

12th Annual Carriage House Bike Run



The Carriage House on West Garden Lane is an Assisted Living Facility located in Snowflake, AZ. This adult care home has been visited each year by bikers of the White Mountains, including the Christian Motorcyclists Association, for 12 years.

Back in 2010, CMA member Bernie Kehret had moved his Mom to the Carriage House. After visiting & speaking with the residents, he was moved to organize a visit by some of his fellow bikers. There were six bikes that rolled up the road that first year. Staffers noted that the residents were talking about those motorcycles for weeks afterwards. The visit left quite an impression! The Carriage House Bike Run was born ☺

On Saturday May 21 of this year, 25+ bikes met up at Epic Motorsports in Show Low ... formerly Show Low Motorsports. The ride is about 24 miles. Bikers representing the CMA's High Country Riders Chapter, the Mountain Motorcycle Association of AZ, the American Legion Riders, and The Americans MC were joined by a number of independent riders.

Over time, along with just general visiting, there have been bike games added to the day for the residents to watch. They are held on the road in front of the home for ease of viewing.

This year were the Plank

Ride, Hoop Toss, and a Slow Race. The Carriage House sponsored some pretty amazing looking trophies!

Trikers invited those who wished to, to go for a ride. The Carriage House hosted lunch. Residents & bikers have the opportunity to sit & eat together - adding to the visit.

Sadly, event founder Bernie passed away last winter. He will be missed!! Before departing on his Long Ride, he had passed the organizational torch to the Mountain Motorcycle Association of AZ, headed by their President Shawn Bell. In talking with Shawn, it seems that Bernie left the future of the Carriage House Run in good hands.

The Carriage House Run isn't a fundraiser... It is simply a day spent to uplift the Spirits of the Residents & let these Elders know they are remembered & that people care about them.

This ride takes place on the third Saturday in May. If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Mountain Motorcycle Association of AZ at mountainmaa@gmail.com or via their facebook page.

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