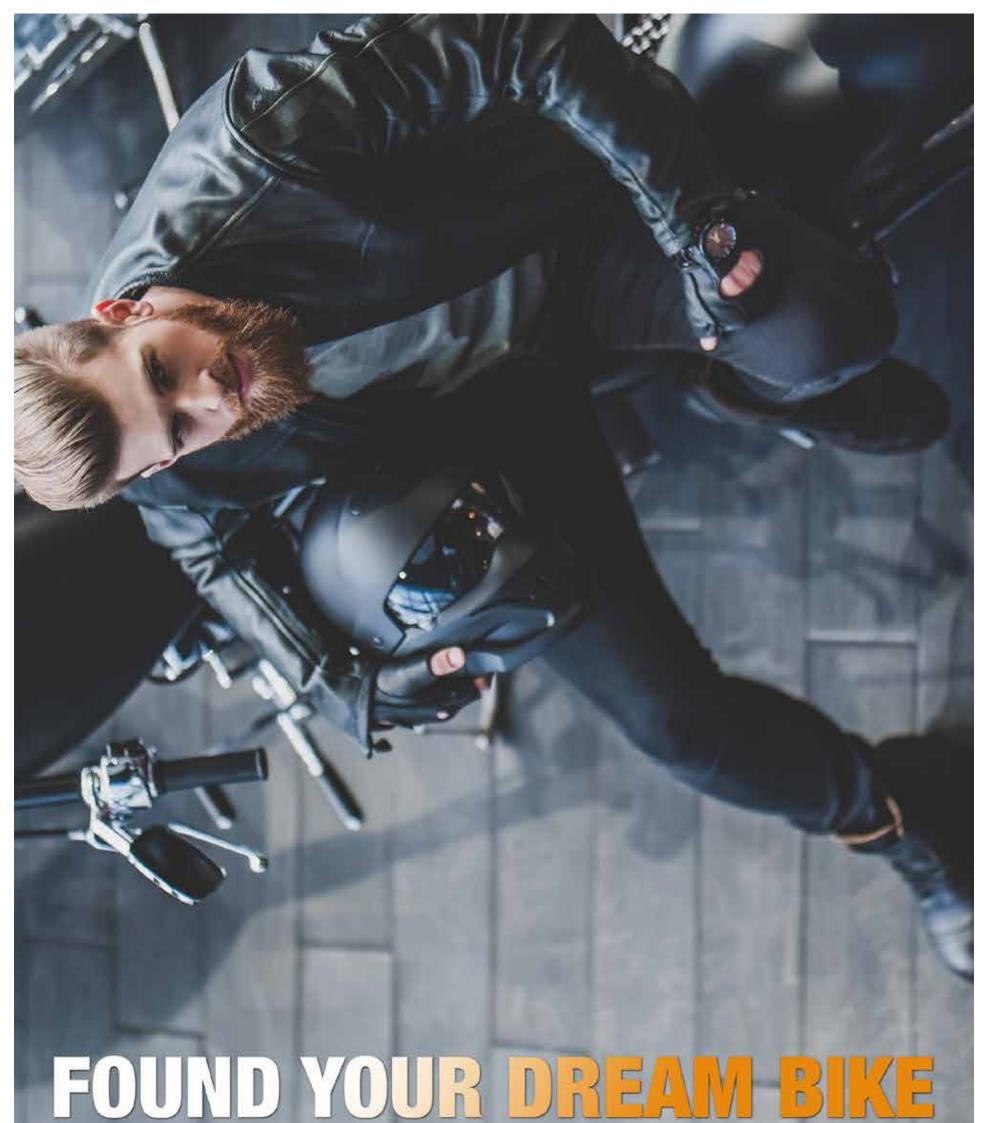


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The second annual Road Rash Rodeo took place over the weekend of May 12-14, 2023 at the Rodeo Grounds in Williams, AZ. The event was hosted by the American Legion Riders of Post 13.

This event raises money in support of the Post's Veterans programs; such as suicide prevention and addressing Veteran homelessness. The local first responders of Williams were also a beneficiary.

Saturday's activities were held with an 'eye to the sky' with clouds threatening to storm. But riders came out in support all the same; despite intermittent rain ©

Booths included sponsors Russ Brown and Grand Canyon Harley-Davidson. Additional booths included Rosie's Roadshow, Christian Motorcyclists Association, Soldiers For Jesus, More Shade motorcycle covers, Ms Conception Custom Painting, the Mobile Fashion Boutique, Farmers Insurance. Shir Elegant Designs LLC (Teresa Moshir), and *Crazy Biker Bitch* author Joyce Dietrich.

The Nation of Patriots Ride, another event that raises money in support of our Nation's Veterans, was represented by Anthony Caniglia, Regional Commander.

The DAV ~ Disabled American Vets organization, was represented by Bruce Nogar, Jr. Vice Commander/DAV Department of Arizona; along with Shana Marie Shatzer, CDCE Specialist, Center for Development & Civic Engagement -U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs ; and Craig Furst, Outreach Coordinator/PACT ACT.

Items available included leather goods, patches, a stitcher, pins, apparel, collectibles, a tattoo booth, numerous food trucks, laser-engraved plaques, and more.

Kids activities included a bounce house & face painting.

Games included the Weenie Bite, a Slow Race, plus men's & women's Tire Toss. The Bike Show had some very creative custom-made trophies on the line. The winner's lists were not available at the time of this writing. Congratulations to all the winners.

Activities included a Safety Presentation by CRST. It included a demonstration of the blind spots that semi-trucks have in regard to smaller vehicles on the road – such as motorcycles.

The music stage was set up indoors.

Friday included KJing Karaoke plus the Stainless Steel Boyz. Saturday afternoon music was by Brandon Shepard & the Saturday night show was Killer Wail.

Also taking place inside the barn, a large number of raffles were on display; with quite a variety of items having been donated.

Thank you to sponsors & other companies & organizations that helped to bring this weekend together, including A&G Towing & Storage, Grand Canyon HD, Phoenix Specialty Coating, Route 66 RVs, Russ Brown, United Rentals, and Viking Bags.

