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Peace Out, Prostate Cancer Ride 2017



Arizona Bike Week's Peace Out, Prostate Cancer Ride took place this year on Wednesday April 5, 2017. This was the event's fifth year and the first official ride of ABW2017. It came about as a way for event organizer Shelley Martin to honor her father and grandfather, both of whom were taken by prostate cancer.

More than 250 riders participated in this self-paced ride. Sign-in was at HD of Scottsdale, 15656 N. Hayden Rd, 85260. Stops were at the Bartlett Lake Grill, RnR Gastropub in Old-Town Scottsdale, Dirty Dogg Saloon, and of course Westworld to wrap the run. Westworld's attractions for Wednesday included a concert by Brett Michaels that evening, included in your ride entry fee.

The POPC Ride beneficiary is the Prostate Cancer Awareness Project. Monies donated to the POPC

go to pay for free PSA screenings for men, through the Healthwaves testing laboratory. \$12K was raised by the event... which will go a long way toward this effort.

Shelley extends thanks to Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, Chuck Franklin Law and Buddy Johnson for their support. She also thanks everyone who came out for their participation.

Men are encouraged to get prostate cancer blood screening starting at age 35. According to resources on the <http://peaceoutprostatecancer.org> webpage, PC can be overcome if it is caught early. The PSA [Prostate-Specific Antigen] is a simple blood test that you can get through your doctor, at one of Shelley Martin's events at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, or for \$35 dollars directly from a Lab near you. PSA level tests are being done on July 29 at HDoS

from 10a - 1pm, and again on November 18 ~ same place & time. This is a free test, covered by the Peace Out Prostate Cancer Ride organization. Appointments are necessary, so call 480-213-1920 to make yours. If you are unable to attend one of these upcoming screenings at HDoS, there is a link at <http://peaceoutprostatecancer.org/healthwaves/> which will lead you to instructions on where to go and what to do to get your screening paid for by Peace Out, Prostate Cancer™.

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Wednesday's Ride For Kids

The 17th annual Wednesday Riding for Kids was held on April 5, 2017. It is hosted each year by Buddy Stubbs AZ H-D & HOG Chapter 93, both

of Phoenix. This ride Benefits Camp Courage, a burn camp for children ~ located in Prescott, AZ, <http://azburn.org/camp-courage/>.

My thanks to Beth "Squeezy" Montross, HOG93 Activities Officer for her help with this article.

She sent along Thanks to Event Sponsors Law Tigers, Macky's Grill, R/S Services, Xander Holdings, Michael's Services, Brad Schroeder, Charles Schwab, Buddy Stubb's Harley Davidson, Team Arizona, and Interior Logic.

Sign-in took place at the Buddy Stubbs HD dealership on Cave Creek Rd in Phoenix. There were approximately 220 participants. Riders could make use of the provided map & strike out on their own... or participate in group rides led by HOG93 Road Captains. Either way, everyone was due at the Roadhouse in Cave Creek by 5pm to be eligible for prizes & giveaways. Entertainment at the end party was provided by the Roadhouse.

The ride started at Buddy Stubbs in Phoenix, up I-17 to the Buddy Stubbs Anthem dealership. The next stop was

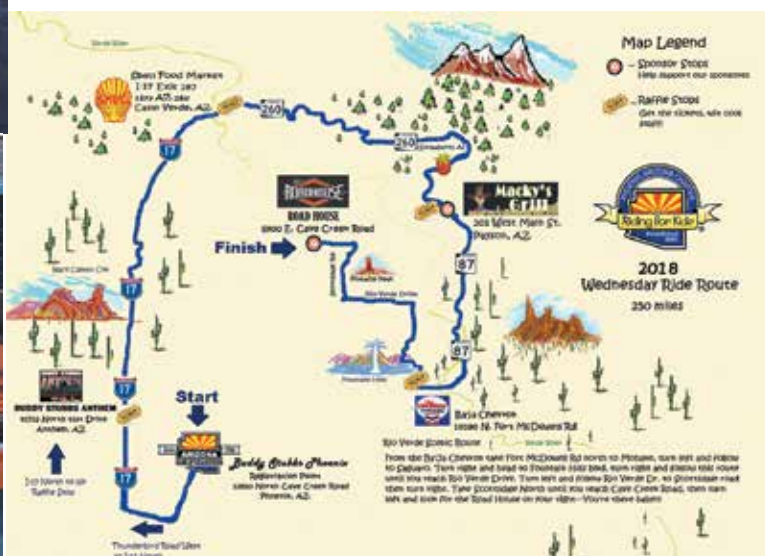
the Shell station in Camp Verde. From there the route goes up to Payson for a lunch stop at Macky's Grill. The final leg went down 87 from Payson for a stop at the Ba'Ja Chevron in Fountain Hills. From there riders took the back way into Cave Creek for the final stop at the Roadhouse.

There were volunteers at each stop to hand out raffle tickets for the prize drawings at the Roadhouse. All the prizes are donated by sponsors or chapter members. Beth shared this list of donors to say thank you. Raffle prizes were donated by AZ Biker Leathers, Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury, Phoenix Cardinals, Phoenix Diamondbacks, Roadhouse, AZ Rider Course, Londi Ford, Jim Lawson, Grubstake, Egees, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, and Phoenix Motor Leathers. Plus, Josh and Linda McKenna donated over \$400 in raffle prizes.

Beth shared, "Thanks to our sponsors and the participating riders, we were able to donate \$15,000.00 to Camp Courage this year."

Several HOG93 members also participated in the Wind & Fire ride up to Camp Courage on June 5th to deliver that donation, which you will read about elsewhere in this issue.

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MPP ~ Motorcycle Clubs Successfully Pressure State Farm to Change Policy?

Published on June 23rd, 2017 |

by David "Double D" Devereaux

<http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/motorcycle-clubs-successfully-pressure-state-farm-change-policy/>

The MPP is pleased to report that the National Council of Clubs (NCOC) has successfully pressured State Farm Insurance to clarify that, as of June 19, 2017, it is no longer State Farm policy to deny coverage to "businesses engaged with motorcycle clubs." Although decisions to insure any business, including motorcycle clubs, are made on a case by case basis, State Farm says it has no general policy to deny coverage to businesses engaged with motorcycle clubs.

The NCOC approached State Farm because of a letter dated February 27, 2017 from State Farm denying coverage to a Veteran's motorcycle club because "we don't provide coverage for businesses engaged with motorcycle clubs." State Farm's original response was vague and avoided the explicit questions being asked by the NCOC, so the NCOC continued to press State Farm for clarification on its policy concerning motorcycle clubs.

The June 19, 2017 response from State Farm is, with one exception, clear and concise. There is still one question that has not been clarified. The original letter dated February 27, 2017 explicitly states that "we do not provide coverage to businesses engaged with motorcycle clubs." This statement in the February 27, 2017 letter is plainly stated and incontrovertible.

Clearly, according to the June 19th response, this is not State Farm policy any longer.

Did State Farm change this policy after the February 27th letter or was the February 27th letter an inaccurate statement of State Farm policy?

Regardless, State Farm is now explicitly em-

bracing the MPP's fight against profiling and discrimination as evidenced by the following:

June 19, 2017

The National Council of Clubs,

Thank you for reaching out to us regarding business insurance coverage. While we are not able to discuss the specifics of any particular application or customer's policy information, due to our customer privacy policy, we would like to clear up any misunderstandings.

