

Motorcycle Poker Run June 9

The Unions for Kids Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook-off, a benefit for Doernbecher Children's Hospital, will be held Saturday, June 9, at the IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way.

The poker run starts and finishes at the hall. Registration is from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and costs \$10. A pancake breakfast will be available for participants.

The poker run itself is a scenic and challenging 90-mile round-trip ride with four checkpoints. Riders will receive a playing card at the IBEW hall

and one at each checkpoint. An option of one extra (draw) card *before* the first card and one extra (draw) card *after* the last card will be available for \$5 each. Visa gift cards will be awarded to the high and low poker hand.

The chili cook-off pits chefs from the various trades. Chili will be sold and customers will vote on their favorite. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda also will be on sale.

A drawing for a 2012 Harley-Davidson "Big Blue" Heritage Softail Classic motorcycle will take place at 4 p.m. In commemoration of the event's 10th anniversary, the bike will be autographed by Willie G. Davidson, the company's senior vice president and grandson of Harley-Davidson co-founder William A. Davidson.

Tickets are still available for \$10 each. Only 5,000 tickets will be sold.

Money also is raised through a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and through a program called "Hour of Help," whereby individuals donate one hour of pay to the cause. Donations are tax deductible.

All money raised is given to Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Since its inception in 2003, the Poker Run has raised \$271,000.

For more information or to register to ride, go to www.unionsforkids.org or call Lee Duncan at 503-260-5905.



Groener named to Clackamas CC board

Chris Groener, a union representative of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, has been appointed to the Clackamas Community College Board of Education. He succeeds long-time board member Chuck Clemons, who died in a car accident in December. The position comes up for election in 2013, and Groener says he will run.

Groener, 41, resides in Oregon City. He attended Clackamas Community College for two years before transferring to Portland State University, where he was president of Associated Students. He has worked at Local 555 for two years. Prior to that he was an internal organizer for the Service Employees International Union.

Groener also currently serves on the Oregon City Planning Commission, but he said he plans to resign from that board shortly.

Groener is the son of Ralph Groener, a lobbyist for Oregon AFSCME Council 75 and a CCC board member in the 1970s who went on to serve in the Oregon Legislature and on the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners.

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