

DAY WITH THE DIAMONDBACKS

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November 15, 2012 was the day for the annual Day with the Diamondbacks fundraiser, hosted by Robert of Evil Twin Custom Cycles. Tickets for this day's game were \$20 each to watch the D'backs vs the SF Giants. Included in the fee was Diamond Club seating at Chase Field and free motorcycle parking.

Monies raised by this gathering went to help American Legion Riders Post 35 Chandler members JoAnn & Ted King with medical bills. Theirs is such a disturbing turn of events. Ted was diagnosed with lymphoma in May. Just three weeks later, JoAnn was diagnosed with breast cancer. Unfortunately, Ted & JoAnn were not in attendance; neither at the shop nor at the game. Ted's chemo treatments, just days before, left his immune system too low to be out; plus he just wasn't feeling up to it.

The day started out at the shop, located at 433 W Main in Mesa. The pre-ride gathering included eats & drinks, with Scott manning the grill. This afternoon open house was filled with good cheer and camaraderie.

Robert says he actually sold out of tickets four times! People would buy tickets then donate them back to the cause & he would sell them again. Before saddling up to ride out, Robert addressed the

group. He noted that this was the first time in the nine times of his putting these fundraisers together that the benefit was not for children. He expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support.

Then he went into the drawings for the table full of raffle goods. There were knives, hats, goggles, gloves, apparel, an HD mailbox, flashlights, tools, gift certificates, and a hand-made, one-of-a-kind 'bashful' biker kid. It was really cool, and a number of raffle ticket holders had their eye on it.

As we rolled out from Evil Twin, we made a brief detour into the parking lot at Chester's Harley Davidson to pick up additional riders. The parade to the games, with some 250+ riders, went smoothly. The ride maintained a steady pace, with minimal interference from cages. The volunteer road guards allowed for a 'feet up' run through the traffic signals. Robert had pre-arranged with Phoenix PD that the ride would be heading to Chase Field. 4th Street was set aside for bike parking only, which was WAY cool. Your ticket fee covered parking; whereas cages were getting nailed \$15-20 in the lots.

The Diamond Club is a pretty neat setup for groups like ours; as some people are into watching the game, and others are simply there to support

the cause. We had a nice-sized group and everyone was in good spirits. The Diamond Club offers a party lounge atmosphere with a private bar, pool table, and big screen TVs. It allows for an enjoyable gathering for everyone. The 50/50 was drawn at the stadium, during the 7th Inning Stretch. The winner, Scotty Brough, kept \$100 and donated the \$430 balance back to Ted & JoAnn. Very nice {:o)

As for the game, the D'backs gave it up to the Giants, 3-2. In addition to the regular game, this was the D'backs inaugural Alumni Night with an Exhibition game immediately following the main event.

When all was said & done, and the proceeds were tallied, Robert was able to present a check to Ted and JoAnn for \$1,455.00. Although they were unable to participate in the day's festivities, Ted and JoAnn expressed a great big THANK YOU to all who participated.

This was a good outing and Robert thanks everyone who donated to this benefit for Ted & JoAnn. Thank you to Sue and to Robert for additional information in regard to this report.

Betsy & Bruce

