



On October 21-22, the Southern AZ Harley Riders MC held their 17th annual Biker Rodeo in Benson, AZ at the Arena Bar, 250 N. Prickley Pear Ave. Gates opened Friday @ 2pm. For \$15, you got breakfast on Saturday morning, dry camping, secure MC parking, a free On-Site Poker Hand, entry in the Have a Clue Ride, Bike Show, and Biker Games. Activities throughout both days included Vendors, Kid's Games, 50/50 & door prize drawings, Auction, Mechanical Bull, Live Bands plus DJ Mata, and Saturday night's After Hours Bonfire.

This marks the first year that I had to cage it to this event; because I had no front brakes on my scooter! Arriving shortly after 2pm, I checked into my favorite place, CG Motel - a restored property dating back to the 1930's; then checked in at SAHR's sign-in gate. Vendors were still setting up, and SAHR members were getting last minute things done.

Friday evening was approaching fast. Music from the Rowdy Johnson Band got the party started. As they belted out their country tunes, the dance floor filled up. In between sets, DJ Mata was doing PR work and spinning tunes. I thought I was going to hit the hay early, but then I ran into long time friends Dane and Heather Green. So the party went on. At mid-nite or so I slipped back to my room and fell fast asleep.

Saturday morning, fresh, I headed over to the event and got ready to watch the Kids Games which started @ noon. Congratulations the winners and participants; because you're all winners.

The Have-A-Clue-Ride started @ 8am. The stops were at Four Deuces Saloon & Johnny Ringo's Saloon in Tombstone, Sorry Gulch Saloon in Sierra Vista, Fireside Lounge in Huachuca City, and Mescal Bar in Mescal.

The vendors were all busy, offering goods for all kinds of needs. Tattoo artist Mike Morishige from Primo Tats was set up inside the bar. The Mechanical Bull was open & waiting for some early-bird daredevils. Later in the day, two very young ladies started that show a-rockin'.

Registration for the Bike Show started @ 2pm and a lot of nice rides were entered.

The Biker Games started @ 3pm. This year's games were different and challenging, with only one that was original. Stick it in the Hole (jousting), Barrel race, Woman's Tire Toss, Men's Tire Toss, Take the Cherry, Shoot the Hog, and Rope the Dope. Thank You to all who participated in the events.

The live auction started around 6:30pm; with DJ Mata as auctioneer.

The announcement of the winners to all the events & giving out awards followed. Congratulations to the winners of the games and the bike show. Congratulations to the Wolves MC (Tucson) on receiving the Largest MC Award and the FFF Clubhouse (Safford) for the Largest Association Award. Also I would like to thank all of SAHR MC for the Appreciation Award that I received.

As the nite rolled on, the band, Rockus, kicked out some great classic rock 'n roll tunes. They got

the dance floor full of dancin' fools, like me as well. PARTY ON!

Some of the late-night adult activities that were scheduled to happen as they have in the past, the Wet-T & Finey Hiney Contests, were canceled due to a change of the agreement, let's say. NOT on SAHR MC's part, I will add! Although, there were two young girls in the buff on the mechanical bull during much of the evening!

After the band's last set ended, it was time for the Late Nite Bonfire. I stayed for an hour or two; partying with some of the SAHR members, along with Dane and Heather. Then it was time to call it a nite and get some sleep.

Sunday @ 9am, the Christian Motorcycle Association held Biker Church services and blessings.

Then it was time for breakfast at the Horseshoe Cafe in Benson, with SAHR Prez Al, and Suzi-Q, and members. Trust me when I say that my stomach was so sore from laughing hard non-stop at the table before we were all served. Thanks for the medicine, brothers and sisters; you're a hoot!

Like any event, all had to come to an end and it was time to wish everyone a safe trip home. This year's turn out was better than last year's. I'm told approximately 1200+ brothers and sisters from all over the state and further attended. Thanks also go to all that supported and sponsored this run.

Till next time catch you all next wind---keep healthy, happy, and safe.

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