

## Too Broke For Sturgis – We’re Back!

It’s easy to dismiss this high-desert town of 9000 as you fly by doing a buck on I-40. Easy, but a mistake. Talk to the people who call it home and you’ll hear pride and excitement about what’s going on there today. You’ll also hear some cool stories about the town’s history.

*“Winslow? In July? Too hot, nothing going on there.”  
– non-Bikers*

*“Winslow? In July? Too Broke For Sturgis? Hell yeah!”  
– Bikers from anywhere*

The 12-plus square miles we call Winslow today was home to the Homol’ovi people 1,600 years before it was selected as the townsite for the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad’s transcontinental line in 1880. The Little Colorado River was a critical water source for the ancients, the more contemporary Hopi and Navajo tribes, wagon trains crossing the fledgling USA, including Mormon settlers from Utah, and finally for the railroad expansion that made Winslow a boomtown. This rich mix of cultures continues to make Winslow a vibrant community.

Named for railroad official Edward F. Winslow, what had been a water-source crossroads became a major rail city connecting the two coasts, supporting the shipping of livestock, lumber and many other trade goods. In the 1920s, Route 66, aka The Mother Road, started a nearly 60-year tradition of 2- and 4-wheel tourism right through the middle of the town; at the height of the route’s popularity, thousands would ride and drive through in a single day.



Charles Lindbergh also recognized Winslow as a major point on the map between east and west in the 1920s. Although the airport is no longer used for commercial traffic, it was part of aviation history when it was designated as a key fueling stop along Transcontinental Air Transport’s (TAT) first coast-to-coast passenger route.

Lindbergh was head of TAT’s Technical Committee at the time. According to the airport’s Wiki, it was the only all-weather airport between Albuquerque and Los Angeles for many years. During WWII, the US military used it as a refueling and repair shop and it is used currently as a firefighting air tanker base by the US Forest Service. You can read more about the [Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport](#) here.

It’s not like Chicago & the Blues, or New Orleans & Jazz, but Winslow has some interesting musical connections, the most notable from the 60s and 70s. This period was no exception when it came to the connection between the biker culture and music.



Many bikers today started their love affair with 2 wheels during that time, and will find [Winslow’s Standin’ on the Corner](#) a nostalgic must-visit spot. And their kids and grandkids who ride, or just appreciate the Biker community and who’ve heard the song as an Oldie, can relate to the song’s advice to just chill.

Another less known musical connection in Winslow involves the now-famous Jackson brothers. The Jackson 5 was just starting out in the 60s and they didn’t yet have national exposure. But they were working hard toward that goal, including spending a few summers with their grandfather on Snyder Avenue. The story goes that he cracked the whip if the boys didn’t stay focused on their music. If you want to read more about them, [here’s an article from the regional Tribune.](#)

One other musical point of interest is that Natives who worked for the railroad formed The Santa Fe All-Indian Band in 1923 and went on to play many special events before they disbanded in 1964. One of their more high-profile performances was President Eisenhower’s 1953 inauguration parade in Washington DC.



You can find more out about these and many other unique historical and cultural topics at the [Old Trails Museum](#). And for a very thorough “Things to Do” list and local history, check out this post by [ArizonaJourney.org](#).

As a nearly life-time Arizonan, it was surprising to me how rich a history Winslow has that I was totally unaware of. There are many things to check out in and around Winslow – so much so that people might start calling the Sturgis ND Rally “Too Late for Winslow”.

Sandra ‘Jane’ Bell – Secretary, High Country Chapter

## President's Report – July 2023



### Greetings my fellow ABATE members

As you are reading this, I am sure you have noticed some changes to our monthly newsletter "The Masterlink". Our long time Editor Eric Hampton has decided to step away from the computer and has asked me to find someone to take over as Editor. I am not sure many of you know just how dedicated Eric has been to ABATE of Arizona. He has served as Editor of The Masterlink since 2004. He also served as Chairman of the Board for ABATE of Arizona from 2009-2012. Eric was also the Director of Communications and Editor at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Washington D.C. Eric has put in countless hours working for the Motorcycle Rights community. His dedication to our cause is to be saluted. I wish Eric all the best in all of his future endeavors. It has been my pleasure working with him these past years.

