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Letter from the Publisher by Jim Furey

Hello, readers. In the past I have used this space in November to try and spur a remembrance and thankfulness for the sacrifices our veterans of the military services have made for all of us. I plan on doing that again, but this year I have an even deeper appreciation. I have Butch Newby and Terry Martin to thank for that. I met Butch at **Ted's Motorcycle World** during their customer appreciation day and bike show. He took the time to tell me how much he liked the magazine, which is always nice to hear. Then he told me about his bike—a Vietnam War-themed bike—and how it was his way of keeping alive the memory of those he served with. I went and took some pictures, and it is a very sharp bike. He said he would like to submit a story about it and some pictures for publication in the magazine, and I told him we would be more than happy to do that.



Butch and I continued to talk, and we planned on getting together and taking the photos. I thought of where could we take them, and the best I could come up with was that the War Memorial in downtown St. Louis would make a good backdrop. Then I got some mail from Terry Martin, the Commander of the **Elsberry VFW**. In the envelope was a flyer for an upcoming visit by a Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall. I knew then that I needed to contact Butch and see whether he was willing to make the long trek from his home to Civic Park in O'Fallon, Missouri, with me. He said "Sure," so Joy and I met up with Butch and his wife Lori and we were off to O'Fallon. We took pictures in front of the section of the Wall that had the names of Butch's fallen brothers. Saturday I went back for a ceremony and saw all the mementos visitors had left there. The pencil outlines of names people had made from the Wall brought tears to my eyes.

These fallen heroes, along with everyone else who has ever served our nation, deserve far more than any of the rest of us can ever give them. Sometimes it almost appears that the fallen ones are the lucky ones because their pain is over. This year when November 11 rolls around, don't just pay lip service to Veteran's Day but do something. I know that the Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, needed an oxygen machine and had to go to outside sources to get it. That is a national embarrassment! Call a Veteran's Home, or better yet visit one. I know that as we enter this season of giving there is something all of us can give to help repay those who have given so much.

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**Benefit Ride in Loving Memory of Shannon Fuwell, a
Fallen Biker and Friend**
by Nicole Shafer

On the early morning of July 22, our dear friend Shannon Fuwell lost his life in a motorcycle accident. His beloved girlfriend Kara Wortmann survived and spent many of the following days in intensive care. She is now at home with her family and slowly recovering. Shannon also has two young daughters, Morgan (4) and Taylor (3).



This sudden loss has been devastating and almost too hard to bear. Shannon left his mark and memory in more ways than one. He was a talented and well-known tattoo artist in our area. As an artist he met many people from all walks of life. So many people comment that there was so much more to him than tattoos and piercing. I am lucky enough to say that not only do I carry his ink with me, but the memories of the friendship we shared.

On a cool Saturday morning, September 17, bikers and friends gathered at Porky's Bar & Grill in St. Charles, Missouri. Owners Jim and Patty Kohlman were generous enough to open their establishment to host a benefit for

Shannon's family and loved ones. Registration for the poker run began, and then the bikes were off to the first stop in Alton, Illinois, at Riverbend Billiards and Grill. We were all ready for lunch and enjoyed the awesome food and brew. Huge burgers for \$1.50, you can't beat it! After a few friendly games of pool, it was time to get back on the bikes and ride. The temperature—a perfect 80 degrees—made for an easy cruise down the River Road to the second stop in Grafton, Illinois.

The Wild Goose Saloon is a great place to chill, have a brew, sit on the covered patio, and enjoy the view of the Illinois River. With everyone eager to get back on their bikes, we headed to the third stop: the always friendly and fun O'Fallon Tap in O'Fallon, Missouri. The excitement builds as everyone gets closer to seeing who has the best poker hand. From the Tap back to Porky's Bar & Grill you could feel the height of the day in the ripping of the bikes down Highway 70. Arriving at Porky's, we were welcomed with barbecue and other delicious grub. Out back, the laughter roared as volunteers sat in the dunk tank and taunted each other to take a shot. \$5 bills were flying for chance after chance to dunk the bikers in boxers. What a sight!

With tons of local support, several kick-ass prizes and gifts were donated for the raffle. An auction was also held that raised a lot of money. Kara attended and was very touched by everyone's kindness and generosity. Just the support of family and friends alone is more than money could buy.

After a few good burn-outs, the day came to an end. With a few laughs, tears, and sharing of memories of our dear Shannon, we called it a night. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this day such a success. We are hoping this can be an annual event in a fallen biker's honor.

We thank Nicole for this submission and welcome her to The Biking Life family.





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News and Notes from Around the Lake by Dennis “Henbo” Henley



Benefit Ride for Janet

Sometimes unexpected things happen. For Janet, the busy barkeeper at the **Rock Island Line** on the Strip, something unexpected happened. What it is isn't exactly clear. She is ill with something, and I couldn't find out what the illness is. However, that doesn't matter to those of us who know her. What we do know is that she needs help, and her friends did their bit on a beautiful fall day. On October 8, a poker run and auction followed by a spaghetti dinner at the Rock Island Line raised cash to help Janet cover some of her health expenses. **LOMA** sponsored the poker run, Dean Nelson (Rock Island Line owner) and Bill chaired the auction, and Dean also provided the pasta, with donations being taken to help the cause.

When someone does not have health coverage and gets sick, they can be wiped out financially really quick. However, with friends around to help, a little money can help make a dent. It is not so much the money, but the friends that show up to help when times are tough. I'm sure Janet's spirits are high knowing that people—some she doesn't even know—spent their time and money to help her out. If you are in the Rock Island Line over the holidays, ask Dean how Janet is doing and drop a buck or two in the kitty.

The “Rock”

Everyone knows of a place that has been around for a generation or a lifetime (or maybe just looks like it has)—a place that has age, character (kind of like my face), atmosphere, great people, and timeless stuff on the walls. Sometimes it's just a place that you remember from your past. If you are ever on the Strip, that place is the “Rock Island Line,” better known as the “Rock” to regulars. With the tattoo shop on one side and the old 60's store on the other, the Rock fits in well. On the outside the Rock features wood walls, a neon sign, and an overhang covering an old

western saloon walk where you can sip one outside and lean on the railing, a perfect place to get fresh air. And you'll need it. This place isn't for the family tourists or the yuppies and their trophy bimbettes. It's funny to watch the tourists on the Strip walk swiftly by or cross the street as they approach. But they are curious. As you enter, be prepared for a look and for the smoke wall to hit. I know I can smoke my cigar and not offend anyone; sit down anywhere and not be bothered; have a cold, icy glassed draft for under 2 bucks; and watch a sport on TV or check out the walls and ceiling. They are covered with stuff tacked or nailed to the wood walls: biker stuff, flags, old pictures and signs, and a Harley light above the pool table. If you don't mind the smoke, you will be taken back in time when you go in. Good service, good people, cold brew, inexpensive, and cozy is a good description.



The Rock was once known as “The Depot,” and back then it served the same type of people as it does now. It has maintained that old honky-tonk feeling in an area that saw the very beginnings of the Bagnell Dam Strip and Lake of the Ozarks. Come on in and check it out. You won't be bothered, and you may become a regular. Dean Nelson, the owner, always likes to see new faces. This place is really biker friendly and is a gathering spot for starts and finishes for bikers around the Lake area. After the sun sets, the lights on the Strip give it a carnival-type atmosphere, and the rail is a good spot to hang out (just stay on the walkway if you have alcohol). So go by, light up, and drink.

