

With the warm weather finally upon us, I'd like to take this time to invite you to the many events ABATE of WI has going on this year. All the money raised at these events goes towards protecting our freedoms on the road. Information on local events is available on our website at www.abatewis.org and we also have information posted there for our state rally the "Summer Hummer" or look for our ad in this fine biker rag. Please take the time to give it a glance. Monies raised at all ABATE of WI events helps our organization fight for the freedoms of all motorcyclists in WI and your support is appreciated.

The "Summer Hummer" is happening June 19th-22nd at ABATE of Wisconsin's own land in Greenwood, WI. There are bands every day from just after noon until almost midnight. Rides, poker runs, barstool races and bike games give everyone plenty to do during the event. Five bands playing a mix of rock and blues will entertain us and someone from Easyrider and Biker magazine will be there to get it all on film. If a great time is what you're looking for at the end of a long ride, make the trek to ABATE Acres and see what's in store. You won't be disappointed. Just make sure to leave your attitudes at home. This is a 21 and over event, bring the tent on your scooter and rough it with me (there are shower facilities and restrooms), or if you prefer the RV lifestyle, there's room for you too. You do not need to be an ABATE member to attend. With something for everyone to enjoy, this is a party you don't want to miss.

If you've been riding around Wisconsin lately it would be hard to miss some of the two thousand motorcycle awareness yard signs that are scattered throughout the state. We had a great Motorcycle Awareness Month this year in which we ran public service announcements on t.v. and radio stations along with putting up over twenty billboards around the state and thirty thousand placemats at local diners. This year you also may have noticed regions doing events we call motorcycle awareness rallies. These mini rallies turned out to be not so mini with over five hundred bikers taking time to attend rallies throughout the state. We also took part in Milwaukee Safety and Awareness week with a large ride that culminated in Madison on May 10th. Many thanks to all who took part and to the CC Riders M/C for getting us to the Capitol safely. With almost a thousand riders in attendance I'm sure we made a statement. Significant positive press coverage helped our cause and we can only help that it lessens the number of right of way violation accidents this year.

If you're not familiar with ABATE of WI, next time you see someone wearing ABATE clothing go up and ask what we're about, we won't bite. When we're not having fun we've got our heads buried in legislative and safety issues

and help the politically motivated motorcyclist preserve the freedoms we enjoy. ABATE of WI is not a club, is not limited to HD riders, and is about a lot more than just helmet laws. This year we've sent our legislative team to Madison to lobby for motorcycle safety funds in the state budget and to promote our enhanced penalties for irresponsible inattentive drivers that kill and injure motorcyclists along with presenting statistics to reaffirm our position on the current helmet law in Wisconsin. We also recently sent eight members to Washington DC for national motorcyclist lobby day and met with every congressional office from Wisconsin and both Senators to gain support for a bill that would keep the EPA from making gas stations use E15 until further testing is done, keeping funds for motorcycle safety in the next highway bill, and eliminating motorcycle only checkpoints throughout the nation. We were very well received and look forward to seeing positive results if our bills get through the political gridlock currently taking place at the federal level.

So, with all that said lets go out and enjoy the summer. Take in a few events, put some much needed miles on the scooter, and remember why we love this life so much. Remember, if you like great biker parties, pack your tent or RV and head to ABATE of Wisconsin's own land in Greenwood, WI for our state rally, the "Summer Hummer". Five live bands and all the events that make a biker party, a biker party. Check our website or facebook page for advanced ticket discounts. Saddle up, enjoy the wind, and I hope to see you around this summer. Until next month...Ride Free.

**SUMMER THUNDER
ANNUAL POKER RUN
AUGUST 23RD 2014**

MUSIC  **FOOD
BEVERAGES**

**REGISTRATION:
10:00 - 11:30 AM** **SUBURBAN HD.
THIENSVILLE, WI**

1-800-371-9098 **RIDE ENDS IN SAUKVILLE**

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HEAVENS DEVILS M.C. 50th Anniversary

Can't Afford Sturgis

August 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, 2014

Wildhorse Saloon

9031 County Road WW

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

(Kellner WI)

Gates open at Noon Friday

Donation per person \$40 single \$60 couple

Includes live music, camping, beer till gone, Sat. pig roast

Vendors - 50/50 Raffles - Silent Auction

National Recording Artist Heartsfield - Saturday

\$10 Donation (for Concert Only)

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