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Hello AriZona Riders!

On the cover ... This photo was taken at Superstition Harley-Davidson during the departure of the IFRD ~ International Female Riders Day run to Payson. That story is on page 3.



I've added another pin to my Too Broke hat. What a fun weekend. ☺
You can read about that event on pages 8-9.

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I wish you all a great month! Ride safely, choose wisely, &
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International Female Riders Day

The official Arizona count for this year's IFRD – International Female Riders Day ride to Payson was 311. This ride always takes place on the 1st Saturday of May; this year that was the 4..... May the Fourth Be With You ☺

IFRD founder Vicki Gray created this 'globally synchronized event' for women riders back in 2007! It has been growing ever since. If you check out the official IFRD page on facebook you will see photos posted from all over the WORLD Canada, France, Ireland, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, USA, and more. Women of All ages, All backgrounds, All riding skill levels, Club members and Independent riders, All makes & models of bikes and trikes.... ALL coming together to celebrate their passion for motorcycling.

There were numerous launching locations around our state. I met up with the group that rode out of Superstition Harley-Davidson in Apache Junction before they headed out for their ride up to the

Payson Event Center.

Sponsors of the day included Breyer Law – Husband-Wife Law Team, Superstition HD, and Studio 22 Tattoo & Piercing. Vendors at ride's end included a food truck, Lucky Strike Cycles, Paparazzi accessories jewelry, LovEm's Bikery of Payson, Bella Mia's Ever After T-Shirts, More Shade motorcycle shades, White Mountain SteamPunk, Queen Bling, and Bri's Biker Boutique.

This year's ride recognized the Medicine Wheel Ride for MMIW – Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and included fundraising toward this good & important work. MMIWR - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives ... *is a movement that advocates for the end of violence against Native women and relatives (Men and our Two spirit included). It also seeks to draw attention to the high rates of disappearances and murders of Native people, particularly women and girls. The MMIWR movement exists because a large number of Native*

women go missing and are murdered each year compared to women from other groups. {from the website <https://www.medicinewheelride.org/> }

Additional fundraising was on behalf of local rider Sharise Mayer who was in a major, life-changing wreck back in March; to help out with expenses as she continues to recuperate and goes through rehab.

Ideas are already being tossed around for IFRD-AZ 2025. If you want to stay informed on what's coming up, check out this webpage <https://azifrd.com> &/ or this page on fb <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ifrdarizona> Learn more about IFRD by visiting the website <https://motoress.com/international-female-ride-day/> .

While some women choose to participate in the organized IFRD rides, there are others who prefer to ride solo or in small groups. The bottom line is to enjoy the day. As the song goes, "Get on your bikes and RIDE!"



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Happy Anniversary in July to

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Mike & Gloria Kyzer
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one in our community. This is what's been shared as of June 5, 2024 ... "In case anyone hasn't seen the updates, this is the most current information from Pima County Superior Court and the AZ Department of Corrections regarding Karen Burgan, who killed Cory "Ammo Nishon" Troutman back in May of 2020. She was found guilty on charges of manslaughter, criminal damage, aggravated DUI while an interlock is required, and aggravated DUI with BAC 0.08 or more while interlock required.

She was sentenced to 21 years for the first charge, 3 years for the second charge and 6 years for each of the third and fourth charges, and will be eligible for release at the end of 2041. The court website shows that she has submitted an appeal."

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I came across this information, as posted by ABATE-AZ's Southern AZ Chapter. It isn't very often that we ever get to hear follow up on what happens to the person who kills some-

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F.O.T.K. Comes Through For The Kids Again

Despite a last-minute announcement that the 17th annual Friends of the Kids Ride scheduled for the weekend of June 14-16 had to be cancelled, the FOTK organization was still able to make a substantial donation on behalf of the children of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children's Shelter in Whiteriver, AZ. FOTK has been supporting this Children's Shelter since 2008... with donations of school supplies, home essentials, foodstuffs, gifts for the children, & more. They work all year with different fundraisers.

June 11 ... Day 1 of shopping for this year's FOTK donations to support our primary mission for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children's Shelter. This year Friends Of The Kids received \$2,000 of donations from several Mesa

area Walmart stores from their Spark For Good program. We like to go to those stores and spend the donations at those locations as a way of thanking the management and employees for supporting our program.

Thanks to @alicayer from our BoD for setting up the process for us and freeing up our fundraising time to more enjoyable pursuits, like riding the motorcycles or supporting other worthwhile causes.

