

### Pleasant Valley Auto Body Holeshoot Customs 2011 Poker Run & Summer Party

One hour before registration started, the skies rumbled and emptied a deluge on the entire Ozaukee County area. Cell and house phones were ringing; "Is it still on? Can we ride later? Etc." As in any testing situation, the solution is flexibility and cooperation.

Registration was extended almost an hour. The route was rearranged to go around the weather, and the sun broke out and gave us dry roads to enjoy a poker run than navigated through 125 miles (If you didn't get lost.) and five counties. It included some traditional "biker bar" stops, and some unique and picturesque places very few of the 84 riders had ever been to. A good mix of highway and winding back roads kept it interesting.

The little irritations were soon forgotten, and at the end of the day, riders lined their bikes along closed-off streets in Saukville, WI to enjoy the rest of the day in Veterans Park. A good crowd turned out to make it a family day with kids of all ages enjoying the music, food, and beverages available. The popular band Southern Impact played well into the night and only those who had to get up Sunday left before the band stopped.

If there is a formula for a successful poker run, it certainly has to include a tireless and dedicated group of volunteers. This run was no exception. Created and spearheaded by Phil Vincevneus and his family, organization and planning started almost a year in advance. Phil has been promoting the Village through such activities for 24 years and has solicited the cooperation and support of Village government that makes it all possible. On the fire department side, Matt Geib pulled together firefighters and their families to make the event in the park work. Special recognition has to go to the Tom and Lou Paape family for their efforts in cooking brats and burgers for an unknown number of people.

And not to be left out by the bikers, the local snowmobilers club, the Sno-Seekers, took care of storing and serving cold beverages during the festivities.

As with all such events, there are numerous others who should be recognized, including Preacher and the fine folks at Free Riders Press. They are much appreciated, and the bottom line is that a major contribution was made to the Saukville Fire Department for the purchase of a life-saving thermo imaging devise.

Next year is already in planning, so thank you to the brothers and sisters who made this year a success and plan on bigger and better in 2012.

**This years event will be on August 25th.  
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