

BLESSING OF THE BIKES 2014

JULY 2014

July 2, 2014
MEETING
CANCELLED

July 16, 2014
Dinner Meeting
6:00 pm
Speaker

AUGUST 2014

August 6, 2014
Lunch meeting
12:00

August 20
Dinner/Board Meeting
Speaker

August 25
Carry In
Social/Auction
Board meeting
6:00 PM
Eakle's Home

October 29-Nov 1, 2014
National Conference
St. Louis, Missouri

The "BLESSING OF THE BIKES" was held on May 17, 2014. The Dayton73 Moose Riders, in conjunction with A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio, Inc. (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education), hosted the 14th annual "BLESSING OF THE BIKES". The day started at 6:00 AM with vendors and volunteers coming in to help set up for the event, which involved constructing a large band stage, insuring the vendors were placed in a location, and setting up tents for the arrival of thousands of bikers with their bikes.

This event is held on the 3rd Sunday of May each year at Welcome Stadium one of the largest venues for parking in the Dayton area. The event is organized by Dayton 73 Moose Riders, A.B.A.T.E., Greenebucs, and Special Wish. There are between 22 separate subcommittees; over 100 volunteers working year round and local businesses contribute monies, banners, and door prizes to organize and carryout this successful event. Wright-Patt Air Force Base provided several of the volunteers this year. New records have been set! The unofficial count of the bikes was just shy of 10,000. A record of 44 retail, food, and informational vendors helped feed and sell motorcycle parts and associated items to all the guests to make the event a fun filled experience.

In a nondenominational ceremony, Father Dale, our honored priest, and 19 deacons from all corners of the Archdiocese individually walked through the parked bikes to bless each and every bike and their riders, often stopping to pray with riders for their special request. One of the deacons traveled two hours to get to Dayton....."There was no way I could possibly have gotten lost getting there even without a GPS in my car. All I did was follow any number of motorcycles I saw who were also on their way to the Blessing". The deacons who attend are very moved by this group of people who come together for some good family fun but whose sole purpose is to have their bikes blessed. For them this is serious business. The blessing comes at the end of the event and no one wants to leave before it happens

The "Blessing of the Bikes" blesses the riders and passengers for a safe riding season, while at the same time, raising funds for two local charities: A Special Wish Foundation and GREENEBUCS the local chapter of AMBUCS. Over \$5000.00 has been given in the past to these worthy causes, bringing the donations to a very substantial amount throughout the past twelve years.

This year three children as well as three Veterans from the Dayton VA received Amtrykes. GreeneBucs attends the monthly meetings to help coordinate the raffle of a "Wheelbarrel of Booze", finding the tryke recipients-much to the delight of the crowd who were able to see them ride their new bikes. There were three representatives from the Dayton VA, speaking on behalf of the three Veterans receiving bikes at this event. Bikers come from all over the tri state area to attend. This event is considered the largest motorcycle event in Southwestern Ohio and the largest single Moose event in the State of Ohio. It is now believed to be the single largest event in the Moose Fraternity. Enjoy the pictures on the next page.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES



Veteran with family receiving her AMTRYKE.



Deacon blessing the Amtrykes.



Representatives from the Dayton VA.

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New Friend's Member, therapist Catherine Gohrband, coordinated an Open House at United Rehabilitation Services, where families could turn in their old AMTRYKES and be fitted for a new tryke. Featured on this page are several children who tried out the new bikes on a mini race track which was set up for them to ride around. Big Hatters Gussie Jones, Joyce Peet, and Devlynn Tanner helped out with this event.





WHATS COOKING WITH

GREENEBUCS

- There will be a Carry-In, Social, Big Hat Auction and District 3-E meeting at Alan and Sue Eakle's home, Monday, August 25 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcomed.
- Sandy Zimmerman, Joyce Peet, and Devlynn Tanner attended the wrap up party for Blessing of the Bikes and received a check for \$6000!!! *Thank you!* This will allow several children and Vets to get riding this summer
- Do not forget to mark your calendars for the Popcorn Festival, which is in the second weekend in September. Help will be needed to set up and tear down as well as manning the booth. Brian Lamp-ton will be coordinating the volunteers.
- If you have someone whom you would like to hear speak at a meeting let us know. There are two great speakers lined up for July and August for the dinner meetings. A speaker is being secured for Sept.
- Several volunteers have been putting bikes together for the kids and veterans. A special thank you to them for taking time out of their busy schedules to help us out.
- The P. Buckley Moss events will start Oct 23rd. More information to follow.

Bill Jenkins and Beaver Creek Post Commander presents Greenebucs with a \$6000.00 check to Sandy Zimmerman and Joyce Peet at the Blessing of the Bikes wrap up party.

Featured below are committee members: Lawrence, Faye, Bill, Moose Commander, Sandy, Devlynn, and Joyce presenting the Blessing of the Bikes a plaque for their continuing support of Greenebucs.



KIM OPPY won the 50/50 at the evening meeting. The total was over \$1500!!!

A new Big Hat Raffle will start at the July 16 meeting. Come join us.

Speaker –Rich Schultze gave a visual presentation on his trip last year to Bolivia. A variety of educators who assisted a local school in setting up services for individuals with disabilities accompanied him He and 12 others will be attending this year as an ongoing mission to provide independence to individuals with disabilities. Big Hatters donated \$500.00 to this project.



Caitlyn, with her parents and therapist Anna Frank from Warren County, tries out her new birthday present. Several family members donated funds to “pay it forward” so another child could receive a bike.

In addition, Scott’s parents gave Greenebucs a very generous donation to buy another bike.



SPECIAL KUDOS!

I received an e-mail from a Veteran in Fairborn who was able to build his own Vet bike.

He commented: “I really can’t thank you enough. My wife is looking forward to taking a bike ride with me. She has been waiting nearly 25 years”!!



Scott, thanked the crowd for his new bike. He was very excited and said he “loved his bike!”

GREENEBUCS SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2014

**July 2
Lunch Meeting
CANCELLED**

July 4th

**July 16
Dinner / Board Meeting
Speaker-Dr. Holbrook
6:00 pm**

August 2014

**August 6
Lunch Meeting
12:00**

**August 20
Dinner/Board Meeting
Speaker-Cupcake Girl**

**August 25
Social/Carry In/Auction/
District 3-E Meeting
Alan and Sue Eakles
6:00 pm**

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OFFICIERS FOR GREENEBUCS 2014

President-Devlynn Tanner
Vice President-Joyce Peet
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Bob Lyle

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Sgt at Arms
Paul Monnig
Bob Zimmerman

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2Lunch Meeting CANCELLED	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16Dinner Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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2014-2015 MEETINGS

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2014 Lunch Meetings

June 4

July 2-CANCELED

August 6

September 3

October 1

November 5

December 3 Christmas Auction

2015 Lunch Meetings

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 1

May 6

2014 Dinner Meetings

June 18– Speaker *Rich Shultze*

July 16– Speaker *Dr. Holbrook*

August 20– Speaker *Jessica Walters*

September 17

October 15

November 19

2015 Dinner Meetings

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20