This message was shared by the organizers, "The 2023 Road-Rash Rodeo was a success. We are a small event but we have a lot of heart. The Cordova Post 13 ALR and other entities worked hard together to raise money for our Veterans. Our vendors were happy, our sponsors were happy and our patrons seemed to have a great time. Thank you all who helped for your support. See you next year."

> *Photos by Randy Anagnostis* https://randyanagnostis.com/

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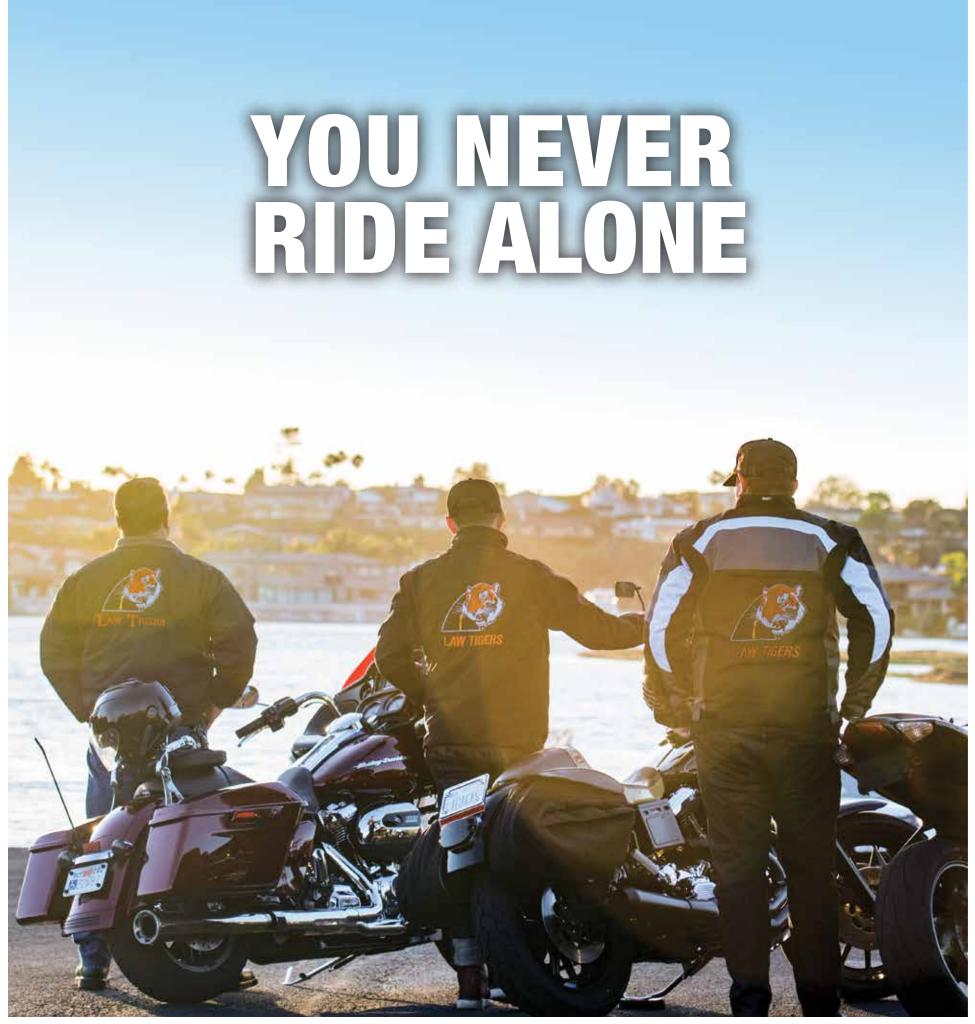
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Hello AriZona Riders!

Transitions ~ Learning Curves ~ Crossroads

Happy 24th Anniversary to AZ Rider Motorcycle News! Yup ~ for 24 years, AZ Rider has been bringing news & info to the motorcycling community. Thank you all for your continuous support! In these 24 years, with 285 editions, we've shared stories, recorded history and watched things



corded history, and watched things change.

Also, in those 24 years there have been a LOT of changes in the news media industry and here in the *AZ Rider* office. Bruce & I began *AZ Rider* with home-built light tables & a used typewriter. The pages were all black & white... No digital. No word processors. It was LITERAL cut & paste; with scissors and glue sticks on cardboard layout boards. We hand-delivered those boards to our print house at whatever time of day or night they were ready.

As time passed, we transitioned to digital files – working in COLOR \sim woo hoo! And sending those files to the printer over the internet was just *amazing*.

Another advance ~ another learning curve.

2005 found us creating a digital presentation to share AZ Rider on the World Wide Web. Not only popular here stateside; people we met at events who were visiting from other countries liked it. The cost to snail mail a subscription of hard copies to them back home overseas was prohibitive. Circumstances in the world led us to a crossroad in 2020. In May 2020, facing c'vid-based quarantines, we made the decision to transition to the online-only presentation you read these days.

And now \sim there's a new crossroad to face. Changes in how people read their news and market their businesses have caused me to re-evaluate how best to keep *AZ Rider* going forward in a positive manner for Advertisers and Readers alike. I am proud to maintain the longest continuously operating biker publication in AriZona & look forward to keeping it going as a part of our biker community.

There are some new ideas percolating over here. I am blessed with good advisors \odot It's too soon to say much more than "it's gonna be cool" ... but please send positive thoughts this direction. \odot

In the meantime ...

There are numerous new & returning advertisers to welcome, as they promote their upcoming annual events. As summer reaches its end, { *Thank Goodness!* } it is time to add the Hassayampa Music Festival, Bikers For Boobies, Run to the Rez, CMA's State Rally, and Troll's Teddy Bear Run to your calendars. Also, Damian of Hell Mary Holsters is back in the shop after his April motorcycle wreck. Stop by his booths during the upcoming Crossroads of the West Gun Shows.

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From Military To Civilian – A Seamless Transition When members of the Armed Forces of the United States finish at least one year of their tour of deployment they need to enroll in the Veterans Administration (VA) program to obtain any VA Health Benefits they may be entitled to receive.

