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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders!

Please welcome our new advertiser, the Mesa Motorcycle Monster Mash. It's a Halloween-themed party that's sounding like a lot of fun. Welcome back to these recurring events: The 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet at Pinal County Fairground and SAHRMC's 24th annual Southern Arizona Biker Rodeo.

On the cover... This month we are celebrating 19 years of publishing *AriZona Rider* and sharing the news with our fellow motorcyclists. You've heard it before & we're proud to repeat... We are the longest continuously operating publication to represent and serve the bikers of AriZona. It is both heartwarming and humbling.

This picture of us is from '99 as well. Hmmm... we look a little different by now ~ lol. Some things haven't changed though. Life is good. We enjoy what we're doing. We're happy to be here as part of AZ's biker family.

In our 19 years of being here, we have been blessed in many ways. Among them is the support of our Advertisers. In addition to our newer sponsors, whom we appreciate so much, eight of our advertisers have been with us for 10 years or more. Four of them ~ including Arizona Biker Leathers, Chandler Custom Cycles, and Law Tigers, have been with us for more than 15! Your presence in these pages is each a continuous testimonial. Thank you all!

Our reader base is wonderful, with followers of both our hard-copy and online versions. We appreciate those who have been with us from the beginning, as well as those of you who are more recent to our pages.

We have some significant updates coming to the website, aimed at making it more friendly to mobile devices among other features. Launch is anticipated in October. One project currently underway is the Organizations page. We have reached out to each listing and found numerous links & phone numbers that are outdated. Updates are being made as new information comes in. All others are being pulled. If you want your Organization included, contact us.

The Vendor & Band Registries will still be a part of the site. Each of these services has been part of our online presence since 2014 for use by event organizers. To participate, please read on. Vendors ~ your Registry will be staying pretty much the same. But remember, this is self-posting and maintained. Please review your info from time to time, especially the expiration date. It helps keep businesses that are no longer operating from staying on the list and adding confusion. But it also means, from time to time, you may need to renew it. The Band Registry is another story. It is being revamped, to be similar in style to the Vendors. That is another project underway.

Our front wheel is pointed into year 20. There are opportunities & adventures ahead. We look forward to sharing more stories from some of the many wonderful people who make our community so great.

That's all there's room for, so for now ...

Ride safely, choose wisely, & Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

Bruce & Betsy



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- **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!
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Hi-Low in Show Low

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Hi-Low in Show Low took place on Saturday June 16, 2018. It was hosted by the Sons of Odin MC and took place at Rumors Lounge on the Deuce of Clubs, starting at 5pm. Thank you Zoomer and Bill for sending details for this story.

The band Triple Play "was incredible and will most likely be back again". They play rock and metal and have toured with Jackyl. They're based in Show Low.

Four vendors were set up. "Wandering Bear was selling knives inside. The Screaming Chicken Bar & Grill from Concho, AZ was selling pulled pork sandwiches on Saturday. There were a couple of vendors set up outside selling biker related items."

Zoomer noted that they "gave away a lot of door prizes and also had a gun raffle. We auctioned off about ten items with all money collected going to the Christmas for Kids charity. Little Bit, one of the Bartenders at Rumors, took over the mic for the last item and raised over \$200 for a Viking helmet. She is now going to be our official auctioneer from now on. (She doesn't know that yet)." *{I think she does now ~ lol.}* He added, "There was a 50/50 contest and the winner, Nick from the Loose Can-



Vista/Tombstone areas.

This party benefits the 'Christmas For Kids' Charity to help little ones in the Show Low area. This gathering collected over \$700 for the charity. The cash is used to purchase items needed for each year. Donations are distributed through the Show Low Fire Department. SLFD accepts non-cash donations and is the main hub in the area where people in need go for help.

On behalf of Sons of Odin MC, Zoom-

er sent along, "Big thanks to Aaron and Caroline from Rumors Lounge in Show Low for hosting the event, especially the bartenders and security, who did a great job. Thanks also to the Fireball Girls. Clubs in attendance were Devils Diciples, Loose Cannons, Loners, Hawg Ridin' Fools, and The Huns. The Hooligans couldn't attend, but sent a donation for the charity." He continued, "The weather wasn't too favorable this year; the first time in six years that we had anything more than clouds. The rain didn't stop the 100 or so participants or dampen the party. We really appreciated all the people who made the trip and donated money to a very worthy charity. Hi-Low in Show Low is the kickoff event for the Christmas For Kids fund, which will culminate at the Annual Christmas party in early December." That date & location will be announced later.

The Sons of Odin M/C 52nd Anniversary Party will take place in Tucson on September 29 at the Territorial. For info contact 520-260-1980.

Congratulations Sons of Odin MC on a fun & successful day!

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A friend of ours found herself in this situation. Her truck died and she got to the side of the road. BUT... here in AriZona we are all too aware of cell phone 'dead zones'. She was in one of these 'zones' and she couldn't make a call. A tow truck happened to come along and she waved it down. On the trip into town the driver commented that she was lucky she waved. After she shared her story with us, I called Michele of [Arizona Motorcycle Towing](#) and had a VERY informative conversation with her on this topic.

There you are ... on the side of the road needing help... in the heat... in the desert... and you can't get a call out. Some drivers are hesitant to stop. Hopefully they'll get into town & pass the word along that there's a stranded motorist out on the highway.

Now to add insult to injury... you see a tow truck rolling up the road. Woo Hoo!! Salvation! The driver can see you clearly. The truck has no load already on it. But he or she drives right on by. So now your thinking... WTF!!!!!!?

Did You Know that it is illegal for a towing company to stop for a disabled motorist? It is called 'soliciting business'. If the driver pulls over, they and/or the company can be ticketed. If you find yourself in this situation **YOU MUST WAVE THE DRIVER DOWN!** Then they can stop & render assistance.

While speaking with Michele she shared some other information that can be very helpful for people caught on the side of the road to know.

- ◆ Even if you can't get a phone call out, you MAY still be able to send a text. Get a text off to a friend who can get the 'rescue operation' underway.
- ◆ Call 911. Even if you can't get a phone call out in a 'dead zone', 911 reception usually works.
- ◆ If you are traveling in the HOV lane when you break down and have to pull off to the inside median, a tow truck cannot come in and pick you up. You have to be on the right-hand shoulder. NEVER try to cross the road on your own. Call 911 and explain that you are stuck in the median. DPS will come do a 'traffic break' to make way so you can safely push your vehicle to the right & off the road.

Here are some additional suggestions Michele offered:

- ▶ For couples who each have their own cell phone, use two different carriers. Sometimes one will work while the other won't.
- ▶ If DPS / LEOs stop to assist, you can tell them you want to call a certain provider, rather than who is next in their 'rotation'. You may need to be insistent, but they can do it. This is especially important when it is your motorcycle needing a tow. {Specialty cars... classics, customs, rear-wheel drive, etc. also have specific needs that a standard hook-style tow truck may be unable to handle.} So always keep the number of your favorite service with you.
- ▶ When you call your Roadside Service provider, you can tell them you want to call a certain provider, rather than who is next in their 'rotation'. Again, you may need to be insistent, but they can do it.
- ▶ You can call your favorite motorcycle or auto towing service from where you are stuck. Once the tow

is complete you can submit the paperwork to your Roadside Service provider for reimbursement.

