



The 9th annual Skin & Steel Tattoo & Motorcycle Show took place on January 19 at the American Legion Post 2, located at 2125 S Industrial Park Avenue in Tempe. It was a beautiful day to be out! Some years past have been grey, chilly, & dreary for this event.

From 10a-4pm there were bikes to look at, vendors to shop, music for listening, and tattoos... get 'em ~ show 'em ~ your choice! While checking out everything that was going on, you were listening to the Moonshine VooDoo Band... a popular local band that really rocks!

Among the vendors in the parking lot was our mutual sponsor, Law Tigers; plus Templar Crusaders MC & At Season's End Mortuary promoting their Broken Wings Foundation, then Red Light Rebellion, Lee-Bones Meat Duster bbq rubs & seasonings, Cutthroat Industries, Discount Biker Supply, Blades & Shades, Clip Man, Alphadog Firearms, Desert Wind HD, Quality Stickers, Wells Motorcycle Distributors (WMD), Bad MF Apparel, Thigh Brush Apparel, Designs by Louise (custom embroidery), Hauwilde Cosmetics, Gold Canyon Candles, & Zoni Custom Crafts.

Once indoors there was Mum's Apothecary, MaryKay Cosmetics, God's Supply House (tees), Dick Greve Diamonds & Gold, Glowing Glass Plus, American Legion support merchandise, Origami Owl jewelry, Lady Aces Sports Injury Massage, and VooDoo Guitar Works. Two tattoo shops, Skin Lab

Tattoo from Tempe & Dozer Ink of Mesa were set up and slinging ink. All told, there were about 29 different setups.

The raffle table offered about 30 or so different items, with prizes to appeal to pretty much anyone... jewelry, apparel, tool bag, adult beverages, a variety of gift certificates, gloves, gift baskets, & more.

The 50/50 split put \$137 into the lucky winner's pocket.

The bike show had 26 entries. You could enter your bike into several categories... competing the same bike for the Vintage trophy, Paint Trophy, etc. Scott Krantz, former president of ALR Post 2 {2011-2015} managed the bike show. The winners were: *Best Street Sport* – a 1998 Harley Davidson Dyna Wide Glide entered by “Switch” of Cutthroat Industries; Hector Reyes' 2015 Harley David Street Glide was the *Best Dresser*; Sunny Lunnen's 2018 Harley Davidson Road Glide won *Best Street Cruiser*; *Best Vintage* was John Conlin's 1948 Indian Chief; Stacy Kell's 2013 Harley Davidson Electra-Glide had the *Best Paint*; and the *Most Unique* was AL's Harley Davidson 1962 Panhead.

There were 13 entries for the Tattoo Contest. It is the 5th year for Tyesha to be organizing & emcee'ing this show. The winners were... *Best Black & Gray* - Matt Kerr, *Best 'Worst' Tattoo* – Cassie, *Best Back Piece* - Slim (Post 41), *Best Leg* - Slim (Post 41), *Best Sleeve* - Shelly Bosley, *Best Color* - Deania B, and *Best Tattoo of the Day* - Ryan Bosley.

This is a free event to attend. Fundraising comes from bike & tattoo show entries, raffle & 50/50 ticket sales {please buy up ☺}, vendor fees, the lunch station, and other revenue streams.

According to Event Coordinator Teri Krantz, over 400 people attended throughout the day. {We observed more than 15 organizations represented, as well as many independent riders. Excellent!} Fundraising netted \$3,000 for American Legion Rider Programs. Those monies will go toward Veterans assistance (individuals and non-profit groups), motorcycle safety programs, and American Legion programs; so you know that your money is being put to good work!

Teri sent along thanks to, “... our sponsors Desert Wind Harley Davidson, Law Tigers, and to Moonshine Voodoo for performing and donating a beautiful guitar that we will be raffling to earn money for our charities. I'd also like to thank Phoenix Spring for allowing us to use their parking lot, as well as our volunteers and vendors.” She added, “The day was a great success! The weather was perfect. We hope to continue this tradition in the upcoming years.”

People there were having a good time for a good cause. We're glad it went so well. Congratulations on a successful day!

Betsy & Bruce

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