

# Down-n-Durdy Sunday Dinner

On Sunday August 20, 2023 Down N Durdy hosted their Sunday Dinner fundraiser at American Legion Post #2, located at 2125 S Industrial Park Ave in Tempe. My thanks to Down-n-Durdy President Chris 'Skippy' Noll for his help with this article. This is one of two annual events they do to raise money.

What do they do with those donations? The D-n-D Mission is to provide LOVE, SUPPORT, and FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE to riders and their families when injured in a motorcycle accident. From the organizers, "From January 1st, 2023, to June 2023 we have paid over \$18,000 of people's bills that have been in a motorcycle accident." Down-n-Durdy is an all-volunteer 501c-3. All donations go to the cause of helping scooter folk who have been injured in a wreck.

On this particular day, they hosted a very tasty dinner of stuffed shells (Italian sausage, spinach, and ricotta cheese) with salad and bread. There was a pleasant rumble of camaraderie inside the Post. © Music was provided by DJ Tom. He rides with the Chandler Elks Lodge #2429. Skippy added, "We are very thankful to Tom for donating his time to bring us some music for our dinner."

Raffle donors provided some generous offers, as well as quite a few choices. Items included an ice cream maker, a fire ring, gift cards from Cycle Gear & from

Tom's BBQ Mesa-Country Club, and a motorcycle travel bag from Viking Bags. There were HD collectible items Desert Wind HD, including a helmet, man cave sign, shot glasses, & hats. From Skippy, "I'd like to thank Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, Viking Bags, Cycle Gear, Greulichs Auto Repair, Tom's BBQ, and Debbie Noll, for their amazing raffle items."

It was a very good turnout! A total of 157 riders showed up to this dinner, plus about 40-50 additional supporters in cages; making the total about 200 people. Some were there as part of a 'Capture The Flag' ride. Skippy explained, "Capture the Flag is an event put on by the American Legion Riders every Sunday. Different ALR Posts, Elk Riders, and other Non-Profit organizations like Down-n-Durdy participate. Dice are rolled, and the highest roller takes the flag to their Post the next week to do it all over again. We are very thankful to ALR Post 35 who donated their win to Down-n-Durdy."

Skippy shared, "Down-n-Durdy Sunday Dinner was a success. We raised over 9000 dollars that day, and also received a few checks in the mail afterwards in honor of our dinner that brought us to over 10,000 dollars raised to help motorcyclists and their families when in an accident. I want to give a big thank you

to American Legion Post 2. They donated the space and allowed us to use their kitchen to cook that awesome meal for the riders."

He continued, "Since we started this organization in 2017, we have paid about 10,000 dollars of injured motorcyclists and their families bills each year. This year (January-October), we have paid \$30,795 in people's bills. The word is finally out that we are helping riders, and the need is there. If you would like to help out and donate, please visit our donate page. <https://down-n-durdy.org/donate/>"

As mentioned above, this is one of 2 fundraisers that Down-n-Durdy puts on each year to put money in the bank to help people. The second is their Signature Poker Ride, In Memory of Drew Jensen. He was a high school friend of the Board members. He went down on a motorcycle and never got up. He was the inspiration for the Down-n-Durdy organization. That Poker Run will take place February 17th 2024. Details to be announced.

In the meantime, you can donate to Down-n-Durdy any time, via their website <https://Down-n-Durdy.org>

Thank you Down-n-Durdy for what you are doing for our riding community. You are a real blessing to those riders have been injured in a motorcycle wreck.

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