If you do not have a Roadside Service you can call anyone to do the tow and pay them directly for it. If you leave the vehicle or do not have the money to pay someone to transport it, your vehicle will be towed to an impound yard where you'll need to pay the tow plus the associated impound fees. Then you still need to get it towed home or to a shop. That entails another round of fees. It can all add up fast. So it may be worth your while to look into Roadside Service providers.

While this didn't start out to be a commercial or a promotion, after what we learned it seems to be drifting that way. Some organizations, like AMA and AARP, offer coverage for both your motorcycles & autos, which is helpful in our community. Others carriers cover autos but charge extra for motorcycles. Michele added that Geico has a motorcycle-specific roadside coverage as does a company called Motorcycle Towing Services. Our AMA [American Motorcyclist Assn] membership includes Roadside. It's a pretty cool benefit, built in. It's something to research, to make the best choice for your needs. When considering coverage cost, keep in mind how many miles of travel are included per tow {you'll have to pay for any excess miles to your destination} and ask about what may be listed as "uncovered services".

None of us ever want to be in this type of situation, but if you are it's all good stuff to know.

Thank you Michele at [Arizona Motorcycle Towing](#) for your help with this article!

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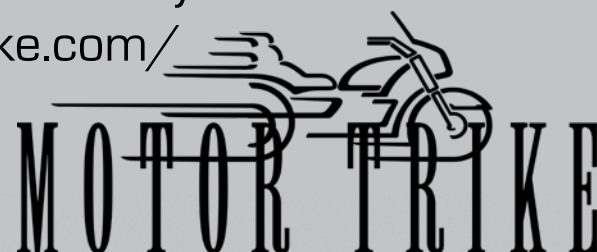
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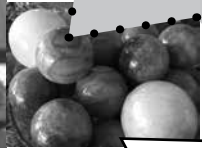


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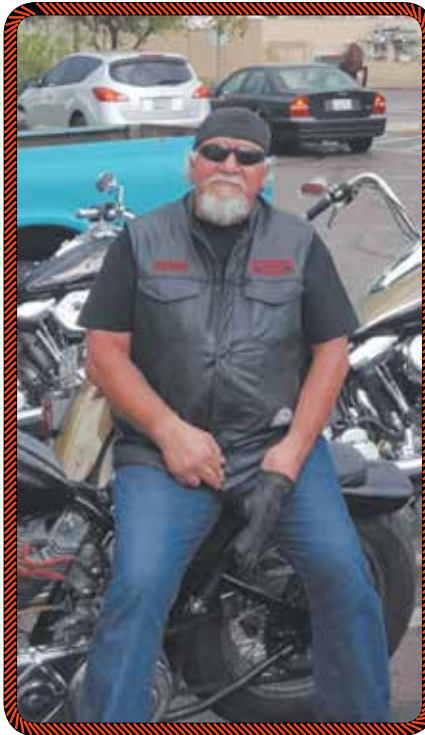
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AZ Rider *In Remembrance - Louis Charles LeCompte Jr.* ⁷

December 21, 1952 - April 3, 2018



We did not know Louis, but what we've learned about him while preparing this remembrance makes us wish we did. Many thanks to his sister Mary LeCompte, long-time friend George Diaz, and family friend Carla, for sharing their memories with all of us.

A native of Tucson, he was a graduate of Sunnyside High School and a retired electrician. He's described as a 'true 24/7 bikers biker'. He was active in community fundraisers for underprivileged children and families.

Carla shared, "I don't believe anyone referred to him as 'Louis'. His close family members called him 'Louito' (as in Little Lou) when he was very young. Other than that, he was Louie. His most common nickname was 'Southside Louie'.

"Tucson used to be pretty spread out, and people tended to spend most of their time in whatever patch of Tucson they were living in. They socialized with others in their area, patronized businesses in their area, and attended schools in their area.

"Once Louie bought his motorcycle, he was all over Tucson and the surrounding areas. Although he primarily rode with the south side guys he had grown up with, he also never hesitated to ride alone, and in no time he became acquainted with everyone, everywhere. I imagine that's how he came to be known as 'Southside Louie'.

"The original south side friends formed 'Los Vatos Southsiders', of which Louie was a long-time member. Los Vatos hosts a yearly 'Christmas in July' fundraiser and accepts toy donations. The toys are then distributed to needy children in the community."

Later he would become a founding member of Los Hermanos MC; and was a member until his

death. In a sad set of circumstances, Louie was one of 3 LHMC brothers to pass on within weeks of each other; Monkey before & Cheech after.

Louie was a teenager who George met in 1968 or '69, before he left for Viet Nam to serve in the Army. When George got back from 'Nam in '72, he & Louie started hanging around together & have been very close old friends ever since. He said Louie was "a wild man with a big heart who was a straight shooter" noting that they "went through a lot of crazy adventures together."

George called Louie 'Historian' because he had a very good memory. He could accurately tell you about people, places, & events from years before. If you needed to know about something about someone, Louie was who to ask. Carla agreed, "One of the most amazing and unique things about Louie, in my opinion, was his careful attention to detail and his unflinching memory. While the rest of us forget details during our lifetimes, Louie could describe with shocking accuracy every bit of life he ever experienced. He could describe the geography of Tucson right down to where each saguaro had stood, prior to development. He could recall in intimate detail every interaction or shared experience he had had with any of his numerous friends."

George described Louie as "old school to the bone." He had just been awarded a pin by his Club to recognize his 50 years of continuous riding. He took no breaks for the various reasons that people sometimes have for parking their bikes for years and then later returning to the road.

Carla recalled, "He loved that old pan/shovel and was loyal to that bike for over forty years. He always kept it immaculately clean and running well. Best of all, he was always riding. The weather in

Arizona can reach some grueling extremes, but not enough to keep Louie off his bike."

She added, "Louie was very generous with his time, knowledge, and genuine friendship. If someone needed help moving, he could be counted on to help. If they needed help working on a car or motorcycle, he was right there. And if they just needed someone to talk to, Louie would lend an ear. He was never too busy for a friend."

Mary reminisced, "Louie had a knack for gift-giving and a mischievous sense of humor." One time he gave a girl friend, a woman in her 20s, a jar of deep-wrinkle cream. ☺

On the night of April 3, Louie was delivering flyers to announce a benefit for the family of Monkey who had died the week before. A stop at the home of his friend George would be his last before the wreck.