Fall at the Lake

Well, it is November already. Boats are mostly put away and a lot of the crazies have gone home, so biking just got better. Fall at the Lake brings great biking: fewer cars and people; great scenery; and bike shops, bars, and other advertisers of this magazine open for business. If you are in the market for a bike, new or used, don't forget the Lake dealers and service shops. One phone call can save you from the city prices. You never know until you call.

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The Breakdown

You never know what will happen on the road. If you've never had a breakdown, you will. Ironically, being closer to home is a pain in the ass when you are stuck: no tools, no tow, no help. My most recent breakdown occurred in central Illinois in the middle of farm country in October. The bike just stopped. It had gas and new plugs, and all seemed okay. It is either fuel or fire...wow, boy am I a genius. Five miles outside of town, the bike finally starts and runs half-assed, allowing me to get to my destination—Waverly, Illinois. "Got a bike shop?" I ask a resident, one of about 250 maybe. I'm thinking no way, but the answer comes back, "Just around the corner." Together we push my ride around the bend and up the street to "Rod's." A mechanic in an old woodshed garage full of old stuff, Rod got her fixed and charged only \$40 for a fuel valve and labor. After lunch at Verda Mae's with "the Griswolds," I return to the shack and there was my bike, sitting outside ready to go.

The moral of this story is: just when you think you're royally screwed, Rod and the Griswolds may come to the rescue. Thanks for getting me on the road again, Rod—here's your free ad. Thanks also to the "Griswolds" for the lunch. Check out Rod's shop in Waverly, and check out his ad. Thanks to him, I made it to the Lake as scheduled.

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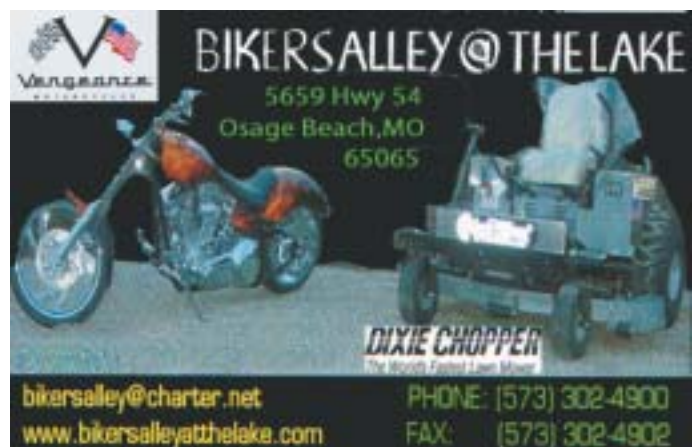
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APMC Organizes Benefit Ride by Al "Slow Talker" Wilson

The generosity of the riding community was proven again in September. The focus of that generosity was Bill and Sue Brough, and boy did they benefit. This ride, designed to give them a little help, was organized by Tony Rusteberg, the owner of American Performance Motorcycles in Belleville, Illinois. Tony heard about the Broughs' needs and stepped up like he always does. The run started at APMC in Belleville, with a total of 168 bikes registered.



Other stops on the run included Ford's Tavern in Mascoutah, Illinois; Papa Wheelies in Trenton,

Illinois; the Town Lounge in O'Fallon, Illinois; and Sullivan's in Belleville. The benefit ride ended at the Catholic War Vets Club just outside Belleville on Highway 159. Here the riders were treated to live music by Killing Vegas, and a great time was had by all. Several of my friends attended this run and they all told me it was great.

This event raised more than \$4300 for the Broughs, which will definitely help. Our thanks go out to Tony for stepping up and making this happen. I would also like to remind you that if you are looking for a gently used motorcycle, you won't get a better deal than an APMC deal.




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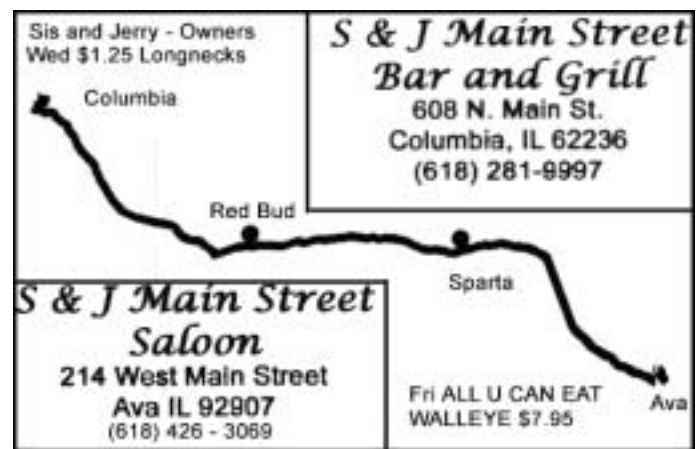
Sis Sager Run Benefits the Troops by Jim Furey

It rained cats and dogs on Sunday, September 25, putting a damper on several runs in the area. However, there was one run that was not going to be stopped: the Fourth Annual Sis Sager Benefit Run. The proceeds of this year's run are going to SGT Todd Woodall's unit, Bravo Company, currently stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. Our soldiers over in Iraq need things we take for granted, including phone cards so that they can call home and all manner of personal items. Sis heard about this need and said, "Let's raise some money for our fighting boys."

Although the weather was awful, Sis and several of her patrons decided to go on the run anyway. The route was shortened to stops at the Brandy Inn in Cahokia, Illinois; **S & J Main Street** in Columbia, Illinois; **Falling Springs** in Duplo, Illinois; and another stop. On the way home after the March of Dimes ride was canceled, I decided to stop by S & J Main Street to see what was going on. Imagine my surprise when the bartender told me the riders were expected soon. Joy and I ordered some food (this was not the first time I have dined here and every time the food is great) and waited for the riders to arrive.

They pulled up soon and we got some pictures of the drenched riders and the support crew for the run. The picture is here and the riders were Jimmy Toon, Terry Morissey, Dave Holmes, Steve Wortham, Mick Holcomb, Mark Whaley, Sis Sager, and Jerry Dell. The support group consisted of Kim, Diane, Barby, Beany, Cheryl, Amber, Kelly, Erica, Dee Dee, and Lisa.

They tried the ride again on the next Sunday, and I have heard it was a success, but our soldiers' need never ends. If you are near 608 N. Main St. in Columbia, Illinois, or 214 W. Main St. in Ava, Illinois, stop in at S & J Main Street and I'm sure these great folks will accept your donation to help our troops.



Springfield National Keeps the Racing Thrills Coming by "Killer" Miller



Springfield is a town that means high-speed thrills to motorcycle racing fans, and the 25-mile Springfield National brings a rollicking end to the racing season. It's where mere racers become legends; where existing legends come to hold court once more; and where young men and

women come, clopping along in the dirt, dragging the tool of the trade (the steel shoe on the left boot), and trying to become legends of the future. By its nature as a year-end event, this one race still plays an important part in any championship decision. Just as NASCAR has the Race for the Chase, the AMA has 25 of the fastest miles to go under the two wheels of 18 riders to help decide the champion.