Thank you again Walmart for stepping up and helping these kids in low to no resource areas. #kidsareourfuture

Final preps for the trip were underway when the announcement came. June 12 ... "It is with a heavy heart we must announce that the 2024 FOTK RUN has been cancelled due to circumstances be-

yond our control. We will still be delivering the supplies we purchased for the Shelter on Friday morning. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions on this please contact us by using the contact link on the website azfotk.org."

Friends Of The Kids (FOTK) is a motorcycle rider oriented 501(c)3 charitable organization. All monies collected go to benefit the children of the White River Children's Shelter on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. FOTK is an all-volunteer operation. Every dollar is put to work for these kids.

Stay in touch with FOTK for updates about future fundraising and donation rides via their webpage <https://www.azfotk.org/> or on fb at <https://www.facebook.com/AZFOTK>



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Too Broke For Sturgis Returns to Winslow

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Too Broke for Sturgis #33 took place June 20 - 23, 2024. People are drawn to this event by the knowledge that their attendance helps support ABATE of AZ's goals to promote motorcycle safety & to protect our rights as motorcyclists.

Dedicated souls who made their way to Winslow for this First Run of Summer were treated to three nights of outstanding music; plus - camaraderie, camping, and general horsing around & fun. While the days were still warm - yes some would call it hot, moving this event back to June did help bring the temperatures down. The nights were beautiful for the outdoor concerts and for camping. There were good vibes and cooling temps as fans enjoyed the music, visiting, and having fun.

Perfect Storm kicked off the TBFS concert series on Thursday night, under a full moon and clear sky. This is a local band, based in Winslow. Their talented musicians and excellent vocals were a great way to get the party started. They played last year on stage and in town at the park. **BadJune** was also back by popular demand, and they played their hearts out on Friday night. Based out of Phoenix, they share their musical energy at venues throughout the Valley and

beyond. Watch their web for when they'll be playing near you. **Last Train to Juarez** was the Saturday night band. Even their sound check sounded good! So, it was easy to figure we were in for an outstanding show. They definitely delivered! Turns out that TBFS was one of their last stops in Arizona before heading out on a 3-month tour. For those of you reading this in KS, MO, NE, IA, CO, WY, SD, TX, AR, IL, and WI you'll want to see if they'll be stopping in your town.

The value and quality of these three performances was well worth the gate fee all by themselves; let alone the fun of the other activities taking place over the weekend.

There was a twist on the **Poker Walk** & it seemed like a good way to familiarize visitors with the various vendors on site. Food & refreshments came from Biggie BBQ and Sweet & Sassy Eats. HA Yavapai had support merchandise. The MRF - Motorcycle Riders Foundation had an info booth as did AIM - Aid to Injured Motorcyclists. Additional vendors included Old School Stitching, The Flask Guy, Vacay Cowboys, Discount Biker Supply, AZ Boot Boutique, Club Nirvana, Grounding Technology, Visible Clothing & Gear, and Dube Screw Cancer. Visit each vendor and get a stamp. Once all vendors signed off on your game card you turned it in to draw your poker

hand. The winners were announced Saturday night. Low Hand winner was Dobe Vick, with her 10-high hand. She received a \$25 gift card from Tombstone Brewery and another from D&D Discount Motorcycles. The High Hand was 3 Queens held by Marlinda Kaye. Congratulations to you both!

The games took place over the course of two days. **AZ Boot Boutique** sponsored both the People Games and the Bike Games. They included demonstrations of rider skills, coordination, team building, and a dose of hilarity that we've come to expect over the years.

People Games were on Friday. Helmet Toss was won by HD. Plank Walk was won by the Moore-Brisky team. Swinging Balls was won by Birthday Boy Jerry. In the Tug o' War, East Valley ABATE's team won over the Desert Thunder MC team.

Saturday's **Bike Games** included Roadkill, won by Joe & Lola; the Keg Push, won by Brian Hahn; the Slow Race, won by Joe Martelli; and the Weenie Bite, won by DTMC members D.Mike & Monster.

The **Fantastic Facial Hair / Magnificent Mustache Contest** had several categories. Kiven won Best Groomed for the 3rd Year. Dave had the Best Mustache, Bill Glass won the Freestyle category, and Jessa had the

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Too Broke For Sturgis Returns to Winslow ⁹

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Longest Beard.

There was some great looking ink on display for the Tattoo Contest. Congratulations to all the winners!

Best Black & Grey - Brittany; Most Realistic - Eric Jacobs; Most Visionary - Jim; Most Patriotic - Steve Chenoweth; Best Color - Gary C; and Best of Show was Kevin.

