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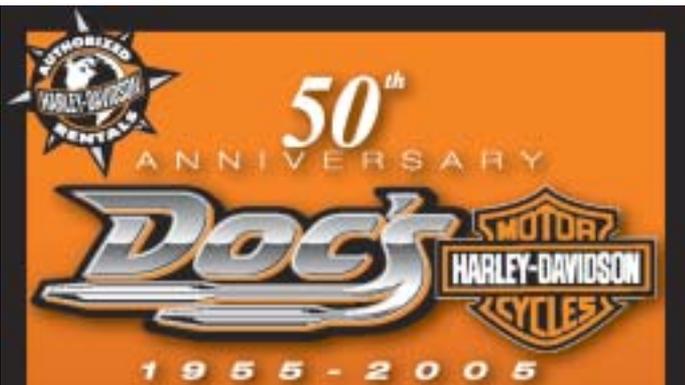
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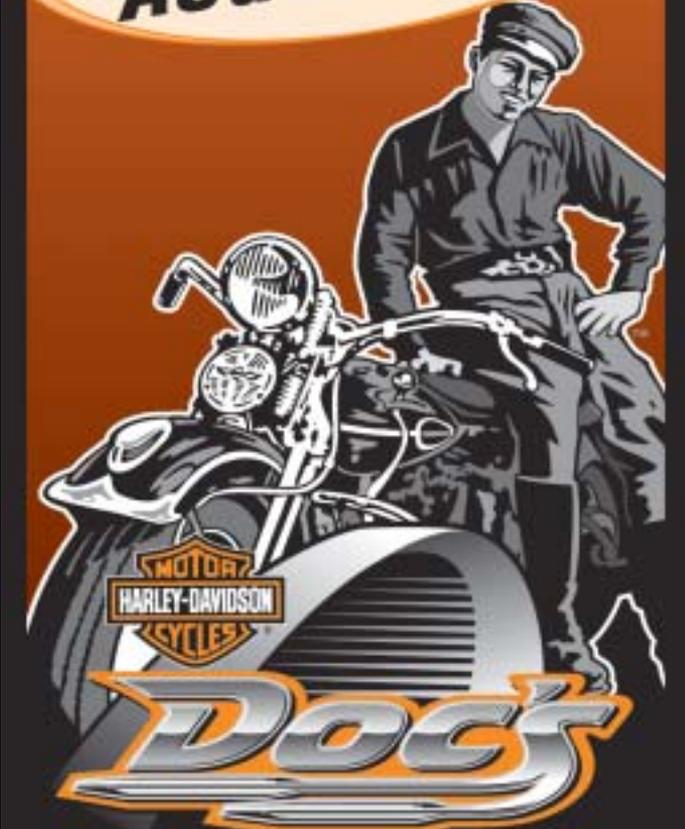
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Letter From the Publisher by Jim Furey



Not long after I started this magazine I wrote a letter, a lady approached me later and said I had been very harsh to one of her friends, who was the Mayor of Belleville, IL at the time. My retort was that my letter had been successful since here two people were discussing what I had written. She did start me to wondering so I reread what had been written. I found out that the lady was right I had been pretty harsh in the tone with which I had made my points. Something which hadn't happened since but to set things right I admit now that I was indeed harsh.

Whew that probably won't happen again, that was painful. It is August and many of you are preparing to leave for Sturgis. I wish you all a safe and fun filled trip. Hopefully, I'll run into some of you, our readers there. At present my travel plans are not fully hashed out but I feel the urge to go so probably will.

The end of June and the first part of July have kept us here at the magazine running. I have seen and hung out with many of you some at the Bike Nights at Show-Me's in Fairview Heights, IL and some at the one in St. Charles, MO. Others I have seen at runs or bike shows. Thanks to all who tell me how much they like the book and those of you who don't like it, don't be shy tell me what we can do to improve and I will consider your suggestions. I got my bike back from the shop and it is looking good stop out at one of our events and check it out.

There has been a lot of fun so far but unfortunately there have also been some tragic moments as well. I have restarted the Headlights/Taillight column this month. If you want someone remembered or to let the readers know about something good let us know.

Some things are unavoidable they are just part of life but others like those huge metal machines on four wheels can be avoided. So please be safe when you are out riding I want you to be able to read the next issue. Till then take care and keep the shiny side up.



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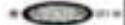
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Another Day in Paradise by Jim Furey

It is Saturday, June 18th, I'm leaving for the largest custom motorcycle dealership in the area for their annual open house. That would be, of course, **Biker's Paradise** at 17409 Chesterfield Airport Road. Bob and Cindy Blanton really do a great job; they have a fantastic shop where they have some very sharp custom motorcycles from American Ironhorse, Vengeance, Swift, APC Saxon and Redhorse. They also have one of the area's largest selections of motorcycle leathers and some really sharp clothing lines. This shop also stocks a wide assortment of parts and accessories to make your scoot your own. While they always have great values, during their open house, you can really find some excellent deals as they run storewide discounts throughout. Just that would certainly make it an event worth attending! However, they go beyond that by providing a smoke wagon where they have free barbeque all day long, and also free ice cream. I got to admit man, I took advantage of the free barbeque and ice cream. It was good stuff!!! There were also free airbrush tattoos for those of us not old or perhaps bold enough to get a real one yet. They had a live band, as well, that did a great job of keeping the crowd entertained. And there was a crowd throughout the time we were there as people came and went—a steady stream of people enjoying the hospitality of **Biker's Paradise** and having a just plain fun afternoon. If you haven't had an opportunity to check out **Biker's Paradise** yet, you really should. They have a bunch of awesome-looking motorcycles there and the clothing

they sell is very sharp; I've picked up several items there. The staff is very friendly and they go out of their way to try to make you feel at home which makes you want to do business there. You won't want to miss **Biker's Paradise** open house next year, but don't wait till then either—stop in and visit them now and see all that they can do for you.



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Bike Night...What's the Deal?

by Dennis "Henbo" Henley

Bike Night—what is it? What should it be? When and where is it? As a biker, I want a place to go where I can sit down, preferably outside, walk around a little, and talk to other bikers and look at other bikes. Camaraderie, friendship, and getting together to have a cold one is what it's all about.



