

Ted's Chili Cook-off

By Harry Wilde

I must say that I had never attended a Chili Cook-off at a Motorcycle Dealership before. I was very impressed with the method that "PJ" at Ted's Motorcycle World used for the judging. She really worked her butt off. There were three categories, Best Name, Peoples Choice, and a panel that judged the chili for Best Tasting, with no idea whose pot it came from. This is as close to a blind taste test without an actual blind fold on the judges. Each class had a first, second and third place award as well as a cash prize of \$300, \$200, \$100 respectively. Each entrant was competing for their charity of choice. Each of your 50 cent tickets allowed you to one of the contestant's chili. The more tickets that you collected meant the higher the percentage of the amount of money raised by the ticket sales. Bottom line, each participant should have collected enough to cover their cooking expenses. The plaques and cash were donated by Ted's.

Best Tasting Chili Awards

1st place: Bush Pilot, "Real Man Chili" recipe, \$300 for Alton Police Youth Camp.

2nd place: New Attitudes, "Stretchinstein" recipe, \$200 for Nomad Bikers Fund

3rd place: Road Raptors, "Legal Lip Remover" recipe, \$100 for Women's Crisis Center

Best Name Awards

1st place: ABATE, "Uncle Cuz's Colon Cleansing Chili" recipe, \$300 for Kits Critters Shelter

2nd place: Blue Knights, "Jail Break Chili - White" recipe, \$200 for Oasis Center

3rd place: Road Raptors, "White Trash Chili" recipe, \$100 for Women's Crisis Center

Peoples Choice Awards

1st place: Blue Knights, "Jail Break Chili - Red" recipe, \$300 for Oasis Center

2nd place: New Attitudes, "Moose Poop" recipe, \$200 for Nomad Bikers Fund

3rd place: Alton HOG, "Pippi's Pipin Puckerin Pepper Chili" recipe, \$100 for the 1st Baptist of Fosterburg Youth.



Bush Pilot - Best Tasting



Blue Knights - Peoples' Choice



ABATE - Best Name



All of the Chili Cook-off winners