

Blue Knight Memorial Day Ride to King Veterans Home

I was planning to do the Blue Knights Run from Wisconsin Rapids to the Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin this last Memorial Day. But, on Saturday my bike broke down. Still I was able to get to the King Veterans Home and get the event partly covered.

The riders I talked to said the ride was enjoyable due to the weather as the rain held off. The first group of motorcyclist that made the event entered the King's grounds about 1:15 p.m. where from Wausau. Where I was standing taking photos, I could see a lot of veterans come out, to view the motorcycles coming onto the grounds and waiving as they went by. There was 3 or 4 little girls around the ages 4 or 5 just off to the left of me. They were jumping up and down so excited to see so many motorcycles at one time. Then about 15 minutes later the main group from Wisconsin Rapids got to the grounds. There were over 160 motorcyclists who came out on this raining Memorial Day to honor all the vets.

Just after everyone had a chance to get something to eat, it started to lightly rain; this caused everyone to head under the cover of trees or pull out their umbrellas and a few vets went back to their buildings. As the Memorial Services started the sky opened up and the rains came down so hard everyone headed for some kind of shelter hoping it would pass soon! About a half hour later the really heavy rain lightened up and a few braved soles went out and listened to the speakers. Shortly the rains lightened up to a drizzle and the motorcyclist took advantage of this break in the rain and small groups of 2 or 3 riders left the event. The sun came out shortly and the majority of riders who were left, took advantage of the sun and headed home. The rain did bring out the best in a few riders, giving them and us a few good laughs: There was a rider who left their helmet turned upside down and had pools of rain water in them to pour out. Another soaking wet rider went to put something in his saddlebag and found his umbrella.

The weather played a major factor in today's event. But by the looks the Veterans had, it didn't matter, they enjoyed the event.

Have a pleasant ride and God Bless.
Laurence Winnen



Wayne & Mary Schulz



Some Veterans Relaxing



Wausau Group



Out of the Rain



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