



# Indian Motorcycle Riders Group Tucson Black Mountain Chapter Newsletter #36 Spring 2025 Part 2



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## Editor's Note

By Debbie Ostrom

Welcome to **Part 2** of our 48-page, 36th issue, Spring 2025 Newsletter. Thanks to all the contributors this quarter!

In this edition we feature more new 2025 Indian models and 2025 King of the Baggers race schedule and Daytona results.

We pay tribute to our dear brother, Nick Jeffers, who has gone to the endless road in the sky. Mike Lehnus has some defensive riding tips. We have three autobiographies, Ride and Events articles from our TR4 Ride Captains and we wrap it up with Indian Fours 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

We have had a busy Spring with plenty of rides and the 4th installment of the Tucson Rundezvous at our new home, Casino Del Sol, April 9-13, 2025. By all accounts, it was a huge success, despite record-breaking heat! We are already planning TR5 and have an active summer calendar planned. Please join us!

We lost our brother, Nick Jeffers on February 7th in an accident. Condolences to Ellie. Ride In Peace Brother!

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

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



# IMRG Tucson Rundezvous IV



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# Rides and Events

## Tucson Rundezvous IV Recap

By Mike Ostrom



Our fourth annual Tucson Rundezvous is in the books! It was a warm one in the afternoons with record-breaking 100-degree highs, but the morning rides were heavenly. This year The Casino Del Sol Resort played host and by all accounts, it was an upgrade from Desert Diamond. There are several in-house restaurants and several other places to get coffee or ice-cream, for example. Some attendees took advantage of the discount Spa services, although I didn't hear of anybody bunging their clubs to the bike to play 18 holes on their pro golf course. Our Hospitality room was a little cramped but the rest of complex was outstanding.

We set new records for registrations and had 58 people enjoy our Saturday Banquet. We had many repeat attendees from out of town with chapters from Vegas, Las Cruces, Reno, and the SD Crew among them. Hans "Salty" Amador has the distinction of being the only out-of-towner to attend all four Rundezvous. We had some first-time attendees as well from as far away as Texas and as close as Chandler, AZ. It's always great to see old friends and nice to make new ones.



We had 10 guided rides over three days and several smaller groups did their own thing. A short summary of the guided rides follow this article. We hit crowd favorites, like Tombstone twice, and did the first structured tour of the Titan II Missile Museum, after rave reviews last year. There were guided and self-directed rides to the cooler elevations of Mt Lemmon and Kitt Peak. We revisited Tubac, Sonoita, Superior and had some delicious bagels at our Friday Indian Motorcycle dealer event. We started earlier than usual and most rides got back to our reserved parking area before the highest temps of the day.



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## Tucson Rundezvous IV Recap (continued)



The Saturday banquet and charity raffle was a success and fun. The Fiesta buffet was delicious and they even kept a variety of desserts coming. The prize-packages raffle and 50-50 drawing raised \$1,047. Personal donations and a unanimous motion by the Black Mountain Chapter raised the total contribution to the Sister Jose Women's Center to \$1,500.



The after-dinner program included Hans "Salty" Amador's emotional recounting of the tragic accident that claimed the life of Robert "Smiley" Rollins and injured Pablo Cortes and Dave Lauro on the way home last year. We also paid tribute to the brothers we lost over the last year, including Harold Atterberry, Jack Wilcox, Nick Jeffers and Mike Holmes.



We did a chapter introductions, passing the mic from table to table, before handing the mic over to Teresa "Squirrel" Davidson for the raffle prize drawings with Molly Norman. Squirrel always makes it a fun time.

Most folks headed home on Sunday. Snowbirds, Jim and Hospitality Hostess, Joann Frost were headed to Circle S Saloon one more time for Taco Sunday, before heading back to Ohio. A couple others, including Treasurer, John Fucci, hung around an extra day at Casino Del Sol to bask in the satisfaction of another enjoyable Rundezvous.



# Rides and Events

## Sierra Vista / Tombstone Thursday

By Ed King



A small but spirited group of six riders set out on Thursday, April 10th, for a journey to the historic town of Tombstone, AZ. Our route was intentionally a bit meandering in order to see the most of southern AZ's mountainous beauty and wonderful curved roads.

