

### Summer Thunder 2014

By Jim Scott

Fog greeted the morning. Rain gear was the order of the day...or so it appeared. All the work over the last year hung in the balance of the weather. As we road to the registration point, mist covered the windshield. Trepidation was the order of the mood. We were not early, but there was no one at Suburban Motors in Thiensville when we got there, except the people working the tables. Pretty wife asked if I had the right day. Hell yes! I lived with this for a year.

Ten minutes later, the parade of riders started to arrive...and they kept on coming. We logged in 198 riders for the event, and a special thanks to the Ozaukee Guzzlers MC for coming in mass.

A little under 100 miles later, new friends were made, new places were discovered, a few people found themselves somewhere near Beaver Dam (A long way off the route!) , but there is never a wrong way, only a different way, in a poker run. GPS had folks resorting to maps that were provided. Road names changed and panicked some into divertive meanderings. But the stops were awesome. They included Sheryl's Club 175 in Slinger (Really, Ackerville); On the Rocks in beautiful downtown Neosho; Rustic Inn in Mapleton; Smitty's On the Edge in Cedarburg; and Mel's Club on 33 in Saukville. If you find yourself near these folks, it is worth stopping. Good people.

Passing over the Shrine at Holy Hill, I had fears of losing some who might have sought some comfort in stopping to reflect on their lives, but no one was lost to an extensive confession and turn-around in their life. Everyone made it to the party in Saukville, except the poor chap who got nailed with a hornet sting under his helmet strap. (Another reason not to wear one...but that's just me.) The party lasted well into the night for Village residents and bikers alike. Bottom line...3000.00 Dollars donated to the fire/rescue department! Bikers are good people. See you August 15th, 2015...



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