I am also pleased to be able to announce that Barry 'Double B' Bell has agreed to step into the role of our interim Editor for The Masterlink. Barry comes with an impressive resume. Many of you may know Barry as he is the Coordinator of our High Country Chapter. Barry also serves as the Communications Officer for the Mountain Motorcycle Association of Arizona (MMAA). I look forward to working with Barry and I am excited to see what changes he may suggest. It is always interesting to see what a new set of eyes can see. Please welcome Barry and do whatever you can to assist him in this transition by supplying articles, photos etc. and suggestions for our newsletter. Welcome aboard Barry.

As we look forward to the month of July, I see several events coming up by various groups. While you are out and about and attending any of these events, please be sure to wear your ABATE shirts or patches etc. so that the hosting organization knows you are and ABATE member and are supporting their event.

We also will be celebrating Independence Day. This year it falls on a Tuesday and many will be making this a 4 day weekend. Please be aware of your surroundings as you travel. Folks will be distracted and many will have been imbibing so stay safe.

As many of you know we were not able to secure Mormon Lake Lodge and Arena for our annual fundraiser event "TOO BROKE FOR STURGIS". We were able to secure the Winslow Rodeo Grounds for our event. Lonny & Sharon Gose who are the owners of the property contacted us and after a tour of the facility and the area we decided to move our event to their site.

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for us to be there*

They had plans on converting the site to an event location and our involvement has helped them to get the process moving. I am aware that most of us have been attending at Mormon Lake for years and there is a comfort level with that history. There will be changes due to the new location but after meetings with the folks in Winslow, Mayor Cano, City Manager Coolidge and Police Lt. Cano, I feel that this can be a good move for ABATE. The city officials and the locals are excited for us to be there and they are planning several outside events for us. The local VFW, Elks and Mason Lodges are also stepping up to help our event.

I know that many have questioned the distance to Winslow. I did a Google maps search and from my home in Tucson to the Winslow site is only 22 miles further than Mormon Lake. That is not much of a change. I know it may be different depending on where you are coming from. I have also fielded questions about the weather and shade. Well there are no trees on the property at this time so if you are coming up bring some sort of shade maker, either a pop up or something like that. The weather service shows that the highs should be about low 90's and lows in the mid to low 60's. The average rain for the month of July is only 3 to 4 days when it rains.

When we were at Mormon Lake we rented about 12 acres of land for the event. At the new location we have access to over 20 acres. Because we will be renting private land and not on the Lodge property we are able to get a liquor license for the event so we will have a "Beer Garden" area near the arena and will be able to have an additional income from that. There will also be a dunk tank and a few new events. We encourage folks to bring up squirt guns and kiddie pools as there is water available.

The city is looking to close off the street in front of the "Standing on the Corner" plaza for bike parking on Saturday and to allow our attendees to have time to take photos etc. and there will be a band etc. in the park area next to the plaza.

*As always in the past, this is an over 18 event so leave the kids at home.*

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We are still in need of volunteers to man the various positions such as merchandise sales, traffic control and various games, so please if you can register with the site to volunteer for a few hours while you are there. This is OUR event so all ABATE members should be helping out.

We are still in need for raffle/door prizes and also for sponsors, so if you know of any businesses or organizations that may be interested please have them get in touch with the “TOO BROKE” committee. Look to the web site and our face book pages for updates and information on the local hotels and restaurants etc.

Winslow is a small historic city of about 10,000. There are several areas that make for great riding. The meteor crater is just to the west and the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest are to the east near Holbrook. Old Route 66 runs right through Winslow.

I hope to see every ABATE member up at “TOO BROKE” along with their friends.

Remember you get a reduced admission for being a current member of ABATE.

Until next month,  
**RIDE FREE! RIDE SAFE! RIDE ENDORSED!!**  
 Jim



[Painted Desert](#)



[Meteor Crater](#)

**Legislative Report – July 2023**



**THE HEAT IS ON**

And I am not talking about the 112 degree days right now.

Arizona Republican leaders in Legislative District 2 have selected three nominees to replace former state Sen. Steve Kaiser, who resigned on June 22. He'll be replaced by one of three Republicans: former state lawmaker Shawna Bolick, twice failed congressional candidate Josh Barnett, or Paul Carver, the district's Republican Party chair.

