

Arizona Biker Leathers 11th Anniversary Party

My editor said the last time I was at this event was in 2005. The stroke I had in 2009 robbed 10 years of memories from me. I woke up in 2009, thinking it was 1999. I'm a survivor – I'm a biker. The biker spirit is strong. When bikers crash for whatever reason – we rebuild. We rebuild our broken bodies, our bikes, replace leathers. We rebuild, collect, and make new memories. Today, I came to party with bikers.

Here it was, December 7th, 2013 and Arizona Biker Leathers is celebrating their 11th Anniversary! As I drove to their store, I tried to remember the place at Thunderbird & 19th Avenue; specifically 13833 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix. When I arrived – I looked and smiled. I stood with tears in my eyes - I

remembered it. The shop is nestled in the corner of a non-descript little strip-mall.

In 2005, there was a small crowd, but there was parking left out front. In 2013, there was only motorcycle parking out front and standing room only. The same was true in the lot behind the store. In 2005, there was a DJ, food, and 2 or 3 vendors. In 2013 – DJ Charlie Farley is still providing the music. There were vendors galore. Law Tigers, Hell's Angels, Hooligans, & Lost Dutchman tee-shirts... 18 vendors offering motorcycle wear, jewelry, coffee, and assorted wares. And everyone sets up for free.

I walked amid the motor folk and just smiled. Normally I hate crowds, but I loved walking amongst these people today. I loved taking pictures and over-hearing bits of their conversations. OMG it was wonderful.

As always, the Food & Drinks were free. Ann & George send along Special Thanks to Blue Thunder MC; for doing all the cooking. Thank yous also go out to American Legion Riders of Post 107 for their help with all the set up, and to everyone else for their help and support.

Every year they host this Appreciation Party and raffle off the best prizes. This year included an HDTV, a radio con-

trol car, a bicycle, apparel... there was a table full of goods.

This year's party was bigger than last year and smaller than next year's will be. Mark your 2014 Calendars <> Watch for the Arizona Biker Leathers' 2014 Customer Appreciation & Anniversary Celebration, traditionally the first weekend in December.

Ann asked us to share the following, "Thank You to everyone for their continued support and making Arizona Biker Leathers what it is today. Ours is a family owned and operated business. Our son George Jr and his fiancée Amber [getting married on April 1st 2014]; daughter SGT Summer Collins, stationed in Hawaii; and Dirty Old Man. We have been in business for 11 years and have met some amazing people who continue to help us grow."

Arizona Biker Leathers sews patches for many of the area motoring clubs. Their Custom Embroidery is well-regarded. Be sure and check out their wall of fame during your next visit to the store... motorcycle clubs, car clubs, various organizations & businesses. We can attest to the quality of the patches, as the *AZ Rider* patches were stitched here years ago and are still in beautiful condition.

Arizona Biker Leathers offers the Largest Selection and the Lowest Prices of Motorcycle Apparel and Accessories in the Valley. They provide sewing while you wait. They do Alterations and Repairs. And everything is done in-house.

The store is open every day: Monday thru Saturday 9a-6pm & Sunday 10a-4pm. You can also shop online via their website at <http://arizonabikerleathers.com/> or their eBay store at <http://stores.ebay.com/arizonabikerleathers> where they have received a 99.8% positive feedback rating. If you have any questions, call them at 602-843-5847 or email annazbl@msn.com.

Congratulations on your 11th Anniversary! We wish you many years of continuing success.

Enjoy Life..... I am,
Lady Jewells

