

# Troll's Teddy Bear Run # 8

The 8th annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run took place Saturday December 2nd 2023. The morning was clear and chilly and DRY ... a welcome contrast to last year's deluge. Sign-in was at Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction. My thanks to organizer Greg 'Troll' Hughes for his help with this article.

205 riders signing in made it a record-breaking day. Tank the Law Tiger was there to greet and take pictures with everyone.

First Stop was at Wahoo's Restaurant & Bar in Gold Canyon. There they served up a nice breakfast buffet and then donated back a portion of it to Troll's Teddy Bear Run. Very cool!

From there, riders went to "The Gym" in San Tan. Then it was off to the 3rd stop at the Slaughterhouse WTH Bar & Grill in Mesa. It was warming up so much by then that a Bikini Bike Wash was in progress when riders arrived.

Once back at Superstition HD, people anxiously awaited the drawings & announcements. There was a huge number of door prizes, 37 raffle items including some amazing gift baskets, a 50/50 drawing, plus worst hand and best hand prizes. The 50/50, worth \$400, was won by Ronnie B, Nancy M's 'Loser Baby' hand got

her \$100. Best Hand's prize of \$300 went to Normandie, who drew a Club flush. Congratulations to all of the winners! Turns out, it was also Troll's birthday! So there were good wishes and cake shared as well. ☺

Troll relayed that, "With everyone's donations, we collected over 900 stuffed animals for the kids and were able to help out the following Agencies and Organizations: Mesa Family Advocacy Center, Mesa Police Department, Apache Junction Head Start, Pinal County Family Advocacy Center, Maricopa Family Advocacy Center, Chrysalis in Phoenix (noabuse.org), Capacity Builders Inc, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Family Advocacy Center, and Chicanos Por La Causa (shelter and support for DV victims)."

He added "A huge shout out to our sponsors. We could not pull this off without their support, so please support them. Law Tigers Arizona, Extreme Excavation, Leslie Kay's Insurance, Superstition Harley-Davidson, Wahoo's Restaurant & Bar, Superstition Mountain Rotary, AZ Patriot Guard Riders, Troll's Biker World, Biker Business Network, Sand Dome Media, TNC Book Recycling, Embroidery Magic, S&S Activewear, Slaughterhouse WTH Bar and Grill. And

a Great Big Thank You to everyone that participated in this year's TTBR!"

Troll's Teddy Bear Run collects stuffed animals to assist traumatized children. The plushies are carried in the vehicles of Emergency Responders to help a child in need during a crisis. A home fire, auto wreck, domestic violence, or other traumatic situation can be particularly scary for a little one. Sometimes something soft, cuddly, and theirs can help them as they go through their ordeal.

Troll's Teddy Bear Run's status as a qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization means that YOU can now make financial donations to this wonderful cause AND create a tax benefit for yourself or for your business. {Please discuss this option with your tax advisor.} The TTBR website also has merchandise for purchase to support the cause.

Please like and follow the TTBR facebook and TTBR Instagram pages, so you will have access to the latest updates on runs.

Troll's Teddy Bear Run takes place on the first Saturday of December each year. Mark your calendar for December 7, 2024. For more info about Troll's Teddy Bear Run, contact Greg 'Troll' Hughes at 360-451-1795 or [trollsbikerworld@gmail.com](mailto:trollsbikerworld@gmail.com)

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