

### 250 Bikes at ABATE 2F Bike Rodeo

By Gunner

It was my third year of going to the Bike Rodeo and Silly Human Tricks event sponsored by Wisconsin ABATE Region 2F (Waupaca) and it was the first time I didn't have to at least worry about riding home in the rain. The Memorial Day weekend started off with one beautiful day and Region 2F caught it perfectly.

A contingent of riders from "somewhere up north" streamed in first and started a trend for the day. More long rows of bikes continued to pour in after that, along with a lot of Lone Wolves. In mid-afternoon I did a rough count of 225 bikes parked in the Bean City Bar parking lot and that didn't count the bikes involved in the games or those that left early.

Naturally, about 90 percent of the iron ponies were Harleys, although some Bimmers, Kawas and Victories were spotted here and there. Registration started at 11 am and moved right along. Pretty soon the "silly human tricks" started with a tennis ball rolling down a long PVC pipe and bikers trying to time their riding so their better half could grab the ball as it exited the pipe. From that point things proceeded to pinning rags on a clothesline, beer keg tossing, a slow race, placing a tennis ball on a highway cone, riding with a passenger balancing a bucket of water and trying to bite the wiener from the back of a moving bike.

There was a blind bicycle trial for the kids. Everyone who participated showed off some great riding skills whether they won or not. The large crowd made the 50-50 drawings a bit more exciting than usual and other games of chance included spinning the wheel for prizes. There was plenty of food and about a half dozen vendors selling everything from sunglasses to pocket-books.



Bean City Bar was full of bikes on May 23.



One false move and you're all wet.



Randy "keeps up" in the slow race.

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