Some places go all out, and others put up a sign offering food and drink specials. Both of those are OK with me. If you want a bike night that goes all out, go to Riskys in Camdenton on the first Wednesday of the month. This bike night features more than 200 bikes in eight different classes for show trophies, a loud pipe contest, a burnout, raffle, radio station, a beer tent set up on the lot, and good people. Go inside if you want some grub or to cool off. Mike the

manager and the local bike shops that sponsor it do it right. They supply the stuff to raffle and get the place set up several hours before bike night starts at 6 PM. I suppose that if they did it every week, they might not get the same crowd they do now. Still, Riskys gets it done right, and the bikers appreciate having such a great place to go. The proceeds go to The Rock House in Linn Creek.

Mexicali Blues across from Lake of the Ozarks Harley-Davidson is planning a bike night on the last Thursday of the month. Because it's just starting, it won't be on the scale of Riskys' bike night, but Chad has a great patio, good parking, and a DJ and will feature beer, margarita, and food specials. It'll be great to have another bike night where we can all get together in a different atmosphere. The Horny Toad has teamed up with Lake of the Ozarks Harley-Davidson for a bike night on the last Wednesday of the month. That one is on the lakeside, so you can watch all the little lake dollies struttin' their stuff on the docks. Good show there.





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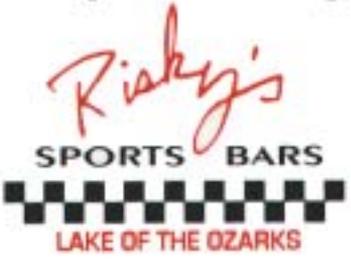
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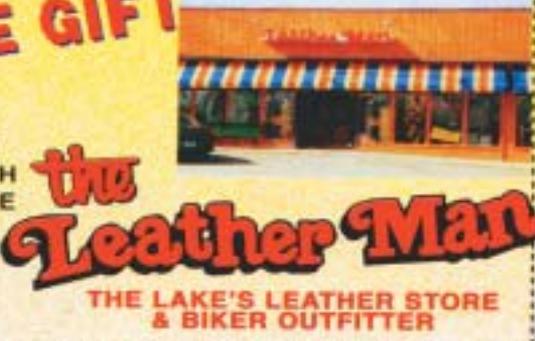
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News and Notes Around the Lake
by Dennis "Henbo" Henley

Lake of the Ozarks Harley-Davidson is celebrating their grand opening on Saturday, September 3, and Sunday, September 4. Joe Dirt will provide live music from noon until 4:00 on Saturday, and the Harley-Davidson traveling museum will be there on Saturday and Sunday. Free food and pop will be provided. They should have the 2006 models on display by then, too. This'll be a fun time on the Labor Day weekend.

Lake of the Ozarks Motorcycle Association (LOMA) is having a barbecue and raffle to benefit fallen bikers at **Custom Motorcycle Creations** on the strip the *last weekend in July (July 29-31)* starting on Friday at noon. This is short notice, but that stuff happens. A large contingent of bikers is coming in that weekend as well, and we thought that this would be a good time for the barbecue. Come by.

A big welcome to our new advertisers: **American Hog** in Osage Beach and **The Leather Man** on the strip in Lake Ozark. Both places are great stops in the Lake area and, more importantly, good people. You can pick up *The Biking Life* at both of these fine established businesses.

For almost a year now I have been taking this magazine into shops and bars here at the Lake. It takes time to establish yourself with businesses when they don't really know you. Maybe being a biker myself helps in establishing that trust with the good folks I speak with. *The Biking Life* has allowed me to meet and hang out with some great folks, and the by-product of pushing the magazine is that I have made good friends. Because we are a monthly magazine and I get the scoop on the local biking scene around the Lake for central Missouri bikers as well as St. Louis metro bikers, I get to see the local businesses and biking community fairly often. I hope they remember me when I go in and talk with them. The stories and news I write are for us, the riders at the Lake and in Missouri and Illinois. We are in about 20-plus places now and getting into more by the month. My thanks to **J.D. Kudart at Custom Motorcycle Creations; Dean at the Rock Island Line; Mike at The Leather Man; Bryan and Barbara at American Hog; Shirley at The Rail; Mike and Ken at Riskys; Derek, Jack, and Annette at Ozark Harley-Davidson and Lake of the Ozarks Harley-Davidson Shop; and Frank at Bikers Alley at the Lake.** Finally, thanks to those who let us place *The Biking Life* in their businesses. It's all for the bikers who come to their places...bikers like me and Jim, the publisher of this fine rag. Please visit our advertisers. They keep it all going.

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LOMA Run To St. Louis
by Dennis 'Henbo' Henley

Lake of the Ozarks Motorcycle Association (LOMA) members rode to St. Louis for the weekend of July 8. We started out taking the back roads and visiting little town bars along the way that I didn't think would even be open. However, it turns out that they were, and the owners and patrons loved it when we came in. On Saturday we took the ferry from Missouri to the Great River Road and from there to the Loading Dock, Fast Eddie's, and finally to Sho Me's. We rode back to the Lake on Sunday down Highway 50, enjoying the stops along the way. If you have time to ride and want to see some beautiful countryside on the way to the Lake, the Missouri back roads and Highways 50, 28, 63, and 42 offer some great riding and scenery. Wanna ride? The LOMA hot line is 573-480 RIDE (7433).



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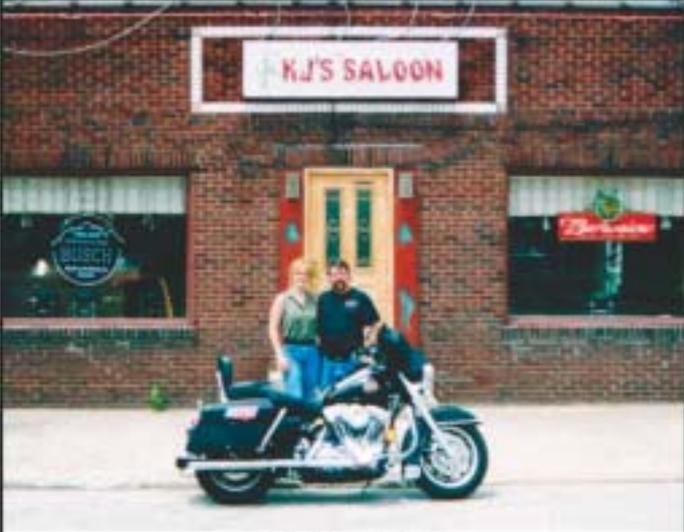
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Doc's Celebrates a Golden Anniversary **by Kay Mullen**

Most folks celebrate their 50th anniversaries with gold; Doc's Harley-Davidson at Big Bend and Lindbergh in Kirkwood, Missouri, celebrated theirs with rolling iron and shiny chrome.



