

THE CARRIAGE HOUSE RUN

The 14th annual Carriage House Run took place on Saturday May 18, 2024. It is an event to visit and lift the spirits of the residents of the [Carriage House Assisted Living Home](#) in Snowflake, AZ. My thanks to MMAA & ABATE member Denise Trolinder for her help with this article.

Originally created by CMA member Bernie Kehret when he moved his mother to the Carriage House, it has grown over the years and has become a run that many look forward to each Spring. Before he passed away, Bernie passed the organizational ‘torch’ of the event to the [Mountain Motorcycle Association of AZ](#).

MMAA added a poker run to the day’s activities. Some 57 riders signed in at [Epic Motorsports](#), located at 1000 Auto Mall Pkwy {Hwy 60 @ Hwy 70} in Show Low. After the three dozen bikes departed Epic Motorsports, there was a stop at [Stanford Store in Vernon](#).

The next stop, at the Carriage House, included a cookout lunch, visiting with the residents, and some bike games. These take place on the road in front of

the house, for the entertainment of all. Winners of the games were Fatboy on the plank ride, Cruz for the slow race, & "the kid" with the help of Red Sonja & Cruz for the ring toss.

Steve Marzullo, a CMA member who has been a part of this event since its beginning, spoke a bit about Bernie and the event. Then he presented Bernie's vest to Patty Matyas. She is the lady who has owned & run the Carriage House all these years. It was very emotional for many who were there. We learned from [a Carriage House post on fb](#) that there are now new owners of the CH, and they look forward to carrying this event on into the future. Awesome!

After saying goodbyes at the Carriage House, the bikers continued their ride. There was a pit stop at the [Ranch House in Snowflake](#) before the final destination of [The Cabin in Overgaard](#). The day was a safe ride for all.

Spitfire was the winner of the high poker hand with 3 deuces. Vickie Cooley was the poker low hand winner. Silverback won the 50/50. Raffle tickets were

also available for numerous items. These drawings will take place on September 21, during the [2024 MMAA annual Toy Run](#). The 50-50 & raffle are also fundraisers toward the Toy Run.

Denise sent along this message... MMAA would like to thank again, everyone who came out & supported the Carriage House Run 2024. It was a beautiful ride with friends old & new. Thank you to all the workers at the Carriage House who encouraged us bikers to visit. Over all one of our best run rides. Thank you to all who made it fun & Safe!!

The Mountain Motorcycle Association is a non-profit, educational organization based in the White Mountains. It is Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) comprised of motorcyclists and non-motorcyclists who are concerned with the future, safety and welfare of all motorcycle enthusiasts; as well as sharing the camaraderie of the road. [Learn more about the MMAA via this link.](#)

*Photos by Michelle Marquardt
add'l photos from The Carriage House*

