

Positive Changes Keeps the Wheels Turning Coast to Coast for Ventilator Dependant Quadriplegic On Motorcycle Trip Beginning June 3, 2005 for Spinal Cord Injury Awareness

Not only are his wheelchair wheels rolling, so are the Motorcycles in a Coast to Coast Trip for Spinal Cord Injury Awareness and Research. Beginning June 3, 2005, Rick Davidson begins a 14 day whirlwind trip across the country on a specially constructed trailer towed by a donated Harley Davidson Electra Glide.

Olathe, KS (<u>PRWEB</u>) May 24, 2005 -- Rick Davidson begins the biggest trip of his lifetime in a crusade to promote spinal cord injury awareness and research. Davidson, a ventilator quadriplegic for 17 years, is stepping up to act as a spokesperson for Spinal Cord Injury since the loss of Christopher Reeve last year.

Mr. Davidson will begin his trip in Olathe, KS on June 3rd and will travel through 20 states by the time he returns, tentatively June 17. Along the way he will be meeting with State Governors, Celebrities, and is hoping for an audience with either President Bush or Vice President Cheney.

 $\hat{A} \square$ This is a once in a lifetime chance for many people, and thankfully I have the ability to do it for a good cause $\hat{A} \square$ says Davidson. Mr. Davidson is hoping to let the nation know about certain Bills and Laws needing passed for the disabled community, specifically $\hat{A} \square$ Money Follows the Person $\hat{A} \square$, $\hat{A} \square$ MiCassa $\hat{A} \square$ and the $\hat{A} \square$ Christopher Reeve Paralysis Act $\hat{A} \square$.

Rick Davidson was injured in 1987, at the age of 21, in a motorcycle accident that left him paralyzed from the chin down and relying on a ventilator to breathe for him. He was given a 5% chance of surviving more than a year with a 0% chance of surviving on a ventilator. $\hat{A} \square$ It only seems fitting to do this trip on a bike $\hat{A} \square$ laughs Davidson.

The trip is being sponsored by: Invacare, Elyria, OH; Aspen Seating, Englewood, CO; Harrison $\hat{A} \Box$ s Machine and Welding Shop, Olathe, KS; Cherub Medical Supply, Lenexa, KS; Carestaf Medical Staffing and Home Care, Overland Park, KS; Alter Ego Motorcycle Shop, Kansas City, MO.

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