

Saddle Up For Kids

AZ Rider

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7th annual 'Saddle Up For Kids' Ride, hosted by HOGZ United Charities, Inc., took place on Friday April 5; as part of the Arizona Bike Week lineup of events. According to Annette Gray of HOGZUC, Inc there were about 365 participants.

The day started at Harley-Davidson Scottsdale. From there, riders have a choice. Annette explained, "We enjoy giving our riders a choice from taking a long ride or just doing a small route in town to get into Arizona Bike Week early to enjoy the vendors and bands. Most folks do the Mountain Ride which consist of 235 miles from the Valley to riding up North." About 245 chose the scenic northern route, while the rest stayed in town. Last stop for both rides was at AZ Bike Week. Before the 3 Doors Down concert, there were raffles & announcements in the Handlebar Saloon. Raffle items included a guitar signed by George Thorogood, a \$1,000 shopping spree at H-D Scottsdale, gift baskets, riding gear, and some good old simple cash.

HOGZUC is a non-profit charitable foundation. Everyone is a volunteer, meaning that ALL donations go 100% to their beneficiaries. Proceeds of this year's event are supporting Camp Patrick and Nation of Patriots.

Camp Patrick provides a week-long summer camp opportunity to children with Spina Bifida. Learn more by following this link <https://camppatrick.com/> On June 16, a group ride to Camp Patrick included making a \$11,000 presentation to the camp.

The Nation of Patriots provides financial support to those who have served in our Armed Forces. This is an annual motorcycle ride that escorts 1 flag through our lower 48 states. It is approximately a 100-day undertaking. The Flag will reach Arizona on July 5 this year. Monies raised by Arizona fundraising stays within Ari-

zona to support veterans & military families in Arizona who need it. To learn more or be a part of this event, visit <https://www.arizonanationofpatriots.com>

From HOGZUC, "A Big Shout out to All of Our Sponsors, THANK YOU; WE APPRECIATE YOU! *Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale* – Every year they support us and our cause 100% and they go out of their way to make us and our riders feel welcome. *Waffle House* provided an amazing breakfast. *Sportsman Chalet* provided a lunch special plus a fun way for riders to earn more raffle tickets. This year there were biker vendors at their location for all to check out, some really cool biker jewelry. The team at *Jakes Corner* – who by the way have new owners which are super nice. Bikers should stop in and say hi to them. *Law Tigers* – What can I say; they are always there for us and the riders. *Playa II* – Great staff and a fun atmosphere. *Arizona Natural Concepts* is one of our new sponsors. They not only gave free stuff for our riders but assisted with a ride stop at another location. Way to Go! *Peaks & Valleys* – Our riders could not say enough about their fun establishment. They always seem to raise the bar, so to speak each year & they have great food too. *The Helmet Center* seems to always want to help us with the kids and of course they have amazing biker gear. *Rosati's Pizza* – another amazing team, drink and food specials just for our riders, amazing pizza." Annette added, "To The Many Participants, thank you for being there. Hope To See On The Road, Ride Safe My Friends."

Congratulations to HOGZ United Charities, Inc. for hosting such a successful day!

To learn more about this organization & follow their activities, & to see more pix from the day, find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HogzUnitedCharities/>