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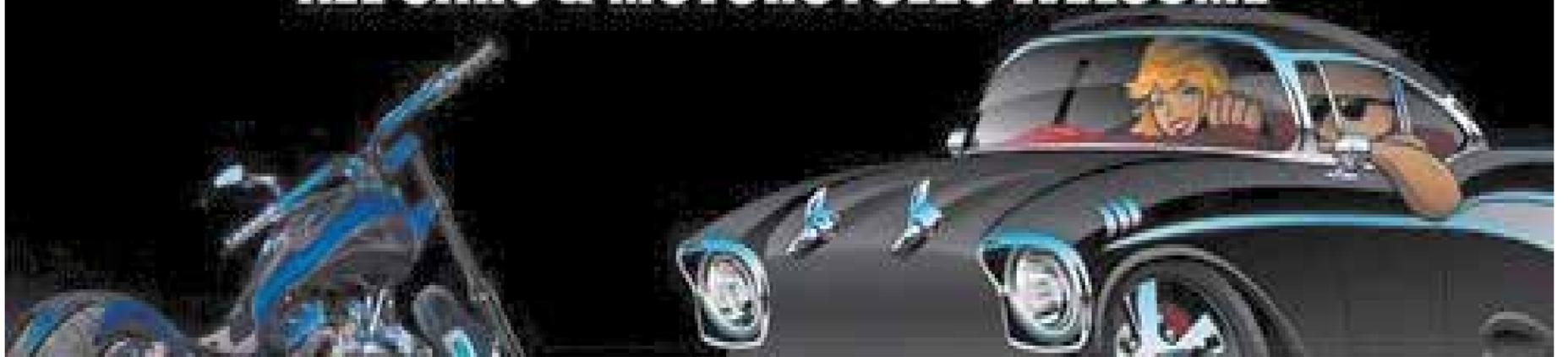
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Editors Column

Hello Arizona Riders & Happy New Year!

We know that you may have been expecting to see certain stories this month about recent events... like Run to the Rez, Bob's Biker Blast, Riot on the River, & such. But as you've read over the years, Christmas comes first in January's annual Christmas Wrap issue ☺ Those stories are on their way, and will be featured in upcoming editions.

We want to thank Randy Anagnostis, in-house photographer at Superstition Harley-Davidson, for our latest Editors photo.

Opening up a New Year means getting your ride calendar all updated. Be sure to get the AZ Bike Week 2020 dates locked in, April 1-5. It's hard to believe that it's time to be making ABW plans already!

This edition marks 15 years of AZ Rider also being presented totally online. We remember the consideration & learning that it took to take that step back then. Our decision to digitize AZ Rider & post it online was reinforced as we saw more & more print publications venturing out to the web as well. Our web reach has taken us into more homes worldwide than we could have ever imagined; gifting us with fans & online friends we'd never know otherwise. For that we are very thankful.

As we all head into 2020, we wish each of you the very best of everything & encourage you all to ride safely, choose wisely, & Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

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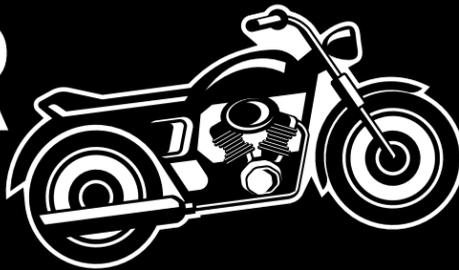
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Modock's Ride for Christmas with the Elders



On Saturday December 14, the Rez Riders IMC- AZ Chapter hosted the 10th Annual Christmas with the Elders. Modock is a former President of the Rez Riders. He passed several years back and so the Club named this Holiday Stocking Ride in his honor.

Thank you Wildcat, RRIMC-AZ Secretary, for sharing news of this event.

At 10:30am, riders gathered in the parking lot of Vee Quiva Casino in Laveen, AZ. There were about 20 participants on this group ride, including those who 'caged' it.

