

The 2010 TB4S Games were great. TB4S offers games that fit every style. There was great participation on both days.

On Friday, ABATE hosts the bike-less contests, including the Poker Walk and the People Games.

The Poker Walk is held for fun and encourages participants to come out and take a peek at all the vendors' wares. This year there were oodles of vendors peddling a little bit of everything, such as braided leather, jewelry, clothing, shoes, military ribbons, patches, food, frozen spark plugs, ummmm roasted corn and more. This year the High hand winner was June Schelinski and the Low hand winner was Brandon Martin.

The People Games took place at the Mormon Lake Camp Grounds Rodeo Arena; complete with bleachers for adoring fans. Some runs tend to change their games every couple of years. Not TB4S. Players and spectators have made it clear that they like the Tug O War, the Helmet Toss, the Plank Walk, and the Pole in Hole.

It's Monsoon in AriZona. I think the ever-looming threat of rain just heightened the excitement of the contestants & fans. I found myself looking over my shoulder up at the dark clouds and silently hoping that Thor, the hammer-wielding Norse god associated with thunder and lightning storms, would be entertained by

the games and save the rain for later.

Since 1995, Clyde Brooks and Jean Cooper from ABATE's Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter, have been running the TB4S People Games. Clyde's helpers are Lisa & Don Witney, and Sweet Pea. Lisa's job is to keep track of the people playing and recorded their stats, Don serves as the human target for the Helmet Toss and a referee, Sweet Pea serves as an equipment wrangler, unofficial beer taster, and resident cheer leader. Emcee for the games was Paul, and he did an excellent job.

The first game was the **Helmet Toss**, with a Ladies & a Men's class. Whoever successfully tosses the best of 5 helmets into a large garbage can from a distance of 22.5 feet for the women and 27.5 feet for the men, is the winner.

Though contestants modeled every kind of throwing style, the most successful style was to hold the helmet like you would a horseshoe and toss it underhand.

Out of 16 Ladies who entered the Helmet Toss in Round 1 – only Linda, Lori, Patty, Susan and Tammy scored 1 successful basket. In Round 2, Tammy Pancoast scored 2 baskets to become the winner for the Ladies' Helmet Toss. Tammy's a South paw and a non-bowler.

22 Gents signed up for a chance to win the Men's Helmet Toss trophy. Round 1 weeded out the potential champions: Bill, James, Kyle, Taz, Salty was worth his salt, and Sean each scored 1 basket. Round 2 thinned the ranks

even more. In this round, each of Kyle's first 4 tosses was a tad short, a tad long, a tad to the right or a tad to the left, but his 5th toss hit home. Salty sunk another basket. Sean handed his beer to Sweet Pea to hold while he took his shots, but Sweet Pea was thirsty. Sean scored a shot to stay in the game but returned to an empty beer. At the end of Round 2, only Kyle, Salty and Sean remained.

Round 3: Kyle started off strong, sinking the first toss effortlessly, but the rest of his tosses bounced off the rim of the can. Salty stepped up to the line, missed 2 but rebounded by sinking the third toss, but then he missed the last 2. Sean returned with a new beer just in time to take his turn. Sweet Pea met Sean at the starting line – smiling ever so sweetly as she reached out her hand to hold his beer again. Sean smiled broadly and handed her the unopened beer. Sweet Pea looked a bit forlorn – standing there with the unopened beer. Sean reorganized the helmets – lining them up just perfect. Then he picked up the 1st helmet and smiled at Sweet Pea. With precision Sean accurately tossed the helmet into the can. He picked up the next helmet and with a quick flick of his wrist - it sailed effortlessly into the can. While Don the referee stepped forward and emptied the garbage can, Sean walked over and opened the beer Sweet Pea was holding. Sweet Pea smiled with delight. Sean took a good swig and handed it back to Sweet Pea. Sweet Pea toast



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ed Sean and the crowd and took a gulp. It looked like Sean had lost his edge during the small break in the action – because he missed the next 2 tosses. However, the next helmet he tossed was a dead ringer. So it was Sean Auten in round 3, who made 3 baskets for the win. Sweet Pea finished off Sean’s beer in celebration!

