

THUNDER ON THE ROCK

THE LARGEST BIKER PARTY TENNESSEE HAS EVER SEEN!

The 2nd Annual Thunder on the Rock Bike Rally and Concert was the largest biker party the state of Tennessee has ever seen! Last year's rally was a tremendous success and was the first one held. But this year... "It's four times better than last year," said Glenn Matthews, one of the Rally's owners/promoters. This year, the party goes had one extra day, Memorial Day!

A lot of thought and planning has gone into the layout of the rally site but this year everything was much improved. The sea of campers, motor homes, and tents were more organized. The grassy concert area was much larger with many more "Thunderettes" serving up your favorite beverages at more convenient locations. The vendor area was larger than the state fair, where you could purchase everything from great tasting steaks to custom bikes.

Monteagle, Tennessee is home of Thunder on the Rock. Some of the most scenic roads in the U.S. lead to it. Being located directly in the heart of the south, it's within a one-day ride for more than 300,000 bikers. The residents of the fast growing community were glad to have us. One elderly gentleman in town asked, "Are y'all having fun up there?" And said, "Thank you for coming to Monteagle."

The entertainment was great! Just to name a few: Dr. Hook featuring Ray Sawyer, Shane Worley, Geneva, PsykNyne, Hicks Gone Wild, Big Engine, and drawing the largest crowd of all, Charlie Daniels and The Charlie Daniels Band put on a super crowd pleasing performance! There were many more bands with entertainment all day long. The biker games Saturday and Sunday consisted of: Burnout Competitions, Weenie Bite, Slowest Bike, Egg Run, Plunger Run, Thong Pull, Board Run, Cone Run, Burping Contest, Tennis Ball Drop, Tattoo Contest, Wet T-shirt Contest, Hot-N-Leathered (Men Only), and Frozen T-Shirt Contest, plus a Bike Show with ten different categories.

Something was missing! Not that it would matter... but one very noticeable thing missing was the presence of law enforcement. On Monday morning, a representative from the Grundy County Sheriff's Department said, "It's been really quiet around here," speaking of the jail where she was working as dispatcher. "We've not seen any problems, accidents, or anything," she continued. The Tennessee Highway Patrol's dispatcher said, "We haven't had any incidents related to Thunder on the Rock. We worked one accident in the county last night (Sunday night) involving a motorcycle but it was not related to the motorcycle rally." These are the kind of reports we like to hear!

It was a great rally and one you don't ever want to miss! To check out all of this year's photos, go to www.southernbiker.us

See ya on "The Rock" in 2009!

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