

## MRF Update

One of the most important events at Meeting of the Minds is the legislative strategy session. Each year, during this session, state motorcycle rights groups develop the federal legislative priorities for the following year. Items are discussed, debated and eventually voted on, with each Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (SSMRO) having a voice and a vote. Legislative priorities are placed in one of three categories, "High," "Medium" and "Monitor". These priorities will serve as a roadmap, for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Washington D.C. team, as we focus on 2021.

While you can see the full detailed list of priorities in the next American Bikers' Journal, below is brief preview of the "High" priority items approved during the session.

**Profiling:** Continue pursuit of the House anti-profiling resolution mirroring the Senate version that passed unanimously. Build momentum for inclusion of anti-profiling language in other legislation.

**Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

**Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

**Emission Regulations:** Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.

**Definition of a Motorcycle:** Crash Avoidance: Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

**Helmet Laws:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards.

**Black Box:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to opt-out of having their personal data communicated to interested parties Educate policymakers and advocate for change to current definition, that better reflects the current two- and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.

**Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):** Advocate and pursue legislative efforts that impact motorcyclists in the Highway Bill, now set to expire in 2021. **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

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### Tracking Autonomous Vehicle Testing

Whether the general public knows it or not, autonomous vehicles (AVs) are being tested on our roads every day. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, as well as other transportation groups, have voiced our concerns about the deployment of these "test vehicles" on our nation's roadways. In many cases, the type of vehicles being tested, their capabilities and the roads they use has not been public knowledge.

This week, in response to these concerns, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) unveiled a new website that allows individuals to see where autonomous vehicles are being tested. While only a pilot program, the website allows users to see the cities where tests are taking place, the make and model of vehicles, the number of vehicles being tested and, in some cases, the actual streets where the AVs are deployed.

Currently, a limited number of states and manufacturers are participating in the program. The participating companies are Beep, Cruise, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Local Motors, Navya, Nuro, Toyota, Uber, and Waymo, with data available in numerous states.

"Through this initiative, the Department is creating a formal platform for Federal, State, and local government to coordinate and share information in a standard way," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

We encourage you to visit the website and see if AVs are being tested in your town. Feel free to share this information with non-riders as well, since all roadway users will be impacted by the testing of AVs. Remember this data is constantly being updated so check back often.

Submitted By Mick Degn

### AMSAF Motorcycle Training Scholarship and Helmet Financial Assistance

The first Monday of each month the AMSAF Motorcycle Training Scholarship opens up and continues to open up each month on the first Monday at 8:00 am if we have money available. Check out the website at [www.amsaf.org/scholarships](http://www.amsaf.org/scholarships) if we have money available you will be able to get into the site.

If we don't have money available you won't be able to go into it. The AMSAF Program saves you close to 50% of the original cost. All schools are MSF/MVD certified and are good but are at different prices. Check out which is best for you.

The helmet program continues to help many folks in Arizona and will save you close to 50% off of MSRP. Between AMSAF credit and the authorized dealer's 25% off MSRP you can get a great deal on a DOT full face or modular helmet. A huge THANK YOU to the below dealers for financially helping you. [www.amsaf.org/helmets](http://www.amsaf.org/helmets)

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Next year AMSAF will have been in business for 10 years and in that time we've helped over 3000 individuals and families in Arizona. Our Mission from the beginning has been to promote safety and



awareness and help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities. We've made a difference in that time. We continue to be involved with the State, Healthcare Community, Legal and many organizations and businesses in Arizona who want to help us. We continue working to get involved with the Insurance Company's. TOGETHER we can make a difference.

Are you a business or individual who wants to be involved with us and help the Community? If you are send me an email at [mick@amsaf.org](mailto:mick@amsaf.org)

Each year we've grown and we couldn't have done it without the support and help of our Executive and Advisory Board. Check out our Board members on our website under "About us". We're very proud of this group. In addition we have had so many wonderful Sponsors, partners that have stepped up to help us and are involved in the community to a great extent.