### The Crew

Leading the ride was yours truly, eD King, accompanied by: Steve "Can Am Colton", Jim "Frosty" Frost, Mike "Dead-Mike" Lehnus, Al "I Wanna Ride More" McDonald, John "Gucci Fucci" a.k.a. "Alt Sweep"

### The Journey Begins

We departed from the Casino Del Sol Estrella parking lot around 8:30 AM, heading down Valencia Road to Mission Road—a local favorite thanks to its curves and occasional wildlife sightings. Though normally bustling with critters like deer, javelinas, and the odd snake or two, the only wild-



life we spotted this time were utility workers installing new steel telephone poles. Apparently, they'd scared off all the natural inhabitants. After twisting our way down Mission Road, we reached Helmet Peak and turned onto Helmet Peak Rd/Sahuarita Rd, a long, straight stretch offering little more than 23.7 miles of mostly uninterrupted boredom. That is, until some fool in a car decided to make a left turn in front of our group, giving us a jolt of adrenaline and a rapid braking moment—no harm done, thankfully.

We made our first stop at the Roadrunner Market for hydration and snacks before completing the miles of straight-line riding. Into the mountains turning south onto Highway 83 (Sonoita Mountain View Hwy) brought welcome curves, light traffic, and some scenic elevation—peaking around 5,000 feet. Once in Sonoita, it was time for another quick break thanks to our earlier hydration efforts.

# Rides and Events

## Sierra Vista / Tombstone Thursday (continued)

Next, we cruised west along AZ State Route 82, a beautiful mountain-framed ride that led us to the junction at Highway 90 in Whetstone (Mustang Corner). A right turn took us through the infamous speed trap of Huachuca City and on toward Sierra Vista, where we turned onto E. Charleston Road—a scenic and lesser-traveled route into Tombstone. This back way into Tombstone is a treat—peaceful, picturesque, and just enough of a twist to keep it fun.



### Destination:

Big Nose Kate's once in Tombstone, we parked at Legion Post 24, who kindly let us use their lot—always appreciated with Tombstone's limited parking. From there, we headed into town and made our way to Big Nose Kate's Saloon and Eatery. Lunch was fantastic, enhanced by live music, costumed servers, and the constant replay of the classic film *Tombstone*. It's always a memorable stop, whether you're enjoying a burger, a brew, or both.

### The Return Ride

After filling our tanks at a nearby gas station, we began the journey back. As expected for April in Arizona, the temps climbed into the low 90s—but true to AZ form, we embraced the heat and enjoyed the final stretch. We returned to Casino Del Sol safe and sound by late afternoon, grateful for the ride, the camaraderie, and the memories made on the open road. Everyone made it back tired, maybe a little sun-kissed, but ready for whatever the evening had in store.



# Rides and Events

## Mt Lemmon Ski Valley and Sawmill Run Restaurant

By Mike Ostrom



The ride up Mt Lemmon has become a mainstay on the Tucson Rendezvous agenda. Many riders from out of town see it as a highlight of the week and do it every year. With 14 people in tow, it's not always easy making our way through traffic from the SW Casino to



the NE base of the Catalina Highway. John Road Byrd Levy was the sweep and Good-Golly Miss Molly Norman agreed to ride mid-pack as a secondary Road Captain, if we became separated.

We did get separated along the way, but I found a convenient pullout just when we needed it to collect the group after a long light.



We zig-zagged north east to Mission Road/Star Pass and continued across town on 22nd Street, reaching the base of the mountain in about 45 minutes. It was a wonderfully cool morning with little traffic, so the cross-town trek wasn't bad at all.

The group was together as we started our ascent of Mt. Lemmon. We had about three miles of curves to recalibrate everyone to leaning bikes, when we pulled out for the first scenic vista at BaBad Do'ag overlook. Manny and Stella Frias had been riding



on my six, with Stella coaching Manny along the way. She is afraid of heights and prefers slower corners, so Manny obliges. After some hydration and some photos we continued our climb.

Windy Point is at about 6500 feet and was pleasingly cool as we stopped at the iconic scenic vista. Mike and Arlene Gibson had not ridden the hill before and loved the view. A few folks wandered out on the rocks for a different vantage point. Some of us thought it would be nice to stop at Ski Valley near the top before lunch to see if we could find any remnants of the season's last snowfall.

# Rides and Events

## Mt Lemmon Ski Valley and Sawmill Run Restaurant (continued)



As we rode past 7,000 feet it became noticeably cooler with temps in the 60's. Ski valley may have been to cool point of the whole Rundezvous, but the bright sun made it feel warmer. We did catch a glimpse of snow in the shade and a young doe looking for lunch at the bottom of the run. Holly Rolan zoomed in her Samsung phone for a great picture of her!