Going into the race, six-time defending champion Chris Carr was in the points lead over Kenny Coolbeth, Jared



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Mees (who won Sedalia), and J.R. Schanbel (who was victorious in the short track on Saturday night). In a points race all their own in the 883 Sportster class were Chris Hart and Scott Stump. Springfield also saw the return of the Pooh Bear: Terry Poovey riding a **Doc's Harley-Davidson** Jim Wagner XR 750.

Even the opening ceremonies were impressive. This year's grand marshal was 1955 and 1956 champion Evert Brasher. Taking to the track, the 80-year-old rider did hot laps on a XR 750 while Chris Carr did laps on a bike of the era: a 1956 KR 750 (the difference being that back in the day real racers didn't have brakes). After Brittany Murphy sang the National Anthem, the riders got down to business.

Heat one of the 883 class was won by Bubba Style, while heat two saw **Widman Cycles**—sponsored Scott Stump take a win. The third was won by Chris Hart. A good story in the back markers was Andy Miller, a 50-year-old retired Navy man who is just now returning to racing. Both his son and his dad were in the pits with him, and although he didn't make the main, it was still a good story.



The GNC bikes took the stage next, with the first heat featuring teammates Willie McCoy and Carr; the Legend that still races, Jay Springsteen; and factory Suzuki rider Kevin Varnes. The battle for first was decided at the line with Carr, Springer, and McCoy making the main. The second heat saw Joe Kopp on the #3 KTM, while #31 Kenny Coolbeth took third. The final heat saw the King of Springfield, Rich King, cover Terry Poovey and Jared Mees for the final main transfers.

In the GNC semifinals, Johnny Murphee, Kevin Varnes (Suzuki), and Scott Stump (Aprillia) also made the transfer

to the main to round out the field. The 883 main took to the line with 17 riders going for 12 laps as these closely matched bikes promised to have one of the better races of the day. The lead group of Stump, Hart, and Schereb traded the lead three or four times a lap for the entire race. The finish saw Chris Hart draft past both Schereb and Stump, giving him the win and a 1-point lead going into the final race on October 1 in Duquoin, Illinois.

It was now time for the main event. Kenny Coolbeth knew he had to win to keep his championship hopes alive, and Carr knew he needed only 5 more points than Coolbeth and the #1 plate would once again be his. As the light turned green and the sound of 18 big motors gunned with the unison dropping of clutches, Coolbeth went for the lead, with the fast five of Kopp, Carr, King, Springer, and Varnes in tow. Kenny had a breakaway going by lap five, but on lap six it all went wrong as the Illinois rider's XR 750 slowed as it came down the front straight, the victim of a broke chain tensor. This made the battle now among Carr, Russel, King, and Kopp, with Springsteen dropping back, as did Varnes. Four men were in the running to decide the winner coming off the final turn as King went for the draft past Russel, but Carr went for the double draft on the high side and got the win right at the line, once again proving that there is no better form of racing than mile flat track racing.

On the winners podium stood your returning national champion, Ford Quality Check rider Chris Carr, flanked by second place Shaun Russel and third place Rich King. Joe Kopp and Jay Springsteen rounded out the top five. As always, thanks to the IMDA, and to everyone else who helped put this on, congratulations again for a great show and see you in May.





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A Vet's Bike



My name is Butch Newby. In 1969, I did a tour of duty in Vietnam and came home in January of 1970. I started riding bikes from the time I got home to the present. I've been riding for at least 35 years. I currently have 2 bikes of my own; first, a 2001 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic with a Hannigan sidecar. My wife rides a Kawasaki ZRX1200. We both love to ride, even though she goes faster than I do. This leads me up to my 2nd bike: a 2000 Yamaha (Silverado) Roadstar. When I traded for the bike, it was painted a copper color with flames on it. The bike looked real nice. I wanted to change the color and appearance of it but I didn't know how or what. My friend Tom Wells, whom I was living with at the time, came up with this idea, he said, "Why don't you fix a Vietnam bike?" This was about the same time Orange County Chopper came out with theirs. So we changed it.



Tom painted the bike a marbled green, reminding me of the jungle. Then I took the fenders and headlight to John Bauer, also known as "Van Gogh." He does pinstriping, and airbrush murals full paint jobs. He airbrushed both sides of the gas tank with "hues" (that's how I moved about in 'Nam). On the front fender, he pinstriped it with the Vietnam campaign colors. On the top of the headlight, he painted the name of my best friend, Jay Downs, and the day I lost


him. He was like a brother to me and there isn't a day that goes by, that I don't think of him. I have 3 different rear fenders for this bike. On the one with the bags, he painted the POW symbol and below the taillight is painted "199th Light Infantry." On my short fender are all the names of the men who were in my squad that were lost on the 5th of September in 1969. On the 3rd fender is a large POW sign and peace symbols on the sides—a reflection of the period of time the country went through. My seat has a large inlaid POW picture on it. It was crafted from rawhide leather by Ray Pruitt of Iron Horse Stables, Berryville, Arkansas.

The wheels on my bike are Pro-One and hand grips are by Kuryakyn. I have Sampson Big Gun pipes. Mirrors are drag-special. It has a Pro-One taillight and bullet turn signals. Everything else is covered with chrome. I hope these pictures let you see the time that was put into this bike. It was done for the Vietnam vet that served over there. I don't want the American people to forget the war. Sons and daughters were lost over there. Next time you see a Vietnam vet, say "Thank you and welcome home." I hope you enjoyed reading this and looking at the pictures. Thank you.



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Changing Seasons

by Jim Waters, President

Good News Riders, St. Louis, Missouri

Fall is my favorite time of the year to ride: the trees are changing color and the mornings are cool. Once again we can start to wear the leathers we paid a small fortune for last year. I hope you're having a chance to enjoy the beautiful colors this year. Are you enjoying the way God is ending a beautiful summer?

Fall is also a time of reflection. Looking back on this year's riding season I remember the excitement in March of picking up the new bike at **Doc's Harley-Davidson** in time for us to have it blessed at the F.O.R.R. bike blessing at **Falling Springs Club** in Dupu, Illinois. Kathy and I have ridden more than 9000 miles this year without a breakdown, accident, or illness. I am so thankful to God for this.

Fall is a time of change. Cool mornings encourage us to get ready for winter; the days are starting to get shorter. Animals are storing up food for the winter and birds are flying south. With all of the news about fuel prices, all of us are thinking about the winter and heating our homes and what we can do to be ready for the cold weather that's coming.

Sometimes referring to a *season* can mean a length of time. We go through seasons with our relationships, families, jobs, children, and God. When we reflect on this summer, were there times of hurt, sickness, or pain? Is it time to apologize to someone close to us? Is it time to give up the drugs? Are we thinking about what we have to do to be ready for our next season? Is it time for you to ask Jesus into your heart? Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tells us there is a time for all the seasons in our lives. (You know the words of this verse from the 60s song "Turn, Turn, Turn" by The Byrds.) If you have any doubts what the season is in your life, now should be the season for you to make a change!

