

# RIDE FOR THE SALT RIVER WILD HORSES



The 2022 Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses took place on Saturday January 29. Thank you to event coordinator Skeeter Peak for sharing news and photos from this day.

As in years past, registration took place at American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills. New this year, local food trucks were at Post 58. Fountain Hills Food Truck served up breakfast burritos while Pura Vida Grinds Coffee Truck poured the brew. Sheriff Joe Arpaio made an appearance; walking around and mingling with the crowd. The SRWHMG merchandise booth was set up as well.

Over 700 riders signed up for this event; with 500+ bikes participating. NICE! This ride takes you on a scenic route where these wild horses call home ~ on Bush Highway, thru the Lower Salt River in the Tonto National Forest. There was one stop at Goldfield Recreation Site to take a group photo. The wild horses could be seen, which is always a treat.

The last stop was at Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction. The gathering at SHD ran from 11a until about 3pm;

with vendors, a beer garden, and raffles. There was live music by Nathan Dean & The Damn Band. Vendors included Blades and Shades, Thigh Brush, Ride Merchandise, SRWHMG merchandise, MCG Biker Jewelry, Le Noir Cheral horse hair jewelry, Rosie's soft Serve Ice cream, One Hot Mess, Habaneros Tacos, Gary's hot dogs, Fair food, and the Salt River Wild Horse Mustang car by GP-Walsh Designs.

The day raised \$15,786.48 for the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group {SRWHMG}. These monies are used for a variety of programs including Fence Maintenance, Salt River Rescues, Wild Horse Education, Scientific Research, Environmental Clean Up {including trash & barbed wire}, and Humane Birth Control.

Their website <http://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/> goes into more detail.

Sponsors included Superstition Harley-Davidson® & Law Tigers; plus American Legion Post 58, Len Novin the Bull 102.5 FM, the Rattler 97.3 fm and GP Walsh custom Vinyl Designs.

There were over 1200 participants to make this day a success... riders, vendors, volunteers, security and hired help. Special thanks go to: The Tonto National Forest Service, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Arizona Rangers, Justin B. Umbs GM & Brina Brown Events Director & the Staff at Superstition Harley-Davidson®, John Weedo Post 58 Commander & Doug Fair VP American Legion Post 58 Riders, Simone Netherlands - President for the SRWHMG, and the 40 SRWHMG volunteers who helped with photography, videos, raffle, merchandise booths and registration.

To follow and learn more about the Salt River Wild Horses, visit online at <https://www.saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup> View more photos and video at <https://www.facebook.com/SkeetersupporterforSRWHMG> and from Superstition HD at <https://bit.ly/SHDPICS>

Congratulations on a successful event!

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