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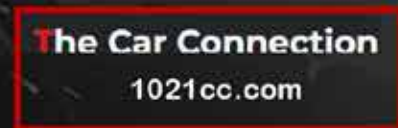
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# Riot on the River 2022

By Mary K. Donnay, ABATE of Arizona

The Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs held their annual RIOT ON THE RIVER event again at Winkelman Gila River Park, November 4-6, 2022. Representatives from MCs across the state were there. Billy Bracken, Lost Dutchman MC, ACMC Vice Chairman, and ABATE member, did an excellent job as coordinator of the event. He shared that attendance was just under 700. The ACMC extends appreciation to this year's Sponsors.

They made some layout changes that made it a better event. AZDC, an ACDC cover band, rocked the place Saturday night. Lost Dutchman MC handled refreshment sales, a few food vendors on hand provided excellent food. It was really good to see vendors Jaime with The Diva Cave, Larry with Club Nirvana, and Traci Rhino with Discount Biker Supply. Bike Games were hosted by the Breathe Life Riders and Sho Ryders. The Bike Show was hosted by the Sun Riders.



MANY THANKS to Cliff Prentice, ABATE State Treasurer, for hauling the ABATE booth, table and chairs. He helped Smiley and me with our camp set up/tear down and

shared his coffee in the morning and bottle of Jack in the evening! Thanks to Jim Butsback, ABATE State President, and Gizmo from So. AZ Chapter who helped us at the booth. We signed up 5 new ABATE-AZ members, including Ricky LaBraun, Sons of God New Jerusalem MC member and ACMC Treasurer.

Moonshine and Trish from our Mohave Chapter sold ACMC 50-50 raffle tickets and donated home-made apple moonshine and root-beer moonshine for donations to give the winner of the wet t-shirt contest. They did an awesome job. Several from our High Country Chapter/MMAA came on Saturday; Chubby, Jigsaw, Yukon, Rick the Prick, and Spitfire.

I must say, tent camping when it's 33 degrees at night gave me a renewed appreciation for a climate-controlled home with a good bed and running water.

Life is good, enjoy the ride, and be good to one another.

The ACMC Toy Run is coming up on Dec 18. Gather 10a-noon at the WalMart at 19th Ave & Bell in Phoenix. New toys are being collected to benefit Children's Valleywise Health and Andrea's Closet.

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Hello AriZona Riders!

Please welcome the newest Advertiser to the AZ Rider pages ... Ascendants MC is hosting their Be The Miracle Charity Poker Run on February 4. Check out the details in this edition & follow their link for more info as needed.

The cover photo was taken at Apache Gold Resort, while waiting for the parade lineup during the recent Run to the Rez. Sam & Ernestine are riders out of Colorado who attend this event regularly. Read the article in these pages.

Here we are.... Holiday time again. I hope you are finding ways to Make the Season Bright ☺ Remember, this time of year is supposed to be JOYFUL rather than STRESSFUL.... So KISS ☺ Keep It Super Simple! Take some time to spend with friends. Those memories can be some of the best gifts you get.

Please keep our GIs in your thoughts & prayers as they spend their Holidays away from friends & loved ones.

If your organization hosted a benefit during this Season it would be great to hear from you, so it can be included in the Christmas Wrap edition. Yup ~ It's time to brag on you all!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. Wishing you all safe and joyous Holidays.

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*Betsy*

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# Ferguson Approach ~ an Advertiser Review

Buying or selling a home can be a daunting endeavor. Having someone who is conscientious, creative, and knowledgeable about the steps involved can make the difference between the experience being a positive one or downright torturous – potentially even disastrous. A house is, after all, the largest investment or asset that most people hold.

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Rick is a former military officer (US Army Field Artillery). He is also retired from the corporate consulting

world; with emphasis on management, sales, and marketing. These background careers each require one to be extremely organized and methodical. He has carried these traits forward -- focusing on his clients' needs, high attention to detail, and always following up with those he serves. By doing so, he has already earned himself plenty of repeat and referral clients. He treats each one as though they are his CEO.

Skills and attitude such as these are so very important in helping someone, especially a new home buyer, to make informed choices. In addition to working with first-time buyers, Rick also has a SRES (Seniors Real Estate Specialist) designation and works with a lot of seniors.

