

April 2019

As we look out our windows at the snow in High Country while writing this, it is hard to believe that Wild in the Weeds is only a little over a month away (always the FIRST Weekend in May). This year we expect more people, more bikes and more fun with Saturday's featured entertainment being UNCHAINED! They will top off a day filled with great friends, great games and lots to keep you entertained. This year we are even featuring a Ride to the Weeds from Desert Wind Harley-Davidson on Saturday morning. You can get all the details at WildInTheWeeds.com so save the date. This year's event will be bigger than ever!

Wild in the Weeds starts May, which is also Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month in Arizona. So High Country likes to remind folks of this at the end of the month. This year the Rim Country District of the MMA of AZ will once again be working with us at the Mogollon Rim Visitor Center on Route 260 to kick off the Memorial Day weekend by reminding motorists to Look Twice for Motorcycles. We will have donuts and coffee to help tired travelers stay alert, balloons and other giveaways for kids and grown-ups.

On a sad note, our local American Legion Riders, along with the Patriot Guard Riders, recently held a memorial service to remember Jim Newman, a High Country ABATE member and good friend to everyone who knew him. Jim was a USAF veteran and recently helped restart the American Legion Riders chapter in Payson. When Jim knew the end was coming, he graciously auctioned off his incredible motorcycle to raise money for local veterans' causes and provided over \$13,000 to those causes as a result. Jimmy, we love you brother. It is not the same without you.

Until next time, Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed!