

ALR Post 58 Bike & Hot Rod Show



On Saturday March 22, the American Legion Riders of Post 58 in Fountain Hills hosted their 5th Annual Bike Show ~ with the addition of Hotrods to the show for the first time. Robert Shinn, owner of Evil Twin Custom Motorcycles in Mesa was again the lead judge of the competition.

When we got there we were impressed by the turnout of classic & custom cars for this first-time invitation. Many of the cars on display were first-rate; making it very hard to choose our favorites.

Vendors included some of our supporters. Law Tiger Bob was there with Biker Benefit Cards and other helpful information for riders in case of an accident. HogWear's display included an extraordinary collection of apparel, scarves, and jewelry for women; plus some striking men's rings. Purple Slice was demo'ing their outstanding detailing products. There were numerous additional booths as well, offering apparel, foodstuffs, headwear, and jewelry. Indian Kenny had a sizeable collection of knives available and Wolfskin Tattoo was slinging ink in the meeting room.

The meeting room also housed the raffle and si-

lent auction tables. 42 raffle prizes and 6 silent auction items were up for bidding. Plus the 50/50 was over \$200 to the winner.

Two bands played during day ~ the 74th Street Band and the Unknown Associates.

Post trumpeter Pauline performed the National Anthem at noon; along with an additional selection of patriotic pieces.

There were some great bikes and cars on display. Unfortunately, when the vehicles were being signed in for the show, nobody made sure that there was a NAME on the entry list to connect to the placard number. Whatever master list there may have been got misplaced. If you've ever worked on organizing an event like this, you'll know how this can happen sometimes. So we do have some of the winners, but not all.

Antique Motorcycle class was won by a 1961 FL named 'Black Betty'. From among the HotRods, Commander's Choice was a 1930 bergundy Ford Street Rod. Best of Show was the 1936 red LaSalle Convertible with a hemi. People's Choice was a 1940 Chevy convertible. Our apologies to the

rest of the winners.

Mike Casey emcee'd during the day and after the show plaques were handed out he invited all of the Veterans to come up to the bandstand. This is a traditional photo taken each year at this event of the Vets that support this run and the various patches they wear. It's very cool to see.

This was their 5th annual event and Post 58 had a good show set up again. The addition of hotrods to the mix seemed to be a popular step. After all, people who enjoy beautiful bikes often appreciate beautiful autos as well. We certainly do.

All proceeds of this day go to supporting American Legion Charities. From their website alr58.org, "Legion Riders ride to raise money for such organizations as local VA Hospitals, Battered Women and Children's Center, Varied Children and Youth programs, a School for Blind Children, Veterans Relief, Needy families and many, many others."

So you know when you are attending and donating to one of their events, that your money is being put to good use in our community.

We always enjoy participating in this event. We hope to see you there next year. ~ Bruce & Betsy