Rick brings a high level of positivity to his relationships. He presents an air of confidence and trustworthiness that can set a buyer or seller at ease. Numerous clients have offered Reviews indicating that he is extremely well regarded in his work... "honest", "trustworthy", "high integrity", "good communication skills", "no drama", "readily available", "a pleasure to work with", and so on.

Rick recently received the Five Star Professional 2022 Rising Star Real Estate Agent Award, being recognized for his "professional excellence" and "superior customer service".

Although his office focuses on the SE Valley of Phoenix, Ferguson Approach can advise anyone in the state; having created a network of referral agents who Rick & Maja feel operate within the same standards as they do.

Rick shared, "My favorite part

of my job is the ability to arrange a great transaction for my clients. I love the negotiation and transaction process. I enjoy listening to what clients need and then helping them find their dream home. I especially love working with first-time homebuyers and sharing in their excitement of buying their first home."

When not working, he loves riding motorcycles with his kids, and spending time relaxing with family and friends. Rick is active within his ABATE of Arizona Chapter. He is also a member of the American Legion Riders.

If you are in the market to buy or sell a home, you would be well served to contact Rick & his Ferguson Approach team. Not only will they will guide you through the process successfully, you'll likely have some new friends as well.

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### **AVID MOTORCYCLIST ELECTED AGAIN TO NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE**

Delight, displeasure, or distrust, the November 8 midterms meant a lot of things to a lot of people, but for motorcyclists there was at least one bright spot in New Hampshire where longtime biker Charlie St. Clair won election to the State House of Representatives, again.

St. Clair is well known to riders everywhere as the coordinator of Laconia Motorcycle Week; "The World's Oldest Motorcycle Rally," going on 100 years!

Democrat victor and former representative St. Clair previously served one term in the State House, until this past

election cycle when he lost to now-incumbent Republican Rep. Richard Littlefield in 2020, the same person St. Clair just defeated to now reclaim his old House seat!

St. Clair told *The Laconia Daily Sun* that once he's back at the Statehouse, he'd like to return to his previous seat on the Transportation Committee, where he can best serve his community, rally-goers and motorcyclists who live in or visit New Hampshire; "I have a lot of questions on projects [that were] supposed to be done two years ago [in the transportation committee] and I will also be listening to the residents of Laconia and their concerns and following their direction," he told the local newspaper.

As a candidate, St. Clair emphasized placing constituents above party lines and demands, saying "I always encourage people not to vote by party but on the individual."

With record-setting voter turnout across the country, many races nationwide are still in limbo or dispute, with outcomes determining the political direction of many states and our nation, and with Donald Trump once again throwing his hat in the Presidential ring for 2024, American politics is about to get even more interesting.

### **ARIZONA SENATOR CALLS FOR PASSAGE OF THE RPM ACT**

Since being elected to Congress in November 2020, U.S. Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) has proven himself to be a strong ally and defender of motorsports, and as an original cosponsor of S. 2736, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2021 (RPM Act), and according to SEMA (the Specialty Equipment Market Association) he has championed the bill both publicly and behind the scenes.

Sen. Kelly recently spoke at a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing about the importance of the RPM Act and amateur racing, noting that his wife, former U.S. Representative Gabby Giffords, raced motorcycles on the track. "Racing is important to many Arizonans -- and it's a part of our state's legacy," he testified. "The RPM Act will help provide certainty to Arizona's amateur racers and auto mechanics from EPA regulations, which could harm their ability to enjoy the hobby of motorsport."

The RPM Act of 2021 was re-introduced in Congress last September 14 by U.S. Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), currently with 33 cosponsors, and is common-sense, bipartisan legislation to

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Racing cars and motorcycles has remained an unquestioned American tradition until 2015 when the EPA took the position that converted vehicles must remain emissions-compliant, even though they are no longer driven on public streets or highways.

### **U.S. LAWMAKERS PURSUE "RIGHT TO REPAIR" CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

Lawmakers in both the U.S. House and Senate are actively pursuing federal legislation intended to level the playing field for independent repair providers, including for motor vehicle repair shops.

U.S. Senators Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) and Ron Wyden (D-OR) introduced S.3830, the Fair Repair Act of 2022, a bipartisan bill that seeks to ensure that manufacturers do not lock out owners and independent service providers from providing repairs by denying access to parts, tools, and documentation. The Fair Repair Act would require manufacturers of electronic equipment to make the same tools, parts, and

documentation available to owners and independent repair providers, covering a variety of industries such as agricultural equipment, consumer electronics, medical equipment, and motor vehicles.