On a dark section of road that was under construction Louie was in a single-vehicle wreck that claimed his life. Without going into a lot of details; this is another example of a *very* experienced rider getting caught up in road hazards and being unable to maneuver to safety. Please take this as a reminder to BE AWARE as you ride that shit can happen ... *regardless* of your experience level.

Family & friends recently held a ride in Louie's honor; placing a cross at the location where he died. Louie was part of a large & loving family; with a wide circle of friends. His Spirit lives on, in the hearts of those who remain.

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14th Annual Wild in the Weeds in the Books for 2018

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The 14th Annual Wild in the Weeds motorcycle rally, sponsored by High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ is in the books and it was a fun time. It took place May 4-6. Despite a slightly smaller turn-out than last year the event was a financial and social success and will allow High Country Chapter to meet its obligations and goals for the rest of the year. This year's event was held at Puntin Center Bar & Grill in Tonto Basin on Route 188 in Arizona.

As usual, the event started on Friday at noon after months of planning and operation to make sure everything needed for a good and safe time was in place. Plum Krazy provided the live entertainment Friday evening with Curtis Taylor (an ABATE High Country Chapter member) filling in for the usual drummer (Rob James) who was out of town on business. The group did not disappoint with their usual mix of classic rock, some blues and a bit of funk and country thrown in for good measure.

An over abundance of raffle prizes made sure that the odds were definitely in your favor of winning an awesome prize and several were handed out on Friday.

On Saturday the early risers and new arrivals were treated to a delicious breakfast buffet provided by Puntin Center Bar & Grill by Harley and her team. After breakfast was a chance to hangout and chat with old and new friends while playing horse shoes, a giant Jenga game, or just relaxing until the People and Bike games began around 11 am.

The people games consisted of the favorites, Tire toss for men and women, Plank Walk, Helmet Toss, Pole in the Hole, and Honey I'm Home. Then came the Bike Games. Ride the Plank, Slow Race, and the 2-up competitions of Joust, Road Kill, Weenie Bite and Balloon Toss. The weather was perfect with warm temperatures gently subdued by a nearly perfect breeze. That meant that the weather was also perfect for the final event which was the wet t-shirt contest. The winner of that event went home with a cool \$250.

Royce Kincanon (Mr. Music) was the event DJ and Master of Ceremonies on Saturday and Motorcycle Safari once again sponsored the FREE Photo Booth that is always a big hit. This year they were set-up so that you could also get photos of yourself on your bike as well as the usual costumes and general group fun.

The last two events were the drawing of the 50/50 prize (\$247 to the winner and the same to the chapter) and the \$500 cash prize raffle which was won by a tourist visiting from Minnesota who gladly received the cash the next evening, presented, oddly enough, by last year's Cash Raffle winners!

After those festivities were over, Mad Mario led Frozen Fire through their paces as the live entertainment

for the rest of the evening and the dancing and drinking and general festival like atmosphere continued until about midnight.

Sunday morning was another breakfast buffet as the rally goers were packing up to head home.

High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ wants to sincerely thank everyone who attended or supported us with donations and sponsorship and hope to see everyone return (bring your friends) next year for an even bigger 3 day party.

Dates for Wild in the Weeds 2019 have been announced. Mark your calendar for May 3-5. Thank you Woody for sharing news from the weekend! Check out the 300+ photos at <http://wildintheweeds.com/past-rallies.php>

NEXT event coming up with High Country Chapter is their annual Chili Cook-off. It'll be on Saturday October 20 from noon to 5pm at the Spur Bar on Hwy 260 in Star Valley. It's just \$5/pp to attend. There's a \$200 cash prize & trophy to the winner! Get cooks rules & general details by emailing Cecilia.ransom@gmail.com



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Advertiser Review: ABATE of Arizona

ABATE is an acronym. In Arizona it stands for American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education. It is a state-level MRO {Motorcyclists Rights Organization}. Most if not all states have at least one MRO ~ many organized in the ABATE name.

Regardless of whether you are member of ABATE of Arizona or even if {until now} you have been unaware of ABATE-AZ; if you ride a motorcycle in AriZona, ABATE-AZ has an integral impact on you and your bike. While many scooter folk are out just 'enjoying the ride' ABATE volunteers {along with their fellow MRO's} are doing the heavy lifting on behalf of the rest of us.

Not to say that it is all work and no play. ABATE is known for throwing some mighty-fine get-togethers... among them Wild in the Weeds, the Hard Ass Run, Moon Mullins Ride, High Country's Chili Cook-off; and of course the biggest of all ~ Too Broke For Sturgis, arguably the best remaining weekend campout of the year.

BUT these gatherings, in addition to being a lot of fun, are also a Means to an End. Come have fun, come meet the people, come learn about the organization, come join in.

Other than dues, membership requires nothing from you. You are definitely welcome to attend and participate in meetings. At these you will meet fellow riders, gain insight into the motorcycling community, have some fun, learn useful stuff, and per-

haps even decide that YES you'd like to get more involved.

ABATE represents cruisers to sport bike riders; hardcore bikers, weekend warriors, motorcycle enthusiasts, patch holders, independents, and all in between. All Bikes & All Riders are welcome.

By being a member, you add your name to the list of concerned motorcycling citizens who are represented at our State Capitol. As with all lobbying groups, power is in numbers. The more names on the MRO roster, the stronger position our Lobbyists have when speaking with Representatives about motorcyclists' issues.

Over the years, the ABATE-AZ Legislative Team has worked at the Capitol to address issues like Protecting our Freedom to Choose regarding helmet use (continuous); Handlebar height restrictions (eliminated 2015); HOV lanes access for motorcyclists (granted 1992); and Eliminated emissions testing in Pima County (2007) & Maricopa County in 2013. This was the LAST county in the COUNTRY to require such testing! During the 2018 legislative session, ABATE introduced anti-profiling legislation and lane-splitting legislation. Other legislative activities are shared on the ABATE legislative page online at www.abateofaz.org/legislative

ABATE-AZ's Motorcycling Voters Project encourages everyone to be a Registered Voter. Need help to have your rights restored? There is help to

guide you through that process. The Project also prepares reports to help you 'Vote Like a Motorcyclist'. You can learn more by following the Lobbyist's blog at <https://abateofazlegislative.blogspot.com/> and direct questions to lobbyist@abateofaz.org.

ABATE members strive to promote rider safety by encouraging new and returning riders to be properly educated and endorsed; encouraging motorcyclists to ride responsibly & within their abilities; educating upcoming automobile drivers in high school MAP {Motorcycle Awareness Program} classes; and hosting Motorcycle Safety Awareness events & booths.

Learn more about ABATE-AZ via their website www.abateofaz.org/, visit on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AbateofAZ/. Telephone contact information for your local area / Chapter is available there as well. If you are among our readers from other states, you can get contact information for an MRO near you via the ABATE-AZ webpage www.abateofaz.org/membership/abate-nationwide.

