

Fountain Hills Post 58 Ride-In Bike Show



The 4th Annual ALR/SAL Bike Show at Fountain Hills Post 58 took place on Saturday March 23, 2013. It is hosted and organized by the American Legion Riders & Sons of the American Legion of Post 58, located at 16837 E. Parkview Ave., Fountain Hills, AZ.

Upon arrival we began to make our way through the vendor area. Vendors included Law Tigers and HogWear. You could also shop for insurance, headwraps, eyewear, apparel, hats, jewelry, purses, cigars, patches, & more. There was jerky & kettlecorn available for snacking. There was an Agent Orange / Dioxin Awareness booth. Wolf Skin Ink was set up indoors, with their tattoo artists busy all afternoon.

Robert Shinn of Evil Twin Custom Cycles served as the day's emcee; as well as organizing the bike show and participating with his band, the UNKnown ASSociates, to provide the afternoon's entertainment.

Everyone we saw was having a good time. There was lots of visiting and camaraderie; and the music had people out on the dance floor.

This year, the Silent & Chinese Auctions were set up indoors. Kudos to those who collect these items & organize it all. Y'all do quite a job! There was a sizeable collection of items available including apparel, neon signs, golf course passes, leather goods, a liquor-themed gift basket, tattoo time, collectibles, restaurant certificates, & more.

The 50/50 was won by Bill of Post 58, making him \$120 richer.

As always, this was a 'Ride In' bike show only. There were 38 bikes in the competition. As Robert announced the winners, Tina served as his 'Vanna' ~ handing out trophies.

- Bike Show Winners were:
- Metric - 1st #17 Gary Lewis [2007 Suzuki 1200S] ,
2nd #26 Marty Roach [2013 Honda Goldwing]
 - Stock - 1st #8 Dr Mike [2008 HD Softail Custom],
2nd #3 Neil Lyons [2011 HD Road Glide]
 - Modified - 1st #32 Toby Larkin [1996 HD Fat Boy],
2nd #24 Native Man [2002 HD Night Train Trike]
 - Women's - 1st #10 Moni [2000 Pro-One Custom],
2nd #25 Kim Weatherford [2004 V-Star 1100]
 - Antique - 1st #2 Dutch [1980 Honda CVX],
2nd #31 Philip Lebeda [1987 HD FXSTC Softail]
 - Bobber - 1st #23 Phil Yin [HD Bobber],
2nd #33 Jack Armstrong [1979 HD Sportster]
 - Custom - 1st #36 Pete Stevens [2004 HD Road Glide],
2nd #37 Steven Cole [2010 HD Road King]
 - People's Choice #25, Kim Weatherford
[2004 V-Star 1100]

The 2013 Bike Show raised \$2800 for American Legion Charities. Monies raised go to the American Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund [donations go to children whose parent(s) have been killed while on active duty while serving our country on or after September 11, 2001] AND to the American Legion's Child Welfare

Foundation [awards grants to other organizations that reach out to young people with physical, mental, and emotional challenges].

The organizers are working on some new ideas to add to the program for the 2014 show. When the date & details are available, you'll see them in our calendar. In the meantime, Post 58 is involved in another very worthy cause, coming up in November.

On Saturday November 23, American Legion Riders of Post 58 in Fountain Hills is hosting the Marine Toys For Tots Ride, to collect gifts for needy kids. It has been posted that, "every penny raised will go specifically to help out the children in Maricopa County through the Toys For Tots program." This event has been held before, elsewhere. For reasons which are unnecessary to go into here, it is now being hosted at Post 58. It is still being organized by the same person, Sue Ashe. She is very excited to be chairing this event again. It looks like Sue & ALR 58 are making an excellent team; with the true winners being the kids who will be helped during the Holidays. Sponsors include Chester's Harley-Davidson of Mesa. Keep the date, watch our calendar for details, & we hope to see LOTS of you there.

Until later ~

Betsy & Bruce

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