



# Indian Motorcycle Riders Group Tucson Black Mountain Chapter Newsletter #35 Winter 2025



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## Editor's Note

By Debbie Ostrom

Welcome to our 35th issue, Winter 2025 Newsletter. Thanks to all the contributors this quarter!

In this edition we feature all the new 2025 Indian models and post the 2025 King of the Baggers race schedule.

We pay tribute to some dear brothers that have gone to the endless road in the sky. Dead Mike has some cold-weather riding tips. We have Ride and Events articles from our beloved President and we wrap it up with winter pix, Odds & Ends, credits, upcoming activities and caption fun.

If you are new to our IMRG Tucson Black Mountain Family, please introduce yourself to the group through a Bio. Please share your ride experience through an article and a few photos. Your contributions continue to make this a nationally recognized publication.

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## President's Corner

By Mike Ostrom

Winter came roaring in this year putting most of the country in a deep freeze. Some areas in southern AZ saw snow! We did ride around the poor weather.

We lost a couple of old friends this last quarter. TBMC Charter member and our first Road/Safety Director, Jack Wilcox, passed December 23, 2024, and Mike Holmes passed January 20, 2025. Ride In Peace Brothers.

The Tucson Rundezvous will be moving to a new home at Casino Del Sol, April 9-13, 2025. Hope to see you there!

A special welcome to new Tucson Black Mountain members. Everyone is welcome to join us, no matter what you ride. Send an email: [President@IMRGtucson.org](mailto:President@IMRGtucson.org)

Just \$2/month provides many exclusive member discounts and freebies. Contact John Fucci for details.

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Look forward to seeing you on a ride or event soon.



# Industry News

## Indian's Liquid-Cooled Chieftain & Roadmaster PowerPlus 112

*Polaris Press Release, January 24, 2024*

Indian Motorcycle today expanded its PowerPlus family with the Chieftain PowerPlus and Roadmaster PowerPlus. In addition, the company introduced a 112ci version of its PowerPlus engine after two years of developing and refining it through the Indian Motorcycle Racing program in route to the team's **2024 King of the Baggers championship**.

As with the Indian Challenger and Indian Pursuit chassis-mounted fairing models, these new PowerPlus fork-mounted fairing models combine a classic muscular American V-Twin style with rider-assist technologies never before offered in an American V-Twin motorcycle. Meanwhile, the new PowerPlus 112 engine expands on the unparalleled performance of its 108ci predecessor – going beyond the power limitations



of traditional V-Twin motors to deliver more consistent, sustainable power, with instant acceleration and effortlessly sustained high speeds within every gear throughout the range.

The 2025 Chieftain PowerPlus and Roadmaster PowerPlus redefine the American V-Twin riding experience, featuring distinctive American style, next-generation performance, rider-centric technology, and comfort to go the distance.

### STYLE



The new Chieftain PowerPlus and Roadmaster PowerPlus wear aggressive and chiseled lines that are a visual representation of their high-performance hearts. Their compact stance makes each model look smaller, lighter, nimbler and more athletic. The new fairing's design is sleek and aerodynamic, offering improved handling and stability at high speeds to provide superior control when compared to previous Chieftain and Roadmaster models.

# Industry News

## Indian's New Chieftain & Roadmaster PowerPlus 112

### New PowerPlus 112

Taking bagger and touring performance to an entirely new level is the PowerPlus 112, unleashing **126 horsepower and 133 ft-lbs of torque**. The contemporary design of the PowerPlus — a high revving, liquid-cooled engine with overhead cams and 4 valves per cylinder — delivers both high horsepower and high torque. This unique combination delivers an unmatched ride without sacrifices — optimizing acceleration across the rev range for unrivaled passing power in every gear. With the PowerPlus, riders don't have to constantly shift to keep up, as with traditional push rod V-Twins. When in doubt, don't shift, because the power is right there waiting. Just twist the throttle.



### TECHNOLOGY

For 2025, the PowerPlus lineup will debut a host of new Rider Assist features that are aimed at improving rider awareness and enhancing rider convenience. These new Rider Assist features will be bundled with previously offered SmartLean Technology and come

standard on vehicles with the PowerPlus 112 engine.

Including:

Bike Hold Control, Electronic Combined Brake System, Blind Spot Warning, Tailgate Warning & Rear Collision Warning.



### PRICING

Chieftain PowerPlus: Starting at \$26,499, Indian Challenger: Starting at \$26,499, Roadmaster PowerPlus Limited: Starting at \$31,999, Indian Pursuit Limited: Starting at \$31,999



# Industry News

## Indian Motorcycle's All-New 2025 Sport Chief RT

*Polaris Press Release, January 24, 2024*

Building upon its iconic cruiser lineup, Indian Motorcycle, announced its 2025 Indian Chief lineup, introducing the Sport Chief RT and Super Chief Dark Horse. Offering superior handling and ride performance, Sport Chief RT takes the beloved Indian Sport Chief to an entirely new level – introducing all-new, custom-inspired premium components.

### Custom-Inspired Style

Answering the call from riders, Sport Chief RT delivers custom-inspired style straight from the factory. The all-new, all-weather Locking Rigid Saddlebags add sleek style and more than 10 gallons of practical storage. Each saddlebag's large lid with forward hinge layout offers convenient accessibility.

Sport Chief RT's custom-inspired styling includes an all-new 2-Up High Bolster Seat, which is also fully compatible as an accessory upgrade across the Indian Chief line. With a sleek design and five inches of bolster, the 2-Up High Bolster Seat delivers an aggressive look while increasing cushion, maximizing comfort for riders and passengers. The bike's six-inch machined risers with moto-style handlebars and machined triples add premium style with sporty ergonomics straight from the factory. Forward controls keep the rider's legs in a more relaxed and comfortable position, while its Quarter Fairing and 6.5-inch windscreen provide wind protection with a clean, sporty look. Sport Chief RT features a 19-inch front, and a 16-inch rear contrast cut lightweight cast alloy wheels, wrapped in Metzeler® Cruisetec® tires.



### Premium Components

The 2025 Sport Chief RT introduces an all-new PowerBand Audio Bluetooth® Speaker – standard on Sport Chief RT models and available as an accessory across the entire Indian Chief lineup.

The PowerBand Audio Bluetooth® Speaker secures between the Sport Chief RT's handlebar risers and Quarter Fairing, deliver 90 watts of crystal-clear audio at highway speeds.