As you may remember, Shawna Bolick is a life member of ABATE and the only 3x awarded Legislative Freedom Fighter of the Year.

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors must appoint one of those three nominees to the Senate. You might guess which direction I am hoping they go.

They've got plenty of time to choose — lawmakers aren't scheduled to return to the Capitol until July 31.

Other than that, we've been working steady on getting ready for next session already.

Be good to one another.

Michael Infanzon  
 Legislative Director  
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Mohave BOD Rep.....Gary 'G' Vick  
High Country BOD Rep.....Barry 'Double B' Bell  
Phx/Shadow Mtn BOD Rep.....Vacant  
Southern AZ BOD Rep.....Anissa Huntington  
Yavapi BOD Rep.....Dennis Banners  
Yuma BOD Rep.....Frank 'Hound' White

Quarterly Board meetings are Saturday  
January 7, April 1, July 8 and October 7 @ 1pm  
at the state office.

Zoom attendance is also available.

**Coyote Pass Chapter**

Coordinator.....Harley Pettit  
Vice Coordinator.....vacant  
Secretary.....Carolyn Wiley  
Treasurer..... Karon Surinck  
Sgt at Arms..... Tom Love  
Run Coordinator.....Mike Degrood  
Safety Coordinator.....Rudy Blum  
Merchandise.....Harley Pettit  
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The Coyote Pass Chapter meets the second  
Tuesday of the month at; Calico's  
Restaurant,  
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**Mohave Chapter**

Coordinator.....Tom 'Papa Smurf' Aydt  
Vice-Coord..George 'Jungle George' Payntar  
Secretary.....Kevin Davis  
Treasurer.....Roxanna Payntar  
Membership.....Cynde Aydt  
Sgt at Arms.....Emmette 'ET' Tucker  
Events.....Shirley 'Moonshine' Bizub  
PAC.....Dennis Lange  
Communications Officer.....Vacant  
Safety Coordinator.....Kevin Davis  
Merchandise.....Shirley 'Moonshine' Bizub

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Mohave County Chapter meetings are held  
the 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 PM at:  
VFW Golden Valley Post 2555, 6068 Supai  
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**Board of Directors and Officers**

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Cynde Aydt  
Mary K. Donnay  
Gwen Zolber

**Local Chapters**

**East Valley Chapter**

Coordinator.....Joe Silk  
Vice-Coord..... Jason 'Radar' Montgomery  
Secretary.....Julie Reemelin  
Treasurer.....Cliff Prentice  
Sgt at Arms.....Damian Paige  
Events Coordinator.....Stacy Baldwin  
Safety Coordinator.....Matthew Reemelin  
Membership.....Joe Silk  
Merchandise.....Suzanne "Q" Jensen  
PAC..... Rick "Ferg" Ferguson  
Communications.....Joe Silk

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The East Valley chapter meets at 10:00 AM  
(9am breakfast) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every  
month at the American Legion Post 138  
107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282  
SE Corner area of Broadway and Mill

**Southern Arizona Chapter**

Coordinator.....Jeremy Krauss  
Vice Coord.....Anissa 'Dragonfly' Huntington  
Secretary.....Monica Byrne  
Treasurer.....Monica Byrne  
Membership.....Jim Butsback  
Events Coordinator....Robert 'Gizmo' Welton  
Safety Coordinator.....Darron Huntington  
Sgt at Arms..... J.D. Dare  
P.A.C.....William Cleveland  
Communications..... Judi Miller  
Merchandise.....Lael Clark

The Southern Arizona Chapter will meet the  
third Saturday of the month at the  
Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge  
2660 W. Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705  
Meeting time is 10AM

**State Officers For 2022/2023**

President.....Jim Butsback  
Vice President.....Paula Beall  
Secretary.....Gwen Zolber  
Treasurer.....Cliff Prentice  
Membership.....Cynde Aydt  
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Safety Coordinator.....Matthew Reemelin  
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Mike Rudd  
P.A.C.....Will Cleveland  
Communications.....Judi Miller  
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State Officers meetings are held the  
1st Saturday of every month, 11:00 am at