To be clear, it is not State Farm's policy to deny coverage to businesses engaged with motorcycle clubs. We offer a variety of business insurance options to help small businesses succeed. However, as previously stated, for clubs and organizations seeking business insurance, including motorcycle clubs, we review each applicant's eligibility individually. Some organizations may or may not be eligible for coverage. Again, we are not able to discuss the specifics of any particular application, however, we can tell you that it is not State Farm's policy to deny coverage to businesses engaged with motorcycle clubs.

Additionally, State Farm supports the motorcycle community, and offers individual motorcycle coverage for eligible vehicles licensed for use on public roads. For more information, please see our website.

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Sincerely,

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The back story ... This is a followup to the May

2, 2017 article entitled "State Farm Insurance Says No Coverage For Motorcycle Clubs" which shared that the MPP received a copy of "a letter from State Farm Insurance notifying a chapter of the Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club in Florida that the insurance coverage on their clubhouse was being cancelled."

The article goes on,

State Farm's explanation for the policy cancellation is "we don't provide coverage for businesses engaged in motorcycle clubs." The MPP personally verified the incident in a face-to-face conversation with the individual that provided the letter to the MPP. He is a member of the chapter denied coverage.

<snip> Recently, the National Council of Clubs, an organization representing the interests of motorcycle clubs and motorcyclists nationwide, wrote a letter requesting clarification of State Farm's policy based on the cancellation notice given to the Legacy Vets MC. The NCOC believes that no motorcyclist or business that supports motorcyclists should engage in business with State Farm if they choose to stand by a general policy of denying coverage to businesses engaged in motorcycle clubs.

Read the complete story by following this link... <http://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/state-farm-says-no-motorcycle-clubs/>

Well done ~ to the Motorcycle Profiling Project, National Council of Clubs (NCOC), State Farm, and all involved who helped bring this issue to a positive resolution! B&B

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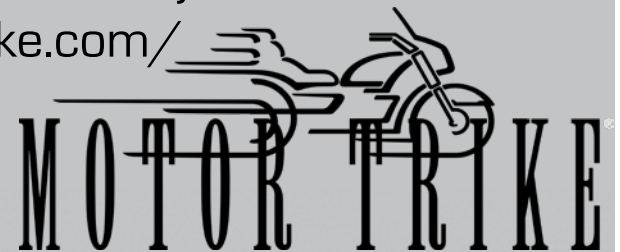
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Editors Column ...

Hello AriZona Riders!

Please welcome our newest advertiser. Black Wall Street is a Community Outreach organization dedicated to empowering individuals and small businesses.

On the cover.... Our last ride with Dick Tush... It was last summer ~ on our way from his place in Show Low to the Cabin in Overgaard. It was a good day & we'll always have many good memories of our friend.

As I was filling in our calendar from the various sources I use, I started noticing that there were quite a few events being announced with NO contact information on them. This may seem unimportant to some but a phone# or email address is helpful ~ especially if you hope to attract NEW visitors to your gathering. If you are using a website, please make sure the link works. If someone wants to support your cause but needs directions etc and they've got nothing to go on... they'll go somewhere else to spend the donation intended for you. Just something to think about...

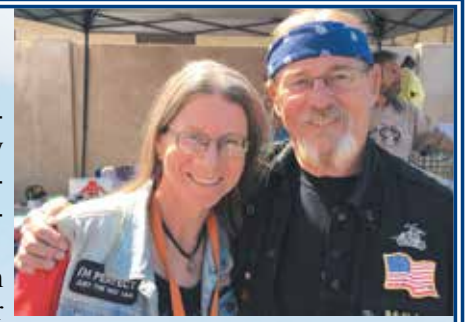
So, here's a new one for ya! Watch for Falling ... Elk ...? Yes ~ you read that right! In all the years Bruce & I have been riding together... and ALL the years that Bruce was riding before THAT..... this has never happened.

We were on our ride up to Too Broke For Sturgis, via Highway 87. There was a car in front of us... a Prelude or similar. We were outside of Payson, on a section of highway with a tall rock embankment to our right & wilderness across the road to our left. An ELK jumped off of the 20+ foot high cliff, landing just in front of the car that was in front of us. Definitely a sphincter moment! The elk bounded across the highway and off into the forest. Thankfully, the driver of the car maintained their calm and didn't overreact to the situation or it could have been very bad for all of us. Although at the very next turnoff the driver did pull off. No doubt to gather their nerves... & perhaps to change their shorts! Well done & thank you!

Which goes to show that even if you are an extremely experience rider, or think you are 'ready for anything' ~ Something completely unimaginable can still surprise you.

Ride safely ~ allow for the unexpected & *Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!*

Bruce & Betsy



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Richard {Dick} Melvin Tush ~ In Loving Memory

October 1, 1936 - April 22, 2017

Dick Tush was born on October 1, 1936. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 22, 2017 shortly after moving from Show Low, AZ to Hollister, CA. His health had been declining for a while.

He was born in Pittsburgh, PA and loved to go back & visit his old friends and haunts each year.

We've known Dick Tush for more than 20 years. Over those years we've ridden together, broken bread together, slept under each other's roofs, and shared times both good and less so.

We met Tush around 1996 ~ during our tenure as state officers for MMA-AZ, when he was Manager of the White Mountain District. It was shortly after he moved from California to his new life of retirement in Show



Low, AZ. past exploits, both in the military {USAF} & civilian police forces. He described himself as a regular old-style neighborhood 'cop on the beat' type officer. I once asked him what kind of cop he was. He answered ... "The type you hoped you'd meet."

One of the many organizations he was part of in San Jose was the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California (MMOC). Among other activities, he would cook & coordinate the food for conventions & fundraisers.

Carrying that forward to civilian life, he would, on a much smaller scale, host parties & BBQs for friends over July 4, during the Christmas holidays, and other occasions.

We will miss our lengthy conversations. Many an hour were spent at 'Casa de Tush' sitting around his big dining room table, visiting, drinking coffee, swapping stories,

discussing topics large & small, 'solving' the problems of the world, & philosophizing. He spoke so fondly of his children and grandkids. We'd go on that way from early in the morning on 'til the day was half gone and that was just fine.

Other days we'd all be up and out the door for a ride and of course socializing around Da Mountain ☺

While at times he could be an irritating fellow ~ lol ... He is a dear and irreplaceable friend who we will miss so very much.

Rest in Peace, Brother.

Bruce & Betsy



Saddle Up for Kids

The AZ Bike Week 5th annual "Saddle Up for Kids Ride" took place on Friday April 7, 2017. It is organized by HOGZ United Charities, Inc to benefit AZ's 'Camp Courage', a summer camp for youth burn survivors. My thanks to HogzUC President Ken Gray for his help with this report.

300+ riders gathered at H-D of Scottsdale for registration & breakfast, included in your ride fee and hosted by the Waffle House. While this isn't specifically a 'Family-friendly' event, there are parents / grandparents who sometimes have minors riding with them. They are welcome to come along.

The day's ride offered two options, a longer ride of about 235 miles, or a shorter ride of about 100 miles. The same map was provided to all riders, so there is no distribution available as to how many took which route. It was a self-paced poker ride, with the understanding that you had to be at the last stop by 5:30 to get in on the raffles and prizes. A \$300 prize to the high-hand winner & \$200 to low hand were good incentive ☺

The long run went up into the mountains and

had stops at Jakes Corner in Payson, Sportsman Chalet in Strawberry, then to Camp Verde south on I-17 to Peaks & Valleys, with the last stop at WestWorld for AZ Bike Week activities.

The short run stayed more in town. This option was appreciated, because sometimes there are riders who wanted to support the cause but don't have the time needed to take the whole ride.

Stops were at Tavern on the Creek {Cave Creek Rd}, Waffle House in Deer Valley, Peaks & Valleys, Hideaway in Cave Creek, and WestWorld. Ken commented that because it is rather challenging to get into Cave Creek on Friday during Bike Week, that next year's route may take another direction.

The principle charity for HogzUC is Camp Courage, and they've distributed \$10,000 to the Camp already this year. Since 2012 HogzUC has donated nearly \$60K to the Camp. In addition, HogzUC supports veterans in need, and the Yarnell Food Bank.

Ken explained that this organization is a 501c3 and all of their board members are volunteers. No salaries means all monies donated go to the cause...

Nice!

Their event sponsors are very appreciated as well. They have a good support team with Harley Davidson of Scottsdale and the Waffle House {Phoenix Area}. Thanks also go to Law Tigers Motorcycle Lawyers, Sportsman Chalet – in Strawberry, Renick's Family Market, Peaks & Valleys Restaurant, Hideaway –Cave Creek, Wind & Fire MC – Phoenix, Universal Water Service, Inc., Ahern Rentals, Tavern On The Creek – Phoenix, Designed In Ink T-Shirt Shop, Rid-A-Bird, LLC – Pest & Termite Control, Jake's Corner Bar, The Bryant Family, Charlie and Becky Miles, and Scottsdale H.O.G. Chapter 3160.

If you'd like to learn more about Hogz United Charities, Inc, visit their website at <http://www.hogzuc.com/>

Photo left: taken in front of H-D of Scottsdale – Volunteers, Wind & Fire MC and Hogz U.C. folks. Photo right is at the presentation to Camp Courage



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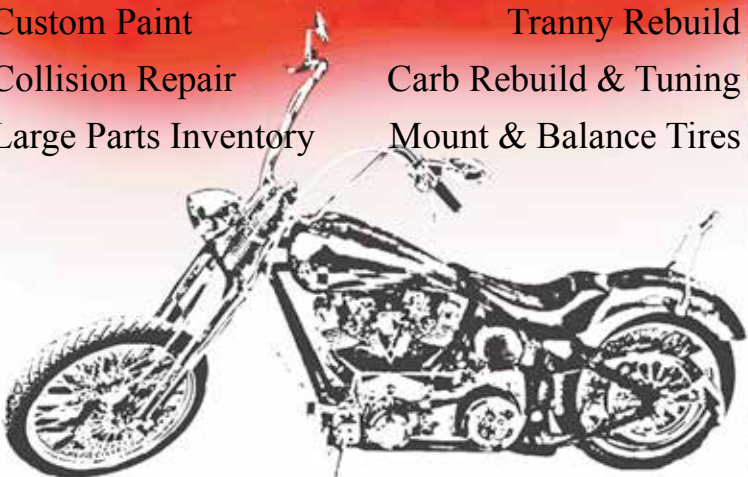
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Bike Week Bash @ Buddy Stubbs HD

The 13th annual Bike Week Bash was held on Saturday April 8th at Buddy Stubbs Harley-Davidson on Cave Creek Road in Phoenix. This 'Party in the Parking Lot' included a 2-acre beer garden, offering refreshments from MillerLite, 3 Amigos Margaritas, and Arizona Distilling Mixed Drinks.

While the gathering is considered 'family friendly' it is definitely geared toward the biker crowd. A reported 6,000 attendees came out for the party, which ran from noon 'til 8pm. There was music by Wyves, Nineball, Pete Cummings Band, and 74th Street Band. Twenty vendors were set up. There were Museum Tours to view Buddy's extensive collection of vintage motorcycles. The Flaunt Girls performed a stage show in addition to the annual Bikini Contest. If you missed the bikini contest... 'Creative Visual Images' on Facebook has you covered... [check out every flirtatious step-by-step in the photo album there.](#)

And of course... there's that motorcycle raffle... ☺

The winner was understandably excited to have won. He did request

not being mentioned by name. BUT we did learn that he had just taken a Basic Rider Course the week before. So HOW COOL to already have his first motorcycle ~ a 2017 Sportster 1200! Congratulations, best wishes, & safe travels!

Thank you to Phillip McKee of the Buddy Stubbs HD Marketing Dept for his help with this report. He asked us to thank their event supporters Law Tigers, Miller Lite, 3 Amigos Tequila, and Arizona Distilling. He also sent along this note, "The Buddy Stubbs Harley-Davidson Bike Week Bash™ continues to be one of the best events during Bike Week. It's free to get in with plenty of shade. Customers come and enjoy themselves year after year. We definitely look forward to Bike Week Bash™ 2018!"

All the proceeds from the Sportster raffle and liquor sales support Camp Courage through HOG 93, which you'll read more about elsewhere in these pages.

Photos by: *Betsy G. Russel Childress 'Nature Photography', 'Creative Visual Images' and others*



Burn Camp Ride to Camp Courage

Thank you to Lori Klauber, Secretary/Treasurer for Wind & Fire MC #113 for sharing this day with all of us!

The Burn Camp Ride on June 5th had 84 participants. This ride is not a poker run. It is a ride to deliver the money that we and our sponsors raise throughout the year for the burn camp, to take tours of the camp, and to spend some time with the awesome children who attend this camp.

We raised approximately \$35,000. Since 100% of our donation goes directly to the children, we purchase things that the camp needs to make the camp a fun experience for them. This year we purchased gifts for the archery program, 3 trikes and 2 pedal cars for the bike program, hydration packs and boonie hats for all of the campers and counselors, small flashlights on lanyards for the children to find their way when at night, and two 15-man tents for the overnight camping program. We give the balance to the burn foundation as restricted funds to be used toward the rental of the camp and food for the children for the week that they are at the camp. It cost between \$1200 and \$1500 per child to attend the camp. The children pay nothing.

The ride leaves Fire Station 56 on Carefree Highway, goes to Wickenburg, stops at the Chevron at Vulture Mine Road, then to Yarnell via Highway 93. There's a stop in Wickenburg for a tribute to the Granite Mountain 19, then up Yarnell Hill and a stop at Fire Station 1 on White Spar Road in Prescott. We pick up more riders and then out Old Senator Highway to Pine Summit Camp.

This year we had the honor of having Scott Pasmore from Channel 3 News and Barry Caraway on the ride.

Our donors are pretty generous. There were 50 raffle prizes including a 50" flat screen TV, a two-night stay in Laughlin,

golf foursome, baskets filled with goodies, \$450 window tint, \$250 auto detail, DiamondBack tickets, chiropractic adjustments, food gift certificates, Wet & Wild gift certificates, bowling gift certificates, Walgreen gift certificates, and many more.

The winners for the ride are all of the participants as they get to see how the camp helps enrich the lives of the children who attend. We have adults and children who participate in this ride. It changes your life and makes you appreciate what we have and joyful that you can enrich the lives of the children who have been through so much.