The Sawmill Run restaurant in Summerhaven was already open and their lot was 3/4 full when we rolled in. They take your order when you walk in and the food appears five minutes lat-

er. We all found a seat on their patio under bright skies. One tall pine tree was providing some nice shade for about a third of the tables. It fast quick service and great food as always. We lingered as people finished up. It seemed



nobody wanted to leave. A few people went down to the General Store souvenir hunting or for some fresh fudge. Molly walked next door to a gift shop I didn't even know existed, before gathering for the ride back down.

It was a gorgeous ride back down, but it started feeling a little warm as we passed 4,000 feet. We all stopped at the gas station at the bottom for those with less range. The SD Crew and some others broke off to take the scenic route back to Casino Del Sol via Gate's Pass. Not a bad option. Byrd and Molly headed for home and four of us pretty much retraced our route back, arriving just as the temp gauge hit 100!



# Rides and Events

## Rundezvous Ride for Brunch in Bisbee

By Phil Reiter



The 07:30 KSU seemed a bit early, but we had to arrive at the Bisbee Breakfast Club in time for brunch. The air was cool, and the bright morning sun gave no hint that this would be the earliest 100 degree day in Arizona history! Our group of seven riders included 5 guests, and Shon Lowry as the sweep.

We enjoyed a few twisties on Mission Road before turning onto Helmet Peak Road, which continued east as Sahuari-ta road. We hit highway 83, and kept a moderate pace, thankfully with minimal traffic, to Sonoita. After a short break, we proceeded down Hwy 82, and then on to Hwy 80 toward Tombstone. Our guest riders had been in-

formed that we would only be passing through Tombstone, and that they would have the option of stopping there on the return trip.

We arrived at Bisbee about 10:30, and proceeded to Erie St. and what remains of Old Lowell, the home of the original



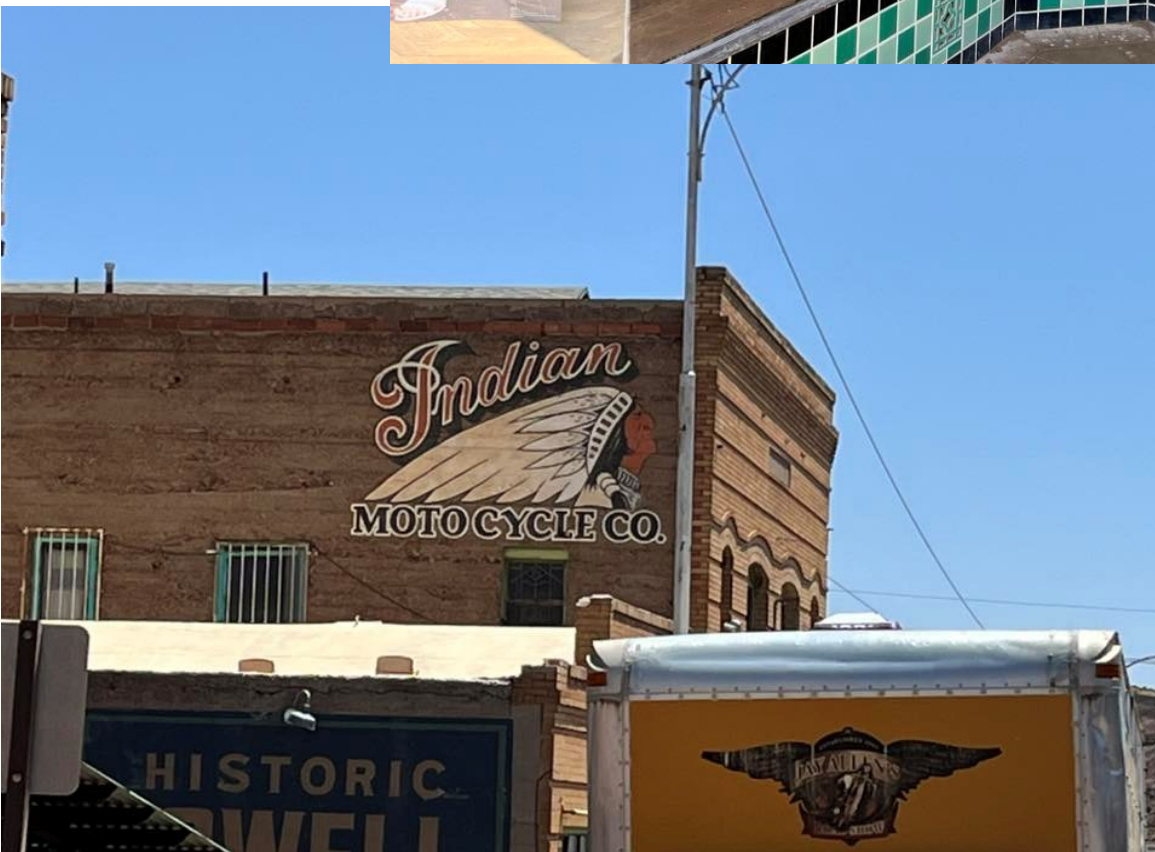
Bisbee Breakfast Club. Some of us chose to wander down the only street in town, past the shuttered stores, viewing a few antique motorcycles through store windows, and the almost antique '70's and older motor vehicles parked along the street. Ah, the 1970's, it really takes you back, doesn't it...

