

Battle Mountain Wild Bunch Motorcycle Club hosts 1st Annual Outback Poker Run

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The Battle Mountain Chapter of the Wild Bunch Motorcycle Club held their 1st Annual "Outback Poker Run" in Battle Mountain Aug. 1 - 2 at Lions Park.

The event began on Saturday at 9 a.m. The poker run entry fee was \$25, free event T-shirts went to the first 25 entries and there was a \$300 pot for the winner. During the day guests had their choice of Indian tacos or Pete's chorizos and beverages were available for all age groups. Rodriguez Ink Tattoos from Winnemucca had a booth with three artists applying their artistic talent to several customers. Their customers all seemed pleased with the fine results of their purchase. Dave Whelan, owner of Widy Tidy Detailing Supplies, had a booth in the park where riders could get their motorcycles detailed on the spot. JG Graphics Design was ready and available to print shirts.

It never fails in Battle Mountain, Mother Nature likes to break in the new events early. As if high temperatures in the 90*s weren't enough, she brought some severe, tent roof grabbing winds, with a few rain drops to mix with the dust. It wasn't enough to stop the event. Riders and guests stood strong and rode it out, the skies cleared, it cooled down and the show was on. At approximately 5 p.m. guests settled at the park for a steak dinner for \$10 and an evening of free music brought to the community by the Wild Bunch Motorcycle Club, Battle Mountain Chapter. The club is well known for its donations to families and individuals during times of crisis; and also for donating to charitable organizations.

The club brought in a band from Reno, Max Yasgur's Farm, and yes, Max Yasgur's farm is where Woodstock was held in upstate New York in 1969, 40 years ago. This band took the audience back to the acoustic and vocal sounds of the 60's. It didn't take long and the crowd was thoroughly enjoying the sounds of the Mama's and the Papa's; Crosby, Stills and Nash; the Guess Who; Simon and Garfunkel; and more. Who would have guessed that Battle Mountain would be listening to Woodstock tunes during the month of the 40th anniversary of the Woodstock event. The crowd was singing, dancing and clapping as the band played some great memorable music and songs that had been originated by icon's of the 60's.

The Battle Mountain Chapter of the Wild Bunch Motorcycle Club hosted a great event for the community. There are more and more motorcycle enthusiasts getting together, not only for impromptu short excursions, but also for organized rides. This event could be very promising to the community as it grows, attracting more and more visitors from out of town.

The 1st Annual Outback Poker Run started and finished at the Silver Dollar Bar. The stops in between were Mountain View Golf Course, Barr Bar, Donnas' Ranch, Valmy Station and the Golconda Watering Hole. Approximately 32 registered for the poker run. The poker run winner was Pace Clark. The 50/50 raffle drawing winner was Uriah Valley. The Battle Mountain Wild Bunch Motorcycle Club served approximately 80 steak dinners Saturday evening.



The club members and their families served as perfect hosts of the first of what shall be an annual event in Battle Mountain. The food, beverages, entertainment and atmosphere proved to be enjoyable for guests of all ages. The event is bound to grow every year and with growth comes success.