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# MMA of Arizona District Meeting Times & Locations

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**Verde Valley District**  
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## What is the MMA?

MMA is a Motorcyclists Rights Organization (MRO) comprised of motorcyclists and motorcycle enthusiasts who are concerned with the future, safety, and welfare of motorcycling. We are a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to improving the social atmosphere that surrounds motorcyclists, and protecting the individual freedoms of citizens.


We are an association that lobbies and educates the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. When you become a member of the MMA of Arizona, you make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These issues are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government.

At the state level we have a lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcyclists in Arizona. On the national level we are aligned with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and several other motorcycle rights organizations.

Memberships are open to anyone regardless of what type of motorcycle you ride, if any. All memberships include: The Motorcycle Patriot Newsletter, Membership Card, \$4,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit, Event Updates, Voting Guides, and the ability to interact with some of the most politically active motorcyclists in the state of Arizona.

The MMA of Arizona needs the support of all motorcycle riders and we hope you will consider joining this dedicated organization.

Please join us in the cause to protect your rights.



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## AMSAF Motorcycle Training Scholarship and Helmet Financial Assistance

Each year we put on a great event to promote our Mission and although the Virus has affected events this year, we've move our event to May 1, 2021. This event brings all the key individuals and business's together to help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities. Check this event out at [www.amsaf.org/RFTLH](http://www.amsaf.org/RFTLH) it's called "Share the Road & Riding for the Long Haul". This year our focus is more on Share the Road and helping to Reduce Distracted Driving. We still have some tickets available for this event if interested. Going to be a great time with a lot of raffles, music, guest speaker and some great food.

As in any organization and as you continue to grow you look for individuals who can help it grow and bring their talent to your organization. At this time we're looking for some talented individuals who

want to be part of this organization. Below is a job description for Advisory Board Position that we have open. If interested please send your resume to Mick at [mick@amsaf.org](mailto:mick@amsaf.org) and we'll send you an application.

**Advisory Board:** A key to building a secure organization is having an independent advisory board of community leaders, motorcycle Safety enthusiasts and other interested people. Advisory board members are active volunteers and should reflect diversified representation from various cultures, socioeconomic groups, and urban and rural settings.

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# NCOM NEWSLETTER

*Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,  
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)*

BIKERS FROM ACROSS AMERICA BRAVE PANDEMIC TO ATTEND NCOM CONVENTION Although smaller than normal, due to the COVID-19 threat, the rescheduled NCOM Convention held Oct. 16-18 in Indianapolis succeeded in “being here for those dedicated Freedom Fighters who were determined enough to brave a deadly health crisis to be here for each other,” explained a masked NCOM Chairman James “Doc” Reichenbach.

Legal and legislative seminars and roundtables were socially distanced but fairly well attended, considering the dire circumstances, and seats at the dinner tables were mostly filled for the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet to honor bikers’ rights activists such as author and filmmaker John E. (Black Dragon) Bunch II (ENTERTAINMENT); Jad Breiner - Sons of Silence MC, editor of Brothers Behind Bars (BBB) Newsletter (MEDIA); Pete Leehey - AIM Attorney, Iowa (LEGAL); with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS going to Nancy Nemecek and Fred “Sarge” Matthews, and NCOM’s RON ROLOFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD presented to John Bilotta Jr., Operations Director for ABATE of Virginia.

Dates and location for the 36th annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Convention in 2021 have yet to be finalized, so stay tuned for further details as they are announced.

CALIFORNIA BECOMES FIRST STATE TO BAN GAS-POWERED VEHICLES Governor Gavin Newsom (D) announced that he will “aggressively move California further away from its reliance on climate change-causing fossil fuels” by issuing an executive order on September 23rd mandating that all new passenger vehicles be zero-emission by 2035.

His historic action will require all passenger vehicle manufacturers to shun internal combustion engines and fully electrify their line-up, meaning that manufacturers that wish to continue to sell in the Golden State will only be allowed to sell new electric cars and trucks after the deadline.

Motorcycles are not included in the definition of “passenger vehicles,” but the order does contain a clause to achieve “100 percent zero-emission from off-road vehicles and equipment operations in the State by 2035,” which would presumably include all new ATVs and dirt bikes.

The executive order only applies to the sale of new vehicles and will not prevent Californians from owning gas-burning automobiles or selling them on the used car market.

“This is the most impactful step our state can take to fight climate change,” said Gov. Newsom as California has become the first U.S. state to join with 15 countries that have already committed to phase out gasoline-powered vehicles.

ATVs GET APPROVAL FOR USE ON CITY’S STREETS Off-road tourism got a boost with news that a city has opened its streets to side-by-side and ATV traffic. In central Wisconsin, the Tomah Police Department reports on its Facebook that “ATV/UTV routes within the City of Tomah are now legally opened for operation and use. Now that all City of Tomah signage is erected, streets within the City of Tomah are now legally opened for ATV/UTV traffic.”

Some key points related to ATV/UTV operation within the City of Tomah, WI:  
- Unless otherwise posted, the routes within the City of Tomah include all roads with a speed limit of 35mph or less;  
- ATVs and UTVs may only be operated on approved routes from 6am - 10pm;  
- Operators must be 16 or older and possess a valid license and proof of insurance;  
- All other state statutes related to the use and operation of an ATV/UTV are applicable.

INNOCENT BIKER’S PERSISTENCE NETS NEW HARLEY The Texas biker may have deserved a speeding ticket, but he didn’t think the traffic stop warranted the questioning, roadside investigation, pat-down search, or enduring an hour of detainment along the roadway waiting for a drug-sniffing dog to arrive on the scene; resulting in inconvenience and embarrassment because a law enforcement officer had guessed wrong.

Statistically, police are terrible at determining which motorists are worthy of being detained and searched, often relying on signs of a driver’s deception such as twitching, fidgeting or lack of eye-contact, all of which research long has debunked as signals of lying.

“There are no nonverbal and verbal cues uniquely related to deceit,” a 2011 review of deception research concluded, while a 2005 study of Texas police found officers performed barely above random chance in being able to discern a person telling the truth from a liar.

Texas police performed just under a million searches during traffic stops last year, according to figures reported to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and though “hit rates” vary by department, only about 1 in 5 resulted in contraband being found. Yet Texas law enforcement agencies seized about \$50 million in forfeited funds in each of the past five years; with proceeds split between police and prosecutors and used to fund more searches.

Police once needed probable cause that a crime was occurring to investigate motorists during a stop. But in 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed brief stops based on a lower standard of “reasonable suspicion” of wrongdoing. A later decision clarified that if the officer can’t specify why he suspects a crime is afoot, a traffic stop may last only long enough to check the driver’s paperwork and write a ticket or warning.

Most recent national analyses of traffic stops have focused on the disproportionate rate of police searches of Black and Hispanic motorists, though a federal measure currently under consideration in Congress could add motorcycle riders to that profiling study group.

And so this biker was relieved to finally be allowed on his way with just a ticket, but knew it wasn’t right and figured his motorcycle club vest must have raised the officer’s suspicions.

Innocent people rarely protest meritless searches, so finding an attorney to take his case was difficult. The overwhelming number of legal challenges occur in suppression hearings, when an officer’s suspicions were correct; contraband was discovered and the defendant seeks to have the evidence tossed on procedural grounds.

With the help of an Austin attorney who represents motorcyclists, the angry biker filed a lawsuit against the Texas trooper in early 2019. Soon after reviewing the dashcam video, lawyers for the Texas attorney general’s office said they were ready to settle.

According to the story posted in Insane Throttle (www.HarleyLiberty.com), the two sides agreed on \$11,000 to compensate wronged rider Thomas Kost for the unjustified intrusion, and he used the settlement money to buy a new Harley.

BLACK MOTORCYCLE CLUB SUES COUNTY OVER EVENT CANCELLATION The East Bay Dragons, founded in the 1950s as the first all-Black motorcycle club to exist in California’s Bay Area, has filed a federal lawsuit against Solano County alleging they concocted a reason to cancel a planned club event at the fairgrounds after hearing that one of the club’s members had an association with the Black Panthers.

Still in its early stages, the suit claims that the Dragons planned a 60th anniversary event at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, but the event was canceled at the last minute, after the Dragons had spent thousands in fees and planning.

According to the lawsuit, the trouble for the planned August 2019 event started when a county employee learned that a member of the Dragons owned a bakery in Oakland, proudly located at the site of the Black Panthers’ first headquarters

The suit claims all of this was a problem for the county employee, who allegedly remarked that the Black Panthers were “the greatest threat to the internal security of the country,” and started working to cancel the Dragons’ event. As a result of this, the suit alleges, fairgrounds staff invented the ruse that there was a credible threat to the safety of the event, “but there was no credible threat at all.”

“This insidious belief of EBD’s threat traveled all the way to Oakland and with the help of the Oakland Police Department, at the conclusion of the 60th anniversary celebration on September 2, 2019, the EBD were surrounded by Oakland Police Department officers due to racist motives,” the civil complaint says.

In East Oakland, the biker club is beloved, says Councilman Larry Reid, who said their clubhouse in his district has distributed food on Thanksgivings and toy drives during Christmas.

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC GETS COMPENSATION OVER BIKE ‘PHOBIA’ A mechanic at a Harley-Davidson dealership in England has received over £60k (\$77,665 USD) settlement after being left unable to work due to “motorcycle phobia” sustained in a work-related accident with an at-fault car whose driver admitted liability.

The mechanic was road testing a customer’s bike at the time of the crash, resulting in physical and psychiatric injuries, including a newfound fear of riding the motorcycles he had to work on, rendering him unable to continue doing the job he loved.

Despite receiving support from his employer, the mechanic left the bike business and now has hopes to become a photographer.

MOTORCYCLISTS ‘A DANGER TO THEMSELVES’ SAYS TRANSPORTATION REPORT A transport consultation released by the Oxford County Council has branded motorcyclists as pollution emitting liabilities to safety. The paper outlines transport and connectivity plans, which are clearly biased against motorcycle riding, and goes to great lengths to champion bicycles, walking and public transportation.

Rather than just side with pedal power and walking, the public document goes on to set a



worrisome precedent by labeling motorcycles and their riders as dangerous polluters; Just two of the anti-motorcycle statements read: “Statistical evidence suggests motorcyclists are a danger to themselves” and “Motorbikes are mostly still using fossil fuels to run, meaning they are environmentally unsound, not sustainable, and contribute to air pollution.”

The British Motorcycle Federation (www.BMF.co.uk) has now picked up the case and are chasing the council to have the anti-biker rhetoric dropped from the official paper. “The Oxfordshire Transport Panel have cynically used the current COVID-19 crisis to attempt to force through the adoption of this outrageous Transport Plan,” charged their Chairman, Jim Freeman, further stating that “The BMF urge all members to be especially vigilant at this time in scrutinizing local authorities and other bodies who may use this crisis to ‘bury news’ concerning similar discriminatory attitudes and moves.”

BRITISH MOTORCYCLE RACER RECOGNIZED BY THE QUEEN  
TT champion Ryan Farquhar, one of the world’s

most esteemed and successful motorcycle road racers, was awarded a BEM (British Empire Medal) in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List.

The Northern Irishman received the award for his “Services to Motorcycling” over a career that has seen him secure three Isle of Man TT wins, five North West 200 victories and nine Ulster Grand Prix triumphs, clinching an incredible total of 357 road race victories.

