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Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders!

On the cover... This photo was taken at Apache Gold Resort, during the 'Run to the Rez' parade lineup. Read about that event on page 15.



Two long-established events are in preparations for 2020..... The Swap Meet at 11-Mile Corner will take place May 10. More details are on pages 12 & 13.

Too Broke For Sturgis, hosted by ABATE-AZ will be June 11-14. More info is on page 6 plus in the calendar.

You'll notice when reading Ernie's story about the Worst Motorcycle Wreck in AZ History {page 9} that there is no photo of victim Stephen Punch. Sadly, we were never able to acquire one. If someone reading this knew him & has one they'd be willing to send along, we will gladly add it to the permanent digital archive.

Our 'Chamber of Commerce' weather has arrived. It's time to put on some miles & make some memories ☺ We wish you all safe and fun travels as you enjoy Bike Week and other adventures.

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Bob's Biker Blast 2019

Bob's Biker Blast 2019, put on by Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, Go AZ Motorcycles, and The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation took place the weekend of November 8-10, 2019. This is an event in several parts, all for the benefit of Phoenix Children's Hospital.

More than 5000 attended the gathering at HDoS through the 3-day festival. The host venue, H-D of Scottsdale – located at 15656 N Hayden Rd, offered vendors and music all three days.

The self-paced 'I Ride For PCH' Ride on Saturday started at Phoenix Children's Hospital, located at 1919 E Thomas Road in Phoenix. It was a beautiful day in the 80's; perfect for riding. Overhead the blue sky had a light veil of white clouds. There were just over 500 participants in the 'I Ride For PCH' ride. Riders are encouraged to join in the Rev & Ride departures that take place each half hour. All riders that are ready to leave at that time rev their engines & the young patients who cannot be outdoors come to the windows of their hospital rooms to watch the bikes & wave. It is a very moving experience for many of the bikers. The ride ended at HDoS in plenty of time to enjoy the day's festivities before the evening's headline concert with Darius Rucker.

Vendors at H-D of Scottsdale included Law Tigers AZ, Kuryakyn, Wild Ass motorcycle air seat cushions, Rockford Fosgate, Klock Werks, Bugslide, Custom Dynamics, S&S Performance, Cardo Communication, Vance Hines, Progressive Suspension,

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Among the performances that afternoon was 'Phantom 309', described as 'a Band that pays Tribute to the Great Country Artists of the 70s, 80s, 90s and beyond'. We enjoyed their mix of country, old rock 'n roll, & rockabilly; and look forward to hearing them again.

The raffle table was full of goodies, with something to draw the interest of pretty much anyone there.... HD collectibles, tools, sporting goods, restaurant scrip, massage time, a guitar autographed by Lee Brice, & more.

The opportunity to win a Harley-Davidson LiveWire electric motorcycle via FREE raffle entries kept the signup kiosks busy ☺ The drawing took place on Saturday night after the concert and the big winner was Josh Ziegler. Congratulations!!

We learned from the organizers that there were about 5,000 attendees at the Darius Rucker concert. And again this time, thanks to Mr. Parson's near-legendary generosity, this night's show was free ... just for showing your motorcycle endorsement and it was free for your passenger as well. The concert was also Free for all active and retired military personnel. Pretty cool! For all others it was a \$20 donation to PCH to get in the gate.

In regard to this event's donation to Phoenix Children's Hospital, we received this statement, "Bob Parsons elected to offer free admission to the event to all riders and military personnel. This of course limits the total funds generated for the event.

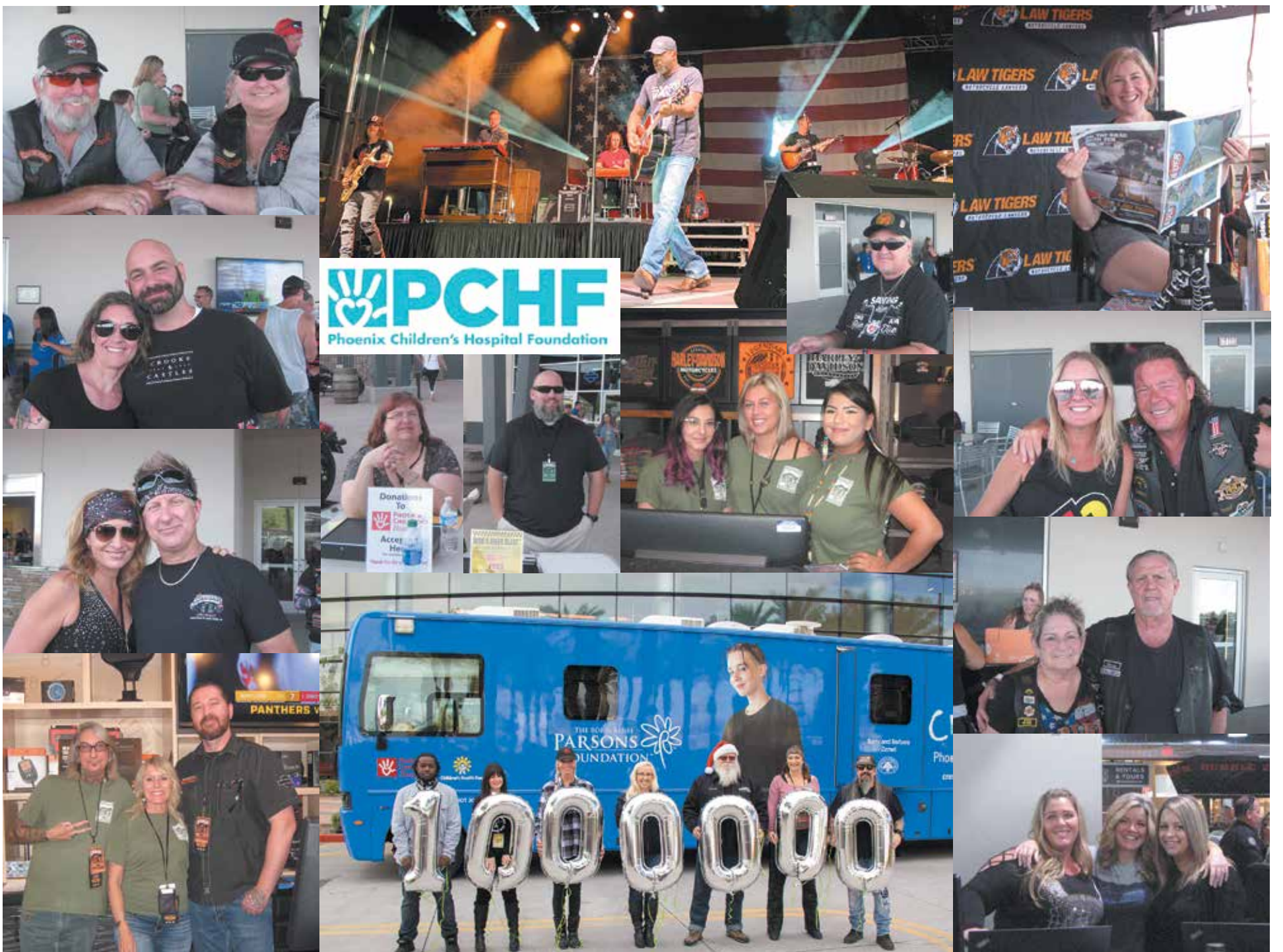
However, thanks to the tremendous donation made by the Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation to supplement the proceeds from this event, a one million dollar donation was made to PCH." That's a bunch of zeroes! NICE! From the organizers, "This is truly a one of a kind event. It is highly unusual for anyone to foot the entire bill for a fundraising event and donate ALL of the proceeds to the benefitting charity. Mr. Parsons not only incurred all of the expenses for Bob's Biker Blast, but then supplemented more than 90% of the donation."