Doc's threw their 50th anniversary bash on the weekend of June 3 and 4. Now, I've covered a lot of Doc's events, and the dealership always goes all-out to show their clientele a good time, but this was an extravaganza even for them. The lot filled to capacity quickly, and latecomers parked their rides on distant side streets to get to the fun. There were hundreds of people enjoying themselves at Doc's when I was there Saturday afternoon; the total number of people who helped Doc's celebrate its golden anniversary weekend probably numbered in the low thousands.

The guest list at the celebration was truly impressive. Jimmy Bedford was on hand to autograph 500 limited-edition Doc's 50th anniversary commemorative bottles of Jack Daniels single-barrel bourbon. Jean Davidson, the granddaughter of Walter Davidson, signed copies of her children's book *My Daddy Makes the Best Motorcycle in the Whole World—the Harley-Davidson*.

Not one but two nationally recognized artists displayed their amazing works. Dennis Jackson uses a pen and ink stippling effect to create incredibly detailed renderings of motorcycles and their riders. Jackson demonstrated his technique during the anniversary celebration. Scott Jacobs is the first officially licensed Harley-Davidson artist. He uses a photorealistic style to create paintings that look more like photographs than paintings. He counts famous bike lovers such as Jay Leno and Dan Aykroyd among those who have bought his paintings. Look for a more in-depth article about these talented artists in a future issue.

The Miller Girls, the Gateway Pit Crew Girls, and the Missouri Bikini Team circulated through the crowd. I'm sure one of our male writers could do the spectacle more justice than I have, but the ladies seemed to be greatly appreciated by many of the attendees. Another crowd-pleaser was the Rubber Duckie Bikini Poker Run.

Doc's was the one celebrating an anniversary, but the attendees were the ones receiving the gifts, in the form of Doc's Dice Discounts on a wide variety of merchandise from inside the huge store. Several local restaurants were on hand to refresh attendees with delicious and reasonably priced food and drink. K-Hits 96 FM did a live remote on Saturday, and live music was provided by Butch Wax and the Hollywoods, Quest, and Sharp-Dressed Man (a ZZ Top tribute band, if you hadn't already figured that out). Top Horsepower contests for American V-Twins were held on Friday and Saturday, with gift cards as well as bragging rights going to the winners. And, of course, a wide variety of vendors were on hand to display their wares. Doc's topped off their amazing celebration with a fireworks display on Saturday night.

Once again, Doc's has thrown a mega-event with its inimitable style. An event like this doesn't just happen—it was obvious to all those who attended how much work Doc's put into showing folks a good time. Here's to 50 more years and many more iron and chrome anniversaries.





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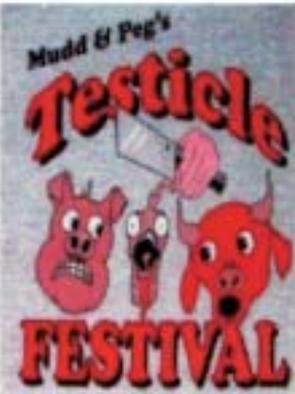
Why write about a local bar that's already well established? For starters, what was once a good place to hang out and put back a few beers has now changed ownership and will be geared even more towards the biking community. With the addition of a small order kitchen and an even larger back patio coming soon, you're sure to have a good time. The two dollar bottle and well drinks sure don't hurt either. When you walk into the Iron Horse Saloon you can see that the new owners are making big changes to the overall look and feel of the place inside and outside. If you haven't been there yet, I suggest you check it out. They are already rated by Hardridersstl.com as the #1 stop on their weekly Thursday night rides. The Iron Horse Saloon will be open Mon – Sat 7am – 1:30am and soon to be open on Sundays. Stop in and say hi to the new owners Mike Green and Teri Larrison.

In fact, some of you might have already seen Mike while competing in "No Holds Barred" fighting competitions around Missouri and other neighboring states for Finney's Kickboxing. If not, I strongly recommend it. I have been to several of these fighting events put on by Shamrock Promotions and they do not disappoint!

Mike can also be seen riding his radical green S & S powered rigid chopper around the South City area. So if you're cruising around the fast growing South Broadway area or you just need a place to rest your sore ass. Stop in and have a bite to eat and enjoy one of St Louis's best "Biker Friendly" establishments.

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I had more details but I lost them anyway. Brian wrenches for Gateway Thunder and can be seen at most motorcycle events so next time you see him offer your congratulations to him.



Jim Clark, Jim was a member of the 100 MPH Club in Belleville, IL and lived in Staunton, IL.

Jim had a great spirit and was someone I sought out whenever I saw members of the club at an event.

Jim will be sorely missed by all of his family, his club brothers and all who were lucky enough to meet him.



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 by "Killer" Miller

Well, riders of all sorts, it is once again time to check in and describe where my travels led me in the month of June. First off, after the drags I stopped by Doc's Harley-Davidson's 50th anniversary party. It was quite the blowout, what with the bike show and the rolling Dyno drags and all the rest. The crowd was tremendous, the bands rocked, and the food was good.

The following weekend found me with a dilemma. I had started down to Hogrock at Cave in Rock, Illinois, but about 60 miles down the road I blew something in the charging system. I ("we" if you include the family) still haven't unearthed the problem, but I went from many to few volts—not good. I had to turn away from that trip and was bummed. However, this lasted only a little while because I decided to go to the **Illinois Nomads' Third Annual Hellbound Summer Bash in Belleville, Illinois**. It was a great party, even if it did rain a little (yes, I know, it's all the BMW rider's fault)—the brotherhood was great, the cake and beer were wonderful, and the band was good. A big "Hello" to my friends with the Midwest Percenter's MC, and to all the 81 that were there, thanks for the good time. By the way, Jason won the bike show with his timeless black chop.

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BET was my (our) next stop after my son Kevin decided that once again he would pull on the leathers and go race. As usual, BET put on a good show with really close racing. My class (pre-1974 vintage) saw a new winner with Mark Adams taking the checkered flag to my 3rd (now 2nd in points), and Kevin put in a couple of fine rides in his races.