Farquhar says he was completely taken aback by the news of his award, saying it is “very special” to have his achievements recognized in such a high-profile manner outside of the sport itself. “I never ever dreamed I would receive an accolade like this. Motorcycle racing in general, and particularly road racing, doesn’t generally get the recognition of other sports.”

AIMEXPO, IMS POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Following a meeting of the MIC (Motorcycle Industry Council) Board of Directors, the difficult decision was made to postpone the 2021 AIM-Expo, the industry’s annual trade show, to 2022

due to COVID-19 directives “limiting gathering size, travel restrictions, and a myriad of other obstacles created by the pandemic, there are too many unknown factors limiting our ability to create a safe environment that will also deliver the experience and ROI our exhibitors and attendees expect.”

Likewise, the International Motorcycle Shows (IMS) have announced that its annual November through February winter tour across the U.S. has been cancelled “as a result of COVID-19 and the risks involved with large crowds at indoor venues” and, in its place, has launched Progressive IMS Outdoors; revamping the tour’s nearly 40-year stint to “transition from the traditional convention center setup to a new open outdoor experience” to take place between May and September of 2021.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “The best way to predict the future is to create it.”  
~ Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States

## Jester Memorial Run 2020

We were finally able to hold our “Jester Memorial Run”. This was the 26th year, but do to Covid-19 we had to wait until September instead of May to have the event. The “Jester Memorial Run” is held to honor and remember members in our motorcycling community, that have been lost the prior year. Sadly there were 14 Honorees. There was a very nice attendance with 136 riders and passengers, all with a connection with one or more of the honored.

We were supplied with breakfast and lunch that the American Legion Post 25 served. We had event t-shirts with the names to commemorate the honored. Dynamite raffle prizes, auction items,etc. and of course a beautiful Arizona day for the ride.

I would like to thank Alan, 8-Ball,Nancy, Barney & Cindy, Patty, David & Jenn, Neal, Karen, Ayre,

John, Harley, the cooks and bartenders, Wayne & Bob, Dave and American Legion Post 25 for allowing us a place to hold the memorial. And of course the people that came to pay tribute for Family and Friends.

Respectfully, Gary Wilharm  
Verde Valley Dist. MMA

## Jester's Memorial Run

By Woody Phillips, Rim Country District

On Sunday, Sep. 13 2020 the Verde Valley District of the MMA of AZ held their annual Jester's Memorial Run.

This year's run had been delayed from May due to the Covid-19 situation but that did not deter bikers from all across Arizona from participating.

The Jester's Run is a memorial run that each year honors each biker that was lost during the

previous year with a brief ceremony and a presentation of memorial plaques to family and friends. A poker run follows the ceremony to raise funds to continue the fight towards motorcycle awareness on Arizona Highways.





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## Chairman’s Report

Well I wish I had allot to write about, however we are still hunkered down and not much going on.

I can tell you our Lobbyist are getting ready for the next session. Some things they are working on is the Lane Filtering bill which hopefully will pass this year along with They are also still working on a profile Bill.


With Covid-19 we have not done any runs. We will be doing our BIRDS ON BIKE RUN FOR St. Vincent De Paul. This year it will be a drive through only with an after party at the Phoenix Spartan Clubhouse. We will be serving food and drink and music and raffle items no charge for food all donations will go to St. Vincent. Hope to see everyone out there this year. It has rally been hard on the food banks. They need extra help feeding the less fortunate. Ad we are still doing East Vs West. The West has won the past

## AMSAF Motorcycle Training Scholarship and Helmet Financial Assistance continued

Advisory board members take responsibility for specific tasks while attending meetings and provide input and feedback. All members are expected to carry out a specific function independently. An advisory member's focus should be helping the board of directors with certain responsibilities, not replacing it. Both boards should work in a team effort with the organization's best interests in mind. Advisory board members attend regular board and committee meetings each year to share information, discuss ideas and make decisions.

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## Editor’s Space



Comments relative to the content, current affairs or anything that is on my mind at the time of this publication.

