

# Introducing... the Outsidaz MC



At the end of Nov in 2011, I started a voluntary leave of absence from the life I'd always known and loved – the motorcycle community. I'd reached a kind of writer's burn-out and I was still working through side effects from my stroke. However, it seemed that Divine Intervention was afoot .... Because, I kept coming in contact with clubs I'd never seen before. The first club I encountered was Outsidaz MC.

Anyone who knows me - knows I love skulls. The patch of Outsidaz MC has a handsome skull with a wicked smile on its' face. The fact that I'd never seen it before in all of my travels - made me want to check it out more closely, so I did.

On 12/10/11, The Outsidaz MC hosted a Car and Bike Wash to benefit Mack's kids, Jolynn M. Washington and Janee A. Washington. Mack Washington, a member of Kongo Riders MC had died in a motorcycle accident June 7th, 2011 and the Outsidaz MC wanted to make sure the children and their mothers had a good Christmas. I was taken aback by the outpouring of support shown. Riders from all over the valley drove over in droves. The guys washed all the cars and bikes. The original event was scheduled to last 4 hours, but was extended 4 more - Wow!

After meeting the club at this function, I hooked up with a couple of their members via Facebook. Silly me – thought the club name had something to do with members being from other parts of the country – Outside-AZ. Nope. Perhaps it had to do with being outside the mainstream. In my book, these cats were a cut above, to work so hard for the children of a friend and brother from another club.

Later in 2012, I traveled to the west side of Phoenix and attended their Kickball tournament in November. I had too much fun listening to the sweet sounds of trash talkin' kick ballin players. I thought about playing, but I am a true couch potato; therefore, I cheered the players on. After 5 games, the trophy was awarded to the Outsidaz Kickball Tournament Champs = A team composed of members of the Phoenix Regulators MC and Road Queens MC. In my book, Team Outsidaz MC is the winning team to be a part of everyday.

The AZ Chapter is an off-shoot of the Mother Chapter of the Outsidaz Motorcycle Club, which is in Philadelphia, PA. According to their website, the club began as an idea of Edison Lopez, one of the original 13 founders, in the winter of 2006. In the spring of 2007, after the tragic death of Edison, the remaining 12 founders held a special meeting and from there the OUTSIDAZ were born. They consider themselves an eclectic group of motorcycle enthusiasts from PA, NJ and DE (and now, AZ), who believe in unity; not only amongst themselves and the bike community, but also the communities in which they live and work. They support various charitable organizations such as, The Cure for Breast Cancer, Toys for

Tots, Brothers United for Peace, and a host of other non-profit groups that strive for the betterment of Philadelphia and its communities at large. They are also friendly with MC, SC (Social Clubs) and Car clubs.

On the website was the information that in July of 2012, The Outsidaz MC's Mother Chapter held their 1st Annual Outsidaz MC Fallen Rider Memorial Run, to Honor and recognize the lives of 4 of their members: Ed aka Flaco, visionist/founder ~ He had the dream but did not live to see it to fruition; Tass, the 1st Pres, who carried out his friend, Ed's dream; Sincere aka Sin, the very 1st P.R.O.; and Big Dre, Head P.R.O.

Here is the message the Chapter posted following that special tribute. "If you don't know where you come from, you do not have a guide where you should go. Being able to ride with our brothers and understand how they came about and what went into the process gave the newer members of the MC a better understanding, but also the ladies who were able to go. It's real. This life really isn't all fun and games. Have a good time, yes, but understand the tenants and understand the glue that SHOULD bind you. You're born into your blood family but this family (your club family) you choose. Choose wisely and when you do, understand there will be bumps in the road and along the way but family, is family. Work it out. As Outsidaz Femme Fatale Social Club, we thank you for having us and allowing us the honor of being a part of this family. OUTSIDAZZZZZ..... FEMME FATALE.....! @Outsidaz Mc MotherChapter Outsidaz Mc Az NJ/ PA OUTSIDAZ MC"

I fell in love with that sentiment and wanted to do something to honor my new friends and those fallen riders, so I've crafted 4 memorial chains (see photo). In addition, I'm sending a chain for Big Dre's son, "Q" aka Outta Pocket, and who was patched-in on February 14th, 2013. The AZ Chapter's next event is Outsidaz MC and Femme Fatale SC's BLACK-OUT, a Memorial Weekend BASH... Look for more details and Go check it out - I promise you'll have a great time. Tell Prez. Henny, Lady Jewells said, Hello.

