

Did You Know?

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What is happening at the Copper Dome?

Not much going on at the Copper Dome, but maybe by the time you read this the Primary Election will be over. I hope everyone understands the importance of the Primary Election and was out there voting for the candidates that support motorcycle rights at the Copper Dome. It will be interesting to see if our friends in office are elected. Email me if you have questions in regards to this. Hopefully you have an early ballot and have voted early. If you do not get an early ballot, look into doing this for the general election. If you have questions about this email me.

The emissions testing repeal is law, but you still have to test your bike until the EPA, gives their blessing. Maybe about a year from now, so keep on with the testing and keep on reading and I will keep you informed.

The Lobbyists had a meeting to start determining the direction that we are heading concerning Right of Way Violation legislation for the next legislative session that begins January 2009. We have determined that we are going to go ahead with it as long as we get a lot of help from the memberships of the Motorcycle Rights Organizations. You do not have to be a member to help me though. Email me and I will get you started.

We have determined that we are going to gather a group of people that we are going to guide in asking their legislators to support ROW, legislation. I need people in each of the legislative districts to get in touch with me to get on my Legislative Specialist list. All that you need to do is email me to get added to the list. We are going to help these people every step of the way to make this all happen.

By this writing you may start seeing some of the money that you contribute to the Motorcycle Safety Fund, being spent. There should be billboards in various areas as well as print ad in different publications. Please contact me when you see these and give your honest opinion. For those of you that travel past the Mayer area, the billboards are up. We have representation on this Advisory Council and good things are starting to happen. The newer members are hammering them to have a competent campaign for motorcycle safety and awareness. Your input and ideas are paramount in moving

ahead with these programs.

OK I am finding that there is some confusion among people when it comes to CIVICS. What I am talking about is that some or a lot of people are really in the dark when it comes to the people that represent us at the Copper Dome. So here is Civics 101RAY; each of you live in a STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT. There are 30 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS in the state of Arizona. Each of you has three legislators that represent you at the STATE level. One SENATOR and two members of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES. Now in this lesson I want you to know that each of you is represented by two United State Senators in Washington DC, at the FEDERAL level. They are John Kyle and the other is running for President. If you aren't sure who that is, email me and I will tell you. Or you can tune into any news channel and you will see his face and name. One more part of this lesson is; you have one member of the UNITED STATES CONGRESS that represents you in Washington DC at the FEDERAL level. In Arizona we have eight CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS (FEDERAL). That means that you have a Congress person that represents you in DC in addition to the two U.S. Senators, which represent you at the federal level. Email me if you do not understand this and I will gladly help you.

Now if you are not sure about your district, you may email me and I will look it up for you. All that I need is your address; north and south cross streets, zip code. If you want to do this yourself, go to the state website www.azleg.gov and you will be able to find your legislators by clicking on that part on the left side of the page. This is the page that you can look up statutes, legislation and a myriad of other state information. Keep the address near your computer for future use or put it in your favorites for easy use. You can also look it up by going to the link on the MMA-az.org website.

November 1, 2008 is the Shriners Ride for Kids, and I would like to see a lot people out there. We may even have some politicians out there that day as the General Election is the following Tuesday. Last year I sold the winning ticket to the person that won the grand prize and I can tell you that it was about \$15,000. There will be a lot of other prizes that are given away that day also. One of the things that you should know about this ride is that all of the money that we raise goes 100% to help kids. Most of you know that I have three things that I like to support and those are; Motorcycle Rights, Veterans and Kids, but not necessarily in that order. I do not contribute time, energy or money to philanthropic organizations that have huge administrative costs. Does anyone hear me saying the Shriners Motorcycle Unit is made up of all volunteers that work like fools to raise money for kids and I am proud to be a part of this unit? Come help us help kids. Ride safe and well trained.

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