*Eric "Spanky" Hampton*  
Editor, MMA Patriot

It’s finally getting cooler!

Remind everyone to Watch Out For Motorcycles!



2 years.

Our next issue will be in January and hopefully by then we will be back to somewhat normal life and can start doing events again. With that I want to wish everyone a WONDERFUL HOLIDAY. Be safe!!

Cindy Gates  
Chairman MMA of Arizona

Committee’s. Some responsibilities typically assigned to an advisory board member include:

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I want to thank everyone for the support of AMSAF and you have our promise to continue helping the community reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities. We’ve been able to accomplish so much in the 10 years and we couldn’t have done it without the support of the community. TOGETHER we can make a difference.

Mick Degn  
Executive Director  
Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF)  
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- The Motorcycle Patriot can be found at motorcycle orientated establishments statewide.
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#### CONTENTS

- The Motorcycle Patriot features articles and columns that profile statewide legislative issues, lobby reports, the people, businesses and events of the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona.
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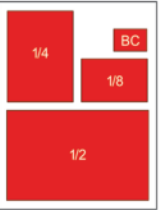
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# District Updates

Eagle/Leather District Report  
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Rim Country District Report  
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Jester's Memorial Run





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# Meeting of the Minds 2020

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Indianapolis, Indiana

- Topics
- Highway Bill
  - Profiling Resolution
  - Autonomous Vehicles
  - EPA and Ethanol
  - Engagement in an Election Year

What is the Highway Bill ?

- Technically it is the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act
- Must be Renewed Every 5 Years
- You will hear it call other names: Transportation Bill, INVEST ACT, FAST ACT, MAP 21, SAFETY-LU
- Covers Funding and Authorization for Federal Highways, Highway Safety Programs & Transit
- Funded by the Highway Trust Fund through Gas Tax

Why is the Highway Bill Important?

- It’s a Must Pass Bill & It’s Huge
- While it is a Funding Bill it is also a Policy Bill
- Allows for Opportunities to Change Transportation Policy - For Example Motorcycle Only Check Points...
- The Funding Provisions Expire, but the policy riders often do not.
- House Bill Started at 864 Pages and \$494 Billion
- House Bill Ended at 2,309 Pages and \$1.5 Trillion

Highway Bill – 2019 MOTM Priorities Refresher

- Continued Ban on NHTSA Lobbying
- Safety Training Funds
- Motorcycle Only Check Points
- Maintain the ban on federal funds being used for motorcycle only check points
- Motorcycle Advisory Council
- Designated Seats for Motorcycle Rights organizations state and federal Spoiler Alert...

House Version Wins Part 1

- House Final Bill Included 6 Wins for Motorcyclists: 2 in the Original Bill, 3 Added Via Amendment at the Committee and 1 Added Via Amendment on the House Floor
- Ban on NHTSA Lobbying – Retained
- Safety Training Funds – Increased by 30%

House Version Wins Part 2

- No Motorcycle Only Check Points – Retained

States may not use federal funds to: “Profile and stop motorcycle operators or passengers using, as a factor, the apparel they are

wearing or their mode of transportation.”

Added via Amendment During Committee (Rep. Balderson –OH)

- Collection of Data on Traffic Stops

Mode of Transportation added to Race and Ethnicity as Data Point

Added Via Amendment On House Floor (Rep. Burgess – TX, Rep. Walberg – MI)

Highway Bill Wins Part 3

- Motorcycle Advisory Council - Reestablished

Including adding a seat for a “One representative from a national motorcyclist foundation.

Added Via Amendment During Committee (Rep. Gallagher – WI)

- Motorcycles Included in AV Studies

Dedicated Seat on Working Group for a “Motorcyclist Rights Group”

Added Via Amendment During Committee (Rep. Balderson – OH)

What Happened in the Senate?

