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The 9th annual Skin & Steel Tattoo & Motorcycle Show took place on January 19 at the American Legion Post 2, located at 2125 S Industrial Park Avenue in Tempe. It was a beautiful day to be out! Some years past have been grey, chilly, & dreary for this event.

From 10a-4pm there were bikes to look at, vendors to shop, music for listening, and tattoos... get 'em ~ show 'em ~ your choice! While checking out everything that was going on, you were listening to the Moonshine VooDoo Band... a popular local band that really rocks!

Among the vendors in the parking lot was our mutual sponsor, Law Tigers; plus Templar Crusaders MC & At Season's End Mortuary promoting their Broken Wings Foundation, then Red Light Rebellion, Lee-Bones Meat Duster bbq rubs & seasonings, Cutthroat Industries, Discount Biker Supply, Blades & Shades, Clip Man, Alphadog Firearms, Desert Wind HD, Quality Stickers, Wells Motorcycle Distributors (WMD), Bad MF Apparel, Thigh Brush Apparel, Designs by Louise (custom embroidery), Hauwilde Cosmetics, Gold Canyon Candles, & Zoni Custom Crafts.

Once indoors there was Mum's Apothecary, MaryKay Cosmetics, God's Supply House (tees), Dick Greve Diamonds & Gold, Glowing Glass Plus, American Legion support merchandise, Origami Owl jewelry, Lady Aces Sports Injury Massage, and VooDoo Guitar Works. Two tattoo shops, Skin Lab

Tattoo from Tempe & Dozer Ink of Mesa were set up and slinging ink. All told, there were about 29 different setups.

The raffle table offered about 30 or so different items, with prizes to appeal to pretty much anyone... jewelry, apparel, tool bag, adult beverages, a variety of gift certificates, gloves, gift baskets, & more.

The 50/50 split put \$137 into the lucky winner's pocket.

The bike show had 26 entries. You could enter your bike into several categories... competing the same bike for the Vintage trophy, Paint Trophy, etc. Scott Krantz, former president of ALR Post 2 {2011-2015} managed the bike show. The winners were: *Best Street Sport* – a 1998 Harley Davidson Dyna Wide Glide entered by “Switch” of Cutthroat Industries; Hector Reyes' 2015 Harley David Street Glide was the *Best Dresser*; Sunny Lunnen's 2018 Harley Davidson Road Glide won *Best Street Cruiser*; *Best Vintage* was John Conlin's 1948 Indian Chief; Stacy Kell's 2013 Harley Davidson Electra-Glide had the *Best Paint*; and the *Most Unique* was AL's Harley Davidson 1962 Panhead.

There were 13 entries for the Tattoo Contest. It is the 5th year for Tyesha to be organizing & emcee'ing this show. The winners were... *Best Black & Gray* - Matt Kerr, *Best 'Worst' Tattoo* – Cassie, *Best Back Piece* - Slim (Post 41), *Best Leg* - Slim (Post 41). *Best Sleeve* - Shelly Bosley, *Best Color* - Deania B, and *Best Tattoo of the Day* - Ryan Bosley.

This is a free event to attend. Fundraising comes from bike & tattoo show entries, raffle & 50/50 ticket sales {please buy up ☺}, vendor fees, the lunch station, and other revenue streams.

According to Event Coordinator Teri Krantz, over 400 people attended throughout the day. {We observed more than 15 organizations represented, as well as many independent riders. Excellent!} Fundraising netted \$3,000 for American Legion Rider Programs. Those monies will go toward Veterans assistance (individuals and non-profit groups), motorcycle safety programs, and American Legion programs; so you know that your money is being put to good work!

Teri sent along thanks to, "... our sponsors Desert Wind Harley Davidson, Law Tigers, and to Moonshine Voodoo for performing and donating a beautiful guitar that we will be raffling to earn money for our charities. I'd also like to thank Phoenix Spring for allowing us to use their parking lot, as well as our volunteers and vendors." She added, "The day was a great success! The weather was perfect. We hope to continue this tradition in the upcoming years."

People there were having a good time for a good cause. We're glad it went so well. Congratulations on a successful day!

Betsy & Bruce

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We thank everyone who took the time to send emails to their legislators and used their Request to Speak (RTS) accounts to share opinions with committee members. You made a difference!

Friday, February 22 marked a major milestone at the Arizona Legislature. It was the deadline for all bills to be heard in committee in the bill's originating chamber (House or Senate). Over half of the bills I am monitoring failed to meet the February 22 deadline. As a result of your activism, most of the bills attacking your freedoms in Arizona are effectively dead for the session.

The big one was **HB 2246 motorcycle riders; helmets; fees**. Yes, it was Dr. Friese (LD9) who was attempting this again. Speaker Bowers did not even schedule it for a First Read. Representative Campbell (LD1) told me that even if it did make it to his Transportation Committee for a hearing, it would not pass. I spoke to many legislators and they were in support of our position. So, it is DEAD for this session.

**HB 2694 funeral escorts; funeral board licensure** was killed in committee last week as well. The pressure you all put on the legislators was amazing! I was receiving phone calls from the policy advisors and legislators asking me to change our opposition to the bill and "use our political muscle" to help pass it. That kind of thing only happens because of the members of the motorcycle community sounding off.