# Rides and Events

## Rundezvous Ride for Brunch in Bisbee (continued)

After a fine meal at the BBC, and a bit more wandering and looking into store windows, we headed out to Old Bisbee Main Street. The somewhat higher elevation in Bisbee kept the temperature very tolerable. None of us seemed to be very interested in shopping the many antique and craft stores, so we headed out after about an hour.

After confirming that they had directions back to the Casino, a couple of riders decided to poke around in Tombstone, and split off as we headed through the town. The rest of us headed back toward Sonoita. I had toyed with the



idea of taking in Patagonia, and returning via South River Road, Pendleton Road, and riding past Tumacacori, and Tubac. We could then have hit Continental in Green Valley, and could have ridden the full length of Mission road back into Tucson.

However, the last of our guests decided to head straight for I-10 from Sonoita, back to his motel in town. That left only Shon and I from the original group. By that time in the after-

noon, the temperature had hit the forecast 100 degrees, and since we still wanted to avoid the Interstate, we just headed back by way of Sahuarita and Mission Rd. Fortunately, we were both pretty well hydrated, and we arrived back at the casino in good shape.

# Rides and Events

## The Journey to Porters Saloon: A Ride to Remember

By Ed King

This is the brave crew that did Runderzvous IV's longest ride. This ride was long and somewhat daunting due to the heat during the ride back to Casino Del Sol but also the best scenery one could ever ask for.

In attendance were:

Bill Mountain

Mike and Arlene Gibson

Joy Hearson

Hans Salty Amador

Phil Reiter - Sweep and missing in this photo

And yours truly, Ride Captain eD King, also missing as I was taking the pic.

Our momentous ride kicked off bright and early on Friday, April 11th, with engines rumbling as we departed Casino Del Sol around 8:00 AM. What lay ahead

was a 225+ mile round-trip adventure to the legendary Porters Saloon in Superior, AZ—a ride packed with epic scenery, rich mining-town history, and plenty of good vibes.

We began with a morning cruise through Gates Pass, always a stunning way to greet the day, with warm desert light stretching across the rugged Tucson mountains. Our first pit stop came at the QT on Twin Peaks Road, where we fueled up bikes and grabbed a few supplies for the long road ahead. Heading east on E Tangerine Road, we rode through peaceful residential stretches with the towering Santa Catalina Mountains commanding the skyline. Soon, we merged with Highway 77 (Oracle Road)—and the real journey began.

This highway took us 85 scenic miles north, winding through timeless mining towns like Oracle, Mammoth, Winkelman (affectionately known as "Tinkleman"), Dripping Springs, and more. By the time we rolled into Globe, we had nearly 100 miles behind us. We stopped briefly to stretch and hydrate before continuing east on Highway 60, past Top of the World (population 330), and on to Superior. That final stretch between Globe and Superior is arguably one of the most spectacular motorcycle routes in Arizona, with steep canyon walls, mountain curves, and wide-open skies painting a postcard-worthy backdrop.

We arrived at Porters Saloon hungry and happy—and lunch did not disappoint. The food was excellent, and the company even better. After some laughs and a solid meal, it was time to saddle up again for the ride back to Casino Del Sol. Navigating a brief detour (thanks to a missed turn and some construction), we were quickly back on track and headed for State Route 177, also known as the Copper Country Scenic Route.

While this road is smooth and well-maintained, it offers little relief from the sun—no shade, no cover, just pure Arizona heat and rugged beauty. Surrounded by hills, mountains, and a whole lot of copper mines, this 32-mile stretch from Superior to Winkelman was scenic but scorching. We stopped for gas and a much-needed hydration break at the Speedway in Winkelman, where we cooled down, chatted with friendly locals, and recharged for the final leg.

