

### Northwoods Summer Thunder

In Wisconsin it seems that there is as many events as you want to find in an area you're going to be in. This was the circumstance that led us to Minoqua, WI June 18th for the 1st Annual Northwoods Summer Thunder event.

We pulled into town just as the parade was coming around the bend to finish and park in down town. With over 200 bikes in the parade and a whole slew of others that were already parked made for a pretty cool scene.

Being only the first year this event had good turnout. Doug Klumb from Northern Lights HD says, "for a first year I am really happy."

I would be to. I am going to try and attend next years event June 17th & 18th. With fun runs, a parade, live music, refreshments and Northwoods riding, you can't go wrong. Check the website for next years event. [www.northwoodsummerthunder.com](http://www.northwoodsummerthunder.com)




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## What does 2011 have in store for Wisconsin bikers?

There's been a lot of chatter on various news groups about helmet laws, motorcycle only checkpoints, lowering the DUI for bikers and repeal of the Truth in Auto Insurance law. With Scott Walker as our incoming governor, I'm confident Wisconsin will remain a freedom of choice state with regard to helmets. Checkpoints are not allowed in Wisconsin and even the premise of federal grants, like just awarded to Georgia, should not change our current situation. Illinois is not as fortunate regarding checkpoints and continues to have to ward off threats of a helmet reinstatement bill. We haven't heard about any legislator willing to test lowering the DUI for bikers, and again I think that would not get very far. The one threat is tort reform that would return us back to the old minimum insurance coverage before Truth in Auto took effect. That would be devastating to injured bikers and I hope we can derail that train as Walker has promised to derail the high speed rail between Milwaukee and Madison. Tort reform has been mentioned by Walker and it is on the Republican controlled legislature's agenda. That's the only thing that concerns me. All the other stuff is speculation without any real support in Wisconsin at this time. Talk to your representatives and ask them to keep Truth in Auto minimum coverage, as well as the stacking abilities and all the other positive elements that protect injured people from financial nightmares.

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