ABATE of Arizona state office  
AZ American-Italian Club  
7509 N. 12th Street, Suite  
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**High Country Chapter**

Coordinator.....Barry 'Double B' Bell  
Vice Coordinator.....John 'Irish' Goldin  
Secretary.....Sandra 'Jane' Bell  
Treasurer.....Cyndi 'Dragonfly' Williams  
Membership.....Denise 'Spitfire' Trolinder  
Events Coordinator....Jacque 'Daisi' Whiting  
Safety Coordinato.....Roy 'Fatboy' Whiting  
Sgt at Arms..... Bill 'Silverback' Howard  
P.A.C.....Shawn 'Yukon' Bell  
Communications.....Barry 'Double B' Bell  
Merchandise.....Jeff 'Darkhorse' Sauer  
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HCC meetings will be held immediately  
following the MMAA meetings (11:00am)  
the 3rd Saturday of each month at  
Monica's Cafe, 1100 West Hall St,  
Show Low, AZ 85901

**Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter**

Coordinator.....Scot 'One T' Williamson  
Vice Coordinator.....Jay 'One Y' Williamson  
Secretary.....Gwen Zolber  
Treasurer.....Lyn Peterson  
Membership.....Mike Rudd  
Events Coordinator..... Scot 'One T' Williamson  
Safety Coordinator.....Ernie Lizarraga  
Sgt at Arms.....Jay 'One Y' Williamson  
P.A.C.....Vacant  
Communications.....Vacant  
Merchandise.....Vacant

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Phoenix/Shadow Mountain meetings are held  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 12:30pm  
at VFW Post-1433 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale,  
AZ 85301

### Local Chapters - Continued

#### Yavapai Chapter

Coordinator.....Tim Thomas  
 Vice Coordinator.....Dan Tumey  
 Secretary.....Dixie Gray  
 Treasurer.....Dennis Banners  
 Membership.....Holli Woolsey  
 Events Coordinator.....Vacant  
 Social Media.....Holli Woolsey  
 Safety Coordinator.....AJ Killian  
 Sgt at Arms.....Lori Kludt  
 P.A.C.....Vacant  
 Communications.....Sandra Tavares  
 Merchandise.....Dennis Banners

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Meet us the 2nd Sunday of each month  
 10:00 to socialize, meeting starts by 11:00  
 VFW Post 541  
 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott 86301

#### ABATE of Arizona Mission Statement

We will lobby and educate the government and general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of freedom.

We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goals.

#### Annual dues support our lobbying and safety programs across the state

- Individual Membership: \$30 annually
- Joint Membership: \$45 annually
- Individual Sustaining Member: \$50 annually
- Joint Sustaining Membership: \$100 annually
- Business Membership: \$150 annually
- Club or Organization: \$150 annually
- Individual Lifetime Membership: \$350
- Joint Lifetime Membership: \$700

#### Yuma Chapter

Coordinator..Alex R. 'Sidetrack' Montez RRMC  
 Vice Coordinator.....Frank 'Hound' White  
 Secretary.....Mikkie Melanson  
 Treasurer.....Robin Aitken  
 Membership.....Doug Kreag  
 Events Coordinator.....Vacant  
 Safety Coordinator.....Vacant  
 Sgt. At Arms.....Joe 'Rattle' Toussint IFMC  
 P.A.C.....Vacant  
 Communications.....Vacant  
 Merchandise.....Vacant

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Yuma Chapter meets the 2nd Thursday evening monthly at 6:00 PM at the pm. Community Christian Church, 6480 US Highway 95 Yuma, AZ 85365 (Between 3E and Araby - back building)

#### Benefits of Joining ABATE of Arizona Include:

- You will be protecting your rights as a Motorcyclist in Arizona
- You will be promoting Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Programs
- You will receive the ABATE of AZ patch to proudly wear on your vest or cut
- You will receive Discounted Admission to our annual Too Broke for Surgis Motorcycle Rally
- You will receive \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Courtesy of American Income Life Insurance Company
- Lifetime and Sustaining Members receive a recognition patch as well as Special mention on the ABATE of AZ website and in the monthly Masterlink news letter
- Business Memberships include two individual memberships and a free ad In the Masterlink news letter



