

From the Desk of the ABATE of Wisconsin P.R Guy

May is motorcycle awareness month all across the United States and I hope everyone is doing their part to make sure motorists know that we are once again sharing the road with them. In lieu of the normal rant I share with you concerning biker issues and your rights, I'd like to share my perspective on a true American hero that has just reached a significant milestone on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Former Senator Dave Zien finally reached his goal of one million miles on his '91 FXRT and I was there to celebrate this momentous occasion with him. At the event I thought back to some of the times I've shared with Dave over the years and I'd like to share a few with you.



The first time that I saw Dave Zien in person was before the annual Run to the Wall event in Milwaukee. As we milled around waiting for the pre-ride speeches and instructions I spotted a lone rider coming toward us with two large flags flying proudly. On his arrival he parked near me and asked a few of us for some help removing the stone occupying his passenger seat. He had carried a two hundred pound granite stone inscribed with the names of fallen brothers all the way from Eau Claire. He would have hauled it all the way to DC on the bike, but someone talked him into putting in the chase vehicle. Dave gave a little fire it up speech before we left that was personally inspiring. It was the first time I'd heard his "...hunger in the heart, fire in the belly..." finale and it peaked my patriotic spirit as we headed out to DC for Rolling Thunder.

I've ridden to several Rolling Thunders with Dave and he never ceases to amaze me or stop cracking me up. Although he's a great verbal speaker, sometimes his actions speak louder than words. Just riding around him leaves me with plenty of camp-fire talk. Whether its brushing his teeth, eating, or endlessly digging through his tank bag he always seems to have an almost nervous amount of energy while riding. Flying two large flags always leaves me wondering how much harder it must be to control a bike that always feels like it's in heavy winds. Just another ride for Dave. When we leave Milwaukee, Sen. Zien was always given one of the lead positions out of respect and gratitude but once we get to Illinois he always makes it a point to drop back to the middle of the pack I'm guessing to ride with close friends and visit on the road. Although he always seems to be in the spotlight, he has always put his brothers first. It's a measure of a true biker in my mind.

During a news interview right before the culmination of his one million mile ride the reporter asked Dave "is the old adage true that nothing is better than sunshine and chrome in the morning?" he replied "I couldn't tell you, I don't have much chrome...". That reminded me of a gas stop in Indiana where I once again found Dave multi tasking by washing and fueling his bike at the same time. It seems that the squeegee normally reserved for car windshields works quite well for washing the whole bike if the fluids clean enough. And at the same stop he fixed a minor exhaust leak that was making him crazy (that explains it) with a can of slimfast that he drank then split open with his P-38 can opener and two hose clamps. I think it stayed that way for at least a few years. I like that he always seems more about the ride than how he looks doing it.

If I were writing this on behalf of ABATE of Wisconsin I could easily share how grateful we've been for all the work Sen. Zien did for all bikers in Wisconsin during his time in the legislature. If I were writing on behalf of veterans I'm sure I'd say how grateful I was for all the tireless effort he's put into helping fellow vets. And if I were living in his former senate district I'd thank him for representing me to the best of his ability and never forgetting the beliefs and values of our community. But, I'm writing about Dave on behalf of me, the biker, and I'd like to thank him for bringing out the red-blooded American patriotism within all of us. For never straying too far from his chosen path and accomplishing a goal that many thought couldn't be accomplished. I look forward to many more rides with Dave now on his new FLHR instead of Suzanna. And may everyone have "Hunger in the heart, fire in the belly, and souls absolutely on fire!". Congratulations Dave Zien, the million mile man.

First Rumble 2009

First Rumble kick-starts the long awaited riding season at the Harley-Davidson Museum® on May 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The day will begin with a Bike Blessing at the Museum Crossroads at 10:00 a.m. On the grounds will be the Acceleration Nation racing interactive exhibits and Harley-Davidson Drag & Dirt Track Racers. Live music will be in the Garage throughout the day along with MotorClothes® Riding Gear Shows, Tech Talks on the Tri-Glide & Touring Chassis, Road Food Cooking demo, helmet fittings, a vintage photo display, and more. Gallery talks will be held throughout the day in the Museum and Harley-Davidson Road Packs will be given away with adult-paid Museum admission while supplies last. The Museum will also host "About the Bikes" a 2 1/2 hour class on H-D Motorcycles with special rates for Members. H-D 2009 Demo rides will be available both May 8th and May 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for licensed riders with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. Food and beverage will be available on the grounds and Motor® and Cafe Racer® will be open as well.

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April 15, 2009

United We Ride Roars Back into Town

Kicking off the 2009 United Way of Portage County fund-raising campaign, the **United We Ride** motorcycle rally will roar back into town on Saturday, Aug. 15. From Harley's to Hondas, riders of all makes and models are invited to join together in support of United Way and its partner programs that improve lives in Portage County.

Riders on this afternoon ride will enjoy scenic country roads and also be able to crank up the RPM's on several stretches of highway before ending with a meal and rally at Brews, Brats, and Bands in Brewery Park in Stevens Point.

The public is invited to join the riders at the kick-off celebration at Brews, Brats & Bands at approximately 4:30 p.m. The rally will include a brief presentation with this year's campaign co-chairs Steve and Jeanne Regnier and announce the results from campaign pacesetters Delta Dental, Regnier Consulting, and Pointe Precision. Entertainment scheduled to appear at Brews, Brats & Bands includes Vic Ferrari on Friday night and Boogie & the Yo-Yo's on Saturday night.

For more information about this event, visit the United Way of Portage County at www.unitedwaypoco.org or call (715) 341-6740.



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MOTORCYCLES	ATV
<p>CLASS JUMPING ONLY ALLOWED TO MODIFIED-OPEN-AND/OR ANTIQUE CLASS</p> <p>Motorcycles: 0-50-both 2 stroke class 4 stroke class 51-110-both 2 stroke class 4 stroke class Open ATV - 400 and up* 111-175-2 stroke only 111-350-4 stroke only 176-250-2 stroke only 251-550-2 stroke only 351-550-4 stroke only* 551-1000 both 2 & 4 stroke* open-both 2 & 4 stroke* Antique class-1980 and older*</p>	<p>100-399 stock-both 2 & 4 stroke 250 stock class - 2 stroke only *350 stock class - 2 stroke only *400 stock class - 4 stroke only *400-499 stock class - both 2 & 4 stroke (no 400 4 stroke allowed in this class) *500-up stock class - both 2 & 4 stroke that do not qualify for 650-700 4 stroke only class* *650-700 stock class - 4 stroke only* 0-660/661 - up Utility/4x4 class - both 2 & 4 stroke modified ATV - Both 2 & 4 stroke* (includes snowmobile or motorcycle motor) Open ATV register in the motorcycle event please</p>
<p>REGISTRATION 8AM - 11:30 AM RACE AT 12:30</p>	<p>REGISTRATION 7:30 - 9:00 RACE AT 9:30</p>

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