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Thank you Lisa Cyr for your help with this article ☺

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Dave is lead mechanic. He served in the Coast Guard as a systems failure analyst & retired as a MKCE7 after 23 years. Then he used his GI Bill and attended MMI for several years; gaining Master Mechanic credentials.

When asked if there were additional mechanics on the team Tracy shared that Dave is "a one man show" adding with a smile, "having only one over-qualified mechanic here insures the best in service." She continued, "His attention to detail is his trademark. Dave was asked to join the staff at MMI but Southwest Trikes was too much fun."

Dave works on all makes & models of motorcycles as well as trikes, offering complete service for your ride. He continues to hone his skills as a



I've heard of that qualifies for the nickname ☺ They are in AZ in the summer "only when business requires us to be." Southwest Trikes is open November-June in Arizona; then July-October in Wyoming. "We close down in the summer and move up to our Wild West Trikes shop in Dubois WY just east of the Yellowstone Park entrance. A lot of our clients who roam through the park system or to & from Sturgis stop for light maintenance and fun overnights in the TeePee."

Tracy describes Southwest Trikes as, "a small shop with big love. We stay small because we want to. No big buildings and easy low overhead. Southwest Trikes is geared to keeping everyone in the wind. We encourage our clients to keep their current bikes and convert rather than spend the extra funds on a new ride. We work closely with Veterans and First Responders from Arizona and surrounding States. Dave is dedicated to giving our clients the best service at the best prices we can."

Wow – we can't wrap it up any better than that! Southwest Trikes is located at 329 W Lone Cactus, Phoenix, AZ 85027. Call 480-951-7171, email tracy@southwesttrikes.com or visit online at <http://www.southwesttrikes.com/>. Please mention you read about them here in *AZ Rider Motorcycle News*.

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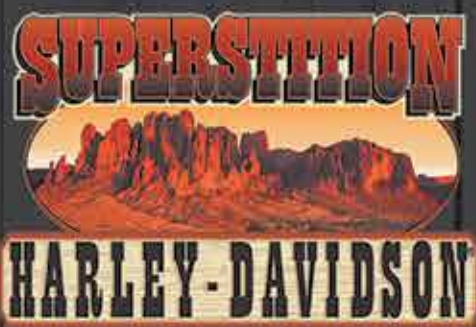
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three of the endangerment counts and a retrial on the remaining 13 charges began on June 4th, 2012. After a three-week trial and three days of deliberations, a jury convicted Jakscht on all counts.”

I was at ABATE’s Too Broke For Sturgis in July 2011. Friends & I were sitting at a campfire when a girl sitting across from me said, “You look so much better now than the last time I saw you.” She was the airway nurse at St. Joes Hospital who hooked me up to the breathing machine. Her name is Brenda Scabo. She & her husband both ride.

6th & final in a series of installments

by survivor Ernie Lizarraga

Ernie has been released from the hospital & is home recovering. During the next 16 months he will undergo intensive rehabilitation and retraining. He goes back to work at the Fire Department on limited duty, and regains his driver’s license.

In June 2011 the trial starts for Michael Jakscht. The prosecutor’s side of the courtroom is filled with bikers and many are standing outside in the hallway. There was even a person who assisted in parking bikes and stayed outside with all the parked bikes. On August 18, 2011 the trial for Michael Jakscht ends in a hung jury. We are devastated again.

The judge orders a new trial. The prosecuting attorney also asks for all the bikers showing up to not wear their leathers because it intimidates the jurors. For the second trial they had me limp up to the witness box. Since I wasn’t really a good witness because I didn’t see anything; I was just asked by the prosecuting attorney what my injuries were, which took a few minutes to name off. When it was the defense’s turn they declined to ask any questions.

FINAL SENTENCING:

Michael Jakscht’s sentencing, as quoted from a statement from the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, “PHOENIX (November 16, 2012) – Michael John Jakscht (D.O.B. 7/4/63) has been ordered to spend 26 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections for killing four people and injuring five others in a March 2010 collision with ten motorcyclists and three other vehicles. Under terms of the sentence imposed by the Honorable Joseph C. Welty, Jakscht will receive credit for approximately two-and-a-half years of incarceration time already served. <snip>

“On April 8, 2010, a Maricopa County Grand Jury indicted Jakscht on four counts of manslaughter, five counts of aggravated assault and seven counts of endangerment. After a 29-day trial, the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict and a mistrial was declared on August 18, 2011. Judge Welty ordered a directed verdict of not guilty on

After a few months of driving it was time to get something back that was also taken away from me in the accident; my motorcycle endorsement. I was very lucky because James Barnett of T.E.A.M. Arizona Motorcycle Training in Mesa offered to help me out. Over a few weeks and a lot of his patience with me; on Nov. 18, 2011 I obtained my motorcycle endorsement. When I got home, the first thing I did was find someone who could make my Indian Chief into a trike. It was a lot easier to ride than my chopper with a 70 degree rake. The motor in the Indian was only 88cc but it could keep up with traffic on full throttle. So every weekend I was out riding again; wearing a helmet now of course, but it was great.

In December 2012 Dayle’s mother Barbara calls me up and asks me if I would like to meet the girl that received Dayle’s heart. I’m stunned and shocked. I say WHAT? She tells me, “A girl that lives in Anthem named Yadira received Dayle’s heart. We’re going to the crash site today. Would you like to go?” I go up to the crash site and meet Yadira. Hugging her was like hugging Dayle.

In 2014 I find a company that can make a trike kit and mount it on my custom chopper. So I loaded it up, took it over, and a few weeks later I had a custom-made chopper trike which I ride all the time now. It has a 113cc S&S motor so it can keep up with traffic no problem.

I’m working at the Phoenix Fire Dept. Training Academy one day talking to a member of the Police Bomb Squad when he asks me if I see my bike much? I reply with, “No, not at all. The police have it somewhere.” He points across the parking lot about 400 feet away to what I thought was a wrecking yard inside a chain link fence and says, “It’s right there.” I look closer and see a dump truck with wrecked cars and motorcycles. So we walk right up to it and sure enough there was my bike.

I find out the number to the Property Management, talk to them, and they send me a letter dated 6/5/15 to show the groundskeeper and he will release the bike to me. I have a trailer hooked up to my truck and went to get my bike, with friends Efrain Guzman and Jeff Calvagno.

When I walked into the area it felt real eerie. All the other bikes were next to mine, including Dayle’s. My bike was sitting on a pallet which was lifted by a

fork lift and put into my trailer. We drove it home. When we get home, while it was still laying on the pallet we got some jumper cables. We hooked up the cables to the car parked next to it and to the battery of the bike. I got some ‘Sure Start’ out of my garage, took off the air cleaner to the bike, gave a squirt into the carburetor, turned the key to the bike on, hit the starter button, and it fired up. WOW! We couldn’t believe it, after sitting out in a field for more than 5 years!

People have said I should get it back on the road again. But it would take way too much work. The rear rim is destroyed, the drive shaft is bent, the rear peg is broke off, the handle bar is bent with all the hand controls either broke off or bent. They all tell a story. So it’s just gonna sit in my back yard. Maybe someday... Who knows?”

As shared by Ernie Lizarraga, in memory of dear friends gone but never forgotten.



As we’ve reached the 10th anniversary of this horrific wreck, Bruce & I want to say that we admire Ernie for his tenacity & courage.

Perhaps some of it comes from that inherent insanity that, thankfully, makes certain people take on a profession that sends them running INTO a burning building when everyone else is running the other way.... ☺

We appreciate the opportunity Ernie has given us to share his story & help to keep the memory of his friends alive.

Betsy & Bruce



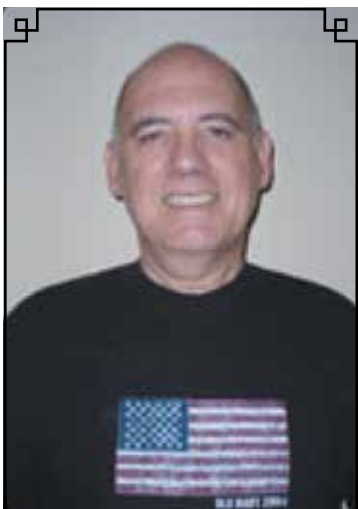
Join Ernie to **Finish The Ride** -- Saturday March 21

This year marks 10 years since this life-changing wreck that affected so many people. Ernie will be at the memorial site on March 25th but also realizes that people who would like to pay respects are more likely to be able to do so on a weekend. So, Ernie is going to ‘Finish the Ride’ for his friends, Dayle, Steve, Clyde, & Dan, on Saturday March 21.

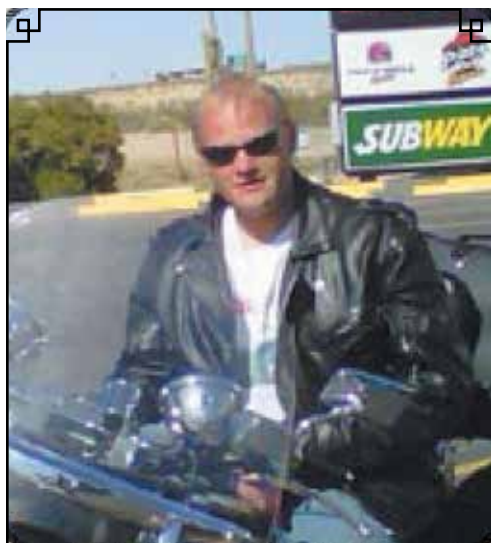
There’s been a slight change of plan regarding the start location. Anyone who wants to roll with Ernie to Finish the Ride should meet at the Albertson’s parking lot at 18411 N. Cave Creek Rd., on the **SOUTHEAST** corner of Union Hills & Cave Creek Roads.

