



American Legion Riders Post 109

**February 8th, 2026, Sunday
General Membership Meeting**

Rick Curry, Presiding

Start time: 1:16pm

End time: 1:48pm

Roll Call of Officers

Director Rick Curry (Present)

Road Captain Kenny Knapp

Finance Loren Close (Excused)

Historian Julie Affolder (Present)

Chaplain Michael Chapman (Present)

Assistant Director Tabathia Knapp (Excused)

Sgt of Arms Charlie Tyszkiewicz (Present)

Secretary Lena Johnson (Present)

Membership Theresa Degard (Excused)

Communication Tabathia Knapp (Excused)

Members: 25

Guests: Charlie Tyszkiewicz

Nothing to report.

Approval of last minutes:

Michelle "Cricket" Guritz motioned to approval January's minutes. Michael Chapman seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

New Member(s):

- **Steve Merkle** – Transfer from Minnesota. No Discussion. Passed.

Finance Report: Loren Close

Via Rick Curry, Director, we are \$8,000 strong. Loren Close was appointed as the Finance Officer, for the remaining 2025-2026 Term. He has met up with Mama Joy to be added to the Riders bank account. More information to come.

Assistant Director: Tabathia Knapp
Nothing to report.

Sgt of Arms: Charlie Tyszkiewicz

- **Top Donation** Kirk Affolder \$50
- **Top Mileage** Mike "Hulk Smash" Bell 957 miles
- **Top Hours** Steve Brooks 120 volunteer hours

Corporal Report: Skyler Miller
Nothing to report.

Road Captain: Kenny Knapp

- **Polar Run** was cold weather, but still fun.
- **Kilt Run** March 14th, Saturday will start here at Post 109, heading out Southeast. 8am-9:30am registration, KSU: 10am. Raffles, silent auction, and vendors.
- **Memorial Run** April 18th, Saturday. Will start here at Post 109 Bert "Uno" Hemperley band "No Sand Beach Band" will perform after everyone gets back from the run. More information to come..

Historian: Julie Affolder
Nothing to report.

Communication: Tabathia Knapp
Nothing to report.

Membership: Theresa Degard
Nothing to report. More information to come.

Chaplain: Michaele Chapman

- Cliff "Reload" Peterhoff he was an Legionnaire, Sons , and Riders of Post 109. Passed.
- If you know someone that needs and/or yourself need some cheering, sympathy, please reach out to Michaele at

1st Road Lt.: Chas Bird

- **Riders Shirts** are selling roughly 50 shirts. There are options Performance long sleeve Unisex sizes S- Cotton short sleeve Unisex shirt. Woman's short sleeve "V" neck shirt.
- **Next meeting** We will start "Nominations" for the new year term officers.
- **Super Bowl** carrying on with Jessica Bird's dad Allan's Superbowl tradition , at their house they are having over 80 lbs. of wings, 4pm Bring a side, potluck style.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

- **Kirk Affolder** motion to sponsor \$100 to the Legacy Run. To get Post 109 Riders on the list. March 15th is the early registration. Charlie “Wingnut” Tyszkiewicz seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.
- **Rogue** Motions to change Steve Bryan’s name tag to “Death Wish”. Charlie “Wingnut” Tyszkiewicz seconded the motion. Discussion: because his tires on his bike were bald. Motion carried.

Good for the Riders

- **Rogue’s Garage:** Motorcycle tire installation and maintenance services. Reach out if needed. **Appointment only**
 - **February Rider Dinner:** February 27th, Friday 5pm-7pm. If interested in volunteering, please reach out to Chas Bird, PIC of the dinner.
 - **Next meeting:** March 8th, Sunday 2pm.
 - **Bike Rodeo:** Post 35, 2240 W Chandler Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85224, (480) 821-0002. March 14th, Saturday.
 - **Kilt Run:** March 14th, Saturday Post 109
 - **St. Patty’s Run:** March 17th, Tuesday. KSU: Roadrunner at 10:30am
 - **Silver Rose:** April 4th, Post 27, 1018 S Meridian Rd., Apache Junction, AZ. 85120, (480) 354-2571.
 - **Tillman Run:** April 4th
 - **Legacy Run:** April 23rd – 26th, Starting at Post 24, 225 E Allen St., Tombstone, AZ., 85638, (520) 457-2273 and ending at Post 30, 825 E Main St., Springerville, AZ 85938, (928) 333-5897
- **Hotel Information:****
- **Tombstone, April 23rd:**
Inn History Tombstone Motel, 502 E Fremont St., Tombstone, AZ., 85638, (502) 457-3478 {Use code – Legacy20}
 - **Safford, April 24th:**
Best Western Dessert Inn, 1391 W Thatcher Blvd., Safford, AZ., 88546, (928)278-4303 {Use code – Legacy Ride}
 - **Springerville, April 25th:**
Reed’s Lodge, 514 E Main St., Springerville, AZ., 85938, (928) 333-4323 {Use code – Legacy Ride}
- **San Marcos:** June 27th.
 - **Bike Fest:** October 14th-18th, Post 41, 715 S 2nd Ave., Phoenix, AZ., 85003, (602) 262- 9243.
 - **Western Romp:** Post 9, 441 N Main St., Florence, AZ., 85638. (520) 457-2273. October 8th – 11th. \$40 registration for each person.

Raffle

Who won: Mary Holland

How Much: \$107

** Mary donated \$50 of the winnings
back to the General Fund.**

For God and Country

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lena Johnson

Secretary