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Hello AriZona Riders!

On the cover... This image was captured during the recent Carriage House Run up in the White Mountains. That story is on page 8 this month.

A sure sign that summer's coming to a close.... It is time to start making your plans for October's Run to the Rez. It'll be here before you know it. This is its 21st year. The organizers have some great-sounding plans.

The weekend includes Los Lonely Boys on Saturday night, TWO motorcycle raffles, & MUCH more! They are looking for VENDORS, so reach out to John ReZRider if you want more details about that. Contact info is on the poster on page 7.

Got an event coming up? Post your event details to the [AZ Rider online calendar](#) via [this link](#). The listing is free. Display ads are modestly priced. Send a message & I'll get you a quote.

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Dale Thomas Memorial Poker Run

Winslow, Arizona ... June 22, 2024

The 1st annual Dale Thomas Memorial Poker Run took place on June 22, in and around Winslow Arizona.

Dale passed away July 1, 2023 at just 48 years old. He was a life-long resident of Winslow, and volunteered much of his time coaching the town's kids.

Family & friends of Dale Thomas organized this memorial poker run as a fundraiser for the Winslow Little League. The route covered about 250 miles. 48 participants signed-in at Winslow's Elks Lodge. Stops were at [Sportsman Chalet in Strawberry](#), [Red Onion Bar in Heber](#), [Empty Pockets Saloon in Holbrook](#), & [Tom's Tavern in Winslow](#). You could also buy extra cards at the [Winslow Rodeo Grounds](#). In addition to pulling cards for the traditional high and low hand prizes; if you drew a Joker, you automatically

won \$100.

The Winslow Little League posted on June 22, "Today it was a great honor to help with the Dale Thomas Memorial Poker Run. Today brought back a ton of great memories of how Dale was one of the best mentors, coaches, and role models to all the youth of Winslow. A big shout out and a bigger thank you to the Thomas family for allowing the Winslow Little League to be the beneficiary of this year's proceeds and donations. Another big shout out to Lonny and Sharon Gose for all the planning, coordinating, and running this event. Without you this wouldn't have been possible. To all the participants and people who donated, we can't thank you enough for your support for the youth of Winslow."

Donors to the event included High Hand prize of \$500 donated by David

Miles and Petey Miles; Low Hand prize \$250 donated by Winslow Elks Lodge 536; \$250 Joker card prizes donated by Richie Thomas; Joker and card draw 22 donated by the Rodeo Crew Jeff Ron Lonny; and \$200 donated by Sun City Elks Riders.

Lonny Gose posted the results: Gina Cole McCauley won high hand \$500 and donated it back. Lonny Gose won low hand \$250 and donated back. Michelle Thomas, Sean Gravier, and Elvis Enriques won the joker draw for \$100 each. Elvis E from Sun City donated back. Michelle Lewis, Red Onion 22nd drawer \$100. After all pay outs and donations, \$2000 will be donated to the Winslow Little League. Lonny continued, Thank You all! 1st annual Dale Thomas Memorial Ride was a great success! Thank You for all the help, donations and support!



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THE CARRIAGE HOUSE RUN

The 14th annual Carriage House Run took place on Saturday May 18, 2024. It is an event to visit and lift the spirits of the residents of the [Carriage House Assisted Living Home](#) in Snowflake, AZ. My thanks to MMAA & ABATE member Denise Trolinder for her help with this article.

Originally created by CMA member Bernie Kehret when he moved his mother to the Carriage House, it has grown over the years and has become a run that many look forward to each Spring. Before he passed away, Bernie passed the organizational ‘torch’ of the event to the [Mountain Motorcycle Association of AZ](#).

MMAA added a poker run to the day’s activities. Some 57 riders signed in at [Epic Motorsports](#), located at 1000 Auto Mall Pkwy {Hwy 60 @ Hwy 70} in Show Low. After the three dozen bikes departed Epic Motorsports, there was a stop at [Stanford Store in Vernon](#).

The next stop, at the Carriage House, included a cookout lunch, visiting with the residents, and some bike games. These take place on the road in front of

the house, for the entertainment of all. Winners of the games were Fatboy on the plank ride, Cruz for the slow race, & "the kid" with the help of Red Sonja & Cruz for the ring toss.

Steve Marzullo, a CMA member who has been a part of this event since its beginning, spoke a bit about Bernie and the event. Then he presented Bernie's vest to Patty Matyas. She is the lady who has owned & run the Carriage House all these years. It was very emotional for many who were there. We learned from [a Carriage House post on fb](#) that there are now new owners of the CH, and they look forward to carrying this event on into the future. Awesome!

