



Stopping off in Milton, Ray takes a break after riding through the escarpment. From left are Sergeant Larry Masson, Chair of Crime Stoppers Glenn Matsuo, Ray Bruce and acting Mayor Councillor Father Mark Curtis.

Crime Stoppers rides through Halton Region to raise funds and awareness

BY ANN KORNUA

From September 15 to 17, Halton Crime Stoppers took to the hills and roads of Halton to raise funds and awareness for the popular program. Former coordinator of the Halton Crime Stoppers program detective Ray Bruce cycled over 100 kms each day as he made his way across Halton. Kicking off the event in Georgetown and ending at the Burlington Legion, Ray made his way through Halton collecting donations and support wherever he went.

A.B.A.T.E. Kitchener raises money for hurricane victims

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The bikers of A.B.A.T.E. Kitchener are organising a ride to help the survivors of hurricane Katrina. The ride will take place Saturday, September 24 and will leave from Kitchener. A.B.A.T.E. (A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education) is composed of motorcycle enthusiasts from across North America. This group of riders actively promotes public safety information and awareness programs to prevent fatalities or injuries.

Rider Angela Borges of Kitchener is excited. "A.B.A.T.E. has many local and provincial chapters and they are all joining in," Angela explained. "We are looking at donating what we raise to the Red Cross for the hurricane fund. Those people have lost so much. We try to look after each other and those people need a lot."

The idea behind the Katrina Relief Ride came when Wendy Vanderstoep of Kitchener, pitched the idea. "Wendy made a presentation that this was something that bothered her and she wanted people to help," Angela explained. The Ride for Relief will take place during the traditional Biktoberfest weekend where bikers meet and show off their bikes in downtown Kitchener.

The day will include vendors, live bands, raffles, and food. Taking place after the ride in the afternoon, Show and Shine will be a display of motorcycles where everyone can vote on their favourite bike in the different categories. Ride registration takes place on Saturday

September 24th at 8am at the Lancaster House Tavern, 574 Lancaster Street West, Kitchener Ontario, and the ride will leave at 10am. Registration is free and all donations are welcomed. This event is open to the public and all funds raised will be forwarded to help victims of hurricane Katrina.

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