**HM2002 motorcycle profiling; encouraging prevention** passed in the Transportation Committee last week unanimously. In order to get to a floor vote we still need to get through Rules and Caucus. I will be calling on you to contact your Representatives as this gets closer to a floor vote.

**SB1001 highway safety fee; repeal; VLT** We are still waiting on this bill being scheduled in the

House. Be prepared to weigh in again as it moves through the process in that chamber. You all did a great job in getting this through committee and a floor vote. We still have a fight ahead, but it is a winnable one.

**NON-MOTORCYCLE BILLS**

**HCR 2005 and SB 1023** are identical bills proposing a constitutional amendment that would require ballot measure petitions to have a specific percentage of signatures from each legislative district in Arizona. Currently, the percentages are based on the state's voting population, regardless of location. Passage of this amendment would lessen the likelihood of large population centers overriding the desire of voters in less populated areas. Under current law, if a deep-pocketed anti-rights group wanted to use a ballot measure to restrict your freedom, they only have to send their army of paid signature gatherers to a handful of locations in the Phoenix metro area to get the required number of signatures. We will be calling upon you to contact your Senators and Representatives as these bills are scheduled for chamber debates and floor votes.

The following is a bad bill we are monitoring that survived committee hearings. We will need your help in defeating it in the Legislature.

As originally filed **SB 1475** would have mandated DNA samples from law-abiding citizens for all kinds for reasons, including anyone required to submit fingerprints, such as applying for a CCW permit. And, it would have required you to pay a hefty fee for the collection of your DNA. A "strike everything" amendment was adopted during the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee hearing on SB 1475 that replaces the original language of the bill and now would only require DNA collected from a sexual assault kit. The amendment is just the camel's nose under the tent. If passed, we would expect

to see continual expansions added in subsequent legislative sessions until eventually everyone's DNA is collected regardless of the reason.

Follow the money - The main beneficiary of widespread DNA collection in Arizona appears to be the ANDE Corporation. They appear to be the only company that currently meets the requirements in the proposed legislation, in apparent violation of Arizona's constitutional protection against special laws. Only ANDE representatives spoke at the committee hearing in favor of the bill. Of the only five individuals that chimed in on RTS in support of SB 1475 (versus 410 against), we have been able to identify three of them as being associated with ANDE. The sole sponsor of SB 1475 is Republican Senator David Livingston (LD22).

The next major deadline at the Legislature is a March 29, when all Senate bills must be heard in House committees and vice versa. Keep your keyboards warmed up. We'll need your support as bills are scheduled for floor votes and committee hearings.

One more thing ...

Thank you so much to all who came out to Motorcycle Day at the Dome this year. Not only did we run out of food and had to make a pizza run so everyone could eat, the sound of all the bikes firing up at once was heard all the way to the Executive Tower offices. All in total, we had 301 motorcyclists sign in. The legislators were talking about the huge turnout on Wednesday and Thursday. So even though most were unable to join us, it made a difference. We also had scheduled appointments with 14 legislators that day. Great job everyone.

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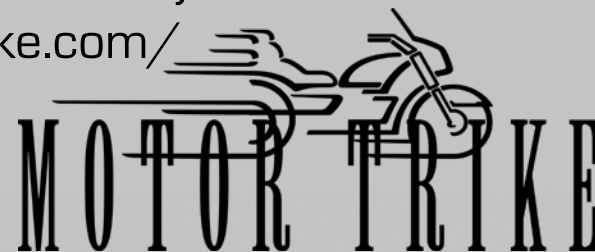
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**Editors Column**

*Hello AriZona Riders!*

Please welcome our new advertisers Phoenix Motor Leathers and Mr. John Holt. Returning Advertiser HD of Scottsdale wants to remind you that their dealership is just 2 miles from the AZ Bike Week festivities!

And Too Broke For Sturgis is coming up FAST... So start making your plans!

Our cover photos were taken at Butcher Jones Beach during the Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Read more about the day on page 19.

Our new Editors photo is from our Cousin Marcia, taken during the Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion. It was our first trip there.... but pretty sure it won't be our last!

We hope to see you out & about during Arizona Bike Week... less than a month away!

Have a great month! Ride safely, choose wisely, be nice, &

*Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!*

*Bruce & Betsy*



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# APRC Veterans Day Run



On November 10, 2018 The American Patriots RC hosted its 1st annual Veterans Day Run. Beneficiary of the day was Dogs 4 Vets, an organization we introduced some of our readers to in our EV Rodeo article back in November. Their mission is such an excellent one that we were happy to learn that another group was also directing their energy toward this cause.

My thanks to Gary from APRC for helping us share news of the day with our readers.

Sign-in was at Chopper Johns, 2547 E Indian School Road in Phoenix. They offered a "Bloody Mary Special which was a terrific way to start the morning!" Approximately 65 riders took the self-paced 94-mile ride. Gary noted, "Many additional people participated that were either at the final stop location by chance or wanted to participate even though they were unable to ride on the Poker Run."

He continued, "After leaving Chopper John's riders proceeded to American Legion Post 34 in Cave Creek, a very popular destination for Arizona Riders. ... then on through the beautiful McDowell Mountains, to stop #3, the American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills; right next to what was at one time the tallest fountain in the world. Stop #4 was Desert Wind Harley Davidson in Mesa, and then on to the Final Party location, Good Time Charli's {6045 W Chandler Blvd} in Chandler."

