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Letter from the Publisher

The calendar page turns again and it reads December. That can mean only one thing Santa Claus is coming to town. I wish you and your families all the best this holiday season—no screw the whole pc thing—I wish you and your families all the best as you celebrate Christmas or whatever you celebrate.

It is amazing that another year has passed by so quickly and how much I have been blessed this year; without a doubt my biggest blessing was Joy becoming my wife. However, all of us are blessed in one way or another, and this is a good time of year to reflect on that.

Things are slowing down a little but not a whole lot. By the time you read this *Leather and Lace* will have taken place and the Christmas/Holiday party season will be in full swing. Some of those are listed in our upcoming events as well as some of the polar bear runs that will be here in no time.

The Biking Life DVD Debut parties were a lot of fun, and I thank all of those who came to check it out, at either **That One Place** in Fenton, **Crehan's Irish Pub** in Belleville, IL or at **Jack's Iron Horse**. The DVD has been well received by all who have seen it, well except for one small man. There will be one more chance for you to view it at a party, this time at **Shady Jack's** on N. Broadway on December 15th. Once again Andrew John who wrote the accompanying music on the DVD will be performing. This will be a great opportunity for you to pick up this stocking stuffer for the biker on your Christmas list. If you can't make it to **Shady Jack's** there is also an order form in this issue, and also one for our wildly popular 'Read It Like You Stole It' t-shirts.

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Once again I wish all of you the best and hope your coming year is the best ever. I thank you for your support again this year, especially fine folks like Midget who says we are still the best magazine in town and that thought is often echoed. It is not about us though; this magazine has always been about you, our readers and friends, and will continue to be as long as we all support those who help pay the bills. Till next year.

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PIERCE CITY MISSOURI TWISTER RUN

Kim Kirgan



Recently on a warm, sunny September day, it wasn't the roar of a F3 twister that came through this little town in Southwest Missouri, but the roar of thunder, coated in chrome from 150 plus Harleys.

First I must tell you of a little bit of history. May 4, 2003 will forever go down in history with the people from this rural Lawrence county town. They were victims of the worst tornado outbreak that area has seen in decades. They got slammed with a F3 twister that cut a path several hundred miles long, starting in Oklahoma and stopping short of Springfield Missouri.

Nearly all the buildings in this town were taken out, some of historical significance, dating back to the 1800's.

This town known for its antique stores and laid back hospitality will never be the same. Five people lost their lives in the storm, and some buildings can never be replaced. You can still see damage as you travel around town, but they are coming back and recently opened their arms to the Inaugural Pierce City Twister Run. Some good friends of mine invited me to come down, so I packed up my car and my kid Kory, and we set out for a road trip. The drive is really nice, straight down Highway 44, and very easy to find. The Pierce City Rodeo Grounds were very nice and clean, and flat with lots of soft thick grass for camping.

The entertainment for the day came from three really good bands, Shades of Blue, Two Mothers Left, and Sassafras. And of course they had a poker run, unfortunately I could not go on that, but from talking to everyone that did, the consensus was that it was a really good ride, all 80 miles of it, through scenic Southwest Missouri. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and waiting back at the grounds was the infamous Hank Rotten as the master of ceremonies. The winners of the Poker Run are Rodney and Karen Longnecker from Oronogo Missouri; they took it with three of a kind.

On to the field events, I always personally enjoyed watching these, The balance that it takes to do some of these events always amazed me, and, there is no way in this lifetime my old man is gonna let me sit behind him and try to throw a water balloon over a pole and try to catch it over his head while riding under the pole. So to the participants in the field events, you are all winners to me. The events included Bite the Wienie, Slow Drags, Water Bowl, Potato Race, and Water Balloon Toss.



The Bike Show had around 20 entries; there was a lot of nice paint flowing here, the winner of this event walked away with 3 trophies for his work. And that lucky guy is Curtis Moore from Battlefield Missouri. Curtis and his 2003 Fat Boy walked away American Cruiser, Best of Show, and Peoples Choice, nice going Curtis.

Also on tap for the day was a 50/50 drawing, yours truly was asked to draw the winning ticket with

Hank Rotten, and the winner of this little event was John Beerly from Joplin Missouri. This event is a must for next year. They had plenty of camping space, there where food and drink vendors, So keep an eye out for more info on the Twister Run, all the proceeds from this event went to the Family Fellowship Motorcycle Ministries.



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by Danna Richey

This is my story. I worked for Hi Fi Video, as well as doing sales and marketing for two TV shows they had on the air. First, I started and hosted a realty TV show in southeast Missouri.