The children who attend this camp are all burn victims. Many of them have been burned by someone they know. Some you can hardly tell that they have been burned, as their clothing hides their scars; and some are missing limbs, noses, ears, etc. It is an honor and privilege to be able to participate. Our ride is open to all who want to participate. Our only request is that you wear a helmet into the camp. The minors who participate in the ride seem to enjoy it.

We would like to thank all of our donors and participants for helping us enrich the lives of the children who attend this event. This year's donors were: Law Tigers, Ajo Al's, Augusta Ranch Golf Course, Bikers Bay, Bill Reutter, Chere & Larry Blake, Chilleens on I-17, Chris Ketterer, Desert Sands Golf Course, Don Kersey, Dr. Frank Reach, Fire Station 56, Fred & Sara Steffen, Fred Cohill, George Nelson, Hogz

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In addition to our many donors, we would also like to thank the Phoenix Fire Fighter Cadets who volunteer their time to help make this event run smoothly. They take all of the things we need for the raffle, ride registration and have water for all participants. They are awesome.

If you have not been to the camp we would like to invite you to the 15th Annual Camp Courage Run. It will be the first Week of June 2018. We all take rides that we will never forget. This ride will make you be proud of your contribution and participation due to the impact it has on the lives of the children who attend. Your participation helps these children know it is ok to be normal children even though they have been disfigured. The self esteem that they gain from this camp will stay with them the rest of their lives.



There are 196 photos on the web site <http://windandfirephoenix.com/photos.php>, which further help to tell this story.

Learn more about Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club — Phoenix Area Firefighters #113 via their website <http://windandfirephoenix.com/>.

Rest in Peace ~ Charles 'Top' Outman

December 24, 1946 ~ March 7th 2017

We didn't know Chuck nearly as well as a lot of other people did, but we always enjoyed the time we spent together.

Among all the things that Chuck was.... High on the list ~ he was husband to Debbie. "I was so very blessed to have this Amazing Man as my husband." Theirs was a love and friendship admired by many. They were married on July 26, 1992.

Top was a US Marine, earning the rank of Master Sergeant He proudly served his Country for 23 years ~ from 1963 to 1986. He would subsequently be taken by pancreatic cancer ~ a souvenir of his exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Viet Nam.

After retiring from the USMC in 1986, Chuck met Debbie. She commented, "I was impressed by his personality. He was always a gentleman." For six years they traveled around in their RV before set-



ting here in Arizona. Then they each drove School and Tour Buses for several years. Deb continued, "In 2001 he met the amazing Motorcycle Club Viet Nam Vets / Legacy Vets MC and was a member until he

passed away."

Top was also a member of the Saguaro Detachment 554 of the Marine Corps League, for about five years. "He had an awesome time with all those Retired Marines."

Chuck was laid to rest on May 23, 2017 at the National Veterans Cemetery in Phoenix, surrounded by many friends and fellow Veterans.

Deb shared that, "Chuck was a great Husband and an amazing Marine! He had a very strong personality right up to the end. He is deeply missed by myself and a ton of friends."

We are among the many who admire him, call him friend, and will miss him.

With love & respect, to Chuck and to his beautiful wife Debbie,

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East Valley ABATE Spaghetti Feed

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East Valley ABATE's annual Spaghetti Feed was held on June 3rd this year. Mesa's Tri-City 3468 Fraternal Order of Eagles located on Broadway Road was again the venue... but other key players came forward to make it all come together. There was a lot of 'behind the scenes' technical stuff going on that created a lot of stress for the organizers.... Even to the point of almost postponing the date.

Thankfully, Mark & TheresaAnn ~ owners of the HoggDoggs food truck and the American Legion Post 2 in Tempe were each able to provide some critical assistance.

Redbone, East Valley ABATE's 'Food Dude' stepped up to the microphone during the evening to recognize them, along with the FOE, for their help and to present them with Certificates of Appreciation. He also expressed thanks to the Bonettes for all

of their work.

The food was, as always, simply delicious. Pasta & sauce, meatballs or vegetarian {thank you}, bread, and salad; followed by a 5' long dessert table offering a tempting array of goodies.

There was a good looking turnout. And SO many familiar faces! Some we hadn't seen here in a number of years. Plus it's always nice to see new people attend.

Organizations represented {in addition to the ABATE membership} included CMA {Christian Motorcyclists Association}, ALR {American Legion Riders}, and the Loners MC. It was a pretty hot day... There were definitely more cages than motorcycles in the parking lot.

A new addition to the evening was music by Cadillac Soul... a newly-formed and very talented band. If you haven't heard them yet, you can check

out videos of them performing on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/58tele/>

Congratulations to the winner of the 50/50 ~ collecting \$65. What a nice turn of events ☺

ABATE-AZ is a Motorcyclists Rights Organization. East Valley Chapter is one of numerous ABATE-AZ Chapters around our state. ABATE promotes all vehicles safely sharing the road, rider education, and fair legislation related to motorcyclists. To our out-of-state readers, look up ABATE or other MROs in your home state. Each state has at least one MRO. We encourage you to please support yours.

East Valley ABATE is hosting their annual Hard Ass Run on September 30. Contact Jim Silk 602-312-1927 at for more information.

Thank you East Valley ABATE for a very enjoyable evening!

Betsy & Bruce



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Remembering Allen Clifford Eshman

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A 52-year old man loses his life in a motorcycle accident. Does that tell us how big the loss is for this man? We have lost so many this year sometimes it is easier to just mourn for all at once.

Many years ago a movie was made "The Quiet Man". This is a great way to remember Allen. I knew this man for several years and saw him too many times to count. Swap meets, flea markets, the bars we both went into. He was always smiling and very quiet.

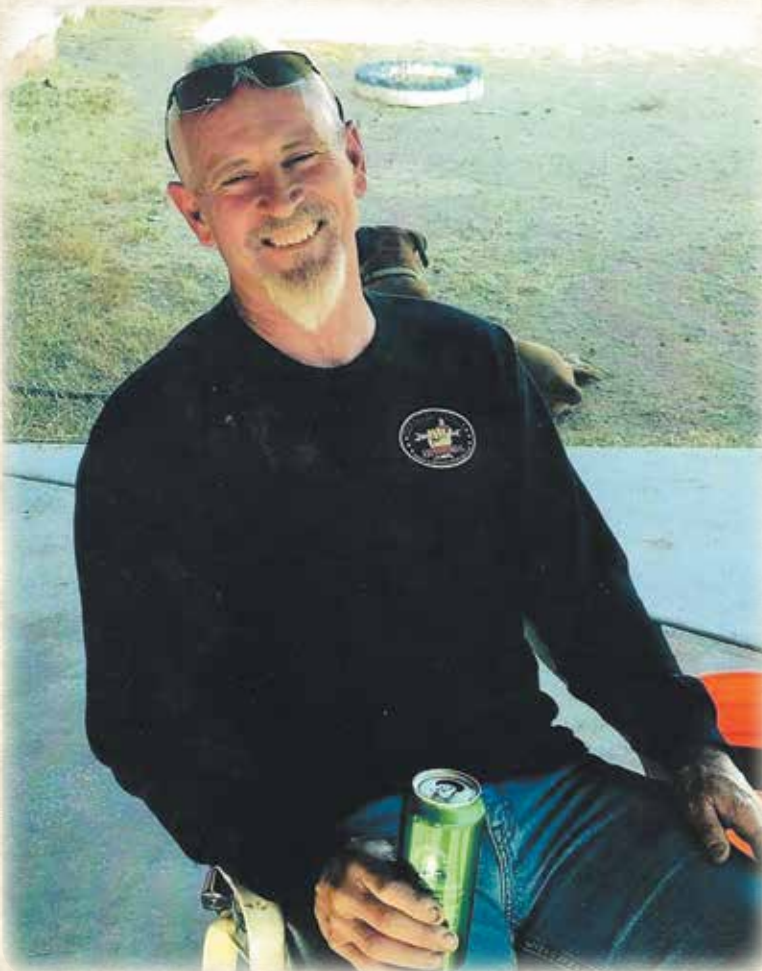
After we lost him and another wonderful lady "Cheri" I had to ask around for someone that knew his last name. How ashamed I was to have had a friend for several years and didn't know his last name.

