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This year's sign-in took place at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, 15656 N Hayden Rd from 9-11am. Breakfast, donated by HDoS, was included in the registration fee. This was a self-paced ride, so once you were ready to roll the only thing to keep in mind was being at the last stop by 2pm.

The ride headed west this year, with stops at Connolly's Sports Grill in Phoenix, Beaver Bar & Grill in Phoenix, and last stop at Desert Rose Pizza in Glendale for the end party.

More than 200 people participated in this event.

The head count comes from meal tickets being turned in at the last stop for the lunch that was also part of the entry fee. Many people come out to take the ride & make their donation, but don't claim the meal. {Fewer meal tickets redeemed means less money paid out & deducted from the donations collected.}

The band Skarlett Fever entertained ~ and donated their time to the cause... How cool is THAT?! Brat relayed, "There was a 50/50 and tons of raffle prizes that were donated."

This was a 'family-friendly' event. According to Sue, "There were several kids riding with their parents and the Marine who volunteered with us that day also brought his wife and family to see Santa at the registration. Rick Black always steps up and plays Santa for us and at other events across the Valley."

The Marines Toys for Tots received from this event, "approximately 12 large toy boxes filled; plus a truck load of toys that were donated a few weeks later by a private donor living in Fountain Hills."

Sponsors of this event were Chuck Franklin Law, Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, Connolly's Sports Bar, The Beaver Bar, & MobileAccountantAZ.

As founder & organizer of this event, Brat sent along this message, "As always I could never do this without the total and unwavering support of the sponsors and the riders but also a huge special thanks to Missy Hughes and Amy Rose Aho of Two Gals Event Planning."

Thank you Sue 'Brat' Ashe, for your help with this report. Congratulations on another successful event!

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Happy Anniversary in January to.....
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October 15, 2016 ... The Reason Riders Association concluded their inaugural Blanket Drive for Homeless Veterans. From September 1st until October 15, blankets and cash donations could be dropped off at Arrowhead HD, St Nick's Tavern, Charley's Place, Timmy Tees Shirt Shop, & the VFW on Purdue Ave. Online donations were also being received via the Reason Riders website, <http://reasonriders.com/>. More than 350 blankets were collected.

We got this wrap up from RRA President Bishop, "Operation Marshmallow" is the organization that we contracted with to do the delivery to the homeless Vets. Many blankets have already been given out in the city parks around the Phoenix area and on street corners. At least a hundred have been

set aside to distribute to the homeless at the upcoming Arizona Stand Down. The hand-made blankets and afghans that were donated have been rolled up, wrapped, and covered in patriotic ribbon. They were then given out as honors to disabled Viet Nam Veterans and to the Parents of deployed children. We did receive donations from all over the country. The U.S Military Vets MC (Wild West Chapter) came through with more than 100 blankets and set up the relationship for us to be able to partner with Harbor Freight and Tools, who graciously sold us the high quality quilted waterproof blankets at a considerable discounted price. That allowed our donated money to go much farther than buying at full retail prices. We are extremely grateful for that. The New Founders of Freedom also held a special ceremony to donate to the Bikers for Blankets Drive and hosted a great party to present the donation to us. Many online outlets picked up the story and helped spread the word as well. It was a true showing of charity where help was needed. We hope that next year we can repeat the success of the inaugural event and make a staying presence in the State."

Learn more about the Reason Riders Association via their webpage at <http://reasonriders.com/>. Follow them on Facebook at [ReasonRiders/](https://www.facebook.com/ReasonRiders/)
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November 28, 2016 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V854000... Summary: KTM North America, Inc. (KTM) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 1290 Super Adventure motorcycles manufactured December 1, 2014 - March 10, 2016, and 2013-2016 1190 Adventure and Adventure R motorcycles manufactured November 20, 2012 - April 25, 2016.

Wiring Harness could Fray and Brake Line may Melt. In the affected vehicles, the wiring harness can fray and contact the ABS modulator. If the brake line is electrically conductive, the brake line may overheat and melt. If the brake line melts, brake failure may result, increasing the risk of a crash. Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,812.

Remedy: KTM will notify owners, and dealers will re-position the wiring harness for the electronic control unit, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact KTM customer service at 1-888-985-6090.

Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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December 3 ... Congratulations to newly patched member of the Reason Riders Association "Jamming" (Roger Reeves). He was getting his patches sewn on during the Arizona Biker Leathers Anniversary Party. RRA President Bishop shared, "he is a long time Valley rider and has become an invaluable resource to our association."

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December 6, 2016 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V877000. Summary: Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain model year 2014-2017 Chief Classic, Chief Dark Horse, Vintage, Chieftain, Chieftain Dark Horse, Springfield and Roadmaster motorcycles manufactured April 15, 2013, to July 15, 2016.

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Does a person have the right to film police officers in public? Despite clear precedent, the MPP has received the inquiry many times. This is a particularly relevant question relating to developing a "pattern of evidence" that proves motorcycle profiling is occurring. Indeed, video of police profiling motorcyclists was critical to passing the law addressing motorcycle profiling in both Washington State and Maryland.

As Americans, we should all be able to agree that the right to be present in a public place and gather information about an ongoing public concern is fundamental to a free society. This is the essence of political expression, political speech, and a free press, particularly when discussing issues of government accountability.

To deny the right to gather information in a public space would deprive the public knowledge about government abuses. Without this knowledge there is no impetus for advancing police accountability.

A LEGAL OPINION-SIMPLE AND CONCISE

Millie Thompson, an attorney from Austin involved in both the criminal and civil proceedings stemming from the Waco tragedy that occurred on May 17, 2015, recently discussed the issue on social media. Thompson writes:

For those of you who don't know:

We have co-equal rights to 1) be present in a public place, 2) gather information on a matter of public concern, and 3) speak on a matter of public concern. Police officers – as public officials and

agents of the government – are by definition a matter of public concern.

We therefore have the right to film them.

This is not a privilege.

It is a Constitutional right. Period.

Filming the police may not be something you would consider doing. You may also not be the type of grab a picket sign and take to the streets to protest something.

Pick a topic about which you are passionate – whatever it is – it doesn't have to be something I agree with.

Are you passionate about pro-life? Are you passionate about supporting the troops? Or 'backing the blue?' Pick a topic that you believe in. The people who support that issue have the same rights as those who disagree with you. Remember do unto others?

You don't have to agree with a person's agenda to defend their First Amendment rights around that agenda.

Why defend it? Because it may be you in the future who wants to speak about an issue. Or – it may be you who wants to gather information about government actors so that you have something interesting to say when you do speak.

Do you believe in government accountability? Don't people need to know what the government is doing in order to hold them accountable?

WHAT DO THE COURTS SAY?

The right to express information relating to an ongoing public concern often frames discussions concerning the 1st Amendment. Less commonly understood is the equally fundamental right to gather that information. Moreover, in an era of cell phone videos and social media the courts have granted individual citizens the same fundamental right to gather information in public as it has traditionally afforded the credentialed press.

