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## ACMC Mission Statement

The ACMC is made up of Arizona Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations which have come together in unity to facilitate and broaden communication amongst its 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. Its 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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Join the MRF and Rights Groups  
From Around The Country

In Asking Congress To  
Preserve Funding for Motorcycle  
Awareness and Rider Education  
Programs (2010 funds)

And to celebrate  
House Resolution 269  
Declaring May is  
Motorcycle Safety Awareness  
Month



Ride To Washington DC This Year

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Check our Web Site [WWW.MRF.ORG](http://WWW.MRF.ORG) for Details and Updates

# RAMBLINGS OF A RABBLE ROUSER

By Still Ray

Discrimination- Are we winning or losing?

I receive several emails a month complaining about Motorcycle Club members being banned from a local bar, or Law Enforcement harassing them because they belong to a Motorcycle Club. I got one earlier this week from the Tucson area, the gist of which boiled down to the police making the statement that the patch holder was declaring himself a member of a criminal organization by wearing a Confederation of Clubs patch on his vest.

Reflecting on this topic I have to ask myself," Are we making any headway in this area?"

Years ago being harassed by LE was accepted, it went with the territory, bikers didn't whine about it, they were more likely to brag about the incident. Times change, our culture and way of life has changed. The bikers of today are not the bikers of yesterday. The bikers of today will not only whine and bitch, they will (and are able to) vote. WE have Veteran's Clubs, Christian Clubs, Clean and Sober Clubs, and many other diverse riding groups and associations..

I recall the 'No Vacancy' light coming on at the motel just as we pulled in, but that was a long time ago. I have not heard of such a case in quite some time, but there are still many bars that will not allow Club members in. Some states have made headway in this area, Arizona not so much. We took this issue to the Capitol over ten years ago, our lobbyist found it would require amending the State Constitution, which was not likely to happen, and struck a verbal agree-

ment with the Restraint and Bar Owner's Assoc whereby they could keep their 'Right to refuse service to Anyone" signage and would explain our situation to their membership and they would voluntarily remove their "No Colors" signs. This was ok for a short while, but didn't last and as verbal agreements do, it

does not close down 'Bike Night'

According to Federal Criminal Street Gang law I can get five years in prison for recruiting if I ask you to join my Club. Any crime committed by a Club member carries additional time, you no longer have to have knowledge of a felony to be



faded away along with the Board members who made the agreement. Last month, after a Club meeting we rode to Whiskey Row with a pocketful of discrimination forms and along with another local Club member we were able to get thrown out or not admitted to four bars in less than a half hour.

The real problem we face today isn't not gaining admittance to any bar we want, there are plenty that welcome us and our money. The real problem is the way our government has been behaving. The government has passed many laws, aimed outwardly at criminal street gangs, but including motorcycle clubs, that strip members of their rights under the guise of protecting U.S. citizens

At the State level, we have the State Police and Liquor License cops threaten to take away a liquor license if the owner of a bar

charged, you have denounced your citizenship by being a member of a Club, therefore you give up all your rights can be detained without notification and can be deported.(In my case I presume I will be sent back to Detroit)

The Feds have systematically went across the country making plea deals with Club members in exchange for testimony saying the defendant was aware that his Club was engaged in criminal activity. This qualifies that Club as 'Domestic Terrorists' making RICO look like a ticket for littering.

Shortly after the PATRIOT ACT and the Criminal Street Gang Laws were introduced I talked to then MRF President Karen Bolin about doing a panel discussion on this. She agreed under the condition that we made it clear that we were not out to protect

criminals. I assured her that was not the case and we did the first panel in Wyoming's Best of the West. Unfortunately I forgot what a miserable public speaker I am until after I stood at the podium. Karen retooled my idea and presented the same topic in St. Louis with the Regional Director of the FBI and Anthony Romero, the current head of the ACLU. This discussion was a great success

Since then, locally, we have tried several different avenues, for instance, when the Gang Task Force is giving a presentation to the local PTA, we ride to the meeting, making the point that WE are not THEM

Fill out the Discrimination Forms and turn them in to your Confederation of Clubs.

Wear your Colors and ride to the polls when you vote

Get to know politicians at the local level, that's where politicians on the federal level come from..

You are not going to get most Club Members into politics. That is not what they signed up for. Try to convince them to join an MRO ,MRF, and let us do the politicking'. With my Club we agreed to forgo one month's dues in exchange for an MRF membership. Every Member is now an MRF Member! Almost painless!



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## TRADEMARK FORFEITURE: CONTINUING THE ASSAULT ON THE RIGHT TO FREELY ASSOCIATE

one ATF agent ...law enforcement officers can literally, "take the leather jackets right off of their backs."

The injunction was granted in concert with a multi-state raid wherein more than 60 members of the Mongols M/C were arrested on charges under the RICO Act. In addition to the criminal charges set forth, the government is seeking to forfeit the intellectual property of the club. Typically forfeiture proceedings are used to force forfeiture of "ill gotten gain" and alleged "acts of facilitation". This may be the first time in history where the government has sought to take control of an organization's identity through a court order.

The purpose of forfeiture proceedings is not to gain jurisdiction over a person, rather it is to seize property for forfeiture to the government. Modern forfeiture doctrine finds its origin in the

Old Testament and medieval standards where animals and even inanimate objects involved in wrongdoings were sacrificed in atonement or forfeited to the government.

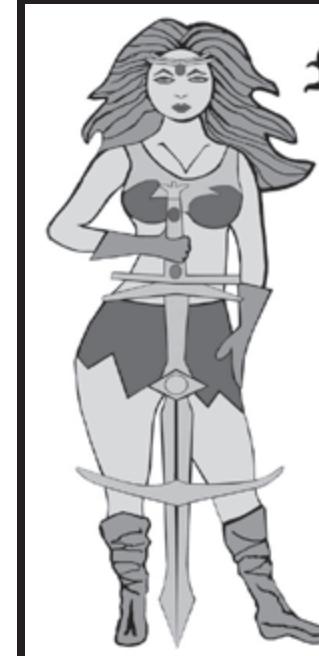
As strange as it may seem, civil forfeiture proceedings are brought against the object, not against persons. Officials can seize a person's property without notice or hearing by simply demonstrating probable cause

to believe that the property has somehow been "involved" in a crime. Large sums of unaccounted-for cash and vehicle seizures are typical targets of forfeiture during common drug busts. If the club loses on the criminal charges, they could be subject to the civil forfeiture laws and lose any item that contains the logo. In the meantime, all objects containing the logo

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On Wednesday 22 October 2008 US District Court Judge Florence-Marie Cooper granted an injunction prohibiting members of the Mongols M/C, their family members, and associates from wearing, licensing, selling or distributing items containing the Mongols logo. This unprecedented move to strip a motorcycle club of their logo means that members of the club can no longer wear or display their copyrighted logo depicting the profile of a Mongolian warrior wearing sunglasses. According to Assistant US Attorney Steven Welk, "If a Mongol is wearing a vest or jacket bearing the trademarked club logo, that item is pursuant to seizure according to this order." In the words of



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## TRADEMARK FORFEITURE: CONTINUING THE ASSAULT ON THE RIGHT TO FREELY ASSOCIATE (CONTINUED)

are subject to confiscation by law enforcement.

In forfeiture proceedings, the legal action is taken against the “thing”. Charges against the property may range from; a belief that the property is contraband, that it represents the proceeds of a crime that it is an “instrumentality” of crime, or that it somehow “facilitates” crime. Probable cause evidence is loosely defined and may take the form of innuendo or even self-serving testimony of a party with conflicting interests to the property owner.

