

FoEver Here Charity Car & Motorcycle Show AZ Rider

Mesa Market Place Swap Meet in Mesa hosted the FoEver Here Charity Car, Truck & Cycle Show on Saturday April 7, 2018. It was a beautiful day for this shine and show event.

Exhibitors included the restored Viet Nam "Charlie Chopper" helicopter. It is a Series III OH-6a Hardbelly Cayuse LOacH {light observation helicopter} that served in Viet Nam from 1970 to 1973. It survived six crashes while in service.

American National Collector Car Insurance was there, as well as Russ Lyon Realty and a face painting booth. There was also a table of raffle items & a 50/50 drawing.

DJ Jon from Electric Blue Entertainment entertained with music, activities, and even a dance contest! Special guest Darryl Clack, an 80s era Dallas Cowboys Running Back, came out to sign autographs.

We learned that nearly 100 vehicles participated in the show. We did observe a greater turnout of cars

over motorcycles, but with all the Bike Week--related activities going on this day, this wasn't a big surprise to us. It was a treat all the same... to walk among the many beauties on display.

The oldest vintage car we saw was a 1930 Model A Ford. There was also a beautiful Mercedes Gazelle... which is a replicar of the 1929 Mercedes-Benz SSK. Car clubs represented included the AZ Kit Car Club and AZ's East Valley Cruisers.

Voting is all about 'stuffing the ballot box' ☺ Each show entry had a donation box in front of it. You vote for a vehicle by adding money to their donations. Participants were also encouraged to collect contributions ahead of the show! At the end of the day, the vehicle collecting the most money wins First Place! Unfortunately, the name of the winner wasn't available at the time of this writing. But in truth, the winners this day were those of us who got to enjoy these vehicles and the FoEver Here organization who received your generous support.

100% of the proceeds of this show go to the organization FoEver Here, Inc., which helps Parents who have lost a child 21 years old and younger with funeral, burial, and other related services. We'd never hear of this group before. The organization started in 2015 as a means to help channel the grief of parents Tish & James Woods III who had been faced with the untimely death of their 15-year old son two years prior. They also hoped that what they'd learned along their journey could help other parents faced with similar tragedy. There is so much more to learn about FoEver Here and you can do so via their Facebook page www.facebook.com/FoEverHere-Inc/ and website www.FoEverHere.org. Send emails to FoEverHere@gmail.com or contact contact@foeverhere.org or call Tish Woods at 480-246-4954.

Thank you Joan, from Mesa Market Place Swap Meet, for your help with this article.

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