

# ED'S RIDE ARIZONA



This was the 5th year for Ed's Ride Arizona. It is a Poker run to benefit Alphazonies, a support group for victims of Alpha 1 – antitrypsin deficiency. The event, named in honor of The Howlers CS MC co-founder Ed Miller, is held annually on President's Day Weekend. This year's date was February 16, 2019.

From organizer Joe Diggs, "ED'S RIDE is a motorcycle fundraising ride held annually by The Howlers Community Service Motorcycle Club L.L.C. to benefit The Alphazonies, Tax-ID#31-02637, a non-profit 501 ( C )3 organization. Donations or contributions go to the Alphazonies, a local support group for people stricken with the congenital disease Alpha-1 Anti-Trypsin Deficiency. The Alphazonies assist Valley area people with this disease and their families by helping them to understand the disease through Webinars, guest speakers and provide current updates in research. Additionally, Alphazonies also offer local financial assistance to those in hardship as a result of the disease, which often leaves people unable to work and requires extensive and expensive medical care. The Alphazonies gratefully acknowledge your generous donation which is tax-deductible as provided by Law."

Sign-in was at Arrowhead HD. About 43 riders participated. We got this great recap from Joe, so

we'll let him share the ride in his own words.

"This was a self-paced ride that started at Arrowhead Harley Davidson in Peoria. They were awesome sponsors and helpful partners. They made sure the day got off to an incredible start. They also allowed us to host a pancake fundraiser. They provided the food.

"1st Stop was Desert Rose Pub in Glendale. Pete the owner was also an amazing host and we appreciated his and his staff's support.

"2nd Stop was Renegade Classics on Cactus Road in Phoenix. Khristi Briggs has always been a great supporter of our ride, last year donating baby cuts and patches we had made for Ed Miller's grandchildren. They have always supported us financially and helped make the day amazing by actually hosting one of our dice games until our team arrived.

"3rd Stop was The Dirty Dogg in Scottsdale. Again, as with Renegade Classics, Jack and the Dogg have been a great supporter of our ride year after year. In 2018 we met the artist Pink at the Dogg which made our day. This year, no Pink, but we had an amazing time as usual.

"Final Stop - End Party at The Roadhouse somewhere in Cave Creek. No better place to end a run than here. Kevin, Marl and his crew were outstand-

ing. This was our second year ending at the Roadhouse and it feels like home. There was a live band and Mark, the owner, personally conducted our raffle.

"The ride was family and cage friendly. Our goal was to make the event as accessible to everyone as we could.

"I would also like to thank the Husband & Wife Team at the Breyer Law Group who has supported our ride financially and with bags and amazing giveaways."

Fundraising efforts included raffling some amazing gift baskets, made up in numerous themes... DIY, Hideaway swag, auto care, kitchen organizing, a manly basket of treats & personal care, pet treats, a couples fun basket ;) and more. It seemed like someone put a great deal of thought & time into these. Very cool.

Afterwards, Joe shared that, according to Lisa Lambert of Alphazonies, \$6,000 was raised from the day. Those donations will go toward Patient Support and Community Awareness.

Learn more about the Alphazonies organization from their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Alphazonies/>

Congratulations on a successful day!