Similarly, Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL), a senior member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, has introduced the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act (H.R.6570). This legislation would ensure that vehicle owners and independent repair shops have equal access to repair and maintenance tools and data as car companies and licensed dealerships.

Vehicle makers have long argued that they shouldn't have to share proprietary performance information, but for independent repair shops this practice makes for an unfair marketplace.

Although industry advocates for years have pushed for the right to repair, the issue gained momentum last year when President Biden issued a sweeping Executive Order directing federal regulatory agencies to take a variety of steps that would fundamentally alter the government's regulation of businesses' competitive practices.

Specifically, the order directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to address

"unfair anticompetitive restrictions on third-party repair or self-repair items, such as the restrictions imposed by powerful manufacturers that prevent farmers from repairing their own equipment."

### **HARLEY HIT WITH ANOTHER RIGHT-TO-REPAIR LAWSUIT**

This past June, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission issued a sternly-worded order to Harley-Davidson, requiring it to honor existing right-to-repair laws, citing illegal warranty language that restricted customers from using aftermarket parts, or taking their bikes for service by anyone other than a Harley dealer. Such actions, the warranties stated, could void the owners' warranties.

Secondarily, the FTC pointed to the fact that the full terms of such warranties weren't fully disclosed to customers in a single document, but rather customers were directed to contact an authorized dealer to learn the full details. The federal trade agency also ordered Harley to cease this behavior, as well.

While this was seen as a positive step by many interested in right-to-repair reform within the U.S., this action by the FTC couldn't recoup the losses experienced by Harley customers who felt that

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they were effectively held hostage to the terms of their warranties. Thus, in August, 2022, two right-to-repair class action lawsuits were filed in federal courts: one in Wisconsin, and one in California. But, as you may already have suspected, that's not the end of the story.

Now, RideApart.com reports that on November 3, 2022, a third class-action lawsuit was filed in Chicago federal court. It claims that the Motor Company's warranty policy violates existing U.S. anti-trust laws because it disallows the use of aftermarket parts. The 55-page class action complaint demands a jury trial to hear its claims, and spells out in detail the nature of both its claims and the multiple classes across multiple states (and the District of Columbia) enveloped within. It alleges that the Harley-Davidson warranties in question violated both federal and state antitrust laws, and requests unspecified financial relief for members of the Class, including payment of legal fees.

The filing argues that since Harley makes approximately 15% of its annual revenue from parts, it is clearly in the company's best interest to maximize that revenue as much as possible -- including using its warranties as tools to force owners to use H-D's OEM parts. It also

makes a case for how a Harley warranty can effectively cost owners an excessive amount of money.

### EUROPE MOVES TO BAN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

On October 27, 2022, the European Commission, European Parliament, and the member states, united in the Council of the European Union, reached an agreement about the emission limits for cars and vans, and following a few steps to lower the emission of the fleet, from 2035 the sale of new cars that have no zero CO2-emission will be banned in the European Union.

Environmentalists celebrated this as a victory of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) against vehicles with an internal combustion engine (ICE), claiming this means a ban on gasoline-powered engines. Consequently, this would not only affect cars and vans, but also motorcycles.

"The Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations will resist any attempt to ban the internal combustion engine for motorcycles," stated Dolf Willigers, FEMA's General Secretary, explaining that, "In our view, the emissions of motorcycles are already negligible and the alternatives for both fossil fuels and

electricity are still in the development phase. To focus solely on battery electric vehicles the problems of air quality and climate change will just be redeemed to other, equal serious problems: the social and environmental aspects of the mining of raw materials that are needed to make batteries and the geo-political consequences of getting dependent to countries like China to acquire these raw materials and the batteries should not be underestimated."

### INTERNATIONAL TREATY AGAINST FOSSIL FUELS FLOATED AT U.N. CLIMATE SUMMIT

The world should confront climate change the way it does nuclear weapons, by agreeing to a non-proliferation treaty that stops further production of fossil fuels, a small island nation leader urged during the recent United Nations' climate summit in Egypt.

"We all know that the leading cause of climate crisis is fossil fuels," Tuvalu Prime Minister Kausea Natano told his fellow leaders. The Pacific country is joining with "other nations calling for a fossil fuels non-proliferation treaty," Natano said citing recent climate-related di-

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sasters. "It's getting too hot and there is very (little) time to slow and reverse the increasing temperature. Therefore, it is essential to prioritize fast-acting strategies."

The idea of a non-proliferation treaty for coal, oil and natural gas has previously been advanced by campaigners, religious authorities including the Vatican, and some scientists, but Natano's speech gave the plan a boost in front of a global audience.

### WORLD'S BIGGEST BIKE SHOW BREAKS NEW RECORDS

Apparently, 2022's iteration of the largest motorcycle show on the planet was a resounding success, judging by the numbers; 1,370 Brands present, representing 45 different Nations, and a 38% increase in attendance at this year's EICMA (acronym for International Motorcycle and Accessories Exhibition) hosted annually in Milan, Italy where manufacturers debut new models to crowds of over a half million.

Given the lineup of marques, influencers and diverse ranges of advancing technology, it was only natural that the build-up of anticipation would give rise to even bigger attendance numbers.

"It is these numbers, the embrace of

the general public, the massive presence of exhibitors who have emphasized their solid satisfaction and whom we thank for having always believed in EICMA," added EICMA S.p.A. president Pietro Meda. "...the attractiveness and international centrality, the positive increase in every performance indicator that affirm the unique value and indispensability of our event...EICMA unquestionably remains in its place: on the highest step in the entire international scene."

### SUZUKI-POWERED DRONE TAKES FLIGHT

Ever since watching 'The Jetsons' on TV in the 60s we've been waiting for the future to get here so we can take to the skies in our flying cars, so perhaps for now we'll settle for a motorcycle-powered flying machine, as a Suzuki-engined drone has been developed in Japan that can lift 150kg (330lb) and fly for up to six hours.

Utilizing one of the most legendary sports motorcycle engines of all time, the Suzuki GSX-R1000, the 'Kunio' AZ1000 "Super Drone" was developed by Arase Aizawa Aerospace with the concept of the vehicle being to, literally, have a flying engine, maximizing the performance of the aircraft and the payload it can carry.

The motorcycle engine was chosen due to its lightweight, high-output design.

The quadcopter stands over a meter tall (3.28 feet) with a length of over three meters (nearly 10 feet), and the mammoth 55-litre fuel tank can carry the unladen 110kg (242.5 lbs) drone aloft for an impressive six-hour road trip, sans the roadways.

George Jetson was born this year, on July 31, 2022 in Orbit City, with Hanna-Barbera's 21st-century cartoon series set a hundred years into the future in 2062; so maybe the future starts now?

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Jane! Stop this crazy thing!"

~ George Jetson (b. 2022-?),  
Digital index operator at Spacely's  
Space Sprockets

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# Superstition HD - Seductive CC Bike & Car Show

The Superstition Harley-Davidson & Seductive Car Club 9th Annual Toy Drive Motorcycle & Car Show took place on Saturday November 5, 2022.

What a terrific turnout! There were so many entries that they had a row of cars down the center of the lane between the regular parking spaces! It was a record-breaking showing of 165 vehicles. The vehicles are brought in by numerous area car clubs; plus independent motorcyclists & auto owners. The fee to participate was a new unwrapped toy.

The oldest vehicle I saw was a 1936 Ford Sedan Delivery vehicle. An interesting car to see was a 1959 Hudson Metropolitan. Considered to be the first 'compact car', it measures 10' shorter than a VW Bug.

Vendors included tattooing by Dozer Ink, the local Geico office, a variety of giftables, jewelry, artwork, Hot Wheel & Matchbox cars; plus there were several food trucks.

There was a table full of raffle items... a toy box painted up like a Snap-On Tools truck, a motorcycle helmet, skate boards, family games, tools & other shop necessities, a commemorative clock, dash cams, & more. A ticket sales promotion they held was very popular ... \$20 for

20 Minutes. For \$20 you got the length in raffle tickets of your vehicle OR the car in the event poster.... Your choice. The poster car is a 1970 Pontiac Bonneville and measures just short of 19' long. It got REAL busy as people wanted in on that deal!

Live music during the day was provided by 'Friends That Jam' ☺ They were doing a pretty good job of it!

These clubs bring a whole new meaning to the term 'car hop'. These specially outfitted cars are amazing to watch. The car hop is open to anyone that wants to hop their car. The prize money goes to the car that hops the highest.

The 50/50 prize was \$255. The winner's name was unavailable at the time of this writing.

The Club Participation Trophy for the Most Toys Donated went to the East Valley Cruisers, with Society Car Club a close runner up.

Over 30 "People's Choice" Awards were given out. Here are some of the day's winners: Top award for motorcycle = Pat Grieco's 2000 Harley Road King ; Top award for Lowrider = Henry Garcia's 1952 Chevy Deluxe ; Top award for Hotrod = Jeff Trimble's 1967 Corvette Stingray ; Top award for Truck = Dan Paiz's 2001 Chevy S10 ; and Top award

for pedal bike, pedal cars = Marco Lizarraga's 2000 Street Bike. Superstition HD's favorite car was Henry Garcia's 1952 Chevy Deluxe. Seductive CC's top motorcycle pick was Pat Grieco's 2000 Harley Davidson.

Thanks go out to event sponsors SanTan Ford, Hayes Transmissions, & What's a Crackin; and Devine Signs for the amazing awards. Raffle donors included Snap-On Tools, Lucky Lou's, Keven with Mac Tools, Cobo Plumbing, Cornwell Tools, & Ponzetti's Performance N Customs.

Toys are being collected at Superstition HD from this day forward until December 17th, when these toys & goodies will be delivered. ALL are welcome to join in! Meet up at SHD, located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction by noon. The sleighs will be loaded ☺ then around 1pm it's away they'll roll 'parade style' to Sunshine Acres Children's Home. FMI: 480-346-0600

Mark your calendar for January 14th to visit the SHD New Year Car & Bike Show. Details to follow.

The 10th annual Seductive CC & Superstition HD Toy Drive Bike & Car Show is scheduled for November 4, 2023.

Hope to see ya there! 'bye for now ☺  
Betsy





# Community News

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Steve "Speedy" Morgan ~ December 13, 2016  
Donna Martin ~ December 27, 2016  
Robert Steisel ~ December 30, 2018  
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Helen Musselman ~ December 4, 2020  
Pat "Pooh Bear" Connelly ~ December 31, 2020  
Bobbi Hartmann ~ December 1, 2021  
Bruce 'Meltdown' Newkirk ~ December 17, 2021  
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October 7, 2022 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V752000

Clutch Cover May Loosen and Leak Oil

Potential Number of Units Affected: 951

Summary: BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain 2022 S1000RR, M1000RR, and 2022-2023 S1000XR and S1000R motorcycles. The clutch cover bolts were not lubricated properly, which may cause the clutch cover to become loose and leak oil. An oil leak occurring at the clutch cover increases the risk of a crash or fire.

Read more about NHTSA Recall # 22V752 here.

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October 18, 2022 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V781000

Unintended Brake Light Illumination/FMVSS 108  
Potential Number of Units Affected: 199,419

Summary: Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2019-2022 Trike and CVO Trike and 2020-2022 Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles. Please refer to Addendum A for specific vehicle model details. Due to a software error, the brake lights may illuminate without the rider applying the brakes. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." Unintended illumination of the brake lights may confuse other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Read more about NHTSA Recall # 22V781 here.

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November 11, 2022 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V837000

Fuel Pump May Fail

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,812

Summary: Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain 2021-2022 Scout, Scout Bobber Sixty, Scout Bobber, Scout Icon, Scout Sixty, Scout Bobber Twenty, Scout Bobber Icon, 2022 Scout Rogue Sixty, Chief, Chief Bobber, Chief Bobber Dark Horse, Chief Dark Horse, Scout Rogue, Super Chief, and Super Chief Limited motorcycles. The fuel pump may fail while riding. Fuel pump failure can cause an engine stall, increasing the risk of a crash.

Read more about NHTSA Recall # 22V837 here.

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# RUN TO THE REZ #19

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Run to the Rez 2022 took place the weekend of October 14-15. Activities were based out of Apache Gold Casino & Resort in San Carlos AZ, just outside of Globe. This gathering has been taking place for 19+ years.

While the majority of events took place on Friday & Saturday, early arrivals enjoyed additional hospitality on Thursday night, with a biker cook out.

