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Wausau area Brothers & Sisters In The Wind

On Sept. 25th, 2004 bikers in the Wausau area gathered to pay tribute to the memory of their Brothers & Sisters In The Wind. The date was set, the meeting place – Motorcycle Riders Depot in Schofield. Once the route was chosen, every body saddled up and went for a 50 mile ride in the country. Mother nature was kind, the weather was warm, crisp and clear. As we rode and enjoyed the beauty of the Fall day we kept our friends who are In The Wind in mind.

The group was organized – keeping the pack together, led by (brothers in the wind) Jeff Kitowski & Mickey Larson’s motorcycles driven by their friends Ron Nienow & Jon Blegen. There were no stops until arriving at Trails End Bar - Wausau. After the bikes were parked and unloaded thirsty folks got one of their favorite beverages. Then every body gathered along side of the river proceeding to pay tribute.

It was then, at that gathering, most of the riders heard, one of our own from this community of bikers had died the night before, bringing the reality of why we gathered to a much sharper point. It was then, most of us had learned that Chuck Nicholas (of Shang Garden Bar) drown at a lake in northern Wis. The details were unclear at the time but in the days that followed we learned what had happened. After the announcement was made, we had to carry on. One by one the names of each brother and each sister in the wind were read and their marker was placed in the ground. The rows of markers grew and the riders shared memories, information, joys, regrets and tokens of appreciation for their brothers & sisters. They may be lost to our physical touch but must never forgotten to time.

A new generation of bikers is on the rise, it’s important for them to know of those who went before them. It is also important for all to remember and get to know the legacy that is left, to let the memory live on threw those who can still share it. It’s good to be remembered, and that was the goal of this bunch.

The last marker that was placed into the ground was for Chuck. After the quiet tribute Peggy from Trails End fed every body lunch. Many people stayed to visit and enjoy the nice day by the river.

When that part of the memorial tribute was over, things were just getting started at The Office Bar in Schofield for the Annual Brothers & Sisters In The Wind party. Buggy Whip Blues Band was the entertainment under the big tent. There was plenty to drink – Pam & Lori threw a real nice party.

This years gathering is slated for Sat. Oct. 1st- meeting at 1:00 – Motorcycle Riders Depot rain or shine (weather could determine the length of a ride). The presentation will be at Rib Falls Co. Park with a stop at Shang Garden Bar. Pam at the Office Bar will have a party again this year at 5:00 with Old Skool providing the entertainment under the tent.



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