If you have any questions, ask any Christian biker at your next rally or contact one of us. The State Coordinator for Missouri is Jim (Becky) Oliver, 636-332-6814, oliver8050@aol.com; and the Illinois State Coordinator is Don (Vicky) Brown, 217-629-8938, vdBrown77@aol.com. For more information about CMA, you can contact either of the above or call me at 314-434-2282.




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St. Louis, MO (October 11, 2005) – **Surdyke Harley-Davidson in Festus, Gateway To The West Harley-Davidson in South County, and Dale's Harley-Davidson in Mount Vernon, IL**, have teamed-up with Emmis Communications to raise money for St. Patrick Center in St. Louis, a local organization providing relief to Hurricane Katrina victims. The fundraiser consists of a raffle for a black 2006 Harley-Davidson FXDI Dyna Super Glide along with an additional collector's gas tank, autographed by the 2005 St. Louis Cardinals. 2000 tickets will be sold for \$50 a ticket in an effort to raise \$100,000. 100% of the raffle money is being donated to St. Patrick Center. The raffle ends when all the tickets are sold or December 24, 2005, which ever comes first. All three Harley-Davidson stores are ticket sale outlets for the raffle. Tickets will also be available at various Emmis Communications supported events as well as online at www.gatewayhd.com.

Gary Surdyke, owner and president off all three Harley-Davidson dealerships, states, "I just can't imagine what these people have gone through. The trauma, property damage, and loss of life. We know that a lot of these folk's lives are changed forever because of this disaster. This is the best way I felt we could help raise \$100,000 to try and get some of these people back on their feet again."

Money raised will go to St. Patrick Center, a Catholic charity located in St. Louis. They are providing a variety of assistance for Hurricane Katrina victims, including:

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Brothers Helping Brothers by Kim Kirgan



We have all seen the carnage and destruction left in the path of hurricane Katrina.

I recently attended a benefit party hosted by the El Forestero M.C. of St. Louis for their brothers in the Galloping Goose M.C. in New Orleans.

They had a really good turnout. People and other clubs from all over came to show their support. The beer was cold, company was unsurpassed, and the music was provided by The Night Owls. The first set they did was all about New Orleans.

I have the honor to have known these guys my entire adult life, but this time—instead of being greeted with smiles and happy hugs—I saw sadness and heavy hearts full of despair. What we have been seeing on TV is nothing. I am here to tell you, the pictures I saw cannot be described in words. The stories I was told cannot be imagined. I saw a picture of a pole that had an electric meter on it, with a sheet wrapped around the pole. Nothing else in sight. Butch said to me, “See the sheet? That is what we have left of our home. It’s the sheet off our

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“What about Red Cross,” you ask? Unfortunately, they can give each family only so much. How do you replace everything from silverware to furniture on \$2000? It’s barely enough to survive on until you can get a job (if you can find one—most of the places were blown away).

It will take years for the Gulf Coast to be right again. We live in the Show-Me State, so let’s band together as bikers coming to their brothers’ aid. Several items are up for sale to help these people, plus monetary donations are really needed. For more information you can call:

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A.B.A.T.E

Backroads Chapter - Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at Pop-a-Tops in Ellis Grove, IL. on Rt. 3 for more information please email shev@egyptian.net

St. Clair Co meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month - 7 p.m., at the Fairview Hts. Elks Club, corner of Old Lincoln Trail and Hwy. 161, Fairview Hts. IL.

Peo-Taz Chapter – visit www.peo-taz.org for more info

Piasa-Gateway Chapter - chapter meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. Our meetings are held at the Edwardsville V.F.W. Post 1299. The Edwardsville V.F.W. is located 7108 Marine Rd., Rte. 143 East, Edwardsville, Illinois.

Missouri Chapter – Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the V.F.W. 10817 Midland, St. Louis, MO for more info email webmaster@abateformissouri.com.

Great River Chapter – Meetings the second Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM sites vary for more info email greatriverabate@msn.com.

American Cruisers - meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at Bobeck's in Waterloo, IL. at 9:00 a.m email tats@htc.net for more info

Bikers Against Child Abuse: East Missouri Chapter Meets on the third Sunday of every month At the Knights of Columbus hall on McMenamy road, off of HWY 70 and MidRivers Mall Drive At 10:00 am, all bikers and bikes are welcome Call toll free 877-773-8790 or visit our website www.bacausa.com

Bootleggers MC - welcomes all brands of bikes monthly meeting First Saturday of the month Lon Bishop (Pup) Pres 251-6160. Please call this number for further information.

BROTHERS OF THE THIRD WHEEL, GATEWAY CHAPTER meets the Second Saturday of the month at 2:30 PM at Good Times Tavern, 200 N Main St, Dupo, IL; please check the web site

for details. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BTW-STL-MO/>

Christian Motorcycle Assn: (CMA) 2nd Thurs 7:30pm, Fire Mountain, 8925 Watson Rd., Crestwood, MO. Call Jim at 314-434-2282

Cross Road Riders Meetings on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Union, MO public library, just off of Highway 50. Contact Lonnie Stallmann at 636-583-4871, llscmaer@hotmail.com or Phil Tolliver at 636-239-4055 or ptolliver001@charter.net

Good News Riders 2nd Thurs 7:30 PM Ryan's 8925 Watson Crestwood, MO. Call 636 296 3120 TTP://midwestrider.com/goodnews.jpg.

Servant Riders – meetings on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at *Bully's Smoke House, 4204 W. Main St. Belleville, IL.* All are welcome Roger Snyder (618-233-3443) e-mail: cmariders@compu-type.net.

Semo Son Riders - www.cmausa.org

Chouteau Island Partners (Off Road MC Group) 1st Thursday of month HTTP://w.icss.net/~squirts/island.htm Look for Tom Downing through the web site.

Cycle Disciples St.Louis Chapter – for more info please visit the following websites

www.geocities.com/griz50/CycleDisciplesSTL.html
www.cycledisciples.com/html/st_louis.html

Dream Weavers Motorcycle Club – meetings 1st Thursday of the month at the Woodriver VFW at 7 PM visit geocities.com/dreamweavers for more info.

Euro Motor Union of Greater St. Louis: meetings are held at 7:30 pm 1st Tues Sports Page Inn, Old Rte. 3 South of Dupo IL. (314) 994 1257

Freedom of Road Riders:

Local 20 – meetings last Sunday of the month 1 PM at Dexter, MO Eagles Hwy 25 North www.angelfire/mo2/roadriders

Local 24 - Meetings 2nd Weds of the month, 7:30pm at VFW Hall, 10817 Midland, St. Louis, MO

Local 25 - meetings the 4th Thursday 7:00 PM at the American Legion Hall in "Old Town St. Peters, MO" (636) 278-5910.

Local 32 - Meetings first Sunday of the month 1 pm, at LeeBo's Roadhouse Highway 84 East, Caruthersville, MO

Local 34 – meetings third Weds of the month at Bullwinkle's Pub Hwys T and 60 East Poplar Bluff, MO www.forr34.org

Local 35 – Meetings on the 3rd Sat of the month at the American Legion Hall in Artesian Park Clinton, MO at 5:00 PM

Local 38 - meetings the 1st Sunday of the month 11:30 AM at TJ'S Bar & Grill Hwys 61/67 & Z in Pevely, MO (636) 464-2941.

