

New Glory Flag Bike carries 30,000 square inches of US Flags

Seven members of the Minneapolis area Wild Prairie Harley Owners Group members made their shared dream become a reality. They built the New Glory Flag Bike, and are now known as the New Glory Flag Bike Team.

In the spring of 2009, several of the members participated in the "Ride to the Wall", held annually over Memorial Day weekend in Washington, D.C. Their ride, also nationally known as 'Rolling Thunder', was locally sponsored by the St. Paul and Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson dealerships

The members were very impressed with the event and came back with their dream; to build a frame on a bike to house at least 50 U.S. Flags. The frame of the unit was constructed on a 2000 Low Rider owned by Team Captain, Chris Hawver and carries over 30,000 square inches of red, white and blue fabric. The Team added another flag pole to carry the flag of the event sponsor. The Flag Bike is accompanied by six Harley-Davidson escort bikes, each proudly bearing a 3' x 5' U.S. flag.



The Team constructed the NGFB to honor our troops, serve as a reminder for citizen's to take pride in America and our values America stands willing to defend. The Team's focus is for all who see NGFB with its 6 escort bikes carrying 3'x5' U.S. flags to cheer, applaud and/or whistle. Veterans and active military people have been seen standing at attention and saluting while the Flag Bike and its Escorts ride by

The Team has participated in parades, sporting events, charity functions, and military welcome-home and send-offs. They appreciate the opportunity to participate to help them further the cause. Willie G. reviewed and autographed the bike at the 10th Annual Lightning Run - Bikers Rally

Against Diabetes.

The New Glory Flag Bike Team includes Team Captain and Owner Chris Hawver, and Escorts Tom Ask, Bill Fischer, John Garley, Duane Meyer, Dave Neitzel and Boyd Uppman.

Tom rides a 2009 Ultra Classic, Bill rides a 2008 105th Anniversary Edition Road Glide, John rides a 2009 Screamin' Eagle Road Glide, Duane rides a 2002 Ultra Classic, Dave rides a 2008 Ultra Classic, and Boyd rides a 2006 Ultra Classic with over 100,000 miles logged. When not on the NGFB, Chris rides a 2008 105th Anniversary Edition Street Glide.

2010 is going to be a very active year for the Team, including national parades broadcasted on TV, a documentary next May, sporting events, charity runs, military send-offs and welcome-homes, and national sporting events. These are listed in new-gloryflagbike.com, which also includes an application form to request an appearance, and sponsoring organizations. www.newgloryflagbike.org



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Diamond Posse Rides in May

The Diamond Posse is a group of women who will be riding from The Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio to Milwaukee, May 14-22, 2010. Their mission is to raise awareness about the challenges facing our wounded veterans today and to assist them with encouragement and empowerment during their path to recovery from their wounds. The women also want to raise money for the Center for the Intrepid to continue its wonderful work in rehabilitation.

The Diamond Posse is: Eldonna Lewis Fernandez, MSgt USAF Retired; Cat Hammes, RN; Roberta Carlson, Dir. Of Military Services Safety Training for Cape Fox; Amy Skaling (Diva Amy), Clothing and Accessories for Women; Vicki Sanfelipo, RN and Founder of Accident Scene Management. The support staff for the riders includes Denise Carey, RN and Roberta Mello, Hupy and Abraham, S.C.

You can Contribute to the Cause

Help these women help our wounded veterans by donating to The Center for the Intrepid directly from The Diamond Posse website. You can learn more about their ride and their cause by visiting www.diamondposse.us

Read about their journey which will take them to VA Medical Centers in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin. They will then join the ride to LZ Lambeau in Green Bay before returning to Milwaukee for the Harley-Davidson Women's Celebration.

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