

Motorcycle Ride For Dad raises funds for prostate cancer



Members of the June CAV group meet at the Tronson Wal-Mart parking lot on Saturday for the Motorcycle Ride for Dad. Photo: Kate Overman. Please see additional photos on page 3.

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Dozens of motorcycles roared into the Trenton Walmart parking lot on Saturday. The riders were there to support the annual Motorcycle Ride For Dad coming up on Sunday, May 30, raising funds for prostate cancer.

"We're here in support," said Paul "Bear" Mokros, president of the local Juno 1st CAV (Canadian Army Veterans) club.

There were 16 riders from the Juno club which has 67 members, many of whom will participate in the Kingston to Belleville poker run. They ride all kinds of bikes and come from all walks of life.

"We're a non-denominational group," Bear said. "We accept all kinds of bikes."

He noted that each unit of the CAV is named after a battle honour, such as the

Juno Beach battle of 1944.

Anne Thorne of Napanee, Lindin and Marion Perry of Kingston were selling Ride for Dad patches and pins outside Walmart helping raise funds. Dan Jagnes, also a member of the group, is a prostate cancer survivor.

"This is our tenth year," said Anne. "We will be covering 27 cities across the country raising funds and awareness."

The Sundance Band was playing country music to entertain the crowd, while volunteers, both civilian and military, dished out hamburgers and hot dogs. The band consists of Ernie Stoneman, Phil and Bruce Forsythe, Maurice O'Connell and Percy Kinney.

A web site at <www.motorcycleridefordad.com> has all kinds of information on the ride as well as statistics on prostate cancer. The

ride has raised \$5 million in 23 rides across the country since it started in Ottawa 10 years ago. Two dozen rides will set out in May and June. The Kingston-

Quinte ride leaves from CFB Kingston and goes to Belleville and back.

Statistics reveal that 18,000 new cases of prostate cancer are diagnosed

each year in Canada and 4,300 men die of it. However, many have it and don't know. The web site urges men to get check-ups before it's too late.