### Purpose-Built Performance

At the heart of the Sport Chief RT is Indian Motorcycle's Thunderstroke 116 V-twin engine. With its air-cooled simplicity, the Sport Chief RT packs 120 ft-lbs of torque for raw passing power. Three ride modes (Sport, Standard, Tour) each provide unique throttle responses to fit riding conditions and match rider preferences.

In addition, KYB® inverted front forks offer superior handling and ride performance, provide responsive front-end handling – allowing riders to ride harder with less fatigue and more confidence. Adding comfort and aftermarket style are a pair of Performance Adjustable Piggyback Rear Shocks by FOX®. With easy-to-operate 23-click twist knobs, riders can adjust compression and rebound damping to suit their riding preferences – delivering a smoother, more comfortable ride. Offering confidence-inspiring stopping power and a more responsive feel are the Sport Chief RT's Dual Brembo® four-piston calipers with semi-floating 320mm rotors.

All 2025 Sport Chief models are standard with forward controls, delivering relaxed and comfortable ergonomics. Riders preferring mid controls can exchange the forwards for Mid Foot Controls and enjoy their preferred riding ergonomics. Featuring four models, the 2025 Indian Chief lineup will begin shipping to dealers in February.

### PRICING

Indian Chief: Starting at \$14,999, Indian Chief Bobber: Starting at \$17,499, Indian Super Chief Limited: Starting at \$21,999, Indian Sport Chief: Starting at \$19,999, Indian Sport Chief RT: Starting at \$22,499



# Industry News

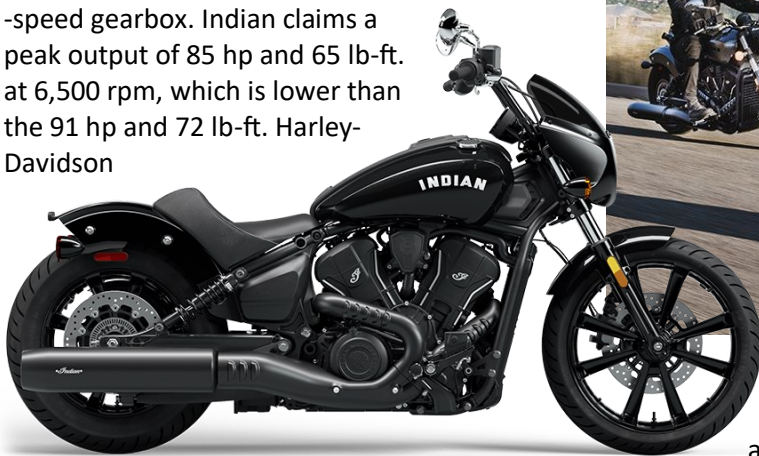
## 2025 Indian Scout Sixty Lineup – First Look

By Dennis Chung , Motorcycle.com, November 12, 2024

### Smaller Scouts feature 999cc SpeedPlus engine

Indian announced three new Scout Sixty models, adding an entry-level range of bikes slotting in below the recently revamped Scout models. For 2025, the Sixty range consists of the Scout Sixty Bobber, Sport Scout Sixty, and Scout Sixty Classic, with pricing starting at \$9,999 and going up to \$13,199. That price is significant, not just because the least expensive model slips past the psychological \$10k barrier, but also because it significantly undercuts its most direct competitor, the \$11,999 Nightster from Harley-Davidson.

The new Scout Sixty models share a 999cc version of the liquid-cooled, 1250cc SpeedPlus engine employed on the larger Scouts, and has just a five-speed gearbox. Indian claims a peak output of 85 hp and 65 lb-ft. at 6,500 rpm, which is lower than the 91 hp and 72 lb-ft. Harley-Davidson



claims from the Revolution Max 975T engine, but again, the Scout Sixty starts at a much lower price point,

though the gap does even up depending on the variant.

As with the larger Scouts, the Sixty models will be offered with a choice of trims. You don't get the Limited+Tech trim from the bigger Scouts, but they are available in standard or Limited, which adds ride modes, cruise control, traction control, a USB charger and Limited badging.



# Industry News

## 2025 Indian Scout Sixty Lineup – First Look (continued)

The three Scout Sixty variants mirror their counterparts from the full-sized Scout line. The indistinguishable between the Scout Bobber Limited and Scout Sixty Bobber Limited.

The Scout Sixty Bobber offers a stripped down look with a black headlight, 16-inch five-spoke wheels, a very slightly lower seat (25.6 inches vs 25.7 inches), and slammed suspension (i.e. a more marketable way to say reduced suspension travel).

The Scout Sixty Bobber in standard trim starts at \$9,999 and comes only in Black Metallic. The Limited trim includes four color options: Black Metallic (\$11,699), Springfield Blue (\$12,199), Heavy Metal Smoke (\$12,199), and Ghost White Metallic Stone (\$12,199).



styling is nearly



The Scout Sixty Classic brings back retro styling cues like flared front and rear fenders and the exhaust system, wheels and headlight in chrome.

The standard trim Scout Sixty Classic is only offered in Black Metallic for \$11,999. The Limited trim is available in three colors: Black Metallic (\$12,699), Springfield Blue (\$13,199) and Frost Silver (\$13,199).

Topping the range is the Sport Scout Sixty which adds a quarter fairing, mini-ape handlebars, a plusher seat, and a 19-inch front wheel. The Sport model also comes with Metzeler Cruisetec



tires instead of the Pirelli Night Dragons provided with the Classic and Bobber.








Pricing starts at \$11,499 for the Indian Sport Scout Sixty in standard trim in Black Metallic. The Limited trim includes four options: Black Metallic (\$12,199), Black Smoke (\$12,699), Sunset Red Smoke (\$12,699), and Blue Dusk (\$12,699).

The 2025 Indian Scout Sixty models should be in dealerships now.





