

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona

Southern Arizona Chapter Monthly Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: April 15,2023

Site: Buddy's Bar

Site Address: 189 E Hwy 82, Huachuca City, AZ

Presiding Officer: Jeremy Krauss

Officers Attending:

Coordinator: Jeremy Krauss	Present
Vice-Coordinator: Anissa “Dragonfly” Huntington	Not Present
Secretary: Monica Byrne	Present
Treasurer: Monica Byrne	Present
Membership: Jim Butsback	Present
Sgt at Arms: JD Dare	Not Present
Safety: Darron Huntington	Not Present
P.A.C.: William Cleveland	Present
Runs/Events: Robert “Gizmo” Welton	Present
Communication: Judi Miller	Present
Merchandise: Lael Clark	Not Present
B.O.D. Rep: Anissa “Dragonfly” Huntington	Not Present

Meeting Call to Order @ 11:54 am

Reading of the Mission Statement: We are a political organization. We will lobby and educate the government and the 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 goal. Read by Jeremy Krauss

Reading of the Minutes by Secretary:

Motion made by __Bob Welton__ and seconded __William Cleveland__ to waive reading and accept as presented was approved.

Coordinator's Comments: I went out to Cycle Gear this night, I still wasn't able to get any of the Motor Officers out to come explain the Lane Filtering. Still working on that. So far in 2023 there has been 38 motorcycle accidents where the motorcyclists were injured. There have been 7 accidents where the motorcyclist was killed that's since February 19th. (February 19th, March 19th, March 23rd, March 28th, March 30th, April 6th & April 11th of those it looks like the riders were speeding, several involved alcohol, one of them vehicle turned in front of motorcyclist there was no speed involved the driver was sited & released for a moving violation. Nothing to do with Lane Filtering. It's all high speed. Slow down tell people to slow down. Look out for ourselves and others. There have been 5 motorcycle fatalities just in the City of Tucson. (2 bicycle, 11 pedestrians, 11 vehicles) all fatalities this year, compared to last year 29 fatalities inside the City of Tucson vs 31 this time last year, we got 5 this year.

Vice-Coordinator's Comments: Nothing at this time,

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$ 5,628.04 Combined In-Chapter. There were \$ 0 in expenses and the chapter raised \$ 0 50/50. Motion was made by William Cleveland and seconded by Bob Welton to accept the report.

Safety: So far in 2023 there has been 38 motorcycle accidents where the motorcyclists were injured. There have been 7 accidents where the motorcyclist was killed that's since February 19th. (February 19th, March 19th, March 23rd, March 28th, March 30th, April 6th & April 11th of those it looks like the riders were speeding, several involved alcohol, one of them vehicle turned in front of motorcyclist there was no speed involved the driver was sited & released for a moving violation. Nothing to do with Lane Filtering. It's all high speed. Slow down tell people to slow down. Look out for ourselves and others. There have been 5 motorcycle fatalities just in the City of Tucson. (2 bicycle, 11 pedestrians, 11 vehicles) all fatalities this year, compared to last year 29 fatalities inside the City of Tucson vs 31 this time last year, we got 5 this year.

Membership Report: 114 Active Members, 150 Inactive Members, would have 264 Members if all Active.

Merchandise: Nothing at this time.

P.A.C.: Bills still in the process SCR1018 Prohibit Tax monitoring vehicle mileage, the 2024 general election ballot is in period of question whether to amend the state constitution to prohibit the state & counties municipalities or other political subdivisions from imposing a tax or fee on a person based on vehicle miles of traveled. HB2063 Appropriations for state routes 238 & 347 up there in Maricopa County. HB2288 roundabout's, right of way, large vehicles that's been transmitted to the house. House is currently on recess, actually I think both chambers are on recess. With the Former Representative Liz Harris being expelled on Wednesday, they decided to take a recess to give that district time to find someone to replace her.

We had 2nd Amendment Day coming up on Monday and that has been postponed until the following week. Senate Bill 1234 prohibition photo radar last action on this it was sent to House Committee as a whole.

We have elections coming up that's the main thing right now focus on the City of Tucson Elections. Elections dates obviously the 17th was registration cut off, 19th early ballots mailed, Tuesday May 16th election day early. Proposition 412 is basically TEP wants to impose a 12% tax hike. Which could incur as much as \$14.00 more on everybody's electric bill basically to cover expenses that they say they need to keep doing what they are doing.

