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2006 Firefighters MDA Ride

The 2006 Firefighters Ride for MDA was a huge success. There were over 1300 people registered and over 875 motorcycles. The ride almost doubled from the 2005 ride. The Wausau Firefighters were able to donate \$26,000 to MDA.

The activities started Friday, May 19th, with events taking place at Harley Davidson of Wausau. There were vendors on scene, food and beer. Over 700 people registered that day. Michele Smith made an appearance and was very friendly with all the bikers. She was a pleasure to have at the event. We made her first trip to Wisconsin a very memorable one. Pam, at The Office Bar, had a pre-ride party where the band Magnum entertained the crowd.

Saturday morning, registration continued at Harley Davidson of Wausau. The ride left promptly at 9:30 a.m. under blue skies and sunshine. Our first stop was in Birnamwood. Bikers took over the town. Snacks and refreshments were provided by the Birnamwood Fire and EMS departments. The ride then continued to the Mohican North Star Casino. The folks there did a wonderful job serving over 1300 people lunch in less than 45 minutes. Next year it will be even quicker, beverages will be in a can.

Around 2:00 p.m. the rains came pouring down. Bikers scattered for cover. Many stopped at Rachel's Roadside in Wittenberg, while many others made it to AJ's Place. All was going well in the rain until that deer decided to run out and hit Glen, a firefighter from the Racine area. He is alright and hopes to be back for the ride in 2007.

The rain now stopped for the after ride party at The Bar in Rothschild. The non-bikers came out to hang with the bikers to listen to the tunes of Vic Ferrari. The

staff at The Bar did a wonderful job to accommodate over 3,000 people that showed up to hear Vic Ferrari. Thanks to the Mohican Northstar Casino for helping sponsor Vic Ferrari.

The 2007 Firefighters Ride for MDA is set for May 18th and 19th. Keep your eyes on the web site for more information, www.wausaufire.com

A lot of ideas have been given to me, so look forward to another exciting ride. If you would like to get involved with this great fundraiser, or if you have any ideas, please contact me at aadrian1@charter.net

Thanks for another great year for the MDA ride, Andy Adrian -Wausau Firefighter



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