The end party included drink & lunch specials, live music by 'Arizona Blacktop', raffles, and a 50/50. Gary commented, "This was definite-

ly a family-friendly event. Dogs-4-Vets brought in some of the service animals to mingle at the party; which was a huge hit with the crowd, especially the younger attendees!" Adding, "We don't have the names of the high hand and low hand winners, but they were given the choice of either \$250 cash or a 9MM handgun for the high hand and \$200 or a .380 hand gun for low hand. APRC also raffled off an AR-15 rifle... There were approximately \$3000 in donated raffle prizes... Prizes included Box Seats at a Phoenix Suns Game, 2-Day tactical training, liquor, and range time at an indoor shooting range. Numerous other items were raffled such as t-shirts, motorcycle clothing and massage gift certificates."

This inaugural event raised about \$2,500 for Dogs-4-Vets. Dogs-4-Vets American Service Animal Society is a local organization that provides assistance for Veterans with PTSD through the use of service animals. From their website, <https://dogs4vets.org/>, "Our Dogs4Vets program involves training the veteran's own dog so they become a certified Service Dog. If they do not have a dog, we advocate the use of rescues."

The American Patriots RC would like to thank their event supporters / donors Good Time Charli's, Desert Wind Harley Davidson, All American Firearms, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, M.A.M. (Military Assistance Mission), C2 Tactical, Thighbrush Products and Apparel for Bearded Lifestyle, Naumann-Hobbs, Phoenix Motor Leathers, and Massage by Angie.

Gary explained, "This was an incredibly fun

event with proceeds going to a great cause, supporting America's Veterans. American Patriots RC (APRC) was founded on the principles of supporting Active Military, Veterans, and the 2nd Amendment. Recipients of services from Dogs-4-Vets were on location at the end party and gave testimony to the benefits of the support that service animals provide. There was not a dry eye in the house! The support that we have received not only from the Biker Community, but also from outside the biker community has been outstanding. APRC is looking forward to hosting many more events for these causes in the future!"

Asked about future events he offered, "The November 10th event was our inaugural event. We are in the planning stages for the next one, which will also be on Veteran's Day Weekend 2019. We have a Veteran's support charity event planned for 5/25/2019 at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson and the plan is to partner with Dogs-4-Vets again as the recipient... For this event we are planning free lunch, another Gun Raffle, and a 50/50. We are also in discussions to have live music from a local band. Much thanks to Desert Wind for sponsoring the Gift-A-Shift Foundation event."

These events will be in our *AZ Rider* calendar as specifics come together.

To learn more about the American Patriots RC, or see more photos from this event, visit APRC on the web at <https://www.facebook.com/APRC.AZ/> Congratulations on a successful day! *B&B*

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In 2018, FTD's 'Dirty Bandit' placed 2nd in the Rat Bike class, during the Rat's Hole Custom Bike Show at the Buffalo Chip in Sturgis.

We can offer you the 'Dagnet' information that is important to have when learning about a shop... ["Just the facts Ma'am"] but there's nothing like hearing the reviews of customers to give you the feel of a place. So, we'll turn this over to some of them to share their thoughts.

Mark Polk reviewed FTD Cycle Repair — 5 star -- July 29, 2016 •

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# Exciting Changes at Chandler Custom Cycles



operating under the new name *KickAZ Cycles*. From where Chandler Custom Cycles leaves off, at KickAZ Cycles, we are committed to utilizing industry and business technological tools, expanding our service hours and growing our parts and merchandise selections so we can bring our dear customers quality, affordable products and exceptional service.

As the team began socializing the name change and process improvements strategies, customers, suppliers and the team can sense the excitement in the air at KickAZ Cycles. Long-time customers are being quite supportive. Knowing their bikes are still in the same capable hands as before they recognize the team is committed to building an improved foundation for the future.

Chandler Custom Cycles, located at 2775 N Arizona Ave in Chandler, welcomes new owner Hugo Robles. On December 1st, 2018, former owner Harold Fischer enthusiastically sold Chandler Custom Cycles so he may embark on a well-earned retirement.

Since 1999, Harold's Chandler Custom Cycles has serviced & repaired Harley-Davidson and custom motorcycles of all years and models. They also built exciting and cutting-edge custom motorcycles and became home to one of the largest parts inventories in the Valley. By being responsive and providing timely and quality service, CCC built a strong and loyal customer base.

CCC's robust customer reputation and skilled operational team were key elements in Hugo's eagerness to embrace this new undertaking. This shop is Hugo's opportunity to blend his passion for bikes and acute operational acumen, to a solid business venture that is primed to grow and expand. Recognizing the incredible knowledge, skills and experience in Rick Beam and Rod McDowell (the team that Harold had brought together), Hugo is determined to unleash their strengths to take this enterprise to the next level.

Although the key service team with whom so many are familiar will remain unchanged, beginning March 1st, 2019 the crew will officially begin

Positive reviews and recommendations are already coming in.

