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History of Bisbee

Bisbee lies in the Mule Mountains southeast of Tucson, and is the seat of Cochise County. It was a mining community, founded in 1880, and named after one of the backers of the huge Copper Queen Mine, Judge DeWitt Bisbee.

This old west mining town was one of the richest sources of ore, producing over 3,000,000 ounces of gold and 8,000,000,000 (billion) lbs. of copper, plus lots of silver, lead, and zinc. By the early 1900's Bisbee was the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco. It was a somewhat cultured location, with the first community library in AZ, a popular opera house, the first golf course in AZ, and some popular ball parks. But then again, it was a mining town, and Brewery Gulch beckoned, with its 47 taverns and associated ladies. Once considered the best place for a good time between El Paso and San Francisco.

In 1908, a fire took out much of downtown, but the town folk rallied, and had it rebuilt, better than new, by 1910. Bisbee was fine until the 1970's, when the mines started closing. As space was emptied, and sold and rented for little money, artists and free spirits who appreciated the value of being in such a beautiful community moved in, and they have kept Bisbee a vibrant diversified town ever since. Tours of the Copper Queen Mine are available, as are tours of the Lavender Pit Open Mine (huge). Bisbee is now primarily an artist colony and retirement area, and a tourism hotspot to boot; people come from all over the world to savor the old West charm of this lovely town.



This past month we got to be part of a very special event that raised money for the Patriot Guard Riders and the American Legion Riders. If you don't know about PGR, please watch [this video](#) to learn more about what they do. Amy Petrovsky from Sensational Events is the one that puts it on, with the help of various sponsors. I can honestly say that watching all of the bike riders depart the Buddy Stubbs Harley-Davidson was such an amazing experience. I am so glad that we were able to volunteer and donate our time for this event, as it goes towards a good cause and the people we got to meet were absolutely amazing. Louann Thomas is one of the Patriot Guard Riders and in the short time I got to talk to her prior to the event, I could tell she has an amazing

heart. It's funny, when you see bikers on the street, they look tough and unapproachable to some people. I wish those people could have seen the love this group of people showed one another, and the unity that they exhibited. It was very inspiring to me. There is another ride for Veteran's Day, and even if you don't ride, I would highly recommend you come out to the concert after the ride so you can experience this sense of community. I feel like this group exhibits what we as a country should aspire to be. Love thy neighbor. Show compassion. Help each other. Seems simple enough, doesn't it? The pictures below are from the AZ Tribute Rides website, taken by Harley Bonham photography. I've also included a link to a video that was posted on You Tube, of a photo/video collage (click logo). It's really neat. It captures the moments of the day very well and it's really cool how the still pictures are blended with short shots of video footage. All that they do is to honor the heroes that risk their lives every day for us. Please come out and support them!



Upcoming Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Venue</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| June 10 | Comerica Theatre | One Direction |
| June 15 | Comerica Theatre | Scorpions |
| June 17 | Comerica Theatre | Brantley Gilbert |
| June 22 | Comerica Theatre | La Arrolladora Banda El Limon |
| June 28 | Camelback Ranch | Vans Warped Tour |
| June 30 | Yavapai College Performing Arts Ctr. | Puscifer Concert |
| June 27-Jul 2 | U.S. Airways Center | Ringling Bros. Circus |

Help Yourself

Audit Advice for Small Business Owners

IRS! Did those letters make you run and hide? Don't let the IRS get you down. Just make sure you are doing things the proper way from the start. If you know what the agents are looking for, you can better understand how you need to go about managing your books. [Read here](#) for a more in-depth look at what you can do to avoid those red flags, and feel more comfortable if the IRS swings by for a surprise audit.

Veterans for Hire

Veterans sign over their lives to protect our freedom, which is a huge sacrifice that not every person is willing to make. The people that do make that sacrifice deserve to have a job when they get back from combat overseas. They go through a lot and it's not an easy transition. [Read here](#) about how you can help by offering a job to a veteran.



In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it. - Marianne Williamson

Happy Father's Day!



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