

June 6-9, 2019 ... As usual there is so much going on at this event that we are hard-pressed for space to go through all the details & still be able to give you pix to look at. Well, we solved a bit of that by extending our photos over into the cover. Plus you'll find even more online in our [Facebook photo album](#).

After arriving at Mormon Lake on Thursday & setting up camp, it was all about tracking down old friends & meeting new ones. We had great neighbors, including Dawn & Lloyd, Mark & Robbie, and Curmudgeon Jim.

There was an interesting change to the vendor setup. Aside from the food trucks, they were inside the arena. It seems to have gone over very well. 20+ vendors were onsite including [Law Tigers](#) and of course, [HoggDogs](#) ~ the official hotdog of Too Broke For Sturgis.

Thursday night's movie was replaced with music, which seemed to be a popular choice. The band 'Reckless' got the gig and did a good job of getting the weekend's rockin' rollin'.

Friday afternoon's Poker Walk is an annual opportunity to visit the vendors & see what goods they've brought. This year's stops were at the People & Bike Games sponsor [HoggDogs](#), [RideScapes](#) Event Photography, the [NRA-ILA](#) information booth, [ThighBrush](#), and the [ABATE-AZ](#) merchandise booth. Jessica Wohs' low hand of 8-7-4-3-2 earned her a \$25 prize. Derek's 4 Queens reaped him the high hand prize of \$75.

The games are always a lot of fun to watch. People Games on Friday, Bike Games on Saturday. Nolan, Bob Gumfory, Jeremy, Sweetpea, & Tiffany were out on the field organizing it all. Emcees Singer DTMC & Disco called the action.

The People Games had good participation & were fun to watch. The Helmet Toss winner was Terrill Vandergriff of 41 players (with 3 buckets). Tire Toss winner was Tork, of 28 contestants. Plank Walk had 7 teams, with Team T-Bone / Flip-Flop {David Jennings, Ames Clinger, John Hughes, & James Evinger} being the winner. Pole in the Hole had 7 teams start. Mark & Robin Hampsch were the winners. Honey I'm Home this year used a bicycle as the getaway vehicle. 7 couples competed; with Alley Bug Grenn & Chryssy Zahn turning in the best time of 9.49 seconds. The Tug o' War, a TBFS favorite, returned to the games lineup after a several-year break. Four teams competed, with Team FlipFlop collecting the trophy.

After the games ended, the Ms Too Broke For Sturgis Contest {sponsored by [Law Tigers](#)} commenced. There were 11 gals competing. Ms Too Broke 2014, Lil Bit, did a very good job of setting up the contestants' questions. The judges chose Thumper, aka Kelley Wales, as Ms Too Broke 2019. She lives in Safford & is a member of ALR Post 32. Ms Too Broke receives a gift package with items from each of the vendors. During her reign, she'll travel to events promoting next year's TBFS. Runner up was Trixie. Congratulations to you both.

The Tattoo Contest offered some beautiful pieces to view. It would have been difficult to be a judge. Congratulations to the winners: Men's Black & Grey: Hooligans MC; Women's B&G: Renee; Men's Color: Mike Bingham; Women's Color: Ruby; Men's Realistic: Toby; Women's Realistic: Ruby; Best Overall: Ruby.

Friday night's band was Broken Toys, giving partners another good show. After wrapping at the arena we took a stroll. There was much camaraderie around the campfires. Yes ~ campfires. Fire restrictions had been lifted thanks to recent rain. Dust was down and the chilly nights could be offset by a warm fire. Nice.

Saturday's People's Choice Bike Show brought out 47 contestants in 8 classes. It was a treat to walk the rows & check them out. Congratulations to the winners: Stock #15 - Redneck, Hooligans MC; Custom #36 - Wayne O'Neil; Ladies #40 - Ute Harske; Rat #37 - Keith Hill; Trike #1 - Postal, Vintage #23 - Randy Loftus; Metric #21 - Allen McSorley; and Bagger #13 - Mike Deltra; Best of Show was also Mike Deltra's Bagger.

At the conclusion of the Bike Show, all were invited to bring their motorcycles into the arena for a tribute In Memory Of riders that the community has lost over the past year. There was a prayer by CMA, then the bikes all did a rev up before parading back out. It was a thoughtful & nice Remembrance.

