

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

Southern Arizona Chapter Monthly Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: February 17, 2024

Site: Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge
Site Address: 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705

Presiding Officer: Jeremy Krauss

Officers Attending:

Coordinator: Jeremy Krauss	Present
Vice-Coordinator: Anissa “Dragonfly” Huntington	Present
Secretary: Monica Byrne	Present
Treasurer: Monica Byrne	Present
Membership: Jim Butsback	Present
Sgt at Arms: Rob Rogers	Present
Safety: Darron Huntington	Present
P.A.C.: William Cleveland	Present
Runs/Events: George Moses	Not Present
Communication: Judi Miller	Present
Merchandise: Vacant	Not Present
B.O.D. Rep: Anissa “Dragonfly” Huntington	Present

Meeting Call to Order @ 10:02 am

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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 _Judi Miller_ and seconded _Rob Rogers_ to waive reading and accept as presented was approved.

Coordinator's Comments: If you don't have your request to speak set up need to get that done. I know we are going to have a lot things going through the legislator right now & need your support.

Vice-Coordinator's Comments: Nothing at this time

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$ 5,536.20 Combined In-Chapter and Held by the State. There were \$ 0 in expenses last month and the chapter raised \$ 0 from 50/50. Motion was made by Judi Miller and seconded by Anissa Huntington to accept the report, which was approved.

Safety: Watch out for the idiots, check your tire pressure. There is a lot of construction going on & the idiots re worse near construction zone. Also the GEM show is still going on, there is gun show going on. Make sure if you see a pot hole please report it or nothing will get done to fix it. But if you report it they will get out to fix it.

Membership Report: 78 Active Members, 191 Inactive Members, if all were ACTIVE we would have 269. Also we going after the meeting to give V-Twin collective to him his Membership & present it to Randy. We also want to highlight a Member once a month in the Masterlink.

Merchandise: Need to get someone to do the Merchandise. Monica is still working on figuring out what email address was used for the PayPal account set up by Lael our previous Merchandise person had setup. Once that is done she will be able to transfer any funds in the account to our bank account.

P.A.C.: The lobbyist report had a clerical error. We're tracking 17 bills that effect motorcyclist & safety in Arizona right now. Obviously everybody is interested in finding out information about the Kong's Law that still on hold & probably not going to go through this year. We got some more work to do with work on legislation on it. As far as the Senate bill 1376 which is are load securement bill this just went through this Thursday is was a vote 5-2 in favor & that goes into file & eventually to the floor, next week is crossover week so hopefully we can get that passed on the floor & crossover to the house so we can get this approved. We also have the PAC fund up here, please contribute & sign in what donated.

Runs/Events:

February 24th, 2024 "Moonshine", Shirley Moore-Bizub, past President of ABATE of Arizona, passed away at the end of December. There will be a celebration of life for Moonshine on Saturday the 24th of February at 2:00 at 2741 Hunt Ave., Kingman AZ at the Desert Road Riders clubhouse. Everyone who knew Moonshine is invited to attend.

I-40 Westbound, exit E. ANDY DEVINE AVE. and go right. Take the first right onto AIRWAY AVE. Take next right onto N. DIAMOND ST. Take next right onto KENWOOD AVE. and follow it under I-40 (turns into EASTERN ST.) Go two blocks and make a right on TATUM AVE., then left on WASHINGTON ST. and right onto HUNT AVE. You're there!

Google doesn't show the 2741 address on their maps, but using Google maps address "2742 Hunt Ave., Kingman, AZ 86401" will get directions.

FMI: Gary "G" Vick (360) 349-8113

March 9th, 2024 Fraternal Order of Eagles Motorcycle Swap Meet, 1530 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ from 7am-12:00pm. Buy, Sell or Trade, All Brands Welcome including Car Parts, Vendors Wanted Paved Spaces 10x10 \$20, 10x20 \$30 Text to reserve your spot Mary @ 520-300-1496. Kitchen & Bar Open

March 12th, 2024 Cycle Gear Bike Night, 5385 E. Broadway Blvd. Tucson, Arizona 85711 from 5pm – 7pm.

March 24th, 2024 Curated Motorcycle Show Presented by Iron Horse Motorcycles, Hosted by Gear Shifters AZ 1045 N Catalina Ave., Tucson, AZ from 8am-2pm.

April 27th, 2024 Share the Road & Riding for the Long Haul Fundraiser at Marriott Phoenix Chandler 1600 South Price Rd. Chandler, AZ 85286 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. For more information on Sponsorship or Tickets go to: www.AMSAF/org/RFTLH Table Sponsor (table 8) \$1,500 Individual Tickets \$150. Door Prizes, Live & Silent Auctions, & Mega Raffles.

May 18th, 2024 Annual Chapter Fundraiser Fisher House Run, Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705. \$10.00 a person. Vendors, 50/50, Raffle Prizes. Registration starts at 11:00am, kickstands up at 12:00pm.

May 20th & 21st, 2024 MRF - 15th Annual Michael "BOZ" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway

The 15th Annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway is the ONLY National Motorcycle Lobby Day held in our nation's capital. Motorcyclists from around the country ride to Washington D.C., to help educate Members of Congress regarding the issues facing motorcyclists today. This event will be held Monday, May 20th and Tuesday, May 21st, 2024. All online registration and attendance confirmation need to be completed by May 15, 2024.

