

County Executive Ride 2010

Did you ever realize that sometimes you just have to go with the flow? That's what Lorie and I did during the middle of the week that turned into a very relaxing day.

We headed up to Merrill for breakfast and to meet with Molly (our Northwoods sales boss) with the intention of heading back home to get started on the June issue. On the way home we stopped in at Harley Davidson of Wausau to drop some extra papers off for the annual Fire Fighters MDA ride and ran into Dave Zien. He was there chatting with Leigh Ann, Doug and Tina about his latest thoughts while getting some work done on his bike. He mentioned that the County Executive Ride led by Scott Walker (Milwaukee County Executive) was making a stop at Mikey's in Plover, WI. Lorie and I decided to head down there, get a picture or two and tag along with the ride for a short distance. Nine hours later we returned home.

We got a great picture of the group and in short order everyone saddled up and headed out towards Bonduel. Let me tell you, whoever organized the route was perfect dead on as far as beauty and distance. The wonderful back roads all the way there was safely navigated by all riders and secured by the Road Guardians ([www.roadguardians.org](http://www.roadguardians.org)) that blocked non participating traffic for the group so we could all remain together.

The County Executives Ride ([CountyExecutivesRide.com](http://CountyExecutivesRide.com)) is an annual tour (7th) that is a 6 day ride that covers 1800 miles to promote Milwaukee County and all it has to offer. (I lived in Milwaukee and have to agree it is a great place to visit) The Zoo, Museum, many festivals and State Fair are just a few of the items I would recommend to any visitor. Scott was in the front of the group on his 2003 Anniversary HD leading the 40 or so bikes. Many people jumped in and out of the ride so for the short time I rode with them is a guesstimate.

This is the first time I was able to ride with the group on even a limited basis but I will try to do more of the tour in the future.



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## Trial begins for woman who killed biker

*She continued driving even after losing her license*

On June 27, 2009, Bob Perkins suffered fatal injuries while riding his motorcycle after being struck by a car on Highway 45, in Milwaukee. Hupy and Abraham, S.C. represents the family of Bob Perkins in a wrongful death claim.

It was a dry, clear day as Mr. Perkins traveled northbound on Highway 45, oblivious to the fact that Centurie Baertlein, who was on his left in the center lane, was arguing with her husband. The 2008 Ford Focus she was driving suddenly veered into the left lane striking a Toyota 4-Runner and then swerved to the right striking Perkin's 2006 Honda, forcing the bike into a bridge rail while catapulting Perkin's over the rail 100 feet to the parkway below the highway overpass.

Bob Perkins died of Multiple Blunt Force Injuries, according to the Medical Examiner. Baertlein was charged with Homicide by Negligent Operation of a Vehicle. Her jury trial begins on June 1, 2010, and is expected to last several days. This tragic case is a prime example of why Hupy and Abraham, S.C. has spent over \$150,000 last year on a massive awareness campaign and has the Watch for Motorcycles message reaching millions of people in 2010.

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