

Motorcycle Show at Fountain Hills ALR Post 58



On Saturday March 26, 2011 the American Legion Riders & Sons of the American Legion of Post 58 in Fountain Hills hosted their 2nd annual Motorcycle Show. We took a little time before sharing this event with you all. Nothing will take away the memory that this was Kimmy's last day among us. At the time this article would otherwise have run, the tragedy of her death was so fresh that it would have overshadowed the great things that this organization does. That too would have been a loss.

It was a beautiful day to be out for a ride. The wind was cool, the sun was warm, and we saw a lot of scoots on the road. The bonus for us? Our destination, ALR Post 58 in Fountain Hills, takes us along one of our particularly favorite routes... Usery Pass and Bush Highway to Highway 87.

The Post in Fountain Hills is an excellent facility... It has lots of room indoors and out; open, light, and airy; with a view of the town's namesake Fountain. On this day, the bandstand was set up outdoors – with music being provided by Hemi Dave and by one of our favorites, the UNKnown ASSociates. Good music all around, with people dancing and otherwise enjoying.

Included in the day's fundraising efforts was a silent auction and raffles. Some people worked very hard putting all these items together. There were gift

baskets, many gift certificates for dinners & various services, a TEAM AZ rider course, lunch w/ local celebrity Scott Pasmore, autographed memorabilia, a golf cart, ... It was quite an impressive display.

Out in the parking lot, numerous vendor booths offered apparel, eyewear, mugs, chair massage, bandanas, jewelry, leather goods, self-defense information, helmets, insurance, attorney services, & more.

The bikes, however, were the stars of this day. There was a great turnout, with 41 bikes entered overall; distributed among 8 categories. In the antique category, the bikes were ridden in, including a 1947 Indian Chief and a 1935 H-D VLD - each of which trophied in their class; taking 2nd and 1st. In addition to the competition, there was a display of antique bikes that was a treat to see. Among them were Steve McQueen's 1949 Indian, a 1925 Triumph, and a 1909 Flying Merkel.

The bike show judges *{photo top right}* were Frenchy, Tapper of the Leathernecks MC, Kimmy from AZ BIG, Robert from Evil Twin Custom Motorcycles, and Larry. Winners of the bike show were Radical – 1st Bill McDonald, 2nd Gary Waugh; Stock Harley – 1st Paul Schencka, 2nd Jan Larson; Modified Harley – 1st Toby Larkin, 2nd Ron Shoch; Metric – 1st Bennie Stout, 2nd Wayne Kristoff; Bobber – 1st Phil Yin, 2nd Tom Garber; Antique – 1st Mark

Lieber, 2nd Russ Yorke; Women's Open- 1st Patti Souter, 2nd Sarah Casey; and Chopper – 1st Ken Couture, 2nd Jack Bauer. Congratulations to you all.

It was such a beautiful day that it was hard to stay put. So after the announcements were complete, we rolled out for some more ride time before turning the forks toward home.

Monies raised by this event help to support the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Next year's event will be held on Saturday March 24, 2012 and it will be called "The Kimmy Chapman Memorial Bike Show".

Coming up, ALR Post 58 is working with several fellow Posts for the 1st Annual "Run to the Hills" Charity Run. It will be held on November 5, and ends at Post 58. See our calendars for more details.

Bruce & Betsy

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