

Legend Has It Biker Poker Ride Takes to the Highways Again

Saturday, June 6th is the date set for the 2026 *“Legend Has It Biker Poker Ride for Children With Special Medical Needs”*.

Riders will be leaving from Redline Harley Davidson in Saskatoon at 10:00 am. The poker run presents money to two families with children experiencing medical conditions where a little bit of extra money to cover expenses can always come in helpful.

Riders pay a \$30 entry fee which includes a mid-way lunch and a barbecue meal at the end of the ride. Carry Only hands are available for \$20. Registration opens at 9:00 am, and one hour later it's 'kickstands up' and the riders will head south on Hwy 11 to 11th Street and then south-west to Hwy 7 to Deslisle where they will stop at the Co-op Gas Station. After the pit stop riders will mount up again and head south passing through Rosetown before heading north on Hwy 4 to Biggar where they will stop for a soup and sandwich lunch at the Masonic Temple Lodge #100. After lunch, the riders will head east on Hwy 14 to Purdue where they make another pit stop and then continue west to Hwy 364 and turn north to Auction Mart Road. From there they make their way back to Redline for the end-of-ride BBQ, another cheque presentation to a family with a medically challenged child, prize distributions, and socializing.

Organizers expect the riders will be back at Redline at approximately 2:45 pm. The first place for the poker hand is guaranteed at \$250, the second place will take home \$100, and the third place will pocket \$75. As well there will be door prizes to be won.

This year is the sixth ride the group will be hosting in Saskatchewan. Ron Prebushewski, the original organizer was born in Humboldt, grew up in Saskatoon, and lived in Regina and Preeceville, Saskatchewan, before moving to Victoria, BC.

He had a great love for children. Having no biological children of his own, when he married his wife Florence, he gained a ready-made family of children, and later grandchildren, to love and cherish. It tore at his heart to see children sick and hurting and he wanted to do something to help.

Ron was an avid motorcycle rider and while living on Vancouver Island along with a group of Island riders founded the Vancouver Island Charity Ride to raise money to give to families of sick children. The ride continues and since its inception has raised over \$100,000.

Ron retired in 2017 from the City of Victoria and he and Florence made the move to Lumby, BC. As there was no riding group in Lumby, he thought of children in his home province and decided to recreate what he had started in British Columbia and thus the Legend Has It - Biker Poker Ride was born.

The first ride took place in 2018 and started in St. Brieux, the second held in 2019 in Melfort, Sk, the third ride in 2020 was held from the Dog House Restaurant Bar and Grill in Saskatoon.

In 2021 the pandemic forced the ride scheduled for June to be postponed until September however Ron Prebushewski passed away September 15, 2021. He was laid to rest in Humboldt alongside his parents. Ron's friends and family will always remember him as the fellow with the big mustache who had an even bigger passion for sick kids.

From childhood to his passing, Ron was very active with numerous organizations and helped with fundraising for several different charities. Ron always had a big heart and was always willing to help anyone who needed a hand. In memory of Rons loving and giving nature, the ride continues in 2026.

Since Rons passing two rides, June of 2023 and June of 2025 have been organized by Saskatoon Harley Owners group and hosted by Redline.

Florence still lives in British Columbia and organizing an event two provinces away was challenging, so Ron's niece Arlene, who lives in Saskatoon, stepped up and with the support of the Saskatoon Harley Owners Chapter #9034, in 2025 took on the Saskatchewan ride.

Ron's dedication to helping children who were sick is a legacy that hopefully many will grab hold of to keep the dream alive. Childhood should not be a time filled with hospital stays, medical procedures, and doctor visits, but unfortunately, that is what it is for some. Ron's family hopes that many people will feel as he did, that sick kids and their families deserve all the help they can get. There is still time to be part of Ron's legacy and purchase a poker hand. For more information visit www.saskatoonhog.com/events

Redline Harley Davidson is located just south of 71st Street on the Idylwyld Service Road and the roundtrip ride is just under 300 km. Anyone hoping to meet up with the riders when they make their pit-stops at Rosetown Co-op Gas, Biggar Coop Gas and Perdue Coop Gas are most welcome and if in Saskatoon stop by Redline Harley Davidson for the BBQ.

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- Portions of this history draw upon the original write-up by Carol Baldwin, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter Wakaw Recorder whose work documented the early development of the organization.