Kickstands up same time as 10 years ago, at 10:40a. Ernie detailed the route. “The Ride will go north on Cave Creek Road to Carefree Hwy, west on Carefree Hwy to 7th Street, then north to New River Road and the Roadrunner Restaurant for lunch ‘til 12:30. After lunch the ride will go west down New River Road to Carefree Hwy then east on Carefree Hwy to 27th Drive for a stop at the Memorial site. The first 911 call came in at 13:00. Stop & give respects; then finish the ride for our brothers and sister to Bartlett Lake by riding east on Carefree to Tom Darlington Road, north to Cave Creek Hwy, east to Bartlett Lake Road.”

If you are planning to attend, it is requested / suggested that you contact Becky Mullins of the Roadrunner at 520-730-9746. She is coordinating the gathering at the restaurant. Having a headcount will be helpful. They have planned a pork sandwich lunch special. Please specify that you are a part of Ernie’s Finish the Ride.



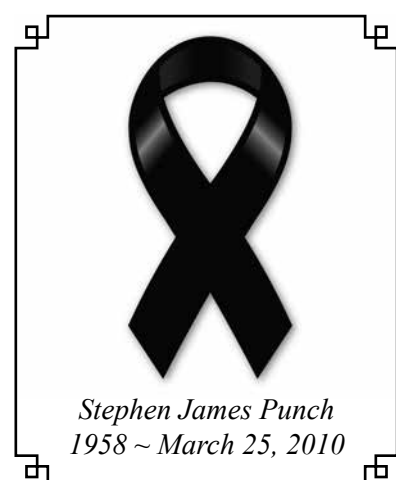
Clyde R. Nachand
August 31, 1942
~ March 25, 2010



Daniel Butler
April 30, 1974 ~ March 25, 2010



Dayle Veronica Downs-Totonchi
August 17, 1962 ~ March 25, 2010



Stephen James Punch
1958 ~ March 25, 2010

Community News

Just like in any community, there is good news and not-so-good news. Maybe someone has passed away, or is in the hospital or home recovering from injuries or illness. Or maybe you've got a child or grandchild who is deploying Perhaps when people read these things, they'll say a prayer, wish them well - each in their own way. Announce a birth in your family, or that someone's getting married, or your GI just got home, or someone got a promotion or degree. Extend congratulations or well wishes or send someone kudos...

You get the idea. And so, for now ~

Happy Birthday in March to

Jack Batty, Debbie Metcalfe, Steve Carlson,
 Jim 'Curmudgeon' Blackmon, Marianne Pecora,
 Tina 'Sweet Pea' Benoit, Jayme Sousa,
 Harley Barbie Sivil, Dawn Boardman,
 Ray Hartman, B Paul Price, Deb 'Flip' Filipovich,
 Chuck Ortman, Daniel Beyer, Gregory Scott,
 Rodney 'Chopper' Tussing, John Lewis Mealer,
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 Deb Butitta, Victoria Moreno, G Pinkon Nunez,
 Dina Valerie, Tc Conrad, Mike Ysco,
 Sara Samons-Moore, Rhonda Silva, Mike Larkin,
 Charlie 'Specs' Lentz, Bunnie Rodriguez,
 Tracy Sutton, Jerry Wallace, Nik Raven,
 Tracy 'Trixy' Sickul-Curtis, Sue Mills,
 & Douglas Hardison
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Happy Anniversary in March to

Roger & Cindy Lockwood
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 Mark & TheresaAnn Kalifut
 Thaddeus & Connie Jones
 Bruce & Judy Bradford
 Hugo & Deanna Robles
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Gone But Not Forgotten

- Luke Malone ~ March 21, 2001
- Daniel Leroy 'Hoover' Seybert
~ March 21, 2003
- Barb 'Barbwire' Hatley ~ March 25, 2004
- Jeremy Bebout ~ March 24, 2010
- Clyde R. Nachand ~ March 25, 2010
- Daniel L. Butler ~ March 25, 2010
- Dayle Veronica Downs-Totonchi ~ March 25, 2010
- Stephen James Punch ~ March 25, 2010
- Kathy Russell ~ March 12, 2011
- Kimmy Chapman ~ March 26, 2011
- Glen Harlan 'Pops' Richards ~ March 12, 2013
- Joe Tassinari ~ March 24, 2015
- Al & Samantha Barela ~ March 28, 2015
- Chuck 'Top' Outman ~ March 7, 2017
- George Ziegler ~ March 23, 2017
- Ed Pearman ~ March 9, 2018
- Logan 'Tater' Will ~ March 1, 2019
- Alan Christiansen Zieber ~ March 7, 2019
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February 4, 2020 ... We received the sad news that Sue Ashe, affectionately known as 'Brat', passed away this day. There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday March 14, from noon – 3pm at Desert Wind Harley 922 S Country Club Dr in Mesa, in the facility located next to the large stage. Afterwards will be a short ride to 'What The Hell' for a final toast. Condolences go out to all who knew & loved her. She will be missed. <https://www.facebook.com/events/196238074949361/>

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February 7, 2020 ... We learned that Star -- Teno 'Star' Kenneth Littlestar & also known to others as 'Rufus' ... passed away in his sleep this day. Our condolences to his family & loved ones. There was a Celebration of Life on Saturday Feb 22, 2020 at the VFW on 63rd Ave in Glendale, AZ. His wife Barbe shared on FB that there may be a ride coming up. If so, details will be announced.