Once the property is seized, it becomes the responsibil-

ity of the owner to prove the “innocence” of the property by a “preponderance-of-the-evidence” standard. Not only must the owner “prove a negative”, he must do so against the unlimited resources of the government. If perchance the owner may have been involved in activity that might ultimately lead to criminal charges, he must weigh the risk of self-incrimination against the actual value of the property. As a practical matter, the burden is often too high for many innocent owners who end up walking away from their loss.

The government simply demonstrated to the federal judge

that they had a substantial likelihood of winning on the merits of the criminal case, including the RICO charge. They argued that the patch has value, and since they think they'll ultimately be entitled to a civil forfeiture, they want to hold on to that asset, the patch. That is the grounds of their legal argument, though publicly and to the press the ATF has admitted they're doing this to break the back of the club.”

“This “back-door” use of the law is being used to strip a club of its identity under the guise of civil asset forfeiture. This action sets an extremely dangerous precedent, and

ramifications of allowing this injunction to stand could affect any organization from Abates to Moose Lodges. All the government would have to do is show that a few members of any organization were involved in criminal activity and they could take away their name and logo. When will they be coming after you?

Keep the Faith!

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## LOOKING AHEAD

I have noticed lately there has been a real emphasis by law enforcement, the media, Washington bureaucrats, and others to continue to use the word “gang” when referring to a group of motorcyclists. This especially happens when they are talking about Motorcycle Clubs (MC). In the past year, after having Medieval Maidens MC called a “gang” by a few officers, (ones that have had the privilege to pull me over for one reason or another) I immediately started to educate these ignorant and uninformed servants of the law the definition of “gang” and “club”. Just being called a “gang” starts me on a roll and I want to defend the differences of “gang” and

“club” with these individuals. Surprisingly enough the above officers listened, and after they give me my gun and bullets back, I give them my Club business card so they could look up The Maidens and read what we stand for.

Using a few different sources (internet and dictionary) I start with the definition of a “club”. As a noun it means “a group of persons organized for a social, literary, athletic, political or other purpose”. As a verb it is “to unite; combine; join together as for a common purpose” or “to gather or form into a clublike mass”. I continue to express my outrage and anger regarding the comment that the Club I represent is a “gang”. I have been known to banter back and forth with them stating that, by definition, law enforcement is more of a “gang”. I then give them the definition of a “gang”. As a noun it means “a group of people

recognized as a distinct entity and involved in antisocial, rebellious, or illegal activities”. Also, “gangs adopt certain dress codes by which members show their unity and make the gang affiliation visible to members of other gangs and to the community at large”.

Now taking this a bit further, I give one more definition which is “motorcycle club”. As a noun it means “an organized club of dedicated motorcyclists who join together for camaraderie, strength of numbers, companionship, education, rider training, and socialization” (go to: wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle\_club).

The above definition is what I am a part of. And I won’t let anyone use “gang” when describing a motorcycle club ever. Whether you call yourself a biker, motorcyclist, independent and are a part of a motorcycle club, organization, and/or an MRO we

are all a piece and a part of the bigger picture. And we can’t let “them” divide us by using inaccurate words to define any one of us because we are an organized and united group standing up for one main cause----preserving our American Freedoms and Rights that are systematically and succinctly being taken away from us while we ride, sometimes without a care and with so much passion, enjoying the wind in our faces, the sights around us and the journey ahead. Let us not forget the commonality and similarities the biker community has as a whole. For these reasons, we can agree, let’s stand together and look ahead!

Respectfully and with pride, honor and loyalty to our cause,

Kat

Editor Spokesman

## ***BIKE NIGHTS WITH THE SONS OF AESIR MC***

The last Friday of every month the SOA MC have an open house bike night at the clubhouse. SOA MC Clubhouse located at 1021 N.21st Ave. Phoenix,Az 85009 Contact Flash-623-210-4907 for more info. Party starts at 6pm and runs until? Come out and have a good time with great food cooked by our ladies and the drinks are awesome. We would like to send out a special thank you for all the other club support we have been having at our bike nights. If you have missed one of our bike nights at the clubhouse you missed a great time. Our first event the place was packed and we had one great band that played their hearts out for us "Serious Side Effects". They really know how to rock the house. Here is their website if anyone else would like to have them out- [www.may-include.com](http://www.may-include.com) .

We also had a stunt rider come out and he rides with a team called the Death Squad and man he knows how to put on a show.

This guy knows how to put on a show and was a great crowd pleaser. He did things on that bike most of us would never think of doing.

So remember the last Friday of every month we will be holding a Bike Night open to everyone and never a cover charge. Where else can you go for great food and drinks with live music and not have to pay a cover to get in. And you will leave with a full belly ask anyone who has been out. We look forward to seeing you all at the Bike Nights and on the runs. If you have something going on please let us know so I can get it on our calendar so we can also get out and show support for you. Contact me at [flash@sonsofaesirmc.com](mailto:flash@sonsofaesirmc.com).

Again thanks for the support stay safe and ride free.

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## **ABATE : WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE BEST OF THE WEST CONFERENCE?**



Hello to all my Brothers and Sisters of ABATE, ACMC and MMA;

June 12 – 14, 2009 the MRF's Best of the West will be held right here in Phoenix at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel. Location: 4300 E. Washington St. Phoenix, Az. Call 602-273-7778 for room reservations. Room rates are \$89.00 (includes breakfast). Rooms must be reserved by May 12, 2009.

If you are a member of ABATE, ACMC, or MMA and are interested in protecting your motorcycle rights, you should be thinking of attending. Anyone is eligible to attend, but if you are a member of any one of the 3 MRO's

your conference fee will be paid for by your MRO, but you must sign up with your MRO by May 10, 2009. Contact one of your officers prior to the deadline date so that you can take advantage of this great deal under your MRO's Pre Registration cost.

Are you an Officer in your organization? Are you thinking of becoming an Officer within your organization, in the near future? Are you a Board Member, State Officer, or have you been an Officer with your organization for several terms? Well, if the answer is yes than you need to be one of the attendee's for this year's Best of the West conference.

MRF this year will be adding some topics that have not been on the agenda before. Have you wanted to become a part of your organization, but were hesitant due to maybe, not knowing how to approach some of the political hurdles or just not being familiar with how to work within your MRO? This will give you the opportunity to attend some of the break out sessions and to talk to other people with the same interests that you have. Attending will give even a seasoned officer an opportunity

to network with other MRO members from all over the Western States.

What does the conference have to offer me, and what can I expect when attending the conference?

Friday is registration usually starting in the early afternoon, followed by a general session then it's time to "Meet the MRF Board".

Saturday morning registration continues until early afternoon. Morning General Session begins with a legislative update report from Jeff Hennie, MRF VP of Government Relations. General session usually discussing State Legislative changes for 2009. Ample breaks are given through out the day for every ones comfort. Lunch, which is on your own, breaks usually around noon.

The afternoon break-out sessions usually begin about 1:15PM. Each session runs approximately 90 minutes. Break outs cover several interesting topics for you to choose from. If possible have different people from your MRO attend different break out sessions for maximum information. Following a short break additional

Break out sessions begins. After the breakout sessions conclude, all attendees are invited to the hospitality room to meet new and old friends over a beverage and finger food snacks.

In the evening there is a Cocktail hour, (cash bar) and time to review the live and silent auction items. Afterwards Dinner and Auction begin. Banquet tickets may be purchased during pre registration or at the conference for \$35.00 per person.

Sunday morning there will be a Worship Service and Blessing of the Bikes.

