Quad City section

Welcome to the Quad City Area Section. First I must thank Preacher for letting me be able to bring you the Free Riders Press for the past Year and now this section. Next I want to thank the businesses who have made this section possible. Please let them know you saw their ad. In the coming months the content and information I will bring you on the current events, benefit rides, fund raisers and general happenings will feature more then editorials, news and updates. There will be submissions from local area riders covering great rides & destinations to reviews & recommendations of local area businesses and locally made products. Speaking of local businesses I was in Capt. Walt's in Savanna IL dropping off some copies of Free Riders Press and went to wash my hands. Was I ever surprised at how nice it was. I wanted to check out the ladies but it was busy at the time so ladies send me an email and let me know. I'll pick a one out and send you something. In the July issue I will let you know about the Iron Horse Bike & Music Festival and Sturgis on the River. See you there.

As always ride safe Gery Schemel

If you know of a benefit ride, event or have a comment email me gery@gmaxpro.com

June 3rd-17th Annual Blessing of the Bikes Fulton II 815-589-5226

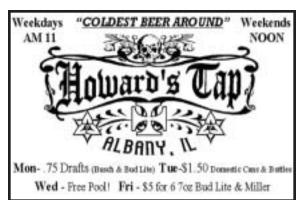
June 23rd- Choppers Bar & Grill E.M 309-496-1070 Benefit poker run for Kris Mercer 39 years old has stage 4 colon cancer

June 16th- Union Street, Byron 309-547-3980 Membership Drive for Freeport ABATE live music with Timmy Middle Finger and The Merkins

June 14th – 16th- Sturgis on the River Davenport river front see the ad for more information

June 29th- July 2nd- The Iron Horse bike & Music Festival Sabula Iowa www.thehorserally.com

July 21st- Scooters Bar E.M 309-755-8088 USO foundation Poker Run Scooters Bar is giving ½ of all Bud sales to the USO Foundation.

















(1/2 Mile West of Andalusia on HWY 92)

On May 5th the 23rd Annual Bi-State Awareness Ride was held. The annual police escorted ride is no cost, alcohol free and open to all street legal motorcycles. The Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council was founded in 1985 by Jim Barnes, Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructor at Eastern Iowa Community College. The sole purpose was to join together the states of Iowa and Illinois in promoting motorcycle awareness among motorists. This goal is accomplished through the joint efforts of local motorcycle groups. With their perseverance and hard work, this has become the largest two-state motorcycle awareness ride in the nation. With thirteen different motorcycle organizations and associations represented on the non-political council.

This years ride had 1348 bikes registered and 1863 riders counted. The ride took 44 minutes for the lead riders to complete the 14 mile ride. All along the route I saw hundreds of people of all ages lined up to watch the motorcycles go past. Not only out in front of their homes, but people were parked on the road side. I also saw quite a few "parade parties" as well. The Davenport Boosters Club of West High School handled the concessions at starting point of the ride. They had more food and fun at the end. The local TV news and other newspapers showed up in force as well helping bring motorcycle awareness to even more people.

As I reported last month the City of Moline was going to charge the group \$1400 for police escort. How this will effect the donations to the Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities, the benefactor of funds raised in the past, is unknown. The support for the ride was shown by the donations to help pay for the police from the following:

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