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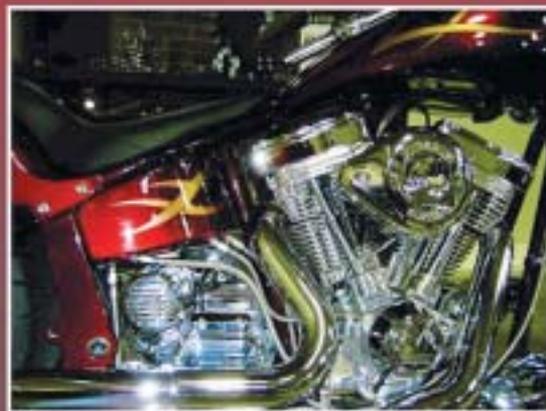
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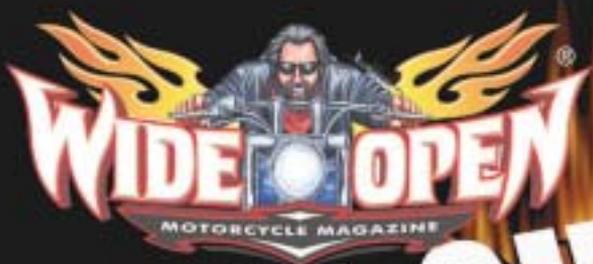
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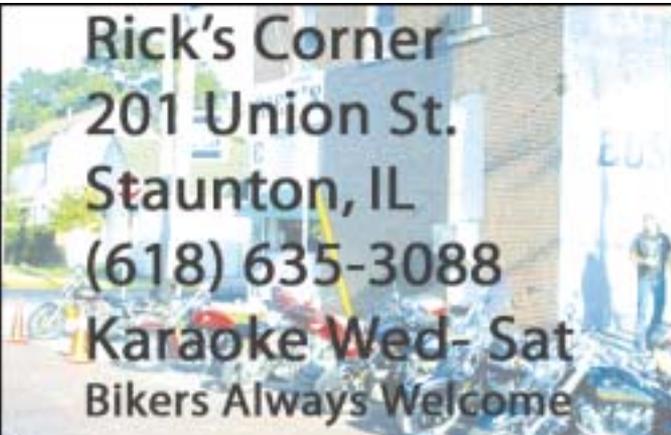
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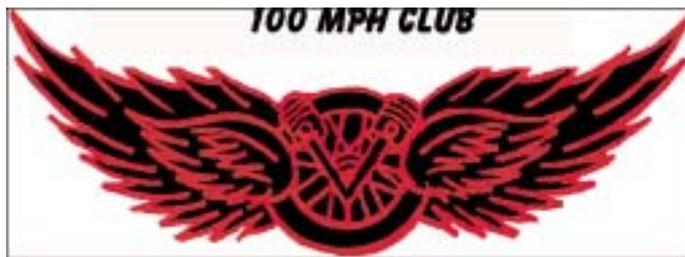
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**Letter from the Editor**  
**By Jim Furey**

Hey the end of winter is almost in sight, it is February the Daytona Bike Week starts the end of the month and at least in my mind that symbolizes the start of a new riding season kind of like seeing the first robin of the spring used to until I figured out they don't really go anywhere in the winter. You, the readers, have helped our supporters the advertisers make it through another winter and now is the time to visit the shops and dealerships to get your bike right for the coming year and to make that investment in your pride and joy that you've been thing about. Don't forget the apparel shops to they are getting in their new lines for the upcoming spring and summer and finally while the weather may be a little nippy for ridung it is never to cold to visit a friendly face at one of the bars or lounges and talk about riding with friends.



Though the winter is upon us there are some great times to be had in February. These start on the 12<sup>th</sup> when the Second Annual Leather, Lace and Lingerie Fashion Show will be held at David's Banquet Center in Pevely, MO. Tickets are on sale now at TJ's Bar & Grill and are going fast don't miss out on this great event last years was a blast and this years promises to be even better. The 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Lace and Leather Party at Jack's Iron Horse Saloon on the Rock Rd. and finally the big event of the month the Wide Open magazine Bike Show in Wentzville, MO on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The bike show has all the makings of a very fun event with many vendors along with some very sharp bikes. To find out more about these and the other upcoming events check out the events listings.