**▶ JOIN NOW!**

**ABATE of ARIZONA**  
 American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education

**ALL BIKES, ALL RIDERS**  
 Join the fight today at [www.abateofaz.org](http://www.abateofaz.org)

**LANE FILTERING IS LEGAL**  
**ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 28-903 F**  
 The operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may overtake and pass another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel and in the same lane as the operator and may operate the motorcycle between lanes of traffic if the movement may be made safely and if the operator does both of the following:

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

Lane Filtering information cards are now available at your local chapter



## ABATE of Arizona Chapter Reports

### Coyote Pass Chapter

The Coyote Pass Chapter in Kingman, offers rides each Wednesday and Saturday

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### Mohave Chapter

Getting more excited for Too Broke this year. A new location in Winslow and a lot of new things happening along with the location. Sometimes I wonder why more ABATE of AZ members do not go. Time to get your butts up there and have some fun.

Until next time stay safe and ride safe

Tom 'Papa Smurf' Aydt  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/263121160987524/>

### Southern Arizona Chapter

The Southern AZ chapter held its monthly meeting at the Northwest Moose Lodge on June 17. In May, the chapter presented a check for over \$2000 to a representative of the Fisher House, which was of all the proceeds from the 2023 ABATE of AZ Southern Arizona Chapter Fisher House Run, held in March.

In April, the chapter lost a member of its family, JD Dare, Sgt at Arms, from cancer. JD was a brother, a friend and family to all. He had the biggest heart, volunteered to help whenever he could and was always there to listen when someone needed to talk. A celebration of JD's Life was held at the NW Moose Lodge on June 10.

Judi Miller, ABATE of AZ  
Southern Arizona Chapter  
Communications Officer

### Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter

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### East Valley Chapter

Special thanks to everyone for their encouragement and support of Damian Paige and Rob Van Pelt as they continue to recover and heal from their accident's injuries. Special thanks to the Down N Durdy organization for their support! Please support their fundraiser dinner on August 20<sup>th</sup> at American Legion Post 2 – the donations go to a good cause to help riders involved in accidents. And, your continued support of our fallen rider, Arron Hendricks, and his family is most admirable. Will hold our chapter meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Post 138 at 10a.m. Still working on creating a chapter history record. Observed in the past Masterlinks some interesting information on our chapter's past volunteers and activities. I am in need of your paper Masterlinks prior to 2011. The paper files in the state officer are incomplete. Please send in your historical records. If you have any other information on the East Valley chapter please forward or call me up and we can meet in person over a few "cold beverages". We have a few chapter shirts in mens and womens sizes available. \$20 for short sleeve and \$25 for long sleeve. Working on new merchandise: sleeves and decals.

EVC Continues to hold informal meet and greets with membership and guests every Thursday from 4pm til 7pm (various locations). These meetings are a great way to discuss chapter future events and goals outside of the meetings or just to talk about our daily events over a "cold beverage". At these locations, we present each business owner with an ABATE business membership offering. Our goal is to have East Valley business member "signage" in most of the area biker friendly eating/drinking establishments(our signs are prominently displayed at American Legion Post 138, Gypsy's Roadhouse, Brick and Barley, and The Monastery) . Would be great if these self-proclaimed to be a biker friendly and supportive establishments, that we have visited, became ABATE business members: **WTH Bar and Grill, OTG Bar and Grill, Dirty Blonde Tavern, Good Time Charlie's, Jolie's Place, OKelly's**(although not a business member, they have generously supported the chapter events and TBFS with gift cards), **Hungry Monk, Time Out Sports Bar and Grill, and Pub and Grub**. An ABATE business member signage(and business membership) goes a long way to show the biker community that they support Arizona's riders right to ride. Thanks to American Legion Post 138, Brick and Barley, The Monastery Bar and Grill, and Gypsy Roadhouse for your support of the East Valley Chapter and biker's rights!!

Although not a drinking/eating establishment, Dobson Lakes Family Chiropractic has been an avid business member and proudly displays their business member certificate and signage – check them out!