Please follow this link to our Veterans Resources page, including the article 'Seamless Transition', by Michael DePaulo, COM National Parliamentarian, Rolling Thunder®, Inc. ; Plt. Sgt. USMC, RVN Well.... As our friend Waldo used to say... This is about 10 pounds of stuff in a 5-pound sack. So, I'll sign off for now and wish you all a great month. Until later ~ Ride safely, choose wisely, and

Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

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OBITUARY William H Bish

September 29, 1957 – August 4, 2023

To all who knew him, the family wished to share this as Bill's last *NCOM Newsbytes* column. Ride Free. Love & Respect to all, the Bish Family

Bill's last NCOM Column...

Family received friends to celebrate Bill's life Thursday, August 17, 2023, from 4 PM - 8 PM at Corrigan Craciun Funeral Home, 20820 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park OH 44126. Funeral Services were 10AM on Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Funeral Home with a procession following to the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Rd, Seville, OH 44273 where he was interred with full military honors.

William H. "Bill" Bish, age 65, of Westlake, Ohio passed away with his loving wife by his side on Friday, August 4, 2023 due to medical procedural complications. Bill was born in Des Moines, Iowa to Clarence "Rusty" Bish and Margaret "Mitzi" Bish (nee Sorter), both deceased.

Dearly beloved husband of 27 years to Darlene R. Bish (nee Griggs), loving father of Rachelle Bish (Joey Zika), dearest brother of Beverly (Dave) Booker, dearest brother-in-law of Mickey (Bill, deceased) Griggs, dearest nephew of Aunt Jo McGlynn and Aunt Norma Morgan (deceased), dear uncle, cousin and friend of so very many. Bill and Darlene were a team in everything they did together in life, truly adored one another, and had a deep, special love that comes only once in a lifetime. Within the family, the term the rank of E-5 Sargent during his tour. He was a proud Marine. He returned home in 1979 to go to Drake University, majoring in Journalism and Public Relations, where he graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in 3 years. He also bought a brand-new Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Upon his college graduation, Bill was recruited to work for the National Rifle Association (NRA) in Washington DC where he ran celebrity shooting competitions and even wrote quotes for President Ronald Reagan, among other writing and promotional duties. He then headed for the sunshine of Los Angeles, CA where he really got involved in the world of motorcycling. He worked for various motorcycle attorneys, including over two decades with the Law Offices of Richard Lester in California and the Law Offices of Ralph C. Buss in Ohio, and even multiple years with the infamous *Easyriders Magazine*, the superlative biker's lifestyle guide of the time.

Bill found his passion in legislation and politics affecting the industry, working to protect motorcycling and individual freedom through his paid positions and various volunteer organizations. Along with many others, his efforts helped grow a grassroots movement that changed a notorious federal law in four short years, which was unheard of. He helped make bikers a political force to be reckoned with.

Bill was a true biker, putting hundreds of thousands of miles riding around almost every state in this country; a nation he loved, that he would fight for, and that he thought had the most beautiful landscape to see, especially from the seat of a motorcycle. He traversed the country many times, usually with Darlene on her bike and Rachelle in the sidecar, speaking at various biker rallies and seminars. He was a very inspiring, captivating speaker, bigger than life. That's how he and Darlene met, at a Freedom Rally in Tennessee fighting for their rights. The two of them had an instant deep connection that was inexplicable, they were truly soulmates who found a love that was glorious. Their daughter Rachelle made his life complete and was the apple of his eye and he was so very proud of her. Bill Bish was the former Executive Coordinator and current Public Relations Liaison of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (NCOM and AIM), former State Director of ABATE of California and Concerned Motorcycle Riders of Ohio (CMRO), member of ABATE of Ohio, Kentucky Motorcycle Association (KMA/KBA) and the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA), was on the original Steering Committee for the formation



of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) in the 80s, among other positions, and had been politically active for over 40 years in bikers' rights issues. He had four Silver Spoke Awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award, and was inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame in South Dakota, home of the Black Hills Motorcycle Rally.

After moving to Ohio in 2001 to be by Darlene's family, the two of them got into the magazine business and eventually became owners/publishers of Ridin' On Motorcycle Magazine in 2007. It quickly became the #1 regional publication of its type and they were very proud of it and a summer-long program Bill created in 2008 called the Ride 'N' Roll, both of which still continue today. He was such a prolific wordsmith and has had a news column that went out to a half a million people for over two decades. He wrote for various magazines, lawyers, doctors, politicians and even a President. But more so, Bill was a GOOD man, a great man. He touched so, so many people with his kindness, his motivating speeches, his resolute spirit and his amazing sense of humor. Bill was a man of the utmost integrity and a generous caring soul that thought of everyone else first before himself. He was larger than life and his presence will be felt forever. Please remember his big smile and zest for life to live each day to its fullest, as he did. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at http://www.CorriganCraciun. com for the Bish family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill Bish's name/honor to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists or any Motorcycle Rights Organization.

'Beep-Beep' became synonymous with the words 'I Love You'. Bill's family was his world.

Bill enhanced this world on September 29, 1957 at Still (Mercy) Hospital and was the charismatic, mischievous boy who could out-draw Marshall Dillon of Gunsmoke on TV with his BB gun, which was a sign of things to come. Living his entire youth on 2nd Ave in Des Moines, he graduated from North High School in 1975 and joined the Marine Corps thereafter. That took him to San Diego CA, Memphis TN, Korea and Japan. Bill received many commendations, was a marksman on the shooting team, part of the Press Corps and reached



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Superstition HD Anniversary

On Saturday June 24, 2023, Superstition Harley-Davidson celebrated their 8th Anniversary with a Beach Bash.

A lunch of sub sandwiches & sides was available... It was a cool option for a hot day.

There was music by The Jokerz. The bike wash gals were making scooters gleam. A photo op booth was set up with props & an invitation to 'strike a pose'
⁽ⁱ⁾ The 'slip & slide' outdoors became more popular as the afternoon heated up. All it took was that first person to give it a go 😳

This was a fun way to spend the afternoon... Getting out of the heat, enjoying some camaraderie, hearing some good music, and sharing the common bond of motorcycles ~ looking at them, talking about them, anticipating that next road trip. And of course, celebrating with Team SHD. Congratulations on another year! Best wishes for many more!