Local 42 - meetings the last Weds of the month 6:30 PM at Roadhouse 100, 2763 Hwy 100, Gray Summit, MO 636-629-1390.

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association GWRRA Have various meeting locations in the Metro St. Louis Area. Check out the one nearest you at www.stlouisgwrra.homestead.com

Heartland WOW, meetings are the 4th Weds of the month at 7:00 PM at the Prairie Commons Branch 915 Utz Ln., St. Louis MO. For more info see their website at www.heartlandwow.org.

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Illinois Motorcyclists Rights Association - an organization that concentrates on the street riders' rights Website is ilmotorcyclists.org

LOMA (Lake Ozark Motorcycle Association) Events/Rides Hotline (573) 480-7433

Marion Roadrunners Riders Group – an all bike, rider group that gets together on Sundays and rides, meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Eagles Hall in Marion, IL. The meetings are open to every one. More info as well as events are available on their web site www.marionroadrunners.com.

MidSouth Riders - Northwest Tennessee www.midsouthriders.com

Midwest Trail Riders Assn. Email mtra@ridemtra.com www.ridemtra.com Event hotline (314) 314 434 5095

Midwest Cafe Racing Assn-Ride Line (314) 481 8078 Email Rideline@mcraracing.com or www.mcraracing.com

Missouri Road Dogs - Sikeston, MO, e-mail Moroaddog@aol.com for more information

Norton Owners Club -Interested parties can contact me directly at my address shurst01@mail.win.org or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gnoa>

Outlanders – All motorcycle brand, family oriented org promoting fun events without negative attitudes, drugs or alcohol. Meetings are the last Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM at the TRY Club, 655 Berkshire, East Alton, IL.

Reelfoot Lake Night Riders - Tipton, TN www.reelfootlakenightriders.com

River Road Riders, All Brand Motorcycle Club meetings are held the 2nd Weds of the month at the Alton Sports Tap 7:00 PM
Road Raptors Riding Club meets at Fairview Heights, IL VFW Hall on Rte. 159 at 7:00 PM first Wednesday of the month all bike brands welcome, for additional club information. <http://www.r3c.org>

Road Riders for Jesus Chapter 5 - Meetings 3rd Thursday of each month at Alphonzo's 2 Schibert Ct. in Maryville IL. We eat at 6:30 PM and start meeting at 7:00 PM. All bikes welcome. Web site: <http://www.roadridersforjesus.org/>

Road Riders for Jesus Belleville Chapter- Belleville Chapter, meets every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm, Meeting starts at 7:00pm. at Crehan's Irish Pub 6413 West Main Street Belleville, Illinois For more info contact Glenn "Hogdaddy" Grigsby at 618-972-5875

Road Riders for Jesus (RRJ) Waterloo Chapter meets 1st Tuesday of each month at Arby's, 721 N. Market St. Waterloo IL. We eat at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. For more information see website www.roadridersforjesus.org

Road Rebels Riding Club – An all brand riding club, for more info about the club email President Rick "Grumpy" White roadrebelgrump@yahoo.com or 618-972-4951

Shadow Riders of Greater St. Louis MO. WWW.Shadowriders-stl.com meet on 4th Tues of month at Manchester Elks lodge at 7pm (314) 477 9976 ext 772.

Southern Breed Kennett, MO Chapter – For info visit www.southernbreed.com.

Southern Cruisers Chapter 47 – St Louis, MO E-Mail - john.platten@swbell.net for more info.

Columbia Chapter – visit the website www.southerncruisers.net or email midlam69@aol.com

Southern Illinois Star Riders meet the first Sunday of each month in Collinsville, IL. Contact wizardandangel@yahoo.com or visit autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/southernillinoisstarriders/

Southwest Illinois Ronin Riding Club – meets the 1st Saturday of each month at Noon at various area locations. Ride follows monthly meeting. This is an all-brand riding club, call Bonedaddy @ 618-696-7768 or Trainwreck @ 618-973-6405 for meeting location or more information. http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SW_Illinois_Ronin_RC/

St Louis Motorcycle Club meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at Goff-Moll American Legion Hall, 2721 Collier, Brentwood, MO. Meeting time is 7:30 PM and all are welcome call (314) 771-7100 or visit www.yahoo.com/group/STLMC for more info.

Vendetta's M/C, Bootheel Chapter - P.O. Box 831, Doniphan, MO 63935

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Bourbeuse Vally HOG Chapter 2nd Sunday of the month, 10:30 AM at Bourbeuse Valley Harley-Davidson 1418 Hwy AT, Viila Rodge meets inside the old store call (636) 451-0106 for more info or directions.

Festus Mo. HOG Chapter 1st Wed of month, 7:30 at Surdyke Harley Davidson 2435 Highway 67, Festus, MO. Please call the dealership for more info (636) 931 8700.

Gateway to the West HOG Chapter 3rd Thurs of the month 8:00 PM at Gateway to the West Harley Davidson, 3600 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis, MO, LOH meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Blarney Stone 4333 Telegraph Rd. at 7:30 PM for more info go to www.gatewayhog.org.

Kirkwood Mo. Chapter 2nd Tuesday of the month at Goff-Moll American Legion Hall, 2721 Collier, Brentwood, MO. The LOH meeting is held at Culpeppers, 312 S Kirkwood, Kirkwood, MO on the first Thursday of month. Everyone is welcome. Contact (314) 544 HAUG or www.Kirkwoodhog.com.

River Roads HOG Chapter 1st Wednesday of the month. 6pm Social / 7pm Business Meetings alternate between TNT Action Sports (Chapter Sponsor at 5101 Oak Street, Quincy) and Tri-State area establishments. For more info www.rrchog.com or call 217.224.1004

St Charles HOG Chapter: 3rd Tues of the month 7 pm at St. Charles Moose Lodge 2705 Interstate 70 or visit www.stcharleshog.com or email webmaster@stcharleshog.com .

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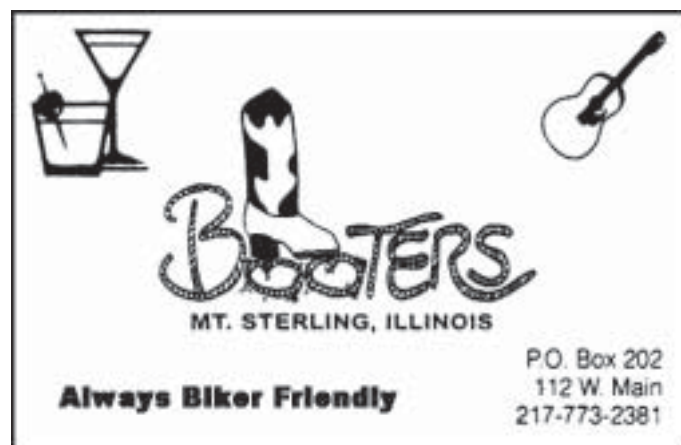
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S&S Pro Tuning by Brian Dillender



As an employee of **Gateway Big Dog St. Louis**, I was recently given the opportunity to attend a Pro Tuning certification course at the new S&S certification and training facility in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The three other people attending this class consisted of Greg Kottman and Tom Ivanzic (owners of Gateway) and Ryan Dubbs (technician at Gateway). To say I was honored to be part of the second class in the country to be certified at this new facility would be an understatement.