ABATE-AZ's mission is to preserve individual freedoms, promote rider safety, and increase motorcycle and vehicle awareness on the road. Your support helps to accomplish those goals. Become an ABATE-AZ member. Or at least for starters attend a meeting or event to become better acquainted with the organization. ABATE of Arizona is Dedicated to the Freedom of the Road. That's a mission that all riders should be able to get behind!



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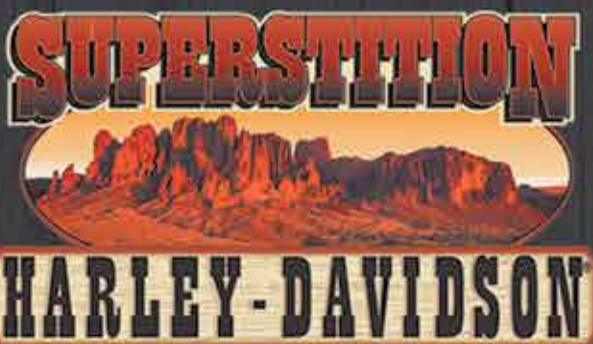
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Friends of the Kids Ride 2018

The Friends of the Kids {FOTK} organization has been assisting the White Mountain Apache Children's Home in White River, AZ for over 10 years. Through the year they collect school supplies, home essentials, foodstuffs, and gifts for in-need children. My thanks to Mike Kyzer, FOTK Board of Directors Secretary / Treasurer for his help with this report.

Summer in the Valley is HOT. Riding in the White Mountains is BEAUTIFUL. They've wisely chosen their annual delivery trip to coincide with the White Mountain Bike Rally that takes place at Hon-Dah Casino. This year that meant the weekend of June 22-24.

The 11th annual Friends Of The Kids Ride to deliver the donations to the Shelter took place that Friday, the 22nd. Riders from the Valley & from the north met in Payson for breakfast & then continued as a group up to White River. There were over 20 participants. Mike explained, "The ride is supported by, but not limited to, people from many motorcycle organizations. The main supporters are Superstition H.O.G. & Superstition Harley-Davidson, and Grand Canyon H.O.G. (Flagstaff). Plus we have support from Logan Roberts from Grand Canyon Harley-Davidson in Mayer. And we had new support this year from The Indian Motorcycle Riders Group."

The entourage included a trailer chock-full of goods... Diapers & other baby needs, non-perishable foodstuffs, paper goods, and all the other kinds of supplies it takes to run a house. FOTK sends thanks to Mark and Theresa from HoggDoggs for the loan of the trailer! Thanks also to the Bob Block Family for the gently used yard toys for the kids.

Children from infant to 17 years are cared for at the home. The number of kids in residence at any time is always changing. Mike noted that "When we were there this June there were approximately 10 children being assisted by the shelter."

In addition to overall support of the shelter, a primary mission of FOTK is to build the kids an onsite playground. We learned that they are "approximately \$2500 shy of our goal of \$7500 to start the playground project." And there are "fundraising events in the works for this fall to finish that project."

Once the deliveries are unpacked there's a bit of visit time with the kids and staff. After that, many of the riders continue up the road to Hon-Dah Resort in Pinetop; for the White Mountain Bike Rally. You'll read more about that in a separate story. Mike added, "FOTK rides & participates together as a group at the WMR events."

Friends of the Kids supporters enjoy another get-together on Saturday night; at which fundraising gets underway for the next year's campaign. The

dinner included raffles, giveaways & other activities. Raffles included items from Law Tigers and Hippo's Stun Guns. "Becki Smith from Grand Canyon H.O.G. in Flagstaff won the FOTK Orange and Black Harley-Davidson Quilt. Logan Roberts won the Blue and White Quilt and the Laser Cut Wall Art. Hans from the IMRG (Indian Motorcycle Riders Group) won the Harley-Davidson Schwinn bicycle (new in the box) that he donated back to FOTK for next year's raffle."

Friends of the Kids "are riders who care deeply for this cause". The FOTK Board wants to thank their supporters "Superstition H.O.G., Superstition Harley-Davidson, Grand Canyon H.O.G., Logan Roberts from Grand Canyon Harley-Davidson in Mayer, and our new supporters from the Phoenix Indian Motorcycle Riders Group."

Friends Of The Kids (FOTK) is a motorcycle rider oriented 501(c)3 charitable organization. All monies collected go to benefit the children of the White River Children's Shelter on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. FOTK is an all-volunteer operation. Every dollar is put to work for these kids. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, visit their website at www.azfotk.org/ or call 602-793-0614.

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July 19, 2018... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V483000 Drive Chain Guard Bolts may Loosen Potential # Units Affected 3,493 Summary: Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain 2018 Yamaha MT-07J, MT-07JC, XSR700J, and XSR700JC motorcy-

cles. The bolts that connect the drive chain guard to the swingarm may loosen, possibly causing the chain guard to contact the drive chain and break. If the chain guard breaks, it may fall onto the road, creating a road hazard and increasing the risk of a crash. Remedy: Yamaha will notify owners, and dealers will replace both chain guard mounting bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2018. Owners may contact Yamaha customer service at 1-800-962-7926. Yamaha's number for this recall is 990120. Notes ~ for each of these Recall Announcements: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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July 19, 2018... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V480000 Rear Brake Pad Friction Material May Detach

Potential # Units Affected 72 Summary: Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain 2018 Ducati Panigale V4, Panigale 959, Panigale 1299 FE, and Hypermotard motorcycles. The friction material on the rear brake pads may detach from the backing plate. If the rear brake pad friction material detaches, it may lengthen the distance needed to stop the motorcycle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the rear brake pads. Brake pads from the affected batch will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 15, 2018. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-888-391-5446.

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July 31, 2018... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V502000 Throttle Firmware May Cause Stall Potential # Affected 215

Summary: Alta Motors (Alta) is recalling certain 2019 Alta Redshift EXR and 2018-2019 Alta Redshift MXR motorcycles. The software for the throttle control may fault if the throttle is rolled forward past the closed position, possibly resulting in a motorcycle stall. A motorcycle stall can increase the risk of a crash. Remedy: Alta will notify owners, and dealers will install an update for the throttle software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2018. Owners may contact Alta customer service at 1-415-230-0755. Alta's number for this recall is SVC-ESB-18-004.

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August 15, 2018... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V531000 Seatbelt Retractor may Separate and Fail

Potential # Affected 10,658 Components SEAT BELTS Summary: Polaris Industries, Inc. (Polaris) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Polaris Slingshot S, Slingshot SL, Slingshot GT LE, and Slingshot SLR motorcycles. In the event of a crash, the seatbelt retractor on the side opposite of the impact may separate, preventing the seatbelt from locking. In the event of a crash, if the seat belt does not lock, the occupant may not be properly restrained, increasing their risk of injury.

Remedy: Polaris will notify owners, and dealers will install a kit that prevents the retractor from separating in the event of a crash, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 28, 2018. Owners may contact Polaris customer service at 1-855-863-2284. Polaris' # for this recall is T-18-03.

