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The roar of motorcycle engines will again be heard across the New River Valley, as the fourth annual Eric Sutphin Memorial Poker Run takes off on Saturday, June 8. Texas Roadhouse in Christiansburg is graciously hosting the event, which will open with registration at 9am, with the organized ride leaving at 10am. Pre-registration is available at our website: ericсутphinmemorialevents.com

Poker Run T-shirts and memorial bands are available online and the day of the event. There will also be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and other ways for the community to pledge their support.

The 98-mile ride will travel from Christiansburg to Floyd, via Route 8 South, with a break at the Circle K Exxon in downtown. From there the ride will travel Rt. 221 South to Hillsville then onto Rt. 100, breaking at the Hillsville Deli Mart. Rt. 100 to Rt. 11 North is the next leg with a stop in Dublin at the Cougar Express. The final leg follows Rt. 11 North to Rt. 114 East back to Texas Roadhouse in Christiansburg.

While the motorcycles are on the road, the fun will just be beginning for kids of all ages as the second annual KIDS DAY kicks off at the Walmart garden center parking lot, adjacent to Texas Roadhouse. Local fire trucks, rescue squads, and police cars will be on display, along with safety seat checks and Carilion Clinic's Lifeguard helicopter. Food, drinks, face painting, and a dunk tank are all part of the fun. This event is free, but donations will be accepted, with everything going to the Eric Sutphin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Eric's Story

Eric Sutphin was dedicated to his family, his community, and his work at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. On August 21, 2006, Eric made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, while trying to keep his community safe.

This is why we have a dedicated group of volunteers, who come together each year to honor his memory and raise money to help others in our community. The scholarship fund is helping the children of law enforcement officers pay their college tuition and achieve a brighter future.

Every year the support we receive from the community is overwhelming. We continue to receive donations from area businesses that include goods, services, discounts, and monetary contributions to help us cover expenses. The riders that participate in our Poker Run generously give to the fund by paying the ride fee, buying t-shirts, bidding on silent auction items, and buying raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone in the community that comes out to support the scholarship fund during our funding raising events.

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