

# IRONWORKERS LOCAL UNION 580 GENERAL ELECTIONS



*Clear skies and an open road, Tombstone.*

On Saturday, June 18, 2005, Ironworkers Local 580 held their general elections at the Plumbers Local 1 training center in Long Island City. The weather was perfect and the rumble of bikes was in the air as the candidates were busy meeting with the union members.

This was an important event not only for myself and the 1600 members of Local 580, but to all union members. This is the opportunity for Brothers and Sisters of Local 580 to show American Patriotism as well as their Union Pride by exercising their right to vote for the people they feel most capable to represent them at the bargaining table for safer working conditions and fair wages, as well as good health benefits for their families.

The Ironworkers are perhaps the hardest working union of all the trades and one need only talk to anyone, who was present at Ground Zero about the role the ironworkers played in the 9/11 Rescue effort. The Ironworkers are also well renowned among the Biker community. Among those present at the election were the Ironworkers M.C. The Ironworkers M.C. have 87 members to date and are also chartered with ABATE.

Congratulations to Bobby Maguire, Dennis Lusardi, Bob Benesh, Dennis Milton, Peter Creegan, and Jim Mahoney as well as all the members of the 580 E board for their victories.

I would also like to thank Bill Ferraro, president of The Ironworkers M.C. for helping me cover this event, Frank Battaglia for putting up with my shit and I would like to give a special salute to Murray Levy for coming down and showing his support while lending a helping hand at the voting booths even after surviving a debilitating bike accident.

