

Hunts for Heroes Scavenger Hunt

The Arizona Elk Society (<https://www.arizonaelksociety.org/>) and Superstition Harley-Davidson (<http://superstitionhd.com/>) partnered up for a Motorcycle Scavenger Hunt, held on March 25 to benefit the Hunts for Heroes Program. "Hunts for Heroes brings veterans with disabilities out of their routine and into the outdoors to provide a sense of normalcy and a new perspective on what their life can look like with a disability."

Thank you to Brina, Superstition H-D Event Coordinator, for sharing news of this day with our readers.

This inaugural event began at 9am at Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction. Participants enjoyed a pancake breakfast hosted Superstition Harley-Davidson, included in their entry fee.

This was a non-escorted Scavenger Hunt. The organizers did what they could to detour around the traffic generated by the RenFest. There were about 50 bikes that rolled out on the self-paced ride. The route was ≈ 75 miles long, stopping at Queen Creek Café and the River Bottom in Florence before returning to Superstition Harley-Davidson.

While the riders could take whatever route they wanted to each of the stops,

there were items on the scavenger list that had been placed ahead of time & so could only be found along the mapped route.

The scavenger list had 10 clues on it, with the different items being searched for having a point value assigned to them, ranging from 10 to 5 points each.

Riders were on the lookout for a wide array of items... from levers to air filters and from shamrocks to shipping labels. The organizers also threw in a few dog bones and American Flags along the way ☺ Here are some of the clues :

- ◆ The Irish see luck when they see me but all I see is a weed with four leaves (Shamrock)
- ◆ I am black and I am soft, use me so that your hands will not frost (Coozie)
- ◆ You gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em (Face Card)

The collected items were brought back to the dealership for the points to be counted. The winner of the day collected 270 points and won a \$100 Superstition H-D Gift Card & an H-D Yard of Ale Glass. Second & third place tied with 130 points each.

The End Party had food trucks, vendors and live music by Joel Maze and Kung Fu Grips. Raffles went on all day and ended with the big raffle drawing of a

Smith & Wesson AR15 that was won by SHD customer Eric Stone.

Roughly \$3,000 was raised for the Hunts for Heroes Program. Brina added, "We hope to make next year bigger and better." She continued, "We would like to thank the Law Tigers for the support in making this come together as well as A.J.I. Sporting Goods for assisting with the raffle. We also received many donations from local businesses with raffle items, which we appreciate immensely."

The Arizona Elk Society launched the Hunts for Heroes Program in 2015. According to Tom Wagner, Hunts for Heroes Coordinator, this Program delivers free all-inclusive hunts for both men and women in the beautiful state of Arizona to encourage "Healing through Hunting." Visit <https://www.arizonaelksociety.org/hunts-for-heroes> to learn more about the program.

The organizers of this Scavenger Hunt are taking what they've learned this year and are already discussing new ideas for next year. Participants said that they had a blast & it is Brina's goal to build on this year's success.

It sounds like it was a lot of fun, as well as a clever alternative to a poker run. Congratulations on a good day!

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