The Hartbauer/McBride foundation got some good news on their foundations legal status which will enable them to do even more for riders and their families in the future. These volunteers do so much to help us whenever the need is there so please watch for events to support their efforts and show up, same with the people from the March of Dimes that put on the 'Bikers for Babies' event. Well till next time keep the shiny side up and we hope to see you out this month.

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## Boss of the Block

by Jim Furey

One of the really cool things about putting out this magazine is the opportunities it gives me to visit people and places I might not ordinarily visit. Such was the case the end of December our correspondent in the south Sherilou Whitehead had earlier in the year gone to the Mid-South Festival put on by Boss Hoss Cycles. There she met Rad Hunsley the Operations Manager of the factory and he invited her/us down there for a tour of their facilities in Dyersburg, TN.



Finally we decided to take him up on his most kind offer and to Dyersburg we went. Dyersburg is not near the drive I thought it would be and will make for a fun cruise once the cold leaves us. That part of the country, the Bootheel of Missouri and the corners of the other states KY, TN AR and IL is really beautiful and there are lots of twisty highways to explore but I digress.

When you walk into the offices of Boss Hoss you enter a small shop where you can purchase Boss Hoss clothing and accessories. This where you can see the original Boss Hog O1 #1 which was built in 1990 and featured direct drive with a clutch. That was not a typo earlier I meant to type Boss Hog though you who read this publication thoroughly are never surprised in seeing a typo but initially founder Monte Walsh named his creation Boss Hog a year later though in 1991 he renamed it the Boss Hoss motorcycle.

Monte had worked on and around aircraft all his life, so the bikes that were around at the time seemed somewhat pedestrian to him so he set off to create something with an edge; O1 #1. O1 #1 was basically a stock car engine on two wheels, but the thing that set it apart was how he got the power to the rear wheel by using a 90 degree differential and transmission. He built it for himself but when others saw it they wanted to know how they could get one so Monte started putting together the a package that consisted of the frame and aftermarket parts one would need to create



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their own. This has evolved to today where the design of the whole bike is proprietary and comes fully assembled. There were intermediate steps in this evolution including one where you could buy a kit but they seem to have gotten to the right place in selling these big guys fully assembled.

The company has grown to 12 full time employees augmented by some summer interns. The factory houses the fabrication dept, sub-assembly dept and final assembly dept. There is one company contracted to do all of the metal stamping required and another that does all the factories plastic work. Their 12 employees turn out 7 bikes/trikes a week, the trike portion is increasing as a percentage of total sales last year accounting for 55% of the bikes sold. We met three of the factory workers, Randy , Wes and Ryan during our tour the plant was shut down for the holidays. These men along with their colleagues build the bikes. All steel fabrication for the controls and exhausts are done in house. They also have a powder coating facility onsite as all the frames are powdercoated, using a 3 stage process first a chemical wash, then powder then it gets baked.



Every Friday the plant sets up for the next weeks production with enough parts and assemblies moved to each station so the workers can focus on the task at hand building these high powered cycles. These dedicated workers assemble these machines and they leave the factory pretty much bare bones it is up to the dealer to customize them and to get them painted before selling them to the public. When you see the Boss Hoss trailers out and they are showing their wares these are sample bikes that they had their painter create to show.

Not only are these bikes awesome riding machines. I couldn't believe how well balanced they were and that

makes getting one of these behemoths off the kickstand a breeze even for smaller guys like me. There was one other thing that truly impressed me they showed us a frame with and engine mounted that they use for mock ups and such, no big deal right well usually not except this frame had been involved in a wreck at speeds over 100 mph and the bike itself had been flipped several times, okay the sheet metal was a mess but this frame was xrayed and was found to have no structural fatigue at all even after that.