Friday morning started with 100+ bikers taking off for the Casino to Casino Run out to Apache Sky Casino in Winkelman for a day of riding, food, giveaways, & more.

Registration was open all day outside the entrance to Apache Gold Casino. There were several vendors set up including The Custom Stitching Company, AZ Hot Rods, MotorCycleRiders Jewelry, 19 Pueblos Native Apparel, and Superstition Harley-Davidson ~ also a sponsor of the event. There was some beautiful Native American beaded jewelry as well. RideScapes was taking photos. There were informational & support booths hosted by the Vets Center, MMIW – Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, and the Dept of Health & Human Services.

Friday night's dinner was set up outdoors on the Apache Stronghold Golf Course. It was a beautiful setting and the weather cooperated nicely... cool but not cold. There was a cultural presentation including traditional Native American music and Crown Dancers. Then a traditional meal was served.... including menudo, po-

zole, chili beans, and fry bread ... Mmmm!

Friday night's Welcome Party kicked off at about 8pm in the AGCR Convention Center. It was a FULL house and another great time! There was excellent music with Mar, Dee, & the Buzz. They kept the dance floor busy! An amazing collection of raffle prizes, valued at over \$6000, included leather jackets & vests, wallets & purses with cash in them, a beautiful handcrafted knife, a sleeping bag, sweatshirts, a rain suit, & more.

A dance contest offered a \$150 prize. I'm not sure who had more fun... The dancers or the audience 😊

The joke telling competition was great! There were some really good entries! 😊 Gary ended up the winner, collecting a \$100 prize.

Congratulations to all of the night's winners!

Saturday morning saw everyone gathering for the parade to Burdette Memorial Hall in San Carlos. SO many people were waiting along the route to watch, wave, honk horns, and pay respects. It is always a very heartwarming experience to be part of this ride.

Although the Run to the Rez has grown to include more activities than the original Honor Ceremony for Veterans, it remains the heart of the weekend. As the itinerary says, 'This is what this run is all about.' Residents of the community, old & young, attend this commemoration. Honoring Veterans & community Elders is a way of life here.

The San Carlos Veterans Association presented the Colors. Tom Socie offered greetings & a prayer, and Hubert Martin sang the National Anthem. Dignitaries were introduced, including Tribal Council member John Bush and a San Carlos Apache Princess. Army Veteran Carol Slim was among the speakers. She spoke on the issues of Veteran Suicide and PTSD. Apache Female Warriors were recognized, including an Army Veteran named Sarah who would be the Grand Marshall in the upcoming Veterans Parade. Patty Dimitriou spoke on behalf of the MMIW organization. It was noted that more children of the Indigenous Peoples of this Country sign up for military service than from other communities... and acknowledging the worries that Mothers take on when their children deploy.

Among those honored this day was the family of US Marine Michael Angelo Nolene, Private 1st Class. He was Killed In Action 31 years ago, at the age of 20. His mother & additional family members were there, being offered comfort & hope in their loss. She shared that the grief never goes away and expressed heartfelt thanks for her son being remembered.

There was a Moment of Silence for a rider & Veteran who had come in from NM for the event. He was in a wreck the night before and passed from his injuries.

Anthony Bush, President of the San Carlos Veterans Association, and a nephew of organizer Dr John, thanked everyone

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# RUN TO THE REZ #19

for coming. He then called all the Veterans to muster. After some closing comments, he dismissed the Vets and the service was completed.

The Poker Ride that followed wound its way back to Apache Gold. There were 5 stops to draw for cards: the SC Lake Store on Rt 3, Apache Burger in Peridot, The Drift Inn and The Huddle – both on Broad Street in Globe, with last card at Humphrey's 2 Lane Saloon on Ash in Globe. The Apache Jii Festival was also taking place in downtown Globe, so riders took some time to enjoy that as well. Yes. It rained. A lot. But not for long. ☺

The winners of the Poker Run were announced later that evening. They were Jolene C \$250, Jason F \$450, & Kimberly L \$800.

Back at Apache Gold, entries for the Bike Show were lining up. There were six classes, with \$1500 in prizes to be distributed. Best of Show was judged by the entrants in each class.

