

HOGtoberFest XXVI

HOGtoberFest is an annual event hosted by Tucson Harley-Davidson and their HOG [Harley Owners Group] Chapter. The dealership is located at 7355 N I-10 EB Frontage Rd. [NW corner of I-10 & Ina Rd.]

HOGtoberFest XXVI, held October 25, 2014, was a fundraiser for both Tucson HOG and the American Diabetes Association.

Our thanks go to HOGtoberFest's Chairperson Laura Lytle, for her input toward this report.

For those who chose to make the trek, the Poker Run started & ended at Tucson H-D. There were between 250-300 people registered for the poker run, which is a record number for HOGtoberFest. The ride was a nice scenic route through the Tucson Mountains: Gates Pass, McCain Loop, and Picture Rocks. Tucson HOG members manned the poker stops along the way. Unfortunately, the names of the ride winners weren't available by the time of this writing; but the prizes were Grand \$500, Second \$200, & Consolation \$100 ~ so you know they each went home pretty happy ☺

The after-party at THD was packed

with people. It was a very busy day. Activities included an H-D fashion show and then a bikini contest w/ a \$300 prize. There were quite a few gals in the competition. It would have been tough to be a judge. A dj was set up inside the dealership, which was arranged by Tucson Harley-Davidson; who also arranged the bikini contest and fashion show. Vendors included sponsor Law Tigers. There was a considerable collection of raffles items. Games included the Slow Race, Road Kill Clean Up, Drag Race (hugely popular, as men had to dress in women's clothing, and vice versa, on a timed relay), and the ever-popular Weenie Bite. For the day's grand finale, Tucson Harley Davidson and Miller gave away a Harley Street 500 motorcycle, which was won by Beck Fonteno.

This event is Tucson HOG's annual and only fundraiser for their organization. ADA received the funds from the beer and food sales. After expenses and giving out prize money, close to \$3,400 was raised. This was again a record for HOGtoberFest.

Laura shared this message, "First and foremost, I want to thank Tucson Harley

Davidson, who made the day possible in so many ways. They are extremely supportive of our club year round, and make it possible for us to have events like HOGtoberFest. As the chairperson for HOGtoberFest for the past two years, I have learned a lot, and the event became my pride and joy. It's such an amazing feeling, to look around on the day of the event, and see all the people enjoying themselves. All of the work and stress pays off, in that moment, when you see how everything comes together. Two years in a row, I have been blown away by the participation and volunteers who stepped forward." She went on to extend, "A huge thank you to all our volunteers for the poker run, raffle tables, registration, bike show, parking, bike games, etc. They all made the day what it was, and I thank them so much!"

Congratulations on a VERY successful day! Thank you for sharing your news with us.

To learn more about Tucson HOG, visit their website www.tucsonhog.net. To see more photos from this day, click the title above.

