

MMA-AZ's Motorcycle & Classic Car Show

The 2nd Annual MMA Motorcycle & Classic Car Show took place on Saturday morning October 7, 2017. The venue was event sponsor Mesa Market Place Swap Meet, located at 10550 E Baseline Rd. in Mesa. Dawn Kackly, MMA-AZ Superstition District Activities Officer was the event coordinator. Thank you for your help with this story.

It was a perfect day for it. Clear blue sky and cool morning temps in the 70's made for a pleasant Valley outing. This gathering is 'Family friendly' and open to everyone. Along with the anticipated motorfolk who came out, there were numerous spectators from the Market Place patrons who supported the day as well.

The opening ceremony included a motorcycle color guard and the National Anthem being sung by Annette 'Red' Baker. Joan Wells noted, "One of the high points for this show was when the Motorcycle Color Guard of America rode in on their Goldwings, flags unfurled, to present the Colors of the U.S.A, for each Service Branch, and of course, the POW-MIA flag. There wasn't a dry eye in the place."

There was a military display including the Viet Nam era helicopter, 'Charlie Chopper'. DJ Kevin James of 'Jam Good Music' [jamgoodmusic.com] provided the tunes again this year ~ doing a really good job with the music plus handling announcer duties.

The raffle table had some nice goodies available to win.... A grill, a motorcycle cover, various pictures & signs, kitchen gadgets, and more. Gift certificates included movies, meals, & Jeep tours.

There were 41 participants in the Show: 30 cars and 11 motorcycles. Sponsor San Tan Ford provided swag bags for each entrant.

Competition in this show is based strictly on People's Choice; and they vote with their dollars. Each vehicle has a container in front of it. People buy chips which they then place in the containers of the vehicles they like. People are encouraged to 'stuff the ballot box' ~ lol ☺

The car show winners were: 1st place = Marsa Self - 1958 VW; 2nd = Lisa Heiser - 1968 Ford F100 Ranger; and 3rd = J. Walker - 1925 Ford Model T. The motorcycle show was won by 1st place = Trainwreck - 2015 Custom; 2nd = Bikers4Boobies - 2016 custom Roadking; and 3rd = Cindy Gates - 1968 VW Trike.

The 50/50 winner was Dave Brownlee. He is a Minnesota transplant who had brought out his 1940 Pontiac to support the day. He collected \$126.50 ~ a nice bonus to his weekend ☺

This event is a fundraiser for 2 important organizations:

The Modified Motorcycle Association {www.mma-az.org/} is a Motorcyclists Rights Organization {MRO} that promotes motorcyclists rights, rider education, and motorcycle awareness by automobile drivers. Fundraisers help support these efforts.

Arizona Stand Down <http://arizonastanddown.org/> is an annual three-day event to assist homeless and at risk veterans here in Arizona. A StandDown is a community-based event where organizations come together to provide the State's homeless and at-risk military veterans services ranging from VA healthcare, mental health services, clothing, meals, emergency shelter, housing, ID/drivers licenses, court services & legal aide, showers & haircuts and more. These events take place in different counties throughout Arizona. The 2017 StandDown in Phoenix assisted 2,109 Veterans.

Joan Wells, from Mesa Market Place Swap Meet, reflected on the day, "This is the second year Mesa Market Place has hosted the Modified Motorcycle Association's Motorcycle and Classic Car Show. Last year's event was a big success, and this year's show was even better. We're already looking forward to next year's show!

"The MMA membership sacrificed and volunteered hundreds of hours and unlimited amounts of energy to make sure this show was a success. They brought in dozens of prizes for drawings, handed

out hundreds of flyers inviting vehicles to enter the show, and they organized their Registration Table so it ran like clockwork."

"There isn't anything more fun than inviting in the public to come enjoy a good vehicle show. It's all about building better communities by giving people an opportunity to get to know one another and to come together for a good cause.

"Congrats to this year's MMA membership! You sponsored a wonderful and successful event people will look for again next year!"

Dawn from MMA sent along thanks to Mesa Market Place for their hard work and donations. Additional thanks were extended to all that participated and supported the Show. She commented, "Next year, look for bigger and better."

In the mean time, the District is staying busy:

On Saturday November 4 they are hosting a Chili Cook-off at the Chandler Elks Lodge.

On November 19 they encourage everyone to strap a frozen bird onto your bikes in support of the annual Birds on Bikes benefit for the St Vincent de Paul's Dining Rooms. Details are in our calendar this month, page 12.

Closer to home, Superstition District is holding a \$1,000 cash raffle. It costs \$5/ticket & the drawing will be on 12/31/2017. It'll be a great way for someone to end 2017 and begin 2018! For tickets, contact Dawn at 480-213-1184. She also mentioned that any Superstition member should have some.

After the New Year will be the 25th annual Beach Party, being held at Jake's Corner outside Payson, on February 17. To keep up with the District, you can check out their FB Group at www.facebook.com/groups/1086013981449594/

MMA's Superstition District held a good show at Mesa Market Place and we're glad we could be there.

Betsy & Bruce

