

SQUIRREL TALES

From: Beautiful Downtown KELLNER, WI

Greeting Bro's and sisters, This has been a very busy month for the ole Tree Rat! hope that everyone is keeping warm and thinking spring. Here is a story about what some bro's do with their idle time when the bikes are put away for the wintertime. I went to a lawn mower race of all things. Yes you read correctly. It seems that in 1999 that a bro "**Hank the crank**" his brother Ken sons Kyle, Mike, and a slue full of friends just to name a few, John & Steve from Neinfeldt's Cycle, Botcher, Jon E, Brian, Doug OO and many (*I knew that I would forget someone, my appolgyvs*) others from the Rapids wanted something to get the kids outside for the winter that was cheap and entertaining and most of all **FUN! FUN! FUN!** So the crew got a big wheel {minibike} going and turned the kids loose in the back yard. Well you know that several kids and **one** ride won't cut the mustard. So bro's, that's where the lawn mowers come to play. It wasn't long before the **BIG KIDS** {I'm sure that a few beers had something to do with it} had their paws on the steering wheel. We all know that if you have several bikers together there is bound to be a little competition going on. So before you know it there are missing stock parts if you know what I mean. These riding lawn mowers are no joke people. They can scoot along at a very good clip. Now mind you that this is a one/125 mile (*or 150 paces, ask Botcher he's the track guy*) back yard oval. The back yard is getting lined with lots of specters. But that's fine, ma likes her sisters over too, then put on a little grub some soda for the kids and a few drinks for the Big kids. The only problem is the traffic is going at a snails pace and there is no longer space to park. The track is too small to open them up—**oh yaaaaa!!!** There are also more lawn mower so that more heats are required to run them all.



After a couple of years (2002) they needed to move to a bigger location. The Lure Bar in Nekoosa WI overlooking Pettenwell flowage was the perfect choice. Here they made the oval track on the ice almost one/8 mile. By this time it became known as "**Brother of the Blade**." They were having a blast as well as a few other things. The attendance grew as well as the number of drivers and their mowers. They were then approached by Chad and his father Rich the founder of the **TRI CITY CHILDREN'S DREAM FOUNDATION** to see if this *motley crew* could help the kids. WELL we all know about BIKERS and fund raising "*lets do it*" The proceeds raised by this event have sent two kids to Disneyland and one happy boy named Zackery will have his dream come true by attending a Nascar race at Bristol this race season (*He is a big time Earnhart jr. fan*). Cool or what? This event is held twice a year along with other events such as, the down hill bar stool races . A "Great Time" had by the spectaters, lot's of laughs and lets not forget raising some money for a real good cause, **to help make a child's dream come true**. I had the chance to test out the Big Wheel track but I didn't complete one lap, (rookie) I broke the throttle cable. To the mechanic Kenny, Sorry bro, but to use your own words "*It's my job to fix em*". When is the last time that you saw a lawn mower doing 31mph and faster? O Yea, the original big wheel still runs in the back yard, and people still come by to run. Hank said that the banks are building up. I wonder what he's thinking of next??? YEP, a straight drag strip with bike and snowmobile

engines. I for one, am thinking about building one myself. 50,60 70 ??? Niguirrious ,roll cage,wheely bars extended frame SAFETY FIRST!! So if you care to have a good time, catch the next one, it's worth the ride aas well as the cause. Until next time "don't let your bag drag, it's mighty cold out there lately" **Squirrel** If you care to have your event covered, do not hesitate, call me at (715) 344-6164 or drop me an E-mail at squirrel@freeriderspress.us.

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