

### 2013 Summer Thunder Poker Run

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"Hey Billy. What were you doing coming into St. Killian the wrong way?"

"There is no wrong way man. Just a different way." And so there was. The fourth annual Summer Thunder Poker Run found 150 riders and passengers taking all kinds of routes to the six stops on the run. If they took the quick trek (The one the insurance company liked.), it measured 119.8 miles. A lot of people clocked just south of 200. That even with a map.

From Suburban Motors HD in Theinsville, they traveled to RT's Sports Bar in Germantown, St. Killian Inn in Washington County, up to Fat Boys in more of the "Holy Land", over to the Black Dog Bistro in Rhine Center (Look it up), down to Booz'n at Random Lake, and finally J's Sports Bar in Saukville.

Volunteers from the fire department had food and beverages ready and live bands provided the music in Veteran's Park. At the Random Lake stop, nearly 50 bikes formed up to make the last leg into Saukville as a group. It was a sight to behold snaking south on Highway 57 into town.

As in past years, a unique stop was included. This year it was in Rhine Center....an intersection just north of Elkhart Lake. The bar/restauraunt has served the area as a boarding house, a brothel, a court house, and a recruiting center during the Civil War. The owner, Bryan, keeps the old atmosphere alive and it made for good conversation among the bikers.

Plans are again in the making for 2014. We learn something every year and it keeps getting better.



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