Rick Hetrick 12-29-18 ... *"Rick is a great guy and you have a loyal customer in me."*

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Scott Morris 2-9-19 ... *"great place and excellent personal service...!!"*

Hugo brings with him the wisdom of a successful CFO who understands complex business, legal, governmental and financial instruments. Furthermore, he also has first-hand experience with inventory management and control. Hugo can draw upon these skills and experiences to augment the collective technical and industry specific knowledge and experience from Rick and Rod to create a dynamic or KickAZ Cycle business.

Because motorcycles are inherently cool, the KickAZ Cycles team loves to ride and loves to talk choppers, bobbers and bagger. We want to help you build the bike of your dreams. We can help you build your bike from the ground up in a complete custom build or we can help you personalize your bike with wheel, pipes, grips, handle bars, custom paint or the many other products that says, *this bike is mine*.

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*[from left: Rick Beam, Hugo Robles, Rod McDowell]*



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# Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion 2019



Touted as “The Largest Rockabilly Car / Motorcycle Show and Music Festival in the State of Arizona” it can easily be believed. The 2019 event took place February 15-17, at Lake Havasu State Park. The venue is beautiful, on the shore of Lake Havasu. You get the views of the water and mountains of California as you gaze across. The weather couldn’t have been better for the day.

The parking lot was packed when we arrived. Organizer Kennie shared that an estimated 30,000+ visitors attended over the 3 days. There were definitely a lot of people there at any given time, but the location is big enough that {to us} it never felt over-crowded.

The first thing you are greeted with as you enter the event site is row after row of great cars to inspect, ogle, photograph, admire, reminisce over, wish for, etc. The motorcycle portion of the show was smaller than the autos, with ‘just’ 126 bikes registered, but it is a growing segment of the event.

On the other hand, there were 896 autos on display! That’s far too many vehicles to write about

each one. So we just chose a few to mention ... There are more pix in the [online photo album](#) to view. A 1902 Ford Model A was the oldest vehicle on site. That being said, the 1929 REO Flying Cloud was an equally rare sight. A 1941 Harley-Davidson Servi-car was among the bikes.

Vendors included HoggDoggs, Purple Slice, Mother Road HD, and Kong Pinstriping [sponsored by [Law Tigers](#)]. Soldiers For Jesus MC Havasu also had a booth. It was great to meet some of them after recently sharing their Yucca Toy Run story in our January issue. There were 162 vendors, offering a wide variety of goods & services including.... apparel, metal signs, hats, frozen spark plugs, artwork, massage, insurances, essential oils, home services such as a Realtor, exterminator, & solar systems; and more. There were of course NUMEROUS outlets to find rockabilly attire – for guys & gals! You could even do a hair & makeup ‘Rockabilly Makeover’. The Food Court was extensive... offering a wide variety of options for most anyone’s preference.

Activities and additional entertainment includ-

ed a Kids Zone with big inflatables. There was a climbing wall, a zip line, and a face painting booth. The Motocross stunt show out in the parking lot had some really talented jumpers taking to the air.

The Pinup Pageant took place during band breaks. Pinup .... It’s Classic Americana. There’s more out there to learn about it than I’d imagined. Interest level covers the spectrum from just enjoying the clothes to adopting pinup as a lifestyle. This year’s LHC Rockabilly Reunion Pinup Pageant was the 11th annual. It included 10 ladies, each hoping for top honors. Emcee was Ms Dixie Rebelle, a professional pinup model & event planner.

There were 3 rounds, each taking place on Saturday; with winners being announced on Sunday. 1st was a classic ‘getting to know you’ round. Each gal introduced herself & answered some questions. 2nd round was the swimsuit competition. 3rd round included posing with cars in the show. Among the prizes are cold hard cash, Gretsch guitars; plus, next year’s event posters will feature one of these ladies. According to Dixie, “We have random judges each



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round so the scoring is fair, and that's how we determine the winners." The classes & winners were: Miss Rockabilly: Ruby Switchblade ; Miss Psychobilly: Mizz Pietz ; Miss Lake Havasu: Ruby Wilde ; & the Miss Alicia Honor Award (Miss Congeniality): Heather Riot.

Pinup Pageant contestants must be at least 16 years old. Anyone interested in more info or to enter for next year can email [pinuprockabillyreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:pinuprockabillyreunion@yahoo.com).

There was also a kids class in the Pageant. All told, about a dozen kids participated. Some were outgoing, others were shy. There was a lot of support from the audience. Little Miss Rockabilly was Bonnie, Little Miss Psychobilly was Rayne, and Little Mr. Greaser was Pretty Boy Floyd.

And of course we haven't even gotten to the MUSIC yet! Whether you're at the bandstand or making your way around the venue it's hard not to dance or tap your toes. Rockabilly incorporates rock & roll, swing, jump, boogie woogie, rhythm &

blues, country. Then each band brings their style in to make it their own. It was first-rate all day long.

This is a nationally & internationally recognized event. In addition to AZ, there were plates representing CA, CO, ND, NV, MT, OR, TX, WA, & WI plus Alberta in the car show. Visitors traveled in from Chile, Canada, & Mexico.

Kennie sent out thanks to all their Sponsors... Allusions Hair Center {Lake Havasu City}, Kokomo {LHC}, e-tix, Russ Brown motorcycle attorney, Emerald Aire Heat & A/C, Boat Brokers & RV, Blind Pig Tattoo & Piercing, High Life Pomade Hair Dressing, Dragonfly Cycle Concepts, London Bridge Resort, Evapo-Rust, Viking Bags, Shock Top Belgian White, Michelob Ultra, Budweiser, & Bud Light; plus the Rockabilly Hall of Fame and Rockabilly Productions.

