

Hamster 'Dry Heat' Charity Run



Arizona Bike Week brings with it many favorite gatherings, looked forward to by rally-goers each year. The Hamster 'Dry Heat' Run, presented by Paul Yaffe's Bagger Nation, is one such event. For the eighth annual, held on Friday April 13, 2018, an approximate 900 riders gathered at the Paul Yaffe Originals shop in Phoenix. The ride fee included lunch plus entry into Arizona Bike Week at WestWorld.

Paul Yaffe {photo bottom, right}, along with fellow Hamster Dan Roche, led the 75-mile ride through the Arizona desert. Paul commented that it was "Very cool seeing 900 motorcycles all riding 2 by 2!" The destination was the Road Runner Saloon in New River; where

lunch and entertainment awaited the riders as they spent the afternoon 'Hamster style'. Paul explained, "Hamster Style is simply an easy going day spent on fun custom motorcycles making new friends and raising some \$\$ for a great cause!" Sounds good!

From New River, riders made their way to West World in Scottsdale for all of the attractions of Arizona Bike Week; including that night's concert ~ headlined by Shinedown.

The beneficiary of this run is Lifescape Children's Care Hospital, a medical facility headquartered in SD. Over the years, Hamsters USA has focused its charitable efforts here. Lifescape's mission reads, "We empower children and adults with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives." You can learn more about it online at [https://](https://www.lifescapesd.org/)

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Hamster activities around the country have reportedly generated over \$2 million dollars on behalf of special-needs children in South Dakota. Paul shared that from this event, "We were able to send \$65,212.00 to Lifescape Children's Hospital! That's a new record!" Adding, "The Hamster Organization is celebrating 40 years this year and is humbled to be able to support such a great cause as Children's Care."

Paul conveyed, "A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped pull the event off! Hot Leathers Apparel for donating Dry Heat Run shirts, Road Runner Saloon (a great biker hang out) for hosting us and Brad Bennett & Lisa Cyr who are the owners of AZ Bike Week for sponsoring our event." And, "I'm blown away every year at just how great all the riders that join us are and I'm looking forward to next year's ride being bigger and better!"

Congratulations on such a successful outcome! Thank you for helping us share some of your day with our readers.

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