

**MAY DAY BLOOD RUN SUCCESSFUL**

APPLETON, WI - Despite the threat of rainy weather throughout Wisconsin, around 70 blood donors showed up at the 2008 May Day Blood Run in Neenah, Wisconsin. Bikers from throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois made the annual trip to Eagle Nation Cycles. Many of them registered to donate blood at the Community Blood Center's bloodmobiles, which were parked nearby. Steve Erato of Eagle Nation Cycles hosted the event with the Community Blood Center.

"Every day, hospital patients receive blood transfusions to help them recover from surgery, illness, car accidents, or other traumas. Blood donors touch the lives of these patients in a very special way," explained Diane Beatty of the blood center.

Participants also supported the Vincent Erato Foundation, which works to improve the health and well being of children. Proceeds from a raffle, bake sale, and patch sales benefited the foundation, which was started in memory of Erato's late son Vincent. Since its creation, the Vincent Erato Foundation has contributed more than \$13,000 to children's hospitals, education programs, and other children's organizations.

"Year after year, people put the May Day Blood Run on their calendars and make the trip to Eagle Nation Cycles," added Beatty. "Our blood supply is a result of generous people voluntarily donating blood to be used by anyone who needs it. We're very grateful to the people who make the decision to participate in the blood drive at the May Day Blood Run."

The Community Blood Center provides 100% of the blood used by patients in 16 Wisconsin hospitals. The non-profit blood center is committed to providing a safe, reliable blood supply for local patients. The Community Blood Center has donor centers in Appleton, Little Chute, and Oshkosh, and holds around 75 blood drives every month. (See calendar for this year's date)



Donald Lee Martin gives blood on the bloodmobile.



Cycles lined up at the 2008 May Day Blood Run.

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Written for Free Riders Press by Dave Zien, One-million mile Motorcycle 3/19/09

**Ride to Live - Live to Ride**

Yep, the million-mile motorcycle will be at Hal's Harley-Davidson Shop on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from Noon - 1:30 pm. You are welcome to share the satisfaction of reaching the threshold.

Tony "Pan" San Felipo is coordinating the festivities. There is a chance that at 1:30 pm we will be going to the Juneau Avenue Harley Plant. My miles during the past year were dedicated to Rescue Riders, Accident Scene Management and the American Freedom Warrior Monument. Other causes include the Hmong Freedom Fighters, NRA, USMC, Christian Riders and etc.

Just to polish off a few miles, I left Monday March 2 to Apache Junction, Arizona. It was 13 degrees minus zero that morning, but up to 6 degrees when I hit the road.

Such a wonderful trip with splendid hospitality by Charmin 'Charlie' and Diane Gorton. He's a bit of the old school Biker, trying hard to shed a resemblance of a Yuppie Biker. When I pulled off the price tag (actually mine) off his worn-out Biker Leather coat - he freaked out!

We toured the great southwest going to Indian monuments, sightseeing and 'just putter' - Great! I have some Apache tear-stones, some people call them 'black diamonds', just ask me for a couple.

On the way back, I did 1057 miles within 24 hours, perhaps my last Iron Butt Association saddle sore on this Harley.

Keith Ball bikernet.com is writing a book and planning a movie about Bikers searching for the best place to ride. Hey, it is everywhere - the best place to ride is through our heart!

It is common for me to write thank you letters in local newspapers for the people that help me on the road. Then I will carbon copy the Board of Directors for Harley-Davidson and National Coalition of Motorcyclists

God Bless You as you search the mystique and heritage of Harley-Davidson/motorcycling. May you continue to be Happy Healthy and Successful.

Sincerely,  
 Former State Senator, Dave Zien

