

Letter to the Editor -

by Dave Zien, February 28, 2014

Currently 32 highways and 12 bridges are recognized through State Statute according to the current 2013 maps. Only 13 of the 44 have a total 33 signs. Several have multiple signs including Korean Hwy 51 and Hwy 32 - 32nd Division with 5 each.

Many of these 44 highways/bridges of honor cherish veterans, military and other proud patriots. Each community through groups, businesses, families and individuals can reflect their own prominence by recognizing historic, cultural, ethnic and religious preservation.

U.S. Motorcyclists (Harley-Davidson?) Heritage of Honor Highway 45 - could be the 45th designated highway/bridge in Wisconsin. From Bristol, Illinois border to Land O'Lakes near Michigan, there are Motorcyclists/Patriot stories to tell and messages to share, as there are for all of the Wisconsin named highways and bridges.

Other named highways are being considered including a Persian Gulf/middle East highway. This all depends on Legislative action.

Alas -- revealing exceptional facts and feats, legends, tall stories and mysteries can honor local pride on the interpretative signs. Educating our youth, visitors and ourselves is paramount.

Beyond unique and exceptional, spiritual transcendence can be captured. We discover hidden resources and harness unlimited potential by getting fired up!

Groups, patriots, veteran's posts/auxiliary, etc. can initiate interpretative signs for approximately \$900.-per sign. This includes 2 sign posts, construction, paint, and installation fees. The Wisconsin DOT helps with the verbiage and process.

The State of Wisconsin and the Federal government prefer sign locations off the roadway. This can be negotiated according to State Statute. Taxpayer dollars cannot usually pay for these highway signs.

People traveling Wisconsin roadways must be reminded of the sacrifice and freedom Americans have made. We can spearhead progress towards installing road signs for all the highways and bridges. This should be done under the direction of our State Legislature, clubs, veterans and patriotic groups.

To those of us present, those passed on and all we represent, let us again lead the charge to properly recognize our heroes, military, fire fighters, law enforcement and freedom loving Americans by getting these road signs installed.

God Bless You, your loved ones and our troops.

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Unsung Hero- Character with Charisma presented by Dave Zien

Back on Nov 7th, 2014, 7 brothers from the biker family were presented awards for their work in the community. Some for Veterans issues, others for biker rights, but all of us try to promote the biker image through positive actions. Clutter "Preacher" Ron; Jerry Green; Tim Thiers; Tim Staats; Hupy Abraham; Doc Murray and I Recieved the "Unsung Hero-Character With Charisma" awards at the C.C. Riders clubhouse in Madison. I would like to thank the CC Riders for their hospitality and Dave for his never-ending effort to give those that deserve a boost a shout out. Even though most of those that do good things for others like to stay in the back-ground, I for one like to be recognized a time or two.

Captions:

Top - 7 honorees
Middle- C.C. Riders receiving an award
Bottom- Jimmy Kay(left) from Two wheel Thunder TV that was involved with the follow-up sequels for recent motorcycle movies: Born to Ride (2010), Dead in Five Heartbeats & Easy Rider II.



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