(2 Races Each)

- 6–8 Mar  Daytona International Speedway, United States  
Daytona 200
- 2–4 May  Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, United States  
MotoAmerica Superbikes at Road Atlanta
- 30 May–1 Jun  Road America, United States  
MotoAmerica Superbikes at Road America
- 11–13 Jul  WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, United States  
MotoAmerica Superbike Speedfest at Monterey
- 15–17 Aug  Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, United States  
MotoAmerica Superbikes at Mid-Ohio
- 12–14 Sep  Circuit of the Americas, United States  
MotoAmerica Superbikes at Texas
- 26–28 Sep  New Jersey Motorsports Park, United States  
MotoAmerica Superbikes at New Jersey





# Racing Final Standings 2024

## MOTORCYCLE RACING



DAYTONA ST I  
 DAYTONA ST II  
 Senoia ST  
 Texas HM  
 Ventura ST  
 Silver Dollar ST  
 Orange County HM  
 Bridgeport HM  
 Lima HM  
 Du Quoin Mile  
 Peoria TT  
 Black Hills HM  
 Sturgis TT  
 Springfield Mile II  
 Springfield Mile II  
 Lake Ozark S

Pos	Rider(s)	Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Wins
1	Jared Mees	311	6	5	1*	2#	3#	1*	5	3#	2	1*#	3	2		1*	1*#	1*	6
2	Brandon Robinson	280	3	1#	3	1*	5	4	6	1*	3	8	5	3	9	4	3	4#	3
3	Dallas Daniels	276	1*	3	2#	3	2	2#	1*#	2	1*#	2				3#	2	2	3
4	Briar Bauman	243	8	4	4	5	1*	5	2	4	5	4	1*#	9#	2	19	17	5	2
5	Davis Fisher	211	4	6	8	4	14	16	10	5	4	5	8	10	4	2	5	7	0
6	Jarod VanDerKooi	205	7	7	5	6	4	6	8	18	7	10	4	6	3	17	6	3	0
7	Brandon Price	194	2	9	7	8	11	13	7	6	6	3		8	10	5	4	11	0
8	Trevor Brunner	173	11	8	9	12	8	12	9	7		7	6	5	7	6	11	9	0
9	Declan Bender	144	16	15	14	10	18	10	12	8	13	6	9	4		7	8	6	0
10	Max Whale	126		10	10	7	10	9				13	7	11	6	8	10	13	0
11	Cameron Smith	120	9	11	16	18	12	14	13	12	10	9	10	18	13	12	9	14	0
12	Dan Bromley	116	10	12	11	15	9	7	15	11	14	16		14	11	11	16	12	0
13	Bronson Bauman	113	15		13	16	6	8	11	9	11	11				10	7	10	0



### 2024 Mission King Of The Baggers Championship

Season: 2024

Pos	No.	Name	Total	Diff	Gap	3/7/2024	3/7/2024	4/12/2024	4/12/2024	4/19/2024	4/19/2024	5/31/2024	5/31/2024	6/14/2024	6/14/2024	7/12/2024	7/12/2024	8/16/2024	8/16/2024	9/9/2024	9/9/2024	9/27/2024	9/27/2024
1	17	Troy Herfoss	358	0	0	20	20	25	20	25	25	25	20	16	9	5	13	25	20	20	25	20	25
2	33	Kyle Wyman	347	11	11	25	25	20	25	20	11	20	25	13	8	25	20	25	13	20	16	16	16
3	1	Hayden Gillim	224	134	123	13	11	11	10	16	13	0	11	25	25	16	25	13	0	11	13	0	11
4	97	Rocco Landers	224	134	0	11	6	10	9	0	6	8	0	20	0	20	16	16	16	25	16	25	20
5	29	Tyler O'Hara	224	134	0	6	13	16	11	13	20	16	16	11	20	9	10	10	11	16	0	13	13
6	43	James Rispoli	196	162	28	16	16	13	16	11	7	0	13	0	16	11	11	11	13	10	11	11	10
7	85	Jake Lewis	134	224	62	0	9	0	0	6	9	13	8	10	13	8	8	9	10	6	8	9	8
8	13	Cory West	125	233	9	0	8	8	6	9	10	11	9	9	11	0	0	7	7	8	9	7	6
9	88	Max Flinders	118	240	7	7	5	6	7	10	11	10	10	8	10	10	0	6	6	x	7	x	x
10	10	Travis Wyman	100	258	18	8	7	5	0	7	8	0	7	x	x	7	9	5	9	7	10	6	5
11	50	Bobby Fong	94	264	6	9	0	9	13	8	5	9	0	x	x	13	0	x	x	9	0	10	9
12	78	Kyle Ohnsorg	50	308	44	10	10	7	8	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8	7
13	72	Larry Pegram	16	342	34	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8	8	x	x	x	x	x
14	199	Danny Spina	11	347	5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	4	7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
15	11	Ruben Xaus	7	351	4	0	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
16	32	Jesse Janisch	4	354	3	0	4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
17	90	Zachary Schumacher	3	355	1	0	3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
18	286	Gunnar Ouellette	2	356	1	0	2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
19	186	Shane Narbonne	0	358	2	0	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Legend 1st place 2nd place 3rd place

- 3/7/2024 Daytona 200
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- 4/12/2024 Mission King of the Baggers at MotoGP
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- 4/19/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Atlanta
- 4/19/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Atlanta
- 5/31/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Road America
- 5/31/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Road America
- 6/14/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Brainerd
- 6/14/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Brainerd
- 7/12/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Monterey
- 7/12/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Monterey
- 8/16/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Mid Ohio
- 8/16/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Mid Ohio
- 9/9/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Texas
- 9/9/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at Texas
- 9/27/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at New Jersey
- 9/27/2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at New Jersey



# Safety Corner

## Winter Riding Tips

by **Dead Mike Lehnus, Road/Safety Director**



When the mercury dips, the risks increase. Cold weather affects both your body and your bike, making it essential to know your limits and prepare accordingly. Although we here in southern Arizona don't really worry about this too much, this is still good information to know, especially if you plan on riding in areas with higher elevations. Here is a handy chart that will give you a good estimation of what temperatures you will encounter at certain speeds.

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Personal tolerance levels vary for each rider. Some can comfortably ride in 40°F weather, while others struggle below 60°F. It's essential to know your limits and recognize signs of hypothermia, which include shivering, numbness, and impaired judgment. If you feel discomfort, it's safer to end your ride early. Experienced riders might stretch their limits with proper gear, but it's crucial to prioritize safety over endurance. Assessing your cold tolerance through short rides can help determine your comfort range.



