

Partying with the San Tan Boys

At the Loners MC Globe Chapter's 35th Anniversary Party back in April, the new San Tan Chapter was introduced. Since then the members have had a couple of parties to introduce themselves to the community -- 'Meet the San Tan Boys' and the 'Burnin' Rubber Poker Run'.

On June 12th, the newest chapter of the Loners M/C held their first event, a poker run entitled 'Meet the San Tan Boys.' Sign in started @ noon @ Norton's Comer, on the south side of Ocotillo Rd, east of Ellsworth, in Queen Creek. Weather couldn't have been more perfect - it was a great day for a ride

Mickey D and B-Bob, Loners MC members, lead the small pack to stops at Fat Man's Pizza off of Skyline Drive, SE of Queen Creek; River Bottom Saloon in Florence; and Gallopin' Goose just south of Coolidge.

The final destination was Jugg'z Saloon, 851 S Arizona Avenue in Chandler off of the 202 and Arizona Ave. It was a pleasure to be riding side by side with Jay & Lisa, and their friends, independent riders, from the second card pick to the last. Thanks for lettin' me cruise with ya. The parking lot at Jugg'z was full of bikes. I ran into some great biker folks I hadn't seen in quite awhile. There were three ladies that were wearing 'bling-bling-jeans' rather well.

Congratulations go to 50/50 winner Rita; of which she gave half back to the San Tan Chapter. The poker run winner, an unknown brother of the wind, had 4 of a kind. After the announcements, it was time to party, socialize and have a great time.

I hope the San Tan Boys keep this run for next year, as it was a great turn out for their first time. Approximately 150+ showed their support and participation in this event.

Then on September 18th, the Loners M/C San Tan Chapter held their 1st annual Burnin' Rubber Poker Run.

According to the flyer, sign-in was at 10am @ Jugg'z Saloon, in Chandler at Pecos Rd & Arizona Ave. When I arrived at 10, much to my surprise only half the parking lot was occupied by motorcycles. Ollie, Prez of the San Tan Chapter, stated that everyone started to show up at 8:30-9, right when they were setting up. Go figure, they wanted to beat the heat!

First stop was the Tumbleweed in Eloy. It was an impressive ride even with temps hot, but I did get a boost of energy while traveling along the road to Eloy. Running parallel to the road was a Union Pacific train---"Da Train, Da Train!" I waved and he blew the whistle, which a few brothers and sisters commented to me about later on, saying that was cool.

"Fortunately", there was only person working the bar at the Tumbleweed. It gave riders time to cool down before taking off for the next stop. Everyone was sucking down pitchers of water and ice tea. Found out from Mickey, the San Tan member who was running the card table, that if you drew the joker right off the bat, you got \$50 big ones! All right!

Third stop was at Norton's Country Comer in Queen Creek, off of Ocotillo and Ellsworth. Temps were 115 degrees plus and for me it was time to bale out. I observed others doing the same.

A few went on to the River Bottom Saloon in Florence, skipping the fourth stop, which was at Jake-O-Mines in Apache Junction. Apparently, according to some feed back, there was hardly anyone there for the last stop.

Folks I am not into preaching, but just to let

you know I did come close to needing medical attention later on that evening due to the extreme temps. It's VERY dangerous for young and old (baby boomers, if you will) to be riding motorcycles in extreme heat conditions. So if you've ever had heat exhaustion or heat stroke - or feel it coming on, don't venture out on two wheels. Your life is more important than trying to run with the big dogs or win some prize money. I must say I was going for a Royal Flush, in the Spade family-Ace, King, Queen --- DAMN!

Oh well. I am safe and sound. Thus I've re-titled this ride the 'MELT The Rubber Run!' Congratulations go to those that did make it all the way and won. I'll catch you all next time - in cooler winds!

Be safe, happy and healthy ~

Sidekick

