

Northwood's Summer Thunder

The Northwoods Summer Thunder Motorcycle Rally was held June 17th and 18th. It was sponsored by the Minocqua Area Chamber of Commerce, Northern Lights Harley-Davidson, The Lakeland Tavern League, Dean Distributing, and a host of others. The events centered around Northern Lights Harley-Davidson and the participating Tavern League members during the day, and featured live bands playing in Torpy Park in the evenings. Funds raised benefitted the Lakeland Area Special Olympics.

Northern Lights had their famous Garage Sale going both days, demo rides, vendors, and a special appearance by none other than Willie G Davidson and his son Bill on Saturday afternoon. The Davidsons met the riders and signed autographs on all kinds of Harley-Davidson products including several motorcycles. Food sales benefitting the Lakeland Sharing Foundation were enjoyed by all during the day at Northern Lights.

Riders had a chance to choose from three different Fun Runs, travel some great scenic roads, sample the hospitality of the Tavern League members, and after getting their books stamped, qualified for \$1,000.00 in cash prizes.

Friday night's entertainment featured the Olderbudweiser Blues Band on a beautiful summer night. Saturday night was pouring rain, but that didn't dampen the crowd's enthusiasm for The Spicy Tie Band. Everybody was huddled under the tents moving to the classic rock music and didn't seem to care about what Mother Nature had thrown our way. With \$2.00 cans of beer and great food from the Kiwanis Club and Special Olympics it was an energized crowd that stayed until the end.

Northwoods Summer Thunder will be back in 2012, June 15 & 16, the same weekend (Father's Day weekend). Make plans to attend this fun rally in the best riding territory around. Watch www.northwoodsummerthunder.com for more details.



Special Olympian Missy



Bill & Willie G signing a bike



Fun Run Winners with Special Olympians Missy & Marissa



Torpy Park

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