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Have YOU signed the AZ Senior Citizens Property Tax Relief Act PETITION yet? Throughout the state of Arizona, volunteers are collecting signatures to qualify this Citizen's Initiative for the November 2020 General Election ballot. Seniors can lose their homes to property tax liens even if they own that house 'free & clear'! The AZ Senior Citizens Property Tax Relief Act aka the American Dream Act AZ eliminates all property taxes on the Arizona primary residence of US citizens over the age of 65. Property taxes can be especially difficult for seniors on a fixed income. More information is at www.AmericanDreamActAZ.com, email Info@AmericanDreamActAZ.com, or call/text Lynne Weaver at 602-900-6238. Read current articles on the subject via their FB page <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanDreamActAZ/> as well as announcements where petitions will be available to sign.

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RIDE FOR THE SALT RIVER WILD HORSES



The 5th Annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses, sponsored by Superstition Harley-Davidson and Law Tigers Arizona took place on January 25, 2020. Sign-in was at American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills. The unescorted ride through the Lower Salt River on Bush Highway in the Tonto National Forest concluded at Superstition HD, 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction. A record 900 riders signed up to ride in support of these iconic animals. Outstanding!

This event benefits the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group, an advocacy & awareness organization that is currently under contract to manage the herd humanely under the AZ Department of Agriculture (AZDA).

Music at SHD was provided by Nathan Dean & The Damn Band. They were voted in as one of the top 5 bands in Country Music Arizona. There were vendors & educational booths {including ABATE-AZ's new Superstition Chapter}, a beer garden, food trucks, and a fundraising raffle. Simone Netherlands, President for the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group, gave a presentation to update everyone on the status of the horses & the issues that face them.

SRWHMG activities include Fence Maintenance,

Saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/ goes into detail regarding their numerous programs & how they address a variety of issues pertaining to these horses.

This day raised \$15,000.00 to support & carry on these programs. This is a VOLUNTEER-driven organization ~ all efforts & support are appreciated!

On behalf of SRWHMG, volunteer Skeeter Peak sent this note, "Thanks everyone for their continued support for the Salt River Wild Horses. It has been an amazing journey these last 5 years to keep the iconic Wild Horses Protected, Wild & Free. Special thanks to the Superstition Harley-Davidson® team and all the volunteers who came out to help with the event. Also want to thank Logan Roberts from Paris HD in Texas and Nicole & Dave Luttrell from Ohio. They flew out to Arizona and rented motorcycles to participate in the ride in support for the Salt River Wild Horses." From the SRWHMG FB page, "The ride went off without a hitch and we want to thank everyone who came and everyone who donated and volunteered." Thank you to the Apache Junction Rangers for their traffic control and parking

assistance and to MCSO Lake Patrol. Thanks also go to sponsors American Legion Post 58, Tribute Riders RC, Len Novin The Bull 102.9fm, The Rattler 97.3fm, The Oldies 96.5fm, Arizona Veterans Connection, GP Walsh Photography & Photo Tour; supporters American Legion Riders District 12, Joe Miller & Aurora from Liberty Wildlife, Jim Lange Red Dirt Circuit, AJ Mounted Rangers; and vendors Girl Scout Troop 1651 Az Cactus Pine, Shades and Blades, Bitch'n Stitch'n , Cache Divine, Gary's Desert Dogs, Brown Bear BBQ, and Icees & Eats.

Not only is this a ride to help protect these wild horses which are described by many as a National Treasure.... But as a bonus it also offers one of the more scenic local routes available to Valley riders..... providing a win for everyone ☺

Thank you Skeeter for your help with this report.

In addition to visiting their website listed above, you can follow the SRWHMG on FB to learn more about the horses, the issues, and how you can be a part of the solutions to keep them PROTECTED, WILD & FREE.

Betsy & Bruce

Additional pix from Skeeter at <https://www.facebook.com/SkeetersupporterforSRWHMG/>

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

Last Sundays thru May 2020. Ride, Stretch, & Repeat w/Yoga Greg, 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: March 10 & 24, 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

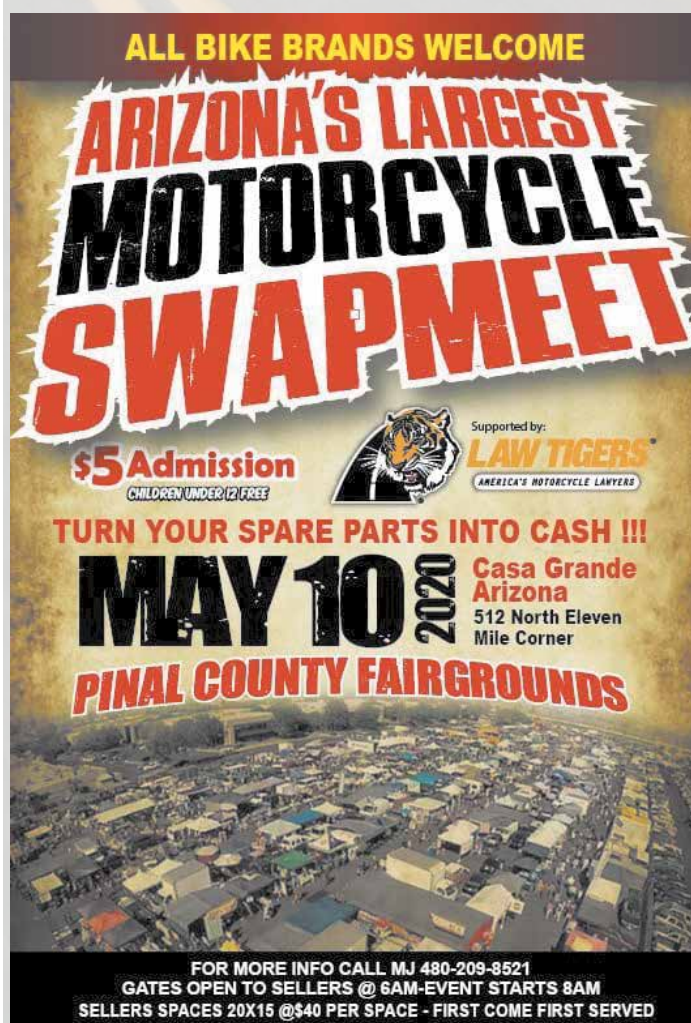
2nd Wednesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