I hope to see many new and old faces at the Conference this year. Members of ABATE, ACMC, and MMA this is an excellent opportunity for our members to attend one of the best Motorcycle Rights Conference held in the United States. The price will not get any better than is offered this year. I urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to protect our rights as motorcyclists to RIDE FREE !!!

Tim O'Reilly  
ABATE of Arizona  
State President



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## AS POOH SEES IT

Recently at a run attended by many new clubs, as indicated by so many new and different patches, a bystander asked an old gray bearded member of an older well established club "How do you feel about all these new clubs?"

The Old Gray Beard replied "it is good, the more the better for our cause."

"Your cause?" asked the bystander.

"Not my cause. Our cause. Our rights. Our liberty, Our freedom. All the things held dear to us all! Our cause includes you as an independent and Patch Holders alike.

"Wow! How do you all get along with so many different opinions as signified by so many different clubs?" Asked the slick back.

"We treat each other not as we wish to be treated, but as the other guy wishes to be treated. It is simple courtesy." Replied the Patch Holder.

All this brought to mind the Movie "Pay it Forward"

Imagine for a moment if we all treated our neighbor as they wished to be treated first and did for others deeds of goodwill and kindness first without expectation.

Unrealistic? Probably! Never Happen? Maybe!

But if we, all everywhere, tried, just tried, then we would really have strength.

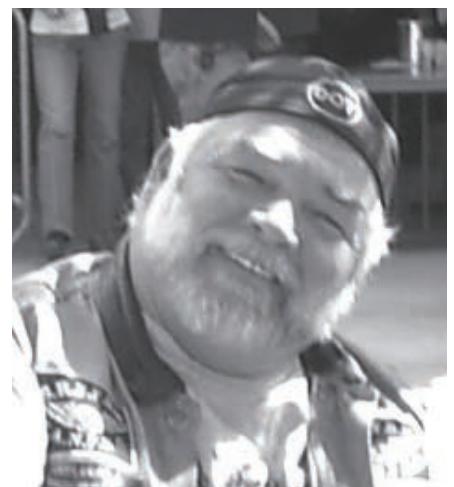
So I challenge you all treat others as the they wish to be treated. Do for others first without expectation.

Now no one is perfect. No one of us, will do this even most of the time. But just try whenever and wherever you can. Start at home. Then with friends. Then with others.

See what happens. I predict strength and unity beyond our wildest dreams!

Good Luck! Have Fun! Be Safe!

Pooh Bear, Sober Riders MC



## BROTHERS OF THE THIRD WHEEL

BTW (Brothers of The Third Wheel) is an International Triker's Association founded in 1983 by Jim Sickler. Its purpose is to unite trikers from around the world and help provide them with the information they need concerning trikes and triking.

BTW (Brothers of The Third Wheel) formed 1 Chapter in Arizona calling it the AZ Chapter, Then because of the Tucson mem-

bers, the Southern AZ Chapter was formed. The AZ Chapter then changed their name to the Northern AZ Chapter. The West~End and the High Country were also formed, due to more members and greater distances. Northern AZ Chapter then changed their name to the Superstition Chapter. And Chapters grew from there, AZ now has several BTW Chapters.

\* Superstition Chapter

\* Southern AZ Chapter

\* West~End Chapter

\* High Country AZ Chapter

\* Desert Renegades

\* Chiricahua Chapter

\* Central Arizona Dust Devils

An Election by the AZ BTW

Members, In September of 2000, Voted in the local West~End Chapter of the Brothers Of The Third Wheel.

On September 22, 2000, The West~End held their Very first Meeting, Which was held at the Parrot Bay Cafe. Steve Musgrave (State Director) was appointed the

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### Documentation of Discrimination

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

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

NAME / POSITION OF PERSON ENFORCING POLICY: \_\_\_\_\_

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# A FLORENCE PRISON RUN STORY



by Cilla, Secretary, MMMC,  
CV I AZ

Growing up I was taught and learned certain things about life; facts of life as they say. One of those facts is: If you break the "Law" and get caught, you serve time. Seems pretty simple but not really!

I mean, our judicial system is so complex and ever changing that loop-holes are plenty and good people get shafted and go to jail while real criminals walk around scot-free!

My name is Cilla. I am the Secretary for the Medieval Maidens Motorcycle Club. I am 36 years young and I was born and raised in Tucson, AZ.

But like I was saying, if you get caught breaking the law in Arizona you'll be privileged to stay at one of our state funded "Colleges" and get schooled on why you should turn over a new leaf.

I myself have never been incarcerated. Not that I have never had a run-in with law-enforcement but I've just made it a goal in my life not to be incarcerated. (On a more personal note, the actions of some of my immediate family members and close friends have paved the way for this goal).

Basically, my first hand knowledge and experience with the Arizona prison system has solidified my opinion that it's a BUSINESS. And like any business, it

needs a product, to make money, which is why once you're in the system the odds that you'll get out of it are slim to none!

Having this understanding, pisses me off! But like I said before it's a fact of life which is why the Florence Prison Run isn't just any old run for me. It isn't just a party or a good time. It's a personal statement that I make to my family and friends who are currently attending college in Florence that I haven't forgotten them, that I still care about them and that I'm here to support them even though they fucked up.

This year the Florence Prison Run was held on Sunday, February 8, 2009. Yolanda's Chuck Wagon was hit hard by the bad US economy and shut down. So this year's End Party was held at the Charles Withrow Rodeo Grounds (a place I had never been to, let alone heard of. Go figure?).

That Sunday was cloudy, charcoal-gray day. It had rained all the night before and I was keeping my fingers crossed that the rain would stop by the time I rode over to the Red & White Mesa start at the Tri-City Eagles in Tempe, AZ. Mother nature granted me my wish on that short ride but it wasn't to last.

The pack normally roles-out at 10:00am but it was pouring down rain right at that exact time so the time was pushed back to 10:30am. I got impatient and told my crew to saddle up because we were hitting the road come rain or shine.

Chapter Director by Mike Castleton, BTW International Director.

Seligman was an AZ state Trike Run, held every August, in which Steve Musgrave picked up when the West~End Chapter was formed. Now the Seligman Trike Rally is put on by the members

Not that I wanted to ride in the rain, its not something I enjoy doing but I knew once we got out on to the US60 and headed East we'd get clear of some of the rain.

The rain still got us though and it felt like someone was shooting a bee-bee gun at my throat while I was riding but I didn't let the rain defeat me. I'm a Maiden and I can handle rain and anything else that's thrown my way! I had plans and I was going to keep them out of respect to my family and friends.

The rain did stop for awhile, right after we made the turn on to the AZ79 but after that it was just cold! I was prepared for anything. Had my insulated gloves, leathers, and my lucky panties on too!

We got to the rodeo grounds about 12:30pm but it was muddy, wet, and cold! The rain never really completely stopped either. I tried to steer clear of the mud but it wasn't happening. So I just parked my bike on the hardest surface I could find and put on my party hat and went into the arena.

The event was packed! Lots of MC's from all over the country made the rainy trek to the event (just like me) and when the rain picked up all of us just went under the ramada or hung-out around the bon-fire.

There was lots of food, vendors, music and partying. I made my rounds, showed my respects, bought a run shirt, got some food

and even took a shot! (And between you and me, it was all good after that....)

About 2:00pm we were asked to line up for the parade past the prison. A lot of the people I had talked to that day were worried the parade would be canceled because of the rain. I knew that sometimes the prison went into lock down on stormy rainy days BUT Lady Luck was on our side and everything was a "Go".