In *Buehler v. City of Austin* (2014), the federal

court concludes that the right to film the police in public derives from "foundational and long-standing principles of constitutional law."

"A private citizen has the right to assemble in a public forum, receive information on a matter of public concern—such as police officers performing their official duties—and to record that information for the purpose of conveying that information."

A WORD OF CAUTION

Despite the fundamental right to record the police, caution is in order. The right is not absolute and without limits. When filming police take care not to break the law or interfere with an officer's ability to do their jobs.

"[N]either the First Amendment right to receive speech nor the First Amendment right to gather news is absolute." Davis v. E. Baton Rouge Parish Sch. Bd., 78 F.3d 920, 928 (5th Cir. 1996). An individual is not permitted to break the law in the process of filming the police in public. For example, an individual cannot interfere with the police's ability to do their job. "Thus, to the extent that an individual, in exercising his First Amendment right to film police officers as they execute their official duties, violates a valid criminal law, he cannot plausibly argue that his First Amendment right acts as a shield that protects him from criminal liability."

Source: Buehler v. City of Austin et al., IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION, MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER, Case A-13-CV-1100 ML, 7/24/2014

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Editors Column ...

Happy New Year AriZona Riders!

Well, now that the Holiday hubbub had settled down, it's time to start planning your new season of rides & activities. Where are you gonna go this year? Our calendar is already starting to fill. Event planners ~ get your gatherings posted.

Coming up RIGHT around the corner is Arizona Bike Week. It's hard to believe, but it'll be here sooner than you think. Camping?

Daytrips? Rides? Music? Shopping? There's something for everyone.

I believe that the 'Christmas Wrap' is one of my favorite issues to put together. I've always loved bragging on the biker community for the good stuff the various organizations do throughout the year. But when the Holidays come around, everything converges into a run-fest of joyfulness!

I appreciate the wonderful feedback & tidings from so many event organizers this time 'round. I realize that during the Holidays with everyone having so much going on in their lives that a request from me for one more deadline can be a real pain in the neck ☹ So, my thanks to each of you for your participation.

Our cover photo came from our trip to the Arizona Biker Leathers Anniversary Party. You can read about it on page 13.

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BOB'S BIKER BLAST



Temps were in the 70's for the morning ride out. It was a great ride on a perfect day ~ with clear sky, a cool breeze, & no chem-trails as we made our way to Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, located at 15656 N Hayden Rd in Scottsdale, for Bob's Biker Blast. This was their 5th annual event, held in support of Phoenix Children's Hospital on November 5, 2016. It is a combined effort, co-sponsored by HDoS and GO AZ Motorcycles in Scottsdale and Peoria, along with entrepreneur and philanthropist Bob Parsons.

Vendor booths were set up outside the service area, manned with reps & distributors for Kuryakyn, Vance & Hines, Progressive Suspension, Performance Machine, & Everything LED. Specials were being offered in the Service Department for this weekend.

There was a lot of activity at HDoS, with a good looking turnout of people ~ even before the PCH Ride arrived. We met up with people we hadn't seen in a while, which is a bonus of these large-scale parties... You often get to re-acquaint with old friends, along with meeting new ones. There were numerous organizations represented along with a houseful of independent riders.

Bug Hall, of the Discovery Channel mini-series "Harley & the Davidsons" was available for photo ops & autographs. The Arizona Cardinals Cheerleaders were there as well. And of course who would pass up the shopping opportunities at the "World's Largest H-D Dealership"?

Some 500 riders made the self-paced "I Ride For PCH" run from Phoenix Children's Hospital in Phoenix to HDoS. The entry fee included lunch, a commemorative bandana, a gift bag, & more.

We took a stroll over to the concert venue. There was a crew working to get everything ready for the anticipated crowd. The stage was flanked by VIP

seating areas, rows of picnic tables were set up for dining, bleachers were set up closer to the stage, there was a covered open-air bar with couches & big-screen TVs for watching the concert. Food vendors 'Up in Smoke BBQ' and 'Sweet Things' were joined by stations with plenty of refreshing adult beverages including Jack Daniels & Miller Lite. There was plenty of clear space stage-front for dancing. Big screens to either side of the stage would transmit images from the stage for the people further back in the audience.

If you had a motorcycle endorsement, entry to the concert was free for you and your passenger. An estimated crowd of 8,000 motorcyclists and music fans gathered to see country artists Montgomery Gentry, Craig Morgan, and Kellie Pickler perform.

Lisa Cyr of FX Promotions sent along this statement, "Mr. Parsons holds this event each year with two goals in mind. To raise funds for Phoenix Children's Hospital and to throw a free party for the entire riding community. Obviously those two goals are a little challenging to achieve in conjunction with each other. Where do the proceeds come from if you're letting everyone with a motorcycle endorsement into the concert for free? The ride from PCH generates some revenue, as does food and beverage sales and there are proceeds from ticket sales to non-riders and for the VIP Decks, as well as additional cash donations made at the gate. But the bulk of the donation each year comes from the Bob and Renee Parsons Foundation. That's right, Bob not only foots the bill for all the expenses associated with putting on Bob's Biker Blast, he also puts up the majority of the huge check presented to PCH. This year that check was \$250k! About \$180k of that check came from the Parsons Foundation.

"FX Promotions is tremendously honored to

have been a part of Bob's Biker Blast since its inaugural event in 2012. We look forward each year to working with the great folks in Mr. Parsons organization to make each Bob's Biker Blast bigger and better."

It is inspiring & heartwarming to observe that such wealthy people as Bob Parsons & his wife Renee are willing to dedicate themselves so deeply in their community, on behalf of numerous causes. You can learn more about The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation via the website <https://www.tbrpf.org/>

There was SO MUCH positive feedback about this event. Bob Parsons and his team have hosted another rousing success. We're glad we could be there.

Betsy & Bruce

*Add'l check presentation photo from
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PS: The only negative for the day, centered on the daytime band performing on the HDoS patio... The Big Swing Band, based out of Atlanta, is a very talented collection of musicians. But, they REALLY messed up. Who in their right mind would ever think that it is okay to use the Star Spangled Banner as part of a *sound check*?

In our opinion, it was too disrespectful for words. People in the area of the bandstand were conversing, as is expected... When they realized our National Anthem was being performed they started to stand, take off their hats, put their hands over their hearts... All the things a patriotic person does. Let us say, it was a very "individualized" rendition of the Anthem... But people were showing respect all the same. And then they cut the Anthem off part way through & continued on with another song for their sound check. *Unf'kingbelievable!*



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Troll's Teddy Bear Poker Run

Troll's Teddy Bear Poker Run was held on December 4, 2016 to benefit the "Mesa Family Advocacy Center". Sign-in was at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson in Mesa. 53 people came out in support. Thank you Troll, for sending along this information. This self-paced ride was about 127 miles. Troll described the stops... "1st Stop was Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar in Gold Canyon. Lisa & Stan Fairbanks and their staff were ready for us, served everyone breakfast in record time, and even donated \$500 to the cause! 2nd Stop was River Bottom Bar & Grill in Florence. Nikki had everyone ready to go as usual. 3rd Stop was Momma Juggs in Coolidge. Stacey was wonderful as is her cool little bar. 4th & final stop was Brick & Barley 'A Neighborhood Bar' in Tempe. AJ and her staff were ready for all of us and was fantastic as usual."

