

## **Spittoono XXVIII is Naturally, Successful.**

The Redneck Performing Arts Association (RPAA) is proud to announce the results and recipients of the funds generated from Spittoono XXVIII, held August 21st through the 23rd in Clemson. The 2007 event generated a gift of \$6,000.00 to local charities, but the 2008 event nearly doubled that amount to \$12,000.00.

“We had huge crowds this year, bigger than we had ever seen” says Jeremiah Hurley, Vice President of the RPAA. “With the help of our sponsors, we were able to bring in people that had never heard of us before, even though this is our twenty eighth consecutive year” he went on to say.

This year’s theme for the event, “Naturally Redneck”, certainly summed up the atmosphere. Even with the occasional rain shower that passed by, a stunning 1700 gallons of beer were consumed by the estimated 12,700 patrons that attended over the three nights. With local celebrities like John Cessarich stopping by, and Skip and Matt from The Rise Guys Morning show on 93.3 the Planet coming up to entertain for a few minutes, the event was certainly noticed by many newcomers.

The fourteen charities that received funds are:

- The Whitten Center
- The Collins Children Home
- Camp Hope
- Helen’s Hugs
- Wilderness Way Camp
- For The Hounds
- Helping Hands
- Clemson Free Clinic
- Toys for Tots
- Clemson Community Care
- Miriam Cox Fund
- The Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee County Animal Shelters

The RPAA wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to all 18 bands and the many sponsors for this year’s festival. Additionally, those individuals that religiously assist with the set-up, operation, and take down of the mayhem are also greatly appreciated. “Without all of the assistance we received, it would have never been the success that it has”, says Justin Rakey.

Organizers for the event are already planning for next year, and those die-hard patrons that wish to mark their calendars now should plan on seeing us again next year, August 20th through August 22nd, 2009