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September 9, 2018 ... Operation Maine & Back! Some of you may recall reading our story about meeting Jay Galloway during our travels last summer. He's the fellow who was riding his 2017 Metropolitan step-through 50cc scooter [named Wander] from his home in Kentucky to Sturgis... by way of Washington state. That trip covered 7231 miles, through 16 states, in 59 days. Well he & Wander are about to depart on another adventure. On Sept 9th they'll be heading Northeast. His goal is to do all 50 states by 2023. If you'd like to follow his journey, you'll find him on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/jay.galloway.16> Safe travels Jay!!

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MPP - Charges Against Key Motorcycle Rights Activist Dismissed in Waco

Published on May 15th, 2018
by David "Double D" Devereaux

<http://www.motorcycleprofiling-project.com/waco-charges-dismissed-landers/>

As the McLennan County District Attorney's Twin Peaks debacle continues to crumble, an important and previously prolific motorcycle rights activist has emerged from the dust. Thomas Paul Landers, along with most of those arrested in May 17, 2015, has had all charges against him related to the Twin Peaks tragedy recently dismissed.

Paul, although very relieved, is still angry about the continued prosecution of innocent people also arrested and jailed that day that continue to face the prospect of life in prison for being ambushed at a political gathering.

Mass Arrests at a Political Gathering

On May 17th, 2015 I arrived home after a 350 mile ride following a club event in Oregon, to my son telling me to watch CNN because they were reporting a shooting at a biker event in Texas. I began watching the news coverage and immediately called my friend Paul Landers when I realized it

was a COC meeting. Paul is a prominent motorcycle rights activist and always attended COC events in Texas, so I immediately began worrying about him.

Paul answered the phone from the parking lot of the Twin Peaks. I asked him if he was alright. He said he wasn't injured but didn't know what was going to happen. We hung up, and the rest of the story has been a 3 year nightmare for Paul and nearly 200 others arrested, jailed, and held on \$1-\$2 million dollar punitive bonds. Paul's nightmare ended Monday, May 14th, 2018 when his charges were dismissed by the McLennan County District Attorney. In fact, most of the charges have been dropped against most individuals.

But, unfortunately, the nightmare is not over for 24 individuals re-indicted and charged with rioting, three of them also charged with murder. And because a murder occurred, the sentence can be enhanced to the same level of life in prison.

The Persecution Continues for Many

The McLennan County DA's office refuses to let go, has shifted from organized crime to rioting, and persists in charging individuals that irrefutably "retired" from any conflict and still others acting in self defense of themselves or others.

Take the examples of Marshall Mitchell and Jacob Carrizal, both ob-

viously not guilty for different reasons. Marshall Mitchell never engages in any conflict, can be seen shaking a Cossacks hand on video, and quickly "retired" from the area of the ambush and gunshots, just as most that were able. Jake Carrizal, on the other hand, was unable to retreat from an ambush in which he clearly acted in self defense, as the video, his mistrial, and reports of overwhelming support for not guilty from most jurors demonstrates.

The Good Fight Continues

The fight to free those that are not guilty must not end. In fact, now is the time to further unite the motorcycle club community and continue the fight to protect the right to associate with a motorcycle club without fear of targeted prosecution. And now that the shackles on one of the most important motorcycle rights activists of our time have been removed, we all stand a better chance of succeeding. #FightTheGoodFight.

About the Author: David "Double D" Devereaux is the Spokesperson for the Washington State Council of Clubs, Founder of the Motorcycle Profiling Project, and works with motorcyclists at the national level.

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Saturdays 2018 { 9/8, 9/22 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Meet at East Lot at 6:30a. Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

2nd Saturdays: Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Open House, from 7-11:30pm for any of you bikers. We make a nice stop on your way home or your way out. Cold drinks, bbq, music, etc. You are welcome to join in. All types of bikes, all types of people, cars too. 17998 186th St, Queen Creek. FMI: mwarren0717@gmail.com

3rd Saturdays {9/15, 10/20}: Superstition Harley-Davidson HOG Chapter Monthly General Meeting in the H.O.G. Room at 10am. Start gathering at 9:30am for cake, conversation, & coffee. HOG Dogs follows. Superstition H-D 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: receptionist@superstitionhd.com, 480-346-0600

Last Saturdays: VIII'S Society Open House 8-11:30pm. 5th Ave, Apache Junction. FMI: n/a

Sundays 2018 {9/16}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot at 6:30a. Kickstands up at 7a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or <http://superstitionhd.com/>

1st Sundays [10/7/18 - 4/7/19]: Arizona Cycle Swap @ Big Surf Waterpark, 1500 N McClintock Dr. Tempe, AZ 85281 from 8a-noon. \$5/pp @ gate, under 12 free. Free Parking. Buy, Sell, Swap. Rain or shine. Sponsors include Law Tigers. General &/or Vendor info: www.arizonacycleswap.com/

Wednesdays 2018 {9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26}: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot 6:30a, ride @ 7am. FMI: 480-346-0600 or <http://superstitionhd.com/>

2nd Wednesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

Every Thursday {Sept 13-Nov 15, 2018}: Cycleries.com Bike Night at Tempe Marketplace {Loops 101 & 202}. Live Music, Vendors, & more. 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: info@cycleries.com

Every Friday {Sept 7-Nov 16, 2018}: Cycleries.com Bike Night at Westgate. Live Music, Vendors, & more. 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: info@cycleries.com

Every Friday: ALMA MC Westside Open House... 8-11:30pm. 1050 N. Eliseo Felix Jr Way #105, Avondale. FMI: www.facebook.com/AlmaMcWestside/

2nd & 3rd Friday: ALMA MC East Side Open House from 7pm-? Entertainment. Food & Beverages available. 3212 S. Fair Lane, Tempe. FMI: 127.Eastside@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Friday: ALMA MC Open House- All Chapters. 7pm at the OriGinal Club House, 1446 N. 27th Ave, Phx, AZ 85009. Great Food, Great Music & a Great Time! FMI: Chapo soy.chapo@gmail.com

Last Fridays: Lost Dutchman MC Mesa Open House, from 7-11:30pm. 1826 W Broadway Suite #42, Mesa FMI: billetld-mc@juno.com, 602-463-7886



9/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night returns from summer break! Visit Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by The Hardways. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

9/7 Ride With The Dealer to Motorcycles on Main for Bike Night! Meet at Superstition Harley-Davidson west lot {2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction}. KSU 6:15pm. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com, superstitionhd.com/

9/8 {Sun} East Valley Biker Rodeo with Rough Riders MC at Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Clubhouse, 17998 186th St Queen Creek. Benefits Dogs 4 Vets in Gilbert {<https://dogs4vets.org/>}. Starts at noon. \$5/pp + food is \$5. Dog bite contest, slow roll, keg roll, keg toss, skillet toss. Trophies for 1st-3rd place in each event. Live music & vendors. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: Toro 602-670-2154, <https://tinyurl.com/ycr4m4dp>

