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Letter From the Editor

By Jim Furey

Thank you all very much. This is our first anniversary issue. It has been an incredible journey so far. We have met some super people along the way who have been friends of the magazine. I look back at our first issues and wonder how and sometimes why people would tell me how good it was. I guess they could see the promise of what this small diamond in the rough of a magazine could become. I cannot begin to tell you all how rewarding it is to me when readers like you tell me how much you like the magazine. At times those comments have lifted my spirits when I would question why I decided to do this. I always thought there was value in a magazine like this that catered to our area and it has become obvious that there really is.

We have steadily grown throughout the past year. Our first issue is destined to become a classic, signed copies of which are out on eBay for big bucks. Okay, not really on eBay.

For that first issue we only printed 1000 copies and I still have some left. That first issue was a tool to introduce ourselves to the area and show what we wanted to do. The very next month we started distributing 5000 copies through our distributors. Three months later we grew the size of the magazine from 16 pages to 24 pages. A month later we increased the number of copies we put out to 6000. During this time we launched our website and we have grown from originally getting 300 hits a day to our current average of more than 1000 hits a day from all over the world. I have received e-mails from people around the globe who like what we are doing. We have sent copies of the magazines to people fighting the Global War on Terrorism, several of whom I have served with. We also started offering home delivery a few months back and several of you have invited us into your homes in that way. The number of subscriptions is constantly growing, and we do appreciate that.

Our growth continues. Three months ago we started distributing 7000 copies a month, and with our May issue we once again expanded our size to 32 pages. We have done this *only* with your support; you support us in a couple of different ways. One, you go to local establishments and pick up this magazine, and two, you patronize the good folks who advertise with us. The people who advertise with us are some of the biggest supporters of biking in the area and they are the ones that pay most of the bills we incur in trying to get this publication out to the public.

We strive to be the one place where riders can look for information on which establishments are 'biker friendly' and on the various clubs that enhance your riding experience by giving you a place to congregate with like-minded people. Last but not least, we aim to provide one of the most up-to-date listings of motorcycle-related activities in the area. We still need your help in these areas—please continue to let us know about places and clubs you like or events that you have coming up.

I also owe a great debt of gratitude to several people who help with the magazine. My sister Jennifer edits all of our items and makes it seem like we can string coherent thoughts together. Kent Meisemann, who has helped us increase the quality of the photos in the magazine and who constantly lets me know how much room for improvement there is, also helps with the distribution. David 'Call me Murphy' Murphy has provided a lot of pictures as well as also aiding in delivery. Carol Wilson played a significant role and gave a lift to the publication when it needed it. I would also like to thank Rich Aubuchon, who writes the "Something Completely Different" column. This column is a cornerstone of the magazine and he provides a quality of writing that sets us apart. We have several other regular contributors—Geri Poncia, William 'Killer' Miller, and 'Sportster Rick' Lang—who also help to make this possible. Once again, I thank all of you for helping us grow during the past year and hopefully with your support in the future as well. Ride safe, ride hard, and have fun.



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Bike Show Season Opens in Style by Killer Miller

Just as baseball's opening day signals the start of a new season, so too do the first outdoor bike shows and events begin the season. The biggest proprietor of bike shows in this area is TJ's Bar and Grill in Pevely, Missouri, and on April 4 they started this year's show season. As with many such events, there were as many interesting bikes in the lot as there were entered in the show. I was glad to see a grouping of Japanese bikes, including an old 550 Honda 4 that badly needed a side cover. I also spotted one very cool old xlch Harley and a clean sharp black Triumph from the 70's. There were also more of the new (late) Indians in any one place outside a dealership.

