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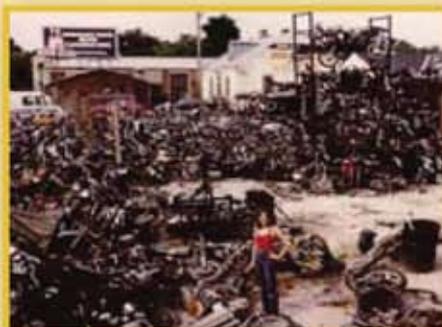
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Letter from The Publisher

By Jim Furey

The riding season is in full swing now, and in just a few days summer officially begins. I have been told by some that I am too political in this column, that perhaps I could be more successful if I toned it down here. Well, I do not really care I would rather stand up for what I believe than be a bigger success. Edmund Burke said "That the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." If I do not use the voice I have in this spot then I am doing nothing. I believe the success will continue to come as long as I am true to what I believe and the bond I have established with you the reader.

On another topic there is great fanfare surrounding Mother's Day as well there should be, but this month we honor our fathers. My father was a hard working man that taught me how to be a man and to take personal responsibility for my actions. He is a good man and I am proud to call him my dad. Take some time this year and let your father know how you feel about him.

There are some big charity events this month. It all starts at the beginning of the month with the 1st Annual Make A Wish Ride and Show. This event takes place at the Sara Lee complex in Earth City, MO and promises to be big. There is a car cruise and bike show on Saturday and then on Sunday there is a motorcycle run and car show. A special bonus this year is the Machine Gun Preacher Sam Childers will be appearing on Saturday and selling raffle tickets for the Jesse James chopper he is raffling off to provide funding for his ministry in Africa. The bike was donated so all the proceeds will go to help African children. The bike is

really sharp and the tickets are in everyone's price range. Visit him here or at one of the other locations he will be appearing at. We list his itinerary in issue.

Another huge event is a personal favorite of mine, the Hartbauer/McBride Foundations Annual Dance. This year the event has been moved back to Jack's Iron Horse Bar and Grill on St Charles Rock Rd. in Bridgeton, MO. The day is June 20th and this is a fun event for a great cause. For those of you not familiar with the foundation, they have another name "Bikers Helping Bikers" because that is what they are all about. The board members of the foundation are all motorcyclist and the proceeds of this event go to help bikers and/or their families based on an evaluation of need in times of troubles. I have seen and spoken to some of those they have helped, they were very appreciative and this is one charity we should support because they support us. The foundation is a 501(c) 3 which means if your company has a charity match you can designate them and they can really use the help.

The BACA Run from Gateway to the West Harley Davidson got rained out and it will instead also take place on the 20th. What a great way to spend the day helping abused children in the morning and helping fellow bikers in the evening.

Our bike nights are really taking off. The one at Geo's is well established, the Show-Me's in Fairview Heights, IL one is taking off along with the one at No-Jack, plus you really need to check out Jamm In's there is so much to do. There are many worthy events this month and you know you will see The Biking Life staffers at many of them. As Always I thank you for making us part of your biking life.

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The Park Hills Blessing of the Bikes By Robert "Rocker" Votrain

This blessing of the bikes took place May 3rd, 2009 in Columbia Park. Local chapters of CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association) and BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) co-sponsored this year's Blessing of the Bikes in Park Hills Missouri. It was a wet affair but it still managed to come off very well. There were 400 expected but only about 250 bikers in attendance and 200 bikes of all sorts fashions and shapes due primarily to the almost steady morning rains. Bill Milster of the CMA boasts to be the areas oldest and longest member.

There were Harley Davidsons, Hondas, Yamaha, Trikes, those weird looking new Can Am Spyder things and one scooter.

The Local Boy Scouts made a sign that read Blessing of the Bikes 2009 and would shoot a picture of you and your bike for a small donation to help their local chapter.



The President of the CMA Chapter (Jerry Inman) gave the initial prayer with members giving the individual blessings. You received a sticker for your bike, a silver coin and information about the CMA and its mission.

Several tents were set up with information about the individual groups with members very willing to discuss what they do and how it's all done.

Christian rock was played by Cross Road. There was a chili dump and a donation of can goods was asked for to help the local food pantries.

Rick Hinkle was there with Freedom Printing and Novelties. He had all sorts of pins, hats, scarves, patches and accessories every biker needs. From



Park Hills, Rick travels all over the country to biker events selling his wears and swapping stories.

I spoke to members and the Presidents of both organizations and found them to be awesome people out for the freedom of the road and with a mission to help others.

Special mention should go to The CMA area Rep Ray Ward along with Wife Linda who rode in on his Harley and her Trike. Both were very nice bikes.

My thanks to All the members of CMA and BACA for making me feel VERY welcome

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The professor started the class by telling them, 'In Veterinary Medicine it is necessary to have two important qualities as a doctor: The first is that you not be disgusted by anything involving the animal body.'

For an example, the Professor pulled back the sheet, stuck his finger in the butt of the dead cow, withdrew it and stuck it in his mouth. 'Go ahead and do the same thing,' he told his students.

The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes. But eventually took turns sticking a finger in the anal opening of the dead cow and sucking on it.

When everyone finished, the Professor looked at them and said, 'The second most important quality is observation.'

I stuck in my middle finger and sucked on my index finger. Now learn to pay attention. Life's tough, it's even tougher if you're stupid.

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A Taste of Thailand in Fairview Heights

By Joy Furey



Are you tired of the same old Chinese food or burgers and fries routine? A few weeks ago, we were lucky enough to enjoy a meal at **Tong Phoon Restaurant** in Fairview Heights, Illinois. Tong Phoon is a biker friendly establishment owned by bikers. We found the atmosphere to be very welcoming and the service was prompt and the server attentive. Even better, an entire meal is reasonably priced and there are even lunch specials.