From Winkelman, we retraced most of our original route—though we opted to skip Gates Pass on the way back in the interest of time and tiredness. After a long, rewarding day on the road, we returned to Casino Del Sol just in time to unwind, freshen up, and get ready for the evening's events and a well-deserved dinner. It was a ride to remember—challenging, beautiful, and packed with everything that makes Runderzvous rides special: open roads, stunning views, and great people.



# Rides and Events

## Mission, Amado and La Gitana Cantina in Arivaca

By Mike Ostrom



We had a surprise shortly after departing Casino Del Sol on Friday morning. We arrived at our first stop, San Xavier Mission and there was a huge scaffold erected in the front of the church with a “Closed” sign hanging from the front door. I had allotted a half hour for the full tour and after 5 minutes of snapping pictures from afar we were rolling again.

Mark Grosvenor wanted to join the ride, but had a late start leaving from his house north of us. I sent him a quick text that we were now leaving the Mission ahead of schedule. He said he would catch up, but he didn’t make the Mission detour.

It was a perfect morning for a ride through the curves down Mission Road. We were going at a pretty good pace with a group of seasoned riders. We cruised through Green Valley to the I-19 frontage road. Most of the out-of-town riders had to drone down the Interstate to get to the Rendezvous, so all the Road Captains made a concerted effort to avoid the Interstates where practical. We cruised south at about 55-60 while I-19 traffic zoomed by at 80 MPH.

We stopped by the Longhorn Grill in Amado for a photo op in front the huge Longhorn skull and a check of the watch. We were way ahead of



schedule. La Gitana Cantina in Arivaca opens at 11 AM and we were about a half hour away at 10 AM. I texted Mark only to discover he was way ahead of us. He probably zoomed by while we were at the

Mission and put his bike in “catch-up” mode.



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## Mission, Amado and La Gitana Cantina in Arivaca (continued)

After lounging around the Longhorn for a while, we took off down 23 miles of Arivaca Road. It is a great motorcycle road, especially after being repaved a few years ago. It's mostly sweepers with a few curves marked at 25 MPH. It was a beautiful morning to ride it.

When we pulled up to the Cantina, Mark was leaning up against the wall in the shade.



We still had around 10 minutes before the place opened. It's good to be the first customers, though. We all had a cold refreshment and our lunch orders placed by 11:15 AM. We moved from the bar to the back patio when our food started arriving.

Everyone agreed to continue down Arivaca-Sasabe Road to AZ 286. I had cautioned everyone to watch out for sand in some of the tight curves and sure enough we found some. Mark took off in front of us and we never saw him again. He did the whole route by himself. The rest of us stuck together for the 30 miles of sweepers and wash dips up to Three Points for fuel and hydration. One of the guys joked that the three guys from Tucson thought nothing of standing in the afternoon sun, while he huddled in the shade.

Being ahead of schedule finally paid dividends. We were only about 15 minutes from Casino Del Sol and we got back to the ranch before the heat of the day.



# Rides and Events

## Indian Dealer Bagels and Gate's Pass

By Anita Lehnus

We left the Casino del Sol around 9am Friday morning with about 13 – 14 motorcycles. Bonita Reiter was sweep, with Shon Lowry as right wing. Great ride up Kinney Road to Gates Pass and the dealership. Kinney Road and Gates Pass are always a scenic and enjoyable ride.

At the dealership, we met up with the SD Crew group that had left earlier. Everyone enjoyed bagels and coffee from Bruegger's Bagels kindly provided by Indian Motorcycle of Tucson and our new general manager, Paul Johnson. Great conversations and great shopping ensued.



After everyone had eaten, talked and shopped, groups started departing for some riding before the temperatures soared to the 100 degrees expected that day. Some riders headed for Mt. Lemmon, some headed to Superior/Globe to catch up with the planned ride up there and some headed for the fun in Tombstone.

The few of us remaining at the dealership decided to head straight back to the Casino del Sol for the swimming pool and air conditioning since the temperature was already over 95 degrees and still climbing!

Holly and Rick Rolan from the Littleton, Colorado chapter headed back up to Gates Pass later that evening to get some stunning shots of their motorcycles and the full moon. It was a wonderful time with old and new friends.

# Rides and Events

## Tombstone Friday

By Mike Lehnus

The ride left the Casino Del Sol a little late, but that didn't affect the ride too much. The ride was going to be a 200-mile round trip through some of the best scenery in the area but due to the expected high temps a couple of hydration stops were planned.