The pretty women were there in large numbers, as were old friends like my bro Scooter from Freedom of Road Riders and his honey Precious. Event winners were *Slow Race*, Eric Bradshaw defeating an equally great (hey, she beat me) rider in Teri Sands. The *Wennie Bite* winner was a fine-looking woman—Jackie Gillman (with pilot Stan Gillman). Those two beat out the couple on the red Indian (sorry I didn't get your names). Other bike show winners included the following:

- *Vintage*: Kevin B.
- *Evo Stock*: Stan Gillman



- *Evo Custom*: Bruce Reiss
- *Twin Cam Stock*: Mickey
- *Twin Cam Custom*: Carl Buckston
- *Trike*: Shirley
- *Sporty*: Teri Sands
- *Metric*: Ron Davis (yours truly and the grey ghost BMW took third)

Custom and TJ's choice both went to Jeff Hearst and the brown recluse bike (this was the hardest group since every bike was really cool in its own way).

Killer's choice (hey, you don't get a trophy but you get to know that I think your ride's really cool) goes to the Broken Horse #51 bike. This bike was a 4-year build and has an orange powder-coated frame, PM Brakes, and a

modified 80 ci motor. Dave Camfield did some of the work on the bike, and Denny Mayfield did the neat lettering. The really cool thing about the bike are the many hidden features you can't really see and the story behind the build; hopefully in the future we will get to do a feature on this bike, along with some of the others at the show (like the wicked bad race xlch). Unfortunately, your intrepid reporter



forgot to get the owner of the #51 bike's name and number, so please, if this is your bike drop us an e-mail at staff@thebikinglife.com. Another bike that gave it a run for its money is Crazy Fullmoon Eagle's sporty conversion. The bike and rider are both extremely interesting, so look for a feature on them in an upcoming issue (keeps you on the lookout for the next issue, doesn't it?).



Dig on the photos and try to get down to Jefferson County for the next event at TJ's, it's always a good time. Once again, thanks to MC Sue and everyone else at TJ's for the hospitality. Later on down the road (or track), Killer says *See Ya*.



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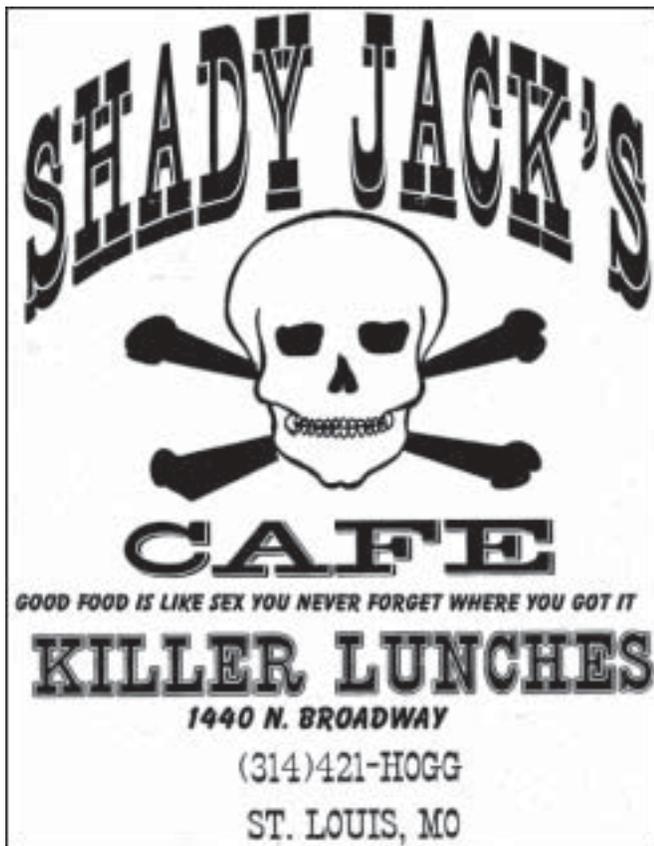
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Something Completely Different by Rich Aubuchon

A few months back, I shared with you a few details of my incipient campaign for the Presidency of the United States. With Summer upon us and the major party conventions just weeks away, it's about time for an update. The *Committee for Rich Aubuchon for President*, or CRAP, was formed in February with former *Charles In Charge* star Scott Baio as my campaign manager. Scott's energetic, intelligent, and his career's a wasteland, so he works cheap. He also gave me an autographed photo of the cast of *Joanie Loves Chachi*, which I sold on eBay for almost \$13.

