

Christmas Wrap

The River Riders MC 40th Annual Toy Run took place on **December 3, 2023**. This is one of the longest-running Toy Runs in Arizona. Riders gathered at The Pirate's Den in Parker. From there, riders traveled Highway 95 to McCulloch Blvd in Lake Havasu City for a street party. Toys stayed local to help the kids. The New Horizons Center was beneficiary of the beer garden proceeds.

The River Riders MC posted to their facebook page, "A HUGE Thank you to all who came out and participated in our 40th Annual Toy Run! What a perfect day for a ride to share some Christmas joy for the children of Lake Havasu City! May you all have a joyous and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" They also shared, "Our ties to the community include hosting one of the oldest and largest toy runs in Mohave County, if not in Arizona. Our toy run includes over 1,800 bikes and 5,000 Community friends they gather in downtown Lake Havasu City for friendship, food, music and drink. It is a sight to see the amount of support and the

giving of a toy for a child from the bottom of our hearts the River Riders MC thanks every friend for attending."

Photographer Rick Powell of RicPOW Photography shared some great photos on the [River Riders MC facebook page](#). There are also some videos there, to see more of the fun. Check out [this one from Mohave Mortgage PLUs](#) two additional from [TheTrampsWorld youtube channel](#). Part 1 is [the gathering at The Pirate's Den](#) and then part 2 is from [the party in LHC](#).

Established in 1976, the River Riders MC is one of the oldest clubs founded in Arizona. For more information visit [riverridersmc.com](#).

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The Yuma HOG Chapter hosted its 35th annual Toy Run on **December 9, 2023**. Sign-in was at [Bobby's Territorial H-D on Gila Ridge Road in Yuma](#), to support the children of Yuma County and brighten their Christmas. Yuma HOG Chapter President Reynold Jerome III shared, "Thank you all for your support at the Yuma



HOG 35th Annual Toy Run. 474 toys were donated to the Salvation Army. 27 handmade Doll houses were donated. The motorcycle community really comes together for the kids in Yuma County. Thank you."

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The 21st Annual [Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run/ Drive](#) took place on **December 9, 2023** at the Moose Lodge in Star Valley. This event has served the Rim Country for more than 20 Years. It is A Community Service Initiative of Greater Payson Moose Lodge #852.

From the [barbiestoydrive.com](#) blog, "Despite a day full of events all over Payson

and surrounding communities, there was a tremendous turn-out for this year's Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Drive.

"For more than 2 decades the Greater Payson Moose Lodge #852 in Star Valley has been responsible for creating the lists, checking them twice, and distributing the toys and gifts collected to families in need at Christmas time. In the past, the toys were collected by the [High Country Chapter of ABATE of Arizona](#) but that chapter has moved to Show Low where they already have a toy drive to manage. So this year, the Moose Lodge was also responsible for collecting the toys, and with a lot of help from the

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community, was able to do a fantastic job!

"Between the music, the wonderful spaghetti dinner provided by the Moose Lodge, a lively bar, and dozens of friends that only seem to meet at the toy drive each year, it was definitely a party atmosphere. Fund raising consisted of raffle prizes, a silent auction for donated artwork, jewelry, festive baskets and even services, a LIVE auction for a gift Certificate from Gila Hogs that raised \$400 all by itself, a \$600 Golf Package that was raffled, 50/50 drawing, and donations, the event raised a little over \$5,000. This amount, added to earlier fund raising efforts by the Moose Lodge, brought the total to just under \$8,000 and, at last count, with a couple of toy boxes still needing to be picked up, there were about

22 large moving boxes overflowing with toys and gifts to help out Rim Country families this Christmas.

"It is truly wonderful to live in a community where so many give so much to make sure everyone has a Merry Christmas."

The 2023 Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Drive directly helped 347 Children in Rim Country, plus 258 others including area Seniors and the Angel Tree in Payson for a total of 605 who were able to enjoy a better Christmas thanks to the generosity of you who supported this event.

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The [Desert Road Riders MC](#) hosted the 33rd annual Kingman Toy Run with Hooch's Kingman Grille on **December 10,**

2023. Hooch's Kingman announced, "This was all possible thanks to the Desert Road Riders Motorcycle Club and all the other Arizona clubs that come and supported this awesome yearly event. This Year over 1000 children received a gift from Santa!"

The Desert Road Riders MC began 30+ years ago in Bullhead City, AZ.

The efforts of the DRRMC help to bring a better Christmas to the children of Kingman, Chloride, Dolan

Springs, and the surrounding areas.

[Learn more about the Desert Road Riders MC via their webpage.](#)

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Congratulations and Thank You to all of the many organizations statewide that host events large and small during the Holiday Season in support of their Communities!

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