My final stop for the month was at the sparsely attended bike show at **TJ's in Pevely**. Although a good time was had by those who were there, all I have to say to those who didn't come is: don't cry to me when it's 30 degrees below zero that you should have ridden your bike more in the summer. Come on, heat is not a reason to p#\$%y out and not ride your bike. That being said, my Beemer is currently residing at Grassroots BMW (hopefully a free plug will speed the process) in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, trying to be rid of its electrical bugaboo (yes, even BMWs break), so some of my reporting and riding in July will be of the four-wheeled variety. Until I'm back on two wheels, this is Killer saying "Ride it like you make payments on it."

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The Ride

by Jim Waters, President

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I love to ride my bike to work. I live in St. Louis County and work in Alton, Illinois. Interstate 270 is the fastest and shortest way to get there. However, I love to ride Highway 94 through St. Charles County. It's a two-lane road with lots of curves; it's river bottomland, so there are really no hills. Early in the morning, not much traffic takes this route. The sun has only been up about an hour, so the morning chill is still in the air. I am a small-town guy and love being out in the country.

This morning I was riding to work and thinking about how life is like this road. The old highway would not be very much fun if it were just flat and straight.

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Our God loves all of us the same and is riding alongside of us, in good times and bad. Often during the good times, we don't think about God; we wait until the bridge is out to call upon Him. God knows our bridge is out before we do. Is your bridge out? Have you hit the dead-end of your road? Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." All we have to do is ask. Will you ask Jesus today for direction?

If you're not sure how to do this, 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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It was a nice, sunny, halfway warm day. I looked forward to getting off work and jumpin on what my old lady calls my mistress and riding till the sun went down. Oh yea and throwing back a few beers.

I rolled the old girl out of her shrine and threw on my rags. Ahhhhhhh ... could it get any better, I thought to myself. My first stop was the bank to make the house payment. I remember when everything I owned would fit on the back of my scoot. Man, how time takes all of us in ways that we don't even see till we are there. Having made the payment I knew that I had a place to keep all my stuff for another month. I took a few back roads and everything I was thinking about from work blew out of my head when I turned it sideways. The tress made a strobe light effect on the pavement, very cool...

Time for a cold one. I twisted the wick and rode a little longer. My head said 'stop' but my heart said 'no!' I found myself on Dutch Hollow Rd. You know where that is, right? That's right H's The Best Biker Bar in Town (Damn the only Biker Bar in town as well) and a cool porch if you know what I mean. I pulled up and parked where I always did. Something seemed different, mmm No Bikes, No Cars and the closed signs all over the building. I looked in the window and saw nothing. I mean nothing. It was all there Sunday after church. This can't be good, I thought. I stood on the magic porch and had a smoke, I felt like someone had taken my Rott or my close friend away. Damn it I'll say it 'I felt lost'!!

I think I can say this for everyone. We will all miss the magic porch and the good company. Most of all the people that come and go, the new friends and the ones that will never return. Who knows maybe you can open a better bar someday. We all hope so. We will all still miss ya knowing that it will never be the same.

Now on a more upbeat note if you see 100 MPH Club member ask them where the hell is your club house. Ride on brothers and sisters till we meet again

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Local 35's Sizzler 05 by Jim Furey

Central Missouri is one of those areas where you can just kind of look at a map and say, "Boy, that looks like that would really be a fun place to ride my motorcycle." I found out just how true that is the weekend of June 24-26 when the good folk from Freedom of the Road Riders Local 35 invited us to come down and attend their gala summer extravaganza, otherwise known as Sizzler 2005. The members of that local really did an excellent job of putting together a fun event. The three days were filled with lots of live music in the evenings provided by Lucid Blue; they had a ton of fun games going on almost all day, Saturday. Some of the games included the slow ride, plank race and blind trike race. And hey, you know, the blind trike was won by Jim Derisinski, and one of our own, Joy Newberry. Joy ably guided Jim through the course and they won first place. In addition, there was a balloon toss, weenie bite, the topless weenie bite (one of my favorites!). Later on in the evening, there was a taco licking contest that was quite a hit and a pickle eating contest that was also very popular. The event was held in a nice campground with services like hot showers available if you needed them and some shade if you got there early enough. Yeah, it was really warm that weekend, no beatin' around the bush! As the sun started to go down in the evening, the breezes picked up. It was really a great time and the heat was never really that bad. They also did a poker run Saturday morning and, you know, if you didn't want to take part in the contests that Local 35 put on, either as a contestant or participant, you could always hop on the scoot. In a relatively short ride from Warsaw, you could go to the Lake of the Ozarks, find yourself a cool place where they could draw up a cold one or do a little shopping. And speaking of shopping, there were a lot of excellent vendors peddling their wares at the event itself. But if you didn't find something you liked there, you could head down to the Bagnell Dam/Lake of the Ozarks area and check that out. Lots of fun places to go there like **Risky's**, **The Rail** and a number of others. We had a good time there and met a lot of good people from that area that we hadn't had a chance to meet before. We would especially like to thank the lady that traded us shirt for shirt. Her Wide Open shirt for her new The Biking Life "Read It Like You Stole It" t-shirt. It was unfortunate what happened to the Wide Open shirt, but you know, sometimes accidents just occur. We look forward to going back to that area and seeing more of our friends of Local 35. We encourage you, the readers, to check out this event next year—we are pretty sure we will be going back 'cause we had a that good a time! It's just another way that, you know, that FORR raises money for the important work they do.. Not only did they do an excellent job providing a fun-filled

weekend for all of us, but at the same time, they were able to raise money and do a little good toward protecting all our rights as motorcyclists. Take care and we'll see you somewhere out there on the road!



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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.

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

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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/>

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Chouteau Island Partners (Off Road MC Group) 1st Thursday of month [HTTP://www.icss.net/~squirts/island.htm](http://www.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.

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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

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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

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River Road Riders, All Brand Motorcycle Club meetings are
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Southern Illinois Star Riders meet the first Sunday of each
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Kirkwood Mo. Chapter 2nd Tuesday of the month at Goff-
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Bikerd 4 Soldiers by Jim Furey

A new event occurred on July 3rd. The SIMCA Clubs all got together and put on a Bikers 4 Soldiers Poker Run. The proceeds of this run went to the C Co 2 BN/ 130 Infantry Family Readiness Group. For those of you who are not aware these family readiness groups provide a support group for people whose family members are serving on Active Duty away from home. I personally saw the good they do in keeping families informed and involved during Desert Storm.

