

Pit Stop (Witt's End)

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Just as Rick Blaine and Moe Szyslak provide the character ambience in their joints, so too does Lenny Witt at the bar he's owned with his wife Betty since 1987. Lenny was riding a Kawasaki back then but his patrons insisted that a bar located just 20 miles south of the factory in Milwaukee should have an owner that converts to a Harley. Lenny has been on one ever since. "He's a man's man, all spit and vinegar," said long time patron Harv Rich, who pulled up on a 98 Springer Softail, once owned and autographed by Packer legend, Reggie White. Harv said Lenny is the reason he keeps coming back. "He knows how to deal with all comers, he has a feel for making everyone welcome, he just loves people."

First time customers Mike Perleberg from Racine and Rick Lacroix from Lakemoor, Illinois came in looking for a cool place to have a beer and smoke cigars, made themselves comfortable and stuck around for a couple. Mike had a box of stogies he offered to any takers. They had each purchased a car at the auction down the street and were in the mood to celebrate. Regulars like Mike Denney treat the place as a local hangout but always enjoy new faces.

Barb LaBeau, the manager and bartender provides the spark when Lenny's not around, especially when the throngs of football or racing fans show up. The bar hosts pool leagues, horseshoe tournaments, Lingerie shows and ABATE motorcycle runs. As usual in this part of the heartland, the place reverberates with country music. Despite its location just east of Interstate 94 on the metropolis corridor between Chicago and Milwaukee, Witt's End has the discernible impression of being way out in the hinterlands.

Bikers love the sensation of riding the open highway, the freedom to cut loose and wind out the throttle, to breathe deep and revel in the good vibration of a well-tuned motorcycle. When it's time to pull over, it's nice to stop somewhere and not lose that feeling. At Witt's End, the sentiment is shared whether you're an old timer or a first timer. Everyone is welcome. It's the quintessential meeting spot. There's a giant map of Southeastern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois that makes the perfect trip planner. Some of the destinations are marked and others are waiting to be discovered.

Witt's End is the real deal, year round biker bar, authentic in every detail. Whether it's for a special party in the pavilion out back, or a just a moments whim while ripping along on County Road G, make the pit stop at Witt's End, you'll be glad you did.

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