

# Hog wild for Dad

Bikers raise  
cash for cancer  
research

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might not be long until  
r cities catch up to the  
ive turnout that Ottawa's  
on of the Motorcycle Ride  
ad has attracted in recent

uring yesterday's ride, co-  
der Garry Janz said events  
chener, Edmonton, Van-  
er and Victoria will even-  
y give the nation's capi-  
run for its money when  
mes to registration num-

r Janz, who has been  
ading awareness about  
state cancer for eight  
s now, that's phenomenal

he best thing is the word  
at prostate cancer is get-  
out," Janz said, adding  
have become more will-  
o talk about the illness.

t never used to be like  
Now it's a whole differ-  
tory."

ere are 19 rides across  
ada.

## Perfect weather

rganizers estimated 1,600  
ple participated in the  
ride, which made a stop  
e Nortel campus at Car-  
Ave. and Moodie Dr.  
e most bikes continued  
self-guided tour through  
Ottawa Valley.

ocal riders were hoping to  
at least \$300,000 for pros-  
cancer research, and the



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Don Mahar, left, comfortably rode in the sidecar of Gary Morgan's Chang Jiang 750 during yesterday's Motorcycle Ride for Dad. The event hopes to raise at least \$300,000 for prostate cancer research and education.

weather for the event couldn't  
have been much better.

As the bikes cruised toward  
Nortel with police escorts,  
residents stepped out of their  
homes to watch the pack of  
roaring machines.

Robert and Clarisse Pratt  
rode their Yamaha 100 Clas-  
sic west on Carling Ave. as  
onlookers lined the parade  
route clapping and cheering.

"It brings tears to your eyes  
that people appreciate what

you're doing," Robert Pratt  
said.

Nearly everyone who  
stopped to chat yesterday  
knew someone affected by  
prostate cancer. They shared  
that common bond, along  
with a passion for riding their  
bikes on the open road.

It was a spectacular sight  
when thousands of bikes  
pulled into the Nortel campus  
and filled at least three park-  
ing lots as people mingled

after the parade.

Don Mahar might have had  
the best seat in the parade.

He rode in the sidecar of  
Gary Morgan's Chang Jiang  
750, which caught the atten-  
tion of spectators.

"It was certainly a crowd-  
pleaser," Mahar, 60, said.

Morgan, 58, noted the  
"amazing" coincidence that  
almost everyone in the ride  
knows someone battling pros-  
tate cancer.

"I think it's the most won-  
derful and productive way to  
spend the day with other bik-  
ers," Morgan said.

He hopes the impressive  
turnout will encourage men to  
be more aware of the disease.

"Men are so timid talking  
about it sometimes," Morgan  
said.

"Hopefully more men will  
come out of their shells."

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