Bagger: 1st place Harold Bentley, 2nd place Pancho ; Vintage: 1st place Clearence Willson, 2nd Ryan Martin ; Trike: 1st place James Kniffin, 2nd Ed Mazzetti ; Custom: 1st place Ausie John, 2nd Walleed Alanu ; Metric: Huge Lano, 2nd Beverly Begay ; American: 1st place Scott Riggan, 2nd Patricia Benally ; Best of Show: Alfredo Beca

Congratulations to all of this day's winners!

Additional music during the weekend

was provided by Chaka & Friends, Eagleheart, and Aravapai. Each are talented groups that have played this gathering over the years.

Saturday night's Steak Fry dinner was set up in the Pavilion at Apache Gold.... Steaks, potatoes, veggies, desserts, & more. And it was also included in your entry fee.

The rains that came in on Saturday night did not seem to dampen anyone's Spirits or enjoyment of the event. There was a great deal of camaraderie and laughter. Standing in line for dinner was an opportunity to meet new people or visit with friends. Back at the Casino, awaiting the grand prize drawing, everyone gathered under the portico to stay dry.

Unfortunately, Saturday night's concert was hampered by rain. Those who got to hear the Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band said they were very good. Unfortunately, they had to cut their set short when the rain came POURING down!

The rain let up enough for the next band, a Metallica tribute band called Damage Inc, to play before the event's Main Attraction .... The Grand Prize motorcycle drawing after the last song. THIS is what people were waiting for!

Pam DeVall of St. Johns, AZ was the big winner of the weekend. She won the new Harley-Davidson motorcycle, \$1,000 cash, and a brand new HD leather jacket! She doesn't know how to ride... YET ... but you can pretty much figure she plans to learn.

She was a VERY Happy Lady -- SO excited to win! How many tickets did she have in the drawing? *One* ... the one she received as part of her registration. How about THAT! Congratulations!

After that it was time to start winding down & wishing everyone safe travels home.

Dr John shared that nearly 600 had registered for the event. Riders came in from across the country. Plates on bikes in the parking lot included AZ, CA, CO, MN, NM, NY, OK, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, & WI.

This is one of our state's great weekenders! It is amazing how Dr John and his small team are able to bring such a big event together each year! They do a wonderful job! Of this group of about 8 people, Dr John is the only rider ☺ It is a 'labor of love' with all their hard work going to support the Veterans of their community. The San Carlos Veterans Association will receive more than \$20 thousand thanks to this event and some additional fundraising efforts on their behalf! Outstanding!

Everyone I spoke with was having a terrific time, even with the rain. There were so many positive comments. If you've been to this event before, you know what a good time it is. If you've never attended... you really ought to check it out.

I hope to see you there next time. 'bye for now ☺ *Betsy*







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**Saturday December 2022 {12/31}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Meet 9:30a, Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600**

**Saturdays Dec'22-Feb'23 { 12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18}: Bitchin' Stitchin' at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction from 10a-1pm FMI: 480-346-0600**

**Sundays December 2022 {12/18}: 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 9:30a, Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600**

**2nd 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 Sundays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 11a at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: Dan Tumey 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com**

**2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix-Shadow Mtn Chapter meeting. 10:30a-noon at AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St, Phoenix. Food & drinks available.**

**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**

**Wednesdays December 2022: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Ride with our HOG Members. [12/7 meets 8:30am, KSU 9am. Rest of rides depart 10am.] FMI: 480-346-0600**

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

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

**12/10 {Sat} Aint Nick's Tavern annual Antler Ride to support Child Crisis Center. Register 9am at Aint Nick's, 6840 N. 27th Ave in Phoenix. Toy/pp + \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl, party bus \$25/pp. FMI: 602-242-2345.**

**12/10 18th annual 'Do It In The Dark' Ride with Lost Dutchman MC & Sober Riders MC. 5:30-11:30pm. FMI: billetldmc@gmail.com**

**12/11 {Sun} Lost Dutchman MC Christmas Angel Tree Toy Run" 8am - 5pm. Departs Mesa LDMC Clubhouse at noon. FMI: billetldmc@gmail.com, john.lockwood.jl@gmail.com**

**12/11 Sun Riders MC 41st annual Toy Parade in Tucson. Register from 8-11:30am at Chuys {7101 E 22nd}. \$20/pilot, \$5/passenger. Everyone brings a toy. Escorted parade procession leaves at noon for the Sun Riders clubhouse at 7251 S. Cardinal Ave. Live music, vendors, door/raffle items, 50/50. FMI: 520-312-8120, sunridersmc@hotmail.com**