- House Bill Too Partisan, the Trillion Dollars added by House Democrats included items unrelated to Transportation like Housing and the Global Warming.
- Ran Out of Time – The Senate has 3 Committees with Jurisdiction over the Bill: Public Works, Commerce and Finance. Only Public Works passed their section and they did that in 2019
- Congress Punted and Including a One Year Extension in a Funding Bill to Keep the Government Open, Will Be Passed in Next Few Days/

Where Do We Go From Here?

- Why Did I Spend so Much Time Talking About a Bill that Didn’t Pass?
- Eventually it has to pass. Members are on these Committees in large part because of this bill. They are frustrated nothing was done.
- They Don’t Reinvent the Wheel - The same people in the House will be back next year. We’ve demonstrated there is an appetite for the provisions we got included selling them again next year will be easier. If it was good enough to be included in 2020 it should be good enough for 2021
- We’re starting on Second Base...
- It’s better to be in the bill and disappointed it didn’t passed than not be in the bill and thankful it failed.

## MOTORCYCLE PROFILING

RESOLUTION

- House Reintroduction – 2019
- Co-Sponsor Strategy
- 2015-16: 18 Cosponsors / 10 States
- 2017-18: 37 Cosponsors / 17 States
- 2019: 77 Cosponsors / 34 States
- 2020: 139 Cosponsors / 44 States
- It’s Not About Cosponsors Now It’s About Getting a Vote

Autonomous Vehicles

- We look for opportunities to change policy regardless of what type of bill it is. Last Congress it was an AV stand alone bill, this year it was Highway Bill
- They Are Out There...
- DOT released a website that shows you were they are. 16 different states are participating

Other Items

- RPM ACT
- Limits the EPA’s ability to regulate modifications made to exhaust and emissions systems to your motorcycle and car for racing purposes
- Senate has 30 Cosponsors, House has 71
- Helps Support Aftermarket Industry
- Ethanol Consumer Education Bill
- H.R. 1024, 19 Cosponsors
- Additionally Pres. Trumps Comments on E15, Blender Pumps and Year Round E15
- Definition of a Motorcycle
- Highway Bill?

Final Thoughts

- Engagement Matters

705 Amendments Offered / 227 Amendments Passed

32% of All Amendments Passed

4 MRF Amendments Offered / 4 MRF Amendments Passed

100% of MRF Amendments Passed

Of the 227 Amendments Pass, Only 19 Were Republicans

Amendments, MRF had 4 of them!

- 2,213 Emails Sent Using CQ During the Process.. It Matters

Final Thoughts Continued...

- Different Ways to Stay Engaged
- Bikers Inside the Beltway
- Letters, District Visits, Follow-ups
- Find Your Registration Stats
- Election Year - Volunteer
- MRF PAC (Ryan) – Support our Friends
- CQ (Big Dave) – Engage Our Members
- Gain New Members, #s Matter

Northern Idaho, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, South Dakota... Patches!

I will travel... Michigan, Texas...

# St. Louis woman becomes first Black female Harley-Davidson technician

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

People graduating in 2020 may have a much different graduation experience than those who came before. Still, they’re putting on their graduation masks, caps, and gowns, and moving down their new paths in life. Take Paris McGowan, a brand-new graduate of the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute of Orlando, with a specialization in Harley-Davidson.

She’s a Black woman motorcyclist who grew up in a family of riders in St. Louis, Missouri. Her mom rides, her dad rides, and other members of the family do, too. Watch this video and you’ll see an adorable photo of tiny, eight-year-old Paris sitting on a GSX-R, grinning so big it al-

most hurts your heart. She’s clearly having the greatest time any eight-year-old ever had, so is it any surprise she became a rider when she got older?

Not just any rider, though—a history-making one. With her graduation, McGowan is now the first-ever Black woman to graduate from MMI as a Harley-Davidson technician. It’s a barrier she’s very proud to have broken. When people see her, she may be a lot of things they’re not expecting. However, she says that people soon learn that with bikes, she definitely knows what she’s doing.