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

4th Wednesdays thru 3-25-2020: San Tan Loners MC Bike Night at the Ironwood Pub & Grub (480-987-3004) 40975 N Ironwood Rd #b108. From 6-9pm. Fun times and cold beers. FMI: dennissuida@yahoo.com

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

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3/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Shine on Floyd, 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} Concealed Carry Class. Learn to safely & legally carry your firearm. Call 480-346-0600 & reserve your spot today at Superstition Harley-Davidson®, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Starts @ 12pm. \$50/pp. Also, Bitchin Stitchin from 10a-1pm.

3/7 Dream Ride Experience Charity Ride 2020 hosted by Iron Legacy MC at the Monastery, 4810 E McKellips Rd, Mesa, 85215 from 9:30a-5pm. Sign-in & B'fast start at 9:30am. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl, \$30/car. First Bike out 10:30a, Last Bike in 3pm. Stops include Superstition HD. Live music, raffles, & more. For FMI or pre-registration email badintentions1015@yahoo.com FMI: www.facebook.com/events/2757850697587654/

3/7 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/>

3/7 Loners MC Spring Fling Poker Run. Sign-in 11a at Ironwood Pub & Grub [480-275-2770] 40975 N Ironwood Rd, San Tan Valley. \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. Last stop River Bottom Bar. Live music, high-low hands, vendors, raffle, more.

3/8 {Sun} ALR Post 27 Bike & Car Show @ AL Post 27, 1018 S Meridian, Apache Jct. \$10 pre-reg or \$25 day of show to enter a vehicle. Vintage, Custom, Stock, Paint, People's Choice... Set up 9am, gate open 11a-3pm. Vendors, music, & more. Benefits AZ Honor Flight and Missing in America Project. FMI: call/txt 480-650-9182.

3/12 {Thu} Bike Night at the Hitching Post with Team SHD. Live Bull Riding, Drink Specials, Giveaways. KSU 6:15pm. Superstition H-D, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. FMI: 480-346-0600

3/14 {Sat} At Superstition Harley-Davidson®, 9-10:30am FREE Green Breakfast served up by the Chrome Angels; St. Patty's Day Bash from 11a-3pm includes live music by Sammy Eubanks, free Green Beer, free food 'til gone; Salt River Wild Horses Check Presentation at 2pm. 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. FMI: 480-346-0600

3/14 Wounded Vet Run. Register 9a-noon @ HD of Scottsdale. \$25/sgl, +\$10/2-up. Sponsors include Law Tigers AZ. FMI: www.theyfoughtwiderdenational.com

3/14 Memorial gathering for Sue 'Brat' Ashe from noon – 3pm at Desert Wind HD 922 S Country Club Dr in Mesa, in the facility located next to the large stage. Then a short ride to 'What The Hell' for a final toast. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/events/196238074949361/>

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

3/14 ALR Post 109 Annual Kilt Poker Run. Sign in 9-10:30am at the Moose Lodge #2475 – 2442 S Harrison Rd. Tucson, AZ. 85748. Last stop AL 109. Poker Run, Live Music, 50/50, Vendors, Gun Raffle & More. Cost \$20/rider +\$5/2-up. \$5/add'l hand. FMI: 109alray@gmail.com | <https://www.facebook.com/events/2695506280564935/>

3/15 {Sun} Roll with the Troll – St. Patrick's Day themed Poker Run. Sign up 10am at Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. \$10/hand donation. KSU @ 11am. Door prizes, Raffles, 50/50. Benefits Trolls Teddy Bear Run. Help grow it into a 501c. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://www.facebook.com/events/597929967723251/>

3/15 Loners MC Tucson Chapter 4th annual Loners, Led Sled & Leprechauns Run at the Wooden Nickel, 1908 S Country Club Rd, Tucson [520-323-8830]. Live music, bike games (including weenie bite & potato in the haystack), raffles, giveaways, a trophy for best bike in attendance, & more. All bikes are entered upon registration. \$15/sgl, \$20/cpl.

3/21 {Sat} Ride with The Wind with ABATE Superstition Chapter. Sign in 9am @ Superstition HD 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. \$10/pp KSU 9:30a. FMI: Becky 480-229-6578, Marc 480-765-4079, Susie 480-233-3000, <https://www.facebook.com/AbateSuperstitionChapter/>

3/21 Superstition Harley-Davidson®, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. HOG Dogs 11a-gone, Bitchin Stitchin from 10a-1pm. FMI: 480-346-0600

3/21 'Finish The Ride' with Ernie Lizarraga; remembering the fallen Carefree Four & marking the 10th Anniversary of AZ's worst motorcycle wreck 3-25-2010. Meet at the Albertson's @ SOUTHEAST corner of Union Hills & Cave Creek Rds. KSU 10:40am. Roadrunner for lunch, a stop at the Memorial site, then Finish the Ride to Bartlett Lake.

