

El Monte's 10th Annual Big Ass Bike Show & Food Drive

The 10th Annual El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show & Food Drive was held on Sunday, November 23, 2014, from noon to 5pm. The event was sponsored by El Monte's Custom Motorcycle Paint and The River's Edge Lounge, 4635 N Flowing Wells Rd in Tucson, AZ; where the event was held. A Big Ass thanks to everyone who donated their time and effort to make this event a success. \$722.90 and 407 pounds of food were donated to the Tucson Community Food Bank. El Monte's crew consisted of Sue, Jamie, Ali, Hooter, Midget, Michael Star, George, The Professor, Dave Douglas, Pete, Roy, and Dusty.

Special thanks go out to Connie with Designs by Louise, who designed and donated original Big Ass Bike Show patches, Jason and Chris with Security Fence of Arizona who donated the security fencing, and Lisa with A Perfect Event Party Rentals who donated the tables & chairs. The 50/50 was run by Dana, Sheryl, Victoria, and Cindee. They did a Kick Ass job selling the tickets. Total amount collected for the 50/50 was \$301; Rosa Garza won \$150.50. El Monte had a Big Ass idea this year and also gave away secondary prizes to the 50/50 drawing: Chris Swanson from Snap-On Tools donated a very nice Kershaw folding knife; Theresa from

Desert Vista Ace Hardware donated a dome tent; and Tony from Royal Cadillac donated a full detail and oil changes. Several other local sponsors also donated generously. Randy Root did all the creative artwork for the posters & flyers and also took pictures at the event. Clyde, Tori, and Kara did an awesome job detailing the show bikes to help raise money for the Food Bank. Bam Bam cooked up some Bambalicious grub on the back patio. Aaron did a fantastic job running the DJ and karaoke booth in the parking lot.

42 bikes entered the Big Ass Bike Show this year. Joe Vigil was the Big Ass overall winner; winning Best of Show and People's Choice with his '94 Fatboy with Bad Ass custom airbrushing that depicted a miner scene. He also won Long Distance for traveling 622 miles from Taos, NM. This is his second year in a row that he has attended the event. Joe says El Monte's Big Ass Bike Show is his favorite! The Wolves of Tucson received the Largest Club award again. Coors from the Wolves won the Best Tattoo trophy and received a \$150 gift certificate from Dre Garcia of State of the Art Tattoo. Les Murrey won best Three Wheeler and Vintage Biker. Kim Dotey won the Best Boobies trophy. The Garcia

Brothers put on one Big Ass Show and received the Big Ass Band trophy. Mitch Busby won the Odd Ball trophy, which described both him and his bike. LOL. Matt and Holly of the River's Edge received their sixth Big Ass Host trophy to add to their collection. The River's Edge crew did a tremendous job, as usual. Charley Dent, who was not present at the time of the awards ceremony, won Best Touring. If she has not done so by the time this is read, she can contact El Monte to receive her trophy.

BIG ASS THANKS to everyone from El Monte and his crew to everyone who participated in this year's event. We look forward to seeing you next year for some Big Ass fun!! Donations are needed all year long at the Tucson Community Food Bank, 3003 S Country Club Rd, P.O.B. 26727, Tucson, AZ 85726-6727, 520-622-0525, 1-800-950-8681, or <http://communityfoodbank.com/>. Anyone who would like to be a vendor at future events or needs any motorcycle paint work can contact Jeff (El Monte) Miller, 520-293-9698, or elmontepaint32@gmail.com

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