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## Bikers Turn History Buffs to Raise Money for Charities

Everyone is invited to grab their Hondas or Harleys and jump aboard for a 100 mile “Ride Through History” motorcycle adventure to raise money for three area charities, The Lake County Historical Society, the Ghost Rider Foundation and the Emily Hunt Family. The ride kicks off, Saturday August 6 at 11:30am at the Lake County History Center, 415 Riverside Dr. in Painesville, OH. and returns three to four hours later. Registration is \$20 per bike and \$10 for passengers. Funds raised will be divided between the two organizations and the Hunt family .

The Ghost Rider Foundation is a charitable foundation dedicated to raising funds for area vets and their families. Another beneficiary of the ride is 6<sup>th</sup> grade student and Ashtabula county resident, Emily Hunt, who is battling leukemia and lastly the Lake County History Center operated by the Society which uses its resources to connect area residents to their community through local history.

This unique ride will make two stops for rest, snacks and learning a little local history. The first will be the famous Unionville Tavern where bikers will hear about the history of the Tavern; it’s secret tunnels and the connection it has with the graveyard across the street . Ashtabula County will host the second rest stop by guiding bikers to the Smolen-Gulf covered bridge, the longest in the world, built at a cost of nearly \$8 million. The ride through the picturesque Ashtabula country side will continue with a final stop at The Harpersfield Covered Bridge for a look back into time to a covered bridge built just after the Civil War that still carries vehicle traffic today.

Riders will return to the Lake County History Center by mid-afternoon to enjoy a mouth watering pig roast prepared by event organizer Adam Cook’s family. The roast will be served rain or shine with dinner being served either on picnic tables under the trees or in the rustic event barn at the Center. Should rain be an issue earlier in the day, the ride will be cancelled, but not the roast, which comes complete with all the trimmings.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Lake County History Center at 440-639-2945. For additional information contact Carrie Plummer, Youth Education Director at the Center or Adam Cook at 440-796-9883.

Riders are urged to support this event and assist three separate charities with one ride.

