

Troll's Teddy Bear Run # 9

December 7, 2024 was an excellent day for the 9th annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run. The sky was clear and the morning was chilly but not cold.

211 riders signed in at sponsor Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction. After pictures, dropping off toy donations, drawing their first card, and purchasing raffle & 50-50 tickets, riders took off on the self-paced route. All the stops on the run were friendly & welcoming.

Local Legends Bar & Grill at Main & Sossaman {stop 2} had an incredible breakfast buffet available for everyone to enjoy so folks were back at their tables with hot food before their drinks could even get there.

From there, riders headed to stop 3 in Tempe at the Four Peaks Tasting Room on Wilson Street. They were very welcoming, with two servers taking care of the bar plus the GM personally cooking up some Kilt Lifter bratwurst on the BBQ for everyone.

Stop 4 directed everyone back toward AJ, with a stop at Superstition Skies Bar & Grill on Scenic Street for another card & some refreshments. There was a live band and extra folks there to take care of everyone.

Everyone I spoke with gave positive

reviews of the ride and the stops.

All hands had to be back by 3:30pm at Superstition HD to get in on the raffles and other announcements. Those raffle baskets were something no one would want to miss out taking a chance on! There were about 40 different opportunities to win some amazing prizes, featuring Christmas items, adult beverages, chocolate ☺ , a full oil change kit from Mainstreet Motorcycles, an electric cooler, H-D goodies, candles, glassware, massage & spa items, an espresso machine, a hand-made blanket, patriotic décor, leather jackets, & more.

There were door prize giveaways too! Yup! Everyone got a door prize chance JUST FOR BEING THERE! After all the door prizes were given out and all the cool raffles were drawn for, then they pulled the 50-50. Jenny Lynn Haner collected the \$260 prize.

The poker hand winners were announced next. The low hand 'Loser Baby' prize of \$150 went to Mary. The high hand prize of \$300 went to Rimlock, who had drawn four Aces & a Jack. He donated his prize back to TTBR; with MUCH appreciation from Troll!

Among the MANY people to thank for the day's success are Mainstreet Mo-

torcycles for bringing in 2 SUVs worth of stuffed animals and toys plus a huge gift basket for the raffle; Bikers with Purpose for bringing in over 500 stuffed animals; Big O Tires for delivering over 300 stuffed animals; 1st Impressions Pressure Washing and Local Legends Bar & Grill for their gift baskets for the raffle; the Kiwanis Club of Apache Junction for their donation of Teddy Bears & a raffle basket; TTBR long-time sponsor Law Tigers Arizona; and the 20 volunteers that helped out the day of the run.

Troll shared that over 1,100 Teddy Bears & stuffed animals PLUS over 100 toys were collected this year. That beats last year's donations by over 200 items! Thank you ALL so much! These donations will go to the Mesa Family Advocacy Center for distribution plus to local first responders; all to help children in need.

Didn't get to TTBR? Still want to donate? You can drop off your plushies at Superstition HD up to the morning of December 12; before the presentation takes place.

'bye for now ~ Betsy

Watch the Troll's Teddy Bear Run facebook page for when the photo album will be published.



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