Wildcat described the route, "The ride started at the Vee Quiva Casino,

owned by the Gila River tribal community. The road guards led the riders through the Gila River community and the village of Komatke. First stop was at the Casa Blanca Road exit, off of the I-10 South, where riders met up with a larger group. One of our spiritual advisors, 'Pastor Bill' from Rezoration Ministries in Flagstaff lead the group in prayer." There was a blessing of the bikes and the riders with a traditional Native prayer and burning of sage; then kick stands up to continue to Sacaton.

Their destination was the Gila River Tribe's Caring House in Sacaton, to deliver stocking stuffers to the patients & residents there. The Caring House is a Gila River Tribal Health Care facility with over 90 residents. It offers complete healthcare residency to individuals who require full time care. Most of the residents are seniors or elderly tribal members.

Wildcat continued, "The riders visited with all the residents and delivered Holiday Stockings and gifts. Several people brought their young children which was a delight to the Elders. The kids helped hand out treats, gifts and hugs. Elders received warm lap blankets and cozy socks, nice creamy hand lotion and knitted caps. They also got sugar free candy treats and other stocking stuffers. One of the Rez Riders named 'Wheelz' gave the facility director a blessed Eagle Feather for the residents to keep. Eagle Feathers are used for protection and it will be hung and displayed in a protected area."

To close, "Rez Riders AZ Chapter would like to thank all the riders, volunteers, donors and members of the Gila River community for allowing us to do this annual event. We got a tremendous amount of support and donation from the community and plan on doing this again. We hope next year is bigger and better than ever."



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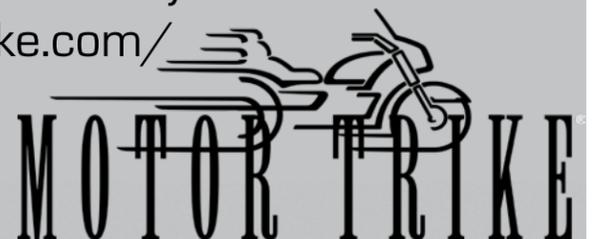
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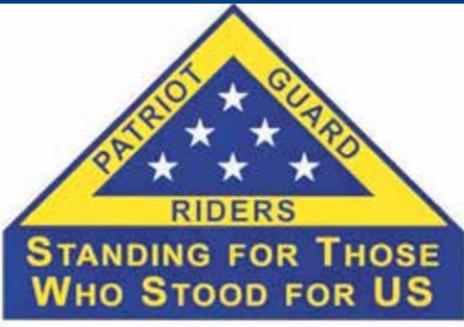
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And so, for now ~

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September 16, 2019 ... Motorcycle vs Truck Crash. From Kingman PD ... "On Monday, September 16th, at 1:55pm, Kingman Police investigated an injury crash on Harrison St. near Kingman Ave. The investigation revealed that a 2016 Dodge truck, driven by a 63 year old Mohave Valley man, was northbound on Harrison St. turning left onto Kingman Ave. into the path of a southbound 1994 Harley Davidson motorcycle, driven by a 29 year old Kingman man. The driver of the motorcycle was unable to avoid the collision, crashing into the right side of the truck. The driver of the motorcycle, who was wearing a helmet, received serious injuries to his leg and was transported to Kingman Regional Medical Center with serious, non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the truck was issued a citation for Unsafe Turn. Alcohol is NOT believed to be a factor. Investigators believe that inattention contributed to the crash."

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November 6, 2019 ... from the ACMC email list, posted by Pooh Bear... "All, It is with a heavy heart that I make this announcement. As some of you may already know, Big Jon Tracy passed away last November 6th from natural causes. Jon was one of the founding Members of the Sober Rider's MC East Valley Chapter back in 2002. And one of the only original members of that chapter still on the Sober Rider's MC roll. There will be a celebration of life for Jon, Saturday January 4th. at the Encanto Park Amusement Park, inside Encanto Park, 1202 Encanto Park Boulevard, Phoenix Arizona, 85007. The time will be 3:30 pm.

