

Red Poppy Ride

The 8th Annual Red Poppy Bike Ride was held on April 28th with over 1,000 riders participating. A joint effort of the Georgetown SERTOMA Club, Williamson County Child Advocacy Center and the Georgetown Cyclopaths, a local cycling club, the ride is held annually in conjunction with the City of Georgetown's Red Poppy Festival. Thanks go out to Mike Cook who did an exceptional job as ride chairman for the sixth year in row. With ride distances of 12 (family ride) to 100 miles, the ride has something to offer all level of cyclists. This year's ride was a huge success, with an increase in ridership of over 400 riders from previous years. Approximately \$28,000 was raised for charity. The majority of the ride proceeds were split between the SERTOMA Scholarship Fund and Williamson County Child Advocacy Center. Smaller donations were given to the Georgetown Police Department's Bike Patrol Unit, Weir Fire Department, Williamson County Ham Radio Club and the Civil Air Patrol, all of which provided support for the ride. The Red Poppy Ride is growing in popularity among area cyclists who seem to really appreciate the Committee's efforts to assure their safety, comfort and fun! Riders always provide positive feedback regarding the exceptional level of support they receive and the beautiful scenery of our quiet country roads. In spite of the strong, gusty winds (note the flags in the rest stop picture), a great time was had by all. Post ride activities included our famous grilled hot dogs, plenty of cold drinks and massage therapy for sore muscles. Next year's event will be held on April 27th. Any one who would like to participate on the Red Poppy Ride Committee for planning next year's ride is welcome.



(Courtesy of Bob Phillips Photography)

