

America's Overwatch Motorcycle Association Unit 1B hosted a Shoot-n-Scoot event on Saturday November 7, 2020.

The format of this event is very creative. It's definitely more than your run-of-the-mill bar-hop poker run. It is a test of skills -- shooting, axe throwing, riding, people games, trivia, etc. It is open to all players. Points are earned at each stop. Five activities are chosen to allow for players who may not have the best abilities in some areas to be able to make up points at other stops.

This time there were 75 participants. It was a self-paced ride, with one AOMA member rolling as 'sweep' to make sure everyone was done at each location. It is a 'Family friendly' gathering.

The day started at Caswell's Shooting Range in Mesa. After appropriate safety reviews were covered, the poker game got underway. Each player was issued a 2' x 3' paper target with 52 playing cards printed on it. Each contestant used an in-house issued 9mm pistol, loaded with 5 rounds. The target distance was set at 5 yards. The goal was to shoot the best poker hand possible.

At LunberjAxes of Westgate, axes were thrown for points. To improve your score, there was a donation bucket available to buy more chances.

Bridgett's Last Laugh hosted a life-sized 'beer pong' game. Each cup / basket had a different point value. Again, you could buy extra chances by making an additional donation.

Buddy Stubbs HD in Phoenix was the stop for the riding skills part of the day. A modified MSF rider skills course was setup in the parking lot. You got a practice run through the course, then the 'for real' ride was timed, with points assigned accordingly.

Last stop was at the Roadhouse in Cave Creek. The activity there was a trivia / 'Jeopardy' game. Players were asked 5 questions, receiving points for each correct answer.

The top 3 scorecards were: 1st Place - Dusty A. with 87 points; 2nd Place - Pat Q. with 85 points; & 3rd Place - Jonny D. with 77 points. In addition to their cash prizes, these winners also won free entry into the 2021 event to defend their titles.

My thanks to AOMA Unit 1B President Jim "MR B." Branton for his help with this article. He explained that AOMA Unit 1B works with 'Be Connected AZ' – an organization that helps Vets & their families. *From their website <https://beconnectedaz.org/>: "Connecting Arizona service members, veterans, families & helpers to information, support and resources."* Vets who are in need of assistance can contact this organization OR reach out to AOMA 1B directly via a contact link on their website home page <https://aoma1b.com/home>. There have also been occasions when they've been able to handle 'right place right time' or 'word of mouth' referrals. The AOMA is a 501c3 non-profit, so your donations are tax-deductible.

It was very heartwarming to learn

about what this group has been able to do on behalf of their fellow Vets. Sometimes assistance involves big things.... time, money, manpower, contacts. But sometimes a helping hand can be as simple as a tank of gas. They've help Vets or their family members with housing payments, utilities, auto repairs, Christmas support, a/c & heating repairs, home repairs, home appliances, assistance with a service animal's vet bill, helping people move ... pretty much whatever is needed.

Thanks & appreciation go out to the businesses that support AOMA 1B and Shoot n Scoot. Here are some in addition to those already mentioned... Arizona Biker Leathers {Phoenix}, Open Road Cycle Works {Phoenix}, Simply CBD {Cave Creek}, Valor Real Estate, Brook Wiggins { Scottsdale}, Fox Cigar Bar {Scottsdale}, Dean Speed Customs {Phoenix}.

If you have questions about AOMA {America's Overwatch Motorcycle Association} you are welcome to approach anyone wearing an AOMA patch, or visit their facebook page, or email any of the officers listed on this webpage.

The 2021 Shoot-n-Scoot is coming up in April. This time will include clay pigeon shooting at Ben Avery, more axes, dart throwing, and another rider's skills test.... so get practicing ☺ and plan to be there. The participation is capped at 150 contestants, so be sure to sign up ahead of time.

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