

Troll's Teddy Bear Run

Troll's 5th annual Teddy Bear Run took place on Saturday December 5th. It is a labor of love, orchestrated by Greg 'Troll' Hughes and his wife Cindy. Thank you Troll, for sending along a review of the day....

5th Annual Trolls Teddy Bear Run is a huge success with the help of Law Tigers

Thanks to the help of a lot of volunteers and sponsors, the 5th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run went off without a hitch and collected over 2,300 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals for Mesa Family Advocacy Center, local Police and First Responders along with a list of other smaller charities.

Greg Hughes aka "Troll", a salesperson at Superstition Harley-Davidson (SHD) in Apache Junction, hosted his 5th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run (TTBR) on Saturday December 5th. He started this run to help fill the need of the Mesa Family Advocacy Center (FAC) to have a good supply of Teddy Bears and other stuffed animals for the children brought there. Mesa FAC is where all the children from Scottsdale to San Tan Valley are brought when they have been taken out of a terrible situation and they need something soft, cuddly and theirs to help them through their ordeal.

The run started at American Bike and Trike in Gilbert; where it has for the last few years. 130+ riders showed up to support the cause even though it was very chilly that morning. Tank, the Law Tiger, was there to greet everyone. Bang Energy Drink was there to help everyone get their morning off to a great start. The first 100 riders received a goody bag and everyone received a door prize ticket. They all had the opportunity to participate in the raffle prizes and 50/50 drawings along with pur-

chase TTBR headbands and or patches this year.

They left for the 1st stop a little after 10am [it was a little warmer by then] and went to Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar in Gold Canyon. Stan and Lisa Fairbanks, the owners, have been a huge supporter of TTBR since the first year. They have great food and service there plus they are very biker friendly. The manager there, Erin, even rides her own bike.

From there it was off to the River Bottom Bar and Grill for the 2nd stop, then to the Queen Creek Cafe and Sports Bar for the 3rd stop.

Superstition Harley-Davidson was nice enough to let Troll use the covered area out back for the run end party. Tables were set up for the 10+ door prizes and 20+ raffle prizes that were handmade crafts by Cindy, Troll's wife. Law Tiger Tank was there to help hand out the prizes as the winners were called.

The best hand in the Poker Run was awarded \$300 and was won by Dawn Mix. She donated part of it back to the run. Worst hand received \$150 and the 50/50 winner received \$214.

The amazing amount of stuffed animals added up to over 2,300 with the help of all the generous people that came out for the run along with the folks that came into SHD to drop off stuffed animals ahead of the run; plus the sponsors that sent or brought in Teddy Bears and stuffed animals for the cause and/or contributed to the cause. *Law Tigers - Bang Energy - Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar - Patriot Guard Riders Arizona - Zeria Foundation - Leslie Kay's Inc - Petsmart - Thighbrush.com - TNC Book Recycling - A Creative Touch.*

A special mention must be made of some folks that really made an incredible effort this year. *Steve Lopez and McFreckles -*

he directed parking at American Bike and Trike and she helped run the swag table. They ran ahead to each stop to have the cards ready for each stop's card pull for everyone. *Kyle and Barbie Evans* - he helped with parking and she helped run the raffle table with Char. *Stephanie Allen* went out of her way and got Troll hooked up with Petsmart for over 200+ and then hit her work up, Foster Care Agency in Arizona for another 700+ for a total of over 900 stuffed animals because of her efforts alone. *Gary and Tina Junker* who took most of the pictures of the run plus drove well over 5 hours to make two trips to pick up the donation from the Foster Care Agency in Arizona. Their help was priceless.

On Thursday the 12th, Troll set up the donation presentation to be at Superstition Harley-Davidson where all the recipients would pick up their share of the Teddy Bears. Fox 10 News showed up and did a live report plus reran it again on the 5:00 News. Pretty cool.

The following Agencies and Organizations received the Teddy Bears and stuffed animals: Mesa FAC, Mesa Police, Apache Junction Police, Bloom365, Chicanos Por La Causa, Pinal County FAC, San Carlos Apache Healthcare, Agnes' Centers for Domestic Solutions, New Life Center, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community FAC.

Put Troll's Teddy Bear Run #6 on your new calendar for the first Saturday in December in 2021.

More information can be found on past and future Trolls Teddy Bear Run along with future Troll's Sunday Funday Runs on the [Face Book page Troll's Teddy Bear Run](#) or [Face Book group Troll's Biker World](#) or on [trollsbikeyworld.com](#).

