

Troll's 3rd annual Memorial Day Run

Benefiting Troll's Teddy Bear Run and Arizona Patriot Guard Riders

For a very hot day, it was a good turnout for the 3rd Annual Memorial Run on Saturday the 27th of May. Sign up started at 7am with KSU at 9am. This year it was hosted by Slaughterhouse WTH Bar on Main in Mesa. They not only welcome bikers, they serve up a killer breakfast too.

Thirty riders showed up plus support personnel to make it an easy ride. Everyone that signed up received a door prize ticket.

A pre-ride meeting was held and a very nice prayer was led by Superstition HOG member Pastor Paul Cousineau, to honor those who have gone before us. Then we lined everyone up and headed out on the first leg of the run to the Veterans Memorial in Fountain Hills. Brina, from Superstition Harley-Davidson, took a great video of everyone leaving. You can check it out on the Troll's Teddy Bear Run facebook page or on the Troll's Biker World Youtube channel.

Everyone arrived at the Veterans Memorial with all their chrome intact. We all got a chance to check it out before heading to Superstition Harley-Davidson for the end of the run. We left Fountain Hills, took Highway 87 up to Bush Highway, then over Usery Pass to University and into Superstition HD.

They were ready for us with Food, an Ice Cream Truck, a Bikini Bike Wash, Trike Races and a bunch of games going on. Everyone put their raffle tickets in the

buckets of the prize baskets they were most interested in and when it seemed time, the drawings began.

In addition to the raffle prizes, there was a 50/50 drawing and there was TTBR support merchandise available.

First were the door prizes of unmentionable value. Then came the killer Gift Basket raffle prize pulls for 10 lucky winners. Shaggy won the 50/50 for \$118. Helen won the best hand and went home with \$100.

With everything, after expenses, \$520 was raised. When Troll tried to present Bill "Wildhorse" Wooster, the State Captain of the Arizona Patriot Guard Riders, with half the proceeds, Wildhorse went on to talk about the support they have been so kind to show Troll's Teddy Bear Run over the years ... and donated it back to the TTBR.

A little background on both causes.

Troll's Teddy Bear Run is a 501c3 non-profit and public charity that raises money to be able to donate new Teddy Bears and stuffed animals to local Family Advocacy Centers, First Responders and Police so that they will have something to give to the children they come in contact with that are in tough situations. They sponsor a few runs every year, the largest being the actual Troll's Teddy Bear Run that is held the first Saturday of December every year. For more information, go to their website or facebook page for the next scheduled event.

Arizona Patriot Guard Riders is also a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization. Their primary mission is their Honor and Memorial Missions. They show and add dignity and respect at memorial and funeral services honoring those Killed in Action/Active Duty Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders, Law Enforcement Officers and honorably discharged Veterans.

The secondary mission is their HOTH program:

This single sentence epitomizes the HOTH program. The Arizona Patriot Guard Riders will show honor and respect by expressing their gratitude to those that served and their families through this program.

Deployment and Welcome homes/Send-offs. Honor Flights. Snowball Express. Christmas Adopt-a-family, educational assistance. Assisting other Veteran Service Organizations with their missions. Community awareness and involvement.

Help on the Homefront is their way of saying "Thank You" to those that served and continue to serve. If you would like more information on them, go to azpgr.org

Sincerely,
TROLL, Founder and Director
of
Trolls Teddy Bear Run
a 501(c)3 Charity Organization

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