

## Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial

With its conception about four years ago, it has now been a year since the dedication of the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Park located in Door County, Wisconsin. Nestled in on Mathey Road just north of Sturgeon Bay, in the township of Sevastopol. A dream of one man, which has quickly turned into a spectacular memorial park unique to this country.



What started as a vision shared with friends including Jeff Reinhard and Ed "The Eagle" Koessl, is now an incredible park that once was only a hope of a small corner of land to which people could come to remember and honor lost fellow motorcyclists. The Memorial park has turning into more than any had imagined, and is actually grown beyond the original dream.

With the untimely passing of this past year of both Jeff Reinhard and Ed Koessl, the memorial has even more important to those who knew them. Both men were in motion on the memorial since it's first sketches on paper. Jeff, co-founder of the park and mason, built the stone pillar entryway, as well as the foundation for the "monument" and was an influential part of the memorial from the start. Ed Koessl also shared in the realization of the dream, and was there from the beginning contributing with the "ground work", bulldozing and preparing the land for the initial construction. These men planned and worked so hard on this beautiful dream, only to be taken from us before they had the opportunity to see it in its full brilliance.



On September 10th, 2006, A Memorial ride is being held in celebration of the lives of Jeff Reinhard and Ed "The Eagle" Koessl. All vehicles are welcome, and you can join us anywhere on the route!

Starting at 11am the "Mink River Basin" in Ellison Bay. Departing at 12noon to Bayside Tavern in Fish Creek. Departing Bayside at 1:30pm to the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Park 4758 Mathey Rd, Sturgeon Bay. Arriving at @ 1:45pm.



Departing the Memorial at 2:45 to our final destination the A.C. Tap – Hwy 57 just north of Baileys Harbor. There will be Beer, Food, Raffles and Music by Chris Aaron (4-8pm)

\$15.00 Donation- Proceeds going to: "The Jeff Reinhard Pavilion" to be built at the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Park, and to a Fund to be chosen by the Koessel Family.

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## Party mixes bikers, politics

By Jeff Starck

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The American Biker Party has roared into the political arena.

The Wisconsin-based third party is not shy about its origins: five bikers fed up with the way the government operates. Its membership includes doctors and other professionals, and people who steer clear of motorcycles.

Party leaders want voters to have a say in politics and have the government operate based on the ideals set forth by the country's founding fathers in the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

"I always voted, but when I went to the polls, I didn't have a lot of excitement or hope," said member Pete Schultz, 40, of Marshfield. "This is an idea that is going to catch on."

The party was co-founded this year by Steven "Mad" Erato, but the Vietnam War veteran said he had considered the new political party for years. Erato said he was disgusted by the poor quality of health insurance provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and cuts to the program in recent years.

Erato, 55, of Neenah served in Vietnam for the U.S. Army from 1971 to 72. He said he is listed as 100 percent disabled because of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"The guys in the Gulf War, they are people who had jobs and family already," Erato said. "If they have a family and worked at the average factory or mill, they will find the (Veterans Health Administration) insurance is much worse than when they had a job."

The party's platform, developed at its convention earlier this month, is: affordable health care for everyone; the restoration of civil liberties by ending the Patriot Act; improved employment for Americans; providing strong support and funding to the military; and supporting the Bill of Rights as it was written, not as interpreted by the courts.

The American Biker Party does not plan to run candidates for office in the near future, but rather to support existing politicians or challengers. The party is interviewing local, state and national political candidates to see who best supports the party's initiatives.

## American Biker Party

### Letter From The Chairmen:

The Chairmen and the Board of Directors for the American Biker Party would like to thank all the members and guest that helped make our 1st convention a success.

Also a special thanks to Sputnik our guest speaker. He is the State Chairmen for the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association. If you ever get a chance to listen to this man speak, do not pass up the opportunity.

His passion for liberty and our Constitution was motivating to us all. You can feel the Founding Fathers of our Country smiling down on this freedom fighter from Texas.

What hit me hard as the convention was coming to a close and it has stayed with me since is this.

We are the posterity the founding fathers spoke of.

The gift that every American citizen is born with is our Constitution.

Ours to defend and then pass it on to the next generation.

Never before has our gift from the founding fathers to us has been so threatened.

Never before has the Constitution needed to be defended and preserved.



IT IS UP TO US.

WHATEVER IT TAKES.

THE TIME IS NOW.

Sincerely

God Bless America and Support our troops

Steven "Mad" Erato Frank "Claim Jumper" Rios



The American Biker Party board. Great job Brother's and Sister for making the 1st Annual Convention a success!!