

MACC Fund uses Chapter G to help with fund raising event.

The 16th annual Trek 100 is the MACC Fund's premier athletic event and one of the largest fund raising efforts for childhood cancer research in the United States. Collectively the Trek 100 has contributed over \$5 million to support pediatric cancer research thanks to riders who acquire pledges per mile they ride, sponsors and volunteers. Just under 2000 bicyclist rode in this year event. With very short notice Chapter G was able to provide 5 Gold Wings and six Wingers to help make this event even better this year than last. Three of the wings were able to test using our new Amateur radio licenses to bring needed services to where they were needed faster than ever. Whether it was correcting wrong route markings, helping to fix flat tires with a little air, first aide or calling help for riders with medical or mechanical problems the wings were able to get to and find these problems fast and provided needed services. The riders love seeing us out there because they can just ride without any worries of being stuck somewhere. Our Wings were paid a great compliment by members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Services who asked the MACC Fund organizers to bring us in on this event based on our efforts with MS150. This group is looking forward to Chapter G bring a full complement of ham radio equipped wings to the MS150 in August based on what we saw during the Trek 100. I would like to thank George Tucker for his help in getting radios set up and some additional training he provided the night before the ride. Those who were able to help on very short notice were Jeff and Sue Whipple, Nick Hansen Sr., Nick Hansen, Russ Bethe, and George Tucker. While the weather was picture perfect most of the day, some got a little wet when a storm blew through the very top of the route late in the afternoon. But everyone enjoyed themselves and should be proud of a job well done. This is type of effort that shows motorcyclist are great people and enhances our image. We are always looking for more riders to help with the MS150. If you are interested please contact Russ Bethe or BJ Parrot.