### MOTORCYCLE WIND CHILL CHART

Riding Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (°f)									
	15°	20°	25°	30°	35°	40°	45°	50°	55°	60°
25	-4°	3°	9°	16°	23°	29°	36°	43°	49°	56°
30	-5°	1°	8°	15°	22°	28°	35°	42°	49°	56°
35	-7°	0°	7°	14°	21°	28°	35°	41°	48°	55°
40	-8°	-1°	6°	13°	20°	27°	34°	41°	48°	55°
45	-9°	-2°	5°	12°	19°	26°	33°	40°	47°	54°
50	-10°	-3°	4°	12°	19°	26°	33°	40°	47°	54°
55	-11°	-3°	4°	11°	18°	25°	32°	40°	47°	54°
60	-11°	-4°	3°	10°	17°	25°	32°	39°	46°	54°
65	-12°	-5°	2°	10°	17°	24°	32°	39°	46°	53°
70	-13°	-6°	2°	9°	16°	24°	31°	38°	46°	53°
75	-13°	-6°	1°	9°	16°	23°	31°	38°	46°	53°
80	-14°	-7°	1°	8°	16°	23°	30°	38°	45°	53°
85	-15°	-7°	0°	8°	15°	23°	30°	38°	45°	52°

## Jack Wilcox Passes

by **Teresa Squirrel Davidson and TJ Moose Johnson**



Jack Wilcox, April 18, 1959– December 23, 2024 (65 Years Old) passed away peacefully in the presence of family and friends. He was loved and cherished by many people including two step-sons, a daughter and a brother.

As one of the original founding members of Indian Motorcycle Riders Group Tucson Black Mountain Chapter he was the original Safety Director/ Road Director. Jack conquered many miles and obstacles in his life. He came in like a mountain lion, fought like a mountain lion. passed away peacefully, leaving us with many memories of adventures shared. He loved animals more than people. And riding more than anything.

He had the first year, 2014 Chief Vintage in Indian Red with natural leather bags and fringe. Climbing on roofs in the summer as a Heating A/C Tech made him immune to triple digits on the bike. Amongst his many travels, he lead us to the first Durango Rendezvous the long way. Two very long Days. It wasn't the destination, it was the ride that counted. From 4 corners to Silver City to Gila Cliff Dwellings, he was always up for adventures. Ride In Peace, Brother! You will be missed.



# Remembering Jack Wilcox



# Remembering Mike Holmes

Our friend and riding brother, Mike Holmes, passed away on January 20th after a courageous battle with cancer. Mike Holmes was kind, loving, funny, and full of life. He will be missed. Our hearts go out to his wife, Jackie Mills, and his whole family. Enjoy that endless ribbon of road in Heaven, Mike!

To the people in my life,  
who make me smile, love me,  
support me, and bring me joy,  
Thank you.



# Classifieds & History

## For Sale: Harold's Indian Hannigan Trike Only \$19,900

REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE! This 2015 Indian Chief Vintage Hannigan Trike with 111 cubic inch (1819cc) engine, 120 lbs. ft. Torque and smooth six-speed transmission, with Reverse, cruise control, dual-temperature comfort plus heated seats (rider and passenger), auxiliary 12V power socket in front pouch, battery tender and cable are included. Engine guards and oil cooler chrome guard are installed. It has the stock windshield and optional lower adjustable wind deflectors for comfort in the cold and optimal airflow when it's warm. Comfortable Kuryakyn grips are installed.



### Award Winning Custom Indian Trike by Hannigan Motorsports!

The features that put this Hannigan ahead of the rest of the pack include the independent suspension with sway bar, which insures almost no lateral forces on the motorcycle seat creating a much healthier, more comfortable ride, even for your passenger. The 51-inch-wide track and CRX sports car stabilizer has made this Hannigan Trike one of the safest and most stable trikes available. It will out-corner other trikes, allowing you to run with your two-wheel companions on twisty roads. This Hannigan Trike has the best combination of sporty handling and a plush ride. IM Mike Ostrom



## Dealer Awarded Decade Service Rocker

At the close of 2024, President, Mike Ostrom, presented our Tucson Dealer with a new hanging rocker commemorating a decade of Outstanding Service and Support. Mike had presented the original plaque to then-GM Chris Chestnut in 2015 after their inaugural year in business.



## The Origin of Our Tucson Black Mountain Chapter Name

*Reprinted from Arizona Daily Star, Oct 21, 2021*

Lying just west of Interstate 10 near the far west end of Congress Street, "A" Mountain, more formally known as Sentinel Peak, stands as one of Tucson's most well-known natural landmarks. (It's the peak with the famous white "A" on its side.) In the valley below the 2,900-foot peak, the Hohokam people lived along the Santa Cruz River as far back as 1,220 years ago, according to the City of Tucson.

One Native American settlement was named Stjuk-shon, pronounced "shook-son," which roughly translates to "village at the foot of the black mountain." The mountain they were referring to is Sentinel Peak. When Spanish soldiers and explorers came to the region, they began pronouncing the settlement's name as "Took-son," leaving us with what is now Tucson, although the pronunciation has clearly changed since then.



# Rides and Events

## Taco Soggy Sunday

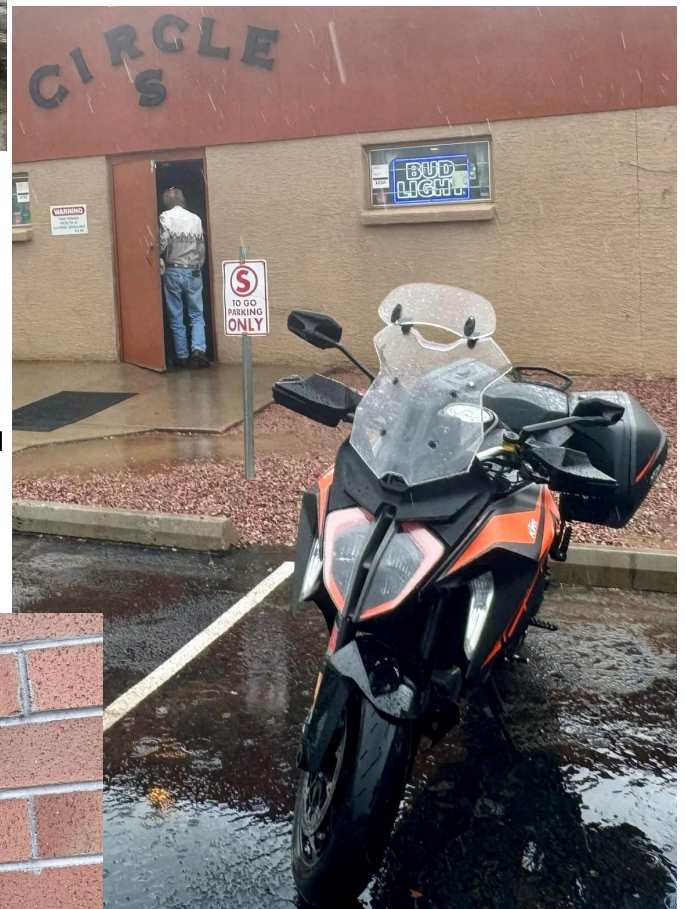
By Mike Ostrom



Patricia DeZor sent me an IM Friday night, requesting one more Taco Sunday before heading back to Pennsylvania for two months. I posted the ride, as requested, then remembered there was a good chance a rain on that first Sunday of November. Sunday morning rolled around and the chance of rain jumped from 50% to 100% with temps in the upper 50's. Facebook lit up with a flurry of messages about meeting us there and caging it. Debbie suggested I do the same. Of course, she was right, as usual (never gets old), but as the ride's organizer, I felt an obligation to ride in case another fool showed up on a bike/trike.