I got back on my bike and out on to AZ79 again! My personal purpose for going to the Florence Prison Run was going to get accomplished! And let me tell you that pack wasn't little! I estimate the length was about 7 miles long (probably longer).

I won't pretend it was all smooth sailing during the parade either because it wasn't! And at one point, I hit some oil on the road during the parade and fish-tailed! But I let off on the throttle and the break and coasted a few seconds to straighten out my bars and got right back into the groove.

I was waving to everyone AND their Brother, I even threw up my metal horns to Z as she and Sonny rode by. I was a great ride and I'd do it all over again in heart beat! Well, maybe not the fish-tailing part but those of you who ride, YOU know what I mean!

Love & Respect,  
Cilla, Secretary  
MMMC, CV I AZ

## BROTHERS OF THE THIRD WHEEL (CONTINUED)

of the BTW West~End Chapter. Which is now held in May Memorial Weekend.

We are located in Phoenix, we meet on the West~side of the Valley. We have become a fairly large family who enjoys Triking, Going on Runs, Getting together to just enjoy good company with

similar interests.

Bill Newill \*Chief\*  
Director/West~End Chapter  
Brothers of The Third Wheel

(pictures on page 15)



# ACMC Runs, Events, And Happenings



Compiled by Kat

## MAY 2009

May 2nd.....ACMC Meeting

To All ACMC Members: Next ACMC Meeting is May 2nd at 12 noon. Please send at least 2 representatives from your Club or Organization who has the authority to vote, if needed. Meeting at Lost Dutchman MC Clubhouse in Mesa. Anything to address at the meeting please contact StillRay. His info is on the Contacts Page of this website. If you have business with the ACMC please also contact StillRay-Chairman. Any questions or concerns please contact a Board Member.

May 3rd.....AZ M/C Awareness Month KICKOFF

MMA, ABATE & AzCMC - AZ Motorcycle Awareness Month "Kick-Off" Event... Sunday, May 3, 2009 Indoor Swapmart - Parking Lot 5115 N 27th Ave Phoenix, AZ (602) 246-9600 (27th Ave. just North of Camelback Rd.) Time: Noon to 3:00pm SetUp: 10:00am to Noon What is Needed: Motorcyclists & their Motorcycles! Details: May is Arizona Motorcycle Awareness Month! May 3rd is the MMA, ABATE & AzCMC - AZ Motorcycle Awareness Month "Kick-Off" Event... To get Motorcycle Awareness Month started - there will be FREE POLAROID PICTURES!!! Volunteer's from MMA, ABATE & the AzCMC will allow the public to take pictures on their motorcycles... PLUS! Free Give-a-way's: T-Shirts, Bumper Stickers, Badges and Informational flyers/pamphlets for the general public. Our slogan: "Look Out for Motorcycles!" So please come out

to the Indoor Swapmart on May 3rd and help "kick-Off" Arizona Motorcycle Awareness Month

May 8th-10th.....NCOM in Reno, NV

May 9th.....The Huns MC HAWG ROAST

THE HUNS MC - MAMMOTH CHAPTER is holding its annual HAWG ROAST at the chapters clubhouse in Mammoth, AZ. For more information call Owl at 520.487.2569 or go to our website at: [thehunsmc.com](http://thehunsmc.com) and click under events.

May 14th.....MMMC Bike Night

Jimbo's 12224 N. 51st Ave Glendale, AZ 85304 602-298-1500  
Plenty of parking, 50/50 drawing & food available!! Come Party with the Maidens & get to know us! FMI contact Mariah at 623-2433787.

May 16th..... Abate of AZ-Yavapai Chapter Presents "Spring Sun Run" ABATE of Arizona-Yavapai Chapter presents the "Spring Sun Run" Saturday May 16th. Sign in: 9:00-10:00 at IHOP in Prescott Valley on Glassford Hill Rd. Entry fee is \$10.00 rider/\$5.00 passenger. The Masterlink ad will get you 15% off your breakfest. Next stop is Billy Jacks in Humboldt, then ride down to Rock Springs Cafe in Black Canyon City, then on to the Roadrunner in New River, ending up at Western Trails Ranch in Morristown. 50/50 raffles and high/low highhand will be announced. Poker Hand is free. FMI call: Ross 928-925-4204 or Don 928-308-0927. Maps available at sign in.

May 17th.....MMA Event Cochise Dist.

Cochise Dist. Membership Drive. held at the City Park(Veteran's Memorial)(use Fry Blvd. entrance). There will be food & soft drinks & water available, with a free plate of food to each individual that Signs-up for a new MMA Membership. The

price (without membership) will be \$5.00 (a yearly MMA membership is \$20.00, which includes 12 monthly issues of the Motorcycle Patriot). Lots of fun planned, come and enjoy the sun. Contact: Animal (520) 458-3002

May 22nd -25th.....BTW Annual Seligman Trike In

Brothers of the Third Wheel (BTW) West-End Chapter would like to welcome ALL Bikes and Trikes to attend their Annual Seligman Trike In. Seligman Arizona. FMI contact ChiefBikerBill @ aol.com.

May 22nd – 25th..... MMA STATE RALLY

Annual State Rally in Heber Az. Toms Cabin Memorial Day Weekend. Bike show, Bike Games. Tattoo Contest, Door Prizes, Poker Run on Sat. 50/50 Live Music \$15 for Single \$25 for couple with children includes free Camping. fmi-623-695-5659.

May 24th..... Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets MC Memorial Weekend Poker Run

Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets MC 3rd annual Poker Run. Sign up from 9:30 to 11:00 at 3 locations. Jakes corner bar in jakes corner for those coming from the south. Chalet Bar in Strawberry for those coming from the North and Spur Bar in Star Valley . Cost is \$20 a person and \$30 for a couple on same bike. 10 stops to collect 7 beads. Cash prize for high and low hand.50-50 drawing, raffle at last stop-Spur Bar in Star Valley/Payson. Food venders and the John Scott Band at last stop. FMI contact girthlvmc @ yahoo.com

May 25th..... VNV/Legacy Vets MC Memorial Weekend Flag Services

Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets MC Ask you to join them at Mazatzel Casino in Payson at 8:00 for flag services. Then ride to town War Memorial for Flag Services at 10:00. Come enjoy

the services and give respect to those that gave their all. Get together at Spur Bar after. FMI contact girthlvmc @ yahoo.com

May 30th.....ShoRyders MC 6th Annual BBQ

Sho Ryders MC 6th Annal BBQ. Golf Links Sports Complex 2400 S Craycroft Rd Tucson, AZ 85711 Located on the NW corner of Golf Links & Craycroft directly across from Davis Monthan Air force Base. Time: 12-5pm Donation \$10.00 ALL ARE WELCOMED! Food, drinks, msic, raffle prizes, play area for kids, motorcycle show, trophies and awards. FMI contact moreinfo @ shoryders.com.

May 30th.....Spartan Riders MC Glendale 5th Anniversary Party

The details are in. The Spartan Riders MC Glendale Charter is celebrating are 5 yr anniversary. we would like all to come out and celebrate with us. there will be food provided with the entry. drinks and smoking in the bar. live music, 50/50, raffle, door prizes. 7618 n. 63 ave. The VFW just south of northern ave on west side of the road. Pre Sale Tickets are now available for \$10 per person see any Glendale Spartan Rider for your tickets. The Blow Out Party will start at 6pm and go till whenever. FMI contact Mouse

## JUNE 2009

June 5th – 6th.....SAHR 18th Run to the Border

Southern Arizona Harley Riders, 18th Annual Run to the Border - June 5 & 6 2009. Live Band, biker games, vendors, 50/50 Drawings, kids games, Have-a-clue ride, door prizes, auction, bike show, on-site poker hands, Friday night pool party. \$15.00 per person. Esplendor Resort at Rio Rico, 1069 Camino Caralampi, Rio Rico, AZ. Gates open @ 5:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am Saturday. Book rooms @ 1-800-288-4746, ask for SAHR special rate of \$85.00 +

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tax. FMI contact: donnawalker49 @ yahoo.com.