Superstition HD wants to be Your Harley-Davidson Dealership. This 50,000+ square-foot facility offers sales of new & used bikes, a service department, MotorClothes, parts, accessories, collectibles, & a friendly knowledgeable staff. Check the SHD calendar often as they host a variety of events and classes.

Superstition Harley-Davidson is located at 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Visit online at https://superstitionhd.com/ & www.facebook.com/ SuperstitionHD/. Or call 'em at 480-346-0600. Please mention AZ Rider Motorcycle News.

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Community News

Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Boast about a grand-baby - no matter what age they are $\textcircled{\sc o}$.

Extend congratulations, well wishes, or condolences. Send someone kudos for a promotion, announce an engagement, welcome your GI home. You get the idea. And so, for now ~

Happy Birthday in September to Barry Gilbert Bell, Paula Stringham, Ray Croghan, Tom 'TeeKay' Kartler, Michael O'Shaughnessey, Jack Jones , Kenny Belanger, Greg Ormson, Shawn Bell, Jim Butsback, Ron Sexton, Ron Davis, Joe Ferrucci, Michael Thornton, Wil Smock, Mark Stevens, Doug Keatts, Barbara Jean McAtlin, Dave Robin Six, Gary Dunham, Danita Martinez, Cory Donaldson, Aaron Cutrano, Sheila Palmer, Christian Ellis, Boris Ivančić, Tim Chambers, Tyler Spross, Kathleen Thomsen-Grover, Billy D Docherty, Barbe TwoElk, Dawn Parker Gale, Gingerlee Terborg, Tracie Rhino, Suzanne Gregory, Tracey Felten, Nicholas 'Guns' Ross, Stephanie Compton Jorgensen, Stacy Baldwin-Montgomery, Marc Schultz, Drue Foradory Jr., Dale Dedrick, Patty Dimitriou, Pam Bourassa Musler, Terry Torrence, & Sunnybaby Christopher * & & & & *

Happy Anniversary in September to Clyde Brooks & Jean Cooper Ginger & Joe Terborg Kenny & Randi Belanger TJ & Becki Watson * & & & *

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Robert 'Big Dog Alley' Allen ~ September 28, 2006 <u>Ben 'ZZ' McLachlan</u> ~ September 22, 2009 <u>Patricia Fitzgerald</u> ~ September 30, 2012 <u>Carol Madden</u> ~ September 22, 2015 Clinton Pennington ~ September 21, 2018 <u>Miranda Diane Dostaler</u> ~ September 24, 2019 Buddy 'Buddah' Price ~ September 25, 2021 Connie Roler-Jones ~ September 27, 2021 <u>Shortbus Radcliff</u> ~ September 17, 2022 * & & & & * * & & & & *

August 22, 2023 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V591000 Rear Shock Absorber Fastener May Break

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Summary: Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2018-2019 FLDE, 2018-2021 FLHC, 2018-2023 FLHCS, 2018 and 2023 FLHCS ANV, 2020-2023 FXLRS, 2022-2023 FX-LRST, and 2022 FXRST Softail motorcycles. A fastener securing the rear shock absorber may break and allow the rear shock absorber adjuster to damage the rear tire, causing a loss of tire pressure. A loss of tire pressure can lead to a loss

of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash. Potential Number of Units Affected 65,310 Remedy: Dealers will replace the shock absorber fastener, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed September 5, 2023. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0181.

Read more about NHTSA Re-



call # 23V591 here. * & & & & *

August 16, 2023 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V583000

Obstructed MAP Hose May Cause Engine Stall

Summary: Triumph Motorcycles America, Ltd. (Triumph) is recalling certain 2022-2024 Trident 660 and Tiger Sport 660 motorcycles. The manifold absolute pressure (MAP) hose may have an obstruction, causing incorrect air pres-

> sure readings by the MAP sensor. The electronic control unit (ECU) will adjust the air/fuel ration based on inaccurate data, causing an engine stall and increasing the risk of a crash.

> Potential Number of Units Affected 7,541

> Remedy: Dealers will replace the hose, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 31, 2023. Owners may contact Triumph's customer service at 1-678-854-2010. Triumph's number for this recall is SRAN 609.

> Read more about NHTSA Recall # 23V583 here. * & & & & *

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July 26, 2023 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V515000 Engine May Stall Summary: Kawasaki Mo-Corp., U.S.A. tors is recalling (KMC) certain 2023 ZX400SPmotorcycles. FNL The alternator may fail due to a loose connection between the rotor and crank shaft, causing an engine stall. An engine stall can increase the risk of a crash. Potential Number of Units Affected 991 Read more about NHTSA Recall # 23V515 here. * & & & & *

> Find more Recall Notices here. * & & & & *

Just like in any community, there is good news and not-so-good news. Maybe someone is in the hospital or home recovering from injuries or illness. Or maybe you've got a child or grandchild who is deploying. Perhaps when people read these things, they'll say a prayer or wish them well - each in their own way. Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Send an email to editor@ AZRiderSouthwest.com subject line: Community News or send a message on Facebook.

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ABW T-BAR TRAIL RIDE 2023AZ Rider

The annual T-Bar Trail Ride, held during AZ Bike Week 2023, took place on Thursday March 30.

Organized by the <u>Arizona Bike Week</u> <u>Charities Group</u>, it is the longest running charity ride of the rally. The T-Bar Trail Ride has been "Saving Boobs, One Bar at a Time", for sixteen years.

This year, about 400 riders participat-

ed; making stops at Christie's Cabaret, Le Girls Gentlemen's Club, and Platinum Plus Cabaret.

Lisa Cyr of <u>AZ Bike Week</u> noted, "The T-Bar Trail Ride continues to be a favorite with our attendees and an annual tradition for hundreds of riders." This year's event raised \$8,710.00 for Bikers For Boobies. She continued, "The t-shirts



from the T-Bar Ride are wildly popular and feature a new, sexy design each year. We always have a few left over and we will be selling vintage T-Bar Trail Ride tees from several previous years during the Bikers for Boobies registration at J&P Cycles on October 14. 100% of the sales will go to Bikers for Boobies."