3/22 {Sun} Memorial Ride for Rick Beam. Meet 8am at KickAZ Cycles, 2775 N Arizona Ave, Chandler 85225. Depart 9am. Ride to River Bottom Saloon, Florence. Last stop Jolie's Place Chandler. FMI: 480-497-3573, hugo@kickazcycles.com <https://www.facebook.com/events/2396389797340652/>

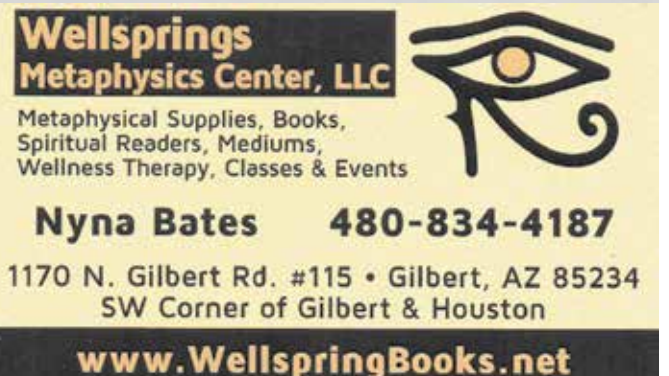
3/28 {Sat} Ironhorse Rodeo Run. Sign-in 9-10:30a at Superstition Harley-Davidson, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. \$30/sgl includes event T-shirt (first 100), Patch, & Dice Hand. +15/2-up = xtra patch & dice hand. Ride ends at Mazatzal Casino in Payson for after party, with Biker Games, Bike Show, Music and more! FMI: 480-346-0600

3/28 Tillman's Ride 2020, hosted by ALR of Post 117. Sign-in 9-11am at Desert Wind Harley Davidson in Mesa. \$20/sgl, \$30/2-up. Last stop party with live music & raffle prizes at Buffalo Chip in Cave Creek. FMI: Tillmansride@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/TillmansRide/>

3/29 {Sun} Motorcycle Swap Meet in Tucson, @ Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1530 N Stone Ave. Buy, Sell, Trade. Spaces: 10x20=\$20, 10x30=\$30. Vendors wanted. Motorcycle parts, accessories, & related items, jewelry & apparel. FMI: Mary 520-300-1496. Call or text to reserve space.

4/1-5 {Wed-Sun} AZ Bike Week at WestWorld in Scottsdale. Music by Blackberry Smoke, Jackyl, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Offspring, TX Hippie Coalition, + local bands. Charity rides, bike shows, demo rides, stunt riders, vendors, & more. <http://www.azbikeweek.com/>

4/1 {Wed} ABW's Peace Out Prostate Cancer Ride. FMI: <http://peaceoutprostatecancer.org/> | <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceOutProstateCancer/>



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4/3 {Fri} 17th Annual East Valley Firefighter Charity Ride starts at Superstition H-D, 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. P'cake B'fast 8-10a, 1st Card drawn @ 8:30a; 5-stop ride; raffles & silent auction; \$500 High hand/ \$250 Low hand; T-shirt to 1st 250; Pin to 1st 750. FMI: 480-346-0600. Register online <https://firefightercharityride.com/registration/>

4/3 ABW Saddle Up For Kids. Sign-in at H-D of Scottsdale 15656 N. Hayden Rd. \$40/pp includes ABW gate fee at WestWorld, t-shirt, b'fast, & more. FMI: <http://www.azbikeweek.com/>

4/3 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>

4/4 {Sat} Buddy Stubbs HD Bike Week Bash sponsored by Law Tigers AZ. FMI: <https://www.buddystubbshd.com/bikeweekbash>

4/5 {Sun} Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show at El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium 552 N. 40th St, Phoenix. Vendors 6am; Shoppers at 9am. \$5/car parking. Motorcycles free. Motorcycle Show trophies: American, European, Asian, Overall. Swap Reservations: Bob Walsman 602-418-3556 \$25=Reg for any available spot. \$35 to pick your spot! Each spot includes two adjacent parking areas. General FMI: Jim Reid 602.499.6061

4/18 {Sat} Ride for the Cure presented by Justin's Journey and Desert Wind Harley-Davidson benefiting St Jude Children's Cancer Research Hospital. Reg & free breakfast start at 8AM. Self guided poker run ends in Cave Creek. Single rider \$15, 2-up \$25. FMI: Justins.journey2020@gmail.com

4/18 Shoot 'n Scoot hosted by America's Overwatch, Phoenix Unit 1B, to raise money for our Phoenix Veterans!. 5-stop ride, each with a different event where riders compete for points. Shooting, ax throw, riders skills, etc. Sign-in 8:30a at Shooters World Peoria. \$35/sgl, \$40/2-up INCLUDES ammunition, targets, all items necessary for the competition. No-host lunch \$5/plate at last stop, Roadhouse Cave Creek. FMI: aoma1bpres@gmail.com or <https://www.aoma1bcom.ticketleap.com/aoma-1b-scoot-n-shoot-veteran-charity-ride/>

5/1 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Music by Moonshine Voodoo Band, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. First Fridays between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

5/10 {Sun} 11-Mile Corner Swap Meet at Pinal County Fairground, Casa Grande {512 N 11-Mile Corner Rd}. Vendors 1st come 1st served: \$40/20x15space. Setup 6am. All bike brands welcome. Opens to public 8am. Admission \$5. FMI: MJ 480-209-8521

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

6/11-14 {Th-Sun} Too Broke For Sturgis hosted by ABATE of AZ at Mormon Lake Lodge. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/Toobrokeforsturgis/>

9/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. First Fridays between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>



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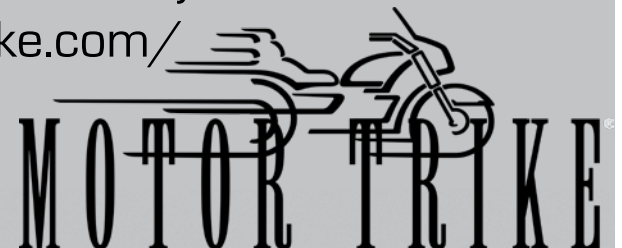
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The 2019 Run to the Rez weekend took place October 17-19, 2019, once again headquartered at the beautiful Apache Gold Casino & Resort in San Carlos AZ just outside of Globe. Officially, this is the 16th annual... But organizer Dr John Bush commented that unofficially this event has been going on about 20 years. It started small, with about 30 riders.

