

Big Ass Car & Bike Show

El Monte held his 11th annual Big Ass Car & Bike Show on November 18, 2018 at Hot Rods Old Vail. Joe Markle was very helpful at assisting with this event. The beneficiary of the day was the Community Food Bank of Southern AZ.

It is estimated that 300+ people attended this family-friendly event throughout the day. They got to enjoy music by the band 'Time Travelers'; who reportedly did an awesome job!

There was also a corn hole tournament. Jeff Miller's daughter Kool Kat & teammate Hayden were the winners. Congratulations!

This was the first time that cars were invited to participate in this show. A total of 141 vehicles signed in. Although there was no definitive breakdown, it is estimated that the percentage leaned to about 60/40% cars over bikes.

The judging was done by a panel of judges plus a People's Choice ballot for Best of Show. There was a separate trophy for the auto class and for the motorcycle class.

The custom airbrushed awards were all done by Michael Star of Big Ass Paint. A long-distance trophy went to Troy from Mimbres, NM. Biggest organization turnout of the day was by a car club called The Others. It's mostly VWs but they also had a old Chevy truck in their ranks that won a trophy. A custom Big Ass Band appreciation plaque was presented to the band for their support.

Best motorcycle of the show was Dan Rusk's 1936 Indian Chief.

Best auto of the show was a 1949 Chevy truck owned by Scott Muse. We understand that Scott wins... a lot ...with this truck. He's got some 26 trophies. He commented that the hand-made trophy by Michael Star is his favorite.

Loretta Schwenn & Summer Parsons ran the raffle table & did an awesome job. Raffles included a \$500 gift basket! This grand-prize included a \$100 gift certificate for pinstriping from Big Ass Paint + gift certificates for dinners & oil changes; 4 tee



shirts, including 1 from Big Ass Paint; 2 beer steins from Jack Daniels; and a 104-piece Craftsman tool kit donated by Ace Hardware on 22nd Street in Tucson. Congratulations to Big Ass Basket winner Dan Doyle!



El Monte wants to personally thank Rosebud McMillian for her special efforts for the event! Big Ass thanks go to Michael Star, Midget, Jamie Branson, Steve Archer, Susan Sandquist, Boola, Loretta Schwenn, Summer Parsons, Carla Alexander, Josiah Ojeda, Dana Marie Juarez, Claudine Bunton, Tina Tiemann / Langley, and Gordy. {He got his first Harley ride that day.}



Thanks also go out to Marcia, owner of M&M Saloon in Tucson for hosting a food donation box plus donating a bunch of raffle items. Thanks also to Big Ass Paint, Outlaw Saloon Tucson, Rockabilly's, Royal Automotive Group, C.S.A. Motorcycle Shop, and Robey Straight Photography. There were SO many people involved to help make bring this day together that El Monte apologizes if he missed anyone.

The Community Food Bank of Southern AZ received 282 pounds of non-perishable foods, plus \$1103 cash from the day.

My thanks to El Monte for his help with this article. Congratulations on a successful day!



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