

Fox Valley motorcycle Show & Swap meet 2011

Last years 6th annual Fox Valley Motorcycle Show & Swap meet (June 4th and 5th at South Park in Oshkosh) again proved to be another great success with the addition of our Saturday Graybeards Freedom Fighters Kids Ride Poker Run (arranged by Wild Bill Hafemann & Kutch of Abate of Wisconsin, Winnebago Co. Region 2B). With Wild Bill, Tony Sanfelipo, and Dave Zien leading the ride to the park for our free admission show, including bands, raffles, food, refreshments, over 70 vendors, celebrity photos and autographs both days, with Rob & Louise of 99.5 The Wolf doing their live remote for the 5th straight year, and a 13 class bike show with Hooters and Tilted Kilt girls on hand to round off Sunday's finale.

With us again this year, we were lucky enough to have 3 of our great friends, and the ultimate freedom fighters for Bikers and Military Veterans rights.

First was our master of ceremonies, the legendary Mowhawk Man and his son Dillion with their Rolling Veterans Memorial. Mowhawk is a great American, that travels the country tirelessly donating his time and money for children's charities, honoring and supporting the military and it's veterans ,and goes anywhere humanitarian work is needed. Thanks Mowhawk, great job as always!

Second, Tony (Pan) Sanfelipo and his wife Vicki, who are the founders of the Road Guardians and Accident Scene Management , saving lives by teaching medical aid to benefit on-site accident victims.

Tony led our Saturday poker run with a maiden voyage on his freshly built 1957 Harley Pan head (old-school) chopper. Tony is a legend in the motorcycling community; most will recognize him as the biker riding into our TVs every night on the Hupy and Abraham Law Office (another great sponsor) commercials. But not all of us know he's fought all his life for bikers rights in Wisconsin, was instrumental in the right to choose helmet law, the first member of the Sturgis Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame, founder of Abate of Wisconsin, and B.O.L.T. (Bikers Of Lesser Tolerance) just to name a few of his accomplishments.

And last but not least our third legend, Dave Zien . Dave is a past Wisconsin assemblyman and 18 year Wisconsin Senator who despite a horrific accident three months before our show, called me from his hospital bed in Florida to assure me he wouldn't miss the show, despite losing a leg and almost his life. That's dedication!

There is no way I could list all of Dave's accomplishments, but here are a few, with a bible on his dash, he holds over 130 verified long distance riding records, over 31,000 miles in 31 days, and the only man to ride one million miles on his Harley, which Harley Davidson placed in the Sturgis Museum. Within 2 years Dave logged almost a quarter million miles on his new bike!

Dave is an ex-marine who served as chairman of the Veteran's Affairs Committee, who still works endlessly for Veteran and Bikers rights, and is also a member of Sturgis Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame. Dave always says every one of us has angels in disguise, and I know he is chairman of that committee also!

Daves latest role is in a freshly released Hollywood biker flick titled BORN TO RIDE. Great job again!

Thanks Mowhawk, Tony, and Dave for the 3rd straight year helping us put on a great event and helping us help the kids that need it the most!

In closing, I would like to acknowledge Graybeard Productions committee members: Bill (HD) Wara, Bill (Tomato) Anderson and Bob Gomach for their dedication and hard work, our generous sponsors, and last but not least our over 50 volunteers, who run the smoothest event around. At our annual Volunteer party on August 13th, they were able to present, with the help of 3 special kids: Emily Phillip, Conner Lee, and Riley Braeton , a check from this years show for \$15,000 to The Children's Hospital of Wisconsin – Fox Valley.

We are already planning next years event, with a full weekend of more special guests, bigger prizes, and more surprises. See you at South Park in Oshkosh , next year, the first weekend of June.

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