The Primary is on Tuesday August 1st, General Election is Tuesday November 11th, these are the seats that up for Mayor & City Counsel. Obviously right now, candidates that are currently have the votes to get on the ballot, obviously Regina Romero (Demo), Janet Wittenbraker (Rep) & Arthur Kerschen (Lib). In the General Election you have Edward Ackerley & Zach Yentzer both Independents. City Counsel Ward 1 – Victoria Lem (Rep), Miguel Ortega (Demo), Lane Santa Cruz (Demo), Ward 2 – Paul Cunningham (Demo), Lisa Nutt (Demo), Ernie Shack (Rep), M. Pendleton Spicer (Lib), Ward 4 – Ross Kaplowitch (Rep), Nikki Le (Demo). So the reason I am bringing this up now is because elections have consequences, you know I hear a lot of talk all over on Facebook & TicTok & on the internet & these place about how it's getting crazy out there people driving out of control, roads not being fixed, police won't do anything. Elections have consequences you got an opportunity to change it, it's time to make a change, if you want things to get better then we have to select the right people that we know are going to get the job done. In the next couple of months, I will do the best that I can to try and get some of these people together & come out to a meeting & let you have an opportunity to ask the questions & find out where they stand.

HB2419 our sponsor was Representative Grass as Kong's law moving violations, injured pedestrians, motorcyclists & bicyclists to revision of ARS28-672 first violation this is failure to yield right of way, if you cause serious injure to a pedestrian, motorcyclist, or bicyclist mandatory traffic survival school, 90-180 days of suspension with serious physical injury, 180-day suspension 1st year with death, at least 1yr violation results in that. 2nd violation if within 36 months which is 3 yrs. is a 180 days' suspension for serious physical injury or 1 yr. for death that's mandatory. 18 months if the violation resulted in death. Restitution shall not exceed \$100,000 dollars. It moves it from a civil violation which I believe is a \$185.00 fine. Right now it just a civil violation they slap on the wrist, doesn't go on your driving record, \$185.00 and you just killed somebody or put somebody in the hospital. We want to upgrade this to a Class 1 misdemeanor, except if it becomes a Class 6 Felony if serious physical injury and a \$500 fine & 30-day house arrest, or Class 5 Felony for a death \$5,000 fine & 180-day house arrest.

Reason why I wanted to bring this up to you guys just in the City of Tucson we've had 5 fatalities this year, this last week I saw a post, some of the several of the motorcycle sites & people are just getting fed up and I don't blame them for being fed up, we go through every year. We want to do something, we want to raise awareness, well that is what we do for some reason or another we have this bill which is being held in committee right now we are not going push it until next session because we had too much opposition. I looked the RTS we had 10 for & 3 against now that the 10 that for 7 were ABATE, 3 of them between 2 of us. We need to get as many as of you guys on the RTS System, so we can get as many people as we can for this legislation as possible. This how you do something riding around town is all great, but it doesn't create change it just creates awareness, we want change, we want people who aren't paying attention & pull out in front of a motorcyclists & hurt somebody or kill somebody to be held responsible not slapped with a \$185 fine & have a nice life. That's Bullshit! That is where we come in that is what our mission statement is, we ought to be making sure everybody knows about it.

Runs/Events:

April 11th, 2023, Cycle Gear Bike Night 5385 E. Broadway Blvd. Tucson, Arizona 85711 from 5pm – 7pm.

May 6th, 2023, Old Bastards Blues Brews & BBQ - Benefits the Fisher House at 3727 S. Palo Verde, Tucson, AZ from 12-4, \$20.00 per person, Raffle Prize: 2011 HD Sportster. Live Music "Blues", Vendors.

July 27th – 30th, 2023 ABATE 32nd Annual Motorcycle Rally -Too Broke for Sturgis, Winslow, AZ: Live Bands Thurs. Fri. & Sat. Bike contest, Bike games, Poker run & walk, People games, beard, tattoo contest, Tent & RV Dry Camping Available, \$40.00 weekend including tent camping, \$35.00 (ABATE Members), \$25.00 Saturday only pass, \$30.00 additional for RV Camping. Adult Only Event, must be 18 to enter event.

Communications: Nothing at this time

Board: Nothing at this time

Old Business: Our Road Side Cleanup April 15th, 2022 we are riding from Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge, 748 W Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson, AZ., to Buddy's Bar in Whetstone, AZ for our annual Road Clean-up & Lunch, Kickstands up by 8:30am to arrive by 10:00am. Monica to order & pick up Fry's sandwich, chips for our lunch. Lou is letting the Bar know that we are coming as well as the city. We might be giving Gator the donation for Fisher House at this meeting.

New Business: No new Business

Membership Drawing:

A total of \$ 88.00 was in the pot. Lonnie Rice, name was pulled. He took \$10.00 & donated back \$78.00. Next Month will be \$ 9.00.

50/50 Pot: The winner was Lonnie Rice for the amount \$ 10.00 donated back.

Motion to Adjourn:

Was made by Bob Welton Seconded by William Cleveland to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Next Meeting: May 20th, 2022 at Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge, 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705 Meeting starting at 10:00am.

Jeremy Krauss

Coordinator

Monica Byrne

Secretary