We continue to support new membership opportunities and promote ABATE by setting up a membership booth at various bike events. We have been a regular participant at the Mesa Cycle Gear every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. We had a membership booth at the American Legion Post in Fountain Hills – met several riders and signed up two new members – thanks to chapter member, Jim Sivigny, for getting us a no cost booth space.

We are observing more riders come up to our booth and ask about ABATE. Maybe we don't get people signed up right away but at least we are getting the word out about ABATE. A big thanks to our membership for supporting our membership booth opportunities! These membership events help us to discuss lane filtering and motorcycle rights issues to the new and seasoned riders. Thanks to Chapter and State Treasurer, Cliff Prentice, and other members for their support!

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### High Country Chapter

The High Country Chapter postponed their regular June meeting in lieu of supporting the American Legion Riders Post 30 on the Devil's Short Run. The following weekend our chapter had a booth and held a meet and greet membership drive at the White Mountain Bike Rally held at Hon-Dah Casino June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing friends old and new at Too Broke for Sturgis!

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### Yavapai Chapter

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### Yuma Chapter

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# Choose Wisely

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

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



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

## The Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation Financial Assistance Helmet Program

# How it works

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



For more information or to apply



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### Chad Lawton, Agent, Farm Bureau Financial Services

Chad has been providing financial services such as Wealth Management, Home & Auto, and Life & Health insurance for 12 years, and with Farm Bureau Financial Services since 2020. Chad became an ABATE member because being involved within his community is an important focus both personally and professionally. Further, Chad acknowledges that his association with ABATE provides him with a better understanding and education of the motorcycle community as a whole, in return he will be able to help educate his clients, family and friends. Chad met his wife Molly in 2010, and soon after had their first child Peter.

He moved to Arizona from Indiana in 2009 after attending Indiana Wesleyan University for Business Administration, then attended Scottsdale Community College with a focus on Education. Molly attended Arizona State University and then Chattanooga Community College with a focus on Sustainability. Chad has been a co-chair or committee member with St. Joseph the Worker, Family Promise, Valley of the Sun United Way, and the American Heart Association. He is also a proud member of the Moose Lodge.

Chad joined Farm Bureau Financial Services for many reasons, one being that what they provide is not a one size fits all approach. Farm Bureau is client focused while providing sound comprehensive protection unique to the needs of his clients. Chad proudly shares that 92% of his clients stay with him because of his service, attention, and straight forward approach.

Chad and Molly do not own motorcycles, but they believe that by being a member of ABATE they can learn, have a better understanding, provide support and an appreciation for motorcyclists and the motorcycle community. Chad's Business Motto: We partner with our clients to protect what matters most.



### East Valley Chapter Hosts Guest Speakers

Our May meeting's guest speaker was Stacey Goodman. Stacey, a retired Long Island NY police officer was on the scene for 23 days straight at ground zero on 9/11. Stacey gave her personal accounts of working in the identification/forensics area. The details of her experiences and post 9/11 issues are documented in her book: "The Dust Never Settles". For more information go to her website: [www.staceygoodmanbook.com](http://www.staceygoodmanbook.com). The information Stacey presented was something we had not heard from the news media. Thanks to Stacey to taking the time to present to our chapter!

The guest speaker at our meeting will be our new business member, Chad Lawton from Farm Bureau Financial Services (insurance). Chad will present information on liability, uninsured/underinsured coverage, and motorcycle insurances.

The East Valley Chapter meets at 10:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month at the  
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### EPA to allow summer sales of E15 Sales

The Biden Administration issued an emergency waiver allowing for the sale of E15 from June 1st to September 15th. Restrictions on fuel volatility have limited the sale of E15 to the months outside of summer. This move by the Biden Administration is an attempt to appease lawmakers from corn producing states, who for years have lobbied for year-round use of the fuel. A

### Repeal of Nebraska Helmet Law

Nebraska state officials told local newspaper the Lincoln Journal-Star that they've seen an uptick in motorcyclists in the state who have stopped wearing helmets with the announcement that the law has been partly repealed. The paper points out that these officials did not provide any hard data to corroborate those claims, citing anecdotal evidence instead.

