



ABATE of Arizona's Too Broke For Sturgis 25th Anniversary took place at Mormon Lake Lodge June 9-12, 2016. This adults-only weekend is the only fundraiser for ABATE-AZ's state operations & activities... including publishing the *MasterLink*, & supporting riders' rights & education programs. You can be sure your money is benefiting motorcycling in AZ ~ all while having a GREAT time!

Our route out of the East Valley toward the mountains takes us through the low desert. It's such a pretty route headed to Mormon Lake Lodge that the enjoyment of this trip starts well before our arrival. As we gained altitude, just outside Strawberry, we started smelling pine. Wonderful!

Once we arrived and got camp set up, it was all about saying hello to friends, meeting new people, scoping out the venue, & enjoying the beautiful setting. Our friends TheresaAnn & Mark had the HoggDoggs Campsite Café set up not too far away; giving campers more than just a place to eat but also somewhere to congregate & socialize. Great idea!

The first official activity was the **Poker Walk** on Friday afternoon. It's a great way to become familiar with Vendor Alley & check out the goods the numerous booths offer. The stops were at Scoops HD Deals, Toke Box, Renegade Classics Phoenix, Discount Biker Supply, & Macanudo Cigars. Winners received \$75 for high hand & \$25 for low hand.

Vendors also included Law Tigers Bob, Grease Slinger Cycles, Big Biker Babes, Packages From Home, and WolfSkin Tattoo. There was a stitcher, a patch maker, jewelry, bicycles, knives, 81 support, tools, flags, collectibles, leather goods, & more.

Both days games were well contested & had lots of participation. They were run by Don & Lisa Withey, TV Bob, Gimpy, Jeremy, Jack Batty, Jean, Clydeman, & Nolan. Thomas Bishop Automotive created the trophies. 'Navy' Mike Rudd emceed.

Friday's **People Games** included the *Helmet Toss*. Men's class was a particularly close contest. Out of 26 entrants, it ended in the 4th round with Jeff Schops prevailing. In the Women's division, 19 gals stepped to the line & Karen Gregory took the trophy with 3 buckets. The *Plank Walk* had 8 teams start. Team 4 was the winner: Nathan Riddle, Kenny & Shelby Jackson, & Brandy Jedrysek. *Tug of War* is always a favorite. The best match of this day was between the Wolfskin & Mixbreed MC teams. In the Women's class, Team Girl Power won: Dawn West, Michelle Hill, Rhonda Wike, & Gynni Giebel. The winning Men's team was Wolfskin & MMCycles: anchor Jubel Dean {*RIP!*} + Mr. GoodTimes, Mike Lyon, & Postal. *Pole in the Hole* started out with 14 teams & was won by Kim Davies & Kristina Womboldt.

The **Ms Too Broke For Sturgis Contest** had 7 contestants. There were 3 judges. Each gal was asked a series of questions. Only one contestant got all the answers correct. Missi was crowned Ms Too

Broke 2016. Runner up was Dorothy. Congrats to you both! Ms Too Broke receives a gift package with items from each of the vendors & during her reign travels to events promoting next year's TBFS.

Friday evening's **Tattoo Contest** always offers some excellent ink to view. Charity was the coordinator. There were 31 contestants among the women alone. Winners included Dorothy's *Most Realistic* image of her mother's graduation photo & Amber's *Best Full Color* owl. *Best Single Color* was won by Heather Atwood. Unfortunately, dark clouds bringing stormage were coming in strong about 7:30 & we needed to batten down our camp. So we missed the rest of the Contest. We found out that in the Men's class Jubel won *Most Realistic* & Jim Page won *Best Single Color*. We didn't catch who winner of *Best Color* was. Congratulations to you all.

Wind & rain came in and the temp went down, bringing 'see your breath' chill. We made our way from camp to the Hogg Doggs Café, where a bunch of people were sitting out the storm under their canopies. Back up at the arena, the band Skarlett Fever & partiers were rockin' as the storm rolled through.

Saturday morning dawned clear & beautiful. The day would bring clouds, dark sky at times; but there was no more rain for the rest of the weekend.

The **Poker Run** took riders up to Route 66; with stops in Williams at Cruisers Route 66 Café & at Roxies; + Grand Canyon HD on I-40 in Bellemont.

Our walk through camp provided the opportunity to meet Tracy Marks, a rider from New Mexico. He rode in on his '79 Hardtail Shovel, Roadent. It was a less-than-smooth trip, as his kicker broke along the way. His brother Scott tracked down the right part IN STOCK at Chandler Custom Cycles. PLUS when he got there to pick it up Harold & Rick set him up with the right TOOLS to get the repair done. Such an AWESOME shop! Later that day Tracy would win the Rat Bike trophy in the Bike Show.

The **Bike Show** offered more than 'park it & walk away' viewing. Owners could tell the spectators a bit about their bikes, start 'em up, & show them off. Comments were positive about this format; adding to the day's entertainment. Jim Silk, Tim Zennick, & Ron Davis ran the show. There was great participation, with 35 bikes in 8 categories. 171 votes were cast. Congratulations to the winners: American Custom = Mike Schneider, American Stock = Rhino, British Custom = Rob Lavoi, Metric Custom = Ron Newcomb, Rat = Tracy Marks, Trike = John DeBierd, Vintage = Mark Millon, Women's = Melisa Robertson, and Best of Show = Tim Dezenstein.

After the Bike Show was the **Muskrat Memorial Most Fantastic Moustache & Beard Contest**, sponsored by MonkeyButt Radio & TwoGals. To get things started, Jubel introduced the event and offered a toast to Muskrat's Memory. The Longest Beard measured 14" but I didn't get the fellow's name. Tim won Best Mustache & Freestyle winner (Muskrat's

category) was Mark.

The **Bike Games** got underway with the *Slow Race*. 33 pilots showed their skill. Winner was Wayne Slocum of High Country ABATE. 32 teams lined up for the *Joust*. Only 2 couples [Rob & Krista, Dee & Wayne] collected 6 of 6 rings to go to a 2nd round tie-breaker. The win went to Rob & Krista. 23 teams were in round 1 of the *Ball Drop*. 3 rounds of eliminations left 2 couples remaining, Read Riot Act vs Rob & Krista. After 3 more rounds & 3 height adjustments, they agreed to a tie. It was an excellent showing! The *Weenie Bite* was next up. 18 couples played. 4 couples got a piece of the weenie. Tamalyn & Gunner aka Read Riot Act were the winners. Congratulations! This was the first time Ben & Trauma Mama got to compete, as they are usually volunteering in the First Aid booth. Thanks to extra Volunteers they could get away for a bit. Many hands make light work ☺ AND they got 2nd place! Very cool.

When the bike games ended it was time for award announcements. ABATE-AZ President Jim Butsback also recognized ABATE's Officers. He reminded everyone that this is an entirely Volunteer organization & extended thanks to the Too Broke Committee & volunteers. Poker Run winners were Lori Ann Gaunt's High Hand with 4 Aces for the \$200 prize & Jerry Statler's Low Hand for \$50.

Then came the event that many look forward to, the **Wet T-Shirt Contest**. It was sponsored by Discount Biker Supply & Big Biker Babes. 15 women took to the stage. Rhino emceed & Nolan poured the water. There were naturals & store-boughts, all ages & sizes ~ pretty much something for most everyone to enjoy the view. Cell phone cameras were held high as the music played & the gals put themselves out there for your votes. Winner was chosen by audience response. Congratulations to the winner, Misti!

The 50/50 drawing presented over \$1800 to the winner! What a way to wrap the weekend!

From there, the party carried on into the night with music by the Rhythm Dragons. Music was sponsored both nights by Chuck Franklin Law.

Sunday is always a little bitter-sweet. It's sad to see the weekend come to an end. CMA shared breakfast & coffee again [both mornings]; plus held a Worship Service. This organization feeds the bodies and the souls of the biker community ☺

From the organizers we learned there were 1350 sign-ins; including many non-ABATE members. Most arrived by Friday; with some Saturday arrivals.

Well there you have it, another Too Broke in the books. So much to share ~ Too little space ☺ But this should show you that if you've never been you REALLY need to check it out for yourself! If you HAVE been before, you know what we mean {;o}

Mark your calendars for June 8-11, 2017 for TBFS #26. We plan to be there & hope you will too.

Bruce & Betsy