

AriZona Rider

In Memory of Carl 'Sasquatch' Ausdemore

On February 13 the Tucson Red Riders hosted a Memorial Ride & Blood Drive to honor their fallen brother Carl 'Sasquatch' Ausdemore. In speaking with Roger Phillips of the Tucson Red Riders regarding this one-year memorial event we learned that there was a good response, with about 25 motorcycles riding in the memorial parade. The route included stops at the site where Carl was struck and killed last year and then his gravesite for a memorial and dedication of his tombstone. The blood drive held at AZ Honda {4710 S Palo Verde, Tucson} collected 22 pints of blood. Their goal was 20 pints and so they were very please with this result. The Celebration of Life at Rockett J's {6255 E Golf Links} included entertainment and a toast to Carl with a 'Sasquatch Special', a non-alcoholic drink in his honor as he was 13 years sober.

The Memorial page of their website tells a bit of his story, "Born February 23, 1950... rode off into the sunset on February 15, 2004. Always a caring and gentle father, brother and friend... He will be missed by all who knew him. Born in Happy, TX Carl moved to Tucson when he was five year old and later graduated from Pueblo High School. He worked as a pipe fitter journeyman for BHP Copper (formerly Magma Copper) for 27 years until their closing. Carl later returned to college where he earned a degree in Accounting in April 2001 and at the time of his passing worked as an Accounting Rep at Tucson Federal Credit Union. He loved his 2000 Honda Shadow and was a proud Charter Member of the Tucson Red Riders and a member of the AZ X-Riders. He was preceded in death by his father and mother - Clarence and Corlyn Ausdemore. He is survived by three children, Jessica (24), Christopher (22) and Jeremy Ausdemore (21); two brothers, Kenny and Alan Ausdemore; two sisters, Sandra Pollack and Ann Robinson and countless friends touched by his outgoing smile and hearty laughter. PLEASE YIELD TO MOTORCYCLES... RIDE FOREVER DADDY. *Ride In Peace Carl*"

