

# AZ ROCKABILLY BASH 2023



Arizona Rockabilly Bash 2023 was another winner; offering a non-stop lineup of music, pin up gals, vintage bikes, and of course, the cars. This was their 12th annual event, again taking place at the beautiful Lake Pleasant Harbor in Peoria, AZ. My thanks to organizer Rachel Krupa for her help with this article. This year's dates were March 24 & 25. Many of the attendees come out in Rockabilly theme ~ guys and gals of all ages getting into the swing of it all with their vintage style duds & outfits. Saturday was a beautiful day for it ... sunny, with a blue sky and light breeze.

Vendors included giftables, collectibles, glassware, signs, jewelry, apparel, parasols, purses, accessories, hats, beard care, coffee & food trucks, CBDs, and more. There was even a barber shop on site. There were many Automotive Services available such as parts stores, performance shops, accessories, pinstripers, powder coating, painters, upholstery, and so on. You could even have custom knobs created for your car's dashboard. Also represented were home services such as solar, windows, and flooring.

The music lineup included the Delta Bombers, The Devillains, Gino & the Lone Gunmen, Guana Batz, Motel Drive, Reztones, and Screamin Rebel Angels. There were definitely some very positive reviews of these performances.

The pin-up pageant contestants were presented throughout the day, during the band breaks. This year there were a dozen contestants. The winners were:  
2023 Miss AZ Rockabilly Bash Queen

~ Miss Aphrodite Darling  
aka Kate Roberts,

2023 Miss Deviant Dame

~ Miss Danielle Doll

aka Cecily Cano,

2023 Miss Rockin' Angel

~ Lyric Reverie

aka Edaisha Call, and

2023 Miss Congeniality

~ KitKat Marie

aka Katie Gibbons.

Congratulations to each of you!

The burnouts and drag racing started at 2pm, drawing a lot of fans to the track. The burnout contest included a truck which shredded a tire after 4 minutes of continuous burnout. A car that ran

after that blew up a radiator.

It was an excellent turnout of vehicles – mostly cars, but some great vintage motorcycles as well. There were 1000 cars on display in all stages from daily drivers to Concourse ready. The oldest vehicle I spied was a 1921 Model T Ford. The Best of Show was a 1959 El Camino owned by Randal Flanagan.

The organizers published this statement of thanks, "What an incredible 12th Annual it was! We want to thank all of you who make our show great. Without you we wouldn't have a show! For those who know our story we started this show with the hopes of making it a party like no other and we have accomplished that. But only with the help of those who come out and support live music, artists, car clubs, hot rod community and enthusiasts. We look forward to many more years! Thank you to all our family members who come out every year and work the gates for us, our parents, nieces, sisters, cousins, uncles, brother in laws and nephews. Thank You!!!!

We also want to thank Heartley Q, Lily Mae, Donnie DeVille, Nicky Flores, the Rapid Repair crew, Dennis, Jen Butcher, James & Becky Bliss, Joel and Lisa Newlin, Matt and Christina Davis, and everyone else I may have missed that work side by side with us to put the show on. It is a lot of work and we couldn't do it without you!

And a big thank you to our Sponsors City of Peoria, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Speedway Motors, AZ Differential Specialists, Affordable Powder Coating, Rapid Repair, Ol Skool Rodz, United Rentals, and thank you to Pleasant Harbor for letting us take over the beautiful resort."

Approximately 8000 people came out to Lake Pleasant for this year's show. Congratulations on your successful gathering!! Lucky 13 is next! The 13th Annual AZ Rockabilly Bash will be March 22nd and 23rd, 2024. Be sure and mark your calendars.

Many thanks to photographer Mike T of Mike Turngren Photography to be able to share some of his photos with our readers. Check out some of his work on the next page.

'bye for now ~

Betsy

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