When we lose a rider it is a loss for all of us. Please say a prayer for all riders we lose, as they mattered the most to someone.

This was a man who loved his children, his parents, and by all accounts some ladies as well. I for one will miss Allen. Allen was always helping others with anything he could. His love of bikes and building them was plain to see in his bike.

Ride safe my friend and now you and Cheri can ride together.

Kenny Cupp



Allen is survived by his Parents Sandy & Alfred Eshman; Sons – Aaron Eshman, Shawn Laidlaw, Jason Laidlaw, Glenn Laidlaw, & Daughter Lexi Eshman; Brother Scott Eshman & Sister Debbie Dubuque; plus loved ones and friends.

A Memorial service was held on May 13, 2017 at Menke Funeral Chapel in Sun City, AZ. It was well attended. His parents were 'overwhelmed' by the turnout from the riding community.

There are still unanswered questions as to what happened that fateful day out on Highway 87. They'll likely remain unanswered, as there is no one to tell the tale. Allen was by all accounts an accomplished rider.... adding confusion and frustration to the sadness felt at his passing.

We extend our condolences to his family and loved ones at this time of loss.

With respect,

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April 2, 2017 ... The 22nd Annual Trifecta Custom Bike Show & Blowout at the Steel Horse Saloon – 1818 W Bell Rd, Phoenix 85023 hosted some 3,000 visitors. The bike show had 25 bike on display in five different categories ~ each sponsored by a different area shop plus 'Best of Show' sponsored by Steel Horse Saloon. You could listen to music by Chuck DeFlorio, Unchained, and Faded Jeans while checking out the bike show and shopping. There were twenty vendors offering a variety of goods. Other activities included a Tattoo Contest and a Frozen T-shirt Contest.

Joanna from Steel Horse Saloon would like to thank, "Emcee Jack Schit for a job well done, Jarred & Yvone Falkner for their amazing support, Ruben from MMI, Wolfskin Tattoo, Pork On A Fork, Craig Steadman, all of our faithful attendees, and my wonderful assistant Ashantae Perez-Myers."

Everyone is invited to attend next year's Trifecta to kick off Arizona Bike Week 2018. Find Steel Horse Saloon online at www.steelhorsesaloon.com/ or on FB at [/steelhorseaz/](https://www.facebook.com/steelhorseaz/)

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6-5-2017 ... shared to FB by our friend Christy Mark Crow... Crow and his family have welcomed TWIN great-great grandchildren to their family; a boy Brian and a girl Jamie. What an amazing birthday anniversary present, Crow ~ sharing your birthday with your great-great grandbabies. Our best wishes to the entire family!

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June 11, 2017 ... Fatal Motorcycle Collision ~ Tucson ... According to Sergeant Kimberly Bay of the Tucson PD Public Information Office, "On June 11, 2017, around 2:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division East and members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to a report of a serious injury single motorcycle collision in the 8200 block of E. Tanque Verde Rd. Upon arrival, they located an adult male motorcycle rider with obvious signs of trauma. Paramedics treated the male but he succumbed to injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

"Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They interviewed witnesses and collected evidence. They learned the rider of a 1998 Harley Davidson motorcycle was eastbound in the 8200 block of E. Tanque Verde Rd. Witnesses observed the rider travel in and out of both lanes at a high rate of speed. As the rider moved from the curb lane to the median lane, he struck the raised median. The rider then crossed over the median and crashed into the westbound curb lane. The rider was wearing a helmet but it dislodged during the collision.

"The motorcycle rider has been identified as 60-year-old Ricky Jay Broschat. Next of kin has been notified."

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6-14-2017 ... Recall ~ NHTSA Campaign #: 17V380 Front Brake Line may Rub and Leak Potential Number of Units Affected 1,139

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

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6-23-17 ... Fatal Motorcycle Wreck ~ Tucson. According to Sergeant Pete Dugan of the Tucson PD Public Information Office, "On June 23, 2017, just after midnight, officers from Operations Division South were dispatched to the 5300 block of East Valencia Road for a report of a serious injury collision involving a motorcycle. Rural Metro Fire was also dispatched due to the incident location being near city and county borders. Fire personnel treated the motorcyclist on scene and then transported him to Banner University Medical Center with life threatening injuries. Shortly after arrival at the hospital, the motorcyclist sadly succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as 63-year-old Michael Ray Fischella. Next of kin have been notified.

"Detectives with the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. It was determined that Mr. Fischella was eastbound in the 5300 block of East Valencia when he struck a guardrail on the south side of the roadway. Mr. Fischella was thrown from his black 2011 Yamaha motorcycle. It is uncertain why contact was made with the guardrail. Speed does not appear to be a factor and Mr. Fischella was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision.

"Anyone with information about the collision is asked to [contact] 88-CRIME."

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1st Saturday: Ride in Movie Night at Rosie's Den Café, 19949 N. US Hwy 93; White Hills, AZ 86445. 8pm 'til Sunday morning. Classic B-movies followed by an old fashioned biker campout with a Bloody Mary b'fast the next morning. The movie is free, the camp out is \$30/pp. Bring a group of ten+ & get \$5/pp off. Submit your favorite b grade biker movie to get a chance to win an overnight package for you & a guest. FMI: events@sincitybiker.com, (702)630-5527, www.sincitybiker.com

Every other Sunday {starting 7/2/17}: 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 8:30a. Kickstands up at 9a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

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

Every Wednesday: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot at 8:30a. KSU 9a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or visit <http://superstitionhd.com/>

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

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

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

Every Friday: ALMA MC Westside Open House... 8-11:30pm. 1050 N. Eliseo Felix Jr Way #105, Avondale. FMI: www.facebook.com/AlmaMcWestside/

Every Friday: Hawg Ridin' Fools MC Open House at Clubhouse. Take I-10 East, Exit 297, 5 miles West of Benson. Go left at stop sign, over I-10, right on 1st road next to the interstate - N. Cherokee Trail. Go ~ 2 miles & the road makes a 90° turn left. Pass the Mescal B&G. Continue down N. Cherokee Trl another ~ 2 miles & it turns 90° to the left. Clubhouse is on the left.