The week-long class provides S&S VFI and S&S Sidewinder motor training. Shop certification is achieved when two or more technicians have completed this course; the shop is also required to be equipped with the proper tooling and a dynamometer. The course starts literally from the bottom end up. The first 3 days are spent balancing flywheels, installing an S&S 116-inch kit into a Twin Cam, discussing carburetors, oiling systems, precision measuring,

and performing various other hands-on motor work. The final 2 days are focused on fuel injection and proper tuning procedures. All of the tuning and performance verification is done on their SuperFlow dynamometers.



While at the course, I was given the chance to tour the S&S manufacturing facilities and museum in Viola, Wisconsin, just 1 hour away from the LaCrosse training and warehouse center. The museum had many displays that a true enthusiast could appreciate. The 145-inch tribute bikes were top notch, and the very first 200 m.p.h. V-Twin was something to see, but my favorite items in the museum would have to be the mill and lathe sitting at the far wall. Both have been retired from duty. The lathe belonged to George Smith (founder of S&S) and the mill belonged to Floyd Baker (longtime family friend, first S&S employee, and master machinist). It was apparent that both men are held in the highest regard by the staff at S&S, especially when our instructor Jon “Opee” Olson told us their history. Let me just say that it’s nice to see grassroots tradition still alive in America today!



The manufacturing facility is high-tech and hands-on. According to our guide and instructor Opee, they do all their work in-house except for casting, chroming, or polishing. As he showed us around, I couldn't help but be impressed by the commitment and pride of the employees I encountered. It's no wonder why all of the largest custom motorcycle manufacturers use their products. These guys know their business and like they say, "Every industry has a leader"! I have personally seen the trials they put their motors through, and to describe them as bulletproof would be pretty accurate.

Well, after hanging out with these guys for a week, I can positively tell you that they love to go fast! And after 47 years in the go-fast business I don't expect them to slow down anytime soon. Getting a chance to learn from the guys at S&S was by far one of the highlights of my career in the motorcycle industry.

I recommend you check out their website (www.sscycle.com) for the latest product news and company history.



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29th Skyriders/Red Knights 1 Halloween Dance - 7 PM-12 AM at the Skyriders Clubhouse in Livingston, IL.

November

5th – Frank's First Alarm 1st Annual Washer Tournament – at Frank's First Alarm 7800 Virginia St Louis, MO
\$25 team entry fee, there will also be food, fun and karaoke.

5th – Wild Bills' 2nd Annual Chile Cook-off – at Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton, IL 10 AM to 3 PM come out and eat some chile and check out the hot pdeals Ted's has to offer.

5th Gateway to the West Veteran's Day Parade – contact dealership for details.

6th Belleville Enduro Team Charity Hare Scramble – gates open at 8 AM bring a toy or a donation all proceeds will benefit local charities.

6th – FORR Local 42 Toy Run – sign up 11 to 12:30 at Roadhouse 100 on Hwy 100 in Grey Summit, MO

6th – FORR Local 25 Toy Run – contact Local 25 for more info

12th – Gateway Challenge Cup – Gateway International Raceway Granite City, IL this is an East Vs West Challenge Bike and Car Show plus an opportunity to run the track at Gateway and it benefits the March of Dimes.

12th Veteran's Benefit – at the KC Hall 100 East 5th St in Cahokia, IL \$20 per person gets you soda, beer attendance prizes a chicken dinner entertainment and 50/50 raffles all monies raised will benefit St Louis region Vets

12th Road Raptors & VFW 1st Annual Chicken Dance – 7 PM til ??? at VFW Post 8677 5325 N Illinois St,

19th – Black Jack Leather Open House Sale – 20% to 70% savings on items at both locations.

19th Salty Dawgs Special Olympics Dance – at the KC Hall in Bethalto, IL from 8 to midnight.

19th Gateway to the West Christmas Pre-Sale and Fashion Show – contact dealership for details

20th Gallagher's Getaway End of the Season Nascar Party – at Gallaghers in Freeburg, IL race starts at 4:10 prizes, drink specials and ham and beans.

23rd Gallagher's Getaway Thanksgiving Party – at Gallaghers in Freeburg, IL 8 to mid-night music by Kevin Heim wings, jello shots and fun.

23rd TJ'S Thanksgiving Eve Wild Turkey Party – at TJ's Bar and Grill hwys 61/67 and Z in Pevely, MO call (636) 475 – 3648 for details.

25th – 27th Gateway, Dale's and Surdyke biggest Sale of the Year

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Weekly Events

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Tues Two Wheel Tuesday on the Speed Channel

Bike Night every Tuesday at Fairview Heights Show-Me's 200 Lincoln Highway

Weds **Bike Night First Wednesday of the month at Riskys at the Lake of the Ozarks**

Biker Night at Jack's IronHorse on St Charles Rock Rd w/The Stacy Collins Band

1st Weds of the month dinner ride leaves from Hot Bike of Quincy at 6 PM

Thurs **Hard Riders weekly ride call their hotline for starting point (314) 340-2000**

Bike Night every Thursday at St Charles Show-Me's 2795 Veteran's Memorial Pkwy

Sat Ride starting at Mini Ha-Ha Beach on Old Gravois in Fenton meet at 11 AM

Sun **Bike Day at The Club at Falling Springs in Dupo, IL live afternoon jam session**

Jokes of the Month

I was a very happy person. My wonderful girlfriend and I had been dating for over a year, and so we decided to get married. There was only one little thing bothering me. It was her beautiful younger sister.

My prospective sister-in-law was twenty-two, wore very tight mini-skirts, and generally was braless. She would regularly bend down when she was near me, and I always got more than a pleasant view of her private parts. It had to be deliberate. She never did it when she was near anyone else.

One day her “little” sister called and asked me to come over to check the wedding invitations. She was alone when I arrived, and she whispered to me that she had feelings and desires for me that she couldn’t overcome. She told me that she wanted to make love to me just once before I got married and committed my life to her sister. Well, I was in total shock, and couldn’t say a word. She said, “I’m going upstairs to my bedroom, and if you want one last wild fling, just come up and get me.”

I was stunned and frozen in shock as I watched her go up the stairs. When she reached the top she pulled off her panties and threw them down the stairs at me. I stood there for a moment, then turned and made a beeline straight to the front door. I opened the door, and headed straight towards my car. Lo and behold, my entire future family was standing outside, all clapping! With tears in his eyes, my father-in-law hugged me and said, “We are very happy that you have passed our little test. We couldn’t ask for better man for our daughter. Welcome to the family.”

And the moral of this story is: Always keep your condoms in your car!

