### Sandy's Ride for Kids

June 11th, 2011

To add to my list of 1st time events I attended is Sandy's Ride for Kids. In past years I have tried to catch a part of many events, but due to time or lack of it I never caught this ride. This year I was at the start, went on the ride and was at the end. And what a relaxing day it was.

The day started out at Pro-Motor Sports promotorsportswausau.com in Brokaw, WI. The owner Denny, Betsy (Daughter), Tom (son) along with many members of Sandy's family kicking in to make this ride a success. A beautiful organized 90 mile ride from the shop to Big Eau Pleine County Park were the group was treated to a lunch while some door prizes were given away. The lakeside pavilion and wooded surroundings made for quite a nice time. After about an hour we all saddled up and headed out on the next leg of the trip that took us to the Hammer Down Bar in Mosinee. Again a relaxing time to grab a pop and give a shot at some door prizes. As all 127 bikes saddled up for the last stretch that took us to the Trail Mates Snowmobile Club shed.

Here there was a great dinner served by family and friends along with dozens of more bigger door prizes to take a chance on. Music played in the background by a 2 piece band for the makings of a comfortable atmosphere. After all the winners were pulled, riders fed I headed out. Personally I like an event that ends by 6pm. Less chance of riding intoxicated.

This year the event raised \$15,000 that was divided up between multiple local charities and families as well as...including one of Sandy's favorite charities the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Rideforkids.org

Sandy passed away in 2008 and the family would like to thank everyone that attends the ride for keeping her memory alive in your hearts. A very special thank you to Denny and Gloria Resch, Les and Kay Toth, Randy and Faith Thurs, all of the Trailmates Snowmobile club volunteers and every event sponsor! Next years event will be June 9th.









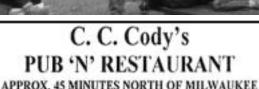












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