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

2nd & 3rd Friday: ALMA MC East Side Open House from 7pm-? Entertainment. Food & Beverages available. 3212 S. Fair Lane, Tempe. FMI: 127.Eastside@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Friday: ALMA MC Open House- All Chapters. 7pm at the OriGinal Club House, 1446 N. 27th Ave, Phx, AZ 85009. Great Food, Great Music & a Great Time! FMI: Chapo soy.chapo@gmail.com

7/6-9 {Th-Sun} POSTPONED ... Detroit Motorcycle City inaugural event FMI: www.detroitmotorcyclecity.com/

7/8 {Sat} 3rd annual Cancer Sucks Ride to Sidkick Camp in Payson hosted by C4 Motorcycle Ministry. Mayo Hospital provides summer camp for siblings of cancer patients. C4MM escorts the buses to camp. They love our bikes!! It's an amazing opportunity to meet many young people, have lunch with them & take pictures. Meet at T'bird campus, 4530 W Thunderbird Ave. Because of the heat some stay up north until later in the evening! Contact for meet times. FMI: c4mm@ccc4z.org

7/9 {Sun} 24th Annual Stoned Sober MC Cycle Splash from noon -6pm at Riley's Irish Tavern 5140 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705. Bike Show, Pin Up Contest, Rock-a-Billy Band(s), Wet-T-Shirt Contest, Vendors & more. FMI: 520-408-0507

7/13-15 {Thurs-Sat} Nation of Patriots Tour ~ AZ's leg. Meet the Flag in Kingman, overnight in Williams. Stops include Flagstaff, Winslow, Gallup NM. FMI: www.arizonanationofpatriots.com

7/15 Nomaden MC - Black and Gold Support Party from 1-7pm at Buddies Bar in Whetstone; then 7PM to the Nomaden Club House {137 N Huachuca Blvd Huachuca City, AZ 85616} for the after-hours party. FMI: animal69@cox.net

7/15 ALMA MC Eastside Beast-side Bash - Summer party with the Eastside Crew from 8-11:30pm. Food, Drinks, Music, Vendors, & Raffles. 3212 S Fair Lane, Tempe, AZ FMI: 127.Eastside@gmail.com

7/21-23 {Fr-Sun} Biker Bash & Fundraiser for 'Packages From Home' at the Cabin Bar & Grill, Overgaard, AZ [2763 Hwy 260]. Free entry to party. Vendor space \$35 {100% goes to PFH}. Music by Siringo. Always FREE Dry Camping on site. FMI: 928-535-6117 <http://tinyurl.com/ya37rhxv>

7/29 {Sat} Brotherly Love-in at Amber Inn 42336 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix. Starts 7pm. \$10/pp. Break out your tie-dye & fringe for an evening filled with 60's style fun & brotherly love to raise donations for the charity we chose last year, Surrendered Souls Rescue. They are dedicated to rescuing, restoring the health and finding forever homes for the sick and injured. Spend a fun night getting to know your fellow riders & support a worthy cause. FMI: Velvet 623-329-4668

8/5 {Sat} CVMA 32-4 Celebration of Life Memorial Ride for our Fallen. Event time is 0930 to 1700. R/T morning ride starts from the Elks Lodge in Sierra Vista out to Patagonia & back for Food Vendors, Music provided by the Rowdy Johnson Band, & Drinks. Register 0930, KSU 1030. Ride is \$10/sgl, \$15/2-up. \$10 entry/donation if not riding. All proceeds donated to local charities that have been designated by the families of our fallen. Come out & enjoy!!! FMI: Adam "Black & Blue" Smith (email: adam.l.smith1@outlook.com)

9/1 {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>

9/9 {Sat} September Scorcher ~ Loners MC San Tan Valley.

9/15-17 {Fri-Sun} River Riders MC 34th Annual Friendship Run, hosted at the Grand Canyon Caverns. FMI: www.riverridersmc.com/33rd-annual-friendship-run.html

9/16 {Sat} Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts ~ 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

9/30 {Sat} 15th annual ABATE of AZ East Valley Chapter 'Hard Ass Run'. Sign-in 7:30a at Evil Twin Custom Cycle 58 N Country Club, Mesa, 85201. All Bikes Welcome. Mystery poker run of ~ 300 miles. \$20/pp, \$30/2-up. 1st 75 receive a collectible t shirt at the end stop (wherever that may be). Poker hand included & passenger gets own card. Replacement poker cards may be purchased for \$1 each at end stop only. Raffle prizes & 50/50 drawing (must be present to win). FMI: Jim 602-312-1927 | <http://tinyurl.com/yahggzt>

9/30 Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts ~ 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

10/5-8 {Th-Sun} Las Vegas BikeFest www.LasVegasBikeFest.com

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

10/6-7 {Fr-Sat} Run to the Rez, Apache Gold Resort & Casino. Veterans Tribute, Music by Gray Wolf, Poker Run, Bike Show, & Great Giveaways. Room reservations at 1-800-APACHE-8. FMI: johnrezrider@yahoo.com, <http://www.runtotherez.net/>

10/7 {Sat} 2nd Annual MMA Motorcycle & Classic Car Show, from 8a-noon, at & sponsored by Mesa Market Place 10550 E Baseline Rd. Sponsors include San Tan Ford. Details TBA. FMI: Dan 602-809-0953, danielbeyer@cox.net, <http://mma-az.org> | <http://tinyurl.com/hakdmav>

10/14 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter annual Chili Cookoff. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/>

10/14 Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts ~ 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

10/14 Nomaden MC Xmas Toy Drive. Party at Nomaden MC Club House 137 N. Huachuca Blvd. Huachuca City, AZ 85616. Live Music, Family Games, Family Activities, Vendors, Food, on site. 9a-11:30pm. FMI: mclain_656@hotmail.com, 520-559-5150

10/14 Vet-Oberfest hosted by Viet Nam Vets / Legacy Vets MC at the Wooden Nickel Tavern, 1908 S Country Club Rd Tucson, 85713 from 11a-11:30pm. Proceeds go to various Homeless Vets Charities in Tucson. There will be Food, Fun, Drinks, Live Music, Bike Show, 50/50 raffle and much more!! Entry fee for Bike Show is \$10. Admission is \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. FMI: Rip VNVLV/MC 480-669-4433

10/20-22 {Fr-Sun} ShineToberfest Moonshine Festival & Chili Cook Off at Saddle Sore Ranch in Mohave County, just off Rt 66. An old school biker party for 21 and up only. Weekend camping, live music and nightly campfire parties. www.Shinetoberfest.com

10/21 {Sat} 'Bikers for Boobies' 9th Annual Poker Run FMI: www.bikers4boobiesaz.org/

10/28 {Sat} Flat Track Motorcycle Races on the 1/5 mile banked dirt oval at AKA Speedway N 43rd Ave south of Pinnacle Peak Rd in N Phoenix. FREE Spectator General Admission. \$10 Pit Pass. Classes include Youth, Quad, Vintage, Modern and Pro. Pit Gate opens at 10am. Racing starts ~ 3pm. Awards presented after the races at Divino's 3345 W Greenway Rd. FMI: Farley McDavidson (email: Director@AZFlatTrackRacing.com), www.AZFlatTrackRacing.com, 602-320-9201