So I donned my Klim riding gear and rode in a light rain to the meetup where Tom Gasser was waiting, leaned up against the QT wall and mostly dry. His Harley Trike was mostly wet. Jackie Mills and Mike Holmes were also there...in their truck.

As we waited for the 10:45 AM KSU to arrive the rain became heavier and it looked worse to the west and north, where we were headed. Blue sky and white puffy clouds awaited travelers headed in the opposite direction. One thought was to avoid twisty Picture Rocks Rd and just ride north to Twin Peaks Rd. but I had posted meeting at the Sandario Rd intersection as an option and at least one guy said he'd probably meet us there. He didn't.



# Rides and Events

## Taco Soggy Sunday (Continued)

The steady rain continued all the way to the Circle S Saloon, where there wasn't another bike in the lot! That's a first. As Tom and I walked in dripping wet I asked him what he thought. He said, "I think I should've drove the car!" Max Marker and his wife showed up early to secure a couple of tables that we all squeezed around. Much laughter ensued and eventually everyone's food appeared. I told Tom that the rain would probably stop by the time we left, but we both knew better.



Tom's jeans got wet on the ride to Circle S, so he was a little chilly on the ride home. I found out my new water-proof boots worked

well, but were a tad short when my riding pants rode up during shifting. Cold rain running into a dry warm boot is not one of my favorite things, but I was able to remedy the situation twice when it occurred. I really should listen to Debbie more often.



# Rides and Events

## JWJ Motorcycle Museum

By Mike Ostrom



Shortly after Johnny "Speed" Morgan opened Gear Shifters, he began talking to the owner, Parish, about some sort of coordinated event that included an event at his motorcycle museum in San Manuel, AZ. On Sunday, November 11th it finally happened. The 520 Moto Gang and others met at Gear Shifters on Catalina and Speedway for a cup of Joe on a beautiful fall morning. Johnny was working the coffee wagon and would have to mind the store on one of his busiest days of the week.

As is typical at Gear Shifters, there was an eclectic mix of bikes and riders that gathered for the ride, many of whom had never been to JWJ. By 9 AM, some folks mounted up and took off in smaller groups. I chose to wait for the big gang of maybe 15 bikes to depart and placed the Big



Chief about mid-pack for the leisurely stroll up Swan to Sunrise. Actually, it settles into a leisurely ride after blasting away from each stop along the way. Ahh, to be young again. The ride up to San Manuel on AZ 77 was gorgeous, once we got out of town. A couple of

guys behind me opened up their throttles, one on a Ducati Diavel and the other on a ZX14 Connie, when we got to the two-lane passing section north of Oracle. I gave chase on the Vintage and found myself in the lead at the bottom of the hill. Almost like being young again.



# Rides and Events

## JWJ Motorcycle Museum (Continued)

Parish, his wife and compadres were waiting for us with fresh coffee and open bay doors. Parish is quite knowledgeable on every bike in what was once his Dad's collection in the museum. Both he and his Dad raced off-road in a number of different events, and many of the dirt bikes in the collection still have their number plates on them. He knows their history and amazing facts about some pretty unique models in the collection. He can talk bikes all day!

A few years ago, when I was still working, I was out for a ride by myself and was pulled over on the side of the road in San Manuel, searching my phone for the museum. A guy in a pickup truck stopped and asked if I needed help. I said, "I'm looking for the bike museum." He said, "follow me". It was Parish and his wife on their way to breakfast. He open up the shop just for me and he gave me a guided tour as we talked bikes for 45 minutes while his hungry wife



display that I have owned or currently do own, so it's kind of my happy place as well as his.



patiently sat and waited! I apologized several times to her, but she acted like it wasn't the first time it had happened.

The collection hasn't changed too much over the last few years, including an example of the first bike Debbie and I ever owned 50 years ago, an orange Honda CB360! He has several models on



# Rides and Events

## River Bottom Grill Patio Paradise

By Mike Ostrom



One of our favorite destinations for good food, cold beer and live music is the River Bottom Grill in Florence, AZ. When the weather cooperates, the place to be is the partially-covered patio. Their prime-time season, with live music, begins in fall and ends when spring becomes summer. We kicked off the fall season on November 10th on a gorgeous afternoon with a ride north to our favorite Patio Paradise!

We met at the Valero in Catalina for a KSU of 12:15 PM. Chris Terrien and her Mom, Loreta, were in town for a week and driving Tom Johnson's loaner pickup truck. They made room for Nancy Grosvenor and Deb-



bie in the back of the girl's party wagon. Ed King led the Green Valley contingent up Park/1st Street from the freeway for a stop-n-go slow ride north. They rolled in at 12:10 PM with plenty of time to spare! A

late departure actually worked to our benefit.

The River Bottom's prime season coincides with cold mornings in southern Arizona. So a few years ago we adopted the second-shift strategy, and have had success with it. The first shift hits the patio starting around 11 AM and the place is packed by noon and the kitchen is backed up with orders. Those folks are done eating by 1 PM or so and the best shade tables start opening up when we arrive! It never fails. We were especially lucky this time, because we sat next to other friends from our biker community.



Live music starts at 2PM, so most of the first shift don't wait for it, but we can order drinks and lunch and have audible conversations before the band strikes up. Sometimes we stick around for the first set and do some dancing, but this time we left half way through Bad June's first set. It was such a nice afternoon to be in the wind.



# Rides and Events

## 5th Annual Moose Riders Toy Run

By Mike Ostrom



It was a chilly start to the season of giving. Saturday morning I met some of the guys for breakfast at the Baja Grill patio and it was about 44 degrees when I rolled in around 8 AM. The Moose Lodge opened a half hour later for registration, breakfast burritos and Bloody Marys, if you were so inclined. Registration was \$15 for a rider or \$20 per couple with unwrapped gifts, to benefit needy kids in the neighborhood.