Saturday's **Bike Show** had about 2 dozen entries. Congratulations to all the winners: Custom - Remington Hayes; Trike - Lou Vanden Plas ; Cruiser - Ramiro Castro ; Street Bike - Matthew Reemelin ; Bagger - Jason Strode ; and Best of Show - Marlene Tare.

The Bike Show was followed by a Native American Bike Blessing; offered by a Cherokee gentleman named Manuel who visited each bike & rider as part of the ritual. Thank you for being there.

The Revvv Up in remembrance of those Gone But Not Forgotten followed.

The **Wet T-shirt Contest**, sponsored by Dirty Dogg Saloon, had 7 contestants. 'What happens at Too Broke stays at Too Broke'. The gals who participate can have their time to have fun and that's how it should be. There was a tie-breaker at the end. Congratulations go to 1st place winner Ms Samantha and 2nd place winner Ms Lola. Samantha won 2 \$50 gift cards from Tombstone Brewery and

from D&D Discount Motorcycles. Lola won a \$50 card from Tombstone Brewery. Congratulations ☺

Congratulations to 50/50 winner Heather. She collected \$470.

It was heartwarming & inspiring that one rally goer asked to borrow the mic on Saturday evening. He gave an impromptu, articulate, & impassioned speech about WHY it is so important to support ABATE. Amid all the fun, we were still keeping our 'eye on the prize' of supporting motorcyclists' rights, safety, and awareness! Thank you!

For the safety & well-being of the TBFS visitors who chose to stay in town rather than in camp, there was an Uber driver on call each night to get people back to their rooms.

The first aid station reported a few bandages needed and some after sunburn care, but nothing major. There were a couple of ambulance calls in the area but they turned out to be unrelated to this event.

To some, Too Broke For Sturgis has become a 'family reunion' of sorts. This year, I heard of riders traveling in from CA, CO, FL, MT, NM, TN, and TX. Maybe there were even more. Cool!

Thank you to the sponsors that support TBFS! Law Tigers Motorcycle Lawyers, Dirty Dogg Saloon, AZ Boot

Bootique, AIM Motorcycle Lawyers, and Tombstone Brewing Company. Lonnie & Sharon Gose, owners of Winslow Rodeo Grounds, were so hospitable and supportive!

CMA - the Christian Motorcyclists Association hosted water & coffee 24/7 at their two locations. Their main tent offered breakfast each morning for free, with donations appreciated. Hugs and prayers were available as well. Sunday's church service was also led by CMA.

Everyone I spoke with during the weekend was having fun. If you weren't there, you missed a good time!

Fellow ABATE-AZ member Eric, host of the Nomadic Fanatic Youtube channel, posted a cool recap video that you can check out via this link ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xsAYUkO61w>

There are boatloads of photos & videos posted from the weekend. Check out the AZ Rider album plus many additional collections shared to the Too Broke For Sturgis facebook page. Take a look, tag, share, enjoy!

by Betsy 'Fallout' Newkirk,
East Valley ABATE Chapter

Read more about the TBFS weekend by following this link to the July edition of ABATE-AZ's MasterLink



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Superstition HOG Chapter Rides start at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at 6:30a, KSU 7a. Meet times change depending on season. Watch calendar. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://www.superstitionhog.com/calendar>

2nd Saturdays: Bike Nite at VFW Post 1433 {phn 623-934-2152}, at 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. Hosted by Veterans MC AZ 7p-close. Karaoke, kitchen, bar, dart boards, pool tables, & more.

1st Sundays: Roosters Bar & Finn's Mainstreet Motorcycles host Saddlebag Sundays. Starts 2pm at Roosters, 3731 E Main, Mesa. No cover, live music, complimentary food. FMI: 480-985-4088, 480-357-7595

2nd Sundays: ABATE-AZ Phoenix Chapter meeting. 12:30pm at VFW Post 1433, 7618 N 63rd Ave, Glendale. Post opens at noon. FMI: text 480-768-8747

2nd & 4th Sundays: Desert Thunder MC cooks up breakfast 8-11am @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix. \$5/plate. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

3rd Sundays: ABATE-AZ East Valley Chapter meets 10a at American Legion Post 138, 107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe. {B'fast available before meeting} FMI: Joe Silk 480-628-8598, miterangers@msn.com

2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Desert Thunder MC hosts an Open House @ the Thunder Dome, 3137 W. Virginia Ave, Phoenix from 6-11pm. No cover charge. Dinner available \$7. FMI: desertthundermc87@gmail.com

4th Tuesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6:30pm at VFW Bucky O'Neill Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave ; Prescott 86301. FMI: Timothy, 360-720-3465 tntblaster@netzero.net

Wednesdays: Verde Valley Bike Night 5-10 at the Robbers Roost Sports Grill in Cornville. Live Music, vendors, cigar bar, outside bar, heated patio, & more.