Unlike so many restaurants nowadays, Pang, the owner, makes her authentic Thai dishes the old fashioned way—from scratch. She even made some hot peanut sauce especially for me when I mentioned that I liked it with Thai summer rolls. By the way, if you like cilantro, I recommend trying them! With my meal, I enjoyed some wine; however, they also offer beer and a full bar.

I'm ready to take a ride over to **Tong Phoon Restaurant** again—maybe Jim will read this and take the hint! If you are ready to mix it up a little, cruise on over to **Tong Phoon** and enjoy some authentic Thai food and a lot of hospitality. I guess I'd better tell you where they are located: 5900 N. Illinois Street, also known as Rte. 159, and I almost forgot to mention that they have take out available for those of you who know what you want. Just call 618-632-1210 to order. Enjoy!





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Many American's after the tragic events of 9-11, had their patriotism rekindled and joined the military. These young people embody our future. Unfortunately some don't come back and that is the story behind this truly staggering bike that was at the Wide Open Bike Show earlier this year.

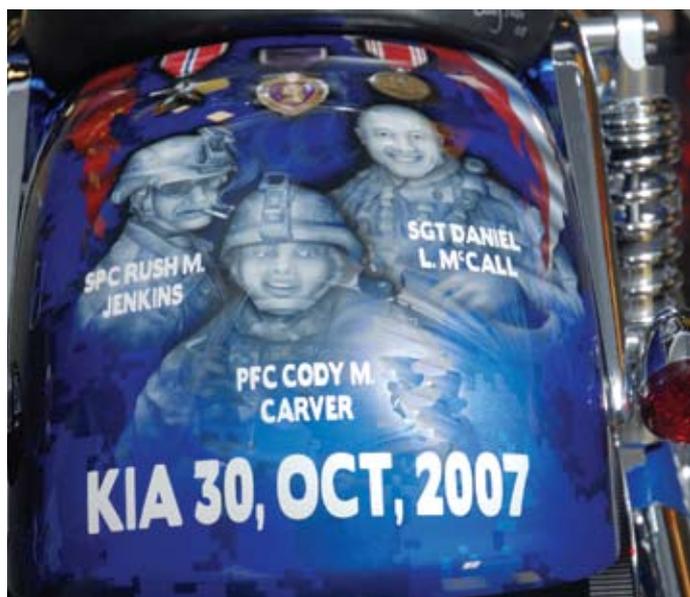
Cody Carver was a young man from Oklahoma. He felt after the terrorists attacked the Twin Towers that he had to do something. So shortly after he turned eighteen he enlisted and was later put in a Abrams tank crew in Iraq. This young man served proudly and bravely but in wartime not all stories have a happy ending. That was the case here, he met his maker much to soon when his tank ran over a road side bomb left by one of those our young people are fighting to free.

To make a long story short, he had started building a chopper but it was unfinished . His dad a Vietnam Vet, started on it and with much help from

a lot of people including the "Godfather of Custom Bikes" Arlen Ness, this tribute chopper emerged.

Cody's mother and father are rightly proud of the sacrifice their son and his crew mates made that fateful day and the sacrifices all the service members have made who didn't come back or came back different than when they left for one reason or another, and everyone comes back different.

A lot of Ness parts, like dang near everything including a Ness tech 124 that just make tons of horsepower and torque to move this rolling masterpiece of artwork, The paint job on this bike is so stunning that one I forgot to get the painters name (oops sorry my bad) and two even I aint a good enough photog





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to do this bike justice. The paint is really truly that good. Possibly the best I have ever seen, you can feel both the pride and the pain just from the paint alone standing next to this bike. I could write more about this but my words are not big enough or good enough to do it justice so I will leave with this. A person has no more love than to lay down their life defending the freedom for people who may or may not appreciate or respect the fact that they did. God bless all our troops. Killer



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When I started writing this article, I was thinking about friendships and what it means to have a friend. I soon realized though that the most important point is not how many people I call friends, but how many people call me their friend. Being a friend cannot be one-sided; it takes two people to make a friendship. You form a special bond and understanding, while you share times together. Many friendships last for our lifetimes. You may get angry and not speak for a while, but the love in your heart never goes away. It's not a feeling – it's a relationship.

In John 15:15, Jesus tells us "I have called you friend." He may not walk and talk to me in a physical sense, but I feel His presence on my life, see Him working in my life and the lives of each of my family members. When I'm going through difficult times in my life, I can feel at peace because I know He cares about me and my family. In my heart, I know Jesus calls me His friend.

Having Jesus as your friend would mean He'd be in your thoughts as you go about your day. He gives us access to His guidance, wisdom and compassion as we depend on His friendship. We can put loneliness and fear behind us and we grow to depend on his power and intimacy in our lives.

If you don't know Jesus as your friend, you should. It's as easy as talking to your very best friend who sits next to you. If you aren't sure how to begin this friendship, 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.

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Bald Knob Blessing 2009

By Jim Furey



There are bike blessings throughout the region and throughout the country but one of the largest I have seen takes place every April at the Cross at Bald Knob near Alto Pass, IL. If the weather cooperates people from all over come out to have their bikes blessed up near the cross. While the event is hosted by the Lord's Paheece Chapter of the CMA, Christian motorcycle organizations of all ilks help with the blessing.

This is yet another motorcycle event where all are welcome. Bikers of all ilks, independents, Christians, 1 %, and all other varieties are here. There are the sport bike crowd, as well as the touring group and of course the cruisers. This is a celebration for people who enjoy the wind in their faces. It is also a place to garner a little insurance during the upcoming riding season, by having your person as well as your bike blessed.



This was also the inauspicious debut of The Biking Life Riders Group from Facebook