

# High Stakes on the Lake

## The Original Havasu Crew Poker Run

The Original Havasu Crew of the Viet Nam Vets/Legacy Vets MC held their 13th Annual Poker Run this past April 18. For the past 12 years, this Run has provided the riders a chance at one of the biggest poker hand payouts in the area. As an added bonus,

a portion of the proceeds are donated to various veteran and other charities in Lake Havasu City. Unfortunately, as the years went on, more “anti-Laughlin” runs and events popped up and the VNV/LVMC saw their numbers begin to decrease. It was definitely time for a change.

For a small donation you had a chance at winning \$2,000 for the high hand of the day! Now some people are just not lucky when it comes to card games, so these guys also threw in “magic” cards. Draw the

secret card at a stop and win \$50 right there! The low hand was just as nice, with the “winner”, or First Place Loser walking away with \$500. Not a bad day’s work!

With temps in the mid-80s, you couldn’t have asked for a better day to ride around the lake. Starting off at either the sign-in spot in Lake Havasu at the Eagles Aerie 4299, or in the city of Parker (40 miles South) at the Road Runner, the poker stops took riders to the floating bars of Foxes and the Road Runner in Parker, and to The Office, Desert Thunder Motorcycle Shop, and Twisted Metal in Havasu, before ending at the Eagles where the real party started. No matter where you decided to start, a short 80-mile ride by the lake is something you just don’t want to miss.

As is par for the course, there were numerous raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing, as well as an auction for two custom golf club drivers. With the value of each club at \$400.00, the auction was fast and furious, with both winners walking away happy, dreaming of improving their golf game!

Of the charities that benefitted from this Run, one was the Red Iron MC’s “A Turn For Page” Poker Run. Debbie Page, the wife of RIMC member Terry Page, had been diagnosed with terminal spinal cancer. The Turn For Page run was set up to help offset the mounting medical costs associated with this diagnosis. The VNV/LVMC donated \$1,000.00 to the Fundraiser.

If you haven’t been to this run yet, or haven’t stopped in for a couple years, make sure to get to next year’s run. There are big plans in the works that include a raffle ticket and a prize you’ll want to get your hands on. For all the info, check out [www.vnvmclhc.com](http://www.vnvmclhc.com).

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