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## 13th Annual "Blessing of the Bikes"

Ride for Special Olympics

On May 21st I attended what I am considering one of the top 3 Family events of the year. The event was the 13th Annual "Blessing of the Bikes" also known as "Motorcycle Sunday". The blessing was held at the Kenwood Trail Middle School in Lakeville, MN. Sponsored by the Cross of Christ Community Church.

I have again been amazed at what bikers can accomplish and put together when they have a mind to. I arrived around 9:30 ahead of the crowd with fellow rider and Patriot Guard Jim Bono to some music by members of the church. Not quite sure what to expect as the more than 230 bikes and riders, along with 300 plus non riders filed onto the school grounds to fill the hillside by the stage, making it quite a site, to hear the speakings of Mac Stone. Mac always puts a great spin on things, because like most of us, he has lived on the down side of a great lifestyle. The biker Lifestyle!

But the Blessing was just a small part of this beautiful day. The Cross of Christ members were also raising money for the special Olympics. With many area Olympians in attendance, it was priceless to see the pride these kids have for what they do. (I think many of us could learn a thing or two from them) Raising \$2400 for the Lakeville area Special Olympics, my hats off to all that attended.

Now that's a full day for some events, not these folks. After Mac spoke, all the Veterans and Special Olympians were recognized, we were treated to a great lunch of Pork, Hotdogs and all the rest of the fixings for a family get together. Between 500 and 650 people were served. (And we think a grill out takes coordination) After lunch it was time to take an 11/2 hour scenic ride. That's when I said my good byes to those involved and I headed for home. Next year, same time same place? Keep an eye here or check out their website [www.crossofchristchurch.org](http://www.crossofchristchurch.org)



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