

# Christmas Tidings

**The 30th Annual MMA-AZ Verde Valley Toy Run** took place on November 8, 2014. It was sponsored by The 10-12 Lounge in Clarkdale. Registration took place at the Wal\*Mart parking lot - 2003 E Rodeo Dr in Cottonwood. In addition to agreeing to use their parking lot for staging, Wal\*Mart also donated bicycles to the cause.

90+ bikers participated in the police-escort ride to R.I.O.T. in Old Town Cottonwood, located at 777 Main St. From there riders proceeded on their own to Olde Sedona Bar & Grill on 89A in Sedona. Most of the bikers took advantage of the outside seating area where you could view the bikes coming in and out. Next stop was Full Moon Saloon in the Village of Oak Creek on Hwy 179. They have plenty of parking and very cold beer. From there it was to the Grasshopper Grill on Page Springs Rd. in Cornville.

Many stayed and had a bite to eat before heading to Main St. Clarkdale to the 10-12 Lounge which sponsored the band "The Izzies". They were awesome.

Main St. Café (next door) provided the food at cost. Allison Buckley made a spaghetti dinner complete with garlic bread and a salad. She fed over a hundred participants.

Raffle prizes were available. Pura Vida Gallery in Jerome, the Haunted Group, Desert Dancer Gift Shop, Haven Health, and the AZ Trike Shop were just a few of the raffle donors. It was a dice run; high roll won \$50 & low roll \$25.

All proceeds went to the Cottonwood Teen Center. The toys went to the Moose Lodge which throws a party for families each year, and Big Brothers And Big Sisters. Randy Clark from Arrow Express donated a truck and driver for the organizers to use to

transport the toys.

MMA-AZ Verde Valley District shared this note on their FB page, "Thanks again to everyone that came out to the Toy Run Saturday. We collected a lot of toys, books and bikes that will be distributed to American Legion, Head Start, Moose Lodge and other organizations in the Verde Valley. Thank you Haven Health and Walmart for donating bikes! We also raised over \$1000 for the Cottonwood Teen Center! It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without all of our supportive bikers and businesses. Thanks again."

We thank Trish Gomez, [District Activities Director, Northern AZ Council of Governments] for sharing news of this day with us.



**Prescott STAR Chapter 511 hosted their Toys For Tots Run** on Saturday December 13, 2014. Some 50 riders [give or take] met in front of The Palace on Prescott's Whiskey Row. Concerns of rain were dispelled. The sky cleared in time for Santa & his helpers to take the 14-mile ride to Outdoor Sports [9100 E. Valley Rd.] in Prescott Valley to deliver toys to a group of waiting 4-6 year old kids.

The day was all about the kids! At Outdoor Sports there was a face painter, a guy making animals out of balloons, and of course SANTA CLAUS!!! For the adults, there was a raffle & auction.

This note was posted to their FB page, "Thank

you to everyone that supported us on our Prescott STAR Toys For Tots Run today! We wanted you to know that with your help we were able to donate over 250 toys from the donations, raffle and auction proceeds. The kids that met Santa and picked up their toys today looked pretty happy. All of the additional toys donated will be distributed to kids throughout the quad cities area before Christmas. We really appreciate your help to make this run a success. We are planning to do it again next year in November."

All proceeds of this gathering benefit Toys For Tots. Toys R Us matched every dollar donated to T4T. 3000+ kids in the quad-cities area received gifts

from T4T this year.

Prescott STAR wants to thank Outdoor Sports in Prescott Valley, the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Yamaha for their support of this event. They also thank all who participated.

Although STAR Touring and Riding Association is the "Official Riding Organization of Star Motorcycles" all makes & models of street motorcycles are welcome on their rides & within their ranks. Learn more about Prescott STAR Chapter 511 via their Facebook page /Star511PrescottAz.

Our thanks to Bill Dunnells of Prescott STAR 511 for his help with this report.

