

Bikers For A Cause!

It is no secret that those 'big' bikers on their 'big' bikes also have some of the biggest hearts too and that was all so evident when more than a couple hundred of people showed up at Warhorse Harley Davidson recently to show their support for ARC of Marion County!

In addition to the bikers there was also a classic car and truck show along with the bike show sponsored by Fran Haasch, attorney. The judging was done by well known 'Radical Randy' who puts on several popular bike events including the upcoming Daytona Bike fest where thousands of bikers will descend upon this spring.

This was the 2nd year that the Marion Bike festival was held in partnership at the Harley dealer but ARC still plans to hold their Marion County bike fest as usual this year in April and that will be a three day fest and will also be held at the Harley dealership.

There were dozens of beautiful trophies lined up on the stage for the lucky show participants to preview prior to the judging. There were several categories for the bikes and also for the street, antique, muscle cars and trucks which were also entered. The day was perfect for



A GROUP SHOT OF THE WINNERS that day for both cars and bikes with proceeds going to ARC. (Photos by Pam Guenther)

the riders with temps in the 80's and plenty of sunshine to show upon the gleaming polished vehicles displayed in the lot.

There was also plenty of raffles, food, music by

prized vehicles.

I also met up with Cheri Craig, Public Relations person and Director of Development for ARC. She graciously filled me in on the event and all

money raised goes right back into ARC to assist with their programs. The bike events are very popular and have been happening for several years now although more recently the location has changed for the bike events to their partner's location at Warhorse Harley Davidson. She filled me in on some of the upcoming events that will be happening such as the 'King of the Wings' competition to be held at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion and then the 'Corn Hole competition' another upcoming event to benefit ARC. Cheri was also present when the many

trophies were handed out that day to the anxious participants assisting Radical Randy with the presentations and having the many photos taking with all the lucky winners.

ARC was founded in 1959 by a handful of local Marion County parents who felt a need for a learning center for their disabled youngsters. They founded the 'New Hope' school which then slowly grew and changed it's name to ARC or Association for Retarded Citizens then just to ARC but more recently another name

which the board fills more appropriate to the 'Advocacy Resource Center'. The center offers services to Marion County residents that have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Some of their services include and support independent living, group homes, early intervention programs for children 0-3 years and support employment and life skills to adults 18 and up. For more information on ARC please visit their website at www.mcarc.com.



THIS PROUD WINNER got first place for his 1977 Ford truck.

Community Spotlight

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the Marshall Law band and of course beer and wine as well as mimosa too! Everyone had a good time walking around and talking to the proud owner of the

their upcoming events that were scheduled for this year. She explained that several fund raising events for ARC go on throughout the year and 100% of the

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