The sign up for this event was at Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton, IL. The store was open and this well supported event sold more than 2100 hands. We wandered around and Joy was looking at the Hondas on sale there pretty seriously. After signing up we were off to the Bunker Hill American Legion Post. The staff there was very friendly and the beverages were cold. It was here that we got the first of what would become our typical awful poker hands. Our next stop was the Litchfield, IL VFW Post. We got more bad cards here. So we boogied on down the road to the Edwardsville, IL VFW. I thought it was a nice touch that all the stops on this run were organizations whose members are made up of Vets.

The riders got their motors running and headed into Wood River where we stopped at that town's VFW Post before hitting our final destination the Alton VFW Post. Here

members of the Family Support Group fed us. The food was great and these fine folks spirit added to the day. The awards for hands were given out. Afterwards it was time for the auctions there were many very nice donated items for riders to bid on both in a silent auction and also an audible auction. The bikers opened up their wallets and made this run very successful. Donations were also accepted and challenges of all sorts were made and met to richen the final pot.

Our thanks go out to all the SIMCA Clubs that pitched in to make this an awesome event. A representative from the VFW also told us of a cross country ride that will be passing through the area. Watch our coming events pages to make sure that you can support our service men when that happens.



Upcoming Events

July

30th Benefit for Sheila White and Family – at Adam's Trading Post, silent auction, 50/50 live music noon to midnight and much more come out for a great cause.

30th Bikini Contest and Bike Wash - at **Dale's Harley Davidson** in Mt Vernon, IL

31st Skyriders Poker run - sign up at Wild Goose Saloon in Grafton, IL from 12 to 2.

31st FORR Local 42 6th Annual School Supply Run - call (636) 629-1390 for info

31st Bike Show - at **TJ's Bar & Grill** hwy 61/67 and Z in Peveley, MO call (636) 475-3648.

August

6th Poker Run – sign up at Prairie Rush Saloon in Tallula, IL 11 to noon call (217) 634-4557 for info

7th Poker Run – sign up at **American Hog 4125 Hwy 54, Osage Beach, MO** 10 to 1

7th ABATE Poker Run – sign up at Kopp's Corner in Alton, IL 11 to 1.

7th 3rd Annual Benefit Poker Run – sign up at Sporto's Bar in Red Bud, IL from 11 to 12:30.

8th – 14th Sturgis

13th 2nd Annual St Louis Grand National Bike Show & Ted's Appreciation Day –

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13th 3rd Annual Hooters Bike Show – at Hooters of Springfield, IL sign up 11 to 3 proceeds got to Children's Cancer Research.

14th Alton Hog Poker Run – sign up at Ted's Motorcycle World Alton, IL 11:30 to 1:30

14th Benefit Poker Run – sign up at Tiny's in Columbia, IL 11 to 12:30

19th – 21st Root Hog Rally – field events, live music at Arrowhead Campground in Grassy, MO call (573) 624-5321 for info.

20th FORR Local 25 Mystery Ride – call (636) 278-5910 for info St Peters

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20th Motorcycle Show and Flea Market – sign up 9 to noon in Winfield, MO call (636) 668-8100 for details.

20th Bike Show, Service and Free Meal – put on by Litchfield IL Road Riders for Jesus at Litchfield Christian Church starts at 3 PM call (217) 324-2467

20th Bikefest Midwest – Gateway International Raceway in Granite City, IL hosted by **Doc's Harley Davidson**

21st Boot Leggers Poker Run – sign up at Cellar Room in Alton, IL noon to 2

21st Chris Akers & Brian Neff Memorial Run – sign up 11 to 12:30 at Karban's Knotty Pine in Paderborn, IL put on by the Paderborn Rat Pack

21st Bike Show at the Bistro – sign up at the Brick Bistro from noon to 2 7590 Watson Rd St Louis call (314) 961-9112 for info

27th Parrothead Bike Night – Maine St in downtown Quincy, IL from 5 to midnight \$5 admission sponsored by **TNT Harley Davidson**

28th Hartbauer/McBride Poker Run – sign up at **Doc's Harley Davidson** in St Louis or Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton, IL from 9 to 11 AM ends at Crehan's.

28th Kindred Poker Run - sign p at Cellar Room in Alton, IL noon to 2

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Weekly Events

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Bike Show at Bully's First Monday of month unless holiday 4204 W Main Belleville, IL
- Tues** Two Wheel Tuesday on the Speed Channel
Bike Night every Tuesday at Fairview Heights Show-Me's 200 Lincoln Highway
Dinner Ride from Biker's Paradise call (636) 449-5000 for more info
- Weds** **Bike Night First Wednesday of the month at Riskys at the Lake of the Ozarks**
Bike Night at Schiappa's on Rte 161 in Belleville, IL
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- 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
Bike Night Last Thurs of mo at the Mexicali Blues Bar ½mi W of Lake of the Ozarks HD
- 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**
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Jokes of the Month

A family is sitting around the supper table. The son asks his father, "Dad, how many kinds of breasts are there?"

The father, surprised, answers, "Well, son, there are three kinds of breasts. In her twenties, a women's breasts are like melons, round and firm. In her thirties to forties, they are like pears, still nice but hanging a bit. After fifty, they are like onions."

"Onions?"

"Yes, see them and they make you cry."

This infuriated the wife and daughter so the daughter said, "Mum, how many Kinds of willies are there?"

The mother, surprised, smiles and looks at her daughter and answers, "Well dear, a man goes through three phases. In a man's twenties, his willy is like an oak tree, mighty and hard. In his thirties and forties, it is a birch, flexible but reliable. After his fifties, it is like a Christmas tree "

"A Christmas tree?"

"Yes, dead from the root up and the balls are for decoration only"

The farmers wife Amy, a "blonde "city girl, marries a farmer. One morning, on his way out to the fields, the farmer says to Amy, "The artificial insemination man is coming over to impregnate one of our cows today. I drove a nail into the two-by-four just above the cow's stall in the barn. You show him where the cow is when he gets here, okay?"

So the farmer leaves for the fields. After a while, the artificial insemination man arrives and knocks on the front door. Amy takes him down the barn. They walk along long row of cows and when she sees the nail, she tells him, "This is the one. This one right here."

Terribly impressed by what he seemed to think just might be another dizzy blonde, the man asks, "How did you know this is the cow to be bred?"

"That's simple. By the nail over its stall," Amy explains. Then the man asks, "What's the nail for?"

"I guess it's to hang your pants on," she tells him as she walks away.

