

# White Mountain Rally at Hon-Dah Resort

The 6th Annual White Mountain Bike Rally, hosted by Hon-Dah Resort & Casino in Pinetop, AZ, was held on June 26th & 27th. Thank you to event organizer Karan Jordan of the Hon-Dah Resort for helping with this report. Karan shared, "As one of the organizers, I can't say how much we enjoy putting on this Rally. We get to visit and catch up with the returning riders and get to meet new ones. They are all just great. It is one of the events we put on here at Hon-Dah that I look so forward to. It is a fun event."

Registration was an incredible value at \$20/single or \$30/2-up, when you start reading about all that was included. Kudos to the organizers for putting together a fun event that people could fit into their budget.

There were 729 registered participants ~ making it the biggest turnout yet. They anticipate a thousand+ for 2016. In addition to riders from Arizona [who rode in from all parts of the state] there were riders from Washington, North Dakota, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Wisconsin, & Oregon.

Saturday's Poker Run was a self-paced ride, but riders needed to turn their hands in by 3pm. It was approximately a 140-mile ride; with the route winding through beautiful tall pines and up the mountain; reaching 10,000 feet at times. Stops were at the Rendezvous Cafe in Greer, The Cattleman Restaurant in Eager, then the Tackle Shop in Alpine. For the 4th stop, the riders went through the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest to Big Lake. They drew their number at Big Lake Tackle and Supply. They got to take in the beauty of the White Mountain

Apache Reservation, the White Mountains, and see some of the different small towns in the area. Karan stated, "The businesses that host the stops are just great. Every year they are more than happy to help out. The riders talk about how well they are treated at these stops by the businesses. We couldn't put on this event without their great help." As usual this time of year, the monsoon was in full bloom. For some, it was a wet ride for sure. However, spirits never dampen and all enjoyed the cool weather.

The prize money for the Poker Run was \$3000. \$1000 was awarded to the 2 High Hand winners and \$500 to the 2 Low Hand winners. Riders and passengers each compete.

There was also \$3000 in prize money for the Bike Show. This year, even though it was pouring down rain, there were 70 bikes in the show. There are 6 categories for the Bike Show including People's Choice. The winners list was unavailable at the time of this writing. Congratulations to the winners.

We learned that vendors were onsite as well, to showcase and sell a wide variety of biker-related items.

The entry fee also included dinner both evenings and non-alcohol beverages. On Friday, Hon-Dah Resort hosted a 'meet & greet' for the riders in the event Beer Garden; where people could mingle and bikes could be admired. A Hamburger and Hot Dog BBQ rounded out the evening. Saturday night's dinner was Choice Ribeye Steak, grilled corn, baked



potatoes and all the fixings. It was explained that, "While grilling outdoors, Mother Nature handed us a different plan. The monsoon let loose and the rain really came down. We moved everyone inside to our large conference center to keep them all dry. We were lucky

we didn't already have an event booked in there or it could have gotten a little crowded. It all worked out very well... just like we might have planned for it."

Saturday night's headliner was "The Guess Who". The concert ticket was also included in the event registration. There were nervous concerns about how the weather would affect the concert. We're told, "As if on cue the rain stopped and the show went on, to the extreme delight of all who attended this great concert. 'The Guess Who' rocked out the evening. It was a fantastic way to end the event."

From the organizers, "From all the staff here at the Resort we wish to extend a profound thank you to all the attendees at this year's White Mountain Bike Rally. We hope you had a great time enjoying our Casino and all the other amenities offered here at Hon-Dah Resort. We look forward to an even bigger and better Rally next year."

The 2016 dates have been announced. Mark your calendars for June 24-25. Please tell them you read about the White Mountain Bike Rally here in *Arizona Rider Motorcycle News*.

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