

The Cabin's Biker Bash For PFH

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The Cabin's annual Biker Bash & Fundraiser took place over the weekend of July 22-24, 2016. This year's beneficiary was [Packages From Home](#). We were fortunate enough to be in the White Mountains during that time, so we stopped in on Saturday to see what was going on.

It was a sizeable turnout, with about 150-200 bikes. There was a mix of organizations and independent riders.

About 10 vendor booths were set up; including Discount Biker Supply, WolfSkin Tattoo from Phoenix, and Linda of Patch Works was stitching. You could pick up jewelry, tees, leather goods, head wraps, knives, lights, & more. The CMA {Christian Motorcyclists Association} had a very thoughtful collection of giveaways at their booth... travel-size sundries... soap, toothpaste, tissues, etc for camping or motel needs. And of course the beneficiary, Packages From Home, had an information booth. Among other things, we learned that it currently costs \$17 each to ship these Packages. PFH Founder Kathleen Lewis was there. She's a very interesting and passionate person to speak with.

Part of the weekend's activities was a Saturday morning poker ride, organized by Two Gals Events. The Hearts to Heroes in The Pines Poker Run was a self-paced, scenic loop that included Heber/Overgaard, Snowflake, and Show Low. Riders signed in at the Wild Women Saloon in Overgaard. Registration included a breakfast burrito bar. Stops included The Ranch House in Snowflake and The American Legion Post in Heber/Overgaard; with the last stop at The Cabin for lunch, and the rest of the Biker Bash activities.

According to Amy Aho [© gotta use that last name cuz she's a *newlywed* ♥] from Two Gals, there were about 125 participants. High hand winner of the Poker Run was Dawnetta Williams. Her ace high straight earned her \$100. Michele McKitty's 'handful of junk' garnered her a \$50 prize. Amy sends along thanks to the ride sponsors ... "All of our Stops, Chuck Franklin Law, and especially the lovely Raynita the owner of The Cabin Bar & Grill!" She added that, "The cooler temps and the friendly folks of the North Country made for a lovely weekend!"

Billy Ray of B Ray Entertainment was the afternoon's dj. He did a good job of spinning the tunes and emcee'ing the games.

CMA members organized the games in the back lot at the Cabin. They had the Plank Ride, Slow Race, Ring Toss, and Weenie Bite. There was good participation and the spectators had fun watching & cheering them on.

The 'Chance Auction' offered a tableful of goods to bid on with your tickets; including collectibles, adult beverages, a variety of gift certificates, and a most unique bird-house. Raynita extended, "A big thanks to Basin Satellite for the flat screen TV, Wild Woods for the Biker Bar Bird House, NAPA for the car wash basket, True Value for the Yeti Coozies, Mr. Earl's Pizza Time for the Gift Certificate, and everyone else who donated prizes for our Raffle!"

The 50/50 ended up at \$446 to the winner. Congratulations are doubled to Mike... as he ALSO won the Friday night 50/50 of \$97! He's quite the lucky fellow!

Music by 'Thunder Horse Band ' carried the party on into the night. They played both nights and did "an awesome job."

We learned from Raynita that the donation to Packages from Home was about \$3000. She noted that, "This Rally was the most successful we've had in the last few years."

From the Packages From Home website <http://packagesfromhome.org/> "The mission of Packages From Home is to send care and comfort packages to deployed American military heroes who are stationed in active duty theaters around the world, as well as to facilitate activities that elevate morale of all veterans."

The website includes a list of [items to donate](#) that are most requested. Plus cash donations are always welcome, to cover the cost of shipping these Packages. The Packages From Home organization does so much for so many of our GIs and Veterans. Your donations make it all possible. Donations can also be made via your Fry's grocery VIP card and at Amazon Smile.

We are so glad we could visit this event! It was a great time filled with beautiful riding, laughter, fun, good conversations, and knowing it was all for an excellent cause. Riders we spoke with the next morning commented that they would be coming back next year. Sounds like a good plan!

Bruce & Betsy

The [Cabin Bar & Grill](#) will be hosting its annual Halloween Party Saturday night October 29. This is the last party before they close for the winter. There will be live music with Plum Crazy Band, a costume contest, drink specials, & lots of fun!! FMI: 928-535-6117

