

# Too Broke For Sturgis Returns to Winslow

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Too Broke for Sturgis #33 took place June 20 - 23, 2024. People are drawn to this event by the knowledge that their attendance helps support ABATE of AZ's goals to promote motorcycle safety & to protect our rights as motorcyclists.

Dedicated souls who made their way to Winslow for this First Run of Summer were treated to three nights of outstanding music; plus - camaraderie, camping, and general horsing around & fun. While the days were still warm - yes some would call it hot, moving this event back to June did help bring the temperatures down. The nights were beautiful for the outdoor concerts and for camping. There were good vibes and cooling temps as fans enjoyed the music, visiting, and having fun.

**Perfect Storm** kicked off the TBFS concert series on Thursday night, under a full moon and clear sky. This is a local band, based in Winslow. Their talented musicians and excellent vocals were a great way to get the party started. They played last year on stage and in town at the park. **BadJune** was also back by popular demand, and they played their hearts out on Friday night. Based out of Phoenix, they share their musical energy at venues throughout the Valley and

beyond. Watch their web for when they'll be playing near you. **Last Train to Juarez** was the Saturday night band. Even their sound check sounded good! So, it was easy to figure we were in for an outstanding show. They definitely delivered! Turns out that TBFS was one of their last stops in Arizona before heading out on a 3-month tour. For those of you reading this in KS, MO, NE, IA, CO, WY, SD, TX, AR, IL, and WI you'll want to see if they'll be stopping in your town.

The value and quality of these three performances was well worth the gate fee all by themselves; let alone the fun of the other activities taking place over the weekend.

There was a twist on the **Poker Walk** & it seemed like a good way to familiarize visitors with the various vendors on site. Food & refreshments came from Biggie BBQ and Sweet & Sassy Eats. HA Yavapai had support merchandise. The MRF - Motorcycle Riders Foundation had an info booth as did AIM - Aid to Injured Motorcyclists. Additional vendors included Old School Stitching, The Flask Guy, Vacay Cowboys, Discount Biker Supply, AZ Boot Boutique, Club Nirvana, Grounding Technology, Visible Clothing & Gear, and Dube Screw Cancer. Visit each vendor and get a stamp. Once all vendors signed off on your game card you turned it in to draw your poker

hand. The winners were announced Saturday night. Low Hand winner was Dobe Vick, with her 10-high hand. She received a \$25 gift card from Tombstone Brewery and another from D&D Discount Motorcycles. The High Hand was 3 Queens held by Marlinda Kaye. Congratulations to you both!

The games took place over the course of two days. **AZ Boot Boutique** sponsored both the People Games and the Bike Games. They included demonstrations of rider skills, coordination, team building, and a dose of hilarity that we've come to expect over the years.

**People Games** were on Friday. Helmet Toss was won by HD. Plank Walk was won by the Moore-Brisky team. Swinging Balls was won by Birthday Boy Jerry. In the Tug o' War, East Valley ABATE's team won over the Desert Thunder MC team.

Saturday's **Bike Games** included Roadkill, won by Joe & Lola; the Keg Push, won by Brian Hahn; the Slow Race, won by Joe Martelli; and the Weenie Bite, won by DTMC members D.Mike & Monster.

The **Fantastic Facial Hair / Magnificent Mustache Contest** had several categories. Kiven won Best Groomed for the 3rd Year. Dave had the Best Mustache, Bill Glass won the Freestyle category, and Jessa had the

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Longest Beard.

There was some great looking ink on display for the Tattoo Contest. Congratulations to all the winners!

Best Black & Grey - Brittany; Most Realistic - Eric Jacobs; Most Visionary - Jim; Most Patriotic - Steve Chenoweth; Best Color - Gary C; and Best of Show was Kevin.

Saturday's **Bike Show** had about 2 dozen entries. Congratulations to all the winners: Custom – Remington Hayes; Trike – Lou Vanden Plas ; Cruiser – Ramiro Castro ; Street Bike – Matthew Reemelin ; Bagger – Jason Strode ; and Best of Show – Marlene Tare.

The Bike Show was followed by a Native American Bike Blessing; offered by a Cherokee gentleman named Manuel who visited each bike & rider as part of the ritual. Thank you for being there.

The Revvv Up in remembrance of those Gone But Not Forgotten followed.

The **Wet T-shirt Contest**, sponsored by Dirty Dogg Saloon, had 7 contestants. 'What happens at Too Broke stays at Too Broke'. The gals who participate can have their time to have fun and that's how it should be. There was a tie-breaker at the end. Congratulations go to 1st place winner Ms Samantha and 2nd place winner Ms Lola. Samantha won 2 \$50 gift cards from Tombstone Brewery and

from D&D Discount Motorcycles. Lola won a \$50 card from Tombstone Brewery. Congratulations ☺

Congratulations to 50/50 winner Heather. She collected \$470.

It was heartwarming & inspiring that one rally goer asked to borrow the mic on Saturday evening. He gave an impromptu, articulate, & impassioned speech about WHY it is so important to support ABATE. Amid all the fun, we were still keeping our 'eye on the prize' of supporting motorcyclists' rights, safety, and awareness! Thank you!

For the safety & well-being of the TBFS visitors who chose to stay in town rather than in camp, there was an Uber driver on call each night to get people back to their rooms.

The first aid station reported a few bandages needed and some after sunburn care, but nothing major. There were a couple of ambulance calls in the area but they turned out to be unrelated to this event.

To some, Too Broke For Sturgis has become a 'family reunion' of sorts. This year, I heard of riders traveling in from CA, CO, FL, MT, NM, TN, and TX. Maybe there were even more. Cool!

Thank you to the sponsors that support TBFS! Law Tigers Motorcycle Lawyers, Dirty Dogg Saloon, AZ Boot

Bootique, AIM Motorcycle Lawyers, and Tombstone Brewing Company. Lonnie & Sharon Gose, owners of Winslow Rodeo Grounds, were so hospitable and supportive!

CMA – the Christian Motorcyclists Association hosted water & coffee 24/7 at their two locations. Their main tent offered breakfast each morning for free, with donations appreciated. Hugs and prayers were available as well. Sunday's church service was also led by CMA.

Everyone I spoke with during the weekend was having fun. If you weren't there, you missed a good time!

Fellow ABATE-AZ member Eric, host of the Nomadic Fanatic Youtube channel, posted a cool recap video that you can check out via this link ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xsAYUkO61w>

There are boatloads of photos & videos posted from the weekend. Check out the AZ Rider album plus many additional collections shared to the Too Broke For Sturgis facebook page. Take a look, tag, share, enjoy!

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Read more about the TBFS weekend by following this link to the July edition of ABATE-AZ's MasterLink