The Winner of the 50/50 was Eric Huynh. He donated it all back to the cause. The Winner with the worst hand was Mark Christofferson. He gave back half to the cause. The big Winner with best hand was Steve Ertz; who also gave back half to the cause.

The Teddy Bears are given to First Responders in Mesa so when they come upon a scene where a child has been traumatized, they can give them a Teddy Bear so they have something soft and cuddly to hang onto as they go through their ordeal. It is a huge help when it comes to calming them down and it gives them a sense of security until their life can get back to normal. Mesa Family Advocacy Center takes care of women and children as they come out of bad situations in their lives and help them have a safe place to regroup and start over.

This event benefits Mesa Family Advocacy Cen-

ter & Mesa First Responders. They will split up the bears. The cash is donated to MCPAAA (Mesa Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association). They in turn get the Mesa Family Advocacy Center what it needs.

Troll added this note, "I would like to thank all the folks that came out to support this run. It was for a great cause and I look forward to hosting the 2nd Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run on the first Sunday in December in 2017."

We heard afterwards from Andreean at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson that the final count from this event was 300 bears plus \$1220.

Nice job!

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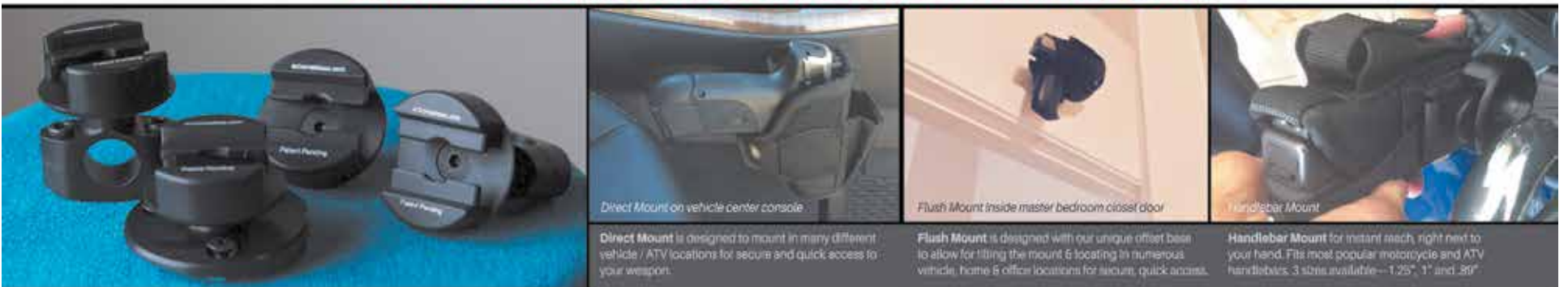
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Nomaden MC Toy Run & Sleigh Ride



In southern Arizona, the Nomaden MC have been supporting their community through their Christmas Spirit for the past 28 years. We appreciate the opportunity to share news of this undertaking. Thank you to NMC member Rocky and NMC Secretary Buffalo Fred, for your help with this story.

This fundraiser is a two-part process. The entire event is Family-Friendly.

The Toy Run takes place in October, this year on the 8th. It is a party at the Clubhouse in Huachuca City from noon – 6pm. There's no ride. They want everyone at the clubhouse having fun. Fred explained, "For our Toy Drive we try to present to the community a less chaotic and casual side of the Nomaden MC and bikers in general. We try to provide a charity for a good cause that allows the local community to see and interact with all bikers and enjoy a day together." We're told that this is the main event in order to collect toys & money for the families. Money goes to buy clothing and toys that weren't collected but were on the children's wish lists.

There are kids games, face painting, vendors, raffles, silent auction, & door prizes. In addition, two Jumpy castles, a dunk tank, popcorn and ice-slusshy machines were provided by event sponsor Dustin Garza, Manager of High Jump Party Rentals. Music was by the band 'Nightlife', a local band with a good following. Gary, the owner of the Outlaw Saloon in Tucson, sponsored the performance.

Those families who want help, fill out an application. Fred shared, "We accepted applications from the citizens within Cochise County, The Forgach House (Woman's Shelter), Habitat for Humanity, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) ~ a Vets organization who passed along names of

off-base military families in need, Giving Tree, and the Carmichael Elementary School for underprivileged families. Our efforts were discussed & approved through the Huachuca City Council and the Joint Services Committee Board, Chamber of Commerce for the Greater Sierra Vista Area."

There were 44 volunteers helping out that day... "15 Club Patch Members, 11 Ole Ladies, 3 Nomaden Family Members, 6 close Nomaden Friends, 6 members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) Auxiliary and 3 Soldier volunteers. Many of the friends and volunteers included their family members to help support this charity event."

Rocky filled in, "The Wednesday prior to the Sleigh Ride (when the toys are delivered to the families), the club gets together and wraps the toys, separates them by family, and gets things ready to deliver." The Sunday of the run, we have a volunteer Santa that rides with us. He and his helper distribute candy canes to all the kids and we present the gifts to the parent(s). They put them under a tree. If they do not have a tree, we will try to obtain one for them."

This year's Sleigh Ride took place on Sunday December 18. According to Fred, "We collected Toys, Christmas Trees, clothing, and food items. We pitched in with countless hours of family time and many road miles looking for sponsors and talking with potential beneficiaries. This year's sleigh ride provided 18 needy families/44 children with toys, clothing, Christmas decorations, and food items to celebrate the Christmas holiday. Most of us donated funds and gifts to help make sure that we had enough to provide to those families. As far as we are concerned, the giving of ourselves and providing for our community during the Christmas time of year is

priceless to us."

We learned, "There were 23 participants for the Sleigh Ride... 12 Club Patch Members, 8 Ole Ladies, and 3 Nomaden Family Members who were the photographer, Santa, and an Elf. Santa's truck was the sleigh (in Nomaden colors of course)."

The Nomaden MC would like to thank, "a few of our extraordinary regular sponsors: Gary of Outlaw Saloon (Tucson), Jim Goad of Mr. Shed (Huachuca City - HC), Ms. Patricia Stanphill (Bouse AZ), Sulfur Springs Electric Co-Op (SSVEC) (Sierra Vista - SV), Dustin Garza of High Jump Party Rentals (SV), Second Amendment Family Gun Shop (SV), Trapper Jon's (SV), Phillips Eye Care (SV), Primo Vaper (SV), Ron Hoffman of RV City (HC), Town of Huachuca City (Mayor and Council, Fire Dept., Police Dept., and Public Works Dept.), and Soldier volunteers: SSG Scott Ness, SSG Matt Young, SSG Susan Parker, and their families."