We had a great time and really appreciate the hospitality of Rad and his crew. If you don't want to go to Dyersburg to see these sharp machines you are in luck cause you can stay here in the area and visit Bikes, Trikes and Trailers or Truman Ave in Crystal City they are the areas authorized dealer or if the trip to Dyersburg sounds cool, and you got a group together contact Rad maybe he'll let you visit to.

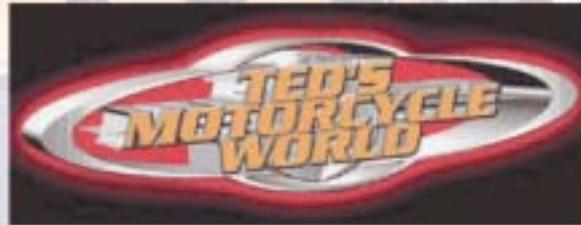


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**Rebels with A Cause**  
by Rob 'BoBo' Belinski

During the holiday season there are many bike clubs and organizations that do a lot for their communities or for charity, this is a tremendous thing. However in a lot of instances these are kind of antiseptic acts, kind of I'll donate some money but none of my precious time. I know of at least two instances where this is not true one is the Kirkwood H.O.G. these people and particularly their road captains work tirelessly to put on a Toy Drive every year and deliver the toys to the kids themselves but this is not about them this is about a much smaller organization with every bit as big a heart the Road Rebels Riding Club this East side club energized by the ideas of their President Rick "Grumpy" White stage fundraisers for the Collinsville Care Center a senior care facility in Collinsville, IL and then they take time from their busy holiday schedule to deliver the gifts that the club buys with the proceeds to the residents.

This fine group comes roaring up on their bikes, almost all kinds are ridden by their membership, to the delight of the seniors living there many of whom came out to see what was causing the clatter, oh wait that is from a different holiday story. After admiring the club members machines for a while we all went inside for cookies, ice cream and to watch the glee in the eyes of the residents as they received their gifts. These folks really appreciated

the attention given them by the club. Many of the people there had no plans with family for the holidays or no longer had family. The club members spent some real quality time making somebody else's life better and that is very admirable.



An advertisement for 'Yo Bob Air Brush &amp; Graphics'. The background is a collage of images including a car with orange and black stripes, a blue motorcycle, and various custom graphics. The text 'Yo Bob Air Brush &amp; Graphics' is written in a stylized font across the top. Two phone numbers are listed: 618-281-6486 and 618-406-2818. The location 'Columbia, Illinois' and the website 'www.yobobairbrush.com' are also included.

## 2004 Wrap-Up by Killer Miller

Hello, all you cats and kittens. This is Killer's year-end wrap-up (even if it is in the January issue).