The <u>Biker For Boobies</u> organization is in its 14th year of raising money to provide women with free mammograms, Survival and Medical Grants, and other financial assistance to families or individuals that are dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

The Bikers For Boobies 2023 fundraising ride is coming up soon; taking place Saturday October 14. Sign in at JP Cycles in Scottsdale {8606 E Shea Blvd}. Last stop is at Scottsdale's Dirty Dogg Saloon, located at 10409 N Scottsdale Road. This is a 21 & older party.

<u>AZ Bike Week</u> #27 is taking place April 3 – 7, 2024 at WestWorld in Scottsdale. Saturday night includes music by Godsmack. The T-Bar Trail Ride will again be a part of the ABW fun. ☺

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Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories Donates "Bike Blessings" Banners to Kingman Cycle Disciples

For immediate release:

Contact: Jack Alexander 928.542.6059 Phone www.thunder-rode.com jack@thunder-rode.com

Kingman, AZ – June 15, 2023 — Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories gifted two "Bike Blessings" banners also to all people they meet in the world. The Cycle Disciples have no official ties to any other organizations other than their belief in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For more information on Cycle Disciples, please visit their website at www.cycledisciples.com.

Rick Patton, founding



with logo to the Kingman Cycle Disciples Ministry for use on their tent when performing bike blessings.

The Kingman Cycle Disciples is a growing Christian Motorcycle Fellowship of like minded individuals who ride. Members of the fellowship, with chapters in Arizona, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, California, Michigan, Texas, West Virginia, Virginia, Illinois, Alabama, Florida, Minnesota, England and Croatia, serve as ambassadors of Jesus Christ, not only to bikers, but

member of the Cycle Disciples, is seen photographed on the left. Sherry, Thunder-Rode Shop Manager, is pictured on the right.

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Thunder-Rode Motorcycle Accessories is a world-renowned premier retailer of motorcycle gear. Thunder-Rode is located directly on Route 66 in Kingman, AZ and caters to local motorcycle enthusiasts as well as travelers from all over the world. From leathers to helmets to patches, Thunder-Rode supplies motorcycle riders with unique and essential gear seven days a week and ships worldwide.

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Takin' It Easy in Winslow Arizona ~ July 27-30, 2023

Let's be real... It was hot. It was dusty. It got windy sometimes. And ... it was GREAT weekend!!

Everyone I spoke with was having a fun time. People were open to giving a new place a chance. The town, as well as Lonny Gose the owner of the property, were very accommodating.

While many <u>Too Broke For Sturgis</u> attendees opted for rooms in town this time; the onsite camping at Winslow Rodeo Grounds was home to a lively mix of RVs and tents. A notice was posted at registration letting campers know that free showers were available in town. I recall that service in Sturgis as well. Very cool!

Everything kicked off on Thursday afternoon, July 27. Time was spent exploring the new venue, greeting friends, enjoying dinner from one of several tasty food trucks, and dancing to music provided by 'Perfect Storm'. Band member Jose commented, "I had such a good time playing Thursday night, so chill. Everyone that I have been meeting all weekend has been so cool and friendly. All Great vibes!!!! I am glad you folks hosted this event."

Some things may change, but the CMA's support of Too Broke remains a constant. Friday morning, and each morning of the weekend, kicked off with breakfast at the Christian Motorcyclists Association camp. They also presented Saturday's Bike Blessing and Sunday morning's Worship Service. CMA feeds the body AND the soul of our biker community.

Friday's Poker Walk introduced visitors to the Vendor Village. Card stops were at Vanity Trash Creations, Mama T's food truck, Ms Conception Custom Paint, and the Navajo taco food truck; with the last stop & turn in at the <u>ABATE-</u><u>AZ</u> merchandise booth.

Additional vendors & information booths included AIM, BMXteme Cigars, <u>Hassayampa Music Festival, MRF – Mo-</u> <u>torcycle Riders Foundation</u>, MCR Biker Jewelry, NRA Grassroots – NRA/ILA information, Patriot Printing & Promos, & Sassy Crue Creations. A variety of food trucks offered Asian-style eats from the Bento Guy, plus bbq, hotdogs, tasty Navajo tacos, and of course... desserts © The Uno Mas Cantina served up adult beverages & had a covered sitting area with misters... a popular hang out ©

Andrew won low hand in the Poker Walk with his 10-high hand & received a motorcycle seat air cushion. High hand was 4 Kings, held by Hazard of the Brotherhood MC. He received a Big Ass Cup Holder.

There was no Ms Too Broke For Sturgis contest this year. Ms Lei Cayson of ABATE's East Valley Chapter will continue her reign and doing an excellent job of representing TBFS and ABATE-AZ.

The Fantastic Facial Hair / Magnificent Mustache Contest took place on Friday. It was sponsored by the Elks Lodge #536 of Winslow. The Longest Beard trophy went to Rex for the 3rd year running, Kiven won Best Groomed for the 2nd year, Jeff won Best 'Freestyle', and Best Mustache went to Dyno. The Tattoo Contest judges were MK, Lori, & Bubbles. The winners were: Best Black & Grey to Caution, Best Color to Amber, Most Patriotic to 12-Volt, and Most Realistic to Heidi. Most Visionary & Best of Show both went to Amanda, for two different tats.

The band Friendly Jesture brought their Classic Rock cover skills to the Main Stage for Friday night's party.

Thank you ABATE business member Jack Estes & his Dirty Dogg Saloon for sponsoring the TBFS Bike & People Games this year! They were fun to watch and there was a good amount of enthusiasm & participation. Congratulations to all the winners.

The People Games were held on Friday. Those winners were:

Plank Walk = The Unholy Family, Helmet Toss = Nolan Steed, Tug o' War = Nolan's Knuckleheads.

Thanks to ABATE business member & TBFS sponsor Matt Brown & his Tombstone Brewery, there were plenty of beer cans available for the Swinging Balls Contest. People were happy to empty some. You know \sim to help set up for the game. \odot This game was introduced last year and is a hoot! Swinging Balls ended up with 3 gals as finalists. Pandora took the trophy.

Downtown Winslow hosted a concert by Perfect Storm on Saturday from 10a-1pm. The street was closed off... offering people the opportunity to get their Standin' on the Corner photo ops before returning to the rodeo grounds for the

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rest of the day's activities.