The Magnificent Mustache & Beard Contest followed. Wild Bill had the Longest Mustache. Perry had



the Longest Beard. Best Groomed Beard & Mustache went to Shane aka 'Red'. Segway Brandon had the Full-est Beard, & Brandon Nemece had the Bushiest Mustache.

The Bike Games also had good participation. Congratulations to all the winners! Bob Nicewander won the Drag Race, out of 9 players. There was an odd number here because one fellow, upon realizing that this isn't a 'traditional' drag race, bowed out at the last instant @ Keg Push - Bob Nicewander, out of 16 players; @ Race - Ducati Scott, out of 26 pilots; Roadkill - Mike & Alexa, out of 13 couples; Joust - Chip & Tammy, out of 10 couples; and Weenie Bite - Thaddeus & Christen, out of 16 couples.

Announcements included recognizing the Too Broke For Sturgis Committee, and awarding TBFS Chairperson Tara as the event's MVP. It was well-deserved!

The next big event was the Wet T-Shirt Contest. This is one of those 'what happens at Too Broke stays at Too Broke' moments; to let the gals & the audience have their fun. Of course, you can always check it out for yourself next year @

Once the Wet T contest is over, then the chilly winner gets the responsibility of pulling the winning 50/50 ticket. This year's prize of \$1402 went to Mikkie! Additional drawings were for a beautiful silver ring donated by [HoggDogs](#), a gift certificate from the Mormon Lake Lodge riding stable, a 1-night cabin stay & breakfast for 2 at MLL {value \$200}, and a 2-night cabin stay & b'fast for 2 at MLL {value \$350}. A new addition to the weekend was the "Don't Be So Broke at Too Broke" cash raffle. The lucky winners were Jim {\$50}, Hoy {\$150}, & Annie {\$300}. Congratulations to all of the winners!

By Saturday night we, along with many of our TBFS volunteer friends were done with duties and ready for fun. Moonshine VooDoo was a perfect band for that! They gave an outstanding show ~ Good sounds, good dancing, good times!

Each morning started at the CMA camp, where there was coffee & hugs a' plenty @ Breakfast was available, with donations appreciated. Sunday morning included a brief worship service for those who wished to attend. CMA {Christian Motorcyclists Association, <http://cmausa.org/>} feeds the body & the soul of the biker community ♥

Tara shared that, "Attendance was great!" with numbers in keeping with recent years. We observed about 28 different organizations representing, along with all the many independent riders.

Tara sent along this note, "I was shocked, then incredibly grateful, to receive the MVP award this year, but I am only one of the number of people involved in putting on the event. There is a group of kick ass folks that meet monthly to bring Too Broke for Sturgis to life. This year the committee included: Nolan Steed, Bob Gumfory, Mary Kay Donnay, Duane 'Disco' Tone, Gynni Giebel, Dawn Parker, and other auxiliary members. Beyond this great team of folks, the event doesn't happen without the support of our volunteers, sponsors, media (including [AriZona Rider Motorcycle News](#)), and vendors. I want to give a shout out to the volunteers, which included a number of members - new and current - from the chapters of ABATE, the Christian Motorcycle Association, and non-members, and sponsors, which included Russ Brown Motorcycle Association, Dirty Dogg Saloon, AZ ATV Adventures, The AIM Team, Tombstone Brewing Company, Law Tigers, Square Peg Promos, Hogg Doggs, MotorcycleSafari.com, and some of our very own ABATE members. We are grateful to all parties for the support ABATE and Too Broke received this year." There was a lot of positive feedback, from attendees & vendors. She continued, "We took a lot of thoughtful risks this year - rearranging the stages, moving the vendors into the arena, and adding a band on Thursday - that proved successful."

It is important to know that [Too Broke for Sturgis](#) would not exist without the support of the [ABATE-AZ](#) membership. Please consider joining your local Chapter. Visit [ABATE-AZ](#) online at <https://abateofaz.org> to learn more.

The date for 2020 hasn't been set yet, but is again expected to be in early June. When the date is announced, we'll share it here in [AZ Rider](#).

Betsy & Bruce

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