The cold kept most riders away until 10 AM, which allowed just enough time to register before our 10:30 AM departure. We left en masse for the ride down Silverbell to Ina and over tricky Picture Rocks to our first stop, the Wag-

on Wheel. We weren't doing a Poker Run but it was kind of structured that way with four stops and specific timing for each.

When it was time, a group of a dozen riders or so took off for the AmVets at Tucson Estates. I headed out a couple minutes later and could see them in the distance. They must've taken Sandario all the way to Mile Wide. I always prefer to cut down Kinney Rd through the park, which is actually the hypotenuse of the Sandario-Mile Wide triangle. I pulled out in front of the



gang I had been following and was the first to arrive at the AmVets!

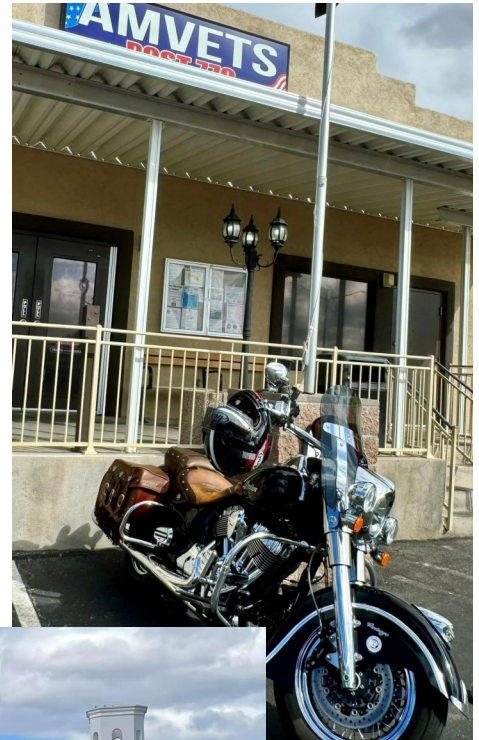
# Rides and Events

## 5th Annual Moose Riders Toy Run (continued)

When I was ready to proceed to the next stop for a group picture at the San Xavier Mission, someone said there was still another half hour before our timed departure. Instead of waiting, I rode back through the Saguaro Park West and over Gate's Pass for home. It had been a little too cold for Debbie in the morning, so I decided to join her at home for soup and a sandwich around 1:30PM.



Art "Santa Claus" Wasserman reminded me that was one further stop than Debbie and I did last year, having to turn home after the Wagon Wheel stop. After the photo op at the mission, the group continued on to the the last stop at the Buggy Wheel Bar, where gift baskets were raffled off and live music was provided by Those Dudes. We hope to experience the whole event one year!



# Rides and Events

## 12th Annual Santa Claus Toy Run

By Mike Ostrom



Allan retired and closed down Renegades Classics in 2024, so the fate of the annual Santa Claus Toy Run that he sponsored every year since 2011, was in question. So, some other co-sponsors stepped up and continued what had become Tucson's largest toy run. Pre-registration was held at our very own Indian dealer and the new occupants of the former Renegade location on Speedway, Sleep Outfitters, opened their doors and parking lot for coffee, donuts and registration the morning of the event.

IMRG Tucson Safety/Road Director, Mike and Anita Lehnus, once again offered their services to direct traffic for the busy event. Allan shared that one year over 750 riders attended the toy run and that typically ride attracted over 500 people. This year's event seemed rela-

tively lightly attended by comparison. And it wasn't due to the weather. Morning temperatures were in the 50's and it warmed quickly to the 60's by KSU at 10 AM.

We were running a little late to begin with and then realized we forgot our wrist bands



and meal tickets about half way there, so had to

do a U-turn for home. Debbie's brother, who was visiting from Cleveland, remembered his! We got to the meetup about 9:50, just as Ed King was leading a group of Indian and Quail Creek riders out of the parking lot.

We took the time to say hi to some old friends we see at least once a year and enjoy a coffee and donut before heading out ourselves. It was a nice change of pace not having to make sure everyone in a big group made the light or could change lanes, rolling down Speedway. Ron and I were able to leapfrog a couple of slow groups before Gates Pass and then by going straight to Valencia instead of turning on Ajo. We had clear sailing most of the way and coincidentally arrived at the Desert Diamond Casino in Sahuarita about the same time as Ed and the gang.



# Rides and Events

## 12th Annual Santa Claus Toy Run (continued)



As a co-sponsor, Indian Motorcycle of Tucson had a tent set up again this year with Moose and Squirrel's Red Sleigh Roadmaster out front. Some folks stopped by to say hi and take a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

After dropping off our gifts at the Salvation Army collection point under the tree, we



grabbed some tables in our usual spot along the left of the floor seating. As usual, they had a great holiday buffet. I noticed a couple people pass on the turkey after eating it for the last few days and there was plenty of pumpkin pie left on the dessert table too.

Live music was provided by OnesAll, who were already playing when we arrived. They were pretty good, playing a nice mix of soft rock. We gathered the group for a photo and some of us made the rounds to spread holiday cheer among our friends at other tables.

Around 1:30 PM, we made our way to the lobby and then the outside pavilion, where we ran into more friends. Debbie was hurting so we blasted home on the freeway, with the Big Chief locked in at 80 MPH.



It was rewarding to see the pile of toys under the tree and know some kids would have a better holiday because of our collective contribution.



# Rides and Events

## Tombstone Vigilantes Ride

By Mike Ostrom



Tombstone always seems to have some event going to attract tourists. Unbeknownst to Mike Lehnus, the ride he scheduled and led on December 8th was Vigilantes Days in the historic town. He wasn't sure how crowded it would be, but thought getting there early couldn't hurt. He posted a 9 AM meetup with KSU at 10 AM at the Road Runner on Sahuarita Rd and Houghton.



My Indian Vintage developed an unexpected squeak somewhere near the rear wheel, so I switched to my KTM and didn't arrive until 9:50 AM to an empty parking lot. I guess I had just missed the earlybirds who



had been hanging out for nearly an hour and wanted to ride.

After topping off the tank, I began playing catchup

on my favorite stretch of curves on AZ 83. I reeled in the group of ten riders just as they arrived in Sonoita, before proceeding east on AZ 82 to Mustang Corner for a break and photo op. With morning temps in the 40's, it felt warmer in the sun as the temp gage finally broke 60.

It warmed up a little more as we arrived in Tombstone and parked at the crowded American Legion, Post 24 on Allen and 2nd Street. The rest of the town didn't look crowded for a Vigilante Sunday, and we were able to find two tables for 11 of us at Big Nose Kate's around 11:30 AM.