Images of 'Rosie the Riveter', the movie 'Grease', and TV's 'Happy Days' all come into play here. It was fun to step back in time and enjoy the memories. It would be hard to determine just what

part of the event is its 'centerpiece'... Music, cars, beautiful pinup gals... each will choose their preference. But each element came together to make for a real blast.

Rockabilly is for everyone ... Women & men of all ages, as well as kids, get in the mood by putting on their retro threads. But whether you decide to dress the part or 'come as you are' you'll find a fun-filled time waiting for you at the Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion. Next year's dates are set. Mark your calendar for February 14 - 15 - 16, 2020. This event keeps getting bigger each year & Kenzie hinted that, "We have a few new things up our sleeve." We hope you can make the scene!

*Betsy & Bruce*

*See more pix by clicking the title online to visit our photo album.*

Learn more about this event by visiting their website at [www.lakehavasurockabillyreunion.com](http://www.lakehavasurockabillyreunion.com).



While checking out the vehicles in the show, we came across 'Miss Scarlet' with her family.



Lunch during the Rockabilly Reunion was at our favorite food vendor HoggDogs. {Owner Mark is pictured here with sister & assistant Tina.} Our veggie burgers were delicious. Our Cousins who lunched with us were impressed with the Salmon Burger and traditional HoggDogg lunches.







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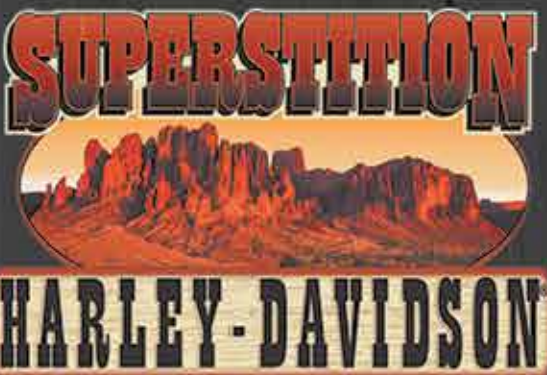
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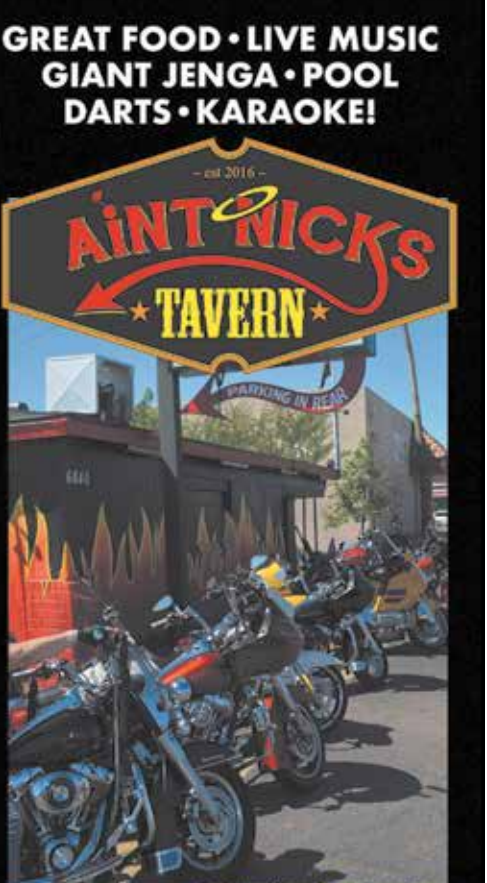


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3/16 Lost Dutchman MC 23rd Goldrush. Sign-in 9am at Mesa LDMC Clubhouse 1826 W. Broadway, Mesa. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. End party at Hitching Post in Apache Junction. High hand wins pure gold. Music by Moonshine VooDoo Band. Wet-T Contest. Portion of proceeds go to Sunshine Acres Children's Home. FMI: 480-745-4599, [dffd\\_mesa@yahoo.com](mailto:dffd_mesa@yahoo.com)

3/16 Down Biker fund raiser organized by Tucson Bikers for Christ. 11a-4pm at Hot Rods Old Vail, 10500 E. Old Vail Rd, Tucson. Raising funds for Bikers and their families after an accident. Biker games, Bike show, Live Music & DJ, family & kid friendly. 50/50, big screen TV raffle, & more. All Patches welcome. All Cages & anyone wanting to support the Tucson Bikers community. Invite your neighbors. FMI: Gus 520-254-2599 or John 520-972-3840

3/16 Hooligans MC Deer Valley annual Shamrocks and Shenanigans Party! Special drinks, food, music and great times! Come out and join us for a great party! \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. HMC-Deer Valley Clubhouse 2663 W Lone Cactus. FMI: [www.hooligansmcdeervalley.com](http://www.hooligansmcdeervalley.com)

3/16 'ACCElerate for Special Needs' St. Patrick's Day Poker Run. Starts/ends at Desert Wind HD [922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa]. Sign-in 8am, \$25/pp. End part includes food, drinks, band, DJ, vendors, & more. Benefits ACCEL's programs for children & adults with special needs. FMI: 480-894-0404

