



## 7TH ANNUAL WORLD'S LARGEST CATSUP BOTTLE BASH

Collinsville, Illinois

Seeing red? Small wonder. This July 10, the Midwest was conquered by tomatoes.

The World's Largest Catsup Bottle Summerfest exploded in Collinsville, Illinois, slinging enough silly sauce to make the saddest face smile. Emceed as always by the Big Tomato himself, guests included Erika Nelson and her replicas of the World's Largest Things, ice-man James Mendez, and bicycle artist Mike Wild who literally pedaled through town on Elvis. (See "Tunnel Vision" on page 12 for more about that.)

So, if you're seeing red, don't worry.

It sure beats the heck out of feeling blue.

(14) Need a shave? Ice sculptor James Mendez poses with the frosty catsup bottle he carved with a chainsaw. (15) American Road Coordinating Editor Rebecca Repp sits her buns in the shade. (16) Well, it ain't a tomato, but it is awful shiny and red. (17) The scene along Collinsville's main street. Anyone have a french fry? (18) Erika Nelson stands outside her traveling museum that features the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things. (19) Two of Erika's smallest things in this case are her wee versions of the World's Largest Spinach Can in Alma, Arkansas, and the World's Largest Eight Ball in Tipton, Missouri. (20) All hail the Scarlet King of Sauce! The World's Largest Catsup Bottle. Long may it reign red.