

Bikers Soar For Wildlife

The 2018 Bikers Soar for Wildlife fundraiser for the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary is coming up in February. Think that's a while away? Think again ~ lol. This year is pretty much over except for the tinsel ☺

Never been to this event? Well, Debra Price from the Bikers Soar for Wildlife Committee sent along this review of the 2017 run, to give you an overview.

"On February 19, 2017 Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary held its 12th Annual "Bikers Soar for Wildlife" motorcycle poker run. The event began at Arrowhead Harley Davidson in Peoria, Az. at 8:30 AM. We had 161 pre-registered riders the morning of the poker run. Breakfast was available for purchase by participants from a popular valley food truck vendor.

"On display at Arrowhead Harley were the raffle items that were to be raffled off later that day before the close of the event. Ride participants purchase raffle tickets for items donated by various organizations from all over the state of Arizona. One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds goes to the care and feeding of the birds and animals housed at Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center. We had prizes for all interests...

"There'd been a concern about rain (which did materialize) as Adobe Mountain volunteers were signing in riders. Typically we have about 300 riders but because it rained off and on much of the morning many of the riders chose not to attend. Even with the wet weather approximately 120 riders showed their support by participating in the poker run, many chose to travel by car or truck for safety reasons. Everyone had a choice of completing the self-paced ride that was approximately a hundred twenty miles in length through the outskirts of the valley or receiving their poker hand at Arrowhead Harley and the last stop, Buffalo Chip Saloon.

"The registration fee included a commemorative tee shirt, a ride pin and a wristband for lunch at Buffa-

lo Chip Saloon in Cave Creek. Riders had a choice of pulled pork or shredded chicken sandwich, cowboy beans, coleslaw and a drink. After leaving Arrowhead Harley volunteers hosted the poker hand stops located along the route at Sportsman's Warehouse in Avondale, the Shell Gas Station & Convenience Market on Sun Valley Parkway, and the 4 Sons Food / Chevron Gas Station on Carefree Highway. The last poker hand was drawn at the final destination Buffalo Chip Saloon located in Cave Creek.

"Entertainment was provided by Buffalo Chip Saloon, music was enjoyed by all as friends were reuniting and catching up. Some of the animal and bird ambassadors cared for at the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center were on display and were a big hit at our "family friendly" event. The day wrapped up with the raffle drawings .

"In addition to the raffle prizes, the High Hand prize for the poker run included a 1 night stay at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel in Tucson plus a \$50 food voucher, 2 admissions to Old Tucson Studios and 2 passes to Arizona Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson. The Low Hand prize for the poker run included a 1 night stay at the Quality Inn & Suites in Lake Havasu, a \$30 gift card to Olive Garden and a \$50 gift certificate to Cathie's Leather in Bullhead City.

"Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary would like to thank all of the volunteers, the donors of all the great raffle items and event sponsors Arrowhead Harley Davidson, Sportsman Warehouse, Law Tigers, Crazy Trees & Weeds, Buffalo Chip Saloon, Gordon Graphics, Bikers Information Guide, and Steel Horse Saloon for their support. Thank you also to poker run stops Arrowhead Harley Davidson, Sportsman's Warehouse, Shell Gas Station & Convenience Market on Sun Valley Parkway, 4 Sons Food / Chevron Gas Station on Carefree Hwy and Buffalo Chip Saloon. Thank you to everyone who came out and who return year after year in support of birds and animals

that are directly benefited by the generosity of the participants of the 'Bikers Soar for Wildlife' bike run.

"Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary's poker run was designed to highlight the importance that animals play in our lives and bring communities together on behalf of the wild animals throughout the great state of Arizona. This is a great event supporting Arizona's sick, injured or orphaned wildlife animals, it is a ride where everyone is welcome - all bikes, all riders we look forward to seeing you there next year."

Well, as we said above... next year is almost here, along with the 2018 Bikers Soar For Wildlife event. Now that you've had a refresher on what this event is about and the good that your fundraising dollars will go toward, it is time to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

On Sunday February 18, 2018 riders will meet up for the Bikers Soar For Wildlife event at AZ Game & Fish Department Headquarters, located at 5000 W Carefree Hwy in Phoenix, AZ 85086. Sign-in is at 8:30a. The onsite entry fee is \$30/sgl, \$40/2-up.

Just like last year, some pretty terrific prizes have been donated to the raffles. A few of them are:

- White Horse Ranch 2 night stay
- 4 Park Hopper tickets to Disneyland;
- 2 round trip Southwest Airline tickets
- 2 tickets on Verde Canyon RR;
- Casa de San Pedro B&B 1 night stay & breakfast;
- plus many more items, including tourism prizes from businesses along the coast of Maine for those who may be wondering where to take their next roadtrip.

Learn more about the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary by visiting online at www.azwildlifecenter.net. For more details about this event, email bikerssoarforwildlife@hotmail.com

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Pictured below are some AMWCA animal ambassadors who were in attendance at last year's event.

