

# ABW T-BAR TRAIL RIDE 2019 AZ Rider

The T-Bar Trail Ride was created back in 2006 by the AZ Bike Week organizers to be a fun little run to the adult clubs to generate funds for breast cancer charities. Lisa Cyr of ABW explained, “We had no idea at the time that the concept would be so well received or that it would become an annual tradition for so many riders. It’s a self-sustaining ride that has generated significant donations each year to a variety of local breast cancer foundations, even without any actual sponsors. The proceeds come only from the generosity of the fun loving biker community.”

This year’s event was held on Thursday April 4. 647 participants gathered at WestWorld’s Monterra for sign-in. Breakfast was available there as well, before departing on the self-paced ride. There were two different route maps in order to space out arrivals at the clubs. The stops were at Alaskan Bush Co., Christie’s Cabaret, and Babe’s Cabaret.

Last stop was back at WestWorld to

enjoy all the AZ Bike Week activities. Of course that included the concert by George Thorogood & the Destroyers. But before the big show, there were goodies to win.

The ride packet that everyone received included raffle tickets for drawings to be held on the HandleBar Saloon stage that evening. Each of the participating clubs donated prizes for the drawing. Alaskan Bush Co. donated a \$500 bottle service, a custom bike seat (valued @ \$400), & a box of Omaha steaks. Christie’s donated two gold passes to their club and two \$25 gift cards to Ramjet Racing. Babe’s Cabaret donated a \$300 bottle service, a tote bag of liquor & mix, and a \$25 gift card. The Arizona Bike Week team donated a Jack Daniels basket and a signed 3 Doors Down guitar. Congratulations to all the winners!

Proceeds from the T-Bar Ride benefit breast cancer charities. Lisa shared that this year’s beneficiaries were Bikers for Boobies {<http://bikers4boobiesaz.org/>} and Reba’s Vision {<http://rebasvision.com/>}.

Bikers for Boobies received \$8400 and Reba’s Vision received \$5000. In addition, a donation of \$2300 was made to the Arizona Bike Week Charities Group {<http://abwccg.org>} for their work in coordinating and organizing of the ride, registration, etc. That donation will be put to use for the various community service projects and work with at risk youth that the group does.

Thanks go out to M Catering for providing their facility (Monterra) at WestWorld for registration and discounted pricing on breakfast. Thanks also go to Hot Leathers for providing t-shirts at cost.

Arizona Bike Week 2020 takes place April 1-5. Get all the updates as they are posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/azbikeweek/>. Hotels are already available for booking at [www.azbikeweek.com](http://www.azbikeweek.com)

My thanks to Lisa Cyr and to Kevin Rhode for their help with this article.

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