

# Too Broke For Sturgis #30

What a fun weekend! For you people who were there, you know what I mean. To the rest of you..... we're sorry you missed it. Hopefully next time ☺

ABATE of Arizona's 30th Anniversary of Too Broke For Sturgis took place once again at Mormon Lake Lodge Arena; the weekend of June 10-13, 2021. This weekend is the only fundraiser for ABATE-AZ's state operations & activities... including maintaining their website, publishing the *MasterLink*, and supporting riders' rights and education programs. Anyone who attends Too Broke can be sure that their money is going for the benefit of motorcycling in AZ... all while having a GREAT time! You can learn more about this Motorcyclists Rights Organization {MRO} by [visiting their website](#).

We arrived the afternoon of Thursday June 10..... READY to get out of the Valley, have some fun, & see people who it's been WAY too long since seeing! After getting camp set up, we walked around to get the lay of the land. The place was already filling up.... Tent camping and RVs were both popular options.

Registration was busy. Vendors were set up inside the arena & ready to show their wares. The games as usual gave players and spectators a couple afternoons of fun entertainment. Music on the

main stage each night was sponsored by Russ Brown. Each morning the CMA offered breakfast & coffee, with donations appreciated.

Thursday evening's music was provided by Bayou Bandits. This was their first appearance on the TBFS stage. They offered a good mix of tunes, diverse enough to cover the preferences of most listeners.

On Friday morning, out front of Mormon Lake Lodge, there was a dedication ceremony for a 'Motorcycle-Only Parking' area. Very cool!

The 18 or so vendors offered accessories, apparel, CBD products, flannel shirts [welcome on the chilly nights!], hats [welcome during the sunny days], holsters, jewelry, massage, patches, & more. Plus there were several food trucks, including HoggDoggs – the official hot dog of Too Broke For Sturgis. Law Tigers Arizona was there, with Law Tiger Jay and Law Tiger Bryan representing.

Friday's Poker Walk encourages everyone to visit the vendors. This year's checkpoints were at Shiny Side Up, Apache Brand Customs, the VFW booth, Riderz Gear, and the ABATE merchandise booth. High-hand winner was Jason Filer with a Flush. Low hand winner held a pair of 2s but we didn't get their name.

Fridays' People Games included the

Helmet Toss {winners Brianna W. & Bill Bodine} ; Plank Walk {won by the Acrid Angels team} ; Honey I'm Home {winners Paul & Donata} ; Tire Toss {winners Hannah & Tor} ; Pole in the Hole {winners Rebecca & Thumper} ; and Tug o' War {won by the American Legion Post 105 team}.

The Ms Too Broke For Sturgis Contest, sponsored by Law Tigers, was won by Jenn. Ms Too Broke represents ABATE-AZ throughout the year and helps promote the upcoming Too Broke For Sturgis at events.

The Tattoo Contest {sponsored by Dozer Ink} winners were Joel Selvey and Skye.

Friday night's music by Unchained drew a big crowd. It was a real good time!!

Saturday's activities up at the Arena included the Bike Show. There were 45 bikes on display representing 7 categories: *Best Custom* - Gunner Gunison ; *Best Ladies Bike* - Hailey Quinn ; *Best Rat Bike* - Fat Fred ; *Best Trike* - David Lewis ( Jim Silk still has your trophy!!!) ; *Best Metric* - Lon Haberman ; *Best Bagger* – Shorty. Scott Marks and Shaun Ritzheimer TIED for *Best Vintage!* The *Best of Show* trophy went to Billy Page.

A Silent Auction was a new feature. There were about 40 different items in

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cluding tools, apparel, collectibles, & more. It was quite an array of good choices.

At 2pm there was a Remembrance for Brothers & Sisters who have taken the Long Ride. Everyone was invited to bring their bikes into the arena. James Graves from Unchained sang our National Anthem. A member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association offered a prayer. A Moment of Silence was followed by a roaring rev up of all the motorcycles.

The Magnificent Mustache & Beard Contest [sponsored by Thigh Brush] had about a dozen fellas participating. Freestyle winner was Austin McKean. Best Groomed was Austin Reed. Rex had the Longest Beard, measuring 20". Joshua had the Best Mustache.

The Bike Games, sponsored by Hogg-Doggs, had good participation. Slow Race {winner Kickstart} ; Drag Race {winner Harley} ; Keg Push {winner Sammy Yates} ; and the Weenie Bite {winners Lindsay & Craig}. We didn't catch the Road Kill winners names. Adding some extra amusement to the Weenie Bite was Austin M aka Double D, a prospect of the Skanky Whores Crew -- riding bitch in bright pink.

The Wet-T Contest, sponsored by the Dirty Dogg Saloon, had about 15 contestants. This is a 'what happens at

Too Broke stays at Too Broke' moment. Check it out for yourself next year ☺

This year's 50/50 winner collected \$1141. How cool is THAT?! He made a donation of \$500 back to ABATE, which was very awesome.

When all of the day's announcements were completed, the day wrapped up with the Moonshine VooDoo Band on the main stage. It was a full house, with everyone having a great time. Between songs, the winner of the raffle for the commemorative Too Broke For Sturgis guitar was announced. Nick W was a Too Broke virgin and a brand new ABATE member. Welcome!

Congratulations to all the winners of this weekend's games, contests, & drawings!

Attendance is estimated at 1500+. We observed about 25 different organizations being represented, along with all the many independent riders.

