Calender of Events

July 1-Rusty's Pub Thurs. Nite Poker Run This week starts at Schuyler Street Pub-Neosho 920-625-2141 July 3,4,5-Knucklehead Rendezvous at Oxbo Resort Hwy 70, 16 miles West of Fifield,WI All Knucklehead Riders Welcome Camping. food, available. Scenic Ride on Saturday for more info call 715-697-9176

July 3-Bikini Bike Wash at SD'z in Dousman, WI

July 2,3-10th Anniversary Celebration at Wisconsin H-D of Oconomowoc for info www.wishd.com July 3-Chicken Bar reunion party, 11-? at Linda's Black Duck in Muskego. Free food and beer. call Liz for more info 414-303-3194

July 7-All Harley Drag at Great Lakes Dragaway Union Grove, WI from 6-11pm

July 8-Rusty's Pub Thurs. Nite Poker Run This week starts at Nicknames-Germantown 262-255-6401

July 10-2004 Summer Party and Bike Givaway sponsored by S.F.B. M/C held at the Lacrosse Southside Octoberfest grounds 3-??

July 10,11-Hawgs for Dogs Run: For more info, contact Steve Cohan at: stevehawg@aol.com (952) 496-1199

July 10-25th Anniversary Midnight Tour. Call Byron at 815-623-8815 or http://midnighttour.com

July 9,10,11-North Central Rally sponsored by Y-Triples-List All bikes welcome. for info e-mail hlange60@hotmail.com

July 10-15-7th Annual Wolf's Head Rally for info call 218-384-9936

July 9,10-Thunder Run 2004. at Capitol City H-D Madison, WI For more information, call 608-226-7911

July 11-B&G Cycle Swap Meet Contact Barry at 217-864-3747. Fairgrounds

July 15-Rusty's Pub Thus. Nite Poker Run Last One Starts and ends at Rusty's for the Party of the year Band, Food, Shooter Girls & Door Prizes

July 17-Marshfield T&T Riders, Al Muth Memorial Half-Mile dirt track motorcycle races at Clark County Fairgrounds. Neilsville, WI AMA Dist. 16 Sanctioned. Races start at 7:30 pm more info cliffcycle@aol.com

July 15,16,17-OLD SHAWNEETOWN STREET RALLY held at Old Shawneetown, IL

July 17-LiL Scotts Customs 2nd Annual Open House & Bike Show-Live Music 12-4pm.Free food door Prizes-Sturtevant, Wi. for info call 262-884-9155

July 17,18-Federation 2004 Summer Rendezvous, at Clark County Fairgrounds. Neillsville, WI.For more info call Comrade 920-651-1588

July 17-DWD's Customer Appreciation DAY 8302 W. Lisbon Ave. Milw. Wi.

July 18-Ride for Kids 2004 Call 800-253-6530 or www.rideforkids.org

July 21-All Harley Drag at Great Lakes Dragaway Union Grove, WI from 6-11pm

July 23,24,25-Viet Nam Vets MC, SUMMER TWISTER PARTY Birnamwood Wildlife Campgrounds, Birnamwood, WI For more info call (920) 499-2551 or (920) 426-0446

July29-Aug 1-The Big Race @ at BIR for info call 218-824-7220 or check the website at www.brainerdracewayandresort.com

July 29-Aug 1 Milwaukee Rally sponsored by Milwaukee H-D Dealers held at Milwaukee Mile Infield

July 30,31-High Riders MC 5th Annual Summer Party held at 330 Hwy 45 S. Eagle River,WI for more info call 715-479-3506 or 715-477-0206

July 31-FTW Summer Pig Roast and Poker Run Reg:11-1 at Topgun Saloon/West Allis or Black Duck/ Muskego\$12 per person/ \$20 per Couple

July 31-4th Annual Hog Park poker run. Starts 10 A.M. ends 7 pm at Hog Park \$10 per hand 7924 Hwy 86 Tomahawk, WI for more info call Cindy at 715-453-5711 or Ed 715-453-4461. Sponsored by Mr., Ed's

Aug 4-All Harley Drag at Great Lakes Dragaway Union Grove, WI from 6-11pm

Aug 6,7,8- 7th Annual Can't Afford to go to Sturgis Party sponsored by IMO held at Boner's Again of Nekoosa for info call 715-325-5791

Aug 14- Cora Jones Memorial Annual Poker Run for more info call Homelite 920-420-7077 Aug 9-15- Sturgis, South Dakota

Aug 15- Walneck's SuperWoodstock Swap Meet McHenry County Fairgrounds in Woodstock,

Aug 18- All Harley Drag at Great Lakes Dragaway Union Grove, WI from 6-11pm

Aug 20,21-Chopperfest at Blackbear Lodge Holcome, WI for more info call 715-266-3217

Aug 20,21,22-Wis. H.O.G. Rally at Northern State Fair Grounds in Chippewa Falls for more info www.wistatehogrally.com

Aug 21-Marshfield T7T Riders, Summer Party 12-? more info cliffcycle@aol.com

Aug 21-Highground Ride to Remember For more info call 715-267-4497, e-mail highgrnd@tds.net, or see our web site at www.thehighground.org

Aug 21-Twin City Ridley 2nd Annual Pig Roast Twin City Ridley's Dealership - Gem Lake,Mn 10:00am to 4:00pm Free Food (Pig Roast), Free Soda/Water, Free Demo Rides, Door Prizes, and Vendors Galore for more info www.twincityridley.com or call 651-765-9988

Aug 22-GT Promotions presents motorcycle swap and Tattoo show @ Michael's Brillion Inn for more info call 920-989-3995

Aug 28-Motorcycle Swap Meet and Downed Biker Fundraiser and B-Day party for BINGO 10am-10pm held at Little River Inn, Lena, WI presented by GT Promotions for info call 920-989-3995 Sept16-19th Tomahawk Speedway (Colorama) for info call 715-453-8532

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A little something to think about!!!

Up Against Fanaticism

By Phil Lucas, Executive Editor, Panama City New Herald

If straight talk of savagery offends you, if you believe in ethnic and gender diversity but not diversity of thought or if you think there is an acceptable gray area between good and evil, then turn to the funny pages, and take the children, too. This piece is not for you. We published pictures Thursday of burnt American corpses hanging from an Iraqi bridge behind a mob of grinning Muslims. Some readers didn't like it. Mothers said it frightened their children. A woman who works with Muslim physicians thought it might offend or endanger them. Well, we sure don't want to frighten, offend or endanger anybody, do we? That's just too much diversity to handle. I mean, somebody might get hurt. We could fill the newspaper every morning with mobs of fanatical Muslims. They can't get along with their neighbors on much of the planet: France, Chechnya, Bosnia, Indonesia, Spain, Morocco, India, Tunisia, Somalia, etc. etc. etc. Can anybody name three ongoing world conflicts in which Muslims are not involved? Today, where there is war, there are fanatical Muslims. We might quibble about who started what conflicts, but look at the sheer number of them. One thing is sure. Muslim killers started the one we are in now when they slaughtered more that 3,000 people, including fellow Muslims, in NewYork City. Madeleine Albright, the former secretary of state and feckless appeaser who helped get us into this mess, said last week Muslims still resent the Crusades. Well, Madam Albright, if Westerners were not such a forgiving people, we might resent them too. Let's recap the Crusades. Muslims invaded Europe, and when they reached sufficient numbers, they imposed their intolerant religion upon Westerners by force. Christian monarchs drove them back and took the battle to their homeland. The fight lasted a couple of centuries, and we bottled them up for 1,000 years.

Now, a millennium later, Muslims have expanded forth again. Ask France. Ask England. Ask Manhattan. Two-and-a-half years ago fanatical Muslims laid siege to us. We woke up to the obvious. Our president announced it would be a very long war, then took the battle to the Islamic homeland. Sound Familiar? Let's consider the concept of a "long war.!" Last time it was 200 years, give or take. Anybody catch Lord of the Rings? You know, the good part, the part that wasn't fiction, the part that drew us to the books and movies because it was the truest part: the titanic struggle between good and evil, between freedom and enslavement, between the individual and the state, between the celebration of life and the worshipping of death. That's the fight we are in, and it never ends. It just has peaks and valleys. There may be a silent majority of peaceful Muslims - some live here - but that did not save 3,000 people in the World Trade Center, the million gassed and butchered in the Middle East, the tens of thousands slain in Easter Europe and Asia, the hundreds blown to bits in the West Bank and Spain, or the four Americans shot, burned and hung like sausage over the Euphrates as a fanatical minority of Muslims did the joyful dance of death.

Maybe we are so tolerant, we are so bent on "diversity," we are so nonjudgmental, we are so wrapped up in our six-packs and ballgames that our brains have drained to our bulbous behinds. Maybe we're so addled on Ritalin we wouldn't know which end of a gun to hold. Maybe we need a new drug advertised on TV every three minutes, one that would help us grow a backbone. It doesn't take a Darwin to figure out that in this world the smartest, the fastest, the strongest, and the most committed always win. No exceptions. Look at your spouse and children. Look at your self in the mirror. Then look at the pictures from the paper last Thursday. You better look at them. Those are the people out to kill you. Who do you think will win? You? Or them? Think you can take your ball and go home and they will leave you alone? Read a little history. Start with last week, last month, last year, and every other year back for half a century. Then go back a thousand years. Nobody hides from this fight.

Like it or not, that's the way it was and that's the way it is. But many Americans don't get it. That's why we published those pictures. If they jarred you off the sofa, if they offended you, if they scared your children and sent you into a rage at mass murderers or heartless editors, then I say, it's a start.

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