My boss wanted another show, so I came up with the idea to do a show about bike builders and rallies, and we decided on the name *Heartland Chopper*. I sold 11 sponsors before the show first aired without a demo DVD or anything. My first two shows were about Hogrock, and they turned out really well. *Heartland Chopper* was shown on UPN twice a week and on WPXS in St. Louis once a week. Things were going well, and the boss wanted to open up the show in the Evansville/Owensboro market. At that point I was traveling to five states to pick up new sponsors and keep the show going. Unfortunately, I got only three sponsors in the Evansville/Owensboro market and one in the St. Louis market, in Belleville, Illinois. So the show started going downhill, but I kept on going to rallies and editing the show and traveling those five states. I didn't know it at the time, but there were people working in the background to get the show off the air, and I guess it worked.

For the last three weeks of the show, I didn't get a paycheck, so I took money from my savings account and pretty much drained all I had to keep the show going, because I knew it could work. Sadly, though, I had to borrow money just to get to the last two rallies in Bowling Green and Corbin, Kentucky. After that, I decided I just couldn't do it all on my own anymore.

I put my heart and soul into this project and loved every minute of doing the show. I met a lot of great people that I will never forget...and partied with even more. I know I have a lot of disappointed fans and sponsors out there, and I apologize to you guys. I guess you only get one shot at fame, and this was the closest I could get. If I would have had someone backing me who believed in the show as much as I did, I really, truly believe it could have went big time. I am making DVD copies of the shows, and have been working on editing the Bowling Green, Kentucky, State Rally and the Rally in the Valley at Corbin, Kentucky. If anyone would like a copy of them or any of the other shows I did, you can e-mail me at dannarrichey@yahoo.com.

Thanks. It was a great ride, and I hope to see y'all soon.



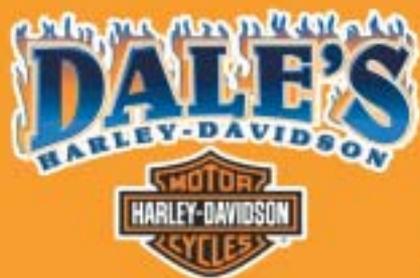
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Bikers Show Support for Veterans by Jim Furey



November 11th is Veteran's Day and St. Louis celebrates those who have served our nation like many communities do with a parade. The weather this year was not as nice as it has been, but still there were a lot of motorcyclists taking part in this event. The groups that were represented included the Kirkwood HOG Chapter, the Gateway to the West HOG Chapter, the Vietnam Vet's MC and the Patriot Guard Riders.

The route takes the numerous marching bands, JROTC groups, veterans groups and union members through the downtown area past the Soldiers Memorial. Not only is this building an architectural treasure, but it is also museum honoring soldiers from all time periods. It is well worth a visit.



We arrived a little early, so we had time to go around and visit with our friends from all the groups. As we looked for a good place to view the parade, we saw a group of El Foresteros there to pay their respects to the vets. We found

our spot and waited for the parade to pass. The parade was colorful and noisy just like a good parade should be, and it was heartwarming to see all the brave souls that came out to both participate in the parade and also to watch. I know from my past experiences and from talking to friends that our service members truly appreciate it when their sacrifices are remembered.



After leaving the parade it was time for another time honored tradition, the party at the Vietnam Vet's Clubhouse afterwards. This group does so much for our local riding communities. Among their achievements is that they are one of the biggest supporters of the Hartbauer/McBride Foundation. We spent some time visiting with friends and sampling some of the tasty chili the Vets were serving up.

This was another good time, but honoring our country's veterans is not a one day a year thing. It should be something we do every day. They are the ones that make it possible for the rest of us to earn a living, to say what we want and to enjoy the freedoms we all take for granted. We should always respect the sacrifices they make for us and urge our legislators to look out for them.



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THE CODE OF THE ROAD

I just read an article in the *Hog Times* (November/December 2006), "Code of the (Side of the) Road." I realized there was more to the story than was written there. The unwritten rule, "code," in the biking family tells us to never leave a rider (brother) behind. I don't even remember when I first learned about it. If you ride bikes long enough, you will break down someday, and it can happen in the middle of nowhere, when you are by yourself, and out your cell phone calling range.

Kathy and I have broken down on the road before. It was a great feeling when people stopped and asked if they could help. I stopped one day and helped load a bike onto a truck. The biker didn't have any tie-down straps, so I loaned him some I had in my vehicle. Jered, my son, was helping us and questioned me: "Do you know him? Why did you loan him the straps? He may not return them." I told Jered about the code and told him I could always buy more straps.

