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CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING BANS

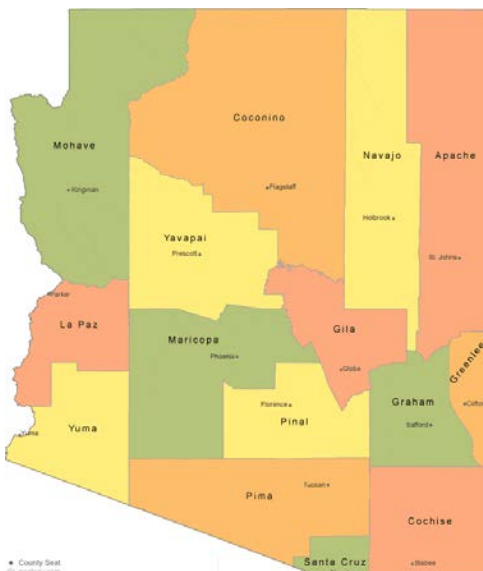
Many cyclists in our community are affected by distracted drivers, and their use of cell phones while driving. In efforts to curb these behaviors and reduce collisions involving cell phone use while driving, we found these updates on various counties and cities in our state.

Arizona is one of a handful of states without a texting law for all drivers, but we do have one for new drivers. SB 1080 prohibits novice drivers from using wireless communications devices for the first six months of licensing. Enforcement is limited to secondary status, meaning another driving infraction is needed for a traffic stop. This statewide law went into effect July 1, 2018.

Tucson's handheld cell phone ban went into effect in May, 2017 but with the same secondary enforcement limitation. Limited amounts of citations were given prompting the City Council to approve an upgrade to primary enforcement that went into effect March 1, 2018. In the first four months, police issued nearly 1,350 tickets and more than 400 warnings.

Yavapai County is one of three Arizona counties that has a ban on using handheld devices while driving. Their ban went into effect November 2, 2018. The Yavapai Board of Supervisors is lobbying other counties to adopt similar bans. Their ban covers all parts of the county, even unincorporated areas. Fines are \$100 plus fees and \$250 if the vehicle is involved in an accident.

The Phoenix suburb of Surprise has voted on a ban on handheld devices by all drivers which went into effect in early September. More legislation will be introduced in the coming months to keep everyone on the roads safer.



Currently...

- Novice and teen drivers barred from texting for the first 6 months of licensing.
- No statewide restrictions on texting while driving (except for school bus drivers).
- Pima County, Yavapai County, Tucson, San Luis, and Oro Valley ban the use of handheld devices while driving.
- Phoenix and Flagstaff ban texting while driving.
- Fines in most areas are \$100 or \$250 if involved in an accident.

Hawes Loop

TRAIL OF THE MONTH

Just like South Mountain, this trail overlooks the city and every view is spectacular. Looking to the west, the vast city of Phoenix and to the east is the beautiful McDowell Mountains. To the north you see Red Mountain and the Salt River.

Because the trail is almost all downhill, be sure to stop and look at what you are riding in - the beauty of Arizona at its peak! The trail is on loose disintegrating granite, so be sure your brake pads are in good condition, you will be using them a lot!

After the 5 mile trail ride which ends at Power Rd., simply ride the road back to your car. If you'd like a challenge, ride the trail in reverse. You will have to be in strong physical condition to master the trail ahead. Take plenty of water and an extra tube as the desertscape could cause a flat in no time.

Location:

Northeast Mesa, AZ next to Las Sendas neighborhood. Power Rd., just north of Thomas Rd. Small parking lot about a mile north of Thomas Rd.



TOP FIVE



Our team had fun at The Crypt Escape Room!



Our client was riding his bicycle when a driver made an improper left-hand turn in front of him. He had multiple facial injuries which required surgeries and led to many medical bills. After fighting hard with the insurance company and the medical providers, we were able to reach a settlement that was more than three times the amount our client was anticipating! Needless to say, he couldn't have been happier with the results!



We had a great time at our VIP Dinner at Grimaldi's. Thank you to everyone who stopped by!

Our client was hit by a vehicle that was racing another vehicle during what appeared to be a road rage incident. The other vehicle that was racing fled the scene. Not only were we able to secure an offer from one of the at fault driver's insurance but we also dramatically reduced his medical bills and collected the policy limits on our client's uninsured motorist coverage because the other vehicle involved fled the scene. This is a great reminder of why it is important to have uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage!



Mark and Alexis hosted a Thanksgiving and New Year lunch for the team!

ROB COWIE

RIDER OF THE MONTH



Where did you grow up? I'm from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. I moved to the United States in 1987 after receiving a hockey scholarship to go to school at Northeastern University.

How long have you been riding? I started riding in 2007 for health reasons.

How often do you ride? I ride 4-5 times a week and do about 200 miles.

How many rides and races have you done in the last year? I've done four races in the past year. The most recent one was Phil's Cookie Fondo in Malibu.

Are there any races you'd like to do in the future? I'd like to do the 24 hour Pueblo solo as a personal challenge.

What charities/organizations do you volunteer for (if any) and why? I ride with Team Winded Cycling.

How about your kids? Do they ride too? I have three daughters. They would ride in the past, but now they're into their own hobbies.

What are some of your other hobbies? I watch my daughters play volleyball and dabble in real estate. My full time job is scouting for hockey talent.



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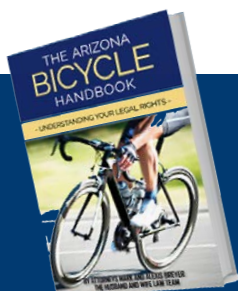
SPEAKING OF CYCLING...



Selle Royal "eZone" eBike Saddle

The future of biking is here with the rising popularity of electronic bicycles, or e-bikes. Because this is still a fairly new trend, bicyclists are raising some questions. One of the main areas of concern is the safety of an e-bike, especially because the speeds can exceed what the average biker is used to. Selle Royal has teamed up with Designworks, a BMW Group subsidiary, to release a brand new e-bike saddle called eZone. The purpose of the seat is to increase stability along with providing an excess amount of comfort. The seat includes three zones fitted with flexible tabs which provide maximum stability and safety when accelerating. The majority of the seat is made of 3D Skingel which reduces pressure up to 40%. Finally, the top of the saddle has a fiberglass grip called eGrip which increases mobility when the biker is carrying or moving the bicycle by hand.

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