

QCA

Summer time is here and do we here in the Heartland and surrounding areas need the summer sun to do some extra drying out. With Mississippi River flooding twice and the other rivers swelling out of their banks causing record flooding. Mother Nature is so much bigger and stronger then we are.

The flooding made Sturrrrgisssss on the River move to the Mississippi Valley Fair Grounds. The rain washed out Thursday for the most part but quite a lot of people were there. Friday was great the place was packed making getting out hard when I was done doing the general announcing for the day and had to leave to tend bar at the Jolly Roger. Saturday started off strong but the threat of rain in the late afternoon slowed attendance. The rain really never amount-ed to much and once again many people missed out by playing it safe. One of the coolest things this year was the heli-copter rides. I was lucky enough to get a demo ride. Hopefully they can hold it there next year and offer camping which would make it a true "rally" and still offer things to do along the river and other places in the QCA. How else can we have a million bikes come here during June?

Don't forget coming up the 25 & 26 of this month is the Davenport Bike Rally [www.thenarrowpass.com](http://www.thenarrowpass.com) for more info. The headliner band will be the Ron LaPuma Band you hear them on myspace [theronlapumaband](http://theronlapumaband). Hotrod & Harleys is moving both date and location. It will be held in downtown Savanna, IL during the Labor Day weekend Saturday & Sunday. They will be tying into the Iron Horse event in Sabula, IA so this should be a good event with lots to do during the day in Savanna with good music in Sabula. Also going on during that weekend is the Blackhawk Antique Motorcycle Meet held at the Mississippi Valley fair Grounds.

Bike Nites are growing here now with on Thursdays -Ducky's Lagoon (see ad in this issue) Choppers and now at Bleacher Bums in Davenport, IA Stormin' Norman's in Monmouth, IA. Wednesdays you have Jammerz Roadhouse route 2 & 92 moved from Sunday Blueport Junction and Uncle Harley's in Bluegrass. Tuesdays down in Letts, Ia (south of Muscatine, IA) at the Farmers Bar & Grill. By the way the owner, Charlie Burroughs, is also a motorcycle enthusiast and volunteer fireman who was recently injured. Also on Tuesdays in Davenport, IA at the Double Deuce they have Two Wheel Tuesday not really a Bike Nite but you will have to check them out for the drink specials. What is a sure way to

know if the Double Deuce is biker friendly? The owner parks his bike inside the place, just like the BFE up in Savanna, IL Mazzarisi's Pizzeria. Then on Fridays in Savanna, IL Poopy's, the QCA's only all inclusive BFE. If you know of any others please let me know. Another good place to find out about biker events and happenings is [www.qccruz-news.com](http://www.qccruz-news.com)

While OUT N ABOUT this past month I have expanded my coverage into Muscatine, IA. As I was making my way down along hwy 61 I got to where the bridge that crosses the Mississippi River and found the road south was closed due to the flooding. I pulled into a parking lot when I saw a guy getting on his bike

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