The underlying lesson was taught to us almost 2,000 years ago. The story is written in Luke 10:30-37: Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan. In the parable, there is a man who is robbed and beaten, and left on the side of the road. Two separate men walk past him and didn't stop or offer to help. But a Samaritan stopped, picked

him up and took him to a doctor and paid for his care. That's where the term Good Samaritan comes from.

Jesus is our Good Samaritan. He never wants to leave anyone behind. Jesus is always traveling down the highways of our life just looking for a chance to stop and help us. Is there is anything in your life where He can help? Jesus can and will help you; all you have to do is ask him.

Do you know how to do this? Do you need help to talk to Him? If so, ask any Christian biker at your next event, contact one of the following people, or call me. The CMA Missouri State Coordinator is Clark (Lucille) Doughty, 816-697-3077, wingman@wcbblue.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 or e-mail me at h2osjk@prodigy.net.

Jim Waters, President - Good News Riders, CMA St. Louis, MO

(By the way, the next day the biker stopped by my shop with the straps, handed them to Jered, and told him thanks for all the help. What a way to pass the code on to the next generation!)



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

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

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 V.F.W. is located 7108 Marine Rd., Rte. 143 East, Edwardsville, IL.

Prairieland Chapter - meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of every month starting at 1:00 p.m at the Prairieland ABATE Building located at 1901 N. Railroad Av., Decatur, Illinois

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.

American Legion Riders, Chapter Two - Meeting: Fourth Wednesday, at 7:30pm, at American Legion Post 162 For More Info Call: Rich-314.832.2469

Association MC Jonesboro, AR visit www.associationmc.com for info

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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, llsmaer@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](http://midwestrider.com/goodnews.jpg).

Servant Riders – meetings on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Treasures of the Kingdom Christian Bookstore, 525 Lincoln Hwy, Fairview Heights, Illinois. All are welcome.

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

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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FOG MC – Freaking Old Guys Motorcycle group must be 45+ to join all bikes are welcome for info or to join email budtrk@hotmail.com there will soon be a website also fogmc.com.

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 3rd Sun of the month 6 PM 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 28 - Meetings the 1st Fri of the month, 7 pm at the Pulaski County Shrine Club, Hwy 17 South, Buckhorn, MO. For info email local28@earthlink.net or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~local28/>

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.

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Freedom Riders – welcomes all bikers and bikes to come ride with them email to Ride4JC1@aol.com for more info.

GATEWAY River Rats meets the Second Saturday of the month at 11 AM at Good Times Tavern, 200 N Main St, Dupo, IL; please check the web site for details. –HYPERLINK “http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gateway_river_rats/” —http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gateway_river_rats/

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Honda Sport touring Assn. St Louis regularly-scheduled ride is First Saturday, which starts at the Eureka MO Quick Trip at 9 am (summer) or 10 am (winter). Visit <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/MO-SIL-HSTA> for info

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

In Country Vets Motorcycle Club - members are all Vietnam Veterans who served in-country. Must own motorcycle of at least 500cc., any type for info visit www.icvmc.com, or phone 618-910-3698

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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

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Missouri Mules Motor Club Inc - Meets every Thursday at 7:00PM at: Judy's Fireside 2128 Woodson RD Overland Mo. 63114 314 429 0555

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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>

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Southern Breed Kennett, MO Chapter - For info visit www.southernbreed.com.
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Southern Illinois Star Riders meet the first Sunday of each month in Collinsville, IL. Contact wizardandangel@yahoo.com

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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

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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.

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January

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14th ABATE Snow Ball Poker Run more details to come

Joke of the Month

A RUSSIAN AND A BIKER WRESTLER WERE SET TO SQUARE OFF FOR THE OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL. BEFORE THE FINAL MATCH, THE BIKER WRESTLER'S TRAINER CAME TO HIM AND SAID, "NOW, DON'T FORGET ALL THE RESEARCH WE'VE DONE ON THIS RUSSIAN. HE'S NEVER LOST A MATCH BECAUSE OF THIS 'PRETZEL' HOLD HE HAS. WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT LET HIM GET YOU IN THAT HOLD! IF HE DOES, YOU'RE FINISHED."

THE BIKER NODDED IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT. AS THE MATCH STARTED, THE BIKER AND THE RUSSIAN CIRCLED EACH OTHER SEVERAL TIMES, LOOKING FOR AN OPENING. ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE RUSSIAN LUNGED FORWARD, GRABBING THE BIKER AND WRAPPING HIM UP IN THE DREADED PRETZEL HOLD. A SIGH OF DISAPPOINTMENT AROSE FROM THE CROWD AND THE TRAINER BURIED HIS FACE IN HIS HANDS, FOR HE KNEW ALL WAS LOST. HE COULDN'T WATCH THE INEVITABLE HAPPEN.

SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A SCREAM, THEN A CHEER FROM THE CROWD AND THE TRAINER RAISED HIS EYES JUST IN TIME TO WATCH THE RUSSIAN GO FLYING UP IN THE AIR. HIS BACK HIT THE MAT WITH A THUD AND THE BIKER COLLAPSED ON TOP OF HIM MAKING THE PIN AND WINNING THE MATCH. THE TRAINER WAS ASTOUNDED. WHEN HE FINALLY GOT HIS WRESTLER ALONE, HE ASKED, "HOW DID YOU EVER GET OUT OF THAT HOLD? NO ONE HAS EVER DONE IT BEFORE!" THE WRESTLER ANSWERED "WELL, I WAS READY TO GIVE UP WHEN HE GOT ME IN THAT HOLD, BUT AT THE LAST MOMENT, I OPENED MY EYES AND SAW THIS PAIR OF TESTICLES RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY FACE. I HAD NOTHING TO LOSE SO WITH MY LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH I STRETCHED OUT MY NECK AND BIT THOSE BABIES JUST AS HARD AS I COULD." "SO," THE TRAINER EXCLAIMED "THAT'S WHAT FINISHED HIM OFF!" "NOT REALLY. YOU'D BE AMAZED HOW STRONG YOU GET WHEN YOU BITE YOUR OWN NUTS."

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Letters to the Editor

To Jim and the other folks from TBLM that he invites to read,

We, Jack and Rob, from IMYCC, would just like to say thank you. A little before I, Rob, went to the Roctoberfest, we were honestly feelin a little down about our seats. We knew that we were doing good work, but we just weren't selling enough leather work to keep ourselves from clockin' in and out. (Which by the way is the goal). We feel that our talent can take us places if we apply ourselves. And that is where we found ourselves lacking. We just weren't applying ourselves. We don't know if it was motivation, doubt, or what.....but since that Roctoberfest.....We are carrying around seats everywhere we go. I guess we were waiting for it to just fall in our laps. Not anymore. Thanks to your comments, (and that added candid camera), we have been given the biggest boost ever. Thank you for not being the type of "top of the totem pole" folks that push the little man down when he tries to stand. Thanks for the hand.

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Hi Jim

My name is Greg Hoette and I'm one of the Task Force Leaders for the St. Louis Ride For Kids®. I want to thank you for the wonderful article about our ride this year. I would also like to thank you for that great article on Dave Mungenast. Dave has been a big supporter of our since we started five years ago. The St. Louis area lost a very caring man when Dave passed on several weeks ago. With help like yours we will continue to work towards raising monies to help find the cure for Pediatric Brain Tumors. Thanks

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The Biking Life's Interview with Sid Wilson of Slipknot **By Joy Furey**

The Biking Life Magazine was lucky enough to score an interview with Sid Wilson, BJ StarScream, of the world famous band Slipknot. The interview took place earlier this year at **Hot Bike** in Quincy, IL where Sid was making an appearance. As this interviewer mentioned in a previous issue, Sid was very gracious and patiently signed multiple items for fans absolutely free, and agreed to this interview without hesitation. Unfortunately, due to space constraints, some segments of the interview had to be left out. The Biking Life would like to thank both Sid Wilson and **Hot Bike**.

TBL: What are the other band member's names?

Sid: We've got Corey, the singer, Paul, the bass player, Jim on guitar, Mick on guitar, Joey on drums, Chris and Shawn on percussion, Craig on sampling, and you got myself, DJ.

TBL: Okay, and as DJ what do you do?

Sid: I do a little bit of keyboards and piano and then scratching and some other kinds of sound manipulation.

TBL: Did you take piano lessons as a youngster?

Sid: No, I didn't, I taught myself.

TBL: Cool. How long have you been playing?

Sid: Let's see, well, probably like elementary, junior high, I was playing bass guitar. Before that I tried a couple things. I tried drums and I wasn't very good at it. I tried saxophone and gave up on it and then I got to the last stuff later and I started playing bass guitar. Then my best friend, Pat, his name is DJ...too, started DJing and I was like, if he can do it, I can do it, so I started learning how to do it on his equipment. There was a point where I had one bass guitar and my turntables and I was kind of doing both. My bass guitar was either a birthday or Christmas present from the girlfriend I had at the time. We had broke up and when I was out of town DJing somewhere, she came to the house and told my mom that I said she could have it back and she took it. So I came back and all that was left was turntables so I stuck with that. (TBL laughing.) I've been DJing since about '92.

TBL: How would you characterize your type of music?