“There are a lot of Black female Harley riders, or just Black female riders in general,” McGowan

said. “We need to be shown more. My mother, who is a strong, proud Black woman, rides her own motorcycle. I have aunts and cousins who all ride together. I mean, we just did a female unity ride for Labor Day. I believe there were at least 300 or more female riders out there, and it was incredible.”

More than anything, McGowan says, she wants women and girls—especially women and girls of color—to see her, and also hopefully see themselves. Motorcycling is for everyone—and wrenching is for all of us, too, if we want it to be.

There’s a difference between just seeing or saying these words and actually seeing someone living that life. McGowan did it for herself,



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St. Louis woman becomes first  
Black female Harley-Davidson technician continued

but she also hopes to help normalize the idea that women of color can do absolutely anything, from working on the quintessential American

motorcycle to anything we put our minds to. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you don't belong. Ride away, achieve your dreams, and

prove them wrong.

Indian Motorcycle Racing Wins Fourth Consecutive  
Manufacturer's Championship At Atlanta Short Track

<https://blog.bikernet.com>

ATLANTA (October 6, 2020) – Indian Motorcycle Racing, presented by Progressive Motorcycle Insurance, and its championship-winning FTR750 clinched its fourth consecutive Manufacturer's Championship. Fittingly, Indian Motorcycle secured the championship with a Wrecking Crew podium sweep at Atlanta Short Track I.

Wrecking Crew Rider Jared Mees narrowed the season standings with back-to-back wins at the Atlanta doubleheader. Joining Mees on the Atlanta Short Track I podium was reigning AFT Grand National Champion and Wrecking Crew Rider Briar Bauman and Wrecking Crew Rider Bronson Bauman. The bar-to-bar battle between Briar and Mees saw Mees take a final pass on the final lap through turn four to cross the finish line just .308 seconds before Briar.

Bronson completed the Wrecking Crew sweep as he earned his first podium of the 2020 season by charging his way from the middle of the pack and making several passes in the final laps of the Main.

"It's been incredible to see our team compete at a consistent level and again bring home the Manufacturer's Championship for the fourth straight year," said Gary Gray, Vice President – Racing, Technology and Service for Indian Motorcycle. "With four races remaining, we're excited to see who can walk away with the No. 1 plate. Briar's been hot and Mees hates to lose, so we should be in a dramatic and entertaining finish to the season."

Atlanta Short Track II continued the dramatic, bar-to-bar racing from the night before, as Indian Motorcycle Privateer Brandon Price held Mees off as long as he could, coming up just

short as Mees made his pass with only a few laps remaining. Price's second-place finish earned him his first podium of the season, while Briar rounded out the all-FTR750 podium with a third-place finish.

With 244 points, Mees is firmly in second and now just 12 points back from Briar, who has 256 points on the year. With a pair of fourth-place finishes in Atlanta, Indian Motorcycle Privateer Sammy Halbert remains in third with 193 points, while Bronson Bauman and Price are fourth and fifth with 153 and 148 points, respectively.

The 2020 American Flat Track season will continue on October 9-10 at The Dirt Track at Charlotte Motor Speedway for the Progressive Charlotte Half-Mile I & II. For more information on Indian Motorcycle Racing, visit IndianMotorcycle.com and follow along on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.





# **Birds on Bikes 2020**

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

Grab your frozen bird, strap it on the bike and meet up with the rest of the flock at 10am. Meeting places are listed below. Want your club or association involved, but want to leave from your own starting point? Set your plans to arrive at St Vincent de Paul, located at 420 W. Watkins, Phoenix, AZ. Please schedule to arrive at 11:30 (no earlier) per the request of St Vincent de Paul.

Food and drink will be at the Spartans Clubhouse 2218 n 24th place. Phoenix. We will be serving food band playing and will do some raffles. Come on out and join us. It is that time of year to give back to our community and this year has been hard on most.



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