On a serious note, sirens on Saturday afternoon brought EMTs to care for one gal that passed out with heat exhaustion/dehydration. She was treated onsite. A man was transported to the hospital & released the next day, according to the MLL staff. Please remember ... It's so easy to get caught up in the fun and forget to drink some water & grab a bit of food from time to time. Temps in the high

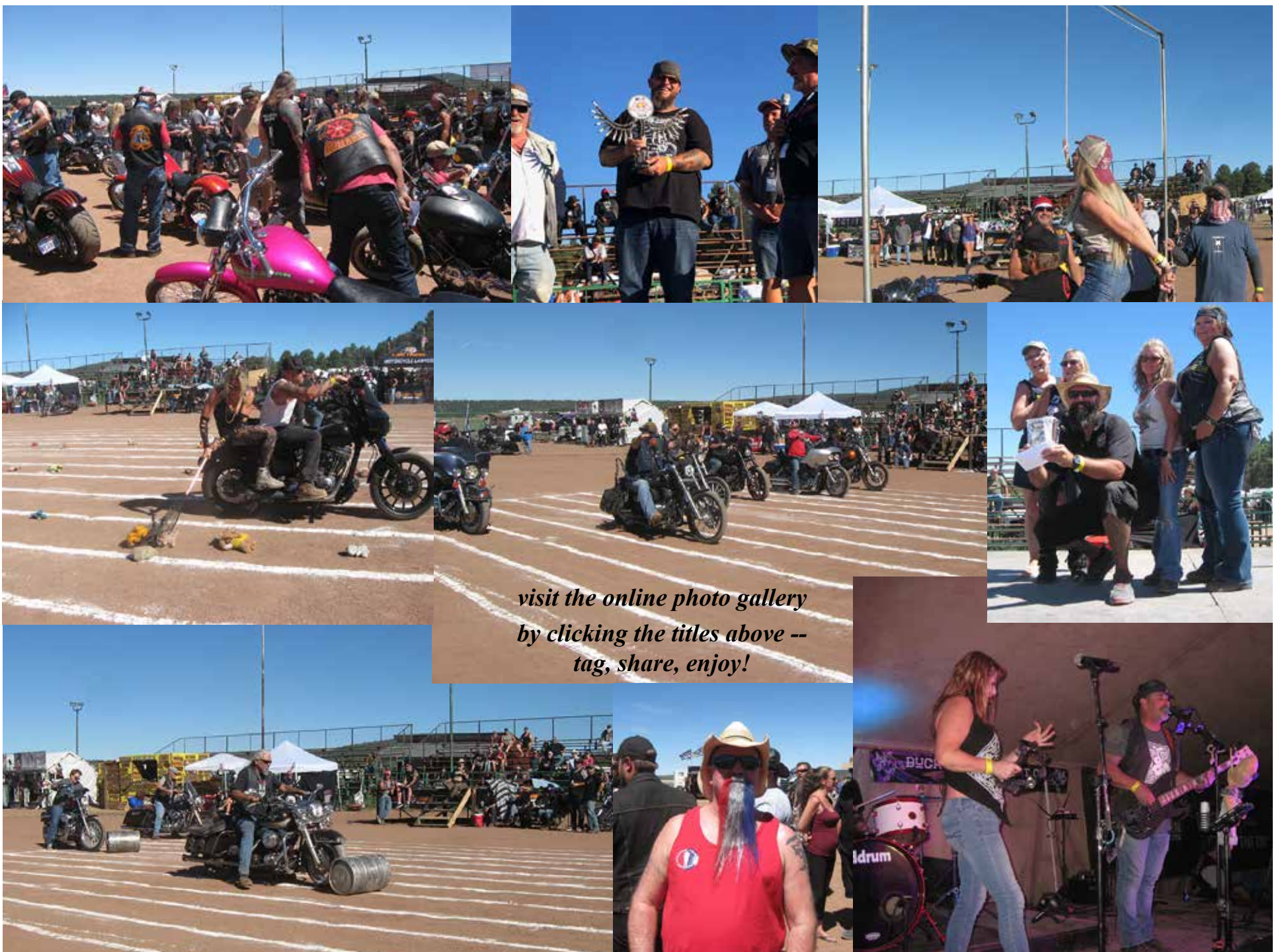
country are cooler ... but that sun can still bite you in the butt if you aren't careful. We're SO glad to hear that 'all's well that ends well' with these two!

From ABATE OF ARIZONA, INC. State Chairman Mary K. Donnay, "ABATE of Arizona, Inc. is grateful to everyone that took the time and effort to attend the 30th Annual Too Broke For Sturgis motorcycle rally at Mormon Lake Lodge campground. It was a very fun weekend, filled with people games, bike games, contests, vendors and entertainment. This years' bands were Bayou Bandits on Thursday, Unchained on Friday, and Moonshine Voodoo on Saturday. The days were very pleasant, and the evenings were cool. Proceeds benefit ALL BIKES, ALL RIDERS, your right to ride FREE, and support our lobbyist at the AZ State Capital. Mark your calendar for June 9-12, 2022, same location, Mormon Lake campground! Thank you!"

Sunday morning brought the sounds of people breaking camp & prepping to head home. The CMA offered a Worship Service in the Arena for those who chose to attend. As usual, it all felt like it was ending much too soon. It was a great weekend & we're glad we could be there.

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