Sid: Mostly people categorize us as heavy metal, but the last album we started experimenting with different genres, different styles of music, but mostly, you know, heavy metal.

TBL: What was it like winning a Grammy?

Sid: It was pretty cool man; it was like uh, I think it was our 6th nomination so I was like kind of wondering if it was ever going to happen, you know. Then when you go up and accept it, it's really cool.

TBL: How did you pick out your name?

Sid: For sure, it was like we just decided to be voiceless numbers rather than names, because it's like we wear the masks and the outfits with kind of the idea that it doesn't really matter who we are; like people should be paying attention to the art and the music and the messages. We kind of didn't want people in the band to be individualized. We wanted it (the band) to be looked at as like a whole, as one force, one entity, you know. So by having the numbers, it was harder for people to single out band members and they could be looked as one, one complete force, you know.

TBL: Do you or the other band members ride motorcycles?

Sid: Yeah, actually, probably me and Jim the most. Jim's the really tall guitar player with the shorter hair. Me and him probably ride more than any of the other guys. I know that Mick and McCloud have had motorcycles too. McCloud used to ride more when he was younger I think, but hasn't really done it much anymore. Me and Jim are like bike crazy.

TBL: What kind of bikes do you ride?

Sid: Anything with two wheels really. I like race bikes, I like choppers, I like super motars. I mean, you name it, if it's got two wheels and an engine, then I'm good to go. The same thing for Jim too. He's got dirt bikes, choppers, race bikes, everything. Race bikes, I like race bikes a lot because they go so fast.

TBL: Oh sure.

Sid: You know, anything you can go 170 on is pretty cool.

TBL: So have you gone 170?

Sid: No, the fastest I've gone is probably about 165, so I'm getting' there. I mean, I need a faster bike, it won't go any faster.

TBL: How has your success changed your life?

Sid: Um, I don't know...I guess like it's nice that I have a career now to where I'm able to do the things I want to do like buy a house, have the cars and motorcycles that I want, not have to like struggle with payments and stuff. But as far as like, I don't know, I haven't really changed much personally. I'm still just real modest. I still live in Des Moines, Iowa; I haven't like moved to L.A. or anything. I still go out riding bikes every chance I get. I work on my own bikes, my own cars, hotrods; I mean I don't take them to someplace for someone else to do it. I put a loud-ass stereo in my truck and built it myself; I didn't like take it to some audio shop and have them do it, you know. So I mean, I'm still just, you know, a normal Midwest guy.

TBL: What bands inspired you if any?

Sid: The Beatles are my favorite band of all time; they're the greatest band ever. John Lennon especially, just because he had such a message. He was so involved on what the music meant, not just what people thought was cool, or what music people thought was cool.

TBL: Does the band have a motorcycle following?

Sid: Oh yeah, definitely. Yeah I mean, when we're at the concerts different chapters and different bike crews come out to our shows all the time. In Holland when I'm in Amsterdam, the Hell's Angels guys are like all over me. It's like, uh, like the head guy's daughter is like a real big Slipknot fan so like I see them out in their tattoo shop and stuff. Yeah, we got all these coming out to the concerts and hanging out, all different chapters and different bike crews. It's really cool too, when we're at a concert, we can't take bikes with us on the road a lot of the time, sometimes we can, sometimes we can't, so they'll come out with a bunch of bikes and let us borrow a couple. We get to go out riding during the day before the concert. That's a real plus.

TBL: Yeah, that's great. So, I have to ask – my boss is making me ask this, can we get backstage passes to your next St. Louis appearance.

Sid and TBL: *laughing...*

Sid: I'll try to do what I can man; it's really hard when we play in the Midwest. I've got so much family that come out to all the shows.

TBL: I think that's it and I thank you very much!

Sid: Yeah, thank you.



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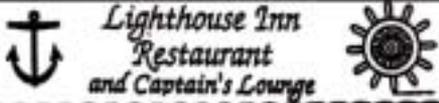
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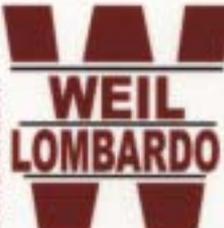
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Killer and Joyce's Rocky Mountain Adventure by Killer Miller

Part One: On the Road Again

As long-time readers of this fine publication (and the other fine ones I have worked for in the past) know, Joyce (Mrs. Killer) and I usually go on a two-wheeled vacation once a year. Sometimes these trips turn into life-changing events...or at the very least, really good stories (for instance, our trip to Florida last year during Hurricane Charlie). This year we decided to stay away from large bodies of water and areas where Mother Nature can ruin your day (and a whole lot more) in a blink of an eye. Instead, our destination was the Rocky Mountains. After this trip, the two of us would have ridden a bike in every mountain range in the USA. This trip would also be the first big one on the Victory.

Now, every biker knows that the two best mountain ranges to ride are the Rockies and the Blue Ridge. If the first was as good as the second, my high hopes would be justified. We had to deal with three issues with the bike (a fourth would be remedied better later, but you'll have to wait to read that story):

One: It needed a better back rest. That was taken care of by **Hytech Auto Trim** in Columbia, Illinois. They did a bang-up job and had it ready to go quickly. I think they ought to make these for Victory as they are functionally better than stock.

Two: Although it's a bagger, the big TC is still a little luggage-challenged compared with my old Beemers, so Joyce's packing expertise came in handy here; she's the Queen of packing. Joyce uses large Ziploc vacuum bags as saddlebag liners-. They're cheap and waterproof, so once again Mrs. Killer proved her worth in the loading of the bike. However, I still wound up using an old Army duffel to put stuff in and strapped it to the luggage bag on the back.

Three: I lost my speedo drive. I don't really need one, but all the electrical stuff on these new rides is interconnected, so it's best not to take any chances. **Widman** was going to fix it, but they'd lost their juice in the storm and I couldn't bear to make them work on a little item while they were struggling with that. So, **Surdyke** got the call and came through in great fashion, fixing it under warranty on a Saturday morning so I could leave the following Wednesday. Good on you guys.

Back to the trip. After the bike show at **TJ's** on Sunday with my fellow Boozefighters and the work thang on

Monday and Tuesday, we took the dog to Green Roof Kennels in Desoto and began our journey on Wednesday morning. It was cool enough that leathers were comfy at 5 AM (This would be the last time for that—*Joyce*), but as we left town it became evident that a new heat wave was on its way. By 11 AM, we were stripping down to the T-shirt (and, for Joyce, shorts) routine and putting on the good old SPF 50. The closer we got to Kansas, the hotter it got. As we crossed by the stadiums of the other two Missouri teams, it was getting rather sweltering, so an hour further down the turnpike we decided to pull over for the day in Ottawa, Kansas. Unlike its Canadian namesake, the Kansas city was 107 degrees. We got a cheap Travelodge room, killed a few dozen flies, and then went out for a dinner of buffalo ribs (a first for me—*Joyce*). The air conditioning was out at the restaurant, but at least the meal was good. (A big tip: if you're riding with someone—whether as a passenger or as a riding partner—use the other person's strengths and weaknesses to judge how far you can go. I don't always do this, and when I don't, it usually proves troublesome.)

Day Two was the day to make Dodge City, the famous Old West railhead and cattle town of movie and TV legend (*Gunsmoke* was based on Dodge City), and maybe even try to get into Colorado. Thankfully, it dawned wet and cool. I know most bikers don't like rain, but at least the temperatures were in the 70s and would stay that way for a while. Sunup saw Joyce and I donning rain gear (after we had already gotten a little wet—*Joyce*) at the Wyatt Earp truck stop on the turnpike that runs along the old Santa Fe Trail. Much of today's mileage would be spent alongside the Old West Highway, and at times you could still see the wagon wheel grooves in the fields of the massive ranches that line Highways 435 and 50 (the loneliest road in the USA). Make sure you buy gas before you need it out here, because it might be a long push to the next fuel stop. The terrain is very reminiscent of Texas, as everything is big and goes on forever. Also, it seems like *everything* in Kansas claims to have a Wizard of Oz connection. Historically, it has many World War II era connections: more planes were made in Kansas for the war effort than almost anywhere else. The *Pratt* in Pratt and Whitney comes from Pratt, Kansas, and there are two huge museums in Kansas devoted to World War II planes. Bill Lear of Lear Jet fame also comes from this state, and it's easy to see why—with the exception of maybe Wyoming, the high plains of Kansas give a great view to outer space.

As we rolled closer to Dodge City, I almost got to meet a law officer up close because of my technique of running 80 mph behind someone doing 90. Hey, it's a flat, straight state. I saw John Law hook the U and come behind me,

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lights flashing. I backed down and pulled over, only to thankfully have him go around, chasing the truck ahead of me. Still, the stern look was remembered for at least the next 10 miles.

Now, before we get to Part Two (where we see if Joyce and Killer get to Dodge and, for that matter, get out of Dodge and hear a story of a deep hole and a parking lot boo-boo), here's a little biking history (and there'll be more of that in Part Two or Three, also). Not only was Dodge City the storied town of Wyatt Earp, his brothers, Doc Holiday, numerous hookers, and Sheriff Bat Masterson, in the mid-1920s and again in the 1950s it was a major race stop on the AMA trail. Back in the day, riders like Joe Petraili, Jim Davis, Ralph Hepburn, and others raced Harley-Davidsons, Indians, and Cyclones around a 2-mile dirt oval for 200 miles, usually on the Fourth of July, to decide the Grand National Champion. A lot of the old-time race photos Harley-Davidson uses in their books come from Dodge City. The track is now covered by a shopping mall. However, again in the 1950s, Kansas in general was an important stepping stone for many riders—not only with the 150-mile road race at the airport (my dad won a sportsman race there once in 1962 on a Triumph 500)—but with the fair circuit that raced at every little town's horse track during the summer.

That marks the end of Part One. Stayed tuned for Part Two of Killer and Joyce's modern Wild West adventure. In that chapter we'll see if Killer gets left at Boot Hill (not the bar) and find out about that big hole in the ground they keep talking about. Off the road for now...Killer and Joyce.

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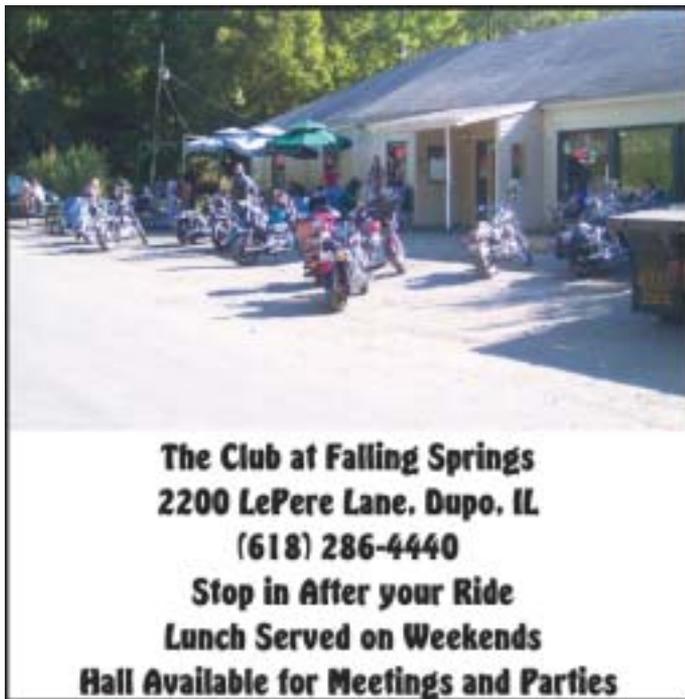


This past September we were treated to the first swap meet put on by Thunder Valley Promotions and it was something! B & G Promotions had done a nice job, but the new ownership took this meet to a new and improved level. There was some grumbling beforehand about the City of Belleville's 'No Colors' policy, but it didn't appear to hurt attendance at all.

I am not privy to all the numbers, but this certainly appeared to be one of the best attended swap meets in memory. There were lots of vendors including one I had not seen at the swap meet before, **Weil-Lombardo Trailers N More**. They had toy haulers there and have some of the nicest bike trailers I have seen. I saw Sheila Gallagher passing out coupons for her place, **Gallagher's Getaway**, and Frieze Harley-Davidson had a big presence as well. The good folks from **American Performance Motorcycles** were there too. This is still one of the best places around to get a great deal on a motorcycle. There a lot of other vendors as well, like **Proffer's V-Twin Service Center**, **Chopper Chairs**, and **Black Jack Leather**, plus individuals selling parts like Gary Pico.

The swap meet seemed to have a new air of professionalism that I had not seen before. All the workers had matching shirts making it easy to tell who they were. The set-up at the front gate seemed better too, so people weren't spending as much time waiting in line to get in. I don't know if it was the new colors rule or what, but it seemed as if there wasn't as much of a police presence as there had been. I think that adds to a more relaxed environment.

This swap meet also marked the opening of the Thunder Valley Party Patio, featuring, some of the best the local music scene has to offer, the Well Hungarians. This band is very tight and always looks like they are having great fun. They added to the enjoyment of many in the crowd that day. In addition, there was an after-party at Fridays South in Belleville and from what I hear that was good time too.





If you missed this Thunder Valley Promotions Swap Meet or you were wondering when the next one will be, you are in luck because the next one is planned for January 7th. I know the owner of the promotion company, and I know that he is always looking to improve his events so I'm sure there will be some new improvements for this one as well. Mark your calendars and come on out to the next swap meet. Stop by our booth while you are there to say hi!



