

Hamsters Dry Heat Run



Among the rides that have become ‘tradition’ during Arizona Bike Week, the Hamsters held their 9th annual ‘Dry Heat’ Charity Run on Friday April 5, 2019. The event is presented by Paul Yaffe’s Bagger Nation.

The Hamsters is a custom motorcycle group which includes leaders and celebrities of the motorcycling industry. This year’s attendees included Hamsters Donnie Smith, the Ness Family, Dave & Jodi Perewitz, Nick Trask, Miguel Samaniego, and of course Suzy & Paul Yaffe. Hamster fundraising efforts support Lifescape Children’s Care Hospital of South Dakota { <https://www.lifescapesd.org/> }.

Sign-in was at Monterra at WestWorld in Scott-

sdale for this self-paced ride. There were 332 participants in addition to 78 Hamsters. From there the route went up to Rio Verde, back down through Fountain Hills, and onto the Beeline Highway before ending at Boondocks Patio & Grill in downtown Scottsdale. Boondocks donated a yummy taco lunch and live entertainment; ingredients for an awesome party!

As the afternoon wrapped up, riders made their way back to WestWorld for AZ Bike Week’s vendor expo, stunt shows, flat track races, and 3 Doors Down concert – all included in the ride’s entry fee.

The Hamsters’ final donation to Lifescape was \$42,000; a combination of the Dry Heat Run and numerous other fundraising activities during Arizona Bike Week. Nice!

Lisa Cyr of [AZ Bike Week](#) commented, “Participants on the Dry Heat Run always have an outstanding time. If you’ve never partied with the Hamsters, you’re missing out. They are a fun loving, irreverent cast of characters who never fail to liven up a room.”

Mark your calendar for AZ Bike Week 2020, April 1-5 and make your plan to ride with the Hamsters on their 10th annual Dry Heat Run.

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