

**Fall Flood Run '06**

Beautiful weather all week long had everyone involved with the 41st Annual Fall Flood Run® psyched that it would be a perfect weekend for the event. Sandi and I and my buddy Pat were getting last minute details and projects accomplished to get ready for This Old Bike™ 1st Annual Open House/Grand Opening during this run on September 16 and 17, 2006 at our new location at 210 Lake Street in the Village of Pepin.

Forecast was for rain during the night with a nice Saturday and Sunday. Scruffy with GT Promotions out of Forrest Junction, WI who sells patches, pins, stickers, ect. who along with his old friend Dave with Custom Leathers who sells, well custom leathers in Elk Horn, WI showed up Friday evening. They were pumped about the great scenery and views, as this was their first time to the upper Mississippi River Valley area.

Tim Svoboda, who owns Adaptive Motorcycling LLC from Stockholm, WI setup with his KlikTronic Electric Shifter display and Twin Stop Dual Master Cylinder setups for front and rear braking. Ph. 715-442-2069 or visit [www.AdaptiveMotorcycling.com](http://www.AdaptiveMotorcycling.com).

Woke up to rain...oh great was all I could think of! Rained till about 10:00 am and then as soon as it quit a sudden gust of wind came up and blew Scruffy's and Dave's tent over and destroyed it! Then it got Nice and Sunny out! Sorry guys but I can not control what Mother Nature dishes up in God's Country! Fortunately they are true bikers and improvised/ revised and came up with another way to protect their merchandise. We still had a decent turn out for bikers stopping in and checking out our going's on as this is the first time we had anything ever happening in Pepin.

KWNG Radio's Tom Hughes from Red Wing, MN stopped by with his wife and said hi. Lot's of old friends that I hadn't seen in years showed up as well. No Jay Leno or better yet Peter Fonda appearances yet, but we are working on it! We had Free food, pop, bottled water and coffee all week end long. Sandi and I decided we will do this on every Flood Run® from now on.

This Run directly donates thru the sale of Official Flood Run® Merchandise to the Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul, MN. No one gets paid who volunteers to organize this event which has become the Upper Mississippi River Valley's Biggest Charity Event! ALL proceeds after expenses go to the hospital.

The hospital is a god send for children with disabilities to get the medical and physical therapy and operations they need for a better way of life. My nephew Clint Dykema from North Dakota was a former patient, so this is why I became a supporter of this great cause. For more info contact: [www.GilletteChildrensHospital.com](http://www.GilletteChildrensHospital.com) or [www.FloodRun.org](http://www.FloodRun.org).

I still have a few Official Flood Run® T-shirts, Bandanas and Pins left, so contact This Old Bike for your Official Event Merchandise! Vendors for the Spring's Flood Run® on April 21st and 22nd will get even more things happening, so stay tuned! If you want a space to rent please contact Scruffy @ (920)-989-3995 or This Old Bike @ 1-866-327-5943 (Early-HD). Hope to see you next Spring! Just don't bring any rain with ya! Cheers from Dave & Sandi Dykema



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