**12/17 {Sat} Toy Delivery Ride with Superstition HD & Seductive Car Club to Sunshine Acres Children's Home. Meet by noon. Depart about 1pm. FMI: 480-346-0600, info@superstitionhd.com**

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12/17 **ALSO at Superstition HD – Battle of the Beards, pix with Santa, pre-register for the Salt River Wild Horse Ride, Bitchin Stitchin, free gift wrapping with SHD purchase. 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600, info@superstitionhd.com**

12/18 {Sun} 11th annual ACMC Toy Run. Gather 10a-noon at the WalMart at 19th Ave & Bell in Phoenix. New toys are being collected to benefit Children's Valleywise Health and Andrea's Closet. At noon, parade ride to the Roadrunner Saloon in New River. FMI: Bill 602-463-7886, billetldmc@gmail.com

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

2023

### Happy New Year!

1/14 {Sat} Superstition H-D & Seductive Car Club annual New Year's Car & Motorcycle Show. Details TBA. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600, info@superstitionhd.com

1/28 {Sat} 8th annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sponsors include Superstition Harley-Davidson & Law Tigers AZ. Sign-in 9-11am at American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills. Last stop SHD, 2910 W. Apache Trail; Apache Junction

2/4 {Sat} 2nd annual Be The Miracle Ride for The Bridge For Community Services {FCS}. Presented by K2 Electric & the Ascendants MC. Ride starts/ends at Desert Wind HD, 922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa. Registration opens at 9am. \$25/pilot, \$10/passenger includes lunch 11-3pm. Award ceremony at 3pm. \$250 high hand, \$100 low hand. Live music & lots of fun! All proceeds benefit The Bridge FCS. FMI: ascendantsmc@yahoo.com ; www.thebridgedfcs.org ; ww.ascendants.com

2/17-19 Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion. 19 bands, 3 days / Car-Motorcycle-Truck show, pin-up beauty pageant, dry camping available. Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor Beach. <https://www.therockabillyreunion.com/>

3/18 {Sat} 8th Annual Vets Helping Vets Fundraiser hosted by Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association® Chapter 32-4 with American Legion Post 24 in Tombstone. Benefits Veterans in Southern Arizona! Live local bands, raffles, silent auction, vendors, choice of Poker Run or Scavenger Hunt to experience Tombstone, and MORE! \$20/pp includes one poker hand. Cash prizes for the high/low hands. FMI: [www.cvma32-4.org](http://www.cvma32-4.org)

3/24-25 The 12th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash at Lake Pleasant, Peoria. <https://azrockabillybash.com/>

3/29-4/2 26th annual AZ Bike Week at WestWorld in Scottsdale. <https://azbikeweek.com/>

4/26-29 Bullhead River Run Motorcycle Rally <https://mayheminfo.com/bullhead-river-run>

6/8-10 {Th-Sat} ABATE-AZ's Too Broke For Sturgis.

11/4 The 10th annual Seductive CC & Superstition HD Toy Drive Bike & Car Show; at SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600

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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.

Service members need to enroll PROMPTLY and do it NOW by following these steps:

- **Obtain a copy of your service medical records prior to discharge.** Do not take any shortcuts when separating and do this immediately. Any idea of hurrying to get home may cost you time and money should you require VA Healthcare at any time in the future.
- A veteran has two years, after separation, to apply for medical conditions that are a result of their service in the military. After two years the process becomes more difficult.
- **If you require medical assistance from the VA after separation/discharge, bring with you a copy of your medical records, a copy of your DD-214, and two forms of picture identification.**
- Any injury or illness incurred while serving on active duty as a regular, reservist, or Federalized member of the National Guard needs to be noted in your medical records.
- **Enroll in the VA IMMEDIATELY. Do Not Procrastinate!!** Know your rights and your responsibilities. If you are not sure, ASK-ASK-ASK-ASK-ASK!!! Ensure that your transition is smooth. Know what you need to do, and DO IT!
- **Join a veterans service organization** - American Legion, DAV, Rolling Thunder®, VFW, AMVETS, Marine Corps League, Alliance of Marine Corps Vets, etc.

IT'S YOUR DUTY TO DO SO!

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