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About 4 years ago a very good friend of mine introduced me to a wonderful ride and a great cause. This was the Make-A-Wish Ride for Wishes held Memorial Day weekend. From that day on I was an annual participant in this event.

It was the 2nd year I became an active part in helping with the event by selling raffle and door prize tickets, distributing signs and asking for prize donations. It is a great way to meet people and see the good in all of us. Bikers tend to be stereo typed, but in reality they are very caring and giving people.

In 2004 I was extended an invite to attend a Make-A-Wish Reunion in Green Bay. There were 8 of us that went to the event and when we all left we knew exactly why we do what we do for the Ride for Wishes. In attendance were children young and old that have had their wishes granted. They spoke about how much this meant to them and put pleasure in their life at a time when things are not pleasant. They are so thankful for all the effort that goes into making their wish come true.

It's not only for them but for their families as well. The illnesses do not effect just the one person, the whole family goes through it right along with them.

Through many tears and laughter that day they all let us know how much what we do means. Some of the wish recipients have battled through their life threatening illnesses while others have not been so lucky.

This is a cause that fills your heart with lots of joy. The next time you attend one of these events just remember how lucky you are and how far your giving will go!!

Ann Sculley



\$24,617 check presented to Make a Wish



Chow Time at the Grand River Oasis

The nice thing about having a Free Riders Press handy is that it gives you many choices of where you would like to check out. We did exactly that. We don't get down to the Portage area very often and decided to check out the food at the Grand River Oasis for some authentic Mexican.

Lorie and I are not big Mexican food fans or should I say, not big fans of Mexican Fast Food. So we headed down to Kingston, WI which is on Hwy B off of Hwy 22 South of Montello.

We went in and asked for a menu, not really knowing what to order we asked for assistance. I told Shelley who was working that I was used to asking for 3 soft tacos, etc. Well she took the time to explain what each item was so we had some kind of idea what we would want. I had the Enchiladas Verdes, which came with Refried Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice and Tortillas. Lorie got the Shrimp A La Plancha, which is a specially seasoned shrimp that came with Beans, Rice and Tortillas. Both were exceptionally tasty. I tried the shrimp off Lories plate, and considering I don't like shrimp they were very good. My Enchiladas were not too spicy but yet not too plain. They were really on the border of perfect. There is nothing like Authentic food of any ethnicity, sure beats the heck out of blah fast food. Meños, the owner has had several Mexican restaurant's in the American SW, so believe me it's the "REAL THING" A little on the pricey side, but for the real thing what isn't. They are open 7 days a/week and are very biker friendly. Give them a try next time your out for a ride, give it a little Mexican flavor..

Would I recommend Grand River Oasis? Yes!



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September 17, 2005

Tomahawk Speedway

"Under the Big Top"



Over \$800 in cash & prizes
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Judging by Ray Kittel

8 am - 11 am Bike Show Registration
1:30 pm People's choice voting closes
3:00 pm Awards

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