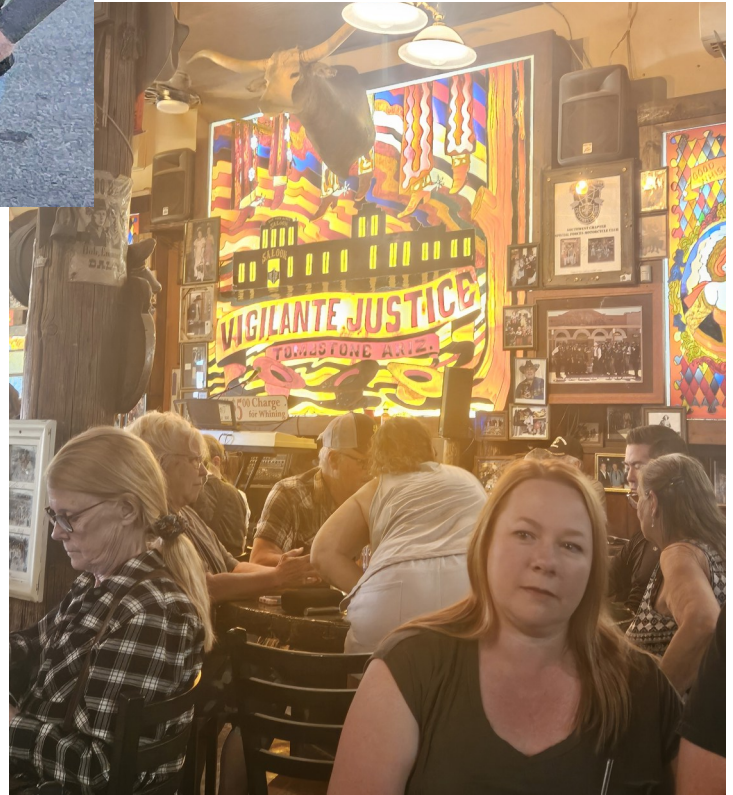


The first stop was at the Roadrunner in Corona De Tucson, which offers a nice shady parking space and all the amenities required for a rest stop. The route then took us down Hwy 83 which is known in the area for its scenery and abundant curves. Then we went east bound on Hwy 82 to Mustang Corners for our 2nd stop and obligatory photo op. After everyone was hydrated, we pushed on to Tombstone, by now the temps were in the 90's but

everyone was doing fine. We parked our bikes at the American Legion Post and everyone headed to Big Nose Kate's for lunch. The owner, Steve Goldstein, came to our table and kept us entertained till our food arrived.



After lunch a few riders went off to explore Tombstone, then



everyone met at the bikes and we began our ride back. The group was offered a chance to take a faster route back and everyone thought that was a good idea, so we rode through St David and got on the Interstate in Benson and stopped at the Maverik for a hydration stop.

Then it was back on the Interstate to Marsh Station Road which we rode to it's end and then back on Hwy 83, another hydration stop at the Roadrunner then our final push back to the Casino. The group was in good shape despite the high temps and all reported enjoying the ride.



# Rides and Events

## Kitt Peak and San Xavier Del Bac Mission

By eD King



A Scenic Saturday to Remember Saturday, April 12th brought us one of the most scenic and well-attended rides of Runderzvous IV — the Kitt Peak and San Xavier Ride. While it may have been one of the shorter routes of the weekend, it packed plenty of memorable moments and drew the biggest crowd of riders. By our count, 23 bikes rolled out from Casino Del Sol at 9:30 AM, ready to soak in the desert views and mountain air. Leading the pack was yours truly, eD King, with the ever-patient and reliable Phil Reiter sweeping the rear.

We headed west via Valencia Rd to Hwy 86 (Ajo Rd), keeping a lively pace while, of course, respecting all posted speed limits. The route to Kitt Peak National Observatory is a straight shot



west on AZ 86 until the final stretch — a stunning 10-mile ascent through the Quinlan Mountains. This newly repaved winding road climbs to an elevation of 6,883 feet, making Kitt Peak the highest point in the range. The temperature dropped a good ten degrees as we climbed, offering a refreshing break from the warm desert floor.



# Rides and Events

## Kitt Peak and San Xavier Del Bac Mission



At the summit, riders took in the views, snapped photos, and enjoyed a special treat. A staff member from the observatory had set up a solar telescope, giving us a rare chance to observe the sun and its corona safely — a truly awe-inspiring experience.

After taking it all in, we carefully descended the twisty mountain road, pausing at a picturesque overlook where our photography enthusiasts captured some in-



credible shots of the rugged landscape below. Back on Ajo Rd, we rode east to Three Points (Robles Junction) for a well-earned hydration break at the Chevron station. Then it was onward down Valencia Rd and south on Mission Rd to our next destination: the historic San Xavier del Bac Mission.