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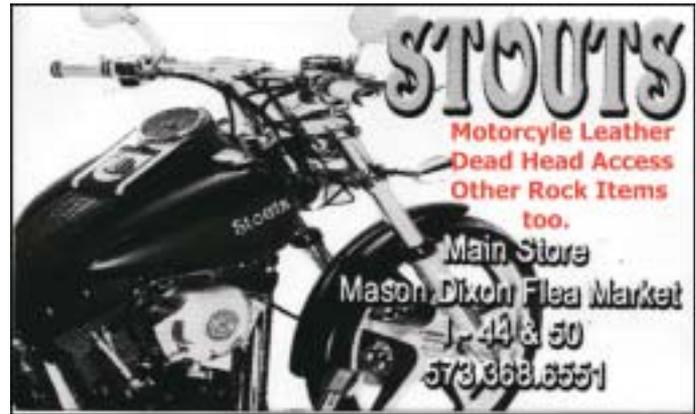
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Good Wroks Contniue by Al 'Slow Talker' Wilson

The Hartbauer/McBride Foundation's Annual Dance took place on June 18th. It lived up to its reputation as one of the best happenings in the area. This year it moved to Top Shooter's in Columbia, IL. This was a great venue for the dance. The foundation also had some different bands playing this year. The band 'Red Ass Jones and the Goldbondsmen' played out side. This very fun bluegrass band is made up of musicians who ride wit h various organizations and clubs. You need to check these guys out I'm sure you'll be happy you did. They played outside where the raffle and the attendance prizes were given away. In side the crowd was entertained by 'The Well Hungarians' one of the most popular bands in the region. I'm sure you've probably already caught their mix of country and rock but if not you need to. In addition to being one of the best groups around, they always look like they are having fun when they play.

This year's event was made up of the music, a raffle with just some freakin awesome prizes. Then there was the silent auction along with an audible auction. It was the proceeds from the auctions that really made this year's event a success. There were two reasons for that mainly Pat from Doc's Harley Davidson and Big Bill from Ted's Motorcycle World once again showed their generosity and their support for the riding community in the region.

This event takes a lot of work to put on and the efforts of many groups even now planning is already going on for next year's event. One group who really does a lot of work the day of the event is the CMA. These are the folks who make sure you park safely and that everyone pays to get in. The CMA's are at many rallies, shows and wherever bikers are gathered to help and to provide water, coffee and fellowship. I thank you for all your efforts.

The Hartbauer/McBride Foundation benefits riders who have either suffered injuries, illnesses or other hardship. Every year more and more requests come in for more help. It is through events like this dance and their Poker Run that they raise money to help those who need it. Hence the name Biker Helping Bikers, but though the committee is dedicated they need our support. If you talked to your friends you would find a connection to someone the Foundation has helped. The way that we can support them is to attend their events and donate generously what has been given to us. On August 28th their annual Poker Run takes place along with a progressive 50/50 drawing that will pay the winner a very significant amount of money. I hope to see many

of you on this run to help the foundation continue to do the good work that they do.





Thunder Valley Rally Roundup by Wayne Peters

On June 25, I woke up at 4:30 AM for a day of work. By the time I made it to my mixer truck, it was already 80 degrees. I had the privilege of helping to pour an addition to a guy's garage so he would have a place for his four motorcycles. I told him that it was quite a coincidence because after I got off work that day I was going to a bike rally. He mentioned something about being married

and that he had to finish his concrete and I gave him an understanding pat on the back. Well, soon enough I was home and packing up my tent to go to the **Thunder Valley Rally** in Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

Two months earlier I had the pleasure of meeting Ken Volk. He is the big Kahuna, top dog, organizer, and owner of the land that the rally is held on. After a long conversation he told me how this was a wonderful event and that it took him and his whole family along with

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friends to bring it together. I sold him an ad for the magazine and told him I would be there. Little did I know that Mt. Sterling, a little town in the middle of nowhere, would be able to throw such a party. Only 2 months earlier I had passed through on the Kelly's Poker Run and had stopped at Booters; I thought that was all there was to the town other than a prison and DOT Foods. I was sorely mistaken. On my way to the rally, I had to stop by Adam's Trading Post because I was parched and had forgotten to eat lunch. As usual I had the cold draft and a cheeseburger and tossed the bartender a five (of which I could actually tell her to keep the change without being a smart aleck). From there I ventured another 30 minutes to Camp Point, Illinois, where I needed to stop and see if the beer was cold at Hard Times Bar and Grill. As an official beer inspector, I am expected to check for things such as temperature and value. On both accounts I would have to give them an A+. It was another 30 to 45 minutes before I reached Mt. Sterling. On the way into town, I found my eye was caught by the view of a few bikes and some neon light coming from a building that conspicuously looked like a bar. The name of this place was called the City Limits. I asked to speak to the manager and, after displaying my inspector's badge, was presented with a cold amber-colored substance with a foamy top. Again I was pleased with the value of this cold liquid and the quality of the friendly clientele. By now I am thinking that Illinois must have a beer temperature ordinance or maybe I have just been getting lucky. After a couple of beers and some good conversation I had to sneak out so I could get to Thunder Valley before dark. However, before I could leave town I had to stop and leave a few magazines with Roger at Booters and check out Sportsmans Bar, the home of the world-famous Testicle Festival. Sportsmans holds this event every year and people get the fun of consuming parts of the animal one might not see on your average menu.

Well, now that I have made all of my stops and procured gas and refreshments for the party, I was on my way and close. I read the signs on the side of the road and noticed that this scenery wasn't like most of central Illinois. The trees were great, the roads were curvy without being crazy, and it was just plain nice. The rally entrance was framed by a pond and a very well-maintained gravel road through a clearing of some beautiful timber. I was quite impressed, as I have been to other places that the roads would challenge a goat to get through them. On the other side of the draw was a low hill and then a clearing into the grounds. Wow, it was nice. I checked in and was given a quick tour by Ken, who showed me all the cool stuff he had done on his property. He then had to go do

some stuff and handed me over to his son who, along with the other security guys, proceeded to give me full access along with a stage pass. I got to witness a lot of great music and some t-shirts that just happened to fail amidst all the excess humidity. After all of the usual party stuff like mechanical bull riding, dancing, food, and a tour of the tattoo booths, I was beginning to get thirsty again, so I decided to dive into the cooler and enjoy this party. Enjoy it I did, and around 3 AM I found my way back to my tent, where I slumbered until the first bike fired up at 5:30. Well, two and a half hours of sleep is better than none, so I got up, enjoyed biscuits and gravy with the staff, and listened to all of the stories of the night before. I found out that the attendance was just under 1000, which was 300 down from last year. Ken attributed it to the heat.

