

International Female Riders Day

The official Arizona count for this year's IFRD – International Female Riders Day ride to Payson was 311. This ride always takes place on the 1st Saturday of May; this year that was the 4..... May the Fourth Be With You ☺

IFRD founder Vicki Gray created this 'globally synchronized event' for women riders back in 2007! It has been growing ever since. If you check out the [official IFRD page on facebook](#) you will see photos posted from all over the WORLD Canada, France, Ireland, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, USA, and more. Women of All ages, All backgrounds, All riding skill levels, Club members and Independent riders, All makes & models of bikes and trikes.... ALL coming together to celebrate their passion for motorcycling.

There were numerous launching locations around our state. I met up with the group that rode out of Superstition Harley-Davidson in Apache Junction before they headed out for their ride up to the

Payson Event Center.

Sponsors of the day included Breyer Law – Husband-Wife Law Team, Superstition HD, and Studio 22 Tattoo & Piercing. Vendors at ride's end included a food truck, Lucky Strike Cycles, Paparazzi accessories jewelry, LovEm's Bikery of Payson, Bella Mia's Ever After T-Shirts, More Shade motorcycle shades, White Mountain SteamPunk, Queen Bling, and Bri's Biker Boutique.

This year's ride recognized the Medicine Wheel Ride for MMIW – Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and included fundraising toward this good & important work. MMIWR - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives ... *is a movement that advocates for the end of violence against Native women and relatives (Men and our Two spirit included). It also seeks to draw attention to the high rates of disappearances and murders of Native people, particularly women and girls. The MMIWR movement exists because a large number of Native*

women go missing and are murdered each year compared to women from other groups. {from the website <https://www.medicinewheelride.org/>}

Additional fundraising was on behalf of local rider Sharise Mayer who was in a major, life-changing wreck back in March; to help out with expenses as she continues to recuperate and goes through rehab.

Ideas are already being tossed around for IFRD-AZ 2025. If you want to stay informed on what's coming up, check out this webpage <https://azifrd.com> &/ or this page on fb <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ifrdarizona> Learn more about IFRD by visiting the website <https://motoress.com/international-female-ride-day/>.

While some women choose to participate in the organized IFRD rides, there are others who prefer to ride solo or in small groups. The bottom line is to enjoy the day. As the song goes, "Get on your bikes and RIDE!"

