

# Bug Splat Ride with CMA

On Saturday October 7, 2023, the New Life Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association hosted their first Bug Splat Ride, with the support of Superstition Harley-Davidson and Law Tigers Arizona.

This was such a clever idea, offering a unique alternative to the traditional card or dice game ride themes. It is a new event to Arizona that some CMA-AZ members learned about from an out-of-state Chapter.

Each rider received a target at sign-in that attached to the front of their motorcycle. It was a peel-away sticker that left no residue on the bike. Then they took off on the ride.

Twenty-one riders signed in at Cycle Gear, located at 1040 S Country Club in Mesa. From there they headed to Jake's Corner in Payson. There, CMA had a pop up where members greeted the riders. There was water available as well as the opportunity for prayer. The return ride brought everyone to Superstition HD, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction, for music by DJ Chuco, refreshments, raffle drawings, and announcing the winners.

The basic route was about 126

miles.... Although some riders chose the loop that took them past Roosevelt Lake. There were numerous comments about how nice the ride was. It was certainly cooler in the higher country than back down in the Valley.

Once at SHD, the targets were checked for bug 'goo'. Gary & Tina were announced as the 1st place winners. That earned them the \$250 grand prize. Sean McCready won 2nd place & \$100. Yogi Greg received \$50 for 3rd place. Congratulations to all the winners!

The 50/50 winner was Theo. He chose to donate his \$33 winnings back to the CMA.

My thanks go to Matthew Kyle, CMA New Life Chapter President, for his input for this article.

"Thank you to the CycleGear store manager Ussain and his employees that helped to make this possible by opening the store early and providing us with a place to begin the ride." He also shared that "CMA New Life would like to thank Cycle Gear of Mesa, Superstition Harley Davidson, and Jakes Corner Bar for all they did to help make this inaugural event possible. Also, this event couldn't

have been possible without the support from Law Tigers! Thank you all for being a part of this journey! Next year will be a new route to follow. Stay tuned to see what's next!!!"

Matthew explained, "CMA has 13 chapters in Arizona. CMA New Life is based in Apache Junction. We have chapter meetings every 4th Saturday of the month except December. That is when we have our CHRIST-mas party which varies from year to year. Our chapter meetings are located at VFW Post #9399, 133 North Saguardo Dr. Apache Junction. All are welcome to join us. 7:30am for breakfast. 8am meeting begins. The main goal of the Christian Motorcyclists Association is spreading the word and saving power of Jesus Christ to the biker community. 'Changing the world one heart at a time.'"

The upcoming New Year Car and Bike Show at Superstition Harley co-hosted by CMA's New Life Chapter is set for January 13. This will be the 7th annual event. Mark your calendars to enjoy a day of eye candy of the 2-, 3-, and 4-wheeled variety. It'll be here before you know it!

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