



# Crawford County Road Riders

OUR MARCH 2015 INSPIRATION



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Starting with a mere 15 members, over the years, it has prospered and grown to a club of 45. The club's goal has always been to share their passion for riding and enjoy the freedom of the open road, many of whom ride from April through November, weather permitting.

Riders from a diverse socio-economic group and varied ages take to the backyard of Crawford & neighboring counties every Sunday for the pure purpose of riding motorcycles and establishing camaraderie among other bikers. Virtually every make and model is ridden, ranging from 250 cc engines to 1800 cc. These kindred spirits value brotherhood and come together to participate in a variety of events, but the most gratifying is when they are riding for a cause. "We are a service organization," remarked Brian, longtime member. "Every member is invested in giving back to the community." Some of the organizations benefiting from this club's generosity over the years are the Make a Wish Foundation, disaster victims, Women's Services, Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, Head Start, United Way and the Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute.

Once again, the YGBOI has been chosen as the recipient of the *All Wheels Charity Memorial Ride* that will take place July 26, 2015. "We have all been touched by cancer in one way or another," said Brian. "The Oncology Institute is a state-of-the-art facility; fortunately, it is in our own backyard. They truly do walk the walk and talk the talk, from the

receptionist, to the nurses, to the physicians; it has been such an honor working with them," stated Brian. "By contributing to the Oncology Benevolent Fund, we are helping to defer costs for patient necessities that insurance doesn't cover. Last year we doubled the proceeds from the previous year. Hopefully this year, we will exceed those numbers."

"Fortunately, Forest Park Honda, Street Track n' Trail, World of Wheels, Greenhill Cycle & Auto, Five Star Cycle and Professional Cycle have been very generous in sponsoring our club to help defray operating costs. Because of their sponsorships, we are able to focus on needed fundraising," added Brian. Next time you hear the rumble of a motorcycle, see the gleam of the chrome, think of the kind souls that devote so much of their time taking to the streets to raise money for our community and to pay tribute to their fallen brothers.

**We are proud to introduce our March Faces of Health Representatives, Crawford County Road Riders; Bruce Andrey, Treasurer and co-owner of Pro Cycle; Mike Marley, Legislative Officer; George Coulter, Road Captain; and Brian Gustafson, Secretary.**

If you want to kick start your summer and join a fun-loving group that believes in giving back or perhaps you want more details on the July Memorial Ride, dust off your "brain bucket" and call Norm Waid, CCRR President at 814-425-7901.

