

IFRD Ride to Prescott



May 1st marked the 15th annual International Female Riders Day. The IFRD is traditionally celebrated on the first Saturday of May. IFRD is a day which brings women together in motorcycling; reinforcing the Sisterhood of the road and highlighting the growing number of women who ride. Over the years, more & more women have chosen to become motorcycle pilots themselves, rather than riding 2-up. Some become part of riding Clubs and Organizations while others maintain their Independence. All models of bikes are represented; ridden by all ages of riders from many walks of life. It doesn't matter WHAT you ride. It matters THAT you ride.

IFRD promotes all women in motorcycling and encourages other women to take up the activity. IFRD occurs on the first Saturday in May, every year. [from the Motoress website]

The IFRD ride to Prescott was organized with gathering points throughout the Valley of the Sun: Desert Wind H-D and Chandler H-D in the East Valley, Scottsdale H-D, the Quick Trip on Thomas Rd in Central Phoenix, the Chevron at I-17 & Carefree Hwy in North Phoenix, and the West Valley's Shell station on Northern Ave in Glendale. Each of these

groups made their way to The Helmet Center at 4330 W Union Hills Dr. Breakfast was sponsored by Breyer Law. The chase vehicle was sponsored & provided by Arizona Motorcycle Towing.

They rode out en masse at 10a for points north. According to organizer Michele Theis, "Our ride included women from over a dozen different clubs and riding groups riding in one singular ride of solidarity to celebrate the day. We had over 150 lady bikers leave the Helmet Center and participate on the 120-mile epic ride to the Prescott Courthouse Park via Yarnell and Skull Valley. We stopped in Yarnell to regroup and the townspeople all came out to see what was happening. They were astounded to see 150 lady bikers on the side of the road! We met up with another 20 lady bikers in Yarnell too!" She added, "We had ladies from Tucson, Kingman, California and even one from Oklahoma! I don't think Arizona has record of the most lady bikers on one ride - but 2021 AZ IFRD is going to claim it at 170 fierce badass lady bikers!"

After arriving in Prescott, the ladies congregated for a picnic in the courthouse park before taking the traditional photo on the courthouse steps to mark the occasion. Commemorative IFRD tees were avail-

able at Whiskey Row HD. While most made this a day trip, around 40 stayed the night for "lots of shenanigans". ☺

Michele posted, "Many thanks to the Helmet Center for their hospitality and The Husband and Wife Law Team for that fabulous breakfast spread. The Helmet Center opened early for us and were there late to block the parking lot for us."

There has been a great deal of admiration & appreciation expressed for how well this ride was planned & executed. Everyone got to Prescott & back home safe & sound, after having an awesome time. You can't beat that!

If you are a woman who rides here in Arizona and are looking for other gals to meet up & ride with, learn more about organized rides in your area by joining one of the numerous online women riders groups, including Lita's Scottsdale, Motorcycle Princess Ladies Rider Group, Phoenix Moto Girls, and Wind Sisters of AZ. There is also an Arizona IFRD group on facebook.

Ride safe, ride smart, have fun, and #JustRide!

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