The Bike Games were on Saturday, after the Bike Show concluded. This year's games included the Slow Race, Keg Roll, and Road Kill. Unfortunately, those winners' names were unavailable for this writing. The Weenie Bite was won by Begay & Galaviz. This was her first time playing the game AND she was the only one to get a piece of the weenie.

The Bruce 'Meltdown' Newkirk Memorial Bike Show took place Saturday afternoon. It was sponsored by GWR, LLC. There were about 35 bikes in the show, separated into 6 categories. The trophies were made by Dennis Willis. The winners were: Best Custom = Dying to Ride; Best Rat = Dennis Meyers; Best Trike = James Nelson ; Best Cruiser = Gunny Marshall ; Best Street Bike = Zeriah Smith ; Best Bagger = Jerry Babie : and Best of Show = Matt Vance.

After the Bike Show was the Bike Blessing & the Revvvvv Up ... in memory of riders who are Gone But Not Forgotten. The bikes made a joyous rumbling roar... carrying thoughts of our loved ones to the Heavens.

The Dunk Tank was a new attraction this year and a big success. It became very popular ESPECIALLY when some of the ladies agreed to get in the 'hot seat' if sufficient donations were raised. Birthday girl Sandra and Jamie of the Diva Cave were good sports and a big draw © YES ... they along with others were definitely DUNKED ~ all to the benefit of ABATE-AZ.

The Wet-Tshirt Contest, sponsored by Blue Collar Customs, offered up a \$300 prize, a trophy, and bragging rights to the gal who could win over the most enthusiastic responses from the audience. There was a big turnout of contestants - including a mermaid ... AND a huge audience of fans to watch & cheer their favorites on. What ...? You weren't at the Arena for it? You missed one hell of a show \odot Each gal got her time center stage to strut her stuff. It was a close call... Congratulations to Laurie on her win!

Saturday night's party at the arena with music by BadJune was another good time, with a lot of dancing & funfilled carrying on. There was some brief rain but it didn't really dampen many people's fun.

Raffle tickets were drawn during a band break, as well as the 50/50. Raffle items to win included a variety of bike accessories, a \$300 gift certificate from Ms Conception Custom Paint, knives, bar signs, adult beverages, apparel, jackets, vests, a t-bag, & more. Sherri left with an extra \$327 in her pocket. Very cool.

Once again this year, Camp Jell-O Shot was in the house. Crystal & Alan enjoy giving back to the biker community and adding to everyone's fun with they posted this message, "We were impressed with the hospitality of Lonny Gose and the entire crew that made it happen. Us diehard Too Broke patrons appreciated what you all did to make it happen. We were truly impressed with the turnout all things considered."

The TBFS committee sends out thanks to sponsors ACMC, AIM, Blue Collar Customs, D&D Discount Motorcycles, Dirty Dogg Saloon, The Diva Cave, Law Tigers, Tombstone Brewery, and Viking Bags. TBFS event coordinator Sandra sent along this message, "Even though we had a short amount of time to plan the Rally and the weather wasn't the best overall, we had a great time. Attendance wasn't as high as years past, but we still had a great turn out."

Yes, there was smaller attendance than hoped for, but that is not unusual to happen under the circumstances. With the event coming together later than normal, people had already made other plans. Also, events often show a drop in attendance upon a change of venue, and then bounce back. Numerous comments acknowledged that the importance of supporting <u>ABATE-AZ</u> and the work it does on behalf of motorcyclists OUT-WEIGHED any first-year drawbacks.

Those who made the trip had fun, heard some very good music, spent time catching up with old friends and made new ones. They also understand WHY we all gather at Too Broke each year... That is, to SUPPORT our Motorcyclists Rights Organization in its efforts to protect bikers' rights and provide education to safely share the road.

The Volunteers of the TBFS Committee put a lot of time & effort into bringing this event together each year. This year's team overcame significant obstacles. Congratulations on a job well done! I and others are already looking forward to next year!! Mark your calendars for June 20-23, 2024.

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Too Broke For Sturgis #32

ABATE-AZ is a Watchdog for Profiling & Discrimination Against Motorcyclists

ABATE-AZ Legislative Director Mike Infanzon sent this message in regard to Too Broke For Sturgis and in response to comments about the law enforcement presence during the weekend.

"TBFS went well. The City and residents of Winslow were fantastic to all of us who spent the weekend there. One drawback of the whole weekend was the presence and 'harassment' of motorcyclists by the Gang Task Force officers who were in town just for the rally. I spoke to a few of them and informed them that it was a PRIVATE party. They had set up what seemed like profiling the motorcyclists in town. We spoke with the Mayor and Police Chief. After explaining the situation, the harassment seemed to settle down except for a few random incidents."

Editor: Being a biker can include profiling & discrimination by law enforcement. This weekend was no different. It became necessary for ABATE's State President Jim and Legislative Director Mike to each spend time reminding our 'boys in blue' that we were on private property and that discrimination based upon attire or mode of transportation are illegal.

If you were harassed by LEOs during the weekend, you are encouraged to contact ABATE-AZ so that these incidents can be included in the ongoing efforts to curb such profiling and discrimination activities. Contact ABATE-AZ Legislative Director Mike Infanzon at Mike@ABATEofAZ.org





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Saturdays Sep-Dec'23 {9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16}: Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600

Saturdays September 2023 {9/9}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 6:30a, Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix-Shadow Mtn Chapter meeting. 12:30pm at VFW Post 1433, 7718 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. Post opens at noon.

