





You all know that one of my favorite places to ride off to is Savanna, IL, right? Well the Iron Horse Rally (thehorserally.com) that was on the Iowa side of the Mississippi has moved to just north of Savanna on Hwy 84 a few miles. Jerry went and bought a really cool bar that is a great spot for the rally. Granted it has it's downsides. Smaller grounds and a train at the back of the property make's it a different scene. The up side is it's close to Savanna, indoor lower level for music if it rains to bad, full bar on site and NO bridge to cross, (I know that's everybody's favorite part of the Horse Rally). Even though I was only there for a few hours. I got a chance to chat with Jerry (owner of both venues and the Iron Horse Social Club), Nort and Annette Johnson (writer/promoter) and Gery Schemel-gmaxpro.com and partywithpipes.com (announcer extroidinaire), all folks that I don't see very often and enjoy talking to.

The band that Nort promotes for - Righteous Hillbillies (righteoushillbillies.com) were excellent to listen to with their Hillbilly, rock-a-billy, country-rock sound that pumped the crowd up. In fact I listened to their cd on the way home that night. Oh Ya!

Next up was Black Oak Arkansas on the main stage followed by Jimmy Van Zant that did a gig outside in the night air, which then was moved indoors for the later part of the show. I headed out prior to their gig but always enjoy their music.

I did chat with some of the attendees and most agreed that they enjoyed the old grounds for camping and the new grounds for convenience. Maybe the staff will allow camping in the hills and shuttle people back and forth for the entertainment.

Even though the night in attendance for me was shorter than the drive down, it was well worth it. Here are some pictures of the rally and I hope to see you there sometime. The next rally is during Labor Day weekend August 30-Sept 1st, that's sure to be a great time.





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