

# Backstage Biker Bash



Backstage Biker Bash 2018 took place on April 6-7 at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, located at 922 S. Country Club Drive in Mesa. This was a benefit presented by Motorsports Entertainment on behalf of ABATE-AZ's Phoenix- Shadow Mountain Chapter.

Desert Wind HD provides a great venue for music concerts & this event made full use of that fact! Friday night's concert offered local favorites 74th St Band and Moonshine Voodoo Band; followed by Mark Farner {formerly of Grand Funk Railroad} & special guest Micki Free.

Saturday's music included additional favorites Skarlett Fever and Unchained; with Autograph & then headliner Queensrÿche wrapping the night. There was a lot of positive response to the performances ... locals & headliners alike.

While waiting for the music to start you could shop numerous vendors, including Ace Motorsports, American Bikes & Trikes, At Season's End Mortuary, Best Clothing Company, Bling Shirts by Kelly, Cigars For Warriors, Clip Man, Discount Biker Supply, EagleRider Rentals, Iron Maiden Boutique, Rocco's Apparel, Sarah DeFer Skin Care,

State Farm Insurance, and YourGroundedJWP. Food trucks included our friends Mark & TheresaAnn of HoggDogs. They're adding vegetarian options to their menu. Thank you so much! The burger was very tasty!

Friday night fundraising included an auction. A guitar autographed by Mark Farner was won by Neal & Joyce Buttler. Very cool!

Saturday's Bike Show had 16 entries. The complete winners list was unavailable at the time of this writing. Congratulations to Mike Schneider in the Metric Class and Greg Crooks for his Trike Class trophy. Congratulations to all the winners.

Desert Wind HD owner Ray Croghan was recognized by AMSAF {AZ Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Fndn} for his contributions to support motorcycle awareness in our community. The presentation was made by AMSAF Chairman / Executive Board Member Mark Breyer of Breyer Law.

Thanks go out to sponsors Attorneys For Freedom, Breyer Law, Chuck Franklin Law, Easy Rider Bourbon, Evapeology Vape & Coffee Lounge, Firestone Walker Brewing Company, and Square Peg Promos.

This particular event was a fundraiser for the Phoenix Shadow Mountain Chapter of ABATE-AZ. Chapters around the state host events, such as High Country Chapter's 'Wild in the Weeds' in May, Chili Cook-off in October, and Toy Run in December.

Later in May, on the 19th, you can return to Desert Wind HD to support ABATE during the Party on the Patio... including preregistration for Too Broke coming up in June.

June brings the East Valley ABATE-AZ Spaghetti Feed on Saturday the 2nd {details in our calendar!}

And of course the annual everyone looks forward to is Too Broke For Sturgis! This year it's the weekend of June 7-10. Details are in the calendar & a separate announcement elsewhere in these pages.

The Backstage Biker Bash was a really good time for a lot of people. Good music, good people, good cause. And a great way to get your Bike Week rolling!

Support ABATE-AZ ... ABATE supports ALL motorcyclists!

*Betsy & Bruce*

