

Quad City Section

Some of the old sayings are so true. The one about how time goes faster the older you are, is one I have found to be true. Many of you that are reading this have already put your bikes up for the winter or are about to. Nothing wrong with that, riding in the winter can be a bit much for even the most seasoned rider. For some of my many years of legal riding, a bike was my means of transportation. I had to ride all year and I was living in Chicago during some of those years. Many a trip I was riding outrigger style, my legs out wide, ready to keep me upright through the slush and ice covered roads. Crazy? Yes, but I had to get around and I have a strong dislike of buses. Yes one or two of those years were down in sunny Florida but still I rode year round. In the recent years that I have been in the motorcycle industry; (my 1st Bike Week Daytona 1983) over 40 rallies and events, operating the Drag-N-Challenge for 2 years all over the country, host of all

seven Iron Horse Bike & Music Festivals in Sabula Iowa, four years at Sturgis on the River and worked side by side with one the original master bike builders. During this time I have met thousands of bikers from every walk of life and never have I heard that they go away for the winter. So what is my point here? Just where do the bikers go in the winter time? Yes, the bikes aren't seen out and about but where the riders go? So many Biker Friendly Establishments, (BFE) seem to disregard them during the winter. Why is this? Bikers are still around and still have interest in the life style. So where do you go and what do you do during those cold winter months? Email me at gery@gmaxpro.com I would like to know and I'm sure many of the BFE would too.

So until next month as always RIDE SAFE Gery Schemel

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