MAKE YOUR CONGRESSONAL APPOINTMENTS NOW! ALL ROOMS NEED TO BE BOOKED BY APRIL 22, 2024. ROOMS ARE LIMITED

SCHEDULE Monday, May 20th

MRF Board Meeting @ Embassy Suites - start 8am Lobbying Prep. Session @ Embassy Suites 6-8 pm

Tuesday, May 21st Lobby Day @ Congressional Offices (KSU: TBD) Post Debrief Session @ Embassy Suites 6-8pm

HOTEL EMBASSY SUITES 1900 Diagonal Rd Alexandria, VA 22314 703-684-5900

Reservation Code: MRF

\$260 Base Rate Rooms Are Limited!

REGISTER FOR BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY 2024:

<https://motorcycleridersfoundation.wildapricot.org/...>

JOIN THE MRF TODAY!

<https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/>

Communications: Nothing at this time

Board: Nothing at this time

Old Business:

Fisher House Run, Jeremy went down to Cycle Gear & their willing be one of the first stops, he also went by Gear Shifters & they would willing to be one of the stops on the run. Route looks like we will start at Moose Lodge, then go to Cycle Gear, then V-Twin, then the Eastside Moose, then Thunder Mountain, then last stop being American Legion. We will have breakfast at the Moose Lodge & have water tables at the stops, if anyone wants to eat in between at Thunder Mountain or can wait there will be food vendors at the American Legion. We are not here to support drinking & riding, as it is a Liability & makes us look bad. This is a fundraiser to support the Fisher House, we not here to support someone's drinking habit!! If they want to do that they can do it on their own time!! We are doing this ride to support our Veterans & their Families & Fisher House Foundation. Anissa has a lot of Raffle Prizes to donate & will meet up with Monica one day to get those to her. Also, she is working on get swag for the swag bags & will have a swag bag party to get those put together, so it's not just Anissa doing it. Darron will be going to one of the meetings with Gator to secure the American Legion 109 last stop. He will also work on the Thunder Mountain also. As of right now the last stop is not secured yet but we will know by next month meeting. William has secured the Original El Taco for one of our food vendors all he need is a time for her to be there. Bob has had people contacting him about being a vendor at this event, Anissa let him know that he needs to have them contact her so we can get them setup as vendors.

Chapter Raffle Fundraiser do we want to do another gun or something else for our Fundraiser? Jim got the raffle tickets last around 500 tickets. Darron Huntington made a motion & was seconded & accepted. Let us know what type of gun and what not. William suggested we think about what we want to auction & table it at the next meeting such as 1 yr. membership of ABATE or entrance to To Broke for Sturgis.

Jim wants to start a monthly ride or breakfast ride on a Saturday or Sunday since most people work during the week. Not on our Meeting day. This will be an opportunity to get out as ABATE Members & do something more every month. Looking at maybe the 2nd or 4th weekend of the month. Jim will pick a date & let Judy know so she can send it out.

Motorcycle Awareness Month in May would like to do something. There are several events going on in May but we should do something.

William Cleveland wants to have a Memorial Ride in Honor of JD Dare on April 28th, 2024, as it would 1 year since we lost him. We can meet some where kickstands up stop & have either breakfast or lunch. Motion was made & approved by all in attendance.

New Business:

Chapter Raffle Fundraiser we going to set it up as 1st Prize a Trip, 2nd Prize a Gun & 3rd Prize will be \$50.00. This way everyone gets a chance to win & would be able to sell more tickets instead of just a gun. We are going to discuss this more at the next meeting & should have more information when we will start the raffle & what the prizes are? Last year we started in February & ended in September.

Our road side clean up Anissa contacted Monica as John received a letter of cancellation from ADOT. Monica quickly got that taken care of by submitting the last 2 cleanups online & contacted them to change our contact person. She has put herself as the contact for the future & renewed with ADOT for years. She will be submitting after the road side cleanup is done how many attended & how many bags were left at our sign. She has already let them know we will be there on April. So on April 20th we will be doing it. We are going to have our meeting at the Moose Lodge the going to do the road side cleanup & maybe go to Tombstone brewery afterwards if you want too. We are not going to buy sandwiches for the cleanup.

JD's Memorial Ride – William has contacted Michelle a close friend she has a ranch that helps kids with Autism. She is honored to have motorcyclist come out to honor JD. She is located around Tanque Verde & Houghton. William will get more details by next month. Monica is happy to have that at her place.

Membership Drawing:

A total of \$ 83.00 was in the pot. Jay Ryan Hubbard, name was pulled. The amount will rollover to next month because he/she was not at the meeting. Next Month will be \$ 93.00.

50/50 Pot: The winner was Anissa Huntington for the amount \$ 22.00.

Motion to Adjourn:

Was made by Anissa Huntington Seconded by Rob Rogers to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.

Next Meeting:

March 16th, 2024 at 10:00 am at Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705

Jeremy Krauss

Coordinator

Monica Byrne

Secretary

