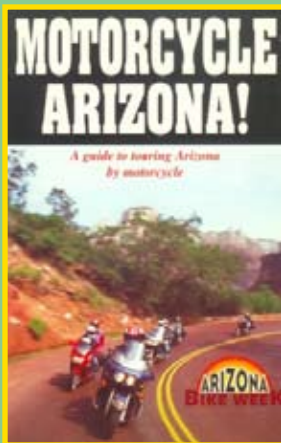


# Where to Ride

by Frank Del Monte

## Great Eating in Bisbee!

I've been to Bisbee more times than I can remember. But those trips have always been day rides with only a few hours to show off the town to friends, relatives, and tour clients. So it was a real pleasure for Cheryl and I to spend three days in town and get to explore the backstreets and hidden parts. We went underground at the Queen Mine, took a Lavender Jeep Tour, and walked the Annual Bisbee Open Homes tour. We also had time to enjoy some fine eating at some really nice restaurants. And therein lies today's tale.



First and foremost, Winchester's Restaurant in the Copper Queen Hotel is fantastic! We had Thanksgiving dinner there and it was elegant, quiet, serene, and delicious! If you've not eaten at the Queen, please do so at the soonest opportunity! It's an unforgettable experience!



Second and foremost, try Dot's Diner. Drive south out of town to the circle, spin all the way around the circle and bear off to the right at the Chevron gas station. Dot's is in the Shady Dell RV Park. It's small but easy to see. The 10-seat diner was built in 1957, delivered to California, and was in service up into the 1980's. After sitting derelict for 13 years it was trucked to Bisbee

and totally restored. It's been serving breakfast and lunch at the Shady Dell since 1997. Cheryl and I ate breakfast there on Friday and it was sooooo good that we went back Saturday and did it again!

Third and foremost, you just gotta try the Bisbee Breakfast Club! We asked three shopkeepers in Bisbee, "Where should we eat lunch?" and in each case we were told, "Go down to the Bisbee Breakfast Club". Now, I may be a slow learner, but right about the third time I figured we should probably try the BBC, as it's known locally. Once again, ride down to the traffic circle, but



this time go all the way around and past the road you rode down on and turn right onto Erie Street. Ride up to the top of the hill and the BBC is on the right. Frankly, from the outside it's not impressive, but once you get inside you are struck by its size (it's much bigger than it looks) and by its bright, shiny atmosphere. Cheryl had the Friday special of fish & chips, and

I had a great BLT. The food was excellent, and staff friendly. Try it! You'll like it!

Forth and foremost, the Olde Tymer's Restaurant and Saloon is "By Bikers For Bikers." Ride straight up Main Street and out of the business district. When you get to the Copper Man Statue on the left side of the street you're there. This place is biker heaven!

The walls are covered with hundreds of photos of bikes and bikers, and the ceilings are festooned with gas tanks, exhaust pipes, drive belts, handlebars, and all sorts of motorcycling artifacts. Now all of this ambiance by itself would be enough to get my recommendation for a visit, so the fact that the food is unbelievably good is a major plum on top of the pudding! We ate dinner there (the Stir Fry with Chicken is the best I've ever eaten) and came back for a mid-day snack when we were walking the home tour. I had a cup of chili and I will tell you right out it will put hair on your chest, a fire in your belly, and a smile on your face. And the yeast biscuit that came with it was so light and fluffy I had to staple it to the table to keep it from floating away.



So there you have it. Actually, there are a lot of nice restaurants in Bisbee and I've never had a meal that wasn't good, or at least good enough. But it was a real treat to get away from the historic district and find three hidden treasures that were each worth writing about!

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