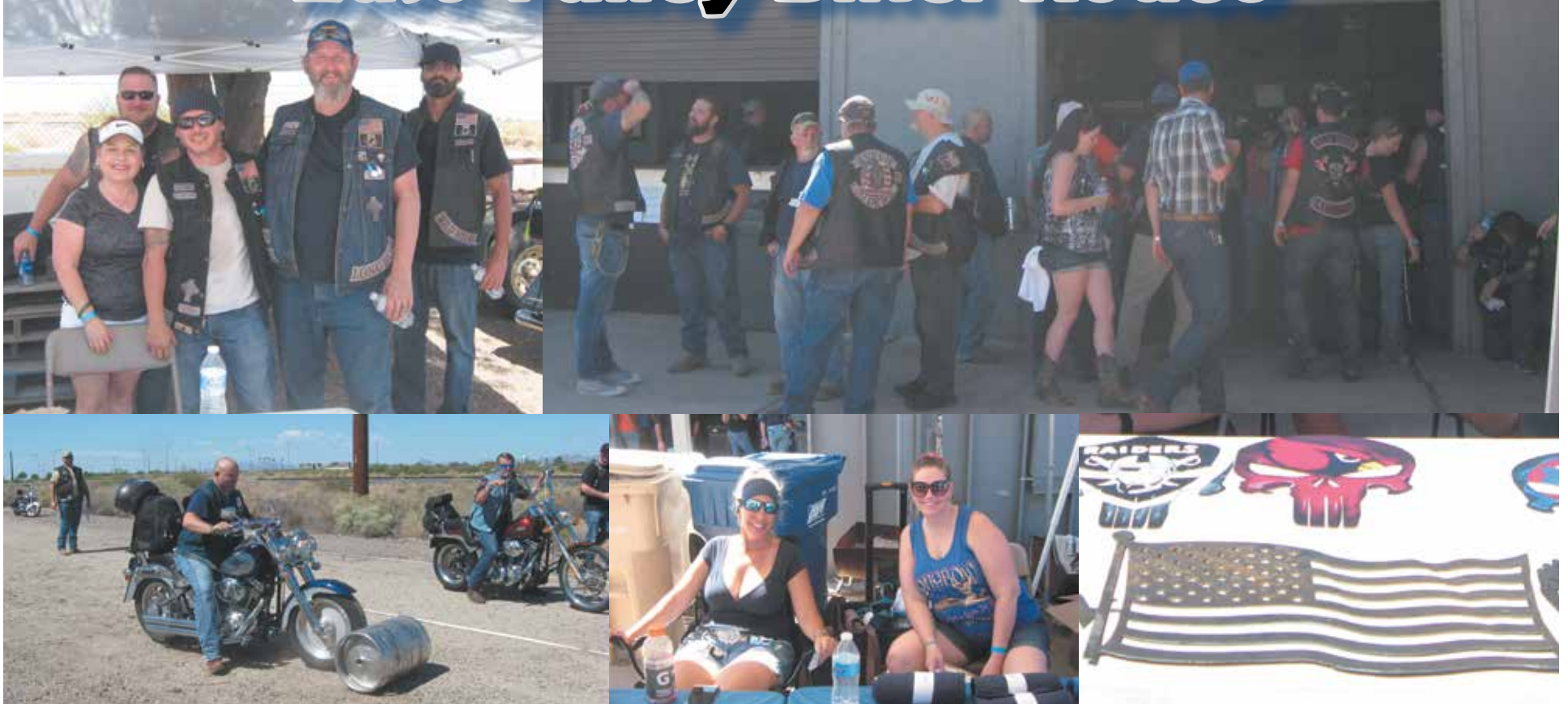


East Valley Biker Rodeo



The East Valley Biker Rodeo took place on Saturday September 8, hosted at the Lost Dutchman MC Queen Creek Chapter Clubhouse. It was presented by the Longbow Chapter of the Rough Riders MC.

There was discussion regarding the day's hotter-than-expected weather. It perhaps contributed to attendance being lower than anticipated, but for a first-time event the turnout was still all right. Toro, RRMCA Longbow Chapter VP, commented that, "Next year we plan to host the event during cooler weather." BUT, all that being said... it was a fun day, with a wonderful result for the beneficiary.

Thanks to a combination of fundraising from the Rodeo itself plus a generous donation from the Sons of the American Legion Post #27, Dogs 4 Vets American Service Animal Society received \$10,000. That will go a long way toward supporting their mission, 'Helping Veterans get their life back one day at a time.'

Dogs 4 Vets American Service Animal Society, based in Gilbert { <https://dogs4vets.org/> } trains a Veteran's own dog to become a certified Service Dog. We learned that this organization has been serving the Veteran community for 15 years! Disabled Veterans become able to live more productive lives thanks to their Service Dogs. These training programs are provided at NO cost to the Veteran. If a Veteran has no dog but wants to participate, Dogs

4 Vets advocates the adoption of a rescue dog.... allowing two lives to thrive ~ as human & canine are brought together as a team.

Rough Riders MC & Lost Dutchman MC welcomed representatives to the Rodeo from numerous organizations who came out in support, including ALMA MC, Chosen Few MC, VIII Society, Hell's Angels MC, Leathernecks MC, Loners MC, Old Bastards MC, Red Iron MC, Regulators, Spartan Riders MC, Tinnners MC, and Yaqui Warriors MC. Members of the Rough Riders MC San Diego Chapter rode out in support of the day as well.

Vendors included Law Tigers, Dierson Welding, Hell's Angels MC, HUB Grill & Bar, Phoenix Motor Leathers, and the Sons of the American Legion of Post 27. They were hosting a raffle at their booth, with all proceeds going to the day's overall donation previously mentioned.

The day's music, set up inside the Clubhouse, was provided by Richie Darling; a retired Air Force Veteran. He plays acoustic guitar... classic rock, country, & blues.

Raffles included some very neat steel cut signs by Diersen Welding & Fabrication, LLC. There were also gift certificates, tee shirts, jewelry, giftables, & other goods.

Bike games included the Keg Roll, Dog Bite Contest, Slow Roll, Keg Toss, and Skillet Toss. There was good participation; with contestants vy-

ing for hand-made trophies plus an East Valley Biker Rodeo T-shirt. These custom trophies became a prized memento of the day's fun.

Outdoor activities wrapped up around 5pm; with the Clubhouse remaining open for socializing into the evening.

Thanks are being extended by the Rough Riders MC Longbow Chapter to these Sponsors: "Semper Fi Heating & Cooling, HUB Bar & Grill, Caswells Shooting Range, Rowdy Racks Welding, Dynamic Dog Training, David Dick & Associates, Double Uglyz ATV Repair, Nick Auito Racing #27, Laser Creations, Discount Biker Supply jewelry, Law Tigers, Roosters Country Bar, Garland Signs, Independent Motorcycle repair, Sons of the American Legion Post 27, and to Lost Dutchman MC for hosting the event. Thank you also to Phoenix Motor Leathers for coming out." Toro added, "We appreciate all there were in attendance and want to thank them for braving the heat to come out and support a great veterans cause."

You can learn more about the Dogs 4 Vets programs, how you can support them, or how they may be able to help you... by visiting them online at <https://dogs4vets.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/americanserviceanimalsociety/>

Thank you for a good afternoon ☺

Betsy & Bruce