**3/23{Sat} Birds of Prey Fundraiser at Superstition HD from 11a- 2pm. Come see Birds of Prey up close from 4 Continents from The Arizona Raptor Center. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com)**

**3/23 3-Ball Run with MMA-AZ. Sign-in at Charley's Place, 4324 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale. \$5/pp. Last stop Beaver Bar, 11801 N 19th Ave, Phoenix, AZ. \$5/pp. FMI: Cindy 623-695-5659, <https://www.facebook.com/events/370184670230393/>**

3/23 Dakota's Run hosted by Green Knights Chapter 28 MMC. FMI: [greenknights28@gmail.com](mailto:greenknights28@gmail.com)

3/23 Nation of Patriots Poker Run benefit hosted by the Chandler Elks Riders to help AZ veterans & their families! Register 9-10am @ 1775 W. Chandler Blvd, Chandler. Last bike in by 4pm. \$20/sgl, \$35/dbl includes Poker Run, Dinner, & Band. FMI: 480-963-6263, [www.nationofpatriots.com](http://www.nationofpatriots.com)

3/24 {Sun} Lindsey Eastridge Memorial Poker Run @ Desert Wind HD. Poker Run starts 10am. Raffles, 50/50, Food, Live Music by The Bayou Bandits. \$20/rider, +\$10/2-up. Benefits Mental Health America of AZ. 1st 50 pre-reg includes t-shirt. FMI: [pj@love4lindsey.com](mailto:pj@love4lindsey.com), 602-330-2016, [www.love4lindsey.com](http://www.love4lindsey.com)

3/24 Spartan Riders MC 'Get Outta Town' 2pm 'til ? at River Bottom Saloon [520-868-3131], 2501 N AZ-79, Florence. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Live music, gun raffle, 50/50 & more. FMI: n/a

**3/30 {Sat} Pancakes & Parts Swap Meet. P'cake b'fast w/ Protect the Children INC. 8:30a-10:30am. Motorcycle Swap Meet 9a-1pm. Spaces are limited. Reserve yours today! Motorcycle parts only. \$10/ space. All proceeds benefit Protect the Children INC. Superstition HD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com)**

4/3-7 AZ Bike Week. Headliners George Thorogood & the Destroyers, 3 Doors Down, Buckcherry, Godsmack. Rides, parties, vendors, demo rides, stunt riders, flat track, & MORE! <http://www.azbikeweek.com/>

4/3 {Wed} 19th annual Wednesday Ride for Kids presented by Phoenix HOG #93. Benefits AZ Burn Foundation's Camp Courage Burn Camp for Kids. All motorcycle makes & models welcome! Sign-in 7:30-9am @ Buddy Stubbs AZ HD in Phoenix. 260-mile tour includes Wickenburg, Bagdad, & Yarnell. Ends at The Roadhouse, Cave Creek. \$35/sgl, +\$25/2-up. Pre-register online at [www.WednesdayRide.com](http://www.WednesdayRide.com). FMI: Tyrah Lawson, [asst.director@hog93.com](mailto:asst.director@hog93.com) ; <http://www.WednesdayRide.com>

**4/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by The Fallen. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>**

**5/3 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>**

**5/3-5 {Fr-Sun} 15th annual Wild in the Weeds with ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter. Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Mile Post 262 Hwy 188, Tonto Basin AZ. Music by 'Unchained'. Games, raffles, wet-T contest, silent auction... ABATE members \$15/sgl, \$25/cpl; non-members \$25 & \$35. Memberships available. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, [www.WildInTheWeeds.com](http://www.WildInTheWeeds.com)**

**5/18 {Sat} Victory For the Veterans on the SS Lane Victory benefit from 10a-5pm at 3600 Miner St, San Pedro, CA. All proceeds go to Cal Vet Veterans Home in Barstow CA. Hosted by Soldiers For Jesus MC. Sponsored by Law Tigers. \$15/pp, 12&under free includes Ship Museum, live music, raffles, 50/50, & more. Food vendors on site. FMI: 951-415-9642, 909-496-7208, 951-334-7782**

**6/6-9 {Thu-Sun} Too Broke For Sturgis 2019. FMI: <http://www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/>**

**6/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music, vendors, & more. Last one until September. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>**



# Law Tigers Awards Local & National Motorcycle Organizations Significant Charity Donations In 2019



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*Law Tigers awards \$10,000 grant for motorcycle rider training scholarships to Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation and \$1,000 to Motorcycle Missions Veteran & First Responder program*

January 4, 2019, Phoenix, Arizona –

Law Tigers announces the award of a \$10,000 grant to the Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) and announces their \$1,000 Hero of The Year winner as Motorcycle Missions.

The grant, which demonstrates support for AMSAF's mission of promoting awareness of motorcyclists while reducing rider fatalities and injuries, will be used to provide motorcycle rider training classes to the public through a scholarship program.

The \$1,000 Hero of The Year award to Motorcycle Missions will go towards helping veterans and first responders with motorcycle therapy to help treat post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Hero of The Year award is a culmination of the Hero of the Month program where Law Tigers recogniz-

es contributors to the motorcycle community with a \$200 donation to a charity of their choice. Some recipients in 2018 included Infinite Hero Foundation, Sheemotos, Grant Bourne's Ride Out of The Darkness, and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 49.

"At Motorcycle Missions we understand that much of the post-traumatic stress [(disorder)] paradigm is that the need for purpose, camaraderie, and adrenaline is of the utmost importance. Our hope is to encourage our participants to instill a life-long passion for riding and building motorcycles, that will help them enjoy a happy, healthy, and balanced lifestyle after trauma."

"AMSAF is excited to continue giving more scholarships to help educate new and current riders," says Mick Degn, AMSAF executive director. "We thank Law Tigers for their

support for motorcycle safety in Arizona," adds Degn. "This continues to be the largest single activity we do to promote motorcycle safety and awareness and to help reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities. This will allow anyone in the state of Arizona to apply for, and receive, motorcycle training. Since our inception, AMSAF has given out more than 2500 scholarships in Arizona to help educate riders."

Law Tigers Motorcycle Lawyers is dedicated to making the road a safer place for every rider. As motorcycle enthusiasts and supporters, Law Tigers is committed to individuals and organizations that share this passion for motorcycle safety, awareness, and responsible riding.

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### Happy Anniversary in March to

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Chuck 'Top' Outman ~ Viet Nam / Legacy Vets MC  
 ~ March 7, 2017  
George Ziegler ~ March 23, 2017  
 Ed Pearman ~ March 9, 2018  
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Now that the gov't shutdown is over, NHTSA has been catching up on vehicle recall notices, so we'll start getting them out to you.

December 21, 2018 ... Recall ~  
 NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V927  
 Brake Caliper Corrosion may Cause Brake Drag  
 Potential Number of Units Affected 12,871  
 Components SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC  
*Summary:* Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2016-2019 Street 500 (XG500), Street 750 (XG750), and 2017-2019 Street 750A (XG750A) motorcycles. The brake calipers may corrode internally after exposure to certain driving environments such as coastal regions or road salt, resulting in increased brake drag. Excessive brake drag can increase the risk of crash.  
*Remedy:* Harley-Davidson has notified owners, and dealers will install new front and rear brake calipers, free of charge. An interim letter was mailed to owners on January 15, 2019 to notify them of the issue. Owners will receive a second notification when parts are available. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0174.  
*Notes:* Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153),


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# Arizona Biker Leathers Celebrates 16 Years AZ Rider

Arizona Biker Leathers invited the motorcycling community to join them on Saturday December 8, 2018 as they celebrated their 16th year in business. The open house ran from noon until 4pm. AZBL owner Ann Ziegler shared that approximately 550 to 600 people visited throughout the day.

Vendors were invited to set up, for free. Seventeen took advantage of this opportunity.

As always, lunch was free. There were burgers, hot dogs, & the fixings.

Music was provided by DJ Charley Farley and his wife Joanne. They've been a part of this event for more than ten years.

The raffle table was filled with goods; including leather goods, apparel, Law Tigers swag, jewelry, riding accessories, signs, hats, patches, H-D giftables, kids bicycles, a battery-powered kids car

{Wow ! So much for pedal cars ~ lol}, a 55" HD TV, & more.

Ann shared that she, "could not have done this without the help of my family - My son George Jr, Daughter-in-law Amber, daughter Summer, future son-in-law Nick, Grandson Kevin, Grandson Little Boss Man David, and Dirty Old Man at the Sewing table." She added thanks to Leigh & Crystal for handling raffle tickets sales, Charley & Joanne Farley, and to Charles, Chuck, and Freddie Four Fingers for manning the grill.

She emphasized they "want to let everyone know we appreciate all the love and support. It was great to see everyone."

Located at 13833 N. 19th Avenue in Phoenix {NE corner of 19th Ave & Thunderbird}, Arizona Biker Leathers has been supplying leather goods,

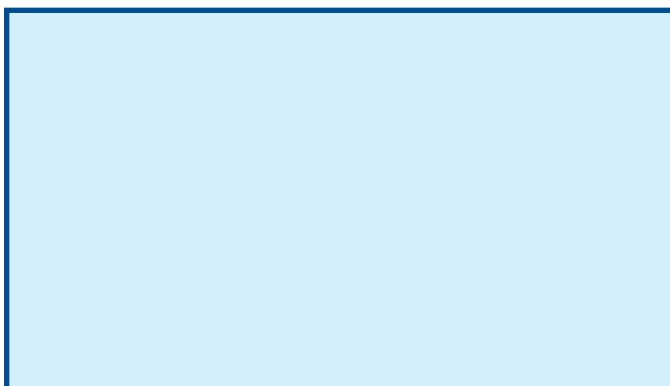
riding accessories, apparel, stitching services, and more to the riding community since 2002. It is the longest-running independent motorcycle apparel & accessories shop in Arizona. Their in-house embroidery department can handle your custom patch order with FAST turnaround ~ with NO minimum order.

They've recently updated their website. You can check it out at <https://www.arizonabikerleathers.com/>, visit 'em on FB at [www.facebook.com/arizonabikerleathers](http://www.facebook.com/arizonabikerleathers), or call 'em at 602-843-5847.

We wish the very best to the Arizona Biker Leathers family! Happy Anniversary and Congratulations on another successful year.

Betsy

Thank you to Law Tiger Bob for sharing some photos of the day!