I can't wait to be President. It will be cool to have a Secret Service code name like "Eagle" or "Chief" or "Lard Butt." It will be cool to have the press pool referring to me by the acronym POTUS (President of the United States). My wife, on the other hand, isn't particularly excited about becoming First Lady of the United States, or FLOTUS. "FLOTUS," she says, "sounds like something you'd find in the toilet."

I'm pleased to say that my candidacy is going quite well. I have received endorsements from two important labor unions—the *Brotherhood of Undocumented Workers* and the *Federation of Adult Theaters And Sex Shops*. Both



BOW and FATASS have pledged their support, although I'm still waiting for them to kick in with some kind of cash donation.

Actually, fundraising is proving to be the most difficult part of running for President. Things turned ugly when I was arrested in Tower Grove Park for soliciting campaign contributions. The arresting officer misunderstood my intent when I told him that for just \$20, he could have my "pocket veto." There were also some problems with my head of security, Mike Danton, but I'm doing my best to keep those out of the papers.

The only other setback I've encountered came after I decided to emulate Senator John Kerry's post-Vietnam theatrics. As you're probably aware, the young war hero threw some of his military ribbons over the White House fence in protest. The image was a powerful one, and even today has energized the two major parties. In much the same way, I recently returned several DVDs to Wal-Mart after discovering that they weren't Wide Screen editions. Media coverage was lighter than I anticipated, but the store security video of police dragging me from the store as I screamed obscenities did make the 10 o'clock news.

I'm looking forward to the next few months and the opportunity to discuss the issues with clarity, honesty, and integrity. There's probably no issue more front and center than the situation in Iraq. Because of deadlines imposed by the international media consortium that owns *The Biking Life*, I'm writing this manifesto in early May, several weeks before you will read it. (It's almost like time travel. Isn't that cool?) As it stands right now, my platform regarding Iraq is simple and direct, although I reserve the privilege to change my opinion each and every time it's politically expedient.

Here's what needs to be done. We'll start by imposing a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" rule for all Iraqi prisoners. We won't ask if they've been abused by their American captors, and they won't tell us if they've been abused. This should solve that little problem in a jiffy.

In order to maximize our efforts in rebuilding Iraq, we'll contract with Ikea to provide some of that cool furniture for all Iraqi citizens. There's no reason even the most radical Sunni cleric can't decorate with some flair. Instead of passing costly budget proposals that send billions of American dollars to Baghdad, we'll hire Jerry Lewis to hold a series of telethons. For a big enough pledge, we'll let you take Saddam Hussein in the back room and "negotiate" with him. We'll also sell naming rights for each of the major Iraqi cities. Instead of

“Baghdad,” the capital might someday be called “Hardees Village” or “Commerce Bank Town.”

So far, the biggest obstacle to our success in Iraq has been the sporadic insurgency in places like Fallujah. It’s our responsibility as exporters of democracy to bring freedom to these people. In order to do that, we’ll have to squash the rebels like a bug, level the city, and herd the rest of the locals into prison camps until order has been established. Oppression is a small price to pay for freedom, after all. Then, we’ll put good old American know-how to work reviving the economy of these cities. And, I think we’ll all agree, the key to prosperity is going to be putting light rail and a downtown ball park in each of these communities.

As your President, I’ll see to it that every American has a job, even if it’s something humiliating, or something dangerous, or something patently illegal. If you can’t find work, then I’ll let you mow the White House lawn for \$30. Just be careful of the rose bushes. My wife, the future First Lady, is very anal about the rose bushes.

I’ll save thousands of family farms by legalizing the production and sale of marijuana. Farmers will have a new, in-demand crop to grow. Retailers will have a new, in-demand product to sell. Frito-Lay will see unprecedented sales growth, leading to higher employment and increased spending. Yes, I’ll proudly call myself the “Dope President.”