Know a good joke send it to us at jokes@thebikinglife.com and we will print it





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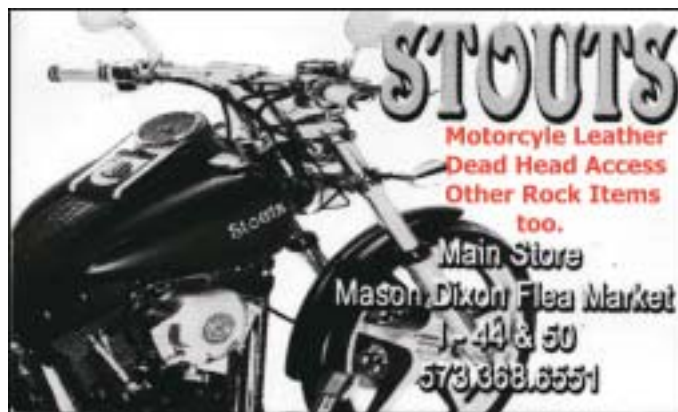
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Popeye Bike Show is Tough to the Finish by Rob “Bobo” Belinsky



September 11 was the date of the Third Annual Moof's Bike Show, which was also the Second Annual Popeye Bike Show. This event started out 3 years ago because of a goof on the part of *The Biking Life* that led to us offering to host a bike show at **Moof's**. Jimmy, the bar's owner, liked the idea and we were lucky to get a great day in November for that one. We decided to stage the next year's show during the Chester, Illinois, Popeye Festival. This year the publisher of this magazine screwed up, but in spite of him, this event was another big success.



The preparation for this event was evident in the way things ran so smoothly. The host circulated around the bar, spreading his charm amongst the participants and spectators. While he was doing this, Ron Picou was spinning the tunes as DJ for the afternoon. This year's event had more entries than ever before, and more spectators also. This rapidly growing bike show is destined to become the premier fall motorcycle show in the area. Moof's is an awesome spot on top of the bluff in Chester, overlooking the

Mississippi River.

This year's winners were:

Dresser—Roger Reese and his very sharp Screaming Eagle Dresser

Trike—Diane Keith and her 39 Flathead

Custom—Kim Wittenborn's cool 04 Rigid

Antique—Melvin Durr and his 1951 Indian Brave

Stock—Ray McConachie and his Harley-Davidson Softtail

Sportster—Johnny Little

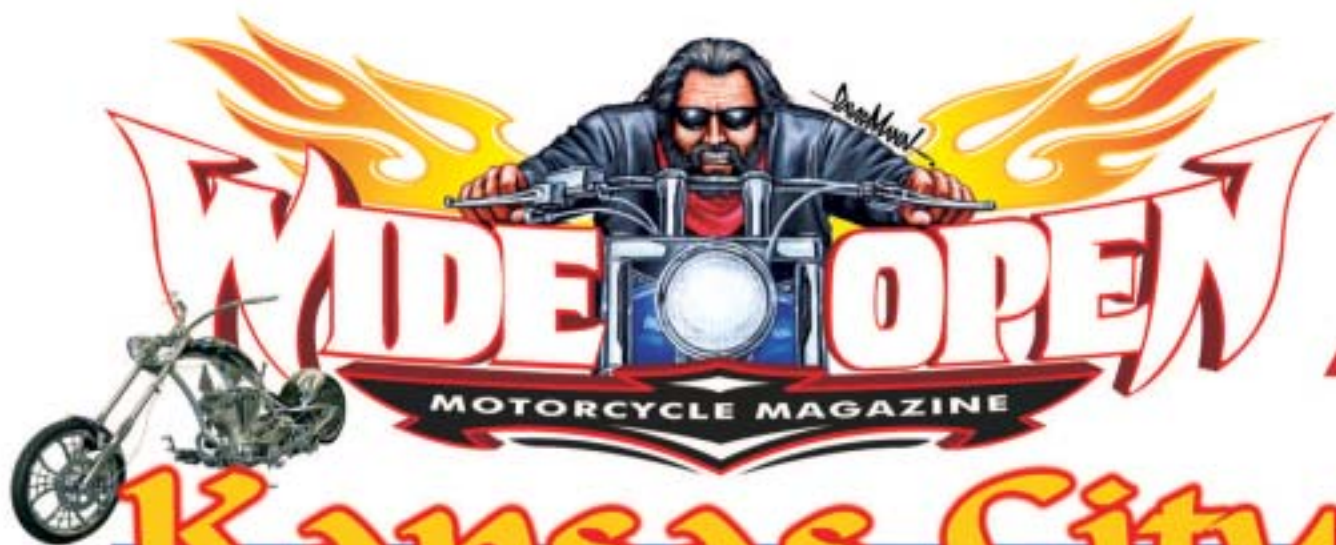
Foreign—Larry Bert and his 76 Kawasaki 900 LTD

Best of Show—Richard Lewis and his Harley-Davidson FatBoy

Oh, and the gorgeous Trophy Girls were Kellie Wingerter and Mandy Flokapple. (I hope I spelled those right!)

This is a great show and Chester is a nice ride from anywhere in our reading area, so plan to attend the Fourth Annual Bike Show on the second Sunday of next September. However, don't wait that long to visit Jimmy and the friendly staff at Moof's.





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Star Riders Annual Fall Poker Run by Wizard

Finally the day had arrived. Six months of planning and preparation were invested and we were about to find out whether our efforts would pay off. No rain was in the forecast, so all systems were “go.” We met at 9:00 AM to set up the parking lot, get vendors in their places, unload everything, and set up the registration table inside. Angel and I arrived at Wild Country in Collinsville, Illinois, to find that our brothers and sisters had already got the parking lot set up, so the event was already ahead of schedule. Joker had the vendors setting up in their assigned spots, so we grabbed a hot and delicious breakfast burrito and went over the game plan with the rest of the club. A large group of our friends from B.A.C.A. came rolling in with their trailer in tow, ready for a day of fun, work, and camaraderie. Hugh, one of the owners of Wild Country, arrived and opened the door for us; now it was really time to get busy. We had half an hour before registration started and lots to unload and set up, so everyone pitched in.

Before we knew it, it was 11:00 and people began to roll in. At first it was just a few people, and I started to worry a little. In the past we always had many people show up early. However, it wasn't long before my fears were put to rest; people started arriving in groups and we sold poker hands like they were going out of style. I enjoy working registration at our runs so that I can greet everyone who comes in. It was great to see old friends, renew acquaintances, and meet new people as they came in. Everyone seemed to be in a festive mood and ready for some riding and socializing. People seemed to be particularly generous this year: many, many poker hands, raffle tickets, and 50/50 tickets were purchased. When registration started slowing down, I was pulled aside by Grumpy, who is the president of the Road Rebels Riding Club and a good friend of mine. He presented me with a \$200 cash donation for B.A.C.A. I was blown away! It never ceases to amaze me how generous and caring everyone is when it comes to helping kids.

Our guy Pilot was busy getting the bike show contestants set up. Some very cool bikes were on display, including a mini chopper built by 5-year-old Tyler White and his grandpa. We got a few late arrivals squared away, and then finally I was able to get out and ride a little. I felt bad for the people who had to stay behind and prepare for the evening's events, but stops needed to be closed and I felt it was my duty to get out there and get it done.

Things were winding down when I got to Brewer's in Lebanon, Illinois, but after visiting with a few people, I

found out that the place had been packed to the gills earlier in the day and everyone had a good time. It was time to move on, so some of the B.A.C.A. people and I mounted up and headed for Jailhouse Rock in Trenton, Illinois. Things were about the same there, so we visited for a few minutes, then closed it up and took off for the Dew Drop Inn in St. Jacob, Illinois. When we got there, the place was still hopping, so it was a good opportunity to visit with people and see how everything was going. Everyone seemed to be having a helluva good time, and I got to talk to lots of people. It was pretty hot outside, but the ice-cold beer kept things bearable while we were stopped.