2nd & 4th Sundays: Desert Thunder MC cooks up breakfast 8-11am @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix. \$5/plate. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

3rd Sundays: ABATE-AZ East Valley Chapter meeting ~ 10a at American Legion Post 138, 107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe. {B'fast available before meeting} FMI: Joe Silk 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com

2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Desert Thunder MC hosts an Open House @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix from 6-11pm. No cover charge. Dinner available \$7. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

4th Tuesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 5:30p @ American Legion Post 6 @ 202 S Pleasant St Prescott 86301. FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

Wednesdays Sep 2023 { 9/6 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet 6:30am, KSU 7am. FMI: SHD-HOG hotline 480-346-0626, main 480-346-0600

For more MC bike night listings, visit http://www.azcmc.org/calendar

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9/9 17th annual Freedom Gathering Run hosted by American Legion Post 86, Overgaard, AZ. Poker run starts/ends at Post 86. Sign-in 8am. Last card by 3pm. \$45/pp includes event shirt while they last, patch, ride entry. All proceeds benefit American Legion programs. FMI: Jeff 360-202-6664, jeffatlyman@gmail.com

9/9-10 {Sat/Sun} Crossroads of the West Gun Show in Phoenix at AZ State Fairgrounds, 19th Ave & McDowell. Sat 9a-5, Sun 9-4pm. FMI: Hell Mary Holsters 480-401-6412, XTAG.usa@gmail.com

9/14 {Th} Bike Night w/ the SHD Parts Department at On The Green Sports Grill; 6:15-9:15pm. Meet @ Superstition Harley-Davidson®, 2910 W Apache Trl, Apache Junction. KSU 6:15pm. OR meet @ OTG 801 S Power Road. Raffles - Drink Specials - Giveaways! Have fun but please drink responsibly! FMI: 480-346-0600

9/15-16 {Fr-Sa} Thunder Valley Rally, sponsored by Law Tigers AZ.

9/15-17 {Fr-Sun} Sunrise Serenity Run XXI in Show Low AZ. A Rally for Clean & Sober Bikers. FMI: Nancy 928-242-3817, nancyblaisdell2002@yahoo.com

9/16 {Sat} Old Bastards MC Payson Chapter 'Runnin' With the Pups' fundraiser for Humane Society of Central AZ. Noon -4pm @ OBMC Clubhouse, 109 W Phoenix St, Payson. Includes live music, vendors, bike games, & more. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl includes food.

9/16 4th annual Biker Down Fundraiser, hosted by Sun Riders MC & Bikers For Christ MM. At SRMC Clubhouse { 7285 S Cardinal Ave, Tucson}. From 10a-2pm? Everyone welcome. Free admission. Meals \$10/adult, \$5/ kid. Event raises money in support of those who have been in a Motorcycle accident. FMI: call or txt Gus 520-254-2599

9/16 Elks Riders Poker Run to benefit First Responders. Reg 9am at Elks Lodge #1957, 909 E Florence Blvd, Casa Grande AZ. \$25/sgl, \$30/2-up. FMI: 520-836-7083, cgvelks1957@gmail.com 9/23 Handlebars for Monkeybars. Supports Satori School Tucson. Sign-in 10am @ HD Tucson, 7355 N I-10 Frontage Rd. \$20/ sgl, \$25/2-up. KSU noon. Last stop Whiskey Roads, 2265 W Ina. Music by Mothers Lament. FMI: https://www.handlebarsformonkeybars.com/

9/23 MMAA 17th annual Toy Run. Sign-in 9a at Epic Motorsports, 1000 Automall Parkway, Show Low. Last stop at The Cabin in Over-gaard. FMI: mountainmaa@gmail.com

9/23 ALMA MC Tucson Poker Run. Sign-in 11am at Tucson Clubhouse, 620 East 19th Street. There will be 5 Poker stops......High Hand and Low Hand winners, 50/50, raffle prizes and much more. 11a-11:30pm. FMI: ?

9/23 Black & White Night with the Cochise Riders MC at PC's Lounge, 4700 E Highway 90, Sierra Vista. Starts 5pm. \$5 cover. Music by Mass of Sound. Bike Show registration starts 4:30pm. Food available for purchase. FMI: admin@cochiseridersmc.com

9/23-24 {Sa/Sun} Crossroads of the West Gun Show at Centennial Hall in Mesa. Sat 9a-5, Sun 9-4pm. FMI: Hell Mary Holsters 480-401-6412, XTAG.usa@gmail.com

9/24 {Sun} Instructor-Led ASM Basic 100 series class. 9:30a-5pm. Lead instructor: Mark LaClair. Location: Scorpion Harley Davidson. Class limit: 15. This class is OPEN to the general public. \$50.00 discount/ student due to the generosity of the Husband and Wife Law Team. Use the code HWLT to save \$50. The normal cost of the class is \$100/student. Lunch will be provided by HWLT as well! If you have questions or would like to host your own class, contact Mark LaClair at 603-903-5268 or emtdadon27@gmail.com.

9/30 {Sat} 3rd annual Ironhorse Rodeo Run. Benefits Veterans and Scholarship Fund. Sign-in 9-10am at Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. \$35/pp includes event tee. Last stop Payson Elks Lodge. FMI: 480-346-0600

9/9 {Sat} Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Chapter 7th annual 6-Shooter Poker Run. Sign-in 10am at Superstition HD. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. End Party @ LDMC - Queen Creek Clubhouse with live music & drawings. Food available. Last Card in by 4pm. FMI: 602-281-0691



9/21-24 {Th-Su} MRF 'Meeting of the Minds' Motorcyclists Rights Conference. Harrisburg PA. FMI: https://www.mrf.org/events/

> 9/23 {Sat} Loners MC San Tan Valley Chapter hosts annual September Scorcher starts 11am at the River Bottom {520-868-3131} in Florence. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Poker walk, chicken shit bingo, raffles, & more.

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9/30 5th annual East Valley Biker Rodeo hosted by Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter. Noon till 4pm at Chandler Elks Lodge 2429 -- 1775 W. Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ. FMI: mcpherson6975@gmail.com

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9/30-10/1 {Sa-Su} Hassayampa Music Festival @ Gambel Field in Tonopah. 2 days of Blues & Grooves. HassyMusic.com

10/7 {Sat} Bugsplat Ride & After Party @ SHD®. Sign-in 8-9am at Cycle Gear, 1040 S Country Club Dr, Mesa. Pre-Reg \$25/bike, Day of Reg \$30/ bike. Includes 1 Target, 2 Door Prize Tickets & Swag Bag (first 50). 1st place wins \$250!! Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Places. End Party at Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Raffles, 50/50, Music, Food Trucks, & Winners Announced. FMI: 480-346-0600

10/7 Sun Riders MC 45th Anniversary Party from 5-11:30pm at Tucson Clubhouse, 7251 S Cardinal Ave. Music by "XCEP-TION". Smoked beef tenderloin dinner. More details TBA

10/8 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet at Pinal County Fairground, Casa Grande {512 N 11-Mile Corner Rd}. Vendors 1st come 1st served: \$40/20x15space. Setup 6am. All bike brands welcome. Opens to public 8am. Admission \$5 [kids under 12 free]. Sponsored by Law Tigers. FMI: MJ 480-209-8521

10/14 {Sat} Inaugural Superstition Treasure Hunt with CVMA 32-8. Ride starts/ends @ Superstition HD, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction AZ. Sign-in 8a, KSU 9am. Benefits K-9s For Warriors. \$20/pilot, \$10/passenger. Last bike in by 3pm. Awards 4pm. Entertainment, Food trucks, raffles. FMI: 480-346-0600 10/14 Bikers for Boobies fund raiser. Sign-in 10am @ JP Cycles, 8606 E Shea Blvd, Scottsdale. Last stop Dirty Dogg Saloon, 10409 N Scottsdale Rd in Scottsdale. B4B raises money to pay for mammograms, cancer awareness education, aid to victims of breast cancer, & more. \$30/sgl, \$40/dbl includes 2 meals, game cards, & more. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: b4b2013@hotmail.com

10/14 19th annual Do It In The Dark Poker Run hosted by Sober Riders MC & Lost Dutchman MC. Sign in @ Richi's Diner, 15609 W Bell Rd #100, Surprise, AZ. Last stop LDMC Clubhouse 950 E Baseline, Apache Junction. FMI: 602-281-0691

10/14 VNV / LVMC 20th Anniversary Party at American Legion Post 35, 2240 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler. Live Music by Bad-June Band, Food on site, Raffle Prizes, 50/50, Tattooing on site by Magz Tattoos. Veteran suicide awareness event. Proceeds go towards helping Vets in need. 6p-11:30pm. FMI: AL35clubmgr@gmail.com 480-821-0002

10/19-21 {Th-Sat} The 'Run to the Rez' Veterans Honor Ride. Weekend also includes live music, poker run, bike show, & more. Sponsors include Superstition Harley- Davidson. Registration opens 2pm Thursday. Weekend: \$50 = One long sleeve T-shirt, one entry into the grand prize drawing, event access, & three meals. Saturday only \$30 = above w/ 1 meal. FMI: 928-475-2932, 928- 961-6002, johnrezrider@ yahoo.com

10/19-22 {Th-Sun} Biketober-Bash at Slaughterhouse:WTH, 7303 E Main, Mesa. A 4-Day Party on the East Side w/ Live Music, Vendors, Bike Show, Charity Raffles, Miss Pinup Event, Swag Giveaways. FMI: 480-380-6000, slaughterhousewth@gmail.com

10/21 {Sat] 3rd annual Chicano Pride Ride Poker Run is a motorcycle ride in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Ride starts/ends at Roadrunner Harley-Davidson, 1402 N 159th Ave, Goodyear. Ride's end will be a family friendly party with entertainment, food, dancing, vendors, music, & more. Supports the local nonprofit, Advance. Advance delivers meals to seniors in low-income housing, and provides community health education. Pre-reg tickets \$40/sgl, \$50/2-up. Reg includes meal. Add \$10 at gate. FMI: 602-820-4091, Sandra@ advancecommunity.org; https:// chicanopriderideaz.com

10/28 {Sat} Accident Scene Mgmt Basic 100 series class. 9a-4:30pm w/ instructor Teresa Martinez at VFW Post 1433, 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. This class is OPEN to the general public. Normally \$100/student. \$50 discount/ student provided by Husband & Wife Law Team. Register at www.accidentscene. org Use the code HWLT to save \$50. Lunch also provided by HWLT. FMI: 602-908-7989, phxaz.asm@gmail.com

10/28 Loners MC Globe Halloween Party at Shamrock Bar, 4169 E - US60, Miami, AZ. 8pm – close. No cover. Costume Contest 10pm. \$200 1st prize, \$100 2nd prize. FMI: Rocky 928-940-2317, La Bamba 928-812-2785 The Freedom to Assemble is a RIGHT, not a 'privilege'

11/4 {Sat} The 10th annual Seductive CC & Superstition HD Toy Drive Bike & Car Show; at SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction FMI: 480-346-0600

11/11 {Sat} VNV / LVMC Veteran's Day Run. Noon -7pm at Gallopin Goose 2980 S Arizona Blvd, Coolidge, AZ. Door & Raffle Prizes, Live Music, 50/50. Come help us Veterans Celebrate Veteran's Day. FMI: gallopingoosesaloon@ gmail.com 520-723-0300

12/2 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run. 9a~4p. Starts & ends at Superstition Harley Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120. Sign-in 9-10:30a. \$10/pp plus a "new" Teddy Bear each enters you into Poker Run. Raffles - Door Prizes - 50/50 and Merch will be available. Biker Breakfast Buffet will be available at Wahoo's (the 1st stop). FMI: troll@trollsteddybearrun.com

12/2 Loners MC 43rd annual Toy Run. Gather at Bullion Plaza Museum – 150 N Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ. KSU Noon. FMI:?

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Jan 27 {Sat} 9th annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sponsors include Superstition Harley-Davidson & Law Tigers. Sign-in 9-11am @ American Legion Post 58 in Ftn Hills. End Party at SHD 11a-3pm. FMI: ride4srwh@gmail.com

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11/2-5 {Th-Sun} CMA's 2023 State Rally – in Superior, AZ. All Are Welcome. Free to the Public. Activities based at Besich Park, 240 Main St. Bike Show, People & Bike Games, Rides, Music, & more. FMI: Kiven Hardison 520-227-0783, kivenhcma@gmail.com

11/2-4 ACMC's Riot on the River at Winkelman Gila River Park. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl includes dry camping & Saturday night dinner. Vendors, live music Saturday, games. billetldmc@gmail.com March 22-23 {Fr-Sat} 13th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash. Lake Pleasant, Peoria. https://azrockabillybash.com/

April 3 – 7, 2024 AZ Bike Week #27 at WestWorld in Scottsdale. Saturday night includes Godsmack. FMI: https://azbikeweek. com/

May 4 {Sat} IFRD 2024

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