June 12th – 14th.....MRF Best of the West 2009 PHX

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Best of the West June 12-14, 2009 Phoenix, AZ Hosted by MMA of AZ, ABATE of AZ & AZCMC. Location: Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport 4300 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034 Call (602) 273-7778 for reservations. FMI: www.mrf.org

June 12th – 14th.....Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Present “Renegade Weekend”

Come to our weekend fun at Watson Lake Prescott, AZ for camping, bike games, vendors, food, drinks, and a hard body contest. Percent of proceeds to benefit “Veteran Homes” through out the state. POC: Rood-dog 602-696-1395.

June 13th.....Summer Support Party

Nomads Support Party presented by Sober Riders MC Rogue II at the Pinion Pines in Prescott. FMI contact: Sonar Road Capt SRMC Rogue II (email: wizbangpaul @ yahoo.com)

June 13th.....LRMC Beach Party

2009 LRMC Beach Party and Pop's Birthday Party! Saturday, June 13, 2009 7:00pm LRMC Clubhouse 6739 N 60th Ave Glendale, AZ 85301 \$10 entry per person THIS IS A 21 AND OLDER PARTY!! Wear your appropriate beach attire, sit in lawn chairs, listen to beach music and relax with old and new friends! This is a fun for all attending event!! For more info, contact Ice Princess 602-315-7178.

June 13th.....Spartan Riders MC Open House

Come join the Spartan Riders MC Glendale Charter for a night of partying and fun. All are welcomed. 7pm 6002 W. Maryland. FMI con-

tact: Mouse.

June 20th.....HEATSTROKE

THE HUNS MC - TUCSON CHAPTER is holding its annual HEATSTROKE Drag Races at Tucson International Speedway. For more information contact Frog at 520.302.0284 or go to our website at: thehunsmc.com and click events.

June 20th.....5th Ann. Do-it-in-the-Dark Run

5th Annual Do-It-In-The-Dark Run and Party. Sponsored by LDMC Mesa and SRMC Sidewinder Crew. Registration from 4pm to 6pm at SRMC Club House 1320 W Cochise Dr. Phx Night Run with end Party at the famous LDMC Mesa Clubhouse. Run, Food, Drinks and Party for the 5th Year running. MTF. FMI contact: engine\_srmc @ yahoo.com.

June 27th.....2nd Annual Beat the Heat Run

\$15 per person \$25 a couple great meal included. 50/50 raffle. Come join the Loose Cannons MC for a good time. any questions call Ghost 623-238-1124

## JULY 2009

July 11th.....ACMC Meeting

To All ACMC Members: Next ACMC Meeting is July 11th at 12 noon. Please send at least 2 representatives from your Club or Organization who has the authority to vote, if needed. Meeting hosted by Journeyman MC in Prescott area. Anything to address at the meeting please contact StillRay. His info is on the Contacts Page of this website. If you have business with the ACMC please also contact StillRay-Chairman. Any questions or concerns please contact a Board Member.

July 12th.....Annual Cycle Splash

Stoned Sober M/C in Tucson presents Cycle Splash #16 @ Rivers Edge Bar in Tucson, 12 til' 6 pm. More details in future posting! FMI

contact: moseshealer @ comcast.net.

July 18th..... 2nd Annual Leather District Brotherly Luv In

Yes, that's right. We're doing it AGAIN in '09!!!! Break out your tie-dye and fringe for an evening filled with 60's style fun and brotherly love to raise donations for a worthy cause. Entry fee is \$5 or a pet item donation (crates, pet food, blankets, etc.) Proceeds this year will befit Robin Hood Animal Rescue check them out at www.myspace.com/robinhoodrescue.

There will be Food / Drinks / Large Covered Patio / Raffles / Hula hoop contest! / Paddle ball contest / win prizes! / Best "tie dye" costume contest. Come in out of the summer heat and hang loose with your extended biker family. SPUDS Bar & Grill - 3558 W Northern Ave from 7pm to 9pm 602-973-0011

July 24th – 26th..... Too Broke for Sturgis 2009

Too Broke 2009 Friday, July 24, 2009 to Sunday, July 26, 2009 The price of admission is \$30 for the weekend...if you ar an ABATE member the weekend admission is \$20. A Saturday only day pass is available for \$15. Take I-17 to Exit 339 - Lake Mary Road / Mormon Lake. Head south off of the Exit onto Lake Mary Road. It's 21 miles to the Mormon Lake turnoff to the west. (There's one of those rustic type signs that says Mormon Lake unless someone steals the signage again, there will be a large sign that says Too Broke For Sturgis) Ride down Mormon Lake Road to the Event Entrance. Or, check a map for a back road trip. Lake Mary Road show as Forest Hwy 3 or 487 on most maps. Call Mormon Lake Lodge at (928) 354-2227. Mention ABATE for a 10% discount on cabins and RV hook-ups.

## AUGUST 2009

August 1st ..... Spartan Riders MC Open House

Come join the Spartan Riders MC

Glendale Charter for a night of partying and fun. All are welcomed. 7pm 6002 W. Maryland. FMI contact: Mouse.

August 15th..... Hi- Tower Memorial Run

Hawg Ridin Fools MC is having a Memorial for Hi Tower Sat Aug 15th at 11:00 am. Starts at the club house in Mescal exit 297 off i-10. It would be great to burn a tank for Tower. Thanks FMI contact: hrfmc69 @ yahoo.com.

## SEPTEMBER 2009

September 5th..... ACMC Meeting

To All ACMC Members: Next ACMC Meeting is Sept 5th at 12 noon. Please send at least 2 representatives from your Club or Organization who has the authority to vote, if needed. Meeting at Loose Cannons MC Clubhouse in Apache Junction. Anything to address at the meeting please contact StillRay. His info is on the Contacts Page of this website. If you have business with the ACMC please also contact StillRay-Chairman. Any questions or concerns please contact a Board Member.

September 19th..... EAST VALLEY RUN

7:00 AM -7:00 PM VIII SOCEITY &SOBER RIDERS 4TH ANNUAL EAST VALLEY RUN. FMI contact: wizbangpaul @ yahoo.com.

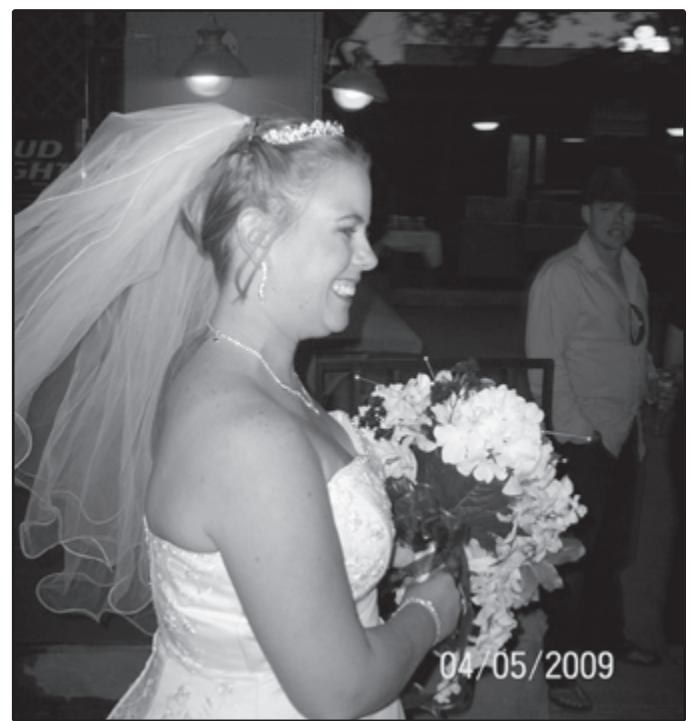
September 19th..... HILL CLIMB

THE HUNS MC - ALAMOGORDO CHAPTER will hold its HILL-CLIMB at Ruidoso. for more information contact any member, or go to our website at: thehunsmc.com and click on events.