Fred concluded by expressing, "This event is the one charity event that the Nomaden MC Brothers hold annually to give our support for the community during the Christmas season. 2016 is the 28th year we have sponsored this wonderful event to help our local community. We are blessed to be able to help a few that are truly in need of our support. Our success not only shows our efforts and hard work but how much the Sponsors, local citizens, and bikers care throughout Cochise County."

Thank you again for sharing your story. This is a commendable effort & we are so glad to be able to recognize Nomaden MC here. Kudos!

Betsy & Bruce


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Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run

Story & photos by Woody Phillips – Strawberry, AZ

Saturday, Dec 10, 2016 the High Country Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona held their 14th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run to collect toys and clothing for local families in need this Christmas. The run, started 14 years ago by Payson resident and A.B.A.T.E member Barbie Hensler, was named in her honor shortly after her unexpected death on Dec 6, 2010.

Barbie would have been proud of the turn-out this year at the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson which collected hundreds of toys which will be distributed by The Women of the Moose at Moose Lodge # 852 in Star Valley. The families benefiting are located from Tonto Basin to Strawberry, and everywhere in between. In addition, to facilitate any special needs and to make sure each family has a Christmas dinner to go with the toys, the High Country Chapter also raised \$2,200 which the Moose Lodge will use exclusively for those needy families. This year's efforts will help 70 families, with over 160 children, enjoy a merrier Christmas.

"CC" Ransom of Strawberry was the chapter's Event Coordinator and has been working since October "to make sure every child in need gets at least one toy this Christmas". She was not alone, however as numerous volunteers, including the Rim Country District of the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona and a wide collection of Rim Country and Tonto Basin volunteers, many who do not ride, all joined together with the A.B.A.T.E. bikers to make this a magical Christmas for as many as possible.

Four truckloads of toys were collected. Toy collection boxes were made available at many area businesses including HB's Place and Sidewinders Tavern & Grill in Pine; The Spur Bar in Star Valley,



El Rancho and the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson, Jake's Corner, and Punkin Center Bar and the Butcher Hook complex in Tonto Basin.

The main event was hosted by the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson and featured music by Plum Crazy. Raffle and door prizes were given away, a silent auction was held, and a 50/50 drawing yielded over \$100 to the winner, Woody, who then donated the whole wad to the kids.

There was also a 'Zero Miles' poker run. Players pay to "ride" (except there is no ride) and draw 5 cards just like on a regular poker run. Don't like your hand? Pay to "ride" again. These are great when the weather turns evil, or it is just too darn cold. The run's winner was Bobbie, a waitress at Buffalo Grill. She collected a \$100 prize & donated it to the cause as well. The Buffalo Bar supplied the band and plenty of great eats and "holiday cheer".

In total, there were probably 50 or 60 volunteers that participated at some level in making this event a success. Not to mention the numerous silent auction and raffle items donated to help with the fundraising.

"Honestly, there are far too many people to thank. It is so wonderful to live in an area where everyone is willing to dig deep to help their neighbor," said Ms. Ransom.

Special thanks goes to The Women of the Moose who will sort, wrap, check their lists at least twice, and ensure that 100% of the proceeds go to the children and families that really need it the most.

"CC" would also like to thank the following individuals and organizations that made this event possible: Sue Malinski – Western Village; Robert of Payson Jewelers; Craig Triphahn – Sawmill Theaters; A New Ewe – Payson; Fossil Creek Creamery – Strawberry; Barbara and

Darwin Huber; Nancy Hubbs; Jenny Turner & Dave Anderson; Traci Scanlon; Mark Fickel; Mary Kay Donnay; Harley, Tanya and all the patrons & staff at Punkin Center – Tonto Basin; The staff and patrons of Butcher Hook – Tonto Basin; Everyone at Jake's Corner; HB's Place – Pine; Ponderosa Market – Pine; Maher Hazine of Sidewinder's Tavern & Grill – Pine; Thomas & Cheryl Piazza; Blaine, Chris, Joann and Phanie of KRIM FM – Payson; El Rancho Restaurant – Payson; Michael Shanahan; Susie and the staff and patrons of The Spur Bar – Star Valley; Pour House – Star Valley; Old County Inn- Pine; Old Bastards MC; Mike and the incredible staff at the Buffalo Bar & Grill Payson; and of course, the many ABATE and MMA Members who turned out to support this fantastic cause.

Thank you all so much. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous, and joyous New Year.

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Arizona Biker Leathers 14th Anniversary Party

Arizona Biker Leathers hosted their 14th Anniversary Party & Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday December 3rd, 2016. This is their annual gathering to thank their patrons for all their support over the years.

What an awesome turnout! Riders were parking in the adjacent lot plus some even across the street. Traffic was a continuous flow of riders arriving & departing. That's good 'cause I'm unsure how that would've worked out if everyone was there at the same time ~ lol! Ann estimates about 700 people came by throughout the day.

We observed 29 different Organizations represented, PLUS all the Independent riders. The turnout of all these different people is a positive testimony about Ann & George and the good reputation they've built over the years.

There were 21 vendors set up.... Offering a variety of goods & services.... Legal referrals, a realtor, support merchandise & information from several organizations, accessories ~ for bike & bod ☺, apparel, cigars, frozen treats, jewelry, knives, tattoos, trinkets, & more.

Free food & beverages are provided, served up by Chuck, Charles, Lil Charles and Freddy Four

Fingers. Ann says, "They're a great group of guys. They look forward to this every year for us."

Inside the store, Dirty Old Man & George were busy, Busy, BUSY in the stitching area. It looked pretty much non-stop. George Jr & Amber were handling the checkout station. Ann was busy keeping track of it all. After these many years, they've created what looks like a very smooth system.

Music again this year was provided by DJ Charley Farley of Karaoke Express. He & his wife Joanne have brought the music for this party for 10 years now.

The raffles at the end of the day always include some really great items.... There was a table full of goodies. Leather goods, tees, denim vests, bandanas, & accessories, kids trikes, bicycles, ... and a 50-inch RCA LED FULL HDTV. Wow ~ that's something to go under the tree, eh? Congratulations to all the winners.

Ann forwarded this message, "From all of us here at Arizona Biker Leathers we want to send out a huge Thank You for all your support and help celebrating our 14th Customer Appreciation Day Saturday. What a great turn out. Loved seeing everyone. Thank you Charlie Farley and wife Joanne for another year with great music for the crowd. Thank

you to the guys on the grill Charles, Chuck, Little Charles and Freddy for keeping everyone fed and happy. Thank you Leigh and Crystal on raffle tickets, great job ladies. What great support from all the Vendors, Thank you Bob with Law Tigers, Kenny Cupp, Brett and Mike with Peak Performance Real Estate, Rosie with Breyer Law, Huns MC, M&M Cycles, Riderz Gear, PGR, Metal Works, Combat Dolls, Wolfskin Tattoo, Bling Biker, Ruff Ryderz, HA Nomads and Cave Creek, CMA, T.C. Comer and Kevin Shaved Ice. Thank you to our advertizers Kelly and staff with Biker Information Guide and Bruce and Betsy with AZ Rider Motorcycle News for keeping everyone informed with what is going on and what is coming up. Again from all of us here at Arizona Biker Leathers, Thank you for 14 Great Years. Merry Christmas. Love you all."

Arizona Biker Leathers is located at 13833 N. 19th Ave in Phoenix, AZ 85023. You can also visit them online at <http://arizonabikerleathers.com/> or follow them on Facebook at [arizonabikerleathers/](https://www.facebook.com/arizonabikerleathers/). Any questions? Give 'em a call at 602-843-5847.

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Community News

December 6, 2016 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V878000. Summary: Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. (Suzuki) is recalling certain model year 2012-2016 DL650 motorcycles manufactured August 30, 2011 - October 12, 2015.

Alternator may not Charge Battery. In the affected motorcycles, the alternator stator may have insufficient heat resistance, resulting in a short circuit of the stator wires. A short circuit of the stator wires may prevent the battery from properly charging, causing an engine stall and increasing the risk of a crash.

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8,613.

Remedy: Suzuki will notify owners, and dealers will replace the stator, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2016. Owners may contact Suzuki customer service at 1-714-572-1490. Suzuki's number for this recall is 2A67.

Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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December 12, 2016 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V892000. Summary: Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain model year 2015 XC155F SMAX scooters manufactured September 17, 2014 - October 27, 2015.

Speed Sensor Wire may Break. The affected motorcycles may have an insufficiently clamped speed sensor lead wire, causing the wire to fatigue and break. If the speed sensor wire breaks, the speedometer will not work, increasing the risk of a crash. Potential Number of Units Affected 2,640.

Remedy: Yamaha will notify owners, and dealers will replace the speed sensor assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2017. Owners may contact Yamaha customer service at 1-800-962-7926. Yamaha's number for this recall is 990111.

Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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December 12, 2016 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V891000. Summary: Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Ducati Scrambler motorcycles manufactured February 17, 2015 -November 11, 2016.

Side Stand Pivot Bolt Nut may Detach. The affected vehicles have a side stand pivot nut that can detach, potentially causing the side stand position sensor to no longer function properly. If the side stand position sensor does not function properly, the engine may stall, or the motorcycle may be ridden while the stand is still down. Either scenario increases the risk of a crash.

Potential Number of Units Affected 5,502.

Remedy: Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will replace the side stand pivot bolt, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 23, 2017. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-800-231-6696. Ducati's number for this recall is SRV-RCL-16-004.

Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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December 2016 ... Homeless Veterans Camp ~ update ... Early in December we were telling you, via our Facebook page, about an encampment of homeless Veterans set up in the river bottom near the Tempe/Mesa border.

First we want to share is that the 'Call to Action' asking for donations was extremely helpful! Robert has transported truckloads of goods & food to the camp.

Another critical piece of good news is that rather than EVICTING these people ~ which was the

original plan.... The Governor's Office, ADOT, and the VA are getting together after the first of this year to figure out a good place to relocate the camp. So, they got a reprieve to stay put through the end of the year {2016}. On top of THAT, we learned from Robert on December 23 that the state of Arizona in coordination with the VA, had just delivered portions & they were working on bringing in a water truck to support the camp. Outstanding!

The people staying in this camp are caring for their surroundings. They have repeatedly filled huge roll-away dumpsters with trash from the river bottom. The area is kept neat & tidy. This is a drug & alcohol-free zone.

When homeless Vets find the safety and security of this camp, it gives them the opportunity to seek support from the VA representatives and focus on finding a job & help rather than their next meal.

Numerous people have 'graduated' from the camp; they've found jobs and more traditional homes. They, in turn, are doing what they can to guide homeless Vets to the camp, support the camp, and bring awareness to the issue of our homeless Veterans.

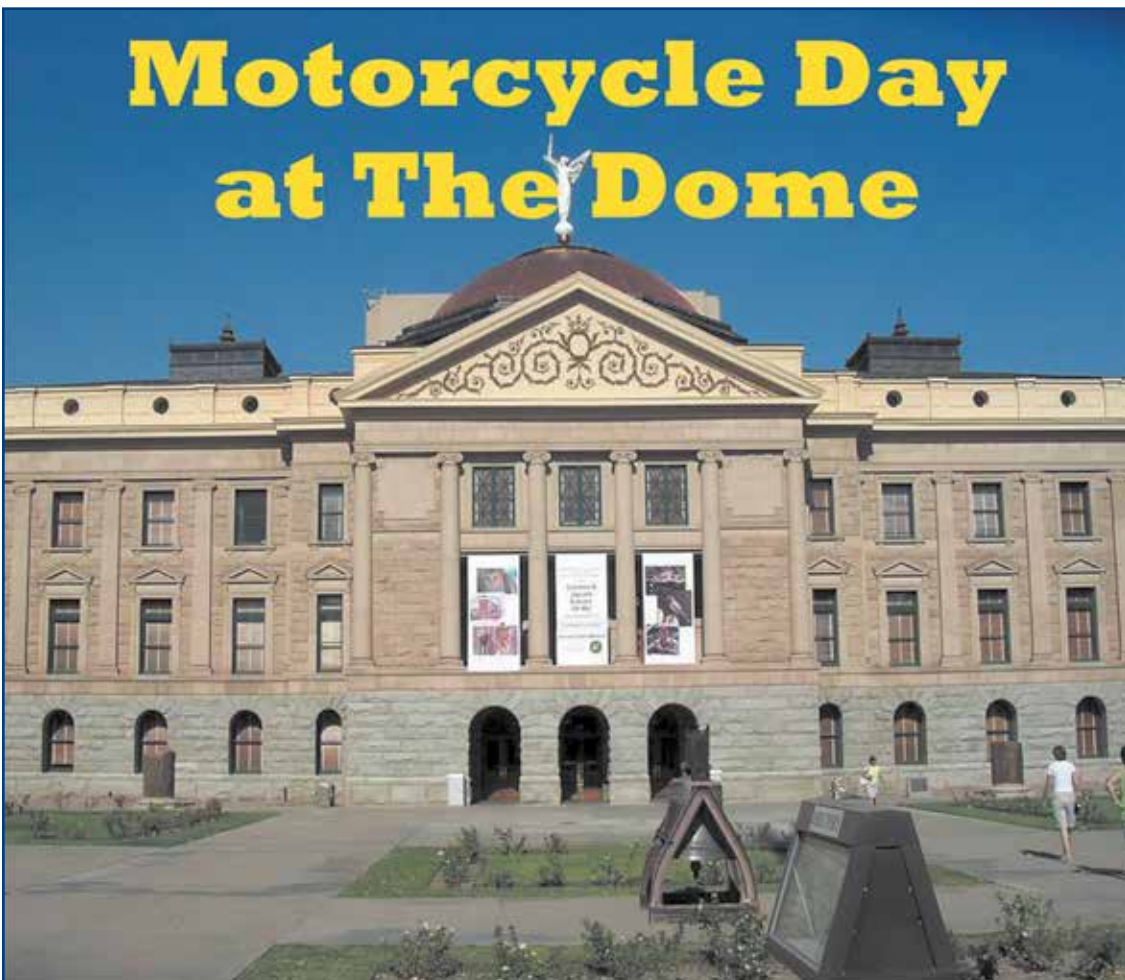
Homelessness is a year-'round issue. It can take very little upset in a person's life to go from a cozy home & regular meals to living under a bridge. Spreading awareness & taking action are things we can all do to help, each in our own way.

The point of contact regarding information or to make donations is Robert at [Evil Twin Custom Cycle](http://EvilTwinCustomCycle.com), 433 W Main St; Mesa 85201. Stop by or call 480-784-0040.

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Every Tuesday: Rollin Knights MC Tucson Taco Tuesday @ 3385 Winstel Blvd 85716. Info@rollinknightsmc.com

Every Wednesday: Bike Night at Brat Haus [3600 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale] 6-10pm. FMI: Brathausaz.com

2nd Wednesday: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at Addictions Bar & Grill 1590 Swenson St, Prescott. FMI: 928-237-9029, ycabateaz@gmail.com

2nd Thursdays: Nomaden MC Bike Night 6p-? @ Nomaden MC Clubhouse 137 N Huachuca Blvd, Huachuca City, next to WW Pizza. Open to the public. Plz bring non-perishable food item for the Community Food Bank. FMI: on FB @ /nomaden.mc | nomadenmc@cox.net

Every Thursday: Loose Cannons MC Open House 7-11:30pm. 1408 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction. FMI: n/a

2nd & 3rd Friday: ALMA MC East Side Open House from 8p-midnite. Food & Beverages available. 3212 S. Fair Lane, Tempe. FMI: n/a

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1/7 {Sat} Evil Twin Custom Cycles of Mesa hosts Bike Night at Arlie's Bar & Grill, 2155 E University Dr, Ste 116, Tempe, 85281 from 6-10pm. Music & sit-in jam session hosted by Unknown Associates. Games, specials, & more. Every 1st Saturday. FMI: Robert 480-784-0040, robert@eviltwincustomcycle.com

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1/28 {Sat} Ride For the Salt River Wild Horses. Free admission. Open to the public This is a Motorcycle-based Ride to bring awareness to our Salt River Wild Horses and to raise funds to help keep them PROTECTED, WILD & FREE. Sign up at the American Legion Post 58 16837 E Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills 10-11am. Take an un-escorted Ride on a scenic route where the wild horses call home thru the Lower Salt River on Bush Highway in the Tonto National Forest. End Party at Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120. 11a-4pm. Live Music performed by Mojo Rats, Food, Vendors, Educational Booths, Raffle and 50/50 Sponsored by Superstition HD and Law Tigers. FMI: Skeeter Peak skeeter562@gmail.com | saltriverwild-horsemanagementgroup.org/

1/28 Gate Gatekeepers 6 Alarm Firehouse Cook-off Showdown to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. Details TBA. FMI: www.twogalsevents.com

1/28 MMA-AZ's Leather District 16th annual 3-Ball Run. Come on out for an afternoon of 3-Ball and whole lot of fun! Cone & show your skill. No experience necessary. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place. \$5/pp. 5 stops with 3-Ball played at each stop. Sign in 10-11am at Jimbo's Bar & Grill, 12224 N 51st Ave in Glendale. IF it's raining, met at NOON at the last stop @ Charley's Place 4324 W. Thunderbird, Glendale. Everyone is Welcome. FMI: Velvet 623-329-4668

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2/4 Hooligans MC's Anniversary Party @ HMC Clubhouse 2663 W Lone Cactus from 6-11:30pm. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Food, music, 50-50, vendors & a kickass time. FMI: http://Hooligansmcdeervalley.com

2/11 {Sat} Pets and Vets at Eaglerider in Tempe ... A day filled with Great Food, Fun, Live Entertainment, Vendors, Raffles and Giveaways! Details TBA. FMI "Red" 480-829-1903 | red@eaglerideraz.com | eaglerideraz.com

2/15 {Wed} Motorcycle Day at the Dome, sponsored by Motorcyclists Rights Organizations ABATE, MMA, ACMC, MMAA, VAMR. Meet & converse with your State Legislators to discuss issues facing Motorcyclists. From 10a-2pm on the Capitol House lawn 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix AZ. All are welcome. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: Vic Grady 602-300-4115

2/18 {Sat} Wild West Spring Roundup Mystery Run, hosted by US Military Vets MC. Sign-in 8:30am @ Chandler H-D. \$20/pilot, +\$5/2-up. Last stop NFF Shop in Avondale. Supports local AZ Veterans. FMI: Mizzou_USMVMC@yahoo.com

2/19 {Sun} 12th Annual "Bikers Soar for Wildlife" Poker Run for Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center. AMWC relies on donations to provide food, shelter, & veterinary care to the birds & animals living there. Sign-in 8:30a @ Arrowhead HD in Peoria. \$30/sgl, \$40/2-up. Pre-reg b4 2/5 & save \$5. Lunch included. Last stop @ Buffalo Chip Saloon in Cave Creek. FMI: 623-277-6926, DPrice@azgfd.gov, www.azwildlifecenter.net

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3/5 {Sun} "Riding For the Long Haul" hosted by AMSAF [Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation] @ Shrine Auditorium 552 N 40th St, Phoenix from 10a-5pm. Vendors needed. Live music, silent auction, guest speakers, skills demonstrations, & more. Sponsors include Law Tigers. FMI: www.amsaf.org | MDegn40669@aol.com

3/18 {Sat} 2nd Annual Dakota's Run will start at Arrowhead Harley-Davidson - 16130 N Arrowhead Ftn Dr, Glendale, AZ, 85382. This run in support of the Leukemia Lymphoma Foundation to find a cure for these & other cancers. This run is named after a young lady who is in remission from these diseases. Sign in at Arrowhead HD starts 8a. Last bike out by 10:30am. Last Bike in by 2:30pm. \$25/sgl, \$35/2-up. FMI: Randy at 602-320-3548

3/25 {Sat} Yavapai ABATE Swap Meet All 2- & 3-wheeled, on- & off-road vehicle swap meet at Addictions Bar & Grill in Prescott, AZ - 1590 Swenson St. FMI: Reed at 928-710-0737, RWW2683@msn.com

3/31-4/1 {Fr-Sat} Too Broke For Bike Week is a fundraiser for the Phoenix/Shadow Mtn. Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of AZ at Desert Wind HD, 922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa. Music, Bike Show, Vendors, Rally Ride, Contests & more! Bands include .38 Special, 74th Street Band, Jackyl, & The Visitors. GA \$30/day OR online ticket discounts @ www.TooBrokeForBikeWeek.com

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4/5 {Wed} 17th annual Wednesday Riding for Kids, hosted by Buddy Stubbs AZ H-D & HOG Chapter 93, Phoenix. FMI: 602-971-3400

4/5-9 {Wed-Sun} Arizona Bike Week 2017 http://azbike-week.com/

4/5 Peace Out, Prostate Cancer Ride FMI: www.peaceout-prostatecancer.org

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4/7 East Valley Firefighters Charity Poker Run. FMI: www.firefighterspokerrun.com

4/8 {Sat} 2nd annual REV'D UP for Autism, benefit for Pawsitive Friendships. Details TBA. FMI www.pawsitivefriendships.org, 480-353-7833

4/22 {Sat} Desert Thunder MC 30th Anniversary Party at - 3101 W. Thomas Rd, Phx. Food, Vendors, live Band, Support Gear \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Starts 5pm. FMI: 623-201-9925

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5/13 {Sat} Law Tigers AMA Pro Flat Track Arizona Mile at Turf Paradise, 1501 W Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023 from 11a-6pm. FMI: http://tinyurl.com/je4ys8h

5/20 {Sat} 8th annual National Armed Forces Freedom Ride. Starts at American Legion Post 2, 2125 S Industrial Park Ave, Tempe. Details TBA. FMI: Skeeter freedomrideaz.2010@gmail.com, http://azfreedomride.webs.com/

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6/9-11 {Fr-Su} Too Broke For Sturgis #26. Support your State Motorcyclists Rights Organization ABATE-AZ while having a helluva lot of fun! Music by Unchained & Skarlett Fever. FMI: http://www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/

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River Riders MC 33rd annual Toy Run

The River Riders MC, based out of Lake Havasu City, is one of the oldest clubs founded in Arizona. Thank you to Club Vice President Paul for relaying this report from their Toy Run ☺

“Our 33rd Annual Toy Run, held December 4, 2016, had approximately 1600 participants, with well over 1000 bikes and trikes in our procession. We started at the Blue Bar II in Parker at 12 noon sharp, with an escort by the La Paz County Sheriff’s Department to the Bill Williams Bridge. We proceeded from there into Lake Havasu City with an escort by a Lake Havasu City Police Department Motor Officer. The 30-mile ride takes about 40 minutes, as we roll up and through town to the delight of numerous onlookers in their driveways and street corners, all waving and excited to see all the bikes.

“At the conclusion of our parade route, where we end on McCulloch Blvd. (Main St), we collect all the toys for children from 1-15 yrs old. There are approximately 3000 this year! With the assistance of

the Lake Havasu InterAgency Council, they will be distributed to local less fortunate children and families in the area. We shut down 4 City blocks, with Sturgis-style parking, and have numerous vendors and multiple bands playing at various bars up and down the Blvd. Our main Sponsor this year was The Flying X Saloon, which had a huge beer garden set up, with barbecued burgers, dogs, as well as the local band Crosscut playing on the Pearl Bailey Showmobile.

“This is a family friendly event, and we invite and encourage the Community to come out and enjoy the Event and check out all the awesome bikes. In total, there are typically 3000-4000 people on Main St. for the festivities. We do a 50/50 Drawing every year, and this year we chose to donate our 50% to the Norona Effect [http://thenoronaeffect.com/], to help build a blood infusion facility in the Tri-State Area for children. The winner this year also donated back his winnings, so we were able to give them \$2000

raised at the Event.

“We’d like to thank everyone who attended for their generosity, and look forward to continuing our longstanding Event. As each year it keeps growing, we will keep making it better and better, until we outgrow this location, as we have in the past. Our 34th Annual Toy Run will be on Sunday, December 3rd, 2017...be sure and mark your Calendar!

“Happy New Year, Paul, VP, RRMCC”

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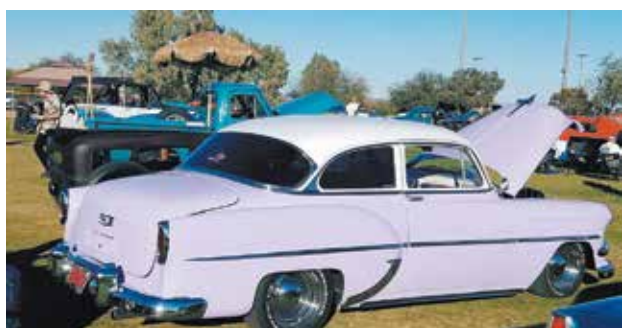
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Learn more about the River Riders MC and other events they host, by visiting their website www.riverridersmc.com/ and Facebook page [/riverridersmc/](https://www.facebook.com/riverridersmc/)



Cutrano Rods & Hawgs Charity Car Party

‘Christmas in The Park’



The 4th annual Cutrano Rods & Hawgs Charity Car Party was held on Sunday December 18, 2016 at Victory Lane Sports Park, located at 22603 N 43rd Ave in Glendale, AZ.

Thank you Elana Zinder & Aaron Cutrano for your help with this report.

The headline ‘Rods & Hawgs’ show had approximately 100 entries ~ a combination of motorcycles, cars, trucks, & Military vehicles. Aaron described it as “an a-rated show”.



Among the numerous other entertainments were live performances by the ‘Moon Shine VooDoo Band’ and ‘The Dirt Road Kings’. DJ Effect was spinning tunes as well. Elana commented that, “All the performers were amazing.”

There was also a Pin Up Pageant hosted by the

Combat Dolls [www.CombatDolls.com], which was a great addition to the event.

The raffle offered 13 beautiful baskets available to win.

There were 11 vendors set up, offering a diverse collection of goods including candles, Mary Kay, motorcycle jewelry, patches, health supplements, insurance, & tazers just to name a few.

The organizers expressed, “Special thanks to our financial sponsors of this event: Chuck Franklin Law, Financial Security Group of AZ, Kidz R Kool Pediatric Dentistry, Sage & Sand Bar, & Mobile Accountant AZ.” They also thanked all who attended.

An estimated 500 visitors attended throughout the day. Through everyone’s generosity, this event collected 85 toys plus needed school supplies. “This will help 12 families on the Adopt-A-Family Tree at the Mountain Shadows Elementary School, Deer Valley District. The rest of the amazing toys will be helping last-minute Christmas families at the Salvation Army Angel program in Glendale AZ. There were enough toys for another 11 families. That’s a total of 23 families that will have something under the tree. In addition to the Toy Drive, we raised just over \$5000 including sponsors, raffles & entries.”

It was stated that, “It was a great afternoon and we look forward to next year!”

Cutrano AZ Troop Run, Inc raises money to provide scholarships to children of fallen troops from AZ that served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Middle East Conflicts. Learn more about this non-profit 501(c)(3) at their website www.cutranoaztrooprun.org/

Congratulations on a job well done!

Betsy



Award Winners

Christmas Wrap

Christmas and the entire Holiday Season make for numerous benefits being hosted around our state by various groups. Feeding people at Thanksgiving, honoring our Veterans, ensuring that kids have gifts at Christmas... these are things that bikers do so well. Some gatherings are large, others small. But they each have that same big beautiful biker heart at the center of it all. And we are very proud to be able to share news here about some more of this Season's events.



October 15, 2016 ... A Poker Run Fundraiser for 'Wreathes Across America' departed from American Legion Post 107 – 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, AZ.

We learned from WAA-AZ Project Manager Tarra Matyas that about 20 bikes and several cages participated in the run. After leaving Post 107, riders headed to Steel Horse Saloon, Stingers, and the Loft Again ~ for the end party. In addition, a bunch of folks went straight out to the Loft without taking the ride. It was a bar-hop format and an adult-only gathering. The party included live music by 'Wheelhouse'. They donated 3 hours of their time. There was also an auction & giveaways.

Tarra sent along thanks to the bars that were stops. Thanks go out also to The Loft for hosting the party and paying for most of the food.

This year, 5,700 wreaths were placed on the Veterans gravesites at Phoenix National Memorial Cemetery. There are currently 60,000 headstones at Phoenix National Memorial Cemetery to be honored.

Just over \$1,300 was raised by this event. Tarra sent along this message, "This event was 1 of several throughout 2016. We placed 5,700 wreaths this year, which was our best to date. However we have a long way to go to cover every marker out there. I have been the project manager for 6 years now. We will begin fundraising and spreading the word again in February to reach our 2017 goal of 10,000 wreaths. Anyone interested in helping please do reach out to me."

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. Learn more about WAA by visiting online at www.wreathesacrossamerica.org. For Arizona information, contact Tarra at Tarramatyas2@gmail.com.



November 5, 2016 ... The Americans MC 11th Annual Toy Run staged at the K-Mart parking lot in Prescott Valley. Approximately 130 riders participated in this self-paced poker run. Stops were at Tony's Bar in Prescott Valley, JJ's Bar in Prescott, Log Cabin in Chino Valley, Barefoot Bob's in Prescott Valley, and ended at Tony's Too in Prescott Valley.

High hand winner Crystal Foubert donated her \$200 prize back to the event. Low hand winner, Blondie, collected \$100.

The party at Tony's Too included a meal of hamburgers and hot dogs, raffle & door prizes, and games. Lon Turner won at Poker Darts. Bike Games included Weenie Bite (Terra Lay winner), CD Toss (Suzy Kish winner) and Slow Race (Ed Lyman winner).

Thank you to Wilson Lay of The Americans MC for your help with this report. He also sent along this



The Americans MC

wrap up, "We made around \$2500 in food, toys and donations that were given out to needy families in the local area as well as local kids with cancer. I would like to thank Tony of Tony's Too, all the run stops, and Sunwest Auto for donation of the majority of the raffle prizes. I would also like to thank Loners MC, Outsiders MC, Journeymen MC, and Hangmen MC for their support of this run. In conclusion, this was a really great run finally having great weather!"



November 5, 2016 ... Independent Riders 15th Annual Xmas Toy Run held ride registration at the Roosevelt Lake Resort, in Roosevelt, AZ. Riders pulled out at noon, with stops at Bernie's Roundup in Globe, Wild Horses Saloon in Miami, the Shamrock in Claypool, The Huddle in Globe, & last stop at Jammerz in Globe.

The end party included an auction, raffles, & a 50/50. Dinner was part of the \$10 entry fee. Music was provided by the band 'Greywolf'.

100% of the money raised goes to help families in need during the holidays and stays local in the Globe-Miami community. We learned from Al Nader, event organizer & owner of Al's Automotive Repair in Globe, that 93 families were helped this year. Each kid gets a new pair of shoes, a bicycle, and a toy. Additional gifting is done based upon funding. With this event, it is not just about toys. All money raised is to help with the families' needs & necessities. This year they also repaired a family's stove and fixed another's roof.



November 20, 2016 ... 'Birds On Bikes', held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Each year, the Modified Motorcycle Association of AZ invites everyone to strap a frozen bird onto your bike & meet up with the rest of the flock to bring turkeys & non-perishables to St Vincent DePaul in Phoenix. This year's meeting places were Charley's Place in Glendale & the VFW in Chandler. Groups who wish to organize their own ride in conjunction are always welcome to join the effort as well, with everyone arriving at St Vincent's at the same time to make the deliveries.

MMA-AZ Board of Directors member Cindy Gates has been organizing this event for many years. She sent out this statement, "This is my favorite time of year. The weather is great for riding; a little chilly in the am but by afternoon it is great. All the runs going on for the holidays and giving back to our community and showing them we care."

"Nov. 20th 2016 is the day we heard the motorcycles roar into St. Vincent De Paul for our annual Birds on Bikes. This run for me is my favorite run of the year. It is the day we help our community and help feed the less fortunate for the Holidays."

"I know we all get a little busy this time of year but helping our community is a great thing. I was taken back when I heard that some have never heard of this event, since it was our 28th or 29th year... too many for me to remember."

"We collected \$725, 150 Turkeys, and 350 pounds of non-perishable items. What a great job we did."

"This was my last year of putting this event together after so many years I have stepped down as State activities and Tammy Springsteen will be taking over. She will do a great job!!"



December 17, 2016 ... Steel Horse Saloon 2016 Toy Run, sponsored by Law Tigers AZ to benefit the Crisis Nursery. The ride starts & ends @ the Steel Horse, located at 1818 W Bell Rd, Phoenix.

It was a beautiful day for a ride. Stops were at The TAV on 19th Ave, Peaks & Valleys on Carefree Hwy, & Gallagher's on Black Mtn Pkwy before returning to the Steel Horse.



Steel Horse Saloon

There were 75 riders. We learned they had a great turnout at the party and filled up a box truck. Along with toys, they collect necessities to help at the Nursery... diapers and other care items.

In addition to the toys brought in by the riders, the crew & patrons of Saint Nicks Tavern on 27th Ave sent over a huge toy box full as well. Nice!!



December 24, 2016 ... From Santa Tony Gasorowski...

Well it is Christmas Eve morning. Santa is getting ready for a very long day. I had asked for some special help this year from my elfs.

I was contacted by a foster care person I know. She asked if there was any way Santa could help. The story is: A mom and her sister were in a vehicle with 7 kids this summer. Was on the news in the Phoenix area. Aunt and 4-year old boy were killed in an accident. I didn't get into the reasons. But another



with Santa Tony

sister took the 6 other siblings in. Her, her husband, and their 3 kids. You can guess going from 5 in a home to 11 added a few challenges. The 6 siblings asked for a few things for Christmas. They asked for a headstone for their little brother that would have turned 5 years old December 29th. A real Christmas tree, pillows and bedding, ...etc. I reached out to my many, many elfs. And they outdid themselves. The outpouring of compassion was over and above.

The headstone is being done, bunk beds, pillows and bedding, clothes, assorted toys, household items to help the family and so much more to help this family. At one point the Aunt said to me, She has no more tears to cry. Before it was because she was sad. After the elfs and I got involved she is so happy for the help for the kids.

My elfs came thru over and beyond even what I thought was possible. These kids asked for a headstone for their little brother and a few other things. It all happen and then some.

Santa wants to try to thank all of my elfs:

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Thank you all and I hope I didn't miss anyone. To them, thank you also.

To one more person a special thank you, my elf Flutter.



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