# Rides and Events

## Tombstone Vigilantes Ride (continued)



Just after ordering my usual Boot Hill burger and fries, Jay fired up the live music, filling in for Mick, who was off until Tuesday. He performed some traditional BNK favorites like Ghost Riders in the Sky and Folsom Prison Blues, sprinkled in with a couple Christmas carols. We hung around for his first set and took in some of the sights on Allen Street before mounting up for the second leg of our loop.

Eight of us headed down beautiful Gleeson Rd in the high desert. Nice smooth sweepers, with a couple of cattleguards that can catch you by sur-

prise. We headed north on US 191 at Elfrida and through grain siloes and farm country. After a brief stop in Sunizona we continued on to Dragoon Road and caught I-10 about 15 miles east of Benson. Mike



was close to home, but some of us were well over an hour away. It turned into a beautiful afternoon, even on the Interstate.



# Rides and Events

## Holiday Party

By Mike Ostrom

We used to have debates and create committees to come up with a Holiday party idea and venue. We had our first celebration in 2015 at a Bowling Ally with pizza as the main (only) course. One year it was at a Go-Cart track, where Molly Norman gave everyone a lesson in driving. We've had several parties at various restaurants and even a dinner theater where the performers doubled as wait staff. They have all been fun and memorable.



After hosting our first Southern Arizona Rendezvous and final banquet at Desert Diamond Resort, we decided to give them a shot for our annual Holiday Party as well. They do such a nice job that we've gone back there every year since. We started out with a plated dinner served at your table to a buffet the last couple of years, which everyone seems to like.

The December 14, 2024 event was no different, with 25 of our closest friends and most active members. Shortly after the cash bar opened at 5 PM, people began to filter in. Newly elected Secretary, Linda Lowry, and her assistant, Shon, checked people in and the merriment soon ensued.

Actually, the merriment started soon after partygoers checked into the hotel. By the time the official party started some were kicking it into second gear!

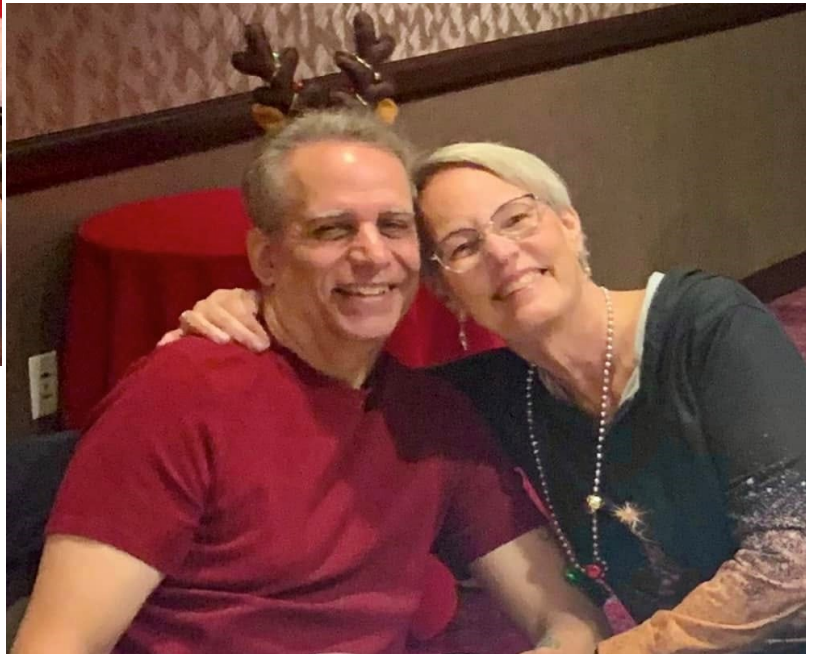


# Rides and Events

## Holiday Party (continued)



Secretary and editor, Debbie, was one of the ladies in red, including a hat that our son Sean made that covered 3 city blocks. I had to make a special trip to the car to bring it in so many of the girls could pose with her. Teresa Squirrel Davidson and Bonita Reiter made sure everyone was festively decorated in appropriate lights, Santa hats and reindeer antlers.



This year's buffet did not disappoint. Everyone found something they liked with, two seasonal salads, ham, turkey and salmon main course with a veggie medley, cranberry sauce, rolls, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy. They even brought out extra desserts to go, or for those that got a second wind.

I made a few brief announcements as part of our official December meeting, thanking the 2024 officers and volunteers who help make our group successful and congratulated the new or re-elected officers for 2025. I also recognized our dealer who stepped up over the last year in an effort to rekindle a strong partnership with our group. I had a hanging rocker engraved with the years, "2015-2024" to hang beneath the plaque we presented then-GM, Chris Chesnut with in 2015 at that Bowling Ally. GM, Maverick Hand, had moved over to a Harley store two days earlier. Neither he or any of his employees were present at the party, so I will personally present the rocker to the new GM at the dealer.



# Rides and Events

## Holiday Party (continued)



White Elephant gift exchange MC, Squirrel, took over from there. Most of the folks participated in the white elephant, with many Grinches stealing opened gifts from previous recipients instead of taking a chance on an unopened gift. There were even some swaps made after snowed settled on another fun exchange.



As has become tradition, the after party moved outside to gather around a fire pit for a lengthy night cap. This year we had to rearrange a lot of furniture to create a huge ring around the fire. I was in an outer orbit of the ring and could see the fire, but couldn't feel it. Most of us had a layer on to help with the increasingly chilly air as it got later. Ed King mentioned that Tequila is also an effective antifreeze. He and John Fucci had plenty coursing through their veins by the time they shut the place down in the wee hours and stumbled up to their rooms!



It is nice having a room for the night after the party, if one happens to over indulge. Six or seven couples chose that option this year. Debbie and I ran into Ed and Connie King in the lobby by the coffee shop in the morning with a couple of Americano Grandes. Debbie and I headed to The Oink Café for breakfast but decided against a hair of the dog, opting for French Toast and Jalapeno Bacon instead!



# Rides and Events

## New Year Ride Up Mt Lemmon

By Mike Ostrom

It's an annual tradition to ring in the new year with a motorcycle ride. In Wichita The RAC Pack called it the Polar Bear ride and thankfully, it didn't include jumping into a frozen lake somewhere! But it could get very cold with ice and snow involved! In general the winters are much more moderate in Tucson, so we compen-



sate by riding up Mt Lemmon every year — and do it in the morning! Not sure who started this tradition, but it might have been a homesick Snowbird.