September 24th – 27th..... 25th Meeting of the Minds, MN

25th Anniversary Meeting of the Minds 2009 September 24th to 27th, 2009 Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis, MN 800-325-3535.

# CHARITY'S WEDDING



## EVER WONDER ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO WRITE TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN?

Your Name  
Your Address  
Your City, State, Zip

[I have seen everything left justified and is acceptable although not formally correct. However be sure to skip a line here. A header is also acceptable for organization letterhead or stationary]

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Last Sunday, April 19, 2009, an amazing, inspiring, and totally unselfish act occurred at The Stardust Lounge, in the parking lot next to Sketches Tattoo. A Benefit for Cindy from MMA took off earlier than expected as "bikers" came rollin in before the noon kick off to support and donate money to help Cindy with her enormous medical/personal bills which have become overwhelming for her. The draw was not only the Bikini Bike & Car Wash, or the live music donated by Brotherhood of Blues Band featuring Sarah Styles, door prizes, 50/50 or the over abundance of free food donated by friends and supporters of Cindy. NO! The draw was Cindy herself. A selfless, hard working, thoughtful, giving, dedicated, honest, and the most loving woman I have the honor to know.

What caught my attention and made me get teary eyed many times that afternoon was the vast numbers of motorcyclists and supporters who kept walking around asking what more they could do for her. So many people, so many bikes and cars, so many giving and stand up "bikers" that even in their own stressful, demanding, and eco-

nomic struggles they wanted to make a difference in Cindy's life in her time of need.

THAT is the power of love and respect. THAT is what motorcyclists (bikers) do. THAT is how this sisterhood, brotherhood, and family works. THAT is why we come together. THAT is when we show what we are made of. THAT is where "bikers" become this elite community and the barriers and bridges come down because.....BIKERS (motorcyclists) give their all when the rubber meets the road.

And so with all the love, respect and caring that went on that day, the benefit for Cindy raised \$4000.00. And in these times, with these huge problems going on in America, and Arizona being one of the hardest hit in the nation I witnessed what my brothers and sisters are capable of doing because-WE HAVE HEART AND SOUL. And bikers are a force to be reckoned with when the cause reaches our core commitment to do whatever we can to stand up for what is right, what is free, what is truly an American standard that true bikers live every day of their life.

Cindy wrote this for all the hundreds (and I mean hundreds) of brothers and sisters she has in this community of the motorcyclists, the biker:

Words can not express the love I felt today. I am truly blessed to belong to such a great community. So many times when we are out and about there are people that frown upon us for the way we dress or just because we are on a motorcycle. What most do not know it is a community of brothers and sisters and I am so proud to be part of it. As most of you know this past year has been the worst in my life and with all your love and support I have been able to have many good days and will have many more to come.

I have been blessed with great friends. I would like to thank all that came out today and donated their time and their hard work to make today a success and help me with my medical and other bills. I would also like to thank all that came and just supported me and the issue of breast cancer.

I love you all

Cindy/MMA State Activities



# ANYWAY

Source Unknown

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.

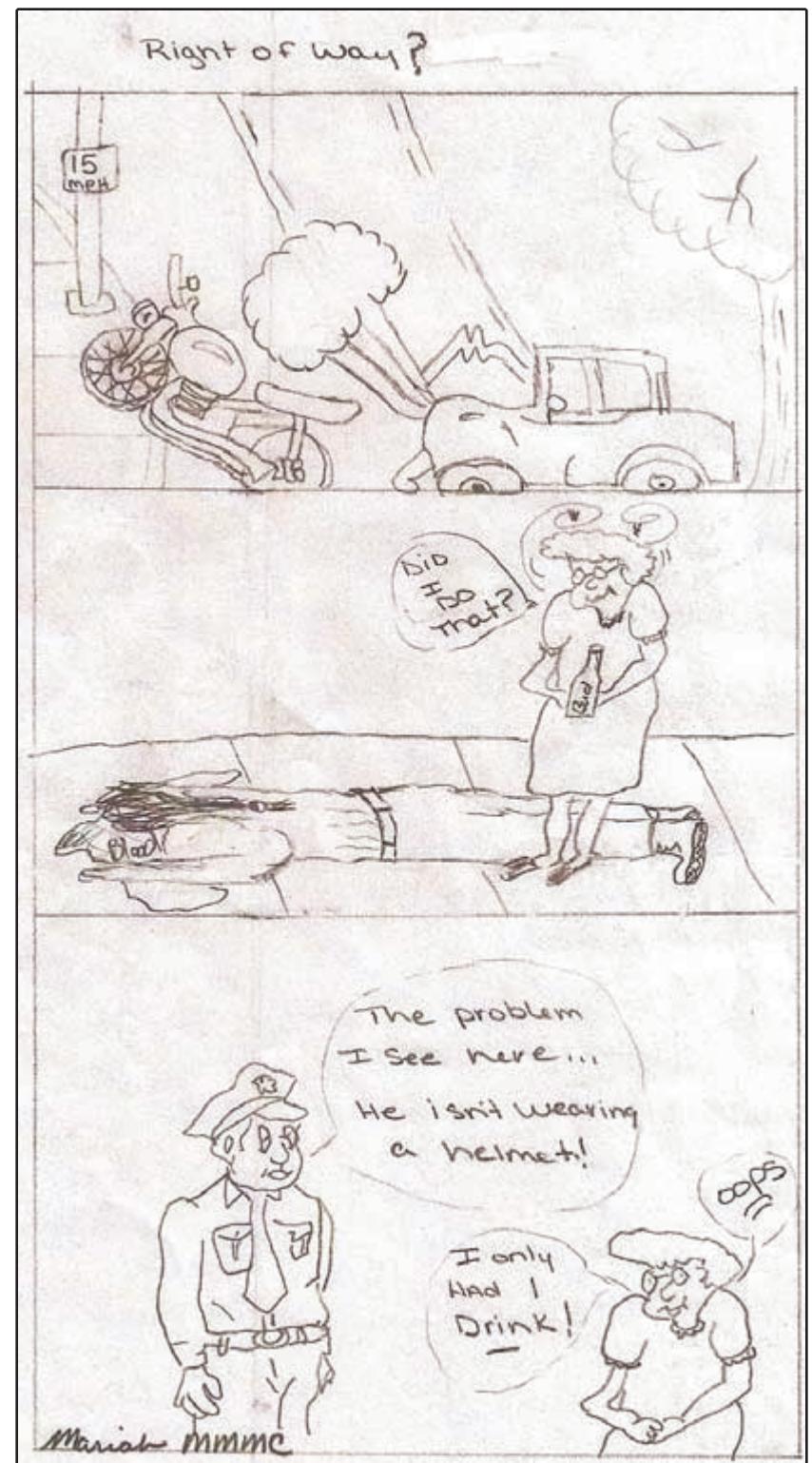
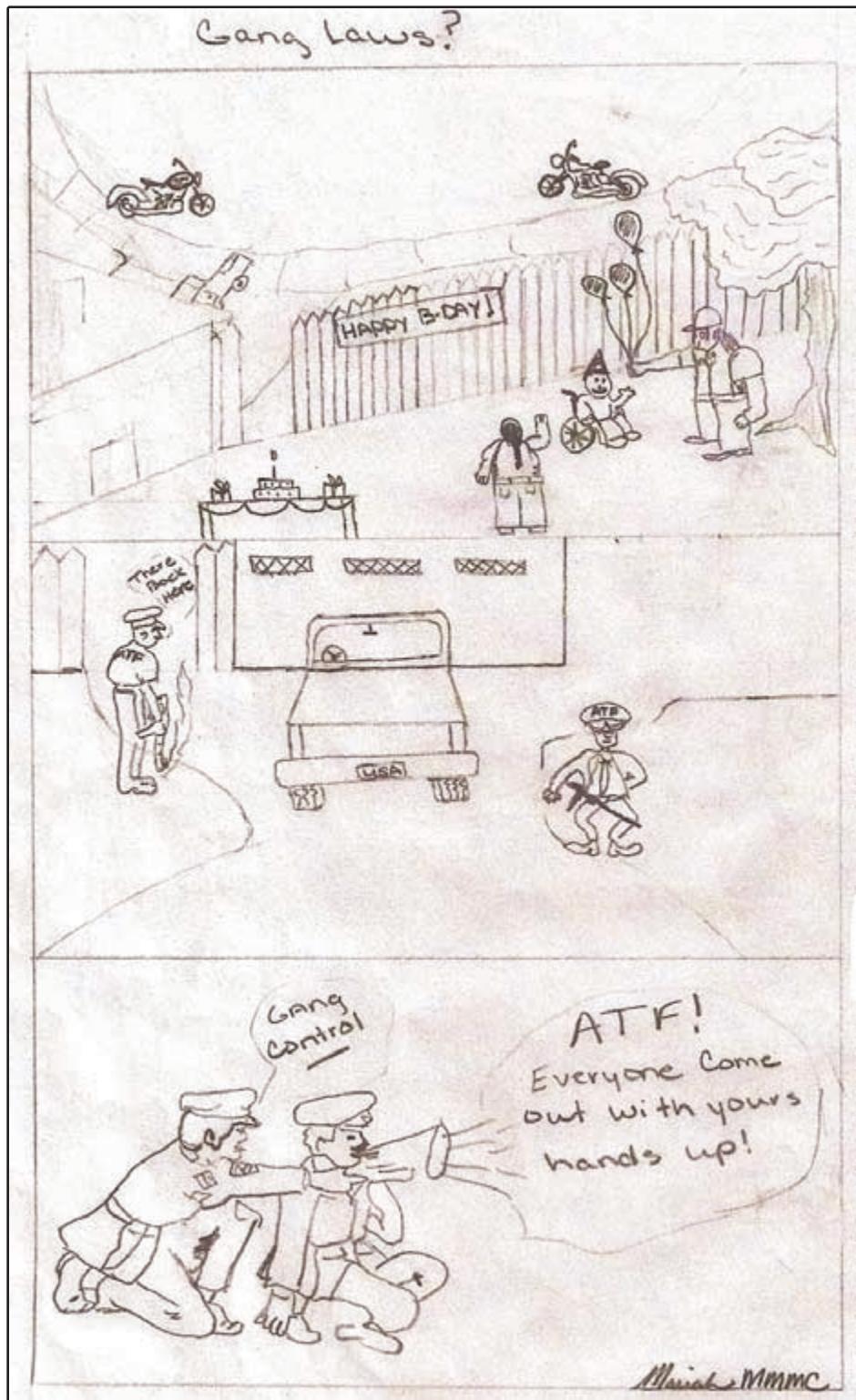
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone may destroy overnight; build anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.



## BROTHERS OF THE THIRD WHEEL



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## MEDIEVAL MAIDENS OUT AND ABOUT



## FROM THE GUNNY'S SACK

Here in the Pacific Northwest we are finally getting some of the nicest weather we've had in months, after a tough winter. Riders are starting to appear on the roadways. Take the time to go over your scooter to make sure it's roadworthy. Too many times folks just go out and climb on that ride when the sun comes out without regard to the fact it's sat in the garage all winter gathering dust. Check the tires, change the oil, look at the machine and tighten anything that might fall off and cause you trouble. This will help you live up to my tag-line, Keep the ROUND side on the bottom.

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I hate going to hospitals and funerals just because a brother or sister didn't take care of that ride. Use a little caution on the road until you put a mile or two under yur butt, too, and get your sea legs back. Remember that scoot has been sitting still for a month or two and so have you. Loosen up slowly and remind yourself of the things ya learned in that riding course ya took last fall. Wouldn't hurt to take another one just for the fun of it.

**RIDING KEEPS YOU YOUNG:** TOKYO: Riding motorcycles helps keep riders young by invigorating their brains, the scientist behind popular "Brain Training" computer software said, citing a new scientific study.

"The driver's brain gets activated by riding motorbikes," in part because it requires heightened alertness, Ryuta Kawashima said. Middle aged men were the target of this experiment. Makes sense to this old guy.

**MISSOURI:** If you're twenty one or older ya might get the chance to ride lidless here. Folks in the know here think this bill has the bones to make it to the governors desk. This bill sure has my support for what it worth. Freedom on the road is what riding is all about.

**AUSTRALIA:** All the new laws

and rules against motorcycle clubs in this country are having the effect of uniting some of the Australian clubs. More and more are working together in and effort to curb the anti-motorcyclist laws there. Information coming to us is they are only a few steps away from forming their own political party. I'm excited to see what that brings about. That sort of unity among bikers could and should spread around the world. Shakes the system up when we play by the rules they themselves put into practice. Go for it Aussies with certainly my blessing.

**VIRGINIA:** One of our AIM attorneys, Tom McGrath, is gonna have some fun with the new city law in Staunton that says ya gotta wear a helmet in this town. They're gettin pretty petty when town by town ya gotta stop and figure out whether to put on a lid. Waynesboro and Augusta County already have individual helmet laws and motorcyclists are up in arms over it. Seems to me if the state doesn't have such laws the parts of the state shouldn't either. We'll see what Tom comes up with and keep ya posted.

**WHAT A REAL TURKEY:** **MAINE, BUCKFIELD:** Police said a wild turkey is to blame for knocking a 23-year-old man off his motorcycle and breaking his collarbone. Maine State Trooper Corey Huckins said Jeffrey Russell of Hartford was riding with a friend on Route 117 in Buckfield on a Sunday afternoon when a wild turkey flew straight into his chest, knocking him backward off his motorcycle. Huckins said the impact was like "hitting a bowling ball at 45 mph." The impact killed the turkey. Too bad it wasn't thanksgiving. He would have gotten revenge.

**BEERS TO YOU:** AMSTERDAM, N.Y. The woman accused of causing a fatal motorcycle accident in Amsterdam has been indicted on reckless endangerment charges, according to an Associated Press story. The

woman allegedly threw a beer can at David Rivera back in April of last year, causing him to lose control of his bike and crash into another vehicle. Cops say the biker's speed was a factor but the beer can distracted Rivera and contributed to the crash. Seems to me if you THROW a beer can at a moving motorcyclist and he dies, it's murder, not just reckless.

**RECALLS, RECALLS:** If ya own a 2009 Kawasaki, go to a dealer and have them check your headlight. Apparently there is a malfunction in there somewhere and ya need to get it checked out. Be a mess if ya lost your light on a dark night. Also just got word on '08 and '09 BUELL motorcycles: NHTSA says there's a recall because a front cable can rub against the tire. Call your dealer to get the fix. To find out more about NHTSA and to get their motorcycle or auto recalls as

they happen by email, go to their [www.Safercar.gov](http://www.Safercar.gov) website or call their Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236. We don't report all the recalls here in the SACK, so check 'em out for your own scoots.

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### BLUE PLATE SPECIAL: SEATTLE, WA:

A motorcycle rights group is demanding answers from the Washington State Patrol. During an annual rally at the Capitol this year, a state trooper was seen on video, as he recorded the license plate numbers of those attending. The sergeant was seen wandering through the parking lot and using a voice recorder to take down the license plate numbers from motorcycles. At one point he even backs into the bushes to get a better look at the tags. AIM attorney Marty Fox is spearheading an inquiry into the incident.

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## FROM THE GUNNY'S SACK (CONTINUED)

"Seeing an officer from the State Patrol in the bushes, doing this is just shocking," said Marty Fox, an attorney for the motorcycle rights group ABATE of Washington. ABATE members were inside the Capitol building for an annual biker day at the state capitol, meeting with their legislators about laws affecting motorcyclists, when the trooper recorded the license plate numbers. This smells to high heaven to me. Blatant profiling borders on criminal activity to me. Cops claim it was concern over rival "gang" members riding onto

the Capitol campus. Gunny says the Capitol belongs to EVERY citizen, and Motorcycle Club members are citizens too. Cops say they aren't keeping the numbers on file. Yeah, and pigs fly with passengers. ABATE is still waiting to get that in writing.

The trooper involved is currently on vacation in Mexico and the State Patrol has been unable to reach him for details on what he was doing. AMAZING HOW THAT WORKS!

GUNNY AGAIN: As I always do

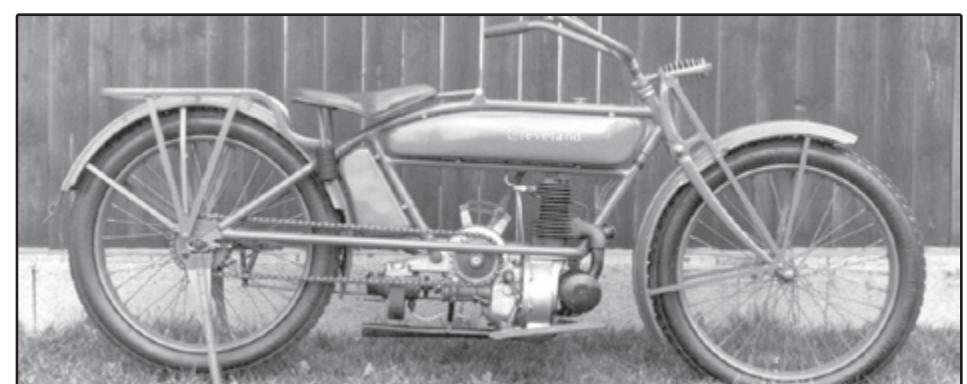
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Keep the round s ide on the bottom.

Gunny,

Oregon AIM chief of staff



## HAMSTER TIME

Good Morning America. Something almost magical happens to me every Spring when a bunch of good friends gather around a table and share a meal. Christian folks have a word for it; they call it fellowship. Bikers call it Brotherhood, but no matter what you call it, the meaning is pretty much the same.

Every Wednesday night during the Lenten season Klumps Tavern in New Alsace, Indiana serves up some of the best fried fish, French fries and Cole slaw you can find anywhere. When Fishnite starts at Klumps Tavern, I know Spring is right around the corner. Bikers, farmers, families, people from every walk of life, pile into this little Indiana tavern to enjoy what has become a tradition for many of us. Sometimes the best qualities of life are measured by the smallest of events. In this case, a simple meal with friends and appreciating the joy and laughter that comes from the company of good friends and great food.

I have believed that there are some of the most intelligent and intellectually gifted people that read this column. From time to time, some of them are willing to share their thoughts and ideas. I'm blessed to have such a wonderfully diverse group of folks who, over the years have become so much more to me than just readers, many have become close friends. Victor Kahn is one such person.

Victor, along with an amazing artist by the name of Jim Warren have created one of the most spectacularly stunning visual experiences you will ever see on the internet or anywhere else. It's called "The Great Illusion" and it's FREE to all who chose to see it. The web address is [www.thegreatillusion.com](http://www.thegreatillusion.com) Victor is a world class poet-philosopher. In one of our last e-mails, Victor said he was somewhat surprised that I would mention "the meaning of life" in a column in a motorcycle related publication. Personally, I think Bikers understand the meaning of life better than most people.

After riding a motorcycle for over 35 years, I have come to realize that Bikers "exemplify" the meaning of life every time we throw a leg over the saddle. We have learned to live in the "moment" whether it's riding in a pack of 100 other motorcycles or riding alone, when we ride, we're living in the "Now". Victor Kahn e-mailed me recently with some thoughts about living in "The Now" and "Reality" and for the sake of this article, I'd like to share some of Victor's thoughts with you.

Reality is thought manifest. Observation to creation requires conscious direction. You choose your own journey and live within its consequences. The road each of us travels towards understanding and awakening is a personal adventure. Experiencing the essence of life in sequenced words and surreal images so that you can see your own life unfolding is the crystallization of the ultimate paradox. Your experiences are your school; and your degree becomes your life.

Those who recognize the sequence of events as being perfect for their evolution are the Masters. Those who get lost in the fears and the negative are the players.... Victor Kahn ( I think Victor has the soul of a Biker.)

I can relate to Victor's words because riding a motorcycle to me is a spiritual experience. The sights, the smells, the feeling of the wind blowing across my face, and the warmth of the sun are just some of the reasons I ride. Sometimes I pray and leave the troubles of the world behind me. Just me and My Creator appreciating his handiwork and giving thanks for another day. Being one with the universe on an open stretch of highway while on the back of a motorcycle is as close to understanding the real meaning of life as anything I have ever experienced. Buddhist refer to this feeling as "Zen"; Bikers know this feeling as "Riding". I hope you enjoyed this months column. Until next month, get out and ride. Peace.....Hamster

## ABATE PAC REPORT



By Jim Page

Eenie, meenie, chilli beanie.  
Look into my crystal ball.

Look deeply and you will see the future. Through the misty depths we see a future where we won't be able to work on our own bikes because the EPA has deemed that all bikes must have electronic fuel injectors, catalytic converters and all sorts of devices to make your bike adhere to their standards. You will need a degree in morphology to be able to change the spark plugs. This will be because you bikers contribute an whole one percent of the motor vehicle contaminants to our atmosphere.

You will see a future where politicians will avoid at all costs making any kind of cell phone/ driving laws even though it has been proved time and time again that talking on the phone while driving is the number one most dangerous

thing you can do while behind the wheel. Conversely though, you will see a multitude of helmet laws because a couple of hundred lives MIGHT be saved.

You will see your chosen mode of transportation singled out for noise ordinances because you are trying to be heard by all of those negligent drivers chatting away on their phones.

You will see a future where you won't be able to teach your kids how to ride because the government has deemed bikes for youths too dangerous because of lead in their brake levers.

In the future, your health insurance companies will be able to say "we don't want to pay for your injuries because we don't approve of motorcycles."

You will see.... HUH? What? All of those things are already happening? Well, that's what I get for buying my crystal ball at K-Mart.

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Jim



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