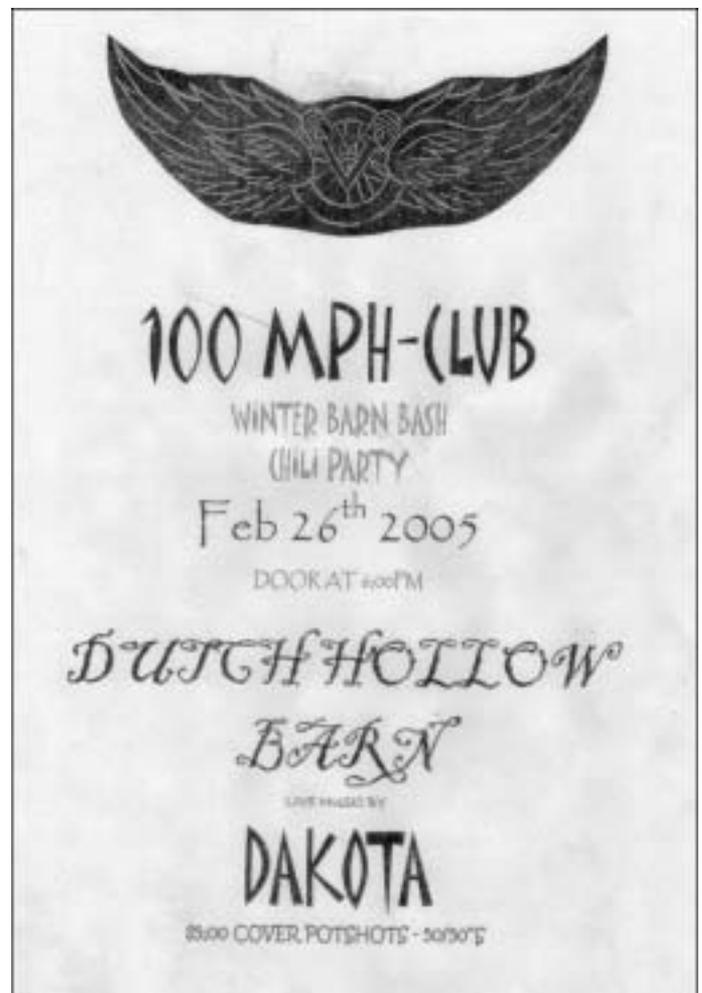
TJ's last bike show of the season was great, even though the turnout was small. The bike show itself could easily have been held in the parking lot, as there were just as many cool bikes there. I finally got to see one of the new Triumph Rocket 3s, and all I can say is "Damn, that's a big bike." However, despite its flashy style (and enough motor to pull the Queen Mary 2), it still looks like they decided "Gee, we've got a car motor, let's build a bike around it." It was neat to have the Dark Angel Honda there to see what a Valkyrie looks like compared with it; it really is about even. I would still buy a new Bonnie if it were my money buying a new British bike. Don's Speed Shop had an awesome black and blue chop there, and other shops and private builders also had a chance to show off their customs. The show's organizers set up the field events differently this time, taking the best Harley-Davidson rider in the slow race versus the best Metric (yes, me again). For only the second time this year, I went down in defeat to a rider (I believe his name was Rhinehart) on a really nice orange, white, and black Softail. He just did a better job of riding and deserved to win. Wennie bike was won by Jenny the ticket girl, with yours truly putting her cute self under the before-mentioned wennie. I am sorry for not getting all the winner's names, but congratulations to all of you and to Sue Elle (ha ha) and Frank. TJ, thanks for a year's worth of great shows, and the Halloween party was pretty good too, with Ms. cinnamon stick, the lady construction worker, and the knocked-up nun being your contest winners.

Now for something different. (*Better watch it, Killer, or Rich will get you for taking his line. Just kidding—ed.*) As is my practice, one of the last runs of the year I do is a toy run. Although I usually go to the Parkland run, I couldn't make it this year because my son was running in the 2a cross-country championships in Jefferson City on the first Saturday of November. I hope you Parkland folks had an excellent turnout. Mrs. Killer and myself loaded up The Ghost and went to the ABATE for Missouri and Freedom of Road Riders toy run instead. Although it was not as big as Parkland, it was still a fun time. Adam's rat Gold Wing did its version of Rudolph to pull the trailer bearing gifts, while all the other elves (that would be the rest of the riders) followed. I forgot the names of where we rode, but I'll never forget how happy those kids were. They couldn't get into the gifts or on the bikes fast enough. Some of the brothers from ABATE of Illinois (Piasa Chapter) came over, and it was nice to visit with them and the CMA riders as

well. No matter how mean we look (or think we might be), if you put bikers and kids together, the whole dynamic of the people involved can change. It is always a good thing, and my year would not be complete without it. Thanks to VFW Lodge 3944 for letting us start there.

Now for my predictions. More people will ride (I hope) for longer periods of time because they'll find out how neat it is and how much gas they can save. Sales of all brands will increase as buyers start looking toward different options for their bikes. Choppers will start becoming less art and more usable (well, as usable as they can be). Unfortunately, rocket bike sales will decrease because they have gotten so close to the race track that they are now unusable for the street. We'll also see more naked bikes (think Bandit zrx1200 Bonnie Sportster), more girls on bikes, and more young men and women on bikes (especially naked bikes). (Harley-Davidson builds a neat sport dresser using the VRod motor.)

Well, that's it for now. Maybe this year I will get to Key West or Colorado or wherever I can go without being in the middle of a storm. But for now it's just Killer, waiting for the sun. Ride safe.





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

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

**Local 34** - meetings third Weds of the month at Bullwinkle's Pub Hwys T and 60 East Poplar Bluff, MO [www.forr34.org](http://www.forr34.org)

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

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

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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association GWRRA** Have various meeting locations in the Metro St. Louis Area. Check out the one nearest you at [www.stlouisgwrra.homestead.com](http://www.stlouisgwrra.homestead.com)

**Heartland WOW**, meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Weds of the month at 7:00 PM at the Prairie Commons Branch 915 Utz Ln., St. Louis MO. For more info see their website at [www.heartlandwow.org](http://www.heartlandwow.org).

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**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](http://www.marionroadrunners.com).

**MidSouth Riders** - Northwest Tennessee [www.midsouthriders.com](http://www.midsouthriders.com)

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**Pharaoh's M.C.** - 7510 Old Missouri RD, Centerville, IL for more info contact Big Daddy (618) 593-2955.

**Reelfoot Lake Night Riders** - Tipton, TN [www.reelfootlakenightriders.com](http://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.

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

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

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

**Road Rebels Riding Club** - An all brand riding club, for more info about the club email President Rick "Grumpy" White [roadrebelgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:roadrebelgroup@yahoo.com) or 618-972-4951

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

**Southern Illinois Star Riders** meet the first Sunday of each month in Collinsville, IL. Contact [wizardandangel@yahoo.com](mailto:wizardandangel@yahoo.com) or visit [autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/southernillinoisstarriders/](http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/southernillinoisstarriders/)

**St Louis Motorcycle Club** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.yahoo.com/group/STLMC) for more info.

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

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

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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](http://www.Kirkwoodhog.com).

**St Charles HOG Chapter:** 3rd Tues of the month 7 pm at St. Charles Moose Lodge 2705 Interstate 70 (South Service Road by Chucky Cheese) (636) 723-9365. [stcharleshog@primary.net](mailto:stcharleshog@primary.net).

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This month's bike of the month is a little different. This bike appropriately named Big Inch was built by Scott Bliss of Houston, TX the buyer came to him told him he wanted something with a fat tire big engine and that he wanted it to be orange. Given these parameters Scott started to work. Special order Arlen Ness Daytec steel frame and swingarm, kit for a 180 tire extended 5" with a 35 degree rake, An Arlen Ness oil tank, Jess James front and rear fenders modified for the look Scott was going for. In addition to a number of other Ness parts, and then the many items Scott fabricated from designs that came to him as he dreamed this sleek, strong piece of iron.

To finish the look he added billet wheels and components and then topped it off with a candy pearl orange paint job. The graphics were also the brainchild of Scott and were applied by Doug Breer of Paint by Pygmy. The 131 inch engine was assembled by Bliss to create the power for this drag style bike, it also has an open primary with one off aluminum pulley ends.

This is a very sharp bike and the really cool thing is you can go and check it out in person here in Metro area. The bike is on display at Big Boys Toys on Saint Charles Rock Road. If you are in the Bridgeton area stop on by you will be glad you did additionally there are a number of other very cool rides here, happy riding.



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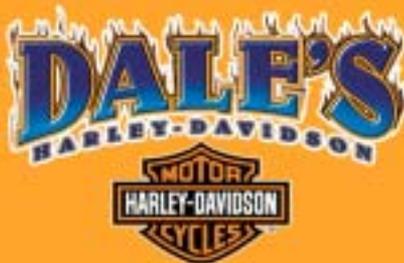
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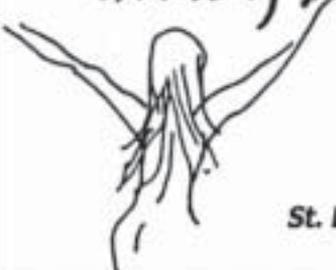