I’m just as troubled as you are that 40 million Americans don’t have health insurance. There needs to be a newer, better way to guarantee that all citizens receive adequate health care. Thankfully, the answer is simple: gambling and prostitution. We’ll let hospitals and doctors’ offices lower their fees by installing slot machines and video poker in their waiting rooms. Insurance costs will drop, and a patient will be more inclined to get that strange lump looked at if he knows he might also walk away with a few thousand in winnings. Further, we’ll let the uninsured earn free health coverage by performing sex acts on industry officials. We might as well let the insurance companies do the same thing to those people they’ve been doing to the rest of us, don’t you agree?

My Presidency will work hard to improve our educational system. Since throwing money at a problem doesn’t work, we’ll try a different approach and strip schools of all funding. We need caring, dedicated teachers and the only way to test their dedication is to remove their ability to support themselves. If they’re still willing to teach despite having to live in public housing,

then we know they’re the real thing. In some cases, we’ll do away with schools altogether. Each child will be given a copy of *Hooked On Phonics* and a library card when he/she turns 6. After that, it’s up to the child.

The issue of gay marriage is one which my administration will not take lightly. It’s important that we preserve the institution of marriage as it has been traditionally known in the United States. There’s no reason that two adults, two people whom you’ve never met and never will meet, should be allowed to do something that might make you feel icky if you knew about it. Also, it’s dangerous for married men if their wives suddenly start making friends with gay married couples. “Bob’s husband doesn’t throw his clothes on the floor, and he also helps with the cooking” would be a typical piece of spousal griping. As Rush Limbaugh’s third wife so eloquently put it, “Marriage is sacred.”

So, there you have my positions on the key issues of the day. Really, this should be a campaign about ideas, not personal grudges. I have challenged both President Bush and Senator Kerry to a fierce, vigorous debate. However, unlike those guys I didn’t graduate from college and I’m only marginally familiar with the tenets of the Constitution, so a policy debate is hopeless. The good news is, I’ve never been arrested for drunk driving and I’m not married to some foreign-sounding broad, so I say “Let the personal attacks begin!”

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Riders Rally for Veterans
by Jim Furey

April 25 gave me a chance to hit some events in places I don't get to as often as I'd like. The most touching stop, though, was at the Bike Show at the Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. This show was the culmination of a full day's worth of events that started with a Poker Run in the morning and also included an auction, a 50/50 drawing, and a live broadcast by radio station 99.3 FM Real Rock. This event is the baby of Tom "Harvey" McGowan. Harvey is a member of the Vietnam Vets MC who has worked very hard to make this event the success it is. This is the fourth event that has been put on to both entertain and benefit the residents of the Cape Girardeau Veteran's Home.

Tom works hard, but obviously he can't do it alone. The Jackson, Missouri, Elks Club supplied the grill and a couple of their members (Bob Ward and Joe Prost) to do the cooking. All the food and beverages served that afternoon were donated by local businesses. The Capaha Car Club pitched in as well, with some of their members showing their vintage cars.



With the help of these various groups this event has grown from fewer than 100 attendees in the beginning to more than 2000 last year. Last year's proceeds from this event provided the Veteran's Home with a color television, 15 Sony Walkmans, 2 DVD players, and 100 CDs. This year, not counting the funds raised during the April 25 events, the organizers and donors had already distributed two medical La-Z-Boy chairs and three more DVD players. The monies that are raised at this event go to fund activities for the vets.

