

Downtown AJ's Monthly Benefit Car Shows



Motorcycles Welcome!

As with many of our fellow East Valley riders, we've been missing the Motorcycles on Main Bike Night. In looking for 'something to do' in the area, we came across a flyer announcing that the Treasure Box Boutique hosts a gathering MONTHLY at their Downtown AJ location. It takes place in the parking lot of the old Basha's Plaza in Apache Junction; on the northwest corner of Phelps Road & Apache Trail.

This was an opportunity to get out among some fellow motor-folk. We enjoy cool cars as much as motorcycles – as many riders do. We met show organizer Steve Rushefsky of the East Valley Mustang Club. He is completely open to motorcycles coming out to participate. The voting format is People's Choice.

Kathy Barr & Lisa Jones, owners of the Treasure Box Boutique, organize the event. Each month they choose a different beneficiary, with any profit being donated to the cause.

They kicked it off in JUNE with some 600 people attending despite the heat. People want to get OUT... and we completely agree!

Friday October 2nd was our first visit to this event. The weather was perfect for it. It was a short evening – just 5:30-7:30pm. But there was time enough to check out a number of vendor booths, listen to music, visit with friends, and meet some new people. There were 32 vehicles in the October show, making for some good ogling ☺

People were enjoying a bite to eat – available from several food trucks. And they were talking & visiting and having a good time. Some were wearing masks, others weren't, & everyone was being respectful of each other's choices.

Congratulations to the raffle winners for collecting some neat prizes AND the 50/50 winner for picking up a cool \$132. What a nice way to start the weekend ☺

The beneficiary for this time was Courage Under Cancer. It is a local non-profit that helps people who are dealing with cancer. From their website, "Our goal is to help cancer patients focus on their recovery and improve their quality of life. We believe no one should be without treatment because they can't afford it."

November's event, the AJ Music Festival & Alzheimer's Walk, will include activities on both Friday & Saturday. Friday the 13th will have a car show, music, vendors, food trucks, & raffles from 5p-7:30pm. Saturday's hours are from 8a-3pm, offering even more of the same PLUS the Alzheimer's Walk. Music starts at 9am. Four bands will keep the tunes going all day; bringing their country, blues, and classic rock sounds. People are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

Spaces are still available for vendors and for food trucks. Contact Kathy at 480-239-5288.

The car / motorcycle show is its own competition each day. You do not need to commit to being there both days to participate. The entry fee is \$5 per vehicle, with your donation also going to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

We're glad we found out about this event & made the trip. We hope to see you at the November show.

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