

# PAWN STARS POKER RUN

Riders gathered at Superstition Harley-Davidson {2910 W Apache Trail} in Apache Junction on the morning of Saturday February 18, 2023 to participate in the inaugural AZ Pawn Stars Poker Run to benefit the Hundley Foundation.

It was a very good-looking turnout, with 10+ organizations coming out in support – in addition to the independent riders. I learned from Hundley Foundation CEO Shannon Sparling Abdul-Wahab that there were 343 people registered. She commented that, “We were expecting a little over 200, so this was an amazing turnout.” The parking lot was full but organized, with parking guides helping to keep things coordinated for the group departure.



Stops were at Jolie's Place in Chandler, Trulieve Harvest Dispensary in Tempe, El Dorado Bar & Grill in Scottsdale, and The Preserve Tavern & Grill in Scottsdale. Stops could be done in any order, to help keep congestion down at each of the locations. Everyone ended up at Roosters Country Bar [3731 E Main] in Mesa for the last stop & end party.

The band White Lightnin' entertained at Roosters while waiting for all riders to arrive for their last card. The place was full - front room and patio both. There was a grill serving up brats & sides.

The raffle table had a variety of apparel, adult beverages, & collectibles; plus, a helmet, a very neat carved rocking horse - donated by the US Military Vets MC, Superstition HD gift cards, and more... including a trip to Las Vegas. The winner of the \$2000 prize for Best Hand donated \$500 to the cause. Congratulations to all the winners!

The day raised approximately \$25,000 for The Hundley Foundation. Shannon shared a bit about the foundation and where the money goes. “The Hundley Foundation was started in 2019 [by] Brett and his sister, Paris. Paris was diagnosed with epilepsy at a young age and Brett witnessed his sister's struggles. Brett created the Hundley Foundation so no family would have to navigate the epilepsy journey alone. 3.5 million people in the US have epilepsy and 1-26 will develop the disease in their lifetime. Because of this, Brett and the entire Hundley Foundation Team are committed to providing support, services, resources, and education to families with epilepsy and other disabilities in Arizona and beyond.

“Some of these services include events such as art workshops, bowl-

ing, holiday parties, conferences, support groups, 5th Quarter Epilepsy Awareness Campaigns and our yearly Lace 'Em Up for Epilepsy Walks. Additionally, although epilepsy is our main focus here at the foundation, it is not our only focus. Some other programs we support are the Hundley Foundation Fatherhood Program through Eisner Health, Thankful for You Program at Eastern Michigan University and one of our favorites, Operation Secret Santa.”

Asked about who to acknowledge for their support & sponsorship of this event, Shannon sent this message, “First and foremost we want to thank Rick Harrison for his continued support and dedication to the Hundley Foundation. This event would not happen without him. Also to our wonderful sponsors - there are too many to name them all, but we'd like to give a special shoutout to Trulieve and Sunovion. Additionally, Superstition Harley Davidson, Jolie's Place, Roosters Country and Old Koots on Skoots RC all went above and beyond to help ensure that the very first Pawn Stars Poker Run was a huge success - and it was.” She added, “On behalf of the Hundley Foundation, we want to thank all of the individuals and sponsors that joined us for our first ever Pawn Stars Poker Run, Arizona. It was so much fun and a HUGE success. The Hundley Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in need and it is because of events like the Poker Run that we are able to do so. Thank you again to everyone that showed up - we are beyond grateful that you have chosen to champion our cause and we are thrilled to have you as part of The Team. Pawn Stars Poker Run 2024 can't come soon enough!”

Learn more about the Hundley Foundation by visiting their website at <https://hundleyfoundation.org/>

Congratulations on your successful day!

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