Thank you one and all, Love and Respect,
"Pooh Bear" Club President Sober Riders MC,
Vice Chairman ACMC."

Our condolences go out to Big Jon's family & loved ones. B&B

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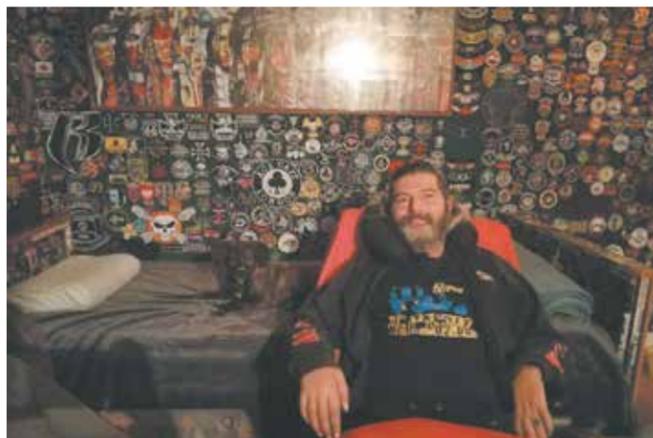
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Among the correspondence we receive each month, we got one recently that particularly stood out.

A biker from Croatia named Boris Ivančić wrote asking us for a patch. His story is inspiring and frustrating at the same time. From what we've learned about him, this man started riding in his teens, like so many others. In 2008, he was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease*. Since then, the disease has been taking its terrible toll; and keeps him



Wheelchair-bound Biker Requests Patches for Wall

wheelchair bound.

In part, his note shared, "My condition stopped my body riding a bike but didn't stop me being a biker in my mind - forever and eternal. I do have things which are making lonely days bright - my friends and my hobby. This hobby of mine is collecting patches, stickers, flags and motorcycle groups labels from all over the world. My wish is to get as many as I can... Please make my wish come true. Please send yours so I can keep filling up my wall."

* There are numerous websites offering information about ALS. From what we've gathered in a small attempt to offer perspective here, Lou Gehrig's Disease attacks the nerves in the brain and spinal cord that control your muscles. As your muscles get weaker, it gets harder to walk, talk, eat, and breathe. People with ALS still have full mental function. They have all of their senses -- sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch. So, unlike some other diseases that debilitate the body & take the mind along with it; while the body of an ALS patient is shutting down they are still completely aware of their condition & circumstances. This no doubt provides the potential to feel like a prisoner of your own body... Unless you devise a way to 'escape' your confines. Boris appears to have done just that ☺ He travels all around the world by way of online friends and his Biker Wall of patches & other mementos.

Boris' heart and determination are inspiring to say the least. He's

a gutsy guy who isn't letting a bad turn of the cards quench his good humor or thirst for life. Rather than giving in to what has happened, he's chosen a more positive path and found a way to still be a part of the biker community.

His collection is growing steadily, with patches coming in from Australia, Cyprus, London, Russia, Spain, Sweden, & elsewhere to add to those from his Croatian biker brothers & sisters. If any of you would like to help Boris fulfill his wish by adding to his Biker Wall with patches, stickers, flags, or other memorabilia... you can mail items to

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The Freedom Riders Motorcycle Group held their 4th Annual Motorcycle Toy Run on Sunday, December 8th. There were 31 riders and 3 cars and our local radio station KBUX 96.5. The day started at the VFW post 769 at 8am. Stops included Sunset Grill then to Grubstake Social Club where Denis the manager set up breakfast for us. Donation boxes had been placed at multiple locations in the region, encouraging the community to donate toys for kids in the Quartzsite area whose families are currently experiencing financial challenges. The toy run on December 8th was a motorcycle group tour to make stops at and pick up the donated gifts at all of those toy donation box locations. So, with full bellies we traveled to Bouse AZ for pickups at the American Legion and VFW Halls; and the Dollar General, Family Dollar, & Coyote Fresh stores in Quartzsite. At the stop at Quartzsite's Arizona Sun RV Park we picked up a full box of gifts and 2 bikes!



families in the community.

