Troll's Teddy Bear Run

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Congratulations to Troll and his Teddy Bear Run team for a successful day despite Mother Nature really pulling out the stops to try & drown it! Troll's heartfelt thanks go out to everyone that took part in a very soggy 7th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run on Saturday December 3rd.

Braving what became a very wet day, 111 riders signed in at Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction. The first stop was Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar in Gold Canyon where they had a nice breakfast buffet set up for those who were hungry. The 2nd stop was at the River Bottom Bar in Florence. The 3rd stop was at the Gym Grill and Bar in San Tan Valley, before ending up back at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Some took the whole ride and others got as far as breakfast at Wahoo's & headed back to SHD. Either way, Troll and the kids really appreciate you getting out in it for them! Everyone was told they had the option if they got too wet, to go home, get dry, and come back to Superstition Harley-Davidson in their cages by 3pm so they could enjoy the run's end festivities.

Back at SHD, Tank the Law Tiger was there for some fun pictures and helping to hand out the door and raffle prizes. There was a bunch of door prizes handed out plus 24 custom-made gift baskets on the raffle table; offering all sorts of goodies & treats to take home.

The 50/50 drawing added to Mike Grey's pocket by \$235. Curt got \$100 for the Worst Poker Hand, Sharice's 2nd-Best Hand earned her \$200, and Nikki had the Best Hand & collected \$300.

Congratulations to all of the day's winners!

A good time was had by all and no chrome was harmed. (Some got a little dirty though.) To see all the pictures from the event, go to the Troll's Teddy Bear Run Face Book page. They are also up on the Troll's Teddy Bear Run website gallery.

Organizer Greg 'Troll' Hughes posted this message, "A huge THANK YOU to all the folks that volunteered this year at the 7th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run held at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Without you, we could not have pulled it off. Thank you Paul Cousineau Jr. and Denise, Robert Chase and Michelle Oliff, Laura Hershey, Brina Brown, Gary Junker and Tina Junker-Mahrt, Karen Svoboda, Michael Taylor and Rose Sheila Cleary, and AB."

Thanks go out to the TTBR Sponsors: Superstition Harley-Davidson, Law Tigers Arizona, Embroidery Magic, Extreme Excavation, Leslie Kay's Inc [insurance], Superstition Mountain Rotary Club, S&S Activewear, Trolls Biker World, TNC Book Recycling, Wahoo's

Restaurant and Bar, and to Bill Wildhorse and the incredible Patriot Guard Riders of Arizona as a sponsor with their donation of over 150 stuffed animals this year.

People who were unable to attend the event were invited via online announcements to bring their donations over to Superstition HD by Wednesday the 14th.

Folks from 11 agencies & organizations gathered at Superstition Harley-Davidson on the morning of Thursday Dec 15 to divide up 1160 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals from this year's Troll's Teddy Bear Run. For a run that turned out to be very wet, a huge thanks to all that hung in there and made this another successful year.

These plush little critters go to local First Responders and Family Advocacy Centers. They are given to kids when they are caught up in a traumatic situation... a fire, domestic violence, auto wreck, etc. What might seem like such a simple item can be a calming influence in the midst of their ordeal; giving the little ones something to hold on to ~ until their life can return to 'normal'.

The 8th annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run will take place Saturday December 2nd, 2023. It's never too soon to start collecting little bears & plushies for next time.

We hope to see you there!