The next stop was Scottie's in Hamel, Illinois, but due to time constraints, I had to skip that one. Our people there had nothing but good things to say about that stop, though—they put out a great spread of free food, had a bar and portacans set up outside, and went out of their way to make sure everyone was comfortable and had a good time. I hoped to run into a big crowd, and when we got to Laurie's Place in Edwardsville, Illinois, I wasn't disappointed. The parking lot was full of bikes and people were still trying to get in. We squeezed through the doorway and it was wall-to-wall people inside. Now this was more like it! I got to visit with lots of old friends and make some new friends, too. I had a chance to visit with Scott and Julia Mathis, who came all the way from Michigan for our run. Considering the crowd at Laurie's, the staff there did a great job of keeping everyone watered and taken care of. Laurie Chavez, the owner, also made a sizeable contribution to B.A.C.A. You rock, Laurie! Time was starting to get short, so I said my goodbyes and mounted up with a group of friends to head back to Wild Country. It wasn't quite as hot now and the ride back felt great.



Upon arriving back at Wild Country, I could see that lots of people were already there and ready for the evening's festivities. I checked back in with my club and saw that they and B.A.C.A. had everything under control and were all set up. It's a pleasure to work with people who are so well organized and motivated. There wasn't much left to do but wait for everyone to get back, so I just tried to take it all in as the place filled with people. I was really pleased

with how many generous people showed up and how well things were going. The last groups of people trickled in, and it was almost time to start with the awards and attendance prizes. Things started to get loud as hundreds of people partied and anticipation grew for the evening's events. I felt nervous and excited and was just about shaking when I finally got word that everyone was in and we could start.

Time to rock! I turned on the mic and gave the brothers and sisters a hearty greeting which was rewarded with a loud response. After a little banter with the crowd, I turned serious for a moment to remember a fallen brother, Robert "Doc" Gallion, who had lost his life on July 4 in an accident. I was touched—I could see how many friends he had in the crowd and how respectful even those who didn't know him were.

We had a lot to do and not much time to do it, so we got back to business by announcing the winning hands and bike show winners. Our sponsors were very generous again this year and we had more than 200 gift bags to pass out, along with many gift certificates, sports tickets (including Rams tickets donated by *The Biking Life*), and some great merchandise. We were pulling cards and calling out names as fast as we could as the lucky winners came out to the dance floor to get their prizes. This went on for more than an hour, and I didn't think we were *ever* going to run out of stuff to give away. Finally, we got to the end of it and called out the winners of the raffles and 50/50 drawing. I can't remember the name of the gentleman who won the 50/50, but he generously donated \$190 of his winnings back to B.A.C.A.

I couldn't possibly thank everyone here who contributed to our event, but we are very grateful to Wild Country for providing a cool, roomy, and comfortable venue. Thanks to all of our stops for taking good care of our participants, thanks to our sponsors who donated so many attendance prizes and cash, and most of all, thanks to the generous and fun people who participated in our event and helped us raise money to help abused children. We're hoping to be back at Wild Country next year with an event that will be bigger and better than ever. Hope to see y'all there.



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Harry Cooper Jr. also known as "J.R." passed away this past September 23. He was born July 11, 1980. He is survived by his wife Kristie, and two daughters Kylee and Kimberlie, along with a tremendous amount of friends and family. He lived a very full and happy life for as short as it was. He loved riding motorcycles and 4-wheeling. He was a wonderful man and will be truly missed. The family is working on setting up benefits to help the children so keep an eye open for them and give them your support however you can.



In September Gary and Marcia Tyler renewed their vows. This happy couple was celebrating 20 years of wedded bliss. The event was held at the Columbia, IL Sportsmen Club and was attended by many of this couple's family and friends. A good time was had by all except when Gary decided he could sing and karaoked. You can visit Gary at this Chopper Chairs shop and wish him and his bride congratulations.

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Days of HOGs and Roses by Jim Furey

The City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, stepped up in a big way as the host city for the 2005 Missouri State HOG Rally. The “City of Roses” (not to be confused with the site of the Annual Rose Bowl in California) rolled out the red carpet to all the Harley riders in attendance. The Show-Me Center, which is part of the Southeast Missouri University (my alma mater) complex, was an awesome main center of activity for this event.



On Thursday evening, HOG members from all over the state started arriving in town. Different Chapters had their individual headquarter locations at various hotels in the area. The very full event calendar began in earnest on Friday: registration opened at 9 AM and the festivities were on. The opening ceremonies took place at 10:30 at the Show-Me Center and were presided over by the State HOG Officers. Several rides and a Strolling Dice Roll through downtown Cape Girardeau were just a few of the good times.

Friday afternoon brought a Ride-In Bike Show, and I

know of at least one local rider who wasn't pleased with the outcome. The competition for the top HOG Chapter in the state is based not only on the numbers that come to the convention but also on how many of a chapter's members participate in events. On Friday night I caught up with some of the members of the Kirkwood HOG Chapter at their headquarter hotel, and they were having big fun. This Chapter is very active and always a fun bunch to hang out with.

Saturday began with me getting up early to check out the HOG Chapters picture sessions. I was lucky enough to be there when my friends from the Kirkwood HOG Chapter and another group I like—the Gateway to the West Chapter—were being photographed. After that I set off for some of the other centers of activity, including Minor's Harley-Davidson (which was not only a stop on a run but a great place to get that t-shirt commemorating one's visit to Cape Girardeau). After visiting briefly with some of the friendly folks there, it was time to visit another hive of activity, American Rebel Motorcycle. Although they are not a Harley dealer, they were not left out of the festivities. They had food, a bike raffle, and live music by a rocking band called Nebulous. That alone was pretty awesome, but they also had Discovery Channel World Bike Build-Off Champion Joe Martin of Martin Brothers Bikes on site. I left reluctantly, deciding that I had to see the parade of bikes that evening. The bikes rode through town and ended up downtown.

It was awesome to see all the various Chapters so well represented by their members and some very sharp bikes too. I was lucky enough to get a seat at a table with Belleville's own Jim Leuder to enjoy the show. The





parade was followed by a street party that culminated with performances by Jim Dandy and Black Oak Arkansas. The music was good and just the kind of classic rock most bikers dig. This is not the first time that Cape Girardeau has been the host city for this event, and from all the great comments I heard I'm sure it will not

be the last. Oh, by the way: next year's Rally will be in St. Charles, Missouri, and **Doc's Harley-Davidson** will be the host dealership.



Rat Ride 2005

By Jim Furey

The Annual Party known as the Rat Ride took place on October 2nd and it was huge. The bikers were entertained first by Johnny Rock-itt and later by their own on the street out front. There is much I could say about it and I will say this.

Jack's Iron Horse on St Charles Rock Road had some awesome looking t-shirts made up for the event. If you forgot to get yours during the event or decided later you wanted one. I'll bet if you asked real nice and had some cash you might be able to get one at the bar. Jack's is a great place to stop in and enjoy a cold beverage and there is something going on there all the time.



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