In any event, some years are better than others and this year was one of them. Over 20 bikes convened at McDonald's for a KSU of 9:30

AM, when the temperature was already 61. A few of us were among the first to ascend the hill in light traffic. New Year's eve revelers were still in bed. It was a little cooler in the shade, but was beautiful under a bright sun at Windy Point, where we stopped for a short break.



# Rides and Events

## New Year Ride Up Mt Lemmon (continued)

Some years that's as far as we dare venture. That cool shade turns cold and any moisture turns to ice. Former IMRG TBMC VP, Mark Grosvenor, hit black ice up there a few years back and both he and his bike did some horizontal skating! This year it had been dry and warm so we rode all the way up to Ski Valley. Even at 9,000 feet it seemed warm in the sun. There were barely some traces of snow left on the slopes after some record warmth.



The original plan was to do brunch at Viv's, but Viv was enjoying the holiday at home. Not to worry, Viva Burrito Co. was right next door and open. One guy

cooking meant the food came piecemeal, no pun intended, but it was pretty good. I don't think we want to make it part of our annual tradition, but it beats jumping in a frozen lake!



# Rides and Events

## Patagonia Nogales Loop

By Mike Ostrom

After record heat last summer, we weren't too surprised to have near record warmth in the winter too. For the first Friday of the new year it was forecasted to hit 82 in Tucson, so Lewie scheduled a SEAT ride to Patagonia for brunch.

He likes meeting at the Road Runner on Sahuarita Road and Houghton Road, when headed to Sonoita and points beyond. No fewer than 25 bikes showed up on a beautiful morning. Neil Hejny and I had ridden out to the meetup from our neighborhood and by the 9:30 KSU, he was geared up and ready to roll. The destination was Gathering Grounds and arriving first would have its advantages in the small restaurant.

By the time he got to the AZ 83 T-bone, Jerry Gilbert, Mark Grosvenor, Alan Martini, Carl Sheets and I had caught up, but



he wasn't waiting for the rest of the pack. Neil has been known to twist the wick on 83 and this ride was no exception. Jerry did a better job than I did staying on his tail as we went around slower traffic. The rest of our little group pulled together on the 12 mile stretch west on AZ 82 to Patagonia.

We had good timing arriving just as a couple tables freed up inside. We slid them together for the seven of us with a couple extra chairs for any slowpokes that cared to join



us. On cue, Roger Voelker and Tom Lorenzini showed up as we were enjoying our first cup of coffee. As our food showed up, we saw Tom Johnson, Bob Gardner and Bill circled by. They thought the place looked too crowded and headed back to Sonoita to enjoy a Roxie Red at the Copper Brothel.

Neil again led our subgroup southwest on AZ 82 to S River Road in Nogales. Some of us in the back got separated by traffic and by the time we got to Ruby Road and the intersection from hell at I-19, the front runners were long gone. Roger and I sat through two red-light cycles trying to get on I-19.

I ended up exiting at Continental Road in Green Valley and riding Mission Road back north to Valencia and down to the Casino Del Sol to scout a possible location for the Tucson Rundezvous. From there I continued west to AZ 86 to Kinney Road and through Gates Pass on the way home.



# Rides and Events

## Mission Road to Arizona Family Restaurant

By Mike Ostrom



The first Saturday of the year promised to be nice before a cold front and snow storm gripped most of the nation. After meeting some buddies for breakfast at Baja Café on Campbell, I went home picked up the big Chief and took the scenic route over Gates Pass and through Saguaro National Park West to the meetup at the QT on Valencia for a KSU at 11:30 AM. Turns out there are a few QTs on Valencia and a couple of riders

went to the wrong one. After waiting for everyone else until 11:40, they rode to the San Xavier Mission and had some Fry-bread sandwiches.

The seven of us that showed up at the posted QT, rolled out about 11:35 and headed south on Mission just ahead of the lost souls. Rick and Annie May fol-



lowed me with Tom Johnson and Nancy Ellis behind them and Alex and Gwen bringing up the rear. The weather was perfect and Mission Road is always a pleasure after they repaved the last five miles.

After we arrived at Arizona Family Res-

taurant, a guy on a Kings Mountain Indian Chief rolled in and asked, "Where's the rest of your group"? I guess there was another miscommunication with another group! New Year Resolution: Improve communication.

They sat us in the back again. Some opted for breakfast and some lunch. It was good. Afterward we all took Mission Rd. back north, even though the restaurant is right at I-19. It was fun again. At Valencia we went our separate ways.



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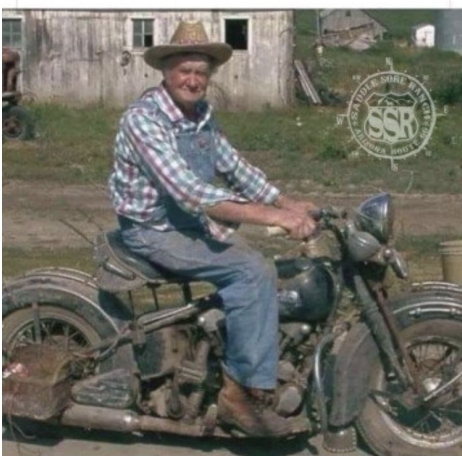
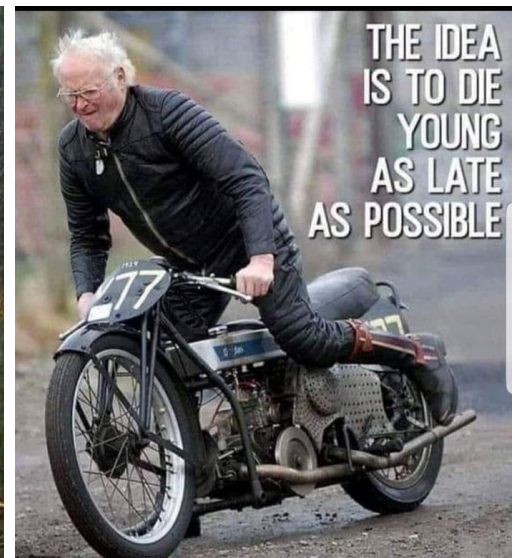


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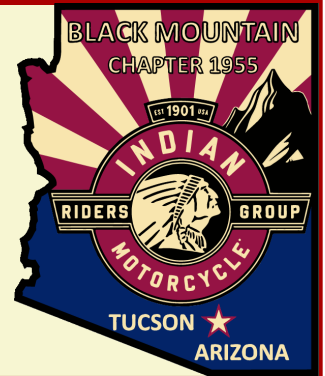


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