The 2nd game was the **Tug O War**. A long heavy rope is stretched out and a bandanna is tied to it in the middle. A line in the dirt is drawn perpendicular to the rope. The First team to pull an opponent across that line wins. To keep the teams straight in my notes, I asked each team to for a name. Some names were quite descriptive. The following teams competed in *Round 1*:

Borderline Red Necks vs Big Dick Mother Phucking Porno Stars;
The Unknowns vs Jager Bombers;
Team Hot Stuff vs Iron Men of Post 36;
Pine Top Punishers vs. Sons of Hell MC;
Team High Country vs, Pine Top Punishers:

Round 2: Jager Bombers vs Big Dick Mother Phucking Porno Stars;
The Ladies Vs Iron Men of Post 36;

Pine Top Punishers vs. Sons of Hell MC
Round 3: Big Dick Mother Phucking Porno Stars vs. Sons of Hell MC;

Iron Men of Post 36 vs. Sons of Hell MC

The Winners were Sons of Hell MC

(Steve, Cliff, Zeke, Mark, & Dennis)

The next game was the **Plank Race**. This is played with 2 teams of 4 people. Each team is given 2 wooden 2” x 4” planks; about 8 feet long and outfitted with 4 sets of ropes & handles. Each team member stands with one foot on each board and holds onto the rope handles. This game is very misleading, because it looks really easy. However just the opposite is true, because it actually requires good listening skills & team work. United we Win or divided we fail.

At the end of Round 1 these 4 teams remained: Team Kick-ass; Team Rascals; Team Jager Bombers; and Team Brown Trout. In the end, Team Kick-ass kicked ass (Karen Pacleb, Kyle Garrett, Lori, and Pammy); taking home this year’s trophy.

The last game was Pole in the Hole, a crowd pleaser. This game is played with teams of 2 people, traditionally a man and a woman, but alternative groupings make the game more challenging and double the fun. At starting points about 25 feet apart, person (A) holds a toilet plunger between their legs and person (B) holds a roll of toilet paper between their legs. At the go signal, using no hands, player (A) must quickly waddle over to player (B) and put the Pole in da Hole and then player (A) must successfully waddle another 25 feet to cross the finish line, all while still holding the skewered

roll of toilet paper with only their knees or thighs. The team with the fastest time wins!

Most of the mixed sex teams tend to play their traditional roles, but every once in a while the skewer and the skewee switched places. The Same-sex teams make the crowd go crazy. It’s a very funny game to watch. The sexual innuendo and bawdy banter between team members and between the crowd & the team members, just ramps up the over-all excitement.

The game started with 16 teams, including Jim Silk & his lady Linette Reid, the reigning champions. Three sets of their friends were out to take their trophy. At the end of Round 1, only Kirsten & Joe, Jim & Linette, Mark & Jewels, and Ron & Sherry remained. In Round 2, Jim & Linette beat out Kirsten & Joe. Ron & Sherry got the better of Mark & Jewels. In Round 3, it was Jim & Linette Vs. Sherry & Ron. To the crowds’ delight, Linette switched places with Jim. And with ease and precision, Linette shoved that plunger home and then crossed the finish line for the Win. The crowd cheered wildly.

That wrapped up the games for the day. Check out the next page for more game coverage. Plus visit the AZ Vision page at <http://azridersouthwest.com/azvision.html> for more photos.





Bike Games were held on Saturday.

Poker Run winners: Bill Pershing's Low hand won him \$150. Judy Kay Caldwell held the High hand with a Full House of Kings & Queens. She collected \$250.

Bike Show Winners:

Stock: #24 Kate McClelland, 2005 Road King; purple w/ pink & blue flames

Custom: #13 Eric Danuser, custom airbagged Lowrider

Sportster: #17 Lisa Longo, 2000 1200

Foreign: #26 Ron Judge, 2001 Suzuki Intruder 1500

Trike: #9 John DePierro, 2001 Fatboy Trike

Military Honors: #23 Steve Linch, 2010 Triumph Scrambler

Best of Show: #13 Eric Danuser

The BIKE Games were scheduled from 4-6pm but actually ended at 7, because everyone wanted to play and we was havin' too much fun! This year's games were the Slow Race, Road Kill, and the ever popular Weenie Bite.

