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## Breast Cancer Survivors on Harleys

More than two dozen breast cancer survivors are riding out their dreams on Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

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This month, a group of breast cancer survivors are taking to their Harley-Davidson motorcycles to demonstrate their passion for living life to its fullest.

A total of 32 women who understand first-hand the challenges of [living with cancer](#) <sup>[1]</sup> set off on October 2 for the [Amazon Heart](#) <sup>[2]</sup> Thunder ride, which takes them up the Pacific Coast Highway from Los Angeles to San Francisco, California.

The yearly event was founded by two young breast cancer survivors, Megan Dwyer and Meredith Campbell, in 2004. A second annual ride also takes place in Australia.

The 900-mile California trip will last nine days and has already raised \$63,000 for breast cancer charities. However, fund-raising isn't the only motivation behind the ride—it also gives survivors the opportunity to make new friends, share experiences and realize their own potential.

"Cancer has changed my perception of what is important in life and what is not," said Rhonda Witharm of Hayward, California, who has taken part in several Amazon Heart Thunder rides. "It is also a wakeup call, a reminder to be an active participant in life rather than a bystander."