All in all, I had one great adventure. I wish I could tell all of what went on that night, but alas, "what happens on the road, stays on the road." Well, at least anything past PG rating for this reporter. I would like to thank Ken and his lovely wife for having me along; thanks, too, to the rest of the nice people who showed me such a great time. Please keep an eye out for the next rally coming up at Thunder Valley: you won't be disappointed. I know I wasn't and will be back next year with a bike for the sled



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“How the hell did this happen again?” That was all the rider could think of at that moment. Cinder blocks that were painted a pale yellow and jailhouse bars were a familiar sight to him. He’d been incarcerated 13 times. A distant memory came to him: that old candy store in New York, walking with his grandmother in the early 1970s. What was the name of it? Oh yeah, Paul’s Sweet Shoppe.

He had been through a lot of good and bad times since that warm summer day when he first saw what he now knew was an old Pan Head Chopper. Things were simple in those days. Riding was not only a cheap form of transportation, it was a way of life for those who built the kind of bikes he had first seen that fateful day so many years ago. The biker had lived that life since he got his first Harley at the ripe old age of 17. A 1975 FLH he found on the island of Guam, he bought it from a local man for the agreed price of \$1000 American. Those were the good old days for sure.

It wasn’t hard for him to figure out how he arrived at that jail cell during the Sturgis party in 1997. Then the thoughts hit him like a ton of bricks: “Where the hell is my wife?” “What happened to my bike?”

It was one of those nights every long-distance rider dreams of. A perfect 75 degrees, no rain, no wind, stars hanging so far down from the sky that it felt like you were part of them. “Okay, all you have to do is meet me at the next exit, and we’ll see what we can do,” he told his wife of 15 years, who was riding that old 1975 Shovel, his baby. “No problem. I’ll see you there!” she replied, excited to finally be free to ride solo without him as a lifeline.

She left the town of Chamberlain, South Dakota, taking off ahead of him on the FLH. He sat on the dresser with the sidecar attached, filled to the top with every type of camping gear and all the tools to ride for a month. The rider waited there for about 10 minutes, letting his wife get out into the South Dakota darkness on her own.

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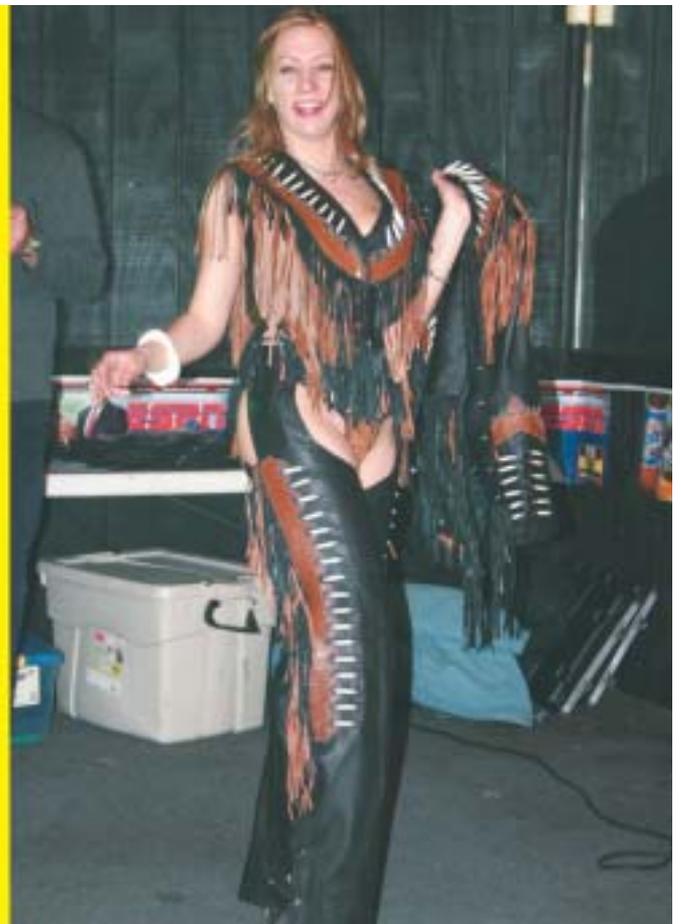
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Starting the overloaded side hack rig, he let out the clutch. “Usually you don’t have to feather the clutch like this too often; she’s way too heavy,” he thought. Picking up speed, a wobble in the forks, and a counter steer opposite to any solo bike, he merged onto the interstate. It takes a conscious effort to pilot a side hack—steer to the right, lean out to the left. He had ridden a lot of miles under that setup and knew it well. But this time something was wrong. Downshifting to the next off-ramp, the rider realized that his wife wasn’t there. A bit of panic set in, and he wheeled the rig down the other side and on the interstate again, crossing the median and doubling back to see if he had just missed seeing her. He hadn’t. She wasn’t there. He spent the next 4 hours searching, checking every ditch, investigating every odd line in the fields, hoping that he would find her and that she was okay. He even chanced talking to the South Dakota State Patrol, and they put out a notice of her disappearance. Doing this was very much out of character for him, especially considering what he had in his pockets and in the side hack.

Dawn rose fast that morning. Bikes were everywhere, heading to the big party. He finally gave up and headed west. By this time he hadn’t slept for 2 days. He began to let the bike control him, instead of him controlling it. It took until nightfall to get to the other side of the state. Somewhere along the line, delirium set in. At one point he thought the sidecar was collapsing in towards the bike. About 75 miles west of Sturgis, the biker decided to pull off the interstate, almost losing control of the rig. He pulled into an old fireworks stand on the north side and began removing the sidecar. This took 2 more hours.

“Seventy-five miles. I know I can make that in no time,” he mumbled under his breath. Once back on the interstate, he settled into a dull and restless mood. Then it happened. He heard a high whine coming from the transmission and then something was pushing him hard from the right rear of the bike. In a moment, a breath, he was on the ground on the median grass. He was dazed, sore, and angry, but not too much the worse for wear. Lying back down again to get his wind back, the biker felt something poke him in the ribs. It was the female driver of the truck that had hit him, checking to see if he was still alive. She headed back to the little pickup she was driving. She had hit him from behind; months later, after reading a story in the rally newspaper, he found out she had been drunk and that police had estimated her speed at more than 90 miles per hour.