Founded in 1692, San Xavier is the oldest European structure in Arizona. Set along the banks of the Santa Cruz River, the



mission boasts a rich history of construction, reconstruction, and cultural significance. Riders explored the mission grounds, browsed local Native crafts, and indulged in authentic Indian fry bread — a delicious highlight of the day. After an hour of sightseeing, shopping, and snacking, we made our way back to Casino Del Sol to rest, cool down, and gear up for the Runderzvous IV Banquet later that evening.



# Rides and Events

## Titan II Missile Museum Saturday

By Mike Lehnus

This was a very short ride, the majority of which was spent on the twisties on Mission Rd. The Titan II Missile Museum is not a replica of a launch site, it was an actual launch site and all the equipment is genuine. The guided tour is a must because you get to go underground and observe the harsh conditions those brave missileers lived under and you also get to see a genuine, but deactivated, Titan II missile.



On the tour, the guide asked for 2 volunteers to recreate a launch sequence, which is very sobering. If you do the tour however, be warned that you must take stairs 5 stories underground, which translates to 5 stories back up. There is also an opportunity to walk around all the above ground equipment. Photos



and videos are encouraged throughout the tour. After the tour we rode to the Arizona Family Restaurant in Green Valley for lunch, which was very tasty! A good time was had by everyone. After lunch everyone went their separate ways as some wanted to ride to Kitt Peak and some wanted to return to the casino. The ride was short, but the memories of the tour will be with us for a long time.



# Rides and Events

## Tubac, Patagonia and Not Copper Brothel

By Mike Ostrom



I had advertised the short Saturday ride as 137 miles, but when I looked at it again the night before the ride it was coming out at 180 miles! Oops! The best way to get to Patagonia from Tubac is to ride further south to Nogales then up scenic AZ 82 through Patagonia. When I mentioned this minor miscalculation at the pre-ride safety talk, Greg

Ortiz said well then forget it and turned to walk away with a smile on his face. I joked that a guy who rode 600 miles to get here would balk at 180 miles.

It was another beautiful morning for the last guided ride of the event. We made our way down Mission Road to Green Valley where we caught the I-19 Frontage Road as far south as it goes before jumping on I-19 for a mile.

I had described Tubac as an Artsy-Fartsy tourist destination, which may have done it a slight injustice. It's full of all types of arts, crafts and little shops, as well as a couple of cool restaurants.

There's good reason it's a popular tourist destination. We arrived before 10 AM and only stayed a half hour or so, but the cars were piling in when we left.

We continued down the frontage road to Pendleton Road, which runs south, roughly parallel to I-19. I didn't bother to pull up the GPS route on my phone and missed the little cut-through to S River Road. So we all executed a U-turn on a side street to get back on course. I had missed that street before, but it had been awhile.

River Road has nice curves which lead to AZ 82, which has great sweepers at 60 MPH and some beautiful scenery. We rode through another popular desti-



nation, Patagonia, on the way to Sonoita and the Copper Brothel. As I pulled into their lot around 11:30, there was only one other vehicle parked there. Uh-oh! They were closed until 2 PM for a special event.

# Rides and Events

## Tubac, Patagonia and Not Copper Brothel (continued)

Time for Plan B. I liked the Café on AZ 82, so the group followed me there, against their better judgement. Their concerns were justified when we discovered they too were closed. What?! We had just passed a place called the Lunchbox. That'll work. As I pulled in, I read the fine print on their sign. They were a Cannabis Dispensary! I asked one of the guys what they wanted for lunch? We were running out of options, this side of Tombstone.



Right next door was Sunset Ride Wine. Before everyone dismounted this time, I walked in and found out they serve sandwiches as well as wine.

Fourth time's a charm? As we walked in, a guy with a guitar was setting up for some lunchtime music on the front porch where several vendors at



small tables sold various wares. I sampled a couple wines from a vendor and bought a glass. A hat maker had a hat calling my name and amazingly it fit my block head, so I bought it. I would wear it at that evening's banquet. The sandwiches were delicious too! Who says three strikes and your out? We got lucky on our fourth swing.

