

December 2019

Yavapai ABATE Chapter members, our coordinator and BOD representative, Dan Tumey and Deborah Butitta respectively, attended the annual "The Meeting of the Minds 2019 (35th Annual)" in Bloomington Minnesota on September 19-22. 35 years ago, the Meeting of the Minds was set up by a handful of motorcyclists with in mind to come together with a hope that from that meeting they'd find a common ground to protect the future of motorcycling.

This year they honored another handful of freedom fighters - those who Honor the Past – Protecting the Future, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation with a renewed focus and recognition of young motorcyclists with the MRF's Young Activists Award, a vanguard of motorcyclists' rights activism. There was a dozen workshops of a cadre of topical presentations, and a brother and sisterhood of renewal of old and new acquaintances, to keep stoked the fire that resides in all of us- MRO activism to bring home and share with us and our fellow state chapter members. To join: www.mrf.org/join.

The weekend of October 18th, 19th, and 20th Yavapai Chapter Members rode to meet with ABATE High Country Chapter's Annual Chili Cook-off at the Tonto Rim Bar and Grill in Star Valley, AZ. If you weren't there, you missed out!! The weather was terrific although we donned our heated gear for extended riding at elevation. The turn of the season- fall color changes was absolutely spectacular. We visited an old stomping ground we're all familiar with- the Mormon Lake Lodge obliged us with a great fire in the saloon, hot coffee, cool drinks and an amazing lunch before heading down 87 to Payson.

The chili was 2nd place to the great riding... and friendship we shared with all our ABATE brothers and sisters who also attended, which were so great and welcomed us. Good times!

Yavapai Chapter Members plan on supporting and attend the annual High Country Toy Run/Fundraiser on December 14th. Please contact High Country to see how you too can participate and hopefully we'll see you there!

In these uncertain times the one thing is certain is that the ABATE Yavapai Chapter voted to make concrete our chapter's commitment to the cause and voted in members to each and every chapter position with nominations to fulfill every position. We will remain strong through 2020 and hope the same for all other state chapters.

The Yavapai Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm, at the VFW Post 541 Bucky O'Neill's at 202 N. Arizona Ave., Prescott 86301. For more information, contact ycabateaz@gmail.com or call Dan @ 928-308-9911. Dinner available most meetings at 5:00 pm put on by the host, but it would be best to call ahead.

Lastly, member update we have 63 members and 6 business members. Special thanks to our business members, Grand Canyon Harley Davidson (GCHD), Mormon Lake Lodge, Barefoot Bob's Billiards, El Charro Norte, Mark's Beergarden and Star Island Motorsports. Visit them if you're up here in Yavapai County.

Ride Long, Ride High and Ride Safe - Cheers!

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