

Windsisters' Balls of Steel Ride

The Windsisters of Arizona is a group of women riders who enjoy the freedom of two wheels within the great state of Arizona. There's no membership requirement to join other than you must own and ride your own motorcycle.

When it comes to being 'in the wind' these women DON'T mess around!! Motorcycles may be their first love, but wind is wind... and a group of Windsisters took that to the next level by making a SKYDIVING run to Eloy AZ!

Member Michelle Theis contacted me about their adventure. They had taken a ride to Eloy to watch the skydivers and started talking about doing it themselves. "Once the idea was put out about doing it for [member] Jessica's birthday, it snowballed and we quickly filled up the 12 person limit. For most of the ladies, it was their first jump and yes a 'bucket list' item for at least 10 of us! It also turned out that we had 2 more ladies/jumpers with birthdays on the same jump date. Some ladies (like myself) were dared into doing it - 'I'll do it if you do it' - lol."

Jump Day was Saturday March 14, 2020. Meet up was in Gilbert to ride the

backroads to Eloy and the Skydive Arizona jump facility. There were about 25 bikes plus several chase cars. A few sisters rode up from Tucson to Eloy to support the jumpers as well.

Not enough to simply jump out of a perfectly good airplane at 13,000 feet ... these gals chose to do it with their own flair & style. They decided to all wear onesies. ☺ There was Supergirl, Wonder Woman, a Power Ranger, 2 unicorns, Ms Captain America, a pig, a butterfly, a shark, and a few others.

Michelle estimated they had a total of about 35-40 supporters at the Skydiving place; Windsisters, spouses, partners. Their jump was scheduled for about 5pm; but they arrived early, about 1:30. They ate lunch at the Bent Prop, enjoyed the beautiful day & each other's company, hung out on the lawn, & watched the other skydivers come down. "We were the last jumpers of the day and the sun was beginning to go down - it was beautiful. We could hear the cheers of our supporters as we came in for landing."

After landing, the jumpers received a 'First Jump' certificate from Skydive AZ.

The group had a ceremony where each jumper received their 'balls of steel' pin; plus a Windsister also made them 'balls of steel' necklaces. They finished the day with happy birthday and a skydiving cake. It was dark by the time they headed home.

There are Windsisters statewide; including Prescott, White Mountains, & Tucson in addition to here in the Valley of the Sun. Michelle explained that the group is only 2 years old but already has over 400 members because they do so much riding, including weekend trips. If anyone wants to join Windsisters of AZ, the group can be found on Facebook. She sent along, "Again, we do a lot of riding - at least one organized ride a month and countless 'shout out' rides. Most rides are ladies only but we occasionally have a co-ed ride and include the hubbies. Our rides focus on safety and fun!"

Sounds like this was a crazy fun time! My thanks to Michelle for working with me to share the story!

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