

Brothers Gone ~ But Not Forgotten



The motorcycling community has lost yet another one of its "Favorite Sons". A resident of Lakeside AZ, and a past Board Member of the Modified Motorcycle Association [White Mountain District] has passed away following a 2 1/2 year courageous battle with bone marrow cancer. He had twice gone thru a bone marrow transplant. Oilcan was at home at the time tended by his loving wife Kathy and sister Jeanne

*"Oilcan John" Fields
April 22, 2006
~ Rest in Peace ~*

and had been under continuous care by Hospice near the end.

His determination "I'm going to beat this" and his wife Kathy's continual support and presence was an inspiration to one and all. Kathy truly "Stood by her man" throughout his ordeal.

Oilcan was unique in many ways...his humor...his dedication to family...the motorcycling community...and his friends could only be described as admirable.

I had the good fortune to know him very well.... we had more road miles together than anyone else I've ridden with the last nine years so I'm writing this from a personal perspective. But I know I speak for one and all in saying his absence will leave a void in many lives. He was well known and

respected in the White Mountains and throughout the state.

His humor was almost legendary and his demeanor gained nothing but respect from those he encountered. He was kinda quiet and unassuming but his presence was always quite evident. And he could always be counted on for a humorous comment at the proper time that would "Crack you up". Last year when he seemed to have gotten better after his first transplant he instigated a poker run and labeled it "Oilcan John's Ain't Dead Yet" Poker Run.... That was his humor. He rode in the run...and when we were at the Little Bit Saloon enjoying the food and camaraderie he sidled up to me and whispered..."A lot more fun than a funeral,



ain't it!!!" We're gonna miss him.

*Dick Tush, MMA Vice Chairman
Past District Manager, White Mtn. District*

PS: We're doing a Poker Run Memorial Service on Saturday May 13th at the Branding Iron at 1261 E Deuce of Clubs in Show Low. Registration starts 9AM....then we'll break about 10 for the service, which will more resemble a roast.... then back to registrations.... The poker run will end up at the Little Bit Saloon in White Mtn. Lake.... from about 3pm on. FMI: Tush 928/532-7693 or sonofatush@hotmail.com