However, they caution that although Nebraska governor Jim Pillen did sign the bill into law that repeals mandatory helmets for riders over 21 as long as they've taken basic motorcycle safety training courses and are either wearing eye protection or have a windshield on their bikes, the law will not change until January 1, 2024

### On the Road

#### I-40 East Ash Fork Traffic Interchange

The Arizona Department of Transportation has initiated a project to improve the condition of an 11-mile stretch of Interstate 40 near Ash Fork, west of Flagstaff. The project located in Yavapai and Coconino counties between mileposts 146 – 157, and a portion is located within the Kaibab National Forest. The work consists of removing and replacing the existing asphalt surface. While paving is underway, motorists will encounter daytime lane restrictions and travel delays. *Throughout the project, east- and westbound I-40 may be narrowed to one lane only in each direction.* ADOT advises drivers to plan for possible delays while the work is underway.

#### I-40 Second Mesa – Joseph City

Overview The Arizona Department of Transportation is improving the roadway along a 9-mile stretch of Interstate 40 east of Winslow between mileposts 259 – 268 in Navajo County. This Pavement Life Extension project is being funded by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). The project includes removing the existing asphalt and replacing it with new pavement, and restriping the roadway. The paving work is scheduled to begin this summer and final completion is anticipated in late summer 2023.

#### State Route 260: Rim Road to Gibson Rd.

The Arizona Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration is improving the roadway along a 21-mile stretch of State Route 260 between Rim Road and Gibson Road (mileposts 282-304). The \$24.9 million project includes extending and improving drainage facilities, constructing a 5-foot shoulder on both sides of the roadway, guardrail improvements, spot pavement repairs and restriping of the roadway. Construction is anticipated to begin this spring and last through approximately the fall of 2024. *Traffic may be restricted to one lane only with alternating east- and westbound travel 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays and the contractor has an option to work 5 a.m. to noon on Fridays. As a result, motorists may experience traffic delays.*



### Unification Gathering in Sacramento

On May 21, 2023, over 3,000 motorcyclists gathered at the California State Capitol in Sacramento to talk biker’s rights, and to send a message to the state legislature that a change in how California deals with issues important to riders is needed. Speakers from the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of California, ABATE of California, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the National Council of Clubs (NCOC) and other groups took to the podium to stress the importance of all riders - as well as other consumer advocates including those in the automotive industry - coming together to present a unified front. Rally organizer and MRF State Representative ‘Chappy’ Patrick Carver and his team of volunteers did yeoman’s work in organizing the event. Chappy is also the President and lobbyist for the MMA of California and works closely with the MRF on legislative issues being addressed in Congress. Numerous long-time California activists, including ABATE lobbyists Jim Lombardo and Bobby T, ABATE officers David ‘D-Man’ Seiler, Chuck Pedersen, and MMA/ABATE Liaison Dave Battles were on hand as well.

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## Diamond Grinding Pavement Treatment

The Arizona Department of Transportation is exploring another option for smoothing out the ride along Valley freeways where the rubberized asphalt has aged and is wearing down. Diamond Grinding is a technique for preserving and rehabilitating the concrete pavement surface of a highway. This technique has the potential to reduce costs of rehabilitating our aging infrastructure, while still providing travelers with a smooth, quiet ride.

ADOT has partnered with the Maricopa Association of Governments on an analysis of pavement treatments used to limit noise generated by tires as vehicles travel on freeways throughout the MAG region. Although rubberized asphalt has been successful at reducing freeway noise levels, it wears down over time and must be replaced every 10 to 15 years. Costs associated with replacing rubberized asphalt are projected to increase by nearly 300 percent in the coming years:

Between 2020 and 2024, rubberized asphalt replacement and pavement maintenance costs for Maricopa County are estimated at nearly \$200 million.

The number is projected to increase to between 2025 and 2029, to nearly \$800 million.

Diamond grinding could save millions of dollars in pavement-rehabilitation costs and free up funding for future freeway improvements.

### Potential Benefits of Diamond Grinding

In addition to saving money, diamond grinding could result in less highway maintenance. For example, rubberized asphalt has a service life of 10 to 15 years. Over time, it wears out because of traffic and the elements. Diamond grinding is a longer-lasting solution.