10/28 Bone Run with the Desert Road Riders MC. <http://desertroadridersmc.com/>

11/3 {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>

11/3 Tucson Celtic Festival Bike Night at Rillito Raceway Park - 4502 N 1st Ave, Tucson, AZ, 85718. The Tucson Celtic Festival & Highland games is in it 31st year & is having bike night on Friday. There will be bike & non-bike games to include: best legs in a kilt, keg toss, barrel race, slow race, & more. Live music, contests for biggest group/club, farthest rider, and ? Food & Beverages as well as other vendors will be open. Admission is only \$5. Come to the opening party of the Tucson Celtic Festival {Nov 3-5} & enjoy Bike Night from 5-10pm. Everyone welcome, encouraged to attend & have a great time. FMI: <http://www.tucsoncelticfestival.org>

11/3-5 {Fr-Sun} APMC's Riot on the River, Winkelman, AZ. Weekend = \$20/pp, \$30/cpl; day pass \$10/pp. FMI: 623-363-3470, moehmcdv@gmail.com

11/4 6th Annual Bob's Biker Blast, from 9a-10pm at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, 15656 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale. All proceeds benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. Includes live concert by 3 Doors Down & more. Free admission. FMI: 480-905-1903

The Nation of Patriots



2017 Arizona Nation of Patriots

The Nation of Patriots was formed in 2009 to provide financial support to those who have served in our Armed Forces and their families. These individuals have volunteered their lives in the preservation, protection and the future of the United States and all of its citizens. For this we are grateful.

We are an independent, non-partisan, 501(C)3 nonprofit organization. We annually launch a campaign that works on a national level to promote the awareness of the physical, emotional, and economic misfortune that our wounded veterans and their families are living with today and every day. This event is called The Patriot Tour.

We pride ourselves on being able to give 100% of all donations received directly to the veterans we strive to help. We work with the VA facilities and many other veterans organizations to help us locate and select the veteran families based on specific criteria. During the months of November and December we allocate ALL money raised and send it to veterans all over the country.

What is the Patriot Tour? Every year the Nation of Patriots organizes a national effort that pays tribute to, and honors, all of America's Armed Forces - Past, Present, and the Fallen. This united effort is known as The Patriot Tour.

Every year we ride for the members of our military - to show America's support, our thanks, and our united pride by passing one American Flag throughout the country.

The Patriot Tour begins during Memorial Day weekend. A massive group of riders escorts one American Flag on the back of a motorcycle to Woodstock Harley-Davidson in Illinois. Upon arrival, the flag is transferred to the IL escort. The very next day the Flag is taken to IN and the next it travels to MI... and on and on for 100 days, through 48 states. The Flag finally makes it full circle and lands right back in WI where it's all started over Labor Day weekend.

It's the very foundation of the American Flag and all that represents that our brave men and women in the military have stood for and died defending, continue to stand and protect, and will forever fight for.

In 2017 the Patriots Tour will be escorting the flag across Arizona July 13-15. The flag will be in Flagstaff July 14, and Mayor Coral Evans has pledged City support for celebrations and events. Dan Smith - Regional Commander, and Rick Bitzer, NOP Arizona State Chairman, both feel it is gratifying to know where money goes when you donate, and in this case 100% of the money raised in Arizona stays in Arizona.

Watch for information on events and activities on our website www.arizonanationofpatriots.com

July 13, 2017, Thursday, 11:30am, the American flag will arrive from Nevada and stop for lunch and the official flag exchange to Arizona will be at the Kingman Elks Lodge, 900 Gates Avenue.

The flag will then travel to Seligman General Store, for a rehydration stop and gas for smaller tanks.

The flag will then continue on to Williams, AZ. Veterans ceremony at Monument Park 5:30 PM. Dinner / Auction / Raffles and Wild West Junction 6:00 PM. Entertainment will be JC and Laney (www.jcandlaney.com).

July 14, 2017, 8:00 AM Kickstands heading to the Grand Canyon where we will fly the American Flag over the canyon. This flight is courtesy of Papillion / Grand Canyon Helicopters. Once the flag returns we will be kickstands up for Flagstaff, AZ. Police escort will meet us at the north end of Flagstaff and proceed to Wheeler Park and the American Legion Post. After celebration in Flagstaff we will continue to Twin Arrows for a Memorial Ceremony and overnight stay. There will be a reception on the back patio, cash bar, auction, raffles and fireworks display.

July 15, 2017, 8:00 AM Kickstands up from Twin Arrows and on to Elks Lodge in Winslow, Arizona for breakfast and photos at "Standing on the Corner". After photos we will head to Gallup, New Mexico for the flag exchange.

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Please visit our web site for complete tour information: www.arizonanationofpatriots.com

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Arizona Bike Week turned 21 this year, with events taking place from April 5-9, 2017.

Concerts included Bret Michaels, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Korn, & Alice Cooper with Co-op; with a good mix of local talent added to the headliners. Music on the RockYard and Handlebar Saloon stages, vendors, rider exhibitions, flat track racing, an auction, and *more*, gave attendees plenty of things to do.

Thank you to Lisa Cyr, of AZ Bike Week, for her help in sharing this story with you.

Saturday's weather offered mid 70's in the morning with light cloud cover keeping things comfortably cool for walking around at WestWorld as the day progressed.

The HD of Scottsdale Motorcycle Drill Team put on an impressive performance in the Bike Arena. A dozen riders were all in continuous motion on full-size HD touring bikes.

The Bike Show was actually 3-in-1... Three different competitions going on at once... Baddest Bagger, Ms AZ Bike Week – for women-only, and a general entry BadAZ Bike Show. There were lots of good looking rides in the mix! While we may not always agree on the designs, we definitely admire the imagination, artwork & talent of the owners, creators, & builders.

This was the 6th year for the Busted Knuckles Stunt Show {<http://harley-stunts.com>} to be here performing. King Tony always puts on a good show ~ blending balance, agility & showmanship. He & his team have some amazing tricks. And each year they do what they can to one-up themselves!

The FMX Freestyle Motocross riders were awesome to watch... but the indoor setting was difficult to photograph. Leave it to say that next year you DEFINITELY want to check them out!

The Flat Track Racing in the HellRacers Dome was a three-day event, with 16 classes running. Saturday was the biggest day, with 105 racers. For those who were hesitant to attend this indoor venue, we learned from Lisa that "The first day of racing last year we had some trouble with ventilation until we figured out which doors/windows needed to be opened. I was in there a few times this year and there didn't seem to be any noticeable fumes."

Camping has become a big thing during ABW ~ with a 'Best Campsite Contest' being sponsored by Law Tigers. Other activities included factory demo rides, TEAM AZ Safe Riding demos, a motorcycle auction, and of course.... The Vendors ☺