After saying goodbyes at the Carriage House, the bikers continued their ride. There was a pit stop at the [Ranch House in Snowflake](#) before the final destination of [The Cabin in Overgaard](#). The day was a safe ride for all.

Spitfire was the winner of the high poker hand with 3 deuces. Vickie Cooley was the poker low hand winner. Silverback won the 50/50. Raffle tickets were

also available for numerous items. These drawings will take place on September 21, during the [2024 MMAA annual Toy Run](#). The 50-50 & raffle are also fundraisers toward the Toy Run.

Denise sent along this message... MMAA would like to thank again, everyone who came out & supported the Carriage House Run 2024. It was a beautiful ride with friends old & new. Thank you to all the workers at the Carriage House who encouraged us bikers to visit. Over all one of our best run rides. Thank you to all who made it fun & Safe!!

The Mountain Motorcycle Association is a non-profit, educational organization based in the White Mountains. It is Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) comprised of motorcyclists and non-motorcyclists who are concerned with the future, safety and welfare of all motorcycle enthusiasts; as well as sharing the camaraderie of the road. [Learn more about the MMAA via this link.](#)

*Photos by Michelle Marquardt
add'l photos from The Carriage House*



Bikers With Purpose is a grassroots organization of people who just want to HELP other people. It isn't a club. It doesn't matter whether or not you ride a motorcycle. It just takes having a good heart. Organizers Crystal & Alan have those in spades!

One of their recent projects was a water drive. The Wet & Wild Water Drive Kickoff Party took place on Saturday June 8 at On The Green Sports Grill ~ aka OTG, located at 801 S Power Road in Mesa. It was a party with music, a bikini bike wash, wet t-shirt contest, dunk tank, & more. OTG gave anyone who brought in water a \$1 drink ticket per case as a thank you.

The dunk tank 'dunkee' for much of the day was 'Captain 6-pack'. He was a very good sport ☺ There was an auction to get Scott from the Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Chapter into the Dunk Tank. Winning bid was \$70. There were of course Crystal & Alan's signature jello & pudding shots to buy & enjoy.

You could get a super-soaker for a donation ~ for general horsing around on the OTG patio ☺ or for helping douse the contestants in the wet t-shirt show. There were 6 gals in the competition, going after a \$150 prize. Congrats to Jen on her win.

The 50/50 winner, Austin B. received a \$530 prize. He kept \$200 & donated the

rest back. All the monies donated during the event go toward additional / future Bikers With Purpose missions.

The response to this water drive was outstanding! The donors and drop off locations are deeply appreciated for your generosity! Water was collected during the entire month of June. Additional drop off locations were at Superstition Harley-Davidson and Yellow Door Tattoo ~ both in Apache Junction. Crystal from BWP shared that they "ended up with 408 cases of water :) We took most of it to Red Mountain Distribution Center and they distribute to fire stations, food banks, and homeless centers. Then we also took some to Rio Verde for the firefighters that were battling the fires up there."

She also sent along very heartfelt thanks. "Bikers With Purpose cannot express our appreciation enough to all that contributed as well as those that contributed their time for our event! Red Line Rentals, Bucks Fine Cigars thank you for coming out and joining us. It was a pleasure having you there. Red Line... your water contribution was incredible and was appreciated so very much.

"OTG and OTG crew, what an amazing group of individuals that we call family! You have always made us feel welcome and loved and we can't thank you enough for all that you do and going out of your way to accommodate our event.

Jason Bowen, Dave Gilbert, Kandace Berry, Jennifer Hintz, and so many more. You all are amazing! Love you and thank you!

"THIGHBRUSH, thank you for partnering with us and taking an idea we had and creating an epic day! All of your amazing ideas and people you brought into this event... Cheyenne Swenson, emcee Donny Chavez, the IV girls {from AZ IV Hydration Station} ... Their contribution to this event made a huge impact on our success! Thank you!

"Enigma MC, Unholy Family, Grace, Betsy Newkirk, Dominic Redford, Robert Callahan aka Captain six pack ... Thank you for stepping in and giving us the much-needed help with no hesitation. Don't know how we would have done this without you all. We love you beyond the stars!

"Nolan Steed, Rebecca Crawford-Steed, Ronda Gilenwater-Starnes ... you were missed. Sorry you weren't able to make this one but we had an amazing crew to assist.

Sorry if we missed anyone! Just know we are truly blessed and grateful to you all. *Mamasan and Kage*"

To keep up with Bikers With Purpose, join their facebook group via this link.

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Run Calendar

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Advertiser's event & live link if available

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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 times change depending on season. Watch SHOG 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 Main-street 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

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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.

