

El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show

El Monte's 8th annual Big Ass Bike Show 2011 was held on November 20, the Sunday before Thanksgiving; which has become a family tradition at The River's Edge Lounge {4635 N. Flowing Wells Rd.} in Tucson. The weather was perfect, sunny and 70°. El Monte and his crew, in coordination with The River's Edge Lounge, helped out the Tucson Community Food Bank by raising 688 lbs of food and \$1531.00.

Special thanks go out to Ali Foley who was new to our team this year. She was in charge of door prize donation collections and was instrumental in setting up 10 food box collection sites and a silent auction, all new this year. Kimberly Sisk was in charge of sign in, with help from Bob & Ali, Kara, B. Moore, Janine and Debbie. Hooter and George were the parking lot coordinators and judges. They had their hands full judging all the fine machines. El Monte made 33 hand-made, airbrushed trophies that are, as always one-of-a-kind pieces of art. Michael Star was slinging ink and brought along his new bride Kerry. Kimmy and Brandy were in charge of bike show sign in and door prize give aways. Scott and

Collette, Roy, Midget and Debbie helped with set up and tear down. Dave McCune provided his truck for donations and dropped them off to the Tucson Community Food Bank. Randy Root provided the poster art for the event.

Also new this year was "D.J. Gucci" who kicked out the jams in the parking lot, with help from his beautiful girl Andy Sasiadek. Not to be outdone was "Argumentative" playing live inside the bar. Sheryl Scott and her hubby, Steve, were serving "The Original Davis Bros. Pizza" who made their debut to Tucson. They were cooking back-east, thin-crust style pizza from Peoria, IL (HMM HMM GOOD!). El Monte was born and raised in Peoria and was weaned on Davis Bros. and Pabst Blue Ribbon beer (but don't hold that against him LOL). Dave McCune and Jamie Branson did a fine job of bringing on the B.B.Q.

Special awards went out to "Wolves" of Tucson for "Largest Club"; 76-year old Doris Deollos for "Vintage Biker"; Joseph Vigil of Taos, NM, 588 miles for "Long Distance" with a close second to Ray Rodriquez of Anaheim, CA; Bill Mooney for "People's Choice"; Midg-

et for "Dude Tattoo"; Kristin Arnold for "Chick Tattoo" and Alex Ross for "Best 3-wheeler" & "Best of Show". He won with his bitchin' Venom trike. He was as proud as a peacock and you could not wipe the smile off his face!

El Monte can't say thank you enough to his crew, Matt and Holly of The River's Edge Lounge, the proud sponsors, and all the people that attended to make it a huge success once again.

Don't forget the food bank accepts cash and food donations all year long.

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