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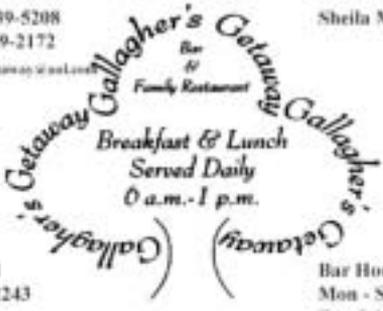


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While Ron Picou was spinning the tunes in the bar for entertainment, Jimmy (the owner of **Moof's**) arranged to have a live remote by 100.7 KGMO—Cape Girardeau, Missouri's classic rock station—from his bar. That, along with the smell of the great barbecue they were serving, added to the festive environment of the day.



I saw friends and readers there from southern Illinois and southeast Missouri, as well as from the

St. Louis metro area. The selection of bikes was much stronger this year than it was the year before. The judge (me) had a hard time picking the winners; as always, there were folks who disagreed with the judge's decision. I will admit he can be a jerk, but I can also promise you he tries to make fair choices. The winners of the classes were as follows:

Foreign class: Bryan Wagner of Chester, Illinois  
Pan / Shovel class: Kevin Bequette of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri  
EVO class: Glenn Zeisler of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri  
Sportster class: Jennifer Buckner of East Cardondelet, Illinois

Finally, the Custom class and Best of Show winner was, quite fittingly, Rhett Rinne's Popeye-themed bike. This bike is pictured here and can be viewed daily at the Popeye Museum in Chester, Illinois. The small Popeye-related details that are incorporated into this bike are best appreciated up close. While you are in Chester checking out the bike, stop in at **Moof's**. It's always a fun place to hang out, and the bartenders are very easy on the eyes. The way this event is growing, the competition will be even tougher next year, making this an event you should really try to attend.



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## Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank the members of the Road Rebels Riding Club. As President I am very proud to say that I could not have Better brothers and sisters by my side. I have gone through some very rough times this last year, and the members of my club have all stepped up and helped out. All I needed to do was make a phone call. I am truly blessed.

I would also like to thank them for there support of my ideal to bring Christmas to those who had no family to share it with. I wasn't sure how the ideal would be received, but to a member they all thought it was a great one. I can only hope we brought a touch of joy and Christmas spirit to the residents at Collinsville Care Center. We will not be forgetting them after Christmas either.

My thanks also go out to the friends and family of the Road Rebels who helped and supported us, with this cause.

Thank You Again

Rick "Grumpy" White

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Road Rebels Riding Club

the members are listed below as well as some other supporters of the Collinsville Care Center visit:

Thanks to Ida and the HelkatsMC Midwest for their support even though they weren't able to attend.

Ok member list of those attending.

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As he is locking him up, he asks "Why in the world are you only wearing your gun, hat and boots?" The Biker says "Well it's like this Sheriff... I was in the bar down the road and this pretty little red head asks me to go out to her motor home with her ... so I did. We go inside and she pulls off her top and asks me to pull off my shirt .. so I did. Then she pulls off her skirt and asks me to pull off my pants...so I did. Then she pulls off her panties and asks me to pull off my shorts...so I did. "Then she gets on the bed and looks at me kind of sexy and says, "Now go to town biker... " "And, here I am."

## HUNGER HAS NO HOLIDAY...

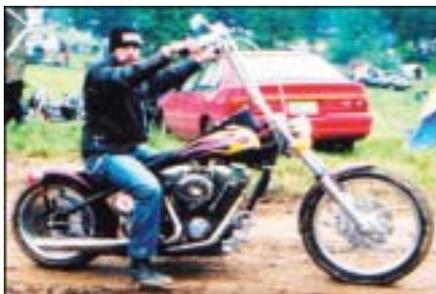
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**REMEDY FOR THE  
"SCROOGE FLU"  
By Sherlou Whitehead**

All of us tend to get a little bit of the "Scrooge flu" around the holidays, what with the weather, the shopping, the bills, the traffic, add the kids being out of school and even the most Christmas spirited person gets feeling somewhat "scroogey". Some of us get this flu really bad, though most of us will make it though with a mild case. Like any other virus, it will run its course, and will probably last until after Christmas. But, I have been witnessing instant recovery from this flu when the bikers, the businesses, the civic organizations, and community all pull together for the kids at Christmas.

