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"Brass Butt" Charity Ride Raises Thousands for SAVES

PALMDALE – 75 motorcycle riders took advantage of great weather on Sunday to participate in the City of Palmdale's South Antelope Valley Emergency Services' (SAVES) third annual Camacho Auto Sales "Brass Butt" Charity Motorcycle Ride and raised \$12,000 and an additional \$3,000 in pledges for emergency assistance to families in need in the South Antelope Valley.

Riders departed Camacho Auto Sales at 9 am and rode about scenic 167 miles through the Antelope Valley and Tehachapi, enjoying mountain views and even buffalo and ostrich sightings.

Upon their return, the riders enjoyed were treated to a delicious catered lunch by Palmdale's El Carbonero restaurant, music by Prime Time events and a drawing for grand prizes.

Prize winners included: Jay Fox of Lancaster, Grand Prize, \$300; Gary Toone of Littlerock, and Francois John Van Dyk and Mark Fisk both of Palmdale, \$100; and Quint Gaskill, Stacia Nemeth and Denise Van Dyk of Palmdale, Brian Trimble of Rosamond and Brittany Horne of Lancaster, \$50.

"This annual October fundraiser for SAVES raised money for the upcoming holidays to help families and residents of the south Antelope Valley with food baskets,

clothing and toys at an especially hard time of the year,” said Palmdale Housing Coordinator and Brass Butt Organizer Terri-Lei Wheeler.

First-time Brass Butt rider Martin Garcia said what he liked most about the ride was that scenery that it seemed to him like we had taken time to make the route a nice one. “It was well-thought-out and you can see that a rider had mapped it out,” Garcia said.

Sponsors of the “Brass Butt” ride included presenting sponsor Camacho Mitsubishi & Camacho Auto Sales, Newport Pacific Family of Companies, Opsec Specialized Protection, Prime Realty of Conejo Valley, Antelope Valley Ford/Lincoln/Mazda; Econowest Heating and Air, Antelope Valley Mall. Arena Homes, SCV Escrow. 24 Hour Fitness–Palmdale, Trader Joe’s, Law Tigers, El Carbonero, Sport Club AV and Jamba Juice (East & West Palmdale), Best Buy, Starbucks and Souplantation.

Purely by accident, this year’s Camacho Auto Sales Brass Butt event took place the same day as the Fallen Heroes event. “We encouraged our riders to make a quick stop at Harley and register for the Fallen Heroes ride, and then jump back on the freeway and join us” Wheeler said, referencing the printed message included in all the Brass Butt rider instructions. “I was very proud that several riders did just that. Next year, the Brass Butt ride won’t conflict with Fallen Heroes which will allow riders more opportunities to ride, and give the mission of Fallen Heroes the respect that is due.”

For more information about Brass Butt, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/Residents/SAVES/Brass-Butt, or call 661/267-5126 or 661/267-5191.

About SAVES

SAVES provides a practical and caring approach to serving people in need. The SAVES program was started in 1983 to offer assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing a temporary emergency situation.

In 2014, SAVES provided 81,853 meals to families and 52,567 meals to seniors. During holiday season, SAVES provided 300 Thanksgiving baskets, 350 holiday baskets and 160 toy baskets.

For more information please call SAVES Monday through Thursday, 7:30 - 6 pm at 661/267-5191 or visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/Residents/SAVES.

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