The toy drive and toy run were a terrific success and was able to bless a good number of children this holiday season. The Freedom Riders Motorcycle Group says "Thank You" to the businesses and civic groups who allowed donation collection boxes and 'thank you' to all of you who chose to donate. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Thank you to Dennis Vosper; Mike & Amber Myers for sharing this day with our readers. B&B

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Advertiser Review: Evil Twin Custom Cycles

Evil Twin Custom Cycles has been servicing motorcycles for Arizona's bikers for 15+ years; with a strong reputation for quality workmanship, reasonable prices, and solid advice. In those years, the shop has made 3 ownership transitions. Most recently, at the end of 2017, on the occasion of Robert Shinn's retirement; he sold the shop 'lock stock & barrel' to Chase Jorgensen.

Since then, Chase has been maintaining & building on that reputation... keeping the Evil Twin reputation safely intact.

Chase has had a passion for Motorcycles ever since he lived in Milwaukee Wisconsin over 20 years ago. He shared a bit of background, "Obviously living there I was attracted to Harleys. I love the motorcycle community. I like that it is rough around the edges. Once you get it in your blood, you're met with like-minded individuals who enjoy having the wind in their face. Once we moved to Mesa and could ride all year long, I wanted to find a way to help others do the same. Evil Twin was a natural fit! I love spending days BS'ing with customers about their bikes!!!"

Clayton Gandara is shop manager and runs the day to day operations at Evil Twin. He's been with Evil Twin Custom Cycles for nearly 8 years and is an MMI grad. Chase offered, "He is also (in my



opinion) the best damn mechanic in Arizona. He never tries to up sell people into things they don't need and makes sure he does quality work that he can stand behind. Many of our customers would consider him family. He is a true gem that we feel lucky to have."

Stephanie, Chase's wife, is the shop's service writer. "She was a little green when she first started but now really understands what the motorcycle business is all about. She had to learn to love motorcycles as it didn't come naturally; but between her mom and me, we finally won her over. In fact she is currently in the market for her own motorcycle!"

The factory-trained technicians at Evil Twin service all American and metric cruisers. They are insurance experts, with working relationships with all insurance companies. They are Harley warranty specialists and can do all of your warranty work. Looking to do a custom build? Evil Twin can work

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This is a 'Mom & Pop' shop that cares about their customers as friends & family. "We're a team of straight shooters - providing you trustworthy, helpful service in an inviting atmosphere

where you'll feel like a part of the family." This is reflected in kudos extended, among them being voted 'Best Shop in Mesa' 5 years running. Congratulations!

Evil Twin Custom Motorcycles is currently located at 58 N. Country Club in Mesa, AZ. Hours are Monday-Friday 7:30a-5:30pm & Sat 8a-1pm. Visit online at <http://www.eviltwincustomcycle.com/> or find 'em on FB at www.facebook.com/eviltwincustomcycle/ or give them a call at 480-784-0040. We hope you'll mention that you read about them here in *AZ Rider*.

While we were hoping to 'scoop' everyone by announcing a new location, those details aren't quite ironed out yet, so stay tuned. The Evil Twin team is very excited about this latest change. When the word comes down, we'll share it with you.

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2019 Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run



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<https://motorcyclesafari.com/photo-albums/2019-Barbie-Hensler-Toy-Run/>

December 14, 2019 ... High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ held its 17th Annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson Arizona. With lots of help and support from the Rim Country District of the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona, the event was another huge success for Rim Country children and families in need this Christmas season.