As I traveled the area and began introducing *The Biking Life* to the area clubs and organizations, I began to hear of a man named Joe Berry and the Joe Berry Toy Run in Poplar Bluff, MO, which is always held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. I attended three toy runs, three weekends in a row prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Joe Berry Toy Run. At each and every one of them I heard of this man named Joe Berry, he was very well known throughout the entire area. Joe Berry was a local biker and owned 53 Engines in Poplar Bluff. He started the toy run

in 1998, working with the local Jaycees for Toys for Tots. The raffle money raised after the run was donated to the Shop with a Cop program.

Joe Berry died the evening of the first toy run after losing control of his motorcycle and being thrown off. His wife was with him, she suffered minor injuries. Joe Berry lives on though, through the Joe Berry Toy Run, which is held in his honor for the Toys for Tots. It is attended by bikers from all over this area, from Southeast Missouri to Northeast Arkansas to Northwest Tennessee. Quite a few who came knew Joe Berry and the others knew of him. By the time I finished covering this event, I felt like I knew Joe Berry also, from the people who knew him, from the toy run, from the area businesses, from the words that had been written about him.

Upon waking up the morning of November 27<sup>th</sup>, the rainy drizzle that was supposed to have ended the night before continued. It was cold, wet, and gray, not the best day for a toy run. Upon arriving at Hefner's Furniture and Appliance for sign in (did I mention that at this point, I am in charge of the sign in table, plus trying to gather information for this article and also picked up the 12 dozen donuts that were donated by the The Donut House in Poplar Bluff) the first question asked by a bystander after they hurried in out of the rain, "Will they still have the toy run?" I assured everyone that



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there would be a toy run. These bikers have put this Saturday after Thanksgiving on their calendar last year for this year. About that time the first group showed up, all the way from Jackson, TN, Joe Berry lived near them at one time. From then on in it was busy, and it was still raining.

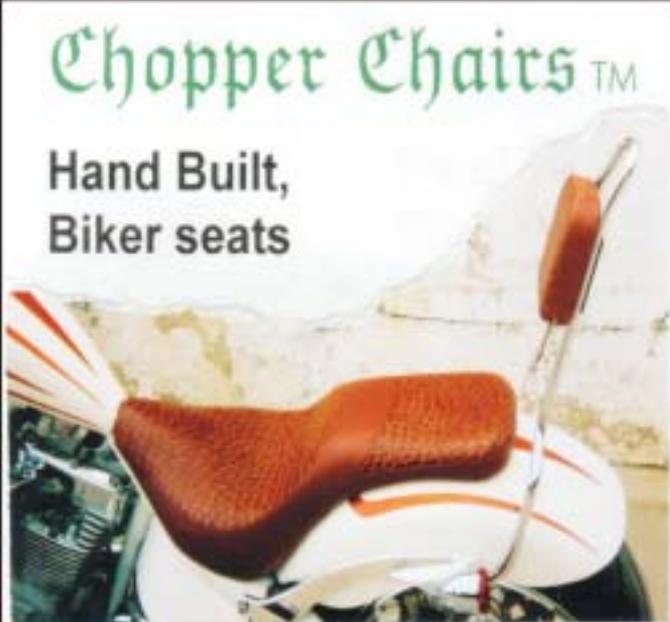
A beautiful *young* lady escorted by her mother and grandmother came in and introduced herself as Miss Teen Missouri Outdoors, Danielle McKiernan. She had come down from St. Louis to help, so I put her at the sign in table, where she was had a chance to meet all the riders. We asked her for a picture of her on a bike, with the leader of the run, Santa Claus (also known as Tom Wright, local Shriner and barber shop owner). Well, since the rain had finally stopped, and her mother lent her a leather coat to wear, this young lady, age 14, wearing her tiara, rode in the front of the run, on the motorcycle, with Santa Claus, all the way to Jim and Jerry's Restaurant, Pub, and Billiards in downtown Poplar Bluff, where the run ended. Of course, there was slight mishap with this incident, her mother's car keys were in the pocket of the coat Danielle was wearing, so they had to find another ride downtown to get the keys from her. She was a special girl with a big heart and a lot of spirit, we were glad to have her along.

