

March 2019

February seemed full of frost on windows, rainy days, and snow in the north, that slowly lead us into March. But in spite of what Punxsutawney Phil had to say, enduring the per usual roller coaster temperatures of Arizona brings us a little bit closer to spring and that beautiful riding weather on the horizon that we all love!

Speaking of progress, The Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapter held it'd monthly meeting on February 10th with over 30 people in attendance. A truly great turnout, despite sharing the date with the Florence Prison Run. The meeting was in full swing with the welcoming or 5 new members and 2 new lifetime members!

Acting on his wishes to increase our presence at more events and activities and to widen ABATE recognition, new Chapter Coordinator, Will, did just that. A strong ABATE presence was seen at several events this past month with a promise of more to come! As both coordinator and membership officer, Will, announced at the meeting that, "it is important for ABATE to be present and be visible." He asks everyone to get involved and ask your friends to join! You do NOT have to ride a motorcycle to be a part of and support ABATE. He invites any and all ideas for us to to be involved in or host events, fundraisers, and gain new members. Please contact a chapter officer to submit your ideas.

Jeremy, safety officer, reminds us to check your T-CLOCKS (Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil and fluids, Chassis, and Sidestand) daily check list.

Double B, merchandise officer, debuted new ABATE PHX-Shadow Mountain Chapter bracelets. They are selling \$3 each or 2 for \$5. He also reminds us that there are still State hoodies (\$35), long-sleeve (\$25), and shortsleeve (\$20) are available!

Want to see your ABATE merchandise ideas come to life? Contact Robb to see what he can do! He welcomes any input.

PAC reminds us to get involved! Please keep an eye out for emails on what is going on and how you can help make an impact. If you are not receiving ABATE emails and would like to contact an officer to get on the email list. You can also find out more information on our website or our Facebook page!

If you see a "Call to Action" notice, please make that call. All you have to do is say your name and how you vote. Short, easy, simple. Also register for RTS (Right to Speak). If you need help or more information, contact Mike Infanzon, he will be happy to get you set up.

We are also looking for ideas for fundraisers and donations to send Mike, our ABATE lobbyist, to the Meeting of the Minds annual conference 2019. This event is designed to educate and motivate the motorcyclists' rights community. It also gives Mike a chance to meeting and network with others across the nation.

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

- » March 2nd - 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 3rd - 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 6th at 4:45PM.

What we've been up to since we last met:

Many of our members met up at the American Legion to show support for the 9th Annual Skin & Steel Bike and Tattoo Show. There was a great turnout for this event with lots of vendors, food, and music by Moonshine Voodoo. Tons of prizes were raffled off. There was also a bike show with awards and tattoo booths. After chatting with one of the tattoo artists named Thor, dressed as dead-pool, we learned there's new ink shop in town! Dozer Ink in Mesa just opened a few months ago! Chapter VP Dawn Steed and I headed over to their booth and after checking out the incredible work the guys at Dozer Ink do, we both took turns getting a new tattoo!

Later that night, many members showed up and supported the popular TBFS band Unchained playing at the Starlight Lounge in Glendale. A great time with great friends and great venue for a great band!

On January 26th The Chapter held a group ride to the 4th Annual Ride for broke for the Salt River Wild Horses, which ended at the 9th Year Anniversary Party of WTH Bar & Grill. Here we held a booth, selling state shirts and hoodies, raffle tickets, future ABATE member patches for kids, passed out information, and encouraged membership sign ups.

Our Chapter booth was also seen at the Ramjet Swap meet! As, always you are invited to come hang out, drop by and say, "Hi!" or help volunteer for any and all chapter events! Look for more info on our Facebook page: [Phoenix-Shadow Mountain, ABATE of Arizona](#). If you have any events you want to see us at or any ideas for fundraisers you can message an officer through Facebook messenger or leave us a post!

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

As always, our chapter, state officer, and officer training meetings are held at the Arizona American Italian Club (7509 N. 12th St. Phoenix, AZ 85020). Our chapter meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the. Breakfast is \$8 served 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 1st Sunday of every month at 10:30 AM.

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.

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

See ya at the next meeting! Until then...

Shiny side up,

Nichole Driggers
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