

## February 2019

Our wallets may be a little lighter and our bellies a little fuller, but we made it through the holidays! The new year brought a new coordinator for our chapter and to kick off the first meeting of the year, former coordinator, Mike Schneider officially handed his personal coordinator patch over to William Driggers. Will began his run as coordinator by revealing that he wishes to increase events and activities and widen ABATE recognition by having our ABATE booth at more events throughout the year. He welcomes all suggestions and ideas!

As membership officer, Will reported that we have 3 new members! Let us welcome James, James, and Wanda Coon to our chapter! They attended and signed up during our Dec Social Event. Get your friends involved! You don't have to ride a bike to support riders, ABATE membership is for everyone! Contact Will for more info!

Safety reminds us to layer up! Cold body temps equal slower reaction times. Also, check your tire pressure! Cold weather means less tire grip, watch for those potholes and manhole covers! Practicing your motorcycle skills are encouraged and there are many places throughout the valley that have skills practice: Contact Jeremy Calenda for more info. Safety also reminds us that as ABATE members you have a \$4,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit provided jointly through ABATE and American Income Life Insurance Company!

Merchandise reports that State hoodies (\$35), long-sleeve (\$25), and short-sleeve (\$20) are available! Also, there are limited quantities of Phoenix-Shadow Mnt. chapter shirts left, but new merchandise is in the works! Get yours while they're here!

PAC reminds us to get involved! Legislative Opening was Jan 14<sup>th</sup>! Don't forget to contact your local legislator! Motorcycle Day at the Dome will be Feb 19<sup>th</sup>; focused issues: profiling, hands free driving, and SB1001. SB1001 is the repeal for the \$32 registration fee, a vote FOR means you are AGAINST this fee. You can let your voice be heard by registering and going to <https://apps.azleg.gov/RequestToSpeak/MyBillPositions> under the Search Phrase you can enter the bill you are looking for, example: SB1001. If you need help registering or have questions, please contact Pops or Mike Infanzon.

Nolan Steed, Runs and Events, encourages participation in all upcoming events!

- » Feb 10<sup>th</sup> - Florence Prison Run \*Following our meeting we will be riding down to participate in this event.
- » Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - ABATE Run to The Ren Fair ~ 10am, Check our Facebook page for more details.
- » Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - Motorcycle Day at the Dome 1700 W. WASHINGTON, PHOENIX AZ. For more info: <http://www.azcmc.org/mc-day-at-the-dome/>
- » March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Spartan Riders Ghetto Blast ~ 2pm till the party stops (\$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door) BBQ and live music Spartan Riders PHX Clubhouse 2218 N. 24th Pl. PHX, AZ
- » March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Riding for the Long Haul ~ free event For more info: <https://www.amsaf.org/riding-for-the-long-haul/>
- » Save the date and tell your friends. The Moon Mullins Run has been set for October 12, 2019.
- » Mark your calendars and request your time off! TBFS June 6th-9th at Mormon Lake. Online ticket sales are available for the 28th Annual Too Broke for Sturgis June 6-9, 2019 visit our website: <http://www.abateofaz.org/> to purchase your tickets!

Vendors and sponsors are wanted! Contact Tara Rudometkin or Dawn Steed. Don't Be So Broke for Too Broke Raffle Tickets are still available; only 1000 will be sold! 1st prize is \$300, 2nd prize is \$150, and 3rd prize is \$50! Tickets are \$5 a piece or 3 for \$10, don't miss your chance to win some cash! Contact Dawn or any other ABATE officer to get yours! You do not need to be present at the time of the drawing. Drawing will be held at TBFS on Thurs. June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:45PM.

Just a friendly reminder that ABATE members are automatically AzCMC charter members! Support them and their events as well!

Double B, Board Rep wishes to inform everyone that at the last BOD meeting it was voted on and passed that ABATE of AZ will not use the word endorse in official publications. Additionally, the next BOD meeting will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Mohave Chapter. BOD meetings are open to anyone and all are encouraged to attend. Contact Double B for more info.

Phx-Shadow Mnt. Chapter would like to thank Breyer Law and A'int Nick's Tavern for renewing their business memberships and to all the new and returning members! Thank you for your support!

As always, our chapter, state officer, and officer training meetings are held at the Arizona American Italian Club (7509 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Phoenix, AZ 85020). Our chapter meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at the. Breakfast is from 10-10:30 AM, with the meeting immediately following. Please come join us and bring a friend! State Officer meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at 10:30.

The ABATE of AZ Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) is looking for volunteers to learn how to be an instructor. Let's get this program expanded state wide! If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Silk – EV Chapter or your nearest ABATE Officer.

On a final note; at the last State Officer meeting: Discussions on the new AMSAF membership options were brought up AMSAF is not a MRO, like ABATE, but a safety organization and work jointly. It is in discussion of ABATE and AMSAF swapping memberships or ABATE sponsoring AMSAF. Want to weigh in? Let your chapter officers know how you feel.

In addition, membership reported that the ABATE mailing address has changed to a PO Box. Anything mailed needs to be address to 7000 N. 16th St. Suite 120 #434 Phoenix, AZ 85020

Shiny side up,

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