

February 2017

Well would you look at that; here we go again, already a month into a new year. So, I am sure that all the Bikers out there made their resolution to get out and ride more.

East Valley Chapter got together on December 18th for our annual potluck meeting, So much yummy food. Good thing we didn't plan an adventure for afterwards I don't think anyone would have made it from eating so much. Let's look at what this newest Chapter of the East Valley saga has in it.

East Valley chapter presented Mike Turngren with his lifetime membership. Must have been Mike Turngren day because he won \$15 from the 50/50 and ever so graciously donated it back, Thank you Mike. Juanita Triplett could have been \$304 richer from the dollar jar, maybe next time.

I hope that everyone was blessed with enjoying the Holiday season. Now it is time to get back to work.

January 6th was Motorcycles on Main. Thank you to everyone who showed up to hang out and help. We set up our booth side by side with AMSAF. It was so cool that we were able to refer people to each other. We were honored to have Adam Sandoval and Scooter from ScootinAmerica park the bike right in front between the ABATE and AMSAF booths. We got to talk to and get pictures with him and scooter. He was given a bumper sticker and white bandana. Also, we found out later that we are in his YouTube interview from that night.

Chapter officer training was held on January 7th at the Arizona American Italian Club. It was great together, for some of us it gave us a chance to put in person faces with names. It is exciting that we have some new faces willing to lend their energy to a Chapter officer position. We had a couple of awesome presentations. Trauma Mama introduced the ABATE of Arizona 2017 Public Safety Announcement, Ride safe, Ride Smart, Ride Responsible, and Ride Endorsed. The 2nd was from Dean with AMSAF. **He showed us a couple of cool PSA commercials that they did.**

I would like to say thank you to everyone from several different chapters that came to Gypsy's Roadhouse on January 7th after officer training for Willie Shearhart surprise 70th birthday party. A special thank you goes out to Owners Bill and Gypsy who reserved a table for Willie, unfortunately I forgot to write down the name of the young lady who was bartending but she busted her ass and handled it with grace and ease.

This being printed in the February edition I would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. May the love bug be gentle?

Don't forget that Motorcycle Day at the Dome is February 15th. Let's make it big and respectfully make our voices heard. I know that I look forward to seeing many, many smiling faces there this year to visit with our Representatives.

Until next month, be safe out there.

Enjoy the ride and as always keep it rubber side down.

Here's to Wind Knots in my Hair,

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