Skin & Steel Tattoo & Motorcycle Show

The 2016 event calendar launched with the annual Skin & Steel Tattoo & Motorcycle Show, held on January 16. American Legion Post 2, located at 2125 S Industrial Park Ave, Tempe was the place to be to view an impressive display of both bikes and personal art.

There was a lot of camaraderie both indoors and out as people were visiting, enjoying the music, viewing the bikes, and shopping the vendors.

Music for the day was provided by Brotherhood of Blues. They were set up outdoors and it was a beautiful day to be outside to enjoy their tunes.

Tattoo shops represented included Nic Mann, AZ Ink in Chandler; Skin Lab in Tempe; and Wolf-Skin Ink of Phoenix.

The Tat competition was held indoors. There were 6 classes. The winners in each category were Tribal: John, Sleeve: Brandy, Portrait and Lettering trophies went to Bobby. Mike won for Leg and Most Unusual.

In the Bike Show, trophies went to Boon for the Trike Class, Tracy won both Dresser and Custom, Jennifer won for Paint, Sam Donaldson collected the Vintage trophy, and Troy won the Street Sport class.

Vendors included Law Tigers, Weddings For Rebels, Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, and ABATE of Arizona. There were plenty of booths, offering apparel, jewelry, leather goods, insurance, & more. There were bike shops, NAFFR event information, Bikers Mall, and Patch Lady Linda was stitching.

There was a table of raffle items which included gift baskets, a variety of collectibles, apparel, items from the vendors, and more.

New people were involved in the organizing crew this year. So some things were done a bit differently. But the cause remains the same. Proceeds of the event go to support various American Legion Rider Post 2 programs.

People spent the day having a good time for a good cause. It doesn't get much better than that.

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