

Skin & Steel



On January 17, American Legion Post 2 in Tempe presented the 5th annual Skin & Steel Tattoo & Motorcycle Show. Skin & Steel AZ is a 501c19 charity event, with all proceeds going to support American Legion Rider Post 2 programs.

As impressive as last year was, this year seemed even busier. Attendance is difficult to assess on this event, because there is no charge to attend or other means of taking a headcount. But the place was PACKED.

Tattoo artists participating this year were featured artist WolfSkin Ink Studio [1752 W Bell Rd, Phx], and Big Mike 33 out of Riverside, CA. The third tattoo shop was a no-show, so it was just the two of them.

There were 30 vendors; which [according to organizer Eagle] is normal for each year. They were offering a variety of goods and services. Our sponsors ABATE, Chester's Harley-Davidson, HogWear | Purple Slice, and Law Tigers were represented. Plus, you could shop for apparel, insurance, jewelry, food stuffs, legal services, & more. There was a registration booth for the National Armed Forces Freedom Ride; taking place May 16. This event is organized by our friend Skeeter.

Music for the day included a good mix of clas-

sic rock. Performers were Whiskey Dogz, based out of Scottsdale; with Skarlett Fever as their opening band.

Both the bike and tattoo contests allow you to compete in more than one class. This is a fundraiser after all. So if you've got tat[s] that qualify for more than one category of competition OR an awesome looking bike that could win Best Paint and Best Cruiser, then sign up & go for it.

The winners of the Bike Show were: Best Chopper #2 Ernie Dominguez; Best Chrome #1 Frank Trevino; Best Street Cruiser #1 Frank Trevino; Best Dresser #4 Vic Grady; Best Paint #14 Daniel Gibbs; Best Street Sport #11 Michael Cunningham; Best Trike #13 Terry Broom; Best Vintage #12 Evan Jonasson; Most Unique #6 Sandie Achor; and Oldest Bike #5 Scott Reeverts (1948 Pan)

The winners of the Tattoo Contest were: Best Small Color #15 Dawn Clark; Most Unusual/Weird #15 Dawn Clark; Best Large Color #14 Ms Nikkie Morie; Best Arm/Leg Sleeve #14 Ms Nikkie Morie; Best Portrait #16 Gilbert Orduna; Best Back/Chest Panel #16 Gilbert Orduna; Best Small Black & Gray #11 Ryan Clay; Best Large Black & Gray #12 Gorden Rosner; Best Fusion #8 Justin Major; Most Tattooed Male #1 Tyler Hile; and Most Tattooed Fe-

male #17 Dorothy Highfill.

There was a drawing for an AR15 Anderson No Lube Rifle, donated by MadDog of Post 2. The winner was Mike G. We didn't catch the name of the 50/50 winner, but whoever it was collected \$141... a nice addition to their day {:o)

\$2,700 was collected for ALR Post 2 charities; showing this event's continuing growth over the years. Thank you to all who participated!

Thanks go out to sponsor Chester's Harley-Davidson of Mesa and to Budweiser for donating the banners & posters. Additional sponsors Motorcycle House and Viking Bags out of California donated merchandise for the raffle.

Our thanks to organizer Eagle for her help in preparing this report.

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This was a really good day and we're glad we could be there,

Bruce & Betsy

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