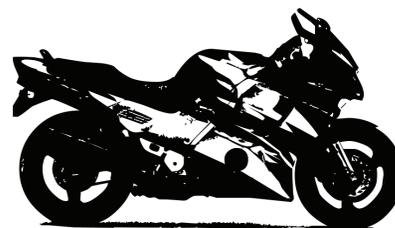
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