

Frosty Balls Poker Run

This year the weather co-operated and the 2nd Annual New Year's Day Frosty Balls Poker Run actually happened on New Year's Day like it was supposed to.

On that cold winter morning, the bikers rolled into the Slaughterhouse Bar & Grill in East Mesa {7303 E Main Street} to check in for a "Frosty" ride. A little over 60 people braved the chill in the air to start the New Year out in the wind while benefiting a good charity too.

Troll's Teddy Bear Run is a local charity that collects new Teddy Bears and stuffed animals for local Family Advocacy Centers, First Responders, and Police; along with helping out other local women and children centers in the area.

The main fundraiser and toy drive is always on the first Saturday in December and has been held at Superstition Harley-Davidson in Apache Junction for the last few years.

"Sticks" led everyone out of Slaughterhouse going to Ellsworth, up through Bush Highway and up the 87 to the next stop at Jakes Corner; where they were overloaded badly when everyone arrived at once. Turns out, the person that Troll spoke to when he called neglected to tell

the owner that Troll had called to ensure they would be ready. Troll doesn't know what happened to the employee, but the owner was not happy with him. She even asked that Troll pass on her apologies for not being staffed for 60 people walking in the door. She has always in the past and will continue to love to have Bikers in her bar and gave Troll her direct number so it doesn't happen again.

Everyone then took off, in small groups, to the 2nd stop at The Shamrock Bar on Hwy 60 in Globe AZ. As they arrived, Nancy the owner met everyone outside and welcomed them into her place. It was a little warmer by then too. It is a great space, with a cozy little "Bar" area and then a backroom that just seems to go on forever. These are nice folks that were very happy they were one of the stops. I don't think they have gone through that much coffee in an hour ever before.

From there it was back to Slaughterhouse Bar & Grill for food, raffles, 50/50 and to find out who had the winning Poker Hand. The raffle prizes were set up on the stage to make it easy for folks to put the tickets in the bowls of the prizes they wanted the most.

Everything went off without a hitch

giving away all the Raffle Prizes. The total prize of the 50/50 was \$95 and Justin Ward won it. That makes it two years in a row for him that he won the 50/50! Then it was on to the Poker hand. It was thought that Ric had won it 'til Jack Templeton stepped up with a Flush, Ace high and walked away with \$240.

A good time was had by all. No chrome was harmed and some folks won some cool stuff. Troll wants to give Kevin at the Slaughterhouse a shout out for being there till the middle of the morning after a New Year's Eve event and still making it to the run.

The next run that will be hosted by Troll's Teddy Bear Run will be the 4th Annual Memorial Day Run on Saturday May 25th, the weekend of Memorial Day. It will be Sponsored by Law Tigers once again. For more information on it, check the event calendar on AZ Rider, go to TrollsTeddyBearRun.com, the Face Book Page for TTBR or the Superstition-HD.com event page.

Congratulations on a fun & successful day. Thank you Greg 'Troll' Hughes for your help with this article.

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