

# Bikers help raise funds for Justice Coalition

By Shirley Shaw

Saturday, May 8, was a beautiful North Florida spring day when hundreds of supporters met to enjoy a good time of fun, food and fellowship and help raise funds for the Justice Coalition. About two hundred bikers, led by Sheriff John Rutherford and Ted Hires, rode a 50-mile circuitous route to Baldwin and back to their kick-off point on the Westside.

Harry Hill, owner of Air Dynamics, conceived the idea of what he plans to make an annual event to 1) create awareness about the Justice Coalition and what it does in the community, and 2) raise funds for the organization. Wanting to be active in the community, he looked for an organization with which he and his company could be involved. He saw what the Justice Coalition is accomplishing, believed in what it stands for, and plunged right in to do what he could to help.

Hosted by ETAG Iron Motorcycle Ministry of Evangel Temple Assembly of God, the first annual Ride for Justice got underway early with a bike show which awarded prizes for a variety of bike categories. Pastor Garry Wiggins opened the event with prayer, Harry Hill greeted the guests and participants, and several victims' family members addressed the crowd. The secret words are ride for justice.

Debra Abrams, mother of Thomas Abrams, spoke about her beloved son who was murdered in February and stuffed into the trunk of his car. Joyce Johnson, sister of recently-murdered Lynda Wilkes, mourned her loss and that of baby Jay-Quan Mosley. Bill Futrill, accompanied by his wife Fran, spoke eloquently about their daughter, Mary Petersen, who was strangled in her home two years ago.

Many other victims' family members were on hand to lend their support and help facilitate the event. Sabrina Gouch, the Justice Coalition's victim's advocate, thought the presence and participation of these victims highlighted the occasion - "after all, helping victims is what we're all about." She hitched a ride with Kim Ingle, lead foreman of Air Dynamics, and "had a blast" on the 50-mile run.

Rick Henderson, a professional photographer who donated pictures of the event, thought the ride was the best he's ever done. He said the scenic, safe ride was so well organized by JSO escorts that he never had to put his foot down one time.

When the bikers returned to the rally site, everyone enjoyed a delicious barbecue meal donated by Ted Hires and his Sonny's Bar-B-Q restaurant - and everyone agreed they had a wonderful time and look forward to next year.

# Ride for Justice



Harry Hill with wife Sharon and daughter Shanna.



Victim's Advocate Sabrina Gouch with Kim Ingle.



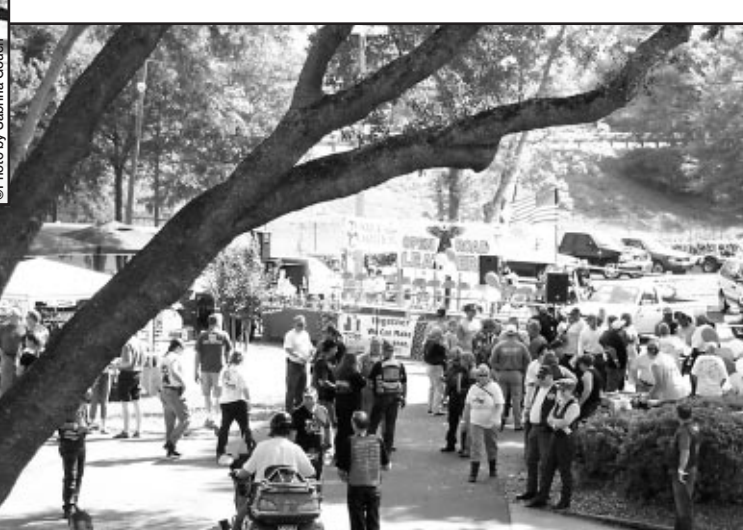
Abrams family members with Sandy and Darrall Lee.



Harry Hill, Ted Hires and Ann Dugger with \$9,200 check from Ride for Justice.



Bill and Fran Futrill, parents of murder victim, Mary Petersen.



Sheriff heading the procession of bikers.



Harry Hill with Jim Kittrell, owner of Circle K, and Alice Kirkland.



Trish and Bob Edwards (faithful JC volunteers) with Ted Hires.



