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CATAWBA VALLEY LADIES OF HARLEY RAISING MONEY FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

HICKORY -- "You'll not find anyone with a bigger heart than a Harley rider -- especially when it comes to kids and old people," said Becky Rees of the Catawba Valley Ladies of Harley.

That's why she said the group is raising money for Meals on Wheels of Catawba County. In fact, the Ladies of Harley have raised more than \$4,000 during the past three years for Meals on Wheels, which provides home-delivered meals to elderly, disabled residents in the county. Meals on Wheels is operated by Senior Nutrition Services, a division of Catawba County Social Services.



Members of Catawba Valley Ladies of Harley are helping raise funds for Meals on Wheels of Catawba County. Group members include (left to right): Pam Waters; Jennifer Allen; Anita Morgan; Darlene Richards; Becky Rees, Ladies of Harley officer; Crystal Crafton. At far right is Ron Hall, general manager of Blue Ridge Harley Davidson, where tickets are available. Not pictured are members Emily Sisk, Becky Brittain, Karen Lake, Alisha Schauman, Linda Gail Duckett, Kathy Dagenhart, Betsy Deitz, Michelle Johnson, Hope Barger and Trish Coleman.

The first three years, the Ladies of Harley made and raffled tee-shirt quilts. This year, they decided to think bigger. They are having a drawing for a variety of items. First prize will be a 46-inch RCA television. Second prize will be a Dooney & Bourke purse. Third prize will be a package of gift cards. All prizes have been donated by club members or other sponsors. Tickets are \$5 each.

Rees said sales have been brisk so far. They plan to draw the winning tickets at their Christmas party in December. You do not have to be present to win.

The Catawba Valley Ladies of Harley has 15 members and is affiliated with the Catawba Valley Harley Owners Group (HOG), which has about 200 members.

Rees said there is a stereotype that all motorcycle riders are "tattooed, bearded, beer-drinking people." She said: "We're not. We're from all walks of life. We have lawyers, engineers, police officers and retired

military personnel." Rees works as an executive assistant at Catawba Valley Community College, and her husband is an engineer.

She added, "We'd like to remind everyone that motorcycle riding season is here, so be careful. We have a saying, 'Look twice, save a life.' Motorcycles are everywhere."

Tickets for the drawing are available from Ladies of Harley members, the Blue Ridge Harley-Davidson dealership near the Hickory Metro Convention Center, or from the Senior Nutrition Office at 507 Boundary St., Conover. For more information, call 828-695-5610.

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