



The annual Rocktoberfest party at Chester's Harley Davidson, 922 S. Country Club Dr in Mesa, took place on Saturday November 3, 2012. Not only was this gathering a day-long showcase for local musical talent, it was the destination of choice for a number of rides including AriZona's Rip's BAD Ride VIII. The venue is huge; able to accommodate very large events ~ so this makes a lot of sense.

The music, presented on the Marc J Victor PC Pavilion Stage, started around 3pm. Bands included Undercover, Rob Randolph Band, Rock City Rebels, and headliner 'LA Guns'. They came on about 9pm.

In addition to musical entertainment, Zamora the Torture King and the Hellza-Poppin Sideshow offered some 'performance art' between band sets... glass eating, bed of nails, sword swallowing, that sort of stuff. It was quite a show.

Vendors onsite included Chester's fellow advertisers Law Tigers & HogWear; among the 18 or so booths set up. There was apparel, bling, jewelry, hats, accessories, a chiropractor, a photographer, food & drink options, and more. Information from the events whose rides were ending here was also available.

Rip Rose, a long-time *Easyrider* reporter, started the BAD Ride {Bikers Against Diabetes} in 1997, in Southern California. He had a dream of the Biker Nation rallying to fight diabetes. Although Rip passed away in 2000, his legacy lives on. Now there are rides here in AriZona and in San Antonio TX, in addition to SoCal. Learn more about these events at the Rip's BAD Ride website [ripsbadride.com](http://ripsbadride.com). There you can find out how you can be BAD, too.

The BAD Ride booth had support merchandise plus the postings of the many raffle winners. Among the causes the

BAD Ride supports is the AZDA camp for kids.

The purpose of Camp AZDA is to provide a setting where children and teens can have fun, while learning how to better manage their diabetes.

The AZ BAD Ride organized escorted rides to Chester's from Tilted Kilt locations in Mesa & Peoria. Once at Chester's there was a silent auction offering some 36 items including celebrity photos and sports memorabilia. We observed that the Diabetes Warrior Wall, introduced last year, has had a LOT more signatures and photos added to it.

BAD Ride is an annual fundraiser and the Rocktoberfest will be heading this way again next fall as well. So watch your calendars and make your plans. We hope to see you then.

Bruce & Betsy

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