

El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show & Food Drive

The 9th annual El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show & Food Drive took place on Sunday November 18, from noon to 6pm. It was held again at The River's Edge Lounge, 4635 N. Flowing Wells Rd. in Tucson, AZ. The sky was blue and the temperature was 77 beautiful degrees. This benefit always brings much needed support to the Tucson Community Food Bank, with Thanksgiving just days away. More than 200 people were there in support. El Monte was very happy that his daughter Katherine Miller was able to visit from Alabama and attend as a special guest.

As organizer, El Monte makes sure there's plenty going on to keep people entertained. In addition to the bike show, there was a tattoo contest, wet-T contest, karaoke, vendors, & a bikini bike wash. Shovelhead Road played some great tunes inside while DJ Arron rocked the parking lot. The day wrapped with El Monte, Rick, and Holly doing a little Karaoke in the parking lot.

Speaking of the bike show, El Monte noted that George and The Professor were judging some pretty awesome bikes, with over 50 bikes competing. Best of Show was awarded to George Lusinski for his

2000 Hand Made Black Diamond. Vintage Biker went to Barbara Letourneau. El Monte also acknowledged, "WE made a mistake on Peoples Choice Trophy. It should have been presented to Dan Rusk aka 'Roscoe' with his 1917 Indian Power Plus; which he RODE into the show. It was TOTALLY AWESOME." El Monte made him another one of his original, one-of-a-kind airbrushed awards to make it all right.

All of the winners received custom airbrushed awards, created by El Monte's Custom Motorcycle Paint. Among them were: Long Distance Award went to Donna Weinberg from Australia. The trophy for Best Boobies went to Tracey Cody, along with \$100. Dyan Norfleet "Dyan Painted Lady" won Best Chick Tattoo at age 60. "You go girl!" The name of the winner for Best Dude Tat was not available. Congratulations to all of the winners.

It takes a team of volunteers to pull off a party like this, and El Monte wants to thank everyone who helped make this day such a success. "Our crew consisted of Whiskey Man, Ali, Bob, El Monte, Katherine, Jamie, Sandy, Michael Star, Scott, Kimmy, Midget, Debbie, Rachel, Ron, Sue,

Bill, Gina, Denny, Liz and Jeremy. The McCune brothers Dave, Alan, & Randy, along with Rebel, did a fine job on the food. We also had Rachel Tapp aka 'Ray Ray' and her hot bikini bike wash girls. Special thanks to Randy Root and Karen for taking pics from the rooftop at River's Edge. Randy also did our fliers again this year. Robert Blanco and Rick Welsh were also on board taking pictures."

This year's contribution to Tucson's Community Food Bank consisted of 432 pounds of food and \$709.69 in cash. Thank you to everyone who came out and donated. To learn more about how you can help this vital community service, please contact them at 520-622-0525 or visit online at <http://communityfoodbank.com/>.

Special thanks to El Monte's Custom Motorcycle Paint 520-293-9698 (El Monte) and River's Edge Lounge 520-887-9027 (Matt and Holly) for hosting El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show 2012. They want everyone to know that, "El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show is turning out to be the best party of the year! Next year will be the 10th annual show. Don't miss out on it!"