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The weekend of October 6th thru the 8th was a fun-filled one. Yes, once again The Biking Life crew was on the road. This time we also had three very new additions to the staff. Before we left Honey, Joy's Papillion bitch had puppies, so the four of them joined in our traveling circus. Where were we headed you ask? The answer is to see some new and old friends in Columbia, MO as we joined in the Roctoberfest festivities.

The organizers of this event were kind enough to invite us over to cover Roctoberfest, and treated us very well. We had an indoor booth and total access. The organizers were also kind enough to ask me to help with judging the motorcycles shows, which I was more than happy to do. I never tire of looking at people's awesome rides. I was joined in this by the owner of M.C. Cycles of Columbia, MO. This dude is very knowledgeable about all types of bikes, and it was a pleasure working with him.

There were vendors of all types here, and everyone seemed to be doing a brisk business with all the Rally attendees. One of the major hits was the winner of this years Gallery Magazine's Girl Next Door of the Year, Amber, and it wasn't difficult to see why this was the case. We also ran into a lot of our friends from the Invaders, which is always a pleasure. If you haven't yet you really ought to go check out their swap meets. From what I hear, there are some great deals available there.

The organizers had a weekend of fun events planned for the attendees, and they were successful. After setting up and checking out some of the vendors, we set about exploring all that was around. In doing so we ran into J.D. Kudart, owner of Custom Motorcycle Creations at The Lake of the Ozark and his wife Jan. Not only does J.D. build some of the finest rolling iron around, but he and his wife are always very nice and do a lot for the Lake community.

Friday night we were treated to several Extreme Cage Fighting bouts and some really cute ring girls, not to mention some other adult contests. I had never seen cage fighting in person before but let me tell you, those guys totally get my respect. Saturday, the crowd continued to pour into the Rocktoberfest venue where they were treated to a ride-in bike show and a classic car show. I saw a lot of really cool two and four wheel rides. It was evident from the care that had been given to both the bikes and the cars that their owners shared a passion for their vehicles.

At the ride-in bike show, I finally got the chance to meet Mike Chiaurro, the genius behind Gateway Extreme

Customs in Edwardsville, IL. We had emailed and conversed, but had never met. He is truly doing some amazing customizations of metric bikes. If you haven't seen his works visit their website. It will probably give you a whole new view on metric cruisers.

Later in the afternoon, they staged the motorcycle games and as is generally the case, the spectators seemed to be having as much if not more fun than the participants. During a lull in the action, The Fat Texan invited us to taste what he had prepared for his brothers, and it was excellent as always. Don't be fooled



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Then the crowd kind of settled in and waited for the headliners of this fun-filled weekend, a performance by Molly Hatchet. This hard-rocking southern foursome has been playing to huge crowds for years. I had the pleasure of meeting the band several years ago in Peoria, IL and was lucky enough to renew the acquaintance here. Joy and I were in the backstage area talking to lead singer Phil McCormack, when he told us that if we had a shirt for him, he would wear it on stage that night. Well, he didn't have to offer twice; I went and got him one! He made some modifications to it, and that, my friends, is how the cover shot came to be. We truly enjoyed the show the band put on, as well as the weekend as a whole. While I saw some of my friends from the area this year, if you all like a great party, and I know you do, then you definitely need to check this out next year!



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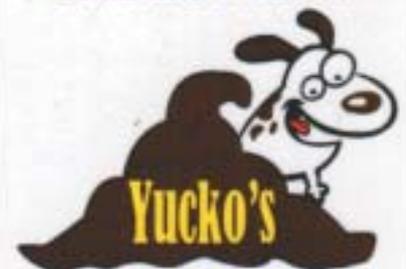
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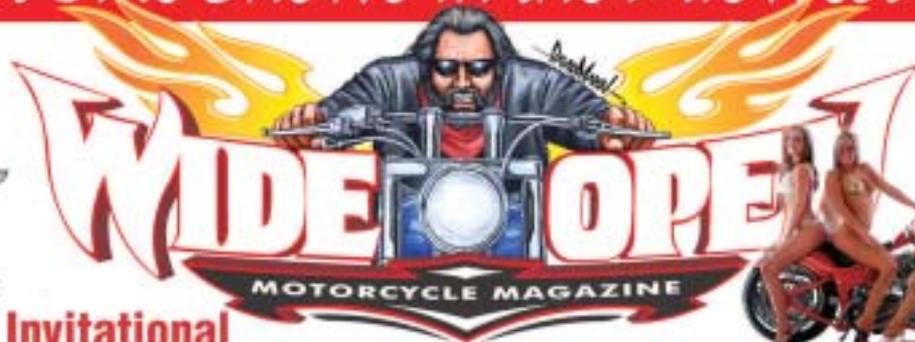
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