Kudos to the Run to the Rez volunteers! The Geronimo Riders are a small dedicated group with big hearts who spend the entire weekend working to make this event a success.

For those who were able to arrive at AGCR by Thursday evening, the organizers had a ride & dinner planned, plus there was music in the Point Bar for some evening entertainment.

Friday's schedule included the [Point of Pines Ride](#) which we shared in our November issue.

At about dusk, people gathered under the Resort's main portico for a Cultural Presentation to welcome the bikers to the weekend. There was traditional Native American music to accompany the Crown Dancers. It is an opportunity to observe & be part of a captivating, uplifting, & mysterious ritual...in this case including a Blessing of the Bikers.

Afterwards, a Rez Riders IMC member was offering a sage blessing, or smudging, for those who wished.

From here, everyone moved to the Convention Center for Friday night's Welcome Party. As always, it was a great time! New to the party this year, [Chris Kane Trio](#) BROUGHT the music ... absolutely rockin' the place. They kept the dance floor BUSY!

They play classic rock & have a good mix of titles in their playlist. These very talented musicians are from the same family as Apache Spirit, a band that has been entertaining in AZ for years. They are doing a fine job of carrying on the family tradition. It was a lot of fun... for dancing &/or just listening. At the end of the night, they were called back for 3 encores!

During the music breaks there were raffle drawings for a big selection of prizes Jackets, vests, & other goodies... including cold hard ca\$h being added to purses, wallets, & coffee mugs. ☺

There was a contest to see who could tell the best joke. Nacho collected the \$50 prize. Prize for the Furthest Traveled went to Charlotte from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She collected \$80. The grand prize raffle of the evening was valued at over \$600, including an HD jacket + cash. Congratulations to all the winners!

While the Run to the Rez has evolved to being much more than Saturday's Ride & Ceremony to Honor Veterans, it remains the heart of the weekend. Riders lined up in the Apache Gold parking lot for the 10am departure. The parade to Burdette Hall in San Carlos was about 3 miles long, with an estimated 400+ riders. It is always a heartwarming ride, as the parade is greeted by people gathered along the road along the way, honking horns & waving.

Residents of the community, old & young, attend this commemoration. Honoring Veterans & community Elders is a way of life here. The San Carlos Veterans Association presented the Colors, followed by a simple & beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.

Emcee was Carol Slim, a US Army Veteran. She explained that the San Carlos Tribe is home to 900 Veterans, living & deceased. She offered the interesting and somewhat ironic information that while the United States' Indigenous Peoples were the LAST to be given Citizenship, their youth are generally the First



to sign up for military service.

Raymond Stanley, speaking on behalf of the SCVA, explained that Burdette Hall [where this event takes place] is named in honor & memory of Snyder Burdette... the first Apache to die in World War 2.

He used the song 'He Aint Heavy, He's My Brother' as a means to discuss the ongoing tragedies of PTSD among Veterans; Veteran homelessness; and the spiritual, physical, &/or mental health issues that plague Vets. There is an urgency to be aware that your Veteran Brother or Sister may need help even if they don't say so. {As the saying goes, not all scars are on the outside.}

He emphasized the importance of laughter and of prayer in these troubled times; encouraging everyone to 'Be your best' and to 'Always get back up if you fall'.

The SCVA Grand Marshal for the 2019 Veterans Day Parade was introduced ... Ernie Mead is a 91-year old Korean War Veteran who served as a Combat Medic in the Army and exemplified 'courage under fire'.

Davis Dustin, a Viet Nam Veteran member of the SCVA, mustered all the Veterans in attendance to 'front and center'. After some final remarks & the Vets being dismissed, all in the audience were invited to come down & shake hands with them.

When the Veterans Ceremony wrapped up about noon, riders signed up for the \$1000 Poker Run which would include several stops before taking them back to Apache Gold Resort. The last card was at the Drift Inn in Globe. Many riders took time to enjoy the Apache Jii Festival that was taking place in town as well.

Once all the hands were sorted & the winners announced, Jaralyn T. collected \$600 with her Flush, 3 Queens got Nate R. \$300, & Darrel H.'s 3 Jacks earned him \$100. Congratulations!!

Back at the Casino, there was music outdoors by Country Image while checking out the bikes in the Show. Vendors included [Superstition Harley-Davidson](#), local artisans offering jewelry & other items, plus merchandise to support the [Rez Riders IMC](#).

The Bike Show was also organized by the Rez Riders IMC. There were 18 entries, each beautiful in its way. I would not have wanted to be a judge! Unfortunately, the winners list was not available for this writing. Congratulations to the winners!

As it got later in the afternoon, people dispersed to get dinner before the evening's concert & grand prize drawing.

The big drawing took place after the Aerosmith cover band 'Aeromith' finished. Chances turned out to be about 650-1 to win the bike. Laverna Kniffin from San Carlos won the brand new Harley Davidson XL 1200 this year. She was thrilled! Congratulations & safe travels to you!

In case anyone is 'put off' from this event by its being described as 'Spiritual', it is very important to understand the difference between 'spirituality' & 'religion'. This ride is 'Spiritual' in the sense of being uplifting & good for the Spirit. Everyone can certainly benefit from that ☺

There were nearly 525 registered for the weekend; with a mix of Independent riders and Club members. This is a ride where everyone is welcome ~ all bikes, all riders, all Nations.

If you've been to it before, you already know ☺ If you haven't attended yet; clear your calendar for October 15-16, 2020 and come check out the [Run to the Rez](#) for yourself. We hope to see you there!

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