

AZALR MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2025

Hosted by ALR 138, Mesa, AZ

Meeting opened according to ritual at 1302.

Opening Prayer

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (by Secretary):

CHAIRMAN: Tracy Lindsey - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A: Kirk Affolder - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B: Dan Simone - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C: David Hay - Present

SECRETARY: Lisette Eckman - Present

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Jennifer Kritzer - Excused

INFORMATION OFFICER: Lowell Vahl - Present

SAL LIAISON: Dennis Pittman - Excused

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

present (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12

excused (1): 5

non-reporting (0)

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS:

present (28): 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 19, 24, 25, 26, 32, 35, 36, 39, 41, 44, 54, 61, 62, 66, 78, 79, 86, 91, 105, 107, 109, 117, 138

excused (0)

non-reporting (37): 4, 7, 8, 12, 13, 16, 23, 30, 34, 40, 45, 52, 56, 57, 58, 59, 68, 69, 76, 81, 87, 93, 96, 97, 103, 108, 115, 125, 126, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 141, 143

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 2025 meeting were previously emailed. Motion to approve by Bob Cowgill, 138 (Mesa); seconded; motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Hospitality Suite: has been depleted. Checks were written to Boys State, Girls State and VCF per last meeting's vote.

HME Boy State Scholarship: \$6,380.00

- \$889 from D11

VCF: \$11,432.84

Motion to approve subject to audit by Rusty Snyder, 6 (Prescott); seconded; motion carries.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN – Tracy Lindsey

1. National Auxiliary President Escort - It was her first ALR Escort and she loved every minute of it ! Thank you to all who participated and made it happen!!
2. Helmets- We still have Helmets for donations if you wish to get one they are being stored at Chapter 29s meeting room.
3. Reminder- As Riders we need to remember we are a program of our post. We need to have a cohesive relationship with our commanders so that we can continue to grow. In the last couple of months we have had 2 chapters suspended but we've also had 2 chapters reinstated, 2 chapters starting up and 1 dissolved, so we are growing in great ways.
4. Convention June 26-29 get with your entities to register. Remember you must have your credentials to enter the meeting.
5. Riders reports need to be sent to the secretary by the middle of June.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A - Kirk "Zig Zag" Affolder

1. Make sure you get your reports in, so he doesn't have to chase you down.
2. Thanks to Tracy and Kim for attending 109's Kilt Run.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B - Dan "Jackass" Simone

1. D11 & D12 Reps have been doing awesome.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C - David "Ahay" Hay

1. Get your reports in.
2. Hope to see you all in October for Bike Fest.

SECRETARY – Lisette "Lizard" Eckman

1. Yearly report form with instructions will be sent mid-May.

2. Please send info for the calendar in email, not text, PLEASE.

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Jennifer "Diva" Kritzer

1. Excused

SAL LIAISON - Dennis Pittman

1. Excused

BOYS STATE LIAISON - Dennis Pittman

1. Excused

INFORMATION OFFICER - Lowell Vahl

1. No report

DISTRICT REPS –

1. D1 Doug Kraeg: no report
2. D2 Brian "BK" Kempker: Commander of 125, Jose Hernandez, was rushed to the hospital this morning. Everything else is good.
3. D3 Rob "BEAST" Gaines: Rider down last Sunday right after being voted in as Secretary. Wear your helmets! USS Arizona crew came through 24 and had a great time.
4. D4 Jose "Mo" Maldonado: Thank you to Post 91 & 27 for helping to support the D4 run back in January.
5. D5 Casey "Stash" Campbell: No report
6. D6 Todd Harris: Situation normal.
7. D7 Patrick "CB" Avila: No report
8. D8 Curt "Stitch" Bancroft: District 8, Don't hesitate. New Chapter - 79, Yarnell. Working on issues with 93 (Camp Verde).
9. D11 Charlie "Gurl Scout" Sullivan: Lost Brandon Aiken out of Post 61 (Avondale); Jim Sorrick, 117 (Phoenix) went down. 105 (Phoenix) Legacy Run - 72 registered riders. Thank you D11 Directors.
10. D12 JD "Geico" Bristor: Dash for Dallas ride out of 91 (34 bikes); D12 bike night coming up; Commander's Homecoming Dinner at Post 41 (Phoenix) with a Pony Express event May 24.

AZALR LEGACY RUN 2025: April 24-27, starting in Yuma. Meet and Greet Thursday night, Friday: Lunch in Winkleman; Dinner in Payson. Saturday: Payson to Globe, stretch at 109, Dinner in Tombstone.

BIKEFEST 2025: October 10-12, Post 25 (Cottonwood). Area rides; bike games; band. 50% of proceeds to VCF. September 1, 2025, deadline for pre-registration of \$30 single \$45 double, goes up \$5 at the door. Shirts \$25 long sleeve, \$20 short sleeve.

GTKYP: Al Hazelwood: End of the month deadline for maps. Enrollment for next year ends at the end of April.

OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominations:

- Vice Commander Area A: Kirk “Zig-Zag” Affolder, 109 (Corona De Tucson), accepts
- Vice Commander Area B: JD “Geico” Bristor, 41 (Phoenix), accepts. Scott “Satori” Booth, 105 (Phoenix), accepts. Dan “Jackass” Simione, 117 (Phoenix), declines
- Vice Commander Area C: Curt “Stitch” Bancroft, 6 (Prescott), declines; Dave Hay, 25 (Cottonwood), accepts
- D1: Doug Kreag, 19 (Yuma), accepts
- D2: Bill “Magoo” Wood, 36 (Tucson), accepted via email;
- D3: Joe “Huckleberry” Teske, 24 (Tombstone), accepts
- D4: J.W. “Beauregard” Ausbern, 54 (Coolidge), accepts
- D5:
- D6:
- D7: Patrick “CB” Avila, 14 (Kingman), accepts
- D8: Curt “Stitch” Bancroft, 6 (Prescott), accepts
- D11: Stephan Lopez, 115 (Glendale), accepted via email; Charlie “Gurl Scout” Sullivan, 105 (Phoenix), declines
- D12: Debbie “Backfire” Chalfin, 138 (Mesa), accepts; Randy “Rudy” Dodson, 117 (Phoenix), accepts

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Whetstone Prison Post is official and will get started in July.

2. Brad Heck, Representing AZ Department Public Relations: Arizona Cardinals is going to do an American Legion Appreciation game; reduced ticket price; \$5 goes towards Americanism at department; On field, holding flag prior to game; AL colorguard; lining the tunnels as the players come out; on field after the game for a group photo; Information out prior to the end of May; Tickets available at Convention. Special Request: Mr. Bidwell wants bikes at the event. Bring your family members and friends. Lower level, all 4 corners. Can recruit at the game, but cannot take money at the game.
3. Western Romp, Third weekend in September at 24 (Tombstone).
4. Friday night of Convention, bike night at 91 (Chandler)

FUTURE MEETINGS:

June 28, 2025	Department Convention, San Marcos, Chandler
November 8, 2025	Fall Conference, Doubletree, Tucson
January, 2025	TBD

CLOSING PRAYER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADJOURNED 1358

Submitted by

Lisette Eckman

AZALR Secretary