9/8 4th Annual Patriots Day Ride with Superstition HD & Crisis 22. Help us to Honor & Remember. Sign-in 8:45am Pre-register = \$20; Day Of = \$22 per bike. KSU 10am. Vendors. - 50/50 - Free Food - Live Music - Bikini Bike Wash. 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

9/8 Hold 'em or Fold'em Charity Casino Night benefits Phoenix Children's Hospital and Gatekeepers Charities. 6-10pm at the Hall of Flame Fire Museum, 6101 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix. 21 & older event. \$55/pp includes \$500 in game money, appetizers, music, auction, & more. FMI: www.facebook.com/gatekeeperscharities/

9/8 Hooligans MC host 2nd annual Big Mac Memorial Party at the Deer Valley Clubhouse {2663 W Lone Cactus} from 6-11:30pm. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl includes food. Vendors, music, more. FMI: hooligansmcaz.com

9/8 Bikes For Beds Poker Run to benefit Sunshine Rescue Mission homeless shelter. Hosted by Grand Canyon HD & the Roadhouse, I-40 @ Exit 185, Bellemont, AZ. Live entertainment, car show, bbq, vendors, raffles. \$25/bike, +\$10/2-up. Text "bikes" to 41444 to Register. FMI: 928-774-3896

9/11 {Tues} 9-11 Memorial Ride hosted by Gatekeepers MC. Meet 9am at Buddy Stubbs HD 13850 N Cave Creek Phx. No cost for ride. Donations to Gatekeepers Charities appreciated. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: 602-971-3400, info@gatekeepersmc.com

9/12-15 {Wed-Sat} Thunder Valley Rally in Cottonwood. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://thundervalleyrallyaz.com>

9/15 {Sat} September Scorcher Poker Walk hosted by Loners MC San Tan Chapter 11a-5pm at River Bottom Saloon in Florence, 2501 N. Hwy 79. \$10/sgl, \$15,cpl. Live music, vendors, high hand, raffle, & more. FMI: Irish@LonersMC.org

9/20 {Th} Bike Night at The Hitching Post with Superstition Harley-Davidson. Meet in the SHD west lot {2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ}. KSU 6:15pm FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com, superstitionhd.com

9/20-23 {Thu-Sun} MRF's 2018 Meeting of the Minds in Denver CO {Motorcycle Riders Foundation} Sponsors include ABATE-AZ. FMI: <https://mrf.org/events/>

9/21-23 {Fr-Sun} Sunrise Serenity Run XVI, a bike rally for clean & sober bikers. Show Low Lake Campground. \$30/sgl, \$55/cpl includes 2 nights camping, Fri & Sat dinners, Sat/Sun b'fasts, pin, tee, & more. Thurs nite camping add \$10. Poker run, bike games, speakers, bike blessing. FMI: Nancy 928-242-3817

9/22 {Sat} Friends of NRA Banquet @ Superstition Harley-Davidson from 4:30-7:30pm. Live & Silent Auctions, Dinner, Special Drawings, Games. NRA Commissioned & Collectible Framed Art. \$60/tkt includes dinner. Call SHD@ for incentive packages for tables. To be a Sponsor or to Donate contact Steven Miller millerautoworks1@gmail.com, 928-970-4490. SHD@ 2910 W. Apache Trl Apache Junction, 480-346-0600

9/22 Loners MC Memorial Ride & Celebration of Life for Brother Donnie Grimes. Ride meets at Bullion Plaza Cultural Center 150 N Plaza Cir, Miami, AZ. Everyone can show up whenever. Kickstands up at 11:30am SHARP!! Celebration of Life starts at NOON at American Legion Post 4, 645 S Broad St Globe. FMI: n/a

9/29 {Sat} Bombshells & Burgers Customer Appreciation Party at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Free bikini bike wash by Tatted Bombshells, Free burgers 11am till gone, raffles, prizes, & more! Located at 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com, superstitionhd.com

9/29 {Sat} Desert Thunder Summer Sun-downer @ DTMC. Clubhouse 3101 W. Thomas Rd, Phoenix. \$5/pp. Poker walk, live, music, food. FMI: lodur@desertthundermc.com

9/29 Pony Express Run hosted by CVMA 32-1 {Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association} & H-D of Scottsdale. Each rider receives (4) postcards to deliver. Ride ends at the Hole in the Wall Cave Creek. Register 9am, Last out 11:30am. \$20/rider (all donations benefit a local Veteran charity) *Please bring motorcycle endorsement & proof of insurance to complete ride waiver. FMI: tailgunner321@gmail.com

9/30 {Sun} Party On, Wayne - Toy Ride departs noon from Buddy Stubbs H-D 13850 N Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix. Sign-in 11a. Deliver Toys to Cardon Children's Med Ctr at Banner Desert, 1400 S Dobson Rd, Mesa. Last stop Four Peaks 1340 E 8th St, Tempe. Bring a Toy, Game or Craft & Receive a Raffle Ticket. FMI: 602-971-3400

10/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by Cliffside Push. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday September - June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

10/6 {Sat} 15th Annual Save the Chesticles Cancer Run. Starts @ Steel Horse Saloon - 1818 W. Bell Rd, Phx. Sign-in 9am, \$15/pp. Stops include The Starlite Lounge, Saint Nick's Tavern 6840 N. 27th Ave, Beaver Bar 11801 N. 19th Ave. High & low hands, 50/50, raffles. Pins for 1st 200 riders. Party bus limited seats available. FMI: "G" at savethechesticles@gmail.com

10/11-14 {Th-Sun} Las Vegas BikeFest <https://lasvegaskbikefest.com/>

10/13 {Sat} 3rd annual Roots, Roll, & Ride Music Festival, in the Village of Oak Creek to benefit Steps to Recovery Homes. Free event noon - 5pm includes music, vendors, & auction in a drug & alcohol-free zone. Sign-in 9am for Motorcycle Poker Run \$10/pilot, +5/2-up. Bring unopened toy for \$5 discount. FMI: 928-592-2603, stepstorecoveryhomes@gmail.com

10/13 Sophie's 1st annual Ride for Autism presented by Outsiders MC. Register 8am at Ridenow Peoria. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Kickstands up 9am. Poker run finishes at Desert Wind H-D. 50/50 raffle, tv raffle, & more. All proceeds benefit Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center. FMI: outsidersmcaz@yahoo.com

10/13 Cochise Riders MC Black & White Night. Band & food at Buddy's Bar {119 AZ-82 Huachuca City, AZ} from 4-8pm. FMI: bar 520-456-1511

10/13 Vet-oberfest hosted by Viet Nam Vets / Legacy Vets MC at Radisson Inn Tucson {6555 E. Speedway Blvd}. Live Music, Raffles, Prizes, a Bloody Mary Bar and Adult Entertainment. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. A portion of the proceeds will go to local Tucson Veterans Charities. FMI: dpotter92@gmail.com

10/14 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet @ Pinal County Fairgrounds. Exit 194 from I-10 ~ 512 11-Mile Corner. All brands & parts welcome. Gates open to sellers 6am, public 9am. Spaces 20x15 = \$40, 1st come, 1st served. \$5 entry, kids under 12 free. FMI: 480-209-8521

10/18-20 {Th-Sat} Run to the Rez to Honor All Veterans. San Carlos & Apache Gold Resort Globe, AZ. Music, Poker Run, Bike Show, & Great Giveaways. FMI: 928-961-6002, johnrezrider@yahoo.com

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10/19-21 {Fr-Sun} 24th annual Southern AZ Biker Rodeo hosted by Southern AZ Harley Riders MC at Cattlerest RV Park & Saloon, Willcox. Dry camping on site. 'Have a Clue' ride, biker games. Music by Live Wire. \$15/pp. FMI: Rob 520-508-1756, sahrmaz@gmail.com | sahr.us | www.facebook.com/SAHRMC/

10/20 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter Chili Cook-off at Spur Bar, Hwy 260 in Star Valley from noon-5pm. \$5/pp. \$200 cash prize & trophy to the winner! Live music. FMI: Cecilia.ransom@gmail.com

10/20 Bikers For Boobies 10th anniversary fundraiser. \$30/sgl, \$50/dbl includes b'fast & lunch. Check-in at H-D of Scottsdale. End party at Dirty Dogg Saloon. Live Music w/ Skarlett Fever. Food, raffles, contests & more. 21 & older event. First 500 pre-registered receive swag bag & shirt. Law Tigers is a sponsor. FMI: www.bikers4boobiesaz.org

10/20 Nomaden MC 28th Annual Toy Drive raises money each year through this event to help less fortunate families with children in Cochise County during the holiday season that would otherwise have little or no Christmas. \$10/pp plus an unwrapped toy. Food, Music, & much more. At the Nomaden Clubhouse 137 N. Huachuca Blvd, Huachuca City, AZ. FMI: nomadenmc@cox.net

10/26-27 {Fr-Sat} Yuma's Motorcycle Show 'n Shine, hosted by Yuma Civic Center @ Desert Sun Stadium {1440 W Desert Hills Dr.} Music, vendors, bike show, & more. Family-friendly. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: 928-373-5040

10/27 {Sat} Hard Ass Run with East Valley ABATE-AZ. 300 + miles, Rain or Shine, Mystery Route. Sign in 7-9am at Superstition Harley {2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction}. Solo \$20, 2-up \$30. Last Bike in by 6pm. Best hand \$150, 2nd \$100, Worst \$50. A New Twist on an Old Favorite. FMI: steeddp@gmail.com, 541-948-5384

10/27 Motorcycle Monster Mash at Desert Wind H-D { 922 S Country Club Dr} in Mesa from noon-10pm. Live music, vendors, beer garden, contests, bike show & more. Free entry before 4pm, \$10 cash @ gate. More details TBA. FMI: Erica erica@downtownmesa.com

10/27 MVP Ride to support the Mesa Veterans Program. Starts / ends at Desert Wind HD, 922 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa 85210. Reg 8-10am. Back by 3pm. Stick around for Monster Mash. \$25/sgl, +\$10/2-up. FMI: sharrison@mesachamber.org

10/27 Desert Road Riders MC annual Going to the Dogs Poker Run ("Bone Run") FMI: Duke 928-530-0641, DesertRoadRidersMC.com

11/2 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music by CTS. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

11/2-4 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River @ Gila River Park, Winkelman. Weekend prices = \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. FMI: 623-363-3470, moehmcdv@gmail.com

11/3 {Sat} 5th Annual Toy Drive Kick-Off Motorcycle & Car Show with Seductive Car Club at Superstition H-D from 10a-2pm. Please bring a new unwrapped toy! Live Music, Food, Vendors, Awards & More! SHD, 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

11/8-11 {Th-Sun} Rocky Point Rally #18. Sponsors include Law Tigers. Passports required. FMI: <http://rockypointrally.com/>

11/17 {Sat} 5th Annual Ride for Ryan House Poker Run with Breathe Life Riders. Register 8:30a @ Ryan House 110 W. Merrell St. Phx. Last out 10a. \$20/Vehicle. Riders & NON-Riders welcome. All proceeds go to Ryan House, which provides pediatric palliative care & respite care for the families of those children. Last stop Eagle Rider Tempe. FMI: Lerch 623-640-4830 or Bella 602-421.3546 www.ryanhouse.org

11/18 {Sun} El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show returns to Tucson! Details TBA. FMI: El-MontePaint32@gmail.com

11/24 {Sat} Marine Toys For Tots Annual Ride to collect funds & toys for the children of Maricopa County, AZ. Hosted by the Broken Wings Fndn & Templar Crusaders MC. Meet 9am at H-D of Scottsdale, 15656 N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale. Rider w/ toy \$15, Rider/no toy \$20, 2-up w/toy \$30, 2-up/no toy \$40. Last out by 11am. Sponsors welcome! FMI: brokenwingsfoundation@yahoo.com

11/30-12/2 {Fr-Sun} 4th Annual International Off-Road & UTV Expo, at WestWorld in Scottsdale. General Admission \$20, Fri {5-7pm} \$15. \$5 Military discount with ID. \$5 parking {cash}. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: <http://internationaloffroadexpo.com/>

12/1 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run to collect new Teddy Bears & stuffed animals to be donated to Mesa Family Advocacy Center + local Police & Fire Departments to be given to kids in traumatic situations. Meet 9am at American Bike & Trike, 3272 S 147th Pl, Gilbert, 85297 {off of Pecos between Val Vista & Lindsey on the south side of the road.} \$10/pp+ a Teddy Bear. Departs 10am. FMI: Troll 360-451-1795

12/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa, 6-10pm. Music by Moonshine VooDoo. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Eateries open. FMI Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

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Superstition HD's Summer Socials



Superstition Harley-Davidson maintains an active calendar of get-togethers for its patrons & visitors. Some are large and others small. But they each have purpose or cause. The following are two of those gathering that took place this summer. My thanks to Brina, Event Coordinator at Superstition HD, for adding to this report.

Pancakes and Parts is a recurring event at Superstition HD. It always benefits a 501c3 organization. This particular one took place on Saturday July 28, with US Military Vets MC {www.usmvmc.us/} as the beneficiary. The Pancake Breakfast was available from 8-10am, served up by USMVMC members. Donations were accepted, with all proceeds benefiting the Club. The Swap Meet was set up from 9a-1pm. For a modest \$10 fee you could bring in your used motorcycle parts & related items. Brina noted, "This was a smaller group than our previous swap meets and I am guessing the heat was a big factor. It was soo hot and sticky out. We had about 13 vendors." Followed by, "We raised almost \$400 for them. Not too bad for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning." Not bad indeed, for a mid-summer monsoon morn in our Valley ☺



On Saturday July 14 there was a **Pancake Breakfast & Bikini Bike Wash Fundraiser** for Jerry Hamett {photo top right}.