Upon arriving at Jim & Jerry's, they served up some chili and hot dogs and fixings, there was a bike show outside on the street, judged by Charlie Stark. There were two plaques awarded, one went to Danny Collins, of the Christian Motorcycle Association, he received the Best Bike award for his 1963 Panhead, the other award went to Elvis, of the Vendettas M/C, Bootheel Chapter, for the ugliest bike. Then it was back inside for more food, drinks, and then the raffle drawings, door prizes and the charity auction, with the proceeds from the charity auction going to the area Shop with a Cop program. The main raffle drawing was for a Harley Davidson pool cue, with case, valued at \$420.00. This was donated by Wes Gilmore, of Gilmore Tires, Poplar Bluff and Sikeston, and was won by Karen Beers of Poplar Bluff.

There was about \$4,000.00 collected altogether, what with the many cash donations, raffles, and the charity auction. The money from the charity auction will be given to the Shop With A Cop program, which is hosted by the

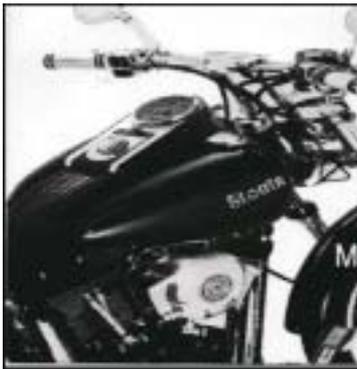
Fraternal Order of Police, this year they were doing the Shop With A Cop for the children of the National Guard unit in Poplar Bluff. The Delta Company of 735<sup>th</sup> Main Support Battalion are in Fort Dix right now in training to go to Iraq, with about ten percent of the unit already there. Toys for Tots also donated toys to the Family Resource Group (support group for the families) for their Christmas party. The Toys for Tots event chairman Nila Keller and I were invited to attend and received a sight not usually seen by those who donate to Toys for Tots, we were able to get some pictures of the kids, with Santa Claus distributing the toys to them. This indeed, is what Christmas is all about, and what Joe Berry dreamed of, the bikers, the community, the businesses, and the civic organizations working in unity for the children. Thank you, Joe Berry, for allowing all of us to share your dream, we are proud to do so.

So, for all of you who helped, for all of you who came, for all of you who gave of your wallets, your time, your giving, your caring, let's see all of you at the gathering at Bootheel Saloon on January 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at noon, to do as Joe Berry would have done, spend the first day of the year with friends, good cheer, and Cajun food, and ride in memory of Joe. See you there!

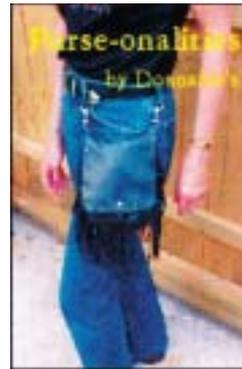


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February's tattoo of the month belongs to a friend of mine, Beth Partelow. It was done at Untamed Artworks (which is no longer in business) by Jeremy Cannon (who is no longer in the area). That said, it is a pretty cool piece of ink work. When I was taking these shots of Beth, I asked her if this ink had any special meaning for her. She said that it was an expression of an ideal woman and her sensual side. If you see Beth out, ask her to show you her tattoo, as the pictures don't really do it justice.

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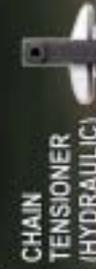
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