

### Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial

In a few short years, hundreds of memorials have been constructed to remember those we have lost due to world crisis. With that in the hearts and minds of a handful of motorcycle enthusiasts their personal feelings induced the idea of a memorial for loved ones whom shared the inner desire of riding the



open road. With diverse experiences in the needed aspects of creating a dedicated park, the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial committee chose a quiet acre in the beautiful open air of Door County on Mathey road, which took little persuasion and effort to begin construction. The actual ground breaking took place in the fall of 2004 for there is a lot more paperwork involved in such a specific mission as this.



At this point, the Memorial consists of a large granite memorial stone, donated by Van Gemert Memorials from Green Bay, three flag poles displaying the American, Wisconsin, and POW pride, all enclosed by a split rail fence. The founders await requests for more personalized stones to create the path of remembrance.

So far the word has spread throughout the state and in various locations around the nation thanks to the effort of the group in contacting motorcycle clubs and businesses who share our love of the ride. So far nearly all of the response and support has been strongest at the local level which builds the belief that support will spread into a chain reaction throughout the country.



The Memorial held a fundraiser on February 25th at the Reef Sports Bar and Grill in Sturgeon Bay. Captain Ron was the entertainment through the night with a 50/50 raffle, refreshments, and the fine company of about 125 motorcycle enthusiasts. The purpose of the fundraiser was to raise funds to help purchase the sculptural motorcycles with the stainless steel banner, which is in the process of being constructed. The sculpture will be mounted on two natural fieldstone columns, creating an elegant entrance to a peaceful landscaped memorial park where we can remember our fallen brothers and sister.



The Memorial did raise approximately \$1,600.00 at the fundraiser, but we still need a great deal of help. We plan to



lay a concrete motorcycle parking lot by early spring, with paving of the entire driveway at a later date. We still have support patches and t-shirts for sale so you can show your support to our cause. And engraved memorial stones can be purchased anytime to honor your fallen loved ones. Completely non-profit, any support and/or contribution would be greatly appreciated toward our goal or remembrance, for everyone wants to be remembered doing the things they love. And the Memorial wishes to thank all the individuals and businesses that have support us in our effort. **Contact info Owen Bergwin 920-421-1353**

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