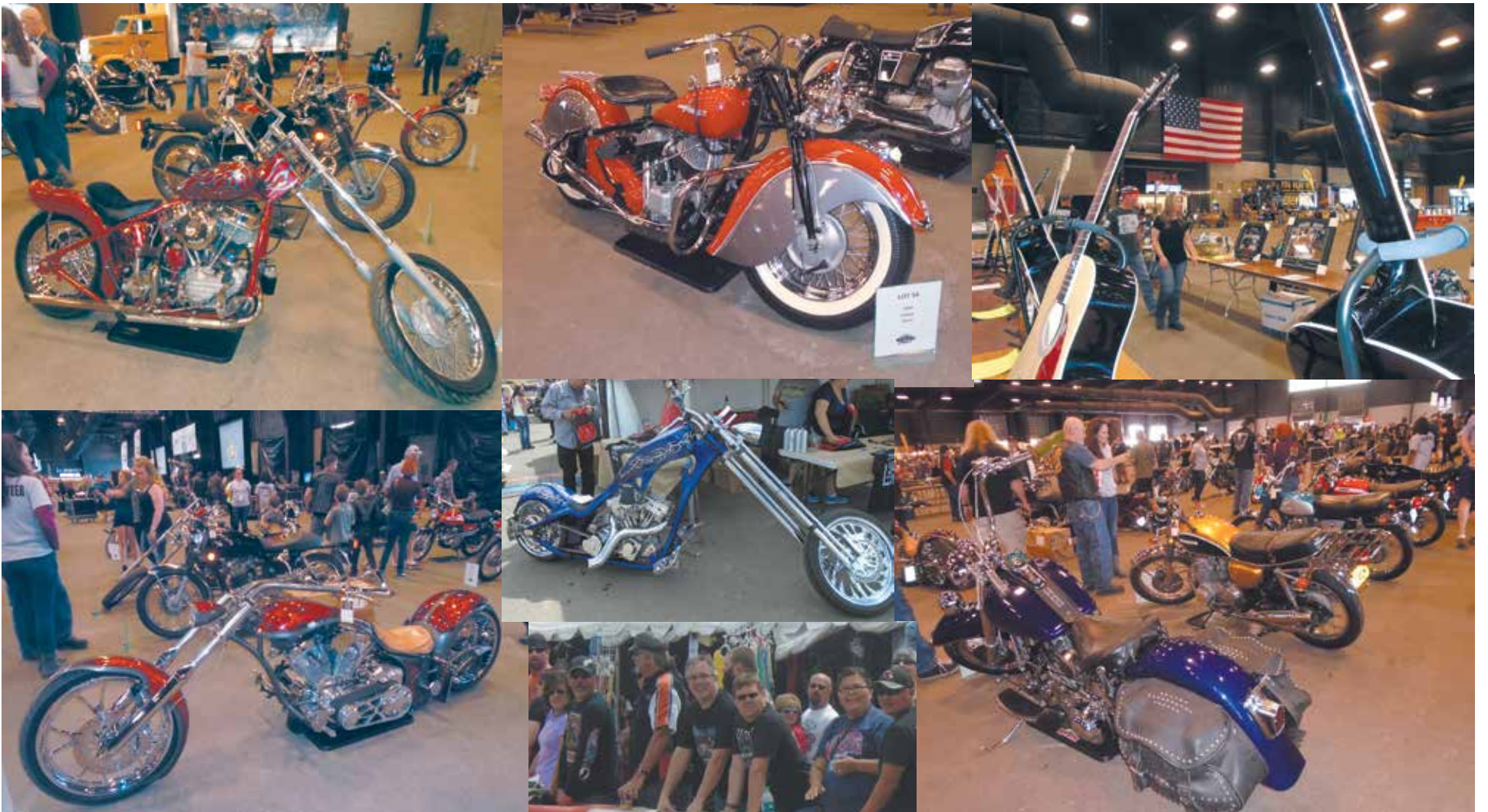
201 unique vendors were all set up in the upper parking lot, offering a wide array of items & services.

There was a lot of the to-be-expected stuff ~ leather goods, apparel, head & eye covers, jewelry, helmets, lawyers, insurance, tattoo, pinstriping, & such. Plus some higher-end items like sound systems & custom leather apparel. Among the more unique offerings were virtual reality headsets and the gals were enjoying demos of at-home fingernail fashion designs.

Here are some details about some of the AZ Bike Week rides that visitors have come to expect and enjoy...

The *T-Bar Trail Ride* took place on Thursday April 6. This ride benefits breast cancer charities. After signing in at WestWorld Scottsdale the route took riders on a tour of select gentlemen's clubs around the Valley before returning to WestWorld to enjoy all that AZ Bike Week has to offer, including the CCR concert. 547 participated in this year's ride, generating a \$12,471 donation to the Bikers for Boobies organization.

Friday's *Dry Heat Run*, hosted by the Hamsters custom motorcycle group, starts at Paul Yaffe's Bagger Nation in Phoenix. Proceeds of this event benefit Lifescape Children's Care Hospital. This is the primary charity of the Hamsters organization. A scenic ride, including lunch at the Roadrunner in New River, ended at WestWorld where Korn was the night's



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headline concert. The Hamsters Charity Group reported that \$21,000 was raised by this event.

Friday was also the day for the *Saddle Up For Kids Ride*, which you'll read about on another page.

The *Hand in Hand Ride* to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital took place on Saturday April 8th. 724 riders gathered at PCH on Thomas Rd in Phoenix. Breakfast onsite is part of the entry fee. Plus riders have the opportunity to interact with some of the young patients they are riding for before rolling out toward WestWorld. The night's entertainment includes the Co-op Concert with Alice Cooper in the RockYard. \$20,000 to Phoenix Children's Hospital was raised from this Hand In Hand Ride.

Arizona Bike Week made about \$35k in donations to the various charity rides in tickets and other contributions. In addition to the above events and others you'll read about in these pages, AZ Bike Week Charities {<http://abwecg.org>} participates in & receives donations from activities during ABW such as the silent and live auctions that took place. Arizona Bike Week makes donations to the organization's fund for use in the community services projects they work on throughout the year. This year they received over \$17k from the event.

Lisa shared that overall attendance was around

90k. While this is a drop of about 5%, Lisa noted that such a change is not unexpected following an anniversary year. Based on zip codes derived from ticket sales, about 59% were from out of state ~ including quite a few from various countries in Europe. Cool. Lisa clarified, "While we of course sincerely appreciate all those who travel great distances to attend our event, we still consider our local biker community to be the heart and soul of Arizona Bike Week. They are the building blocks from which this rally was built." In addition to AZ, we observed plates from CA, CO, IN, MO, NM, NV, OR, TX, WA, & WI.

Lisa and the AZ Bike Week team send along thanks to, "As always all of our sponsors, vendors, suppliers and most of all, our loyal attendees are what make this event possible. We continue to use the event growth to provide a bigger and better rally each year, with more attractions and elements. This year I'd like to also thank our social media followers who so faithfully share our posts. This provides tremendous assistance to us in getting the word out." Lisa continued, "FX Promotions is a small but mighty team that works year around to produce the biggest motorcycle party of the year. Our business model is unique in that we offer an all-inclusive ticket price.

We don't have different levels of passes where you pay more for concerts or VIP areas. We believe that everyone who attends should get to see everything and in doing so are able to keep prices lower overall. Those who frequent other rallies realize that ABW offers a tremendous bang for your buck. We pack as much entertainment value into our event as possible each year. We love what we do and look forward to continuing to serve our riding community."

A great piece of news that Lisa was able to share about this AZ Bike Week came from a visit with a friend whose wife is an ER trauma nurse. "She told him to make sure he thanked me for whatever we had done to promote rider safety this year. She had rotated between two hospitals during ABW and said she had seen the fewest number of motorcycle related injuries ever. The safety of our attendees is of paramount concern to us. This was great news!" Yes ~ Outstanding!

Before you know it, it'll be time to start planning your trip to AZ Bike Week #22... taking place Wed-Sun April 11-15, 2018. Watch their website <http://azbikeweek.com/> for all the information you'll need.

We hope to see ya there!

Bruce & Betsy



Saw this great pic on the ABW Facebook page taken at Phoenix Children's Hospital & had to share it ☺

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