7/13 {Sat} The new American Legion Post 138 {Damn Straight!} location at 1264 W University Drive in Mesa {University & Alma School} is having a "soft opening" event for people to check out their new home. All are welcome to attend. Opening ceremonies start 2pm FMI: 602-837-1247, info@AL138.org

7/14 {Sun} Pancreatic Cancer Charity Ride. Starts/ends at Jimbo's Sports Bar & Grill, 12224 N 51st Ave, Glendale. 8am reg, b'fast available. \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl, \$35/cage. 9a KSU. 51st Ave Loop [approx. 2.5 hours]. Vendors, raffles, & more. FMI: 602-298-1500



7/20 {Sat} Hooligans MC Heatwave Party. Open to the public. 6pm - ??? 2663 W Lone Cactus, Phoenix. \$20/sgl, \$25/cpl. Vendors, arm wrestling, L-R-C, food available.

7/20 Xmas in July Run hosted by Show Low Elks Riders. FMI: David 575-644-7457

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7/27 {Sat} 4th annual Sweat for the Vets hosted by & at Ain't Nick's Tavern, 6840 N. 27th Ave, Phoenix. \$20/pp. Reg 8:30-9:30a. 1st out 9:30a. Last in @ noon; then party with raffles, music, & grand prize. For those who don't ride, there will be a party bus available to go to each stop. {inquire for pricing.} All proceeds benefit veterans, thru the Veterans First organization. There will be 4 stops. Take a picture of the military flag at each stop to complete the run. FMI: 602-242-2345

8/10 {Sat} Skipped Sturgis Shindig at Superstition HD 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction. Noon-3pm. Details TBA. FMI: 480-346-0600

8/18 {Sun} Down-n-Durdy Sunday Dinner fundraiser noon-4pm at American Legion Post 41, 715 South 2nd Ave, Phoenix. Serving Mexican food... Burritos, Quesadillas, Tacos. Watch website. More details soon. FMI: <https://down-n-durdy.org/>

9/14 {Sat} Duane Ellsworth AL Post 129 Dice Run & Concert. Sign-in at CycleGear in Queen Creek. Last stop Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre, 20464 E Riggs Rd, Queen Creek. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/QueenCreekLegionPost129>

10/5 {Sat} 2nd annual Elktoberfest, hosted by the Sun City Elks Riders of Lodge #2559. \$25/pilot, +\$15/2up, non-riders \$25. Entry includes dinner. KSU 9am. Route TBA. Last Bikes In 3pm. Live Music By Unleashed. Silent Auction, Raffles, 50/50, & more. FMI: 623-972-9552, enf@elks.org

10/13 {Sun} Bikers For Boobies Ride. The 15th & Final will start at J&P Cycles, 8606 E Shea Blvd, Scottsdale. Ends at the Roadrunner Saloon. FMI: <https://www.bikers4boobie-saz.org/>

10/17-19 {Th-Sa} Run to the Rez 2024 FMI: <https://www.runtotherez.com> ; 928-475-2932, 928-961-6002, johnrezrider@yahoo.com

10/26 {Sat} 2nd Annual CVMA 32.8 Superstition Treasure Hunt at Superstition Harley-Davidson Details TBA. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cvma32.8/>

10/31-11/3 {Th-Su} CMA AZ State Rally 2024

11/2 {Sat} CVMA Chapter 32-5 2nd annual Steel Horse Round Up. Starts & ends at The Tack Room, 10300 S Miller Rd, Buckeye, AZ. \$25/sgl, +\$10/2-up.

11/7-10 {Th-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River at Winkleman Park on the Gila River. FMI: BillletLDMC@gmail.com

12/7 {Sat} Troll's Teddy Bear Run. Details TBA. Sponsors include Superstition HD and Law Tigers AZ. FMI: 360-451-1795, troll@trollsteddybearrun.com

2025 events:

1/25/25 {Sat} 10th annual Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. Sign in 9-11am @ American Legion Post 58, 16837 E Parkview Ave. Fountain Hills. \$15/sgl, \$25/dbl. Last stop at Superstition HD. Sponsors include SHD, Law Tigers, On The Green {OTG}. FMI: ride4srwh@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/SkeetersupporterforSR-WHMG>

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