

# Too Broke For Sturgis

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ABATE of AZ's 19th annual Too Broke For Sturgis was held at Mormon Lake Lodge July 23-25. What an OUTSTANDING weekend! This is one of the last of 'em folks... A good ol' campin' out, partyin' down. adults-only, biker run. Scooter folk from around the state and further away started rolling in on Wednesday to stake out campsites and get a headstart on the weekend.

We haven't been to Too Broke in quite a few years, so we were REALLY looking forward to being there. We rolled in on Friday, set up camp, and dove in. Thank you, Lady Jewells, for trucking our tent & such up there for us. Thanks also to our brothers & sisters of the Mountain Motorcycle Association for saving us an awesome camp spot.

Friday had rain off and on. This is monsoon, so it's to be expected. When packing, you want to allow for it. But bikers come despite the rain. They were rewarded by a beautiful Saturday.

The itinerary gives you as much or as little to do as you wish. There's pretty much always something to do... games for watching or playing, vendors to shop, rides to take, etc. Too structured? Spend time in the camping area, visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. For those who find people watching to be a favorite past time, there was a variety of colorful characters and revealing outfits.

The games were a hoot; with lots of participation and spectators. Lady Jewells wrote about them. Her full report on the People Games and Bike Games with photos is bookmarked in the online edition.

Music for the weekend came from the Fryed Brothers Band. They did their usual excellent job, mixing originals and covers for 2 kick-ass nights of music and dancing. We want to thank Harry of the Fryed Brothers Band {www.fryedbrothersband.com} for permission to

add their music to our Too Broke presentations, posted on our AZ Vision webpage. If you were there, you know how good they sounded. If you weren't there, you can get a feel of what was going on, and hear some of the music we were enjoying.

Before the band started on Friday night, the Ms Too Broke 4 Sturgis contest took place. Congratulations to Ms Jewells. In talking with her afterwards we learned that this was her first trip to Too Broke. She seemed very excited to have won.

The tattoo contest was held during the band break on Friday night. Fortunately, the rain that had kept all of us under the big top let up long enough to allow everyone to gather around the stage in the arena for this competition. A lot of beautiful ink was being displayed; ranging from small pieces to very large. The show lasted well over an hour; having many participants - both men and women. It would have been very difficult to be on that panel of judges.

One gal was perhaps too hammered to realize that she was in the tattoo contest and the titty contest wasn't until the next night. But it's doubtful that the guys in the audience minded. ☺

The men's competition concluded with one contestant showing all. He had a flying penis tattooed to his butt cheek. Yeah... You pretty much had to be there..... I'm sure his friends told him all about it the next day.

Winners were: Muskrat 3rd, Jimbo 2nd, Hawg Man 1st; Geraldine 3rd, Dawn Clark 2nd, Freebird 1st.

Saturday's Poker Run offered a number of route options, depending on how many miles you felt like putting on. With destinations in Williams, Sedona, and Winslow, all were good choices.

The bike show had a good turnout. Winners were determined by a combination of peer judg-

ing and people's choice. Contestants voted for 1 bike in each category. Spectators voted for one bike in the show. There were 7 classes. Winners of each are listed in the online continuation.

While walking through the campgrounds we came across an impromptu burnout pit. We got some good footage and will get that posted to AZ Vision, too.

As the sun went down, the Fryed Brothers took to the stage for another show. The Wet T-shirt Contest took place during their break. Well, we all know that Wet T stands for more than tee shirts. The bleachers were packed for this event. Meltdown was in the thick of it; getting pix of the gals as they showed off their attributes with style and enthusiasm. In the end 'Cowgirl' was the winner, collecting \$250. Over 18? Check out the slideshow in the AZ Vision gallery.

After the contest it was time for the 50/50 drawing. \$1,485 went to the lucky winner, Crystal M. Then the band came back and the party rolled on.

When Sunday morning came around, everyone we spoke with had had a much better night's sleep than Friday. No more unruly souls such as we mentioned in last month's edition. We won't waste any more time or space on those dickheads here. If you didn't see it yet, you can click in to that story online from here.

Too Broke For Sturgis is ABATE's annual fundraiser. It helps support the *MasterLink* newsletter, and ABATE's other activities which help protect Motorcyclists' Rights in AZ. We observed 32 organizations showing their support during the weekend; between clubs and associations. And there were many independent riders there as well. Next year is Too Broke #20. You do NOT want to miss that one.

We hope to see you there ~

*Bruce & Betsy*