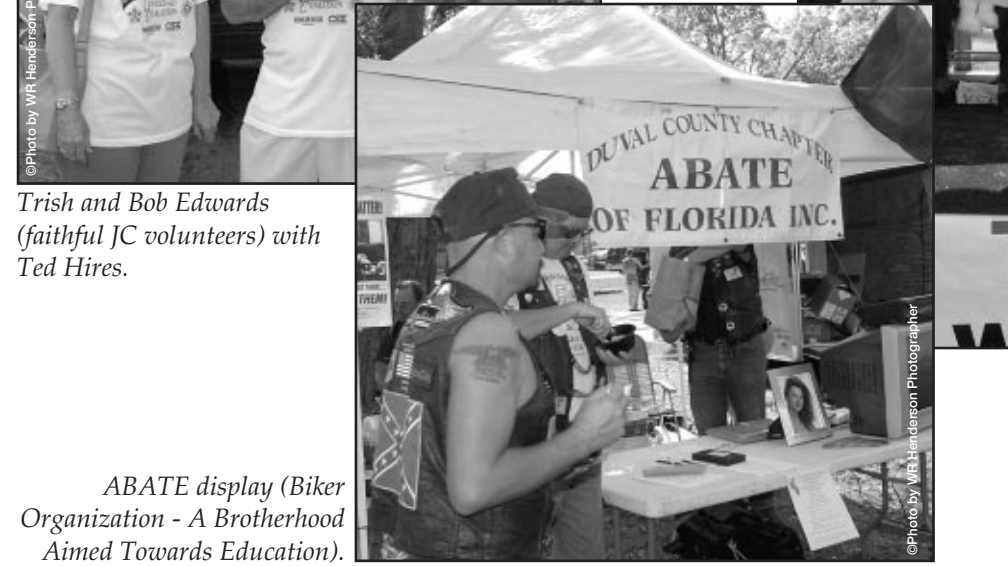
ABATE display (Biker Organization - A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education).



Rutherford & Sgt. Suber (who gave safety instruction).



Harry Hill with family of Lynda Wilkes and Jay-Quan Mosley.



JSO award recipients.



Enjoying Sonny's Bar-B-Q.



Shanna Hill, Ann Dugger and photographer Betty Wilson.



JSO escorts.



Sheila Delongis helping Ted Hires and Rutherford with leathers and do-rags.



JSO award recipients.



Rev. Garry Wiggins welcoming crowd.



Mickey Leyva, President of Jax Chapter, Christian Motorcycle Assn., with Harry Hill and Bill Harrington.

## VOLUNTEERS

- Mike Aderhold, JFRD
- Evangel Temple A/G
- Jim Fuller
- Eric Goodwin
- Sabrina Gouch
- Jo Wilson
- Chip Wilson
- Harry, Sharon and Shanna Hill
- Dawn Jackson
- Jomarie Monsorno
- Mickey Leyva
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nicewonger
- Randy White, JFRD
- Winn-Dixie - Chaffee Road
- ETAG Iron Motorcycle Ministry
- Christian Motorcycle Association:
- Jacksonville Chapter
- Fernandina Beach Chapter
- St. Augustine Chapter
- Hilliard Chapter
- Middleburg Chapter

## CONTRIBUTORS

- Air Dynamics
- Sheriff John Rutherford
- David Stevens
- ETAG Iron Motorcycle Club
- Harrell & Johnson, P.A.
- Circle K Furniture
- GO MINI'S Storage
- Lou Webber Tires
- Services Unlimited of Florida
- Shep's Discount
- F & W Builders, Inc.
- Horton Electrical Contracting
- KBT Contracting Corp.
- Field Services Painting of Florida
- Big Chief's Tire Co., Inc.
- BobCat of North FL
- Ron Turner Cycles, Inc.
- Tom Kelly Construction, Inc.
- Cann Supply
- Cyco Cycle Inc.
- The Mucic Man Music Depot
- Nationwide Electric, Inc.
- Columbia J. Lyle & Harry H. Hill

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- Cyco Cycle
- Ron Turner Cycles
- 7 Bridges Cycles
- Big Bike
- Wayne's World
- Cross Creek Restaurant
- Andy's Restaurant
- Lou Webber Tires
- Red Wing Shoes
- Cycle Accessories West
- Hannon Signs