

Commander's Corner

Comrades,

Another two months since the last Newsletter has come and gone, and we find ourselves preparing for another two.

I hope all enjoyed the Bell Ringing held last Independence Day, and let us never forget the purposes for the Bell's ringing. The bell was once used in Nazi occupied Austria to order American and allied prisoners of war as to when to rise, work, eat, etcetera, and was smuggled into the United States after the camp's liberation at the end of WWII and now only rings on the Fourth of July in the name of Freedom. Let us offer our thanks to Tom Gleason and Sonny Carrasco for their efforts in making the event a huge success.

The Corn Roast was also a huge success causing many visitors to enjoy themselves and our Post. The turn-out and money accumulated were on behalf of *Clothe a Child*. The funds raised from "jailing" visitors alone was approximately twice as much as last year. Let's all thank Ariel Rodriguez and all the other many volunteers who labored and invested their time and efforts who made this happen.

Finally, I want to offer my sincere thanks to President Norma Buckmaster and The American Legion Auxiliarily, Unit 2, for providing the finger foods we all enjoyed during the Awards and Recognition Ceremony. The Ceremony itself was fantastic with many Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Legion Riders, VFW members, and even a Son of the American Legion being recognized for their on-going efforts and dedication to ensure our Post remains successful. Again, my thanks to the ladies Auxiliary for helping to make this happen.

A few reminders for the month of September include:

- 11 September 2009 is Patriot Day
- The USO Show on 12 September 2009 right here in our own Post
- The VFW Golf Banquet on 26 September 2009

And here are a few reminders for the month of October:

- S.A.L sponsored Car Show held on 18 October 2009
- The American Legion Fall Conference beginning 30 October 2009
- The Halloween event held at Kiwanas Park 31 October 2009
- The Bikers Ball held at Post 2 also on 31 October 2009.

And, as always, be sure to study the calendar included within this mailing and the AL Riders schedule published electronically for all information on all events.

Here's looking forward to another successful couple of months and we're "Still Serving America,"

Steve Pacheco
Post 2 Commander

ALA Presidents Corner

Unit 2's year will be in full swing with this newsletter. Regular meetings will be the first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M. Hope you all had a great summer. There are many new challenges for this coming year. Come join us. Chairmen are hard at work, planning events for us. Thank you to all who attended the meeting in August, it was gratifying to see so many of you back from your busy summer. Hopefully this means you will all take part in our busy year ahead!

Judy Galvez is spearheading The USO Show to be held on September 12th, starting at 5 P.M. until ?. We will be decorating the Hall on the 11th. We will need your help in doing this. Come join in the fun, preferably both days. Rosa Rodriguez will have a display set up for "Support Our Troops." We will take money, or items for the boxes, (they must be new). This has been Rosa's Baby since the beginning. A total of boxes sent will be in the next newsletter.

Second Vice President Eagle has resigned, Judy Galvez has been appointed to finish the year. On October 31st, we will be having 2 booths, at Kiwanis Park for Tempe's annual Halloween Party. We can use your help. So dress up and come join us. It's always fun. This is also the weekend of Fall Conference in Lake Havasu. So check your calendar.

Commander Steve had an Award Ceremony, prior to the meetings last month. Several of our members were honored at this Ceremony, each receiving a Medal and Citation for their outstanding work this past year. They were Barbara Gleason, Linda Topham, Judy Crever, Eagle, Christina Sipos-Convery and Rosa Rodriguez. We are very proud of these ladies and all they have done.

For God and Country

President Norma Buckmaster

Hello Post 3632

Well, our State Convention is over and we worked hard getting ready for the National VFW Convention that was held here in Phoenix, August 15th through the 19th. A lot of us volunteered at the Convention Center throughout the Convention. We received a first place award for 100% in membership this past year, so let's do it again this year. Please send in your membership dues before the end of the year. REMEMBER: On November 7, 2009, we will be having our Second VFW Family Reunion, so please make plans to attend. We are happy to have Stevie Green and Willie back in our area. Stevie has volunteered to be our Auxiliary Secretary this year. Congratulations goes to Ski for being our State Quartermaster for the VFW. Don Taylor our Post Commander has been very helpful to the Auxiliary and we are looking forward to a great year.

Misty R. Jefferson

President, Ladies Auxiliary, Post 3632

Smoke Eater Fundraiser

New Smoke Eaters were purchased and installed.

We are doing a fund raiser to help pay for the new smoke eaters.

We will be selling plaques for the back of the chairs.

The cost will be \$50. and for your donation you will receive a gold colored plaque with 3 lines of engraving attached to the backs of the chairs.

Plaques can be purchased at the Post from the bartender or call Margie at 480-832-6918.

E-mail addresses will not be shared.

If you have e-mail, please send e-mail address and name to newsletter@cox.net

The e-newsletter will be going out with the link and the PDF.



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Sons of the American Legion Squadron #2



4th Annual Bearly Cruzin'

Car & Bike Show

Benefiting
"The Spinoza Buddy Bear Project"

Sunday October 18th 2009
11am-3pm

Pre-Registration \$15
Day of Event \$20
Registration 10-11
Judging 12-2

Goodie Bags and T-Shirts for
First 72 Entries
(Additional T-shirts \$10)

Bike show to be held indoors with
awards for Custom and Stock
Cars, Trucks and
Bikes (American & Metric)

Food
Music
Raffles

"Fun for
The Whole
Family"

American Legion Post #2
2125 S. Industrial Park
Tempe, AZ 85282



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FAMILY

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2125 Industrial Park Ave
Tempe AZ.
480-967-2968

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR
2009
USO SHOW
Saturday September 12TH

INTRODUCTIONS 5:00
MESS HALL 5:15 TILL GONE OR 6:15
USO SHOW 6:30

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

WE WILL HAVE A DONATION BOX FOR ANY CASH
AND/OR GROCERY GIFT CARDS. WHICH WILL GO TO
SUPPORT

THE MILITARY HOSPITALITY ROOM
AT PHOENIX SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
FOR INFORMATION CALL THE POST 967-2968 OR
judygalvez@cox.net
480-528-2508

Bearly Cruzin' Car & Bike Show
Registration form

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Make _____ Model _____

Email _____

T-Shirt Size S M L XL XXL XXXL _____

Fee _____ Additional T-Shirts(\$10 each) _____ Total _____

| Car Class | | Truck Class | | American Bike Class | | Metric Bike Class | |
|-----------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Stock Car | Custom Car | Stock Truck | Custom Truck | Stock | Custom | Stock | Custom |
| | | | | Trike | | Trike | |

Make checks Payable to: S.A.L. Squadron #2
Mail to: 2125 S. Industrial Park Tempe, Az. 85282

By signing below, I/We understand that I/We are responsible for my/our vehicle and its content. I/We agree to release The Spinoza Buddy Bear Project, Sons of the American Legion Squadron #2, American Legion Post #2, its officers, members, volunteers and anyone else connected to this event from any and all known and/or unknown causes whatsoever that may be suffered by me to my person or property. Event management reserves the right to restrict entrants and/or their guests to acceptable behavior at all times, including eviction from the premises if necessary.

Signature _____

3RD ANNUAL ALR @ POST 2 Halloween Biker Ball

LIVE
MUSIC
7:00 pm
to 11:00



FINGER
FOODS,
RAFFLE,
50/50

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st 2009

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

\$10.00 per person

Costume Contest

PEOPLES CHOICE

Individual, Best Couple

for more info contact Skeeter 480-518-7743

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO