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There were a lot of very sharp bikes on display here, and I'm sure the judges had some difficult decisions on which ones deserved to take home the trophies. A word about the judges: they were all residents of the Veteran's Home. The judges were George Shelton, who served in the Navy from September 1941 to September 1945 and was the youngest man to serve from the first day to the last day of WWII. Bob Berry, who served in the Army during the Korean War, was another judge, as was Doris Cobaugh, who was in the USMC during the Korean War. The last of the judges was Bobby Pierce, a Marine who made it clear he was a Vietnam Era veteran. These judges not only served their country well during times of conflict but also served the bikers well during the judging. After much consideration, they selected the following as the winners and runners-up of the six classes (winners are listed first):

- Dresser*—Bob Brosey, Tom Hinklebein
- Custom*—Den Spillman, Brad Sample
- Sport*—Dwayne Floyd, Tom Mitchell
- Antique*—David Murphy
- Trike*—Richard "Mailman" Ford
- Homebuilt*—Cheri Parsons

I had a great time and thank all of those who made it possible. I know Memorial Day was last month, but there are a lot of veterans in homes like this throughout this area. Please don't forget about them; these people made sacrifices to support the way of life we all enjoy today. The next time someone asks for a donation to help the veterans, step up and do the right thing, or maybe sometime go to a Veteran's Home and visit with some of the residents. We can all learn a lot from them—these people lived history or helped create it and are a valuable asset that shouldn't be neglected.



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Brothers of the Third Wheel meets the second Saturday of each month locations vary see website <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BTW-STL-MO/>

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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.

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

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

St Louis Motorcycle Club meets second Thursday of the month at Goff-Moll Legion Hall, 2721 Collier, Brentwood, MO. Meetings start at 7:30 and all are welcome call (314) 771-7100 for more info.

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While we were in Quincy, Illinois, last weekend, a young lady asked me, “Do you guys only put choppers and customs in your magazine?” I told her no, we put in any bike we see that we like or that our readers tell us about, without any prejudice. So here is Penny Hartman’s bike. It is a pearl white 2002 Fat Boy with a diamond cut head and jugs. The sweet sounds this baby puts out echo through Martin Brother Samson pipes. Ego Tripp manufacturers produced the spider web wheels, rotor, and sprocket. An 88 CI Twin Cam with Screamin’ Eagle pistons powers this fine machine.

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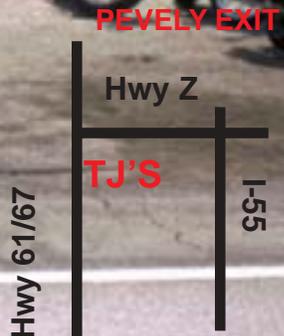
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30th Skyriders Memorial Day Ride - sign up 11 till 1 at their club house in Livingston, IL

June

5th Classic Car Cruise – at **TJ'S Bar and Grill, Hwys z, 61 & 67 in Pevely, MO** for more info call (636) 475-3648

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6th Kenny Hoffman Memorial Poker Run – this event put on by the ILLINOIS MOTORHEADS M/C starts at Phyl's in Marine, IL with sign up from 11 to 1. The first hand is \$5 and each additional one is \$1, there will also be attendance prizes and food will be available at the end.

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12th 8th Annual Donnie Bauman Run – sign up from 11 to 12:30 at H's Bar on Dutch Hollow Road, Belleville, IL proceeds go to the Illinois fire Safety Brun Camp call (618) 398-3668 for more details.

12th Hellblund Southern Bash - at the Shamrock in New Athens, IL from 2 PM to Midnight.

13th Skyriders Poker Run – sign up from noon till 2:00 at Jon's Corner Wood River, IL.

13th The Biking Life 1st Anniversary Bike Show – at Gallagher's Get-A-Way Freeburg, IL sign up from noon to 2:00 judging at 3:00 come and celebrate with us.

13th Christian Ferguson Memorial Run and Fundraiser – registration is at noon at the parking lot of 9400 Natural Bridge Rd, St. Louis and the run proceeds to the 4-Aces Lounge, 1312 East Broadway. East St. Louis, IL. There is a \$10 donation for each ride for more info contact M. Curry Black Tiger M/C President at (618) 737-1706.

13th – 14th Annual Gypsy Tour – at Catholic War Vets South RT 159 off HWY 15 Belleville, IL sign up is from 9 to 10 at Alton HOG, Belleville HOG, Kirkwood HOG, Widman Motorcycle cost is \$8 per person/ \$15 per couple on one bike in advance or \$10 per person the day of the event. Sign up early to receive limited edition commemorative patch. There will be awrds, attendance prizes 50/50 and so much more.

11th – 13th Gobble Holler Field Events – Lots of fun events and live music all weekend long, camping is available. Click on link to see flyer and map.

18th – 19th 2nd Annual Hillbilly Bike Show & 1st Annual Hillbilly Bike Build-Off Challenge – will be held at Zack's Place Pizza in Ozark,

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18th – 20th A.B.A.T.E. State Party – Gates open at noon Friday at Effingham county Fairgrounds, Altamont, IL

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19th Blue Knights 13 Night Poker Run – sign up from 6:00 till 7:30 at Decades in Wood River, IL.

19th Bikers Paradise Grand Opening – see their ad on inside cover for more details.

19th Poker Run for the March of Dimes – sign up starts at 10 at the Iron Horse Saloon on South Broadway St Louis, MO call (636) 282-7228 for more info.

19th Bikers Helping Bikers Benefit Dance – by Hartbauer/McBride Foundation at Cadillac Jack's on St. Charles Rock Road, music from 8 to 12 by Mean Green Rock Music and gates open at 7 come out and support this great event.

20th Bush Pilots Poker Run - sign up from noon to 2 at Club House, Central and Union in Alton, IL.

27th Bike Show – at **TJ'S Bar and Grill, Hwys z, 61 & 67 in Pevely, MO** call (636) 475-3648 for more info.

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The Biking Life Rides Into Quincy by Jim Furey

The traveling road show that *The Biking Life* is rapidly becoming was at it again on the weekend of May 15. This time Murphy, his dog, and I took off to visit our friends in Quincy, Illinois, and check out a couple of A.B.A.T.E. events that were going on. On Saturday there was a poker run, and on Sunday **Kelly's** on Broadway hosted a bike show. Both of these events were also sponsored by **Hot Bike of Quincy**, almost across the street on Broadway.



Surprise! I didn't get started as early as I would have liked to on Saturday, so we missed most of the poker run. The people supporting the run told me they had 368 bikes signed up. It was a pretty interesting run, with two routes depending on how far you wanted to go. We met up with some of the riders at a little place called Sparky's located on 5th Street. This was a nice friendly little establishment, with a very cute lady working the bar. Damn, I knew I forgot something—get the cute bartender's name. We sat around there and visited with some of the riders as we were waiting to check into our hotel. (That's another story, but I think I showed great restraint—maybe we'll share that story another time.) We left Sparky's, checked into our room, and then headed down to the final stop, the South Side Boat Club.

The crowd got larger as more of the riders arrived at their final destination. I learned of a new sandwich here, a *maidrite*. I walked up to the stand, which sold hot dogs and maidrites. So I said, "What's a maidrite?" They said, "Two dollars," which is also what the sign I was reading said. I answered, "No, what is a maidrite?" Then they said, "You ain't from around here, are you, boy?", which is always a scary feeling for me. They had plenty of items that they were giving away, as well as live music; the band also played at the bike show on Sunday. A tattoo

artist named Panama was doing his thing at both of these events. I had a chat with him and discovered that our grandparents probably knew each other; once again, proof that it is a small world. They also had a burn-out pit set up so we got to watch some folks fire up their tires. No matter how often I see one of those, I've always got to watch.

As the evening was coming to a close, they lit the bonfire, which I had hoped they would have done earlier since I hadn't brought a jacket. All in all, it was a very fun day. From here we took off with some folks and hit some of the local watering holes before heading back to the hotel for a little rest before we tried it all again.



