

Troll's Teddy Bear Poker Run

Troll's Teddy Bear Poker Run was held on December 4, 2016 to benefit the "Mesa Family Advocacy Center". Sign-in was at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson in Mesa. 53 people came out in support. Thank you Troll, for sending along this information. This self-paced ride was about 127 miles. Troll described the stops... "1st Stop was Wahoo's Restaurant and Bar in Gold Canyon. Lisa & Stan Fairbanks and their staff were ready for us, served everyone breakfast in record time, and even donated \$500 to the cause! 2nd Stop was River Bottom Bar & Grill in Florence. Nikki had everyone ready to go as usual. 3rd Stop was Momma Juggs in Coolidge. Stacey was wonderful as is her cool little bar. 4th & final stop was Brick & Barley 'A Neighborhood Bar' in Tempe. AJ and her staff were ready for all of us and was fantastic as usual."

The Winner of the 50/50 was Eric Huynh. He donated it all back to the cause. The Winner with the worst hand was Mark Christofferson. He gave back half to the cause. The big Winner with best hand was Steve Ertz; who also gave back half to the cause.

The Teddy Bears are given to First Responders in Mesa so when they come upon a scene where a child has been traumatized, they can give them a Teddy Bear so they have something soft and cuddly to hang onto as they go through their ordeal. It is a huge help when it comes to calming them down and it gives them a sense of security until their life can get back to normal. Mesa Family Advocacy Center takes care of women and children as they come out of bad situations in their lives and help them have a safe place to regroup and start over.

This event benefits Mesa Family Advocacy Cen-

ter & Mesa First Responders. They will split up the bears. The cash is donated to MCPAAA (Mesa Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association). They in turn get the Mesa Family Advocacy Center what it needs.

Troll added this note, "I would like to thank all the folks that came out to support this run. It was for a great cause and I look forward to hosting the 2nd Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run on the first Sunday in December in 2017."

We heard afterwards from Andreeanne at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson that the final count from this event was 300 bears plus \$1220.

Nice job!

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