

# Brotherly Love-In

Every year the Leather/Eagle District of the Modified Motorcycle Association Leather/Eagle sponsors a few charity events. On Saturday July 29, they hosted their 10th annual Brotherly Love-in. It took place in Phoenix at the Amber Inn, located at 42336 W Dunlap Ave. My thanks to Velvet, Activities Officer for the District, for sharing news of the evening.

It is an event for EVERYONE! This gathering is an homage to the 60s ~ both for those of us old enough to recall ... and for those who aren't but are open-minded to having some light-hearted fun. Tie-dye, bell bottoms, and fringe are encouraged! The entry donation was \$10. With that you got your chance to buy raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, and participate in a auction. The evening was filled with 60s music ~ played by a groovy DJ named GQ. Plus there were games, trivia, and *Ladmo Bags*. For our readers who may be too young to understand the 'Ladmo Bag' reference ☺ they were a sought-after treasure for those Phoenician children who grew up in the 60s watching the Wallace & Ladmo Show.

Velvet explained, "As a District, we voted to sponsor the animal rescue Surrendered Souls once again. Mary Ann Everett is the owner and operator of Surrendered Souls." So, along with a wonderful evening of camaraderie, this evening was a fundraiser for this small, 501(c)(3) non-profit dog rescue. SSR relies on donations and in-home fostering by dog loving supporters. Surrendered Souls restores the health of and finds forever homes for the sick and injured. They also rehome owner surrenders, dogs from shelters, strays, and dogs from other bad situations. "Mary Ann does amazing work with these fur babies. You can look her up online at [www.ssrescue.org/](http://www.ssrescue.org/) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SurrenderedSoulsRescue/](http://www.facebook.com/SurrenderedSoulsRescue/)"

According to Velvet, about 30 people attended, "weather being a factor". While I assumed that was Velvet's polite way of saying "AriZona's miserably hot July so nobody wants to go outdoors not even to an air-conditioned bar for a party" type weather {we all know that feeling} ... she clarified that it actually

was a rain-out. That's monsoon for ya! She also shared that it was "wonderful to see some new and old friends." And the lower than hoped-for attendance "didn't stop us from raising a phenomenal \$1183 with auction and donations." OUTSTANDING! It goes to show that sometimes a small group that's big on *heart* can do a *lot*...

The Modified Motorcycle Association is a Motorcyclists Rights Organization, with Districts around the state. It is a non-profit, educational organization comprised of motorcyclists and motorcycle enthusiasts who are concerned with the future, safety and welfare of motorcycling. Learn more about the MMA-AZ via their website <http://mma-az.org/>

The next event for MMA will be the 25th Annual Freedom Beach Party on Saturday February 17, 2018 at Jake's Corner in beautiful Payson AZ! There are more details about it in our calendar, in this e-dition.

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