On Sunday we headed down to **Kelly's** for the bike show. Rod, one of the owners of **Hot Bike of Quincy**, said "Jim, why don't you take this **Big Dog Mastiff** out for a ride?" I said "Sure," and boy was I glad I did. It was the first time I had ridden a bike with forward controls, and after some initial shakiness I was digging it. This bike had lots of torque and power and was really fun to want to write me up a contract right then and there, but I told them I needed to think about it a bit. One way or another the experience is probably going to cost me some money because at the very least I am probably going to have forward controls installed on my bike.





Murphy and I walked around visiting with people, taking pictures, and just enjoying a beautiful day. I was truly impressed by how nice the folks in Quincy were and look forward to my next experience with people from this area. It is also a nice ride up there—we went up the eastern side of Illinois and got many glimpses of small-town America and its culture. We will be listing events from this area as well as many others in our events column, so do yourself a favor sometime and take a weekend trip to Quincy. If you're like us, you'll have a great time and look forward to your next trip there.



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“Top Gun” Comes to Ted’s by Kay Mullen

No, it wasn’t the movie showcasing the exploits of Maverick, Goose, and the gang that all of us girls from the 80’s enjoyed so well. This Top Gun was a motorcycle skills competition and bike show sponsored by the Piasa Gateway Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. It took place on April 25 at Ted’s Motorcycle World in Alton, Illinois, and also featured an open house and blood drive hosted by Ted’s and a blessing of the bikes courtesy of the Cycle Saints CMA.

Chilly weather and a chance of rain did not dampen the spirits of the large crowd of more than 100 that turned out for this event, and Ted’s once again showed everyone a great time, providing music, barbecue, vendor spaces, and a great venue for the competition. In addition to the competition and bike show, the Piasa Gateway A.B.A.T.E. chapter also held a number of drawings as well as a raffle for a 2004 Harley-Davidson.



In keeping with their name (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education), The Top Gun event was a motorcycle skills competition and safety rodeo, with participants of all ages and both sexes. Participants were graded on how they performed a cone weave, how quickly they could stop their bikes, ability to negotiate tight U-turns, slow riding, 45-degree pullout, and balance and stability. In order to be a

“Top Gun,” the rider had to accrue more than 600 points out of a total of 700. It’s all a lot harder than it sounds, and the participants really showed what skilled riders they are. The judges of the bike show had a huge stable of beautiful rides to choose from, and they did a super job of picking the cream of a very good crop.

If you see any of the following “Top Guns” around, be sure to greet them with a hearty “Maverick!!!!” In addition to that, do what you can to support A.B.A.T.E. and patronize their events—they’re looking out for you and for everyone who rides.

Competition Winners:

1000 cc and Up Class: Marc Grant, Andy Horn

500 to 999 cc Class: Howard Huber, James Stratman

499 cc and Under Class: Christian Mansker

Team Competition: A & H Racing (Jim Magins, CT Autderneide, Andy Horn), Piasa Guys (Marc Grant, Mike Stuart, Howard Huber)

Bike Show Winners:

Custom Metric: Mike Chiaurro, Bob Farris

Stock Metric: Russ Henke, Dale Henke

Custom Harley-Davidson: Buddy Lamkin, Lori Lance

Stock Harley-Davidson: Daddy-O

Trike: Kathy Singler, AJ Vatole

Ladies’ Ride: Lauren Taylor, Anita Foley



Bike of the Month

by Jim Furey

I made it over to **Big Boyz Custom Cycles** for their May Park and Brag event a few weeks ago. This event happens the first Friday of every month at their shop on Gravois in “Olde Town” Fenton, Missouri. This happening is very aptly named because a lot of the bikes I saw there were quite brag-worthy. ‘The Nasty Nurse’ especially caught my eye, and it wasn’t the first time, either. I have seen this bike around at various events and always wanted to meet the owner and find out a little about this fine metal creation.

The owners are Bob and Vicky Ferris of Ballwin, Missouri, although Vicky has a trike as well. Big Boyz Custom Cycles finished the bike in April 2002. This bike uses a 131 CI Merch Stage 3 Billet/Chrome motor to churn out the horses. The frame is a 2002 Big Boyz 230 Hidden Shock, which helps when you want to go further than “from this bar to the next one.” A Baker 6-speed transmission helps translate the power to the rear wheels. There are many other customized parts included on this bike. To see what they are or to get some ideas for your bike, check them out on the BBCC website: www.bigboyzcustomcycles.com.

Bob, who is a fireman in his non-biking life, has been pursuing his passion for motorcycles for a long time. He loves his bike and when the weather is nice, he and Vicky get their motors running and like to cruise down the River Road. Say

hello to Bob and Vicky when you see them out and I’m sure Bob will be happy to sit down and tell you a lot more about this crimson beauty.





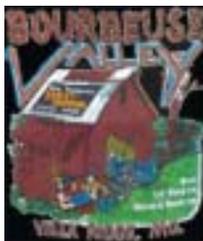
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Iron Horse Saloon on South Broadway - Danny has told me that while there may be a new manager at some point in time that this will be the biker friendly Iron Horse Saloon for a long long time.

Stop in and visit these places they support us and I assure you both are run by great people that are truly biker friendly. Last but not least:

Cadillac Jack's - this fine biker friendly establishment ran into some maintenance type issues here recently but they are once again open and ready to serve you some of the coldest beer and good food.

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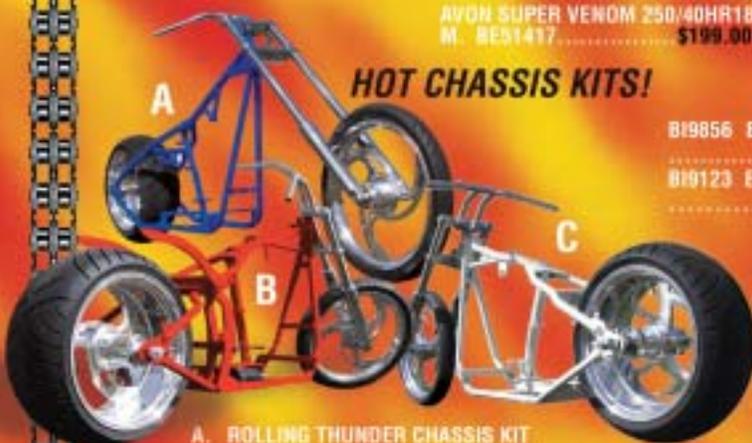


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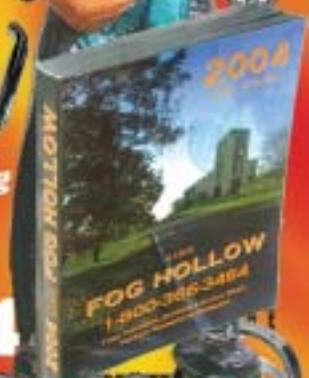


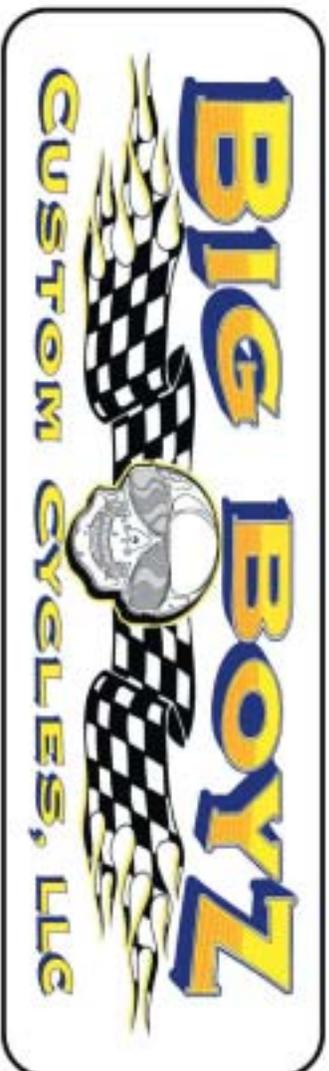
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