No child should have to go without during Christmas and it is High Country Chapter's mission, in conjunction with the Women of The Moose, to make sure they have a happy Christmas, no matter their family's circumstances.

The toy collection party started promptly at 11 am with the arrival of the first toy collection boxes that had been distributed throughout Rim Country.

During the previous month, supporting businesses, from Tonto Village to Strawberry had been collecting new toys, clothes and other gifts for children and their families for ages ranging from toddler to teenager.

Mike McCannon, owner of the Buffalo Bar & Grill, was a gracious host and made sure the beer was cold, the chicken wings were hot, and the food was delicious! It seemed like everyone was having a really fun time.

Music was provided by KRIM-FM DJ Chris Higgins who generously donated their normal fee back to the kids. There was also a silent auction and raffles, and door prizes to delight the patrons.

The annual event also featured a 50/50 and congratulations go to Bartender Lesley for winning \$505.00. Thanks to everyone that made the 50/50 such an enormous success, and in particular ABATE of AZ State Sgt. at Arms Lee Thompson who sold over \$1,000 worth for tickets by himself!

At the end of the day, 5 pickup trucks loaded with toys, bicycles and other gifts, plus checks totaling \$3,500.00 were presented to the Women of the

Moose, Moose Lodge #852 in Star Valley, who will be distributing the toys and other gifts to a vetted list of children and families in need. That list currently has 141 children and 37 families!

High Country Chapter of ABATE of AZ, and Rim Country District of the MMA of AZ, wants to express their gratitude for the continuing, significant, support from Sawmill Theaters, Miller Auto Works, Ironhorse Signs, Cheaper Sweeper, and the Old Bastards Motorcycle Club.

They also want to thank Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Jake's Corner Bar, KRIM-FM, The Buffalo Bar & Grill, El Rancho Restaurant, Tonto Rim Bar & Grill, Payson Wireless, Old County Inn, Pine Creek Fudge & Espresso, Pinewood Tavern, and the Ponderosa Market for hosting toy collection boxes.

And finally, a special thank you to Joanne McConnell of That Apron Shop, Susan Irons, Cindy Condit, Barbara Huber, Nancy Hubbs, Roger and Laura Ferguson, and the members of Yavapai Chapter of ABATE of AZ, and "Toys For Tots" in Payson that provided invaluable support to this event.

Merry Christmas to one and ALL!

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Saturdays 2020 { 1/4, 1/18, 1/25 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. All welcome. Meet at East Lot at 9:30a. Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/>

1st & 3rd Saturdays {Oct-Apr}: Downtown Mesa Festival of the Arts, 10a-4pm at Main St & McDonald. FMI: info@dtmesafest.com, 480-534-7050

Sundays 2020 { 1/12, 1/26 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot at 9:30a. Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/>

1st Sundays 2020 [1/5, 2/2, 3/1]: Arizona Cycle Swap @ Big Surf Waterpark, 1500 N McClintock Dr. Tempe, AZ 85281 from 8a-noon. \$5/pp @ gate, under 12 free. Free Parking. Buy, Sell, Swap. Rain or shine. Sponsors include Law Tigers. General &/or Vendor info: www.arizonacycleswap.com/

Last Sundays { 1/26 } Ride, Stretch, & Repeat w/Yoga Greg, thru May 2020. YogiG will lead a short ride to a park or some other natural space for some breathing, quiet meditation, & 5 or 6 stretches while using our bikes as props ... things to help improve your riding experience! Kickstands up at 10:30am at Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com, 808-640-4624, #MotorCyclingYogiG

Tuesdays: January 7 & 21, 2020: Two Wheel Tuesdays at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Ride in for a Free multi-point inspection. No appointment necessary. Done on the spot while you wait. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Wednesdays in January: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot 9:30a, ride @ 10am. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/>

2nd Wednesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Wednesdays [thru May 2020]: Yoga for Bikers at 4:30p on the Eagles Nest Patio at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Come & find out how Yoga helps bikers ride on. Bring a yoga mat, if you have one. No other equipment or specialized clothing is required. In fact, if you prefer to stay in jeans & boots rather than go barefoot, that's ok. This is not an exercise class, but an introduction to yoga with basic poses as part of the experience. SHD 2910 West Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com, 808-640-4624 #MotorCyclingYogiG

1st Fridays {September – June} Ride With The Dealer to Motorcycles on Main for Bike Night! Meet on the west lot of Superstition Harley Davidson. Kickstands up at 6:15pm. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

For more MC bike night listings, visit <http://www.azcmc.org/calendar>



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1/3 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Hoodoo Casters. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

1/11 {Sat} New Year Car & Motorcycle Show presented by SHD® & New Life CMA. Register 10am {or Pre-register at SHD Info Center}. All cars & motorcycles welcome. \$10/vehicle entry. All entries receive a FREE professional photo of entry. Show starts 11am. Free entry to spectators. 50/50, Raffle Prizes, & BBQ 12pm until gone served up by CMA. People's Choice, Dealer's Choice, & CMA Choice Awards. Superstition HD 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction. FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

1/11 ALSO at Superstition HD ... HOG Chapter Monthly General Meeting, in the H.O.G. Room at 10am. Gathering at 9:30am conversation, cake, & coffee. HOG Dogs to follow after meeting at 11am SHD 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

1/12 {Sun} 2020 Classic Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet at Motorcycle Mechanics Institute – 2844 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85027. Setup: 6a, Show/Swap Hours: 8a-1pm. First space \$10, Add'l Spaces \$5/ea. Presented by Phoenix Road Runner Chapter of AMCA. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2545769642185382/>

1/18 {Sat} 10th annual Skin & Steel at the American Legion Post 2 [2125 S Industrial Park Ave] in Tempe. 10a-4pm, rain or shine. Tattoo & Motorcycle contests, vendors, & more. Music by 'Moonshine Voodoo Band'. Free admission. Benefits American Legion Rider Programs. FMI: 480-967-2968 | Skin.SteelAZ@gmail.com | www.skinandsteelaz.com

1/18 Customer Appreciation Bikes, Brunch, & Bloodies @ Superstition Harley Davidson. Join us as we celebrate you! Brunch & Bloodies on us 11am until gone. Live music by Aaron Loveless, Raffles & Giveaways. ALSO, Bitchin' Stitchin' onsite sewing from 10a-1pm. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

1/25 {Sat} 5th Annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sign-in 9-11am at American Legion Post 58, 16837 E Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills 85268. \$10/pp. Scenic self-paced ride thru the Lower Salt River on Bush Hwy. End Party 11a-4:30pm at Superstition HD, 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction. Live Music, Beer Garden, Food, Vendors, Educational Booths, Raffle. Benefits the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group FMI: <http://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/>

1/25 {Sat} Monster Energy Supercross at State Farm Stadium, 1 Cardinals Dr. Glendale, AZ. 6:30-10:30pm. FMI: <https://www.supercrosslive.com>

2/1 {Sat} Red Iron Guitar Ride for Heart Strings. Poker Run benefit for Heart Strings (<http://heartstrings-foundation.org/>) charity program. Ride starts/ends at Steel Horse Saloon {602-942-8778}, 1818 W Bell Rd Ste 100, Phoenix, 85023. Sign-in 10a. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Live music by Unchained. The program was created to support music therapy programs across the state of Arizona by donating guitars to various veteran groups and organizations. Guitars have also been autographed by music artists and sold in auctions to raise even more money to turn around and purchase additional guitars to donate to music therapy programs.