Interstate traffic was heavy going east, and just as he stopped the pickup’s driver from running away, he heard someone screaming. Coming east was an old black bike, and the woman riding it was screaming at the top of her lungs as

she sped by the accident scene. The female rider kept going east and disappeared, the sounds of her screams fading along with her. He found out years later this rider was his wife.

The police arrived, along with an ambulance and a fire truck. Traffic slowed to a crawl on the highway, with people rubbernecking to get a better view. The paramedics loaded him into the ambulance. Less than 5 minutes after the rider was put inside the EMT vehicle, the South Dakota police came inside. He was told he would be arrested after he was released from the hospital for possession of several of the items he had on the motorcycle. At 6:30 the next morning, he found himself being arrested and brought to the downtown holdover cell in Sturgis, just as the officers had promised.

After getting himself bailed out of jail, he located his bike at a towing yard. Limping into the yard, the biker was met by the shocked towing lot owner, who could only stare at the appearance of the rider. They both walked into the garage and saw what looked like a good motorcycle. On the left side, the bike was fine. On the right, it was wrecked. The lot owner told the biker he couldn’t believe he was alive. There are still some good old-timers out in the world. This tow lot owner was one of them: he let the biker use his shop and tools, and even gave him a bone for the yard dog. The biker and the dog became fast friends.

Most bikers who ride long distances know how to use wrenches and have learned to use all the resources available to them. The rider knew how to get that mangled bike back on the road, and eventually rode it back to St Louis. That story will be told another time.

Oh yeah...the wife. When he finally got her on the phone somewhere around Omaha, a good 9 hours into the eventful ride home, the rider had to hold the phone at arm’s length from his ear and let her yell about why he had left her out in the middle of nowhere. He asked her the question, “Where did you go that night?” Quietly, almost in a whisper, the answer came, “You said, ‘Meet me in Murdo’.” His head dropped, his boots kicked up a little dirt, and in a cold voice he whispered, “I said ‘Get off at the next exit and we’ll see what we can do!’”

He left the phone off the hook, dangling from its wire, and rode out into the darkness.



AMA Prostars

Once again as summer approaches so does the racing season and with most of it in full swing the fast bikes of the AMA Prostar drag bike series once again returned to the quarter mile at gateway international raceway. How fast you say? Well how about 230 mph in less than 6 seconds on a nitro guzzling seven foot long drag bike grab you and this is what the fans saw as they set in the blazing sun of the first weekend in June. Although the top fuel field was a little sparse, the competition in it was as good as ever with Larry "Spiderman" McBride setting a low et of 6.14 at 227 mph to qualify in the #1 spot Funny Bike saw James Giddan doing the same while in Pro Mod last years champ Charlie Farrar set an unheard of new Et record of 6.68 second at well over 200moh for the new record. Pro Stock saw legendary rider and parts man Paul Gast of Fast by Gast fame set the mark for this class ,while in Pro Street Nick Inteach from cycle world Magazine set fast time on the Stotz Honda Factory Redbird X11 .Local riders helped fill the field like Dave Heimbach Jr in Pro stock ,Mike Wagner ,John Petterson and the Racing Attorney Ken Schwartz on the reasonable doubt entry in the top Sportsman classes .Street bike saw local entrants like Jamie Palm ,Don Klarer(reigning track Champ),and Bob Pinella, on the Doc's HD entry. After Saturdays qualifying the track saw street

chaos ,the run what you bring end of things as always when money talks and fast bike are there good times are had for the fans, also helping to provided these good times were the Streetfighterz who put on a good trick riding show on both Sat. and Sunday. Speaking of Sunday with the temperature pegging the needle ,local riders did the same ,unfortunately it didn't work out for some of them however they were there and do deserve mention because local riders are the back bone of a local track like gateway, Mr. Heimbach went a couple of round of Prostock ,while Mike Wagnert and his Daughter (happy 18th) did the same in the respective classes Doc's HD rider Bob Pinnella went one more round than that as did Don Kraler However one local bright spot was Lady rider Jamie Palm took the Willis racing Hayabusa to a victory in Street ET. I figured it was just a matter of time before she got a big win and I was right. Winners in the other classes were Super Gas, Don Peterson over Ruckert, Top Gas Dermanter over Bland Hot rod cruiser was a battle of the Yamahas again with English winning over McWaters Supersport had Hunter doing just that to nail down a victory with Burnett defeating Ward in Superstock Pro street saw national record holder Trevor Altman defeat past record hold Barry Henson. Pro stock saw an upset of sorts with Todd Dooze winning over the man Paul Gast. Pro Mod saw Coode Thomas win as the

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The advertisement features a central image of a dark grey car with vibrant orange and red flame graphics. In the foreground, two motorcycles are displayed: a silver cruiser-style bike and a blue chopper-style bike. To the left, a vertical filmstrip contains four small images: a white tribal-style airbrush design on a dark background, a character from the movie 'The Simpsons', a yellow and white sport bike, and a white fish-shaped airbrush design. The text 'Yo Bob Air Brush & Graphics' is written in a stylized font across the top of the car. At the bottom, the location 'Columbia, Illinois' and the website 'www.yobobairbrush.com' are listed. Two phone numbers, '618-281-6486' and '618-406-2818', are prominently displayed in the lower right quadrant.

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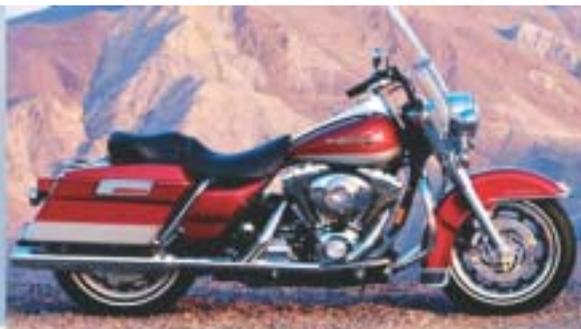
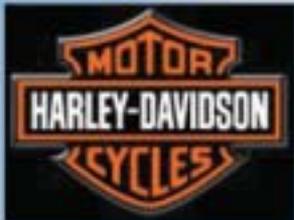
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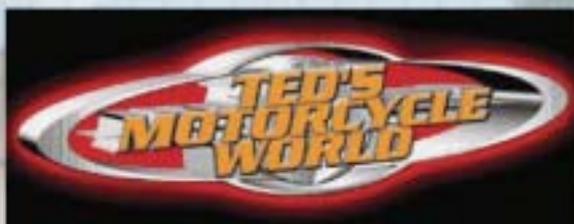
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