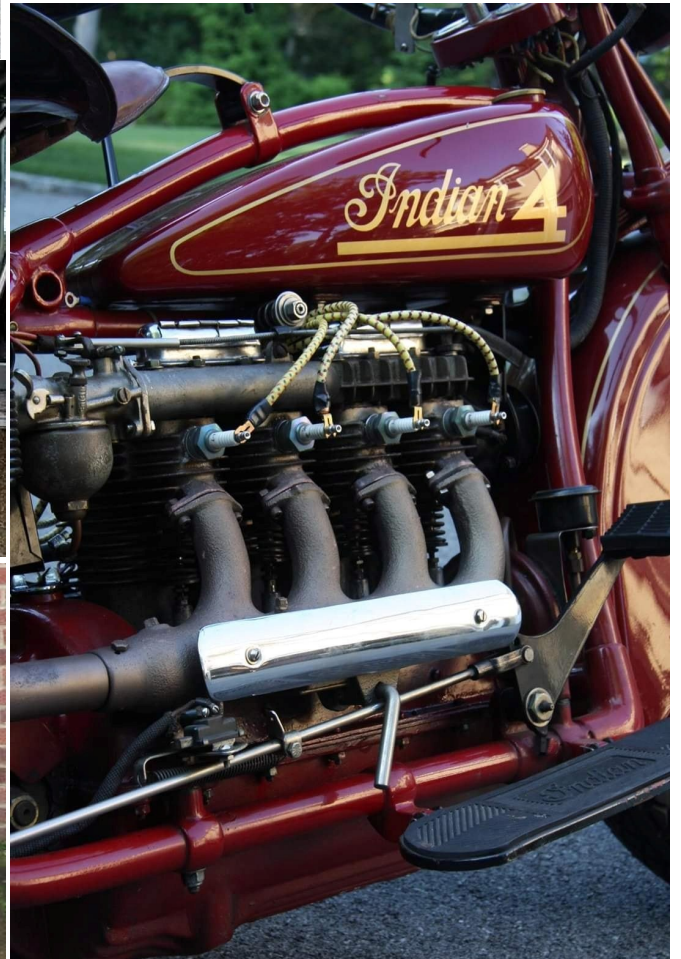
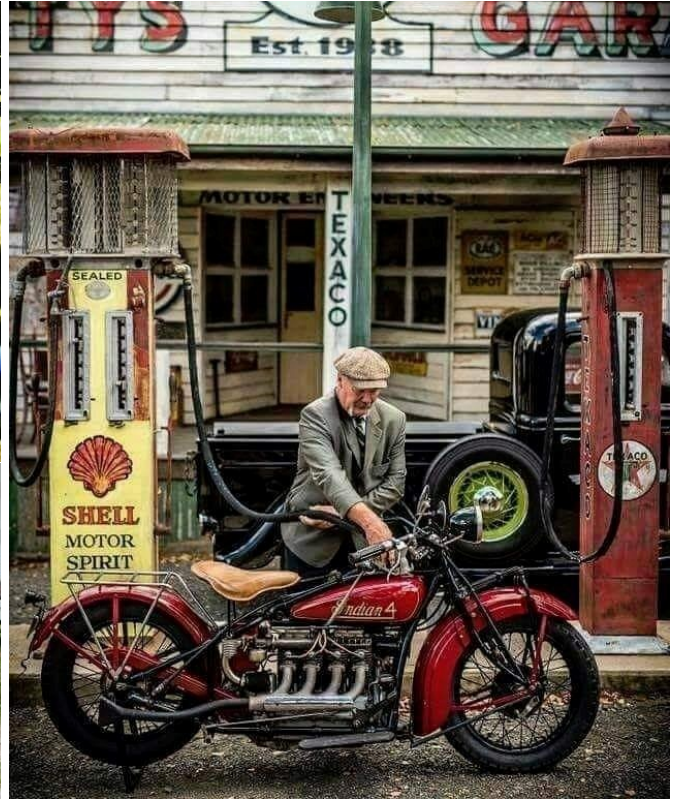
We headed north on AZ 83 through the curves and turned on Sahuarita Rd to head west. Some of the riders, who all had their GPS fired up by now, continued on 83 to I-10 for the fast route back. We



rode through Sahuarita to Mission Road and retraced our route back to Casino Del Sol arriving around 2 PM with plenty of time to prepare for the night's festivities.



# Odds & Ends Fours



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## Upcoming Events:

- International Female Ride Day, May 3, 2025, 9AM Dealer RC Bonita Reiter
- Monthly Membership Meeting, June 15th Rudy’s BBQ 8 AM
- Gleeson-Benson, June 21, 9:30 AM RC: Mike L.
- King Baggers Laguna Seca July 10-15 RC: Mike O.
- Indian Flags of Honor Charity ride, Sat, Sep 20, 9 AM Dealer RC: Mike O.
- Run to the Rez, Oct 16-18, Apache Gold Casino, San Carlos, AZ



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