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The Friends of Veterans 4th annual Bike Blessing / Poker Run fundraiser held May 20th 2006. The Blessing took place at the VA Medical Center in Tomah Wi with

Father George officiating with the Blessing of the bikes. Later the Poker Run ended at "The Depot" in Wyeville Wi with the starting of the Fundraiser. The Friends of Veterans are a group of people who put this fundraiser on every year and

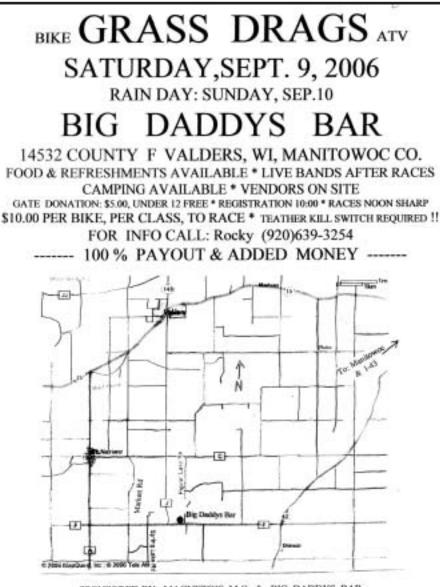
all proceeds goes to the "Veterans Assistance Foundation" (non-profit organization) located in Tomah Wis.





This year The Friends of Veterans were able to donate the amount of \$1,925. Special Thanks for raffle items goes out to The Toro Company Tomah, Blue Highway Motorcycle Lodge Hillsboro, Chula Vista Resort Dells, Antiqua

Bay Waterpark Dells, Six Flags Great America Gurnee ILL, St. Croix Casino St. Croix. Thank you to all businesses who donated door prizes for the fundraiser and personal items donated that could be used at the Veterans Assistance Foundation. Special Thank You to Father George, and John at the "Depot" and all the newspapers for your help and support.



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2006 NATOW Poker Run Across Wisconsin Announced Featuring "Native Rides" Scenic Routes

MILWAUKEE, WI (July 10, 2006) NATOW (Native American Tourism of Wisconsin) is promoting a two-month long poker run across Wisconsin in summer, 2006 to motorcyclists in a five state radius.

The NATOW Poker Run Across Wisconsin will feature stops at participating Indian Gaming Casinos and other Native American destinations throughout Wisconsin. Participants are encouraged to visit Poker Run stops from July 15th through September 5th, 2006. Grand prize is a trip for two aboard "Hogs on the High Seas" Western Caribbean Cruise. First place prize is a trip for two to Daytona Bike Week in 2007 and Second place prize is His & Her head-to-toe leathers from Renegade Classics Biker Outlet Store in Milwaukee.

Winners will be drawn at the Indian Summer Festival on the Harley-Davidson stage at approximately 5pm on Saturday, September 9th, 2006 at Henry Meier Festival Park in downtown Milwaukee. Poker Run participants can bring their poker run cards (stamped by at least three participating locations) to the festival mid-gate from noon to 2pm on Saturday for free admission to the festival. Winners need not be present to win.

The Poker Run card and the "Native Rides" scenic routes are featured on the Poker Run Across Wisconsin Map, which can be found at over 200 motorcycle-friendly locations in WI, IL, IA, MN and MI. The map details 10 scenic rides and includes useful riding tips and factoids on the Indian culture in Wisconsin.

Entry forms for the Poker Run are on the map or online. Official rules and a list of places to obtain the map can be found at www.Nativerides.com. Participants must be 21 years of age. Potawatomi Bingo Casino is the Major Sponsor of the Poker Run Across Wisconsin.

The Poker Run Across Wisconsin is hosted by NATOW (Native American Tourism of Wisconsin) and its member tribes including the Bad River Band, Lac du Flambeau Band, Red Cliff Band and St. Croix Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk Nation, Menominee, Sokaogon Chippewa/Mole Lake, Oneida, Potawatomi, Stockbridge/Munsee. NATOW is a committee of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC); a 501c3 Wisconsin non-profit corporation.

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