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We in Yavapai are hopefully like all you other ABATE chapter members- continue to self-quarantine and social distance even though the state has started to open up on our governor's direction. At the time of this writing, the State of Arizona has seen a 200%+ increase of infections in the past week. So, our chapter continues to keep the kibosh on our monthly meetings due to those local environmental conditions, and continue to use "ZOOM" to meet each month. As more of our members realize this new normal, the turnout continues to grow, and a quorum has been met. We will most likely continue to meet virtually until the 'science' behind the infection shows a real decline, even if that's into next year.

It has been decided by vote we will use Meetup.com for exposure to attract new members. Benefits will be links to State ABATE website, membership/signup link, Masterlink, use to network potential business members, schedule events, and communicate with members. We will also post legislative action issues as well, to help the overall motorcycle community in general know we are more about just helmet rights laws, and use the platform the educate all riders on issues affecting our riding community.

This past month meeting we were thankful to have our state lobbyist Mike Infanzon join our virtual meeting and give us an update to all the great work he and team are accomplishing. He has given us lots of good advice on advancing our chapter's goal and objectives, while coordinating and working with the state. Keep up the great work Mike!

As a chapter as a whole, we are still advancing plans for the summer pool party in Kingman to meet with the new state president, Moonshine. We hope to finalize our plans one way or the other and RSVP by the end of June. We are considering to staying a couple nights at the AVI on the river south of Bullhead.

The Yavapai Chapter meets normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm (without COVID-19), 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.

Membership report: 67 members, 7 Business members: Barefoot Bobs, El Charro Norte, Summit 4x4, Mark's Beergarden, Mormon lake, Star island, Renegade Classics Phoenix.

Respectfully submitted-Suni Sommers, Membership Officer.

Ride Long, Ride Hard and Ride Safe - Cheers!

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