

March 2019

Last month we had actual winter conditions in High Country. This meant we could not ride every day, only most days (it is Arizona after all). But even so we managed a ride down to Punkin Center Bar & Grill to present Harley, and her patrons, with a plaque for their continued, absolutely incredible, support for our annual Barbie Hensler Memorial Toy Run. These folks, and we mean everyone that patronizes her establishment as well as Harley AND all her staff, continue to make our jaws drop in awe of how much they care. We love you Harley and your entire crew. Thank you!

And then, as if February wasn't cool enough, the Women of the Moose at Lodge #852 decided to throw a dinner for all of our High Country Chapter members and participants to thank us for all the support the Barbie Hensler Toy Run provides to their efforts to help needy children at Christmas. The dinner was outstanding. Delicious roast beef with new red potatoes, vegetables cooked to perfection, salad, rolls AND desert. Actually, it was a feast giving back to the community is clearly a High Country tradition, so this dinner gave us a chance to recognize the Moose Lodge for their contributions to the Toy Run over the years with their own plaque. And, by the time you read this, we will have had an opportunity to present similar plaques to Rim Country District of the MMA who partner with us every year and are true brothers and sisters of the road, the Sportsman's Chalet in Strawberry whose owner Tim Kheen and his patrons went above and beyond this past year coming up with 17 brand new bicycles, and of course, the Buffalo Bar & Grill in Payson where Mike McKinnon and his staff basically turn over the whole restaurant to us every year so we have an awesome home for the Toy Run. We also want to thank all the volunteers and the many, many, folks of High Country that make this drive work every year.

Never ones to let grass grow under our feet, we are already underway for the best Wild In The Weeds party ever (WildInTheWeeds.com). This year we will be featuring a Run to the Weeds from the valley on Saturday morning (still being planned) and the well-known and well-followed band UNCHAINED will be the headline act on Saturday evening. As usual we will have a free Photo Booth (courtesy of MotorcycleSafari.com) as well as a DJ, great games, vendors, etc. So save the dates (always the first weekend in May) May, 3, 4 & 5.

Until next time, Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed!