

Randy's Ride for Camp Carefree

By: Soybean



On a cool and overcast Saturday, April 15, 48 bikes (and riders of course) and several cages (with their riders also!) converged on Chilton's Landscape and Tree Service in Madison, NC to participate in Randy's Ride.

For a first time effort, Randy Knight organized (with some help), led and carried off a well planned and coordinated poker run through the back roads of Rockingham and Stokes Counties ending at Camp Carefree in Stokesdale, complete with hotdogs, all the fixin's, drinks, and MANY DESSERTS for all the hungry bikers. In addition, was a 50/50 drawing, many excellent door prizes, silent auction and live music provided by the Hard Times Band of Madison, NC. Best hand winner, Josh Craddock, whose wife managed to find a way to hold onto the giant trophy on the ride home.

Camp Carefree is a summer camp (June – August) offering FREE one week camping experiences for kids with health problems and disabilities, such as, cancer, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy and spina bifida. With a capacity of up to 150 (including personnel) staffed entirely by volunteers, Carefree offers kids a chance to engage in activities such as cook-outs, swimming, horseback riding, canoeing, fishing and hay rides, etc. That they might not otherwise experience. In other words, they help kids be just kids, not "sick kids".

In my opinion, this ride was an excellent way to spend a Saturday afternoon on my scoot and share the day with fellow bikers. No one cared what anyone was riding because once again, bikers were coming together with big hearts and open wallets to help someone in need. I am proud to be part of the motorcycling community and you should be too. This day over \$5600 was raised for Camp Carefree, every penny going to a good cause and sorely needed.

I urge you to get out and ride in as many charity events as you can, there are so many people in need of assistance. Show your community that bikers are generous folks too!!

Camp Carefree needs volunteers and donations, if you feel like helping here's your contact info:

Camp Carefree Inc.

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This is the Soybean saying: Get out and ride, and see ya on the road!!