Drivers on a surface treated with diamond grinding will enjoy a smooth ride, much like a new rubberized asphalt surface. Also, as rubberized asphalt ages and wears down, noise levels associated with highway traffic increase. However, noise levels have not been shown to increase over time on freeways treated with diamond grinding.

ADOT welcomes your questions or comments about diamond grinding:

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## 2025 Buell Super Cruiser

Buell's latest model will be a high-performance streetbike called the Buell Super Cruiser, and it's being designed and built in collaboration with Roland Sands Design. In fact, Sands himself revealed the physical proof-of-concept machine at his RSD warehouse to an assorted press corps. The bike is being billed as "450 lbs of supersport power [merged] with easygoing ergonomics for an iconic throwback to stylin' Sunday afternoons."

There were a few numbers thrown out in the release, but because this is a concept bike, most of the specifics are vague. We do know that Sands was tasked with "using as much of the standard Buell rolling kit" on the design, according to both Sands and Buell Motorcycle CEO Bill Melvin.

That means everything from the fork to the lightweight 17-inch alloy wheels (with signature perimeter braking system up front) down to the master cylinders and switch gear found its way onto the Super Cruiser concept; of course, you also have that 175 hp, 1,190cc liquid-cooled Buell V-twin (an evolution of the Rotax Helicon mill) shoehorned into Sands' one-off steel tube frame and taking center stage.

Given the Super Cruiser's claimed 450-pound weight and prodigious power, Sands had to engineer his chassis design to work with the swingarm, fork, original wheels, and brake system. "Ground clearance, bar position, and comfortable seating and foot positions are key to getting the cruiser look with sportbike handling," Sands said.

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The Buell Super Cruiser aims to mash superbike-level power and FXR-like handling together in a club-style cruiser package.

### White Mountain Bike Rally Returns to Hon-Dah Casino



Members of the High Country Chapter along with State Vice President Paula 'Bubbles' Beall brought motorcycle safety and awareness, as well as membership opportunities, to the White Mtn. Bike Rally on June 30th and July 1st.

*This year's musical guest was Don Felder, former guitarist for the Eagles.*

The HCC provided a single or dual membership as a raffle prize. Several members took advantage of the campground near the casino and made a holiday weekend of the event. Thank you to the Mountain Motorcycle Association of Arizona for your support and to all that participated.



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### East Valley Chapter Continues MAP Program Presentations

Just when I thought we were done for the last semester, we ended up presenting to a few summer classes at Dobson HS. Special thanks to members Clem Copolillo and Glenn Gussak to helping out. Glenn tried to eclipse the outdoor demo speed record but fell short a few MPH's (the damn speed bump got in the way). Thanks again Clem and Glenn – volunteers are what makes a membership work! All members, keep sharing lane filtering with riders and car drivers. It is important to get the word out so that all riders (and car drivers) are aware.

The MAP program documentation can be accessed at [www.abateofaz.us](http://www.abateofaz.us). The program is in support of ABATE's awareness mission statement and needs the support of all chapters! Please get on board and help present the information to all non-riders (doesn't have to be a drivers ed class) – imagine the difference you can make to reduce accidents!

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### OREGON LANE FILTERING BILL (SB 422) FAILS


After passing the Oregon Senate 27-2, SB 422, which would allow motorcycles to lane filter on highways during traffic jams, died in the Joint Committee on Transportation after not receiving a committee vote, and did not go to the House floor where it was expected to pass. SB 422 received over 1,000 testimonial submissions in support of the bill, and only about 20 in opposition.

This is the 3rd time in 5 sessions that this bill passed the Senate, including last session when it also passed the House but was vetoed by former Governor Brown. This bill had broad bipartisan support in the Legislature. The bill was amended this session to address law enforcement concerns, but law enforcement, along with other special interests, still opposed the bill, and the bill died in the same committee it passed out of last session.

I am very proud of our team's efforts this session and all of the hard work of so many riders over the last 8 years that made this bill the most widely supported motorcycle bill in Oregon history. Oregon's traffic congestion and infrastructure strain will continue to worsen and we will continue to support common sense solutions that will reduce traffic congestion and increase safety for Oregon riders. Since our first bill in 2015, three states (Montana, Utah, and Arizona) have joined California in allowing motorcycle lane filtering. Several other states have lane filtering bills pending.

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