

Motorcycle poker run is opportunity to have fun, win prizes, and help kids

A new Harley-Davidson motorcycle will be in the cards for one lucky raffle participant at this year's "Unions for Kids" Motorcycle Poker Run Saturday, June 11, at IBEW Local 48's union hall at 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland.

Registration for the event starts at 9 a.m. The drawing for the motorcycle — a Heritage Softail Classic valued at \$19,949 — will take place at 4 p.m. A limited number of tickets (4,000) will be sold at a cost of \$10 each. All proceeds go to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland.

Money is also raised the day of the motorcycle ride through registration fees, from sponsors, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a chili cookoff.

On this year's list of auction items is a Hamer "Slammer" strat guitar autographed by John Kay and Steppenwolf. The instrument was donated by MIR Music in Hillsboro.

Several union locals have kicked in \$1,000, including Machinists Lodge 63, IBEW Local 302 (Martinez, Calif.), IBEW Local 48, and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757. A challenge is out for other locals to meet or beat this donation.

Registration for the poker run is \$10. Each rider receives a document to record

the playing cards they receive at four checkpoints along a 75-mile poker run route. Riders may purchase two extra cards for \$5 each at the start and end of the route for a total of seven cards. Bikes return to the starting location before 2:45 p.m., and the high and low poker



Barbara Mathey, a member of the Union for Kids board of directors, shows off the Hamer "Slammer" electric guitar signed by John Kay and Steppenwolf that will be auctioned off after the poker run fundraiser for Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Mathey is president/CEO of IBEW and United Workers Federal Credit Union.

hands each receive a prize of \$100.

A chili cookoff pits contestants from five different trades. Tasting is free. The taster then deposits a chip in cans numbered corresponding to the number of

each entry.

The winner receives a plaque which is inscribed with the name and union local number. Other vendors, food, and entertainment will be on hand.

Unions for Kids is a nonprofit and an all-volunteer organization, with all proceeds going to the kids at Doernbecher Hospital. Since its inception in 2003, the Poker Run has raised \$221,000 for Doernbecher.

For more information about participating in the poker run, donating to the auction, or purchasing tickets for the motorcycle, contact Lee Duncan at 503-658-7412 or visit their Web site at www.unionsforkids.org.



Workers Memorial Day

U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) speaks with Washington Federation of State Employees President Carol Dotlich following an April 28 Workers Memorial Day commemoration at Western State Hospital in Lakewood, Washington. In the top photo, markers represent the 313 injuries suffered by hospital staff. Workers Memorial Day was established by the national AFL-CIO in 1989 to remember workers who have been killed or injured on the job. Ceremonies are held nationwide. A noontime service was held at the Fallen Workers Memorial in Salem by the Oregon AFL-CIO, where Secretary of State Kate Brown and State Treasurer Ted Wheeler read the names of Oregonians who died at work and in military service to the country. This year marks the 41st anniversary of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act, which the labor movement played an instrumental role in establishing. Photos by Nathe Lawver.



Here comes the sun... are you ready to ride?

Join us for the 9th Annual Poker Run
& Chili Cook-Off

Unions for Kids will raffle off this
2011 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic

Only 4000 tickets to be sold!

Price each : \$10.00

Retail value : \$19,949

See www.unionsforkids.org for more details

What?! No Ride!

Well... come on down to IBEW & United Workers FCU and get yourself pre-approved for a motorcycle loan and start shopping!





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