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9/14 {Sat} 5th annual Down Biker Fundraiser hosted by Bikers For Christ and Sun Riders MC at SRMC clubhouse, 7285 S Cardinal Ave, Tucson. Everyone welcome – from baggers to knee draggers. Free admission. 11a-3pm. Bike show & family fun. Meal available \$10/adult, \$5/child. FMI: Gus 520-254-2599, or sunridersmc@hotmail.com

9/14 10th annual White Mountains Toy Run hosted by The Americans MC. Sign-in 9-10a @ Big Lake Tackle & Supply, F8 Rd 8115 store front, Greer, AZ. \$25/pp+ unwrapped new toy includes dinner & run shirt. End of run @ American Legion, 15 E Main, Springerville. All toys stay local. High/low poker hands, bike games, raffle, & more. FMI: Ugly 575-773-4387, 928-864-7859

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9/14 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/Queen-CreekLegionPost129>

9/20-21 {Fr-Sat} Sho Ryders MC Phoenix 16th Anniversary. 9/20 Meet & Greet 8pm at ALMA MC Clubhouse, 1050 N Eliseo Felix Jr Way, Avondale. 9/21 Annual Dance 8pm @ Soul Brothers MC Clubhouse, 1115 W Buckeye Rd, Phx. \$10/Colors, \$20/civilians, Prez & VPs free, Ladies free b4 10pm. FMI: info@shoryders.com

9/28 {Sat} 14th annual Skin & Steel tattoo & motorcycle show; 10a-3pm at American Legion Post 2, 2125 S Industrial Park Ave, Tempe. Rain or Shine. Free admission. Vendors, music by Luv That Tune. Food & drinks available. FMI: skin.steelaz@gmail.com

9/28 American Legion Riders of Post 52 Sierra Vista 20th Anniversary Bike Bash. All bikes, trikes, & cages welcome. Poker Run or Poker Chill \$22/pp. Add'l hand \$10/ea. Reg 8-10am at Post 52; 12 Theater Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ. Last out 10a, last in 1pm. Bike Games, Bike Show, Vendors, Live Band, DJ Mata. Harley-Davidson motorcycle raffle... FMI: 520-459-6050, theALRpost52@gmail.com

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

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10/5 Nation of Patriots Benefit Ride hosted by American Legion Riders of Post 117; 3230 E Thunderbird Rd, Phx. Reg 9a \$20/pilot, +\$10/2-up. KSU 10a. Music by BadJune starts 4pm. FMI: 602-358-7370, adjutant@pattillmanpost117.org

10/5 CVMA 32-1 Pony Express Ride / Poker Run. Starts/ends @ Roadrunner in New River. Reg 8am. \$20/pilot. +\$10/2-up. Last in by 2pm. Annual fundraiser ride/poker run to support veteran charities. Prizes, raffles, food, live music, & a fun ride! FMI: Chapterpro@cvma32-1.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} 21st annual Run to the Rez Motorcycle Run. Takes place in San Carlos & at @ Apache Gold Resort Globe, AZ. Honoring All Veterans. Poker Run, Bike Show, Music, Great Giveaways, & more. For rooms call 928-475-7600 & mention Run to the Rez. Tent & RV dry camping also available, call 928-475-7800 x3659. FMI: 928-475-2932, 928-961-6002, johnrezrider@yahoo.com | <https://www.runtotherez.com/>

10/19 {Sat} Ms Red, White, & Blue Pride 2024 fundraiser for Operation Toothbrush for homeless Vets. At the Rhythm Room, 1019 E Indian School, Phoenix from noon-4pm. \$15 cover. Pinup pageant, live music, swing dance competition, vendors, cool cars & bikes, & more. Sponsors: PinUp AZ & Suzie & the Accelorators. FMI: 602-819-0375.

10/19 Good Vibes Car & Bike Show at the Coolidge VFW, 328 W Coolidge Ave. Show 9a-noon. Battle of the Bands noon-4pm. Proceeds benefit local Veterans programs. FMI: Studio22.Coolidge@gmail.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/>

10/27 {Sun} Blackjack Bust Cancer Charity Ride hosted by Dube Screw Cancer Apparel. Ride starts/ends @ The 44 Sports Grill, 4494 W Peoria Ave, Glendale. Reg 8:30-9:30am, \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Best/worst hands, music, & more. FMI: 623-842-1053

10/31-11/3 {Th-Su} CMA AZ State Rally 2024 returns to Superior. Details TBA.

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.

11/2 Lost Dutchman MC Six Shooter Poker Run, hosted by the Queen Creek Chapter. Details TBA. FMI: 602-281-0691

11/7-10 {Th-Sun} APMC's Riot on the River at Winkleman Park on the Gila River. FMI: BillLDMC@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 | <https://www.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/SkeetersupporterforSRWHMG>

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