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- Any injury or illness incurred while serving on active duty as a regular, reservist, or Federalized member of the National Guard needs to be noted in your medical records.
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# RIDE FOR THE SALT RIVER WILD HORSES



The 4th annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses took place on Saturday January 26, 2019. Simone Netherlands, President & Manager at Salt River Wild Horse Management Group proclaimed, "1st year was a 'protest' ride. 2nd year was to gain support for the horses. 3rd was a celebration. 4th ~ it's become a tradition!"

Tradition indeed! It seems quite appropriate, since wild horses such as these have been living along the Lower Salt River for more than 400 years. They are believed to be descended from horses brought to Arizona in the 1600s by the Spanish. Over the generations they too have become an Arizona Tradition... One that needs protecting.

Sticking with tradition, sign-in for the ride took place at the American Legion Post 58 Fountain Hills. From there the self-paced and unescorted ride traveled along Bush Highway thru the Lower Salt River, in the scenic Tonto National Forest. This is where the wild horses call home. Butcher Jones Beach {on Saguaro Lake} and Coon Bluff are favorite stops along the ride. On quieter days, these are locations where you can sometimes watch the horses.

There are always people who want to show support, but don't take the ride; instead gathering at the last stop. Yes, cages are welcome. While, of course, it is a motorcycle ride, it is SUPPORT for the horses that is paramount. Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction has always been the ride's destination. Once the majority of the riders arrived, the National Anthem along with an Honor Guard were presented. The traditional group photo was also taken.

Vendors at Superstition HD included sponsor Law Tigers, and AMSAF - promoting the upcoming 'Riding For the Long Haul' event. (Read that article in a future issue of *AZ Rider*). Ridescapes Event Photos had photographers at Post 58 in Fountain Hills; plus out on Bush Highway near Saguaro Lake. In case you didn't get a chance to find your photos at their booth on the day of the event, you can still go to their website Ridescapes.com, go through the albums, and order your copies from there. Oth-

er booths included Blades & Shades, Clip Man, Red Feather Trading Company, Girl Scout cookies, Kopp Knives {AJ}, Kat's Creations {painting, garden art, painted rocks, etc}, Unconditional Love Therapy Creations {jewelry}, and a Direct TV rep. There were 3 food trucks to handle your hungers.

Moonshine VooDoo Band brought the tunes... originals & covers, classic rock, country, & more... All with their own style ~ making for a good show.

The raffle table included goodies such as tickets for the USS Midway Museum [in San Diego], gift baskets in the H-D, Rt 66, & 'man-cave' themes; framed photos & other artwork, and adult beverages. The SRWH merchandise booth offered artwork, apparel, calendars, jewelry & more as fundraisers.

Here's an example of how far-reaching the interest is in protecting these horses... A couple from Ohio, Dave & Nicole Luttrell, flew out and rented an H-D to attend this event. *How cool is THAT!*

This was a record-breaking day. The stats are very exciting! Attendance exceeded 800 people, with 667 riders signing in. Donations at the time of this writing were at \$12,000 {beating the previous record of \$8220}. That will go a LONG way toward supporting the SRWRMG programs. These numbers are a testimony to the value that people have come to place on humane treatment of animals and the protection of our history.

From their website <https://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/> you can learn in more detail about how these monies are used to benefit the horses, but here is an overview....

"All of the SRWHMG non-profit programs are dedicated to safeguarding wild horse habitat and using humane standards of treatment. Every dollar of your tax deductible donation will go towards the horses directly."

Among those programs are addressing road-safety issues that affect horses and humans in the wild-horse habitat, fence maintenance, humane birth control, habitat cleanup {aka picking up PEOPLE's trash!}, educating the public about the horses, rescue & rehabilitation of severely injured horses {to

prevent unnecessary suffering}; and monitoring births, deaths, injuries, migrating patterns, & other statistics of the herd. All of these efforts contribute to the mission 'To protect the Salt River Wild Horses from harm'. And YES ~ volunteers are always welcome!

Skeeter sent along thanks to their event sponsors American Legion Post 58 Fountain Hills, Superstition HD, Len Novin The Bull 97.3 fm/ 1340 am, Carnation Home Cleaning, Law Tigers, and the Tribute Riders.

She also expressed appreciation to supporters Moonshine Voodoo Band, Logan Roberts from Grand Canyon HD in Mayer, Rhino from Discount Biker Supply, Girl Scouts Troop 1651 Apache Junction, AJ Mounted Rangers, Joe Miller and Aurora from Liberty Wildlife, Buzzberry, and the AJ JROTC Color Guard. Thanks go to all the volunteers that came out to help with the event. She hopes she did not forget anyone. And lastly, "We would like say thank you to everyone who participates to support and help the SRWHMG in keeping the Salt River Wild Horses Wild, Free and Protected; for without the support of the public we could not accomplish what we do."

These horses represent the wild, free spirit of Arizona and the American West.... A Spirit which some would say is dwindling. This herd of majestic animals is a living history that deserves a tradition of consideration & protection.

Learn about how to stay informed on issues, make donations, volunteer, & more at their website <https://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/> and follow SRWHMG at <https://www.facebook.com/saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup/>

The outpouring of support for the Salt River Wild Horses is heartwarming. Thank you SRWHMG, for all you do to help keep these horses Wild and Free!

Betsy & Bruce

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