



Even though the nightly throngs filling the bars along Main Street might not be as large in number as Bike Week, the urge to party is by no means any less intense. And while the overall market conditions may be down, the “beer girls” stock seemed to be on an upward trend, with smaller crowds meaning less wait time to stuff a dollar or two into the garter belt of any one of these dancers at Froggy’s. It was even possible to find a space along the rail on the party balconies atop Wise Guys and the Dog House, where you could watch the shuffling crowd below. However, at the Bank & Blues Club, once the Razorbacks took to the stage it was hard to believe that attendance was any less than the spring gathering. They pack the place like no other group.

Every good biker party needs a good bike-builder party and for Biketoberfest '08 the premier event was held on Thursday night at the Doghouse Bar and Grill on Main, where the Seminole Hard Rock Roadhouse was set up. In the back of a large tent, alongside a display of Michael Lichter’s photography and several custom bikes, many of the builders who were in town showed up to mix with the media and the general public at the Biker Fusion event. The official party hosts

were Billy Lane of Choppers Inc., Shelly Ross-meyer of Destination Daytona, and Sucker Punch Sally’s Christian Clayton. Food, drink (including Wild Turkey specials), a bikini contest, and loud (make that *very* loud) music made this the party of the week. It was more than just a meet and greet though. Through ticket sales (\$50 per person), donations, and an auction that included a 360 Brake system and a Dave Perewitz custom-painted bucket over \$10,000 was raised for Soldier’s Angels. The money will be used to buy recreational items for the troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. According to Carrie Repp of R&R Promotions, who helped to stage the event, “Biker Fusion was designed to maintain and support the camaraderie of our industry, while having a good time and raising support for a good cause. This year’s turnout was great, and we’re excited to send the proceeds to an organization that supports our military men and women.”