

The Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion #12 took place Valentines Weekend, February 14-16, 2020; at Lake Havasu State Park. There was wonderful weather all weekend. We saw a lot of bikes on the road.

This was among the last of our state's large-scale parties before all this covid crap hit the fan and began destroying Arizona's rally & tourism season.

This is a gathering that draws far more people than only motorcyclists; yet scooter folk are definitely well represented. People of all ages come out to enjoy great music, tons of eye-candy, vendors to visit, and beautiful lake-side & mountain views.

The motorcycle portion of the event was hosted by Soldiers For Jesus MC - LHC. As you made your way into the venue from the parking area, there was a motorcycle riders skills demonstration underway. Plus, a motocross freestyle stunt team had numerous opportunities on the schedule for people to check out its show. These riders were amazing to watch.

Many add to the fun of this rockabilly-themed event by dressing in vintage clothes. Vendors included several booths for rockabilly attire – for guys & gals! You

could even do a hair & makeup 'Rockabilly Makeover'.

Lake Havasu City Properties had reps on hand to discuss buying or selling your Havasu home. Among the organizations represented was the KHRA.... Keeping Hot Rodding Alive. It is a free youth program based out of Earl's Hot Rod Shop in Golden Valley Arizona. You can learn about the program & a very kool fundraising raffle they are currently running, from this link. There was a Kids Zone with carnival games, bounce houses, and other activities.

The vehicles are certainly a centerpiece to the weekend. There were row after row of beautiful cars, motorcycles, and specialty vehicles. They represented many eras & all conditions. Some were concourse-ready & others still under construction.

The Pinup Pageant is a popular attraction that draws a large audience. It was again emceed by Ms Dixie Rebelle, a professional pinup model & event planner. Competition is open to gals 16 years & older. There is also a separate pageant for the younger girls. Unfortunately the winners list was unavailable for this writing. Congratulations to each of the win-

ners.

Rockabilly music blends elements of rock & roll, rhythm & blues, country, boogie woogie, swing, jump, even bluegrass. While Rockabilly is pure Americana, it has an International following. One band on the schedule, The Booze Bombs, hails from the Black Forest & Southern regions of Germany. They've toured in Europe, Australia, & the USA. Tomorrow's Anthem was a band from Rockstars of Tomorrow Musicians Academy in California. Each of the four musicians were girls; ages 10 to 13 years. While their choice of tunes to perform seemed out of context for this gathering, their talent was unquestionable. Although it would be impossible to review each performance from the event's lengthy lineup; a band that we particularly enjoyed was Rafael Espinoza & the Rockabilly Railroad. They are based in Texas.

This was our second trip to this event. It was just as enjoyable as our first. We are certain that the next will be just as rock-in'! 2021 dates have been announced. Mark *your* calendar for February 12-14. We hope to see you there!

Betsy & Bruce

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