The same team ran the Bike Games as the People Games: Clyde, Jean, Lisa, Don, Sweet Pea, and Paul as emcee. Along with her duties as referee, Sweet Pea entertained the crowd with her playful sense of humor.

Slow Race: To win the Slow Race, the rider/pilot must traverse 60 feet down a lane at the slowest pace without stopping or putting a foot down. 35 Riders lined up. Round 1: the riders were divided into 7 heats, the winner of each heat advanced to Round 2. In Round 2: the 7 winners were divided into a group of 3 and 4. Out of 7 contenders, only SparkPlug and Darin Yates (of *Thunder Roads* magazine) advanced to Round 3.

It was simply marvelous watching those men show off their skill and mastery as they drove ever so slowly down their lanes. It was Darin – astride a sweet 1978 Shovel FLH who won, but Spark-Plug certainly gave Darin a tough run.

The next game was **Road Kill**.

This was a new game for me. It is played with a pilot & passenger. Each team needs 2 lanes, 1 fishing net (the kind attached to a pole) and 6 small stuffed animals (to be sacrificed). The stuffed animals are spread out, 1 every 6 feet or so, down 1 lane. As the pilot drives down the lane – the passenger uses the net to scoop as many animals as they can into their net. The team with the most "Road Kill" wins.

27 different teams entered this game. The field of contenders was divided into 7 heats. There was some confusion between the referees as to how they were going to select a winner. One of the referees thought they were going to reduce the contenders in stages (testing all the teams who scooped up 2+, then 3+, etc.) while a different referee said, "No! – whoever scores the most, WINS. We'll go another round only if there's a tie."

By the 3rd heat, 3 pieces of Road Kill was the number to beat. In heat 5, Dennis Bell & Ms. Julie Bennett scooped up 4 pieces of gourmet Road Kill, to take the lead and ultimately the Win.

The last game was the ever popular crowd pleasing favorite – the **Weenie Bite**. This game is played with a pilot and a talented passenger. The guest of honor - the "weenie" is dipped in mustard (for visibility) and hung on a string that's been strung on a pole overhead (visualize a hangman's noose).

While the pilot drives slowly under the weenie, the passenger must bite off a chunk of that weenie. The pilot can't stop or put his feet down. The passenger can't use their hands, no sucking, no swallowing, and they must bite a chunk off. The biggest chunk Wins!

Bruce, my editor, and I were taking pictures. We both got some good shots, but Bruce got some pictures from just the right angle to capture the grace and



style of some of the best Weenie Biters. You can laugh, but it takes real skill and talent to bite that weenie without using your hands and while your body's moving. I think the Game hosts should offer 2 trophies: Biggest Bite and Best Style.

Don & Clyde strung up the weenie and dipped it in yellow mustard. They'd redo that process every time a weenie got bitten or became road kill. It was Sweet Pea's job to gauge the height of the passenger and then hoist the weenie up or down to the proper height for biting.

By the time the Weenie Bite game got underway, the party was in full swing. Saturday was a bit hotter than Friday and so people were sharing liberal libations.

Initially, about 35 teams lined up. However it is believed that that number grew to about 50 teams, as the game progressed. Lisa and I realized several ladies had switched pilots – to get another chance to show off their talents and/or the pilot had secured a new passenger.

By about the 20th team, Sweet Pea was showing off her puppeteer skills via the bobbing weenie. Between the banter of the crowd and Sweet Pea's dancing weenie – my sides hurt from laughing so much.

About 6 or 7 teams had sizable chunks. There was everything from an inch to about 4 inches secured in paper towels, just waiting to be measured. Sadly, one crowd favorite, Linette bit off a sizable chunk just as her pilot Jim Silk put his feet down. Boogie Man and Tequila Rose scored the prize chunk to win the game. They also won the 2008 Weenie Bite.

I had a great time this year at TB4S. I stayed warm and dry in a cabin with Margie. My best friends, Bruce & Betsy were there. I got to write up the games. I visited with old friends and made new friends. Life doesn't get much better than this.

Let's all do it again - next year. Be there or be square.

Enjoy life... I am. L80JWLS