Jerry, an SHD customer and an honored Veteran, was recently in a motorcycle accident that ended him in ICU. SHD along with his family wanted to help this hero with his medical bills.

Fundraising included selling raffle tickets during the month of June; a chance to win a \$1000 value grand prize! Only 300 tickets were sold, at \$10 each. Congratulations to Bob Hull. He was the Grand Prize Raffle Winner! Brina shared this message, "SHD® and The Hamett Family would like to thank all who came out to support the Jerry Hamett Benefit today. Together we raised over \$3300 for Jerry! We have the best riders & friends! Thank You All So Much!!!!"



Superstition Harley-Davidson is located at 2910 West Apache Trail in Apache Junction AZ. Their website is superstitionhd.com or you can call 'em at 480-346-0600. Watch for future events hosted by Superstition HD via the SHD events calendar, available on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/SuperstitionHD/ Superstition HD ~ Make Them Part of *Your* Journey...

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White Mountain Bike Rally AZ Rider



Hon-Dah Resort Casino & Conference Center in Pinetop, AZ held their 9th Annual White Mountain Bike Rally on June 22 & 23, 2018. My thanks to Karan Jordan, the resort's Media Coordinator, for sharing details of the day with our readers.

We learned that this year there was a total of 1282 registered riders (on approximately 1000 bikes). That is a record for this event. Congratulations! In addition to AriZona riders, others came from 9 different states: New Mexico, Colorado, Michigan, Florida, Oregon, Texas, California, Utah, & South Dakota. Karan commented, "So many of our riders are people that come back every year. We love seeing them and catching up with them. They are all great."

Karan specified, "We want everyone to know that this a family event for all ages." She continued, "Every year kids ride with their parents or grandparents and compete in the poker run if they are the passenger. One little boy, about ten, almost had the high hand in the poker run. There are no extra activities for the kids. They participate in everything the adults do. I think I only saw about 6 kids this year. I saw the kids out there dancing to the DJ we had and enjoying the Apache Crown Dancers that performed. I got a kick watching them dance at the concert to Tommy James & The Shondells. (We know they probably had no idea who he was). We want to always keep it family-friendly. I even vet the vendors to make sure their items are appropriate for all ages. I've turned down vendors who were selling 'adult only' items." All good stuff to know!

The Poker Run, held on Saturday, was about a 3 1/2 hour self-paced ride. The route visited Molly Butler's in Greer, Trail Riders Restaurant in Eagar, Ye Olde Tavern in Alpine, Hannigan Meadow Lodge, with the final stop at Big Lake Tackle and Supply. The ride, which reaches elevations up to 10,000 ft., is through beautiful Ponderosa Pines, Blue Spruce Trees, and the beautiful White Mountain Apache Reservation. Karan shared, "We hear nothing but wonderful things about the people at the stops. These businesses go above and beyond to accommodate our riders and make them feel welcome. All of them graciously give of their time & we could not do this event without their support."

The Poker run paid \$1000 to the High Hand rider and also to a co-rider holding the High Hand. Those winners were Russell McCoy of St. Johns, AZ and Deborah Katzman of Show Low, AZ. Low Hand pays \$500 to a pilot and also to a passenger. This year's winners were: Andrew Armijo of Las Cruces, NM and Lynda Van Haren of Show Low, AZ.

When the Riders returned from the Poker Run, there was a presentation by the White Mountain Apache Crown Dancers. Karan explained, "We wanted to show our guests something unique to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and also something that not very many people have had the pleasure to see."

Additional activities included DJ music, 24 vendors to shop, and a Bike Show.

The show had 5 categories, with a panel of judges determining those winners: American, Metric, Vintage, Custom, & Trike; plus the People's Choice. 1st Place won \$250, 2nd Place \$175, 3rd Place \$125, and People's Choice won \$250.00.

Congratulations to all the winners: Metric: 1st Brian Waggoner of Safford, AZ | Vintage: 1st Kevin Bakken of Snowflake, AZ; 2nd Tom Garlow of Eagar, AZ | American: 1st Jerry Foster of Star Valley, AZ; 2nd Rob Randall of Lakeside, AZ; 3rd Gail Roby of Show Low, AZ | Trike: 1st Robert Ybarra of Eloy, AZ; 2nd Kevin Bakken of Snowflake, AZ; 3rd Arther Martine of Ramah, NM | Custom: 1st Tina Deeb of Star Valley, AZ; 2nd Diana Merino of Safford, AZ; 3rd Roy Leon of Eloy, AZ. This year Arnold Lehman of Pinetop, AZ won People's Choice.


After a grilled ribeye dinner, the riders went to the concert by Tommy James and the Shondells. Karan noted, "I have to say they were amazing!"

There were many positive comments on the concert and the event overall. Next year's Rally will be held June 21st & 22nd, 2019 and they hope to see you there.

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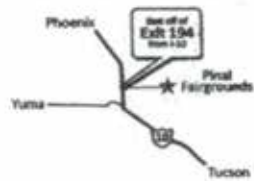
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Hand in Hand Ride for PCH¹⁹



These young ladies are representatives from Miss Teen Arizona.

The fifth annual Hand in Hand Charity Ride to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital took place on Saturday April 14, 2018. It is part of the official AZ Bike Week itinerary and is sponsored by Harley-Davidson® of Scottsdale. My thanks to Lisa Cyr of AZ Bike Week for her help with this article.

This is a family-friendly event. Riders gathered at PCH, located at 1919 E Thomas Rd in Phoenix, starting at 8am. The registration fee included breakfast, a goody bag, a raffle ticket, and entrance into WestWorld in Scottsdale for the AZ Bike Week activities ~ including the ZZ Top concert.

Lisa shared, "Some of the kids that were able to leave their rooms were there to greet the riders. Each half hour we would announce a 'Rev and Ride'. Anyone who was ready to head to WestWorld at that time would rev their engines and that

would signal all the kids in the hospital who can't leave their rooms to come to their windows to wave goodbye to those riders. This is really an amazing sight and has become such a special part of the Hand in Hand Ride. It touches your heart to see the bikers waving to the kids they're riding for."

750 riders departed from the Hospital. This is a self-paced ride with no side stops or checkpoints. Saturday is a big day at WestWorld, so everyone just wants to get to AZ Bike Week for the bike shows, races, music, vendors, and the rest.

This year's Hand in Hand raised \$23,247 for Phoenix Children's Hospital. It is a record amount collected. Lisa sent along thanks to event sponsor Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale and to the Arizona Bike Week Charities Group for organizing the ride

& registration. She added, "This was the fifth annual Hand in Hand Ride. It's one of the largest rides of Arizona Bike Week. Many of the participants have gone on it every year. It's such a great way to start your Saturday at ABW, knowing that your contributing to helping kids who so need our support."

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