

FREEDOM RUN 2011 RECAP

The threat of bad weather greatly affected club turnout for this year's Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run, an annual fundraiser for the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles. And that's a shame, because those who attended had a great time! We arrived early enough to get placed toward the front of the line -- which numbers in the thousands. This meant we walked right into the all-you-can-eat breakfast (a perennial favorite featuring high-flying pancakes) and later on, when we arrived in Marseilles, we were among the fortunate few who got to park right on the main drag. Although capped with a solemn event commemorating the expansion of the wall memorial with the names of all those who had died since the last Freedom Run, this is also a street party, with live music and a fair number of food and merchandise vendors. Those of us who braved the threat of rain, which never appeared, were treated to an awesome day.