2/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Vintage Rocket. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

2/8 {Sat} Car & Motorcycle Show fundraiser for Naval ROTC Unit of Apache Junction High School at AJHS. Details TBA. FMI: 480-797-7042, 480-682-8083

2/14-16 {Fr-Sun} Rockabilly Reunion Lake Havasu City. Motorcycle portion of show hosted by Soldiers For Jesus MC - LHC. <http://www.lakehavasurockabillyreunion.com/>

2/19 {Wed} Motorcycle Day at the Dome 9a-1:30pm at Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Speak to your legislators about motorcycle issues. Lunch on the lawn. Sponsors include ABATE-AZ. FMI: lobbyist@abateofaz.org, 602.456. BIKE

3/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

3/7 {Sat} 5th Anniversary Hooked on Healing Veterans Ride. Sign in at 8:30am at Desert Wind HD – 922 S Country Club Dr. Mesa, AZ 85210. Benefits Phoenix Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing! Day starts & ends @ DWHD; includes b'fast, ride to Saguaro Lake, lunch, entertainment, & great raffles. FMI: <https://facebook.com/events/428137101116231/>

3/14 {Sat} Lost Dutchman MC Gold Rush. 9a-5pm. Details TBA. FMI: dffd_mesa@yahoo.com

4/1-5 {Wed-Sun} Arizona Bike Week <http://www.az-bikeweek.com/>

4/3 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

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6/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

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Superstition Harley's Holidays

In keeping with the Holidays, Superstition Harley-Davidson hosted a number of events to help people during the Holidays and help keep the Spirit bright ☺ Throughout the Season there were several opportunities for the young & the young at heart to have their photo taken with Santa Claus.

On November 23, 2019 there was a Turkey Ride to deliver turkeys to the Apache Junction Food Bank in preparation for Thanksgiving. This was the first time working with this organization & SHD Event Coordinator Brina commented that she looks forward to working with them again.

December 14 was the day to deliver the toys to Sunshine Acres Children's Home from the SHD &

Seductive Car Club Toy Drive that started back on November 2nd. The donations had been sorted, organized, and wrapped. On delivery day Car Club members opened their trucks & backseats; carrying the gifts to Sunshine Acres Children's Home on Higley in Mesa for a party with the residents. The parade of cars and motorcycles was a hit with the kids. SACH currently has 86 children in its care; of all ages starting at 5 years old.

Thanks to the generosity of area bikers, the Toy Drive collected enough giftables to also make a donation to Hope Women's Center { <https://hopewomenscenter.org/> } in Apache Junction.

December 21 was the annual 'Battle of the Beards'. This year's turnout was excellent, with 29 contes-

tants in 6 categories. Congratulations to all the winners & thank you for participating!

Running short of time to bake up some Christmas treats? The Friends of the Kids had you covered with a fundraising bake sale offering an array of goodies; plus they hosted a gift-wrapping booth. Your donations to FOTK always go toward helping the children of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children's Shelter.

There are more great pix of each of these gatherings at the Superstition HD photo gallery, so be sure and check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/SuperstitionHD/photos/>

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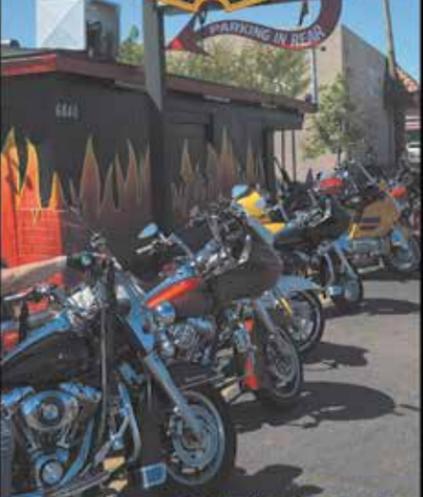
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Christmas Wrap

Starting in November and rolling straight on through to the Christmas finale, the Holiday Season makes for numerous benefits taking place around our state; hosted by various groups. Whether it's feeding the hungry, honoring our Veterans, or making sure that kids have presents at Christmas... these are things that bikers do so well. Some gatherings are larger than others; but they each have that same big beautiful biker heart at the center of it all. There were more happenings going on than we could share here in these pages. We are happy to be able to share news here about some of this Season's events.

