



Annie Mancini (center) of Doernbecher Children's Hospital accepts a check for \$50,000 from Unions for Kids committee members Terry Reigle (left) and Nancy Reames. Since its inception eight years ago, the Unions for Kids Poker Run has raised \$221,000 for the hospital.

Motorcycle poker run raises \$50,000

A record 460 motorcycle riders registered to participate in the eighth annual "Unions For Kids Poker Run and Chili Cook-off June 12.

All proceeds from the ride and raffle — a total of \$50,000 — went to Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$221,000.

"It was a record turnout, and a great day for everyone," said Lee Duncan, a member of Portland-based Electrical Workers Local 48, who helped found the event.

A poker run consists of riders going to check points, where they draw a playing card for a poker hand. At the end of the ride — in this event, a 100-mile course that took riders past Crown Point on the Old Columbia River Highway (top photo right) — the highest and lowest hands win a cash prize. The high hand of five deuces was held by Chris Gaberry. The low hand of 1-2-3-4-5 was won by Rudy Martinez, a member of Exterior and Interior Specialists Local 2154.

A large chunk of the "Unions for Kids" proceeds comes from a drawing for a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Money also is raised through ride registration fees of \$10 each, sponsor donations, a silent auction, and a chili cook-off.

This year's motorcycle winner was Jim Tosh, a member of IBEW Local 46 in Auburn, Washington. Terry Riegle, an organizer for IBEW Local 48, was voted making the best chili.



The parking lot at IBEW Local 48 on Airport Way in Northeast Portland was filled with motorcycles June 12 for the eighth annual Unions for Kids Poker Run. A record 460 riders registered for this year's ride.



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A youngster from the audience, "Carter," hands the winning ticket for a brand-new Harley Davidson motor-cycle to Lee Duncan as a packed house anxiously looks on. The winner of the \$18,800 vehicle was Jim Tosh, a member of IBEW Local 46 in Auburn. He was not present to pick up the bike.



Dave and Cindy Dragowsky sample chili entered in the chili cook-off portion of the Unions for Kids Poker Run and Chili Cook-off. Dave is a member of Painters Local 10. Taking the title of best chili maker was Terry Riegle, an organizer for IBEW Local 48.