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The 36th annual **Birds on Bikes** sponsored by the Modified Motorcycle Association of AZ took place on Sunday **November 24, 2019**. It has always been held on the last Sunday before Thanksgiving. The East Valley Flock vs. West Valley Flock Challenge always makes for a friendly competition ☺ The West Valley Flock met at Charley's Place, at 4324 W. Thunderbird Rd. East Valley riders met at Chandler Elks Lodge & at Desert Wind HD in Mesa. MMA member JC Reece shared that, "West side MMA brought 122 Turkey's today, others brought a lot also. Great job all." We learned from organizer Cindy Gates that the West Valley Flock took honors for bringing the most birds this year. Thanks JC for sharing your photos with us!

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The 4th annual **Troll's Teddy Bear Run** took place on Saturday **December 7**. Meetup was again at American Bike & Trike in Gilbert, just west of Val Vista off of Pecos. Some 107 riders took the ride. Last stop was at Wahoo's in Gold Canyon. The final count of teddy bears & other plushies came in at 1,122. Well done! That outdoes 2018 by several hundred ☺ These donations go to Mesa Family Advocacy Center, Mesa & Gilbert PDs, and Mesa First Responders. They are used to help children in crisis situations.

Organizer Greg 'Troll' Hughes {center photo bottom group} sent out thanks to "the Patriot Guard, Heather Budge Henry, Law Tigers Arizona, Zer-

ah Foundation, American Bike and Trike, Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar, Leslie Kay Insurance, Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, East Valley HOG Chapter, and a lot of folks that donated time and Teddy Bears."

Follow Troll's Biker World at <https://trollsikerworld.com/> &/or on FB.
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The 15th Annual **Lost Dutchman MC Christmas Angel Toy Drive** took place on Sunday **December 8, 2019**. The LDMC Peoria & Queen Creek Clubhouses were also open in the morning for bik-



Birds on Bikes



The Beaver Bar Toy Run

On Saturday **December 14**, the Beaver Bar & Grill hosted a **Toy Run to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital**. Riders all met at Beaver Bar, 11801 N 19th Ave, Phoenix for the round-trip ride. There were stops at Ain't Nicks Tavern, Deer Valley Eagles, Connolly's, & the Steelhorse.

Hosts Beaver & Tammie gave this followup, "Thanks to all our customers and participants in our 1st toy run here at the Beaver Bar, Aint Nicks, Deer Valley Eagles, Connolly's, and The Steel Horse Saloon. We had 19 riders, and raised \$800.00, and all the toys for Phoenix Children's Hospital!!!"

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December 14 was also the day for the 5th annual **Toy & Charity Poker Run** to benefit **Hospice of the Valley**. This event is hosted by the Eagle Riders of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Osborn Aerie #2843 in Glendale. Ride stops included Arizona Biker Leathers, Skipper's Lounge, Kimmiz on Greenway, Arrowhead HD, & Sunnyslope Eagles #2957. We learned from organizer Nik Raven that, "A record number of 84 participated and exceeded last year's total contributions of toys for local kids and funds for Hospice of The Valley!!! TOTAL (so far) \$5,064 for HOV!!! To all who participated, donated, and volunteered, Thank You!!!"

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ers to meet up & then ride into Mesa, with everyone gathering at the Mesa CH.

At noon the parade departed for Mesa's WalMart, where the Salvation Army's Angel Trees were waiting with wishes to be fulfilled on behalf Mesa's more needy children.

LDMC member Mark shared, "I would like to thank everyone who participated in our toy run today. Because of you we were able to fill 225 Christmas Angel wishes for the kids in Mesa. We raised \$11,700.00 for the Salvation Army. Adding to this great total the Lost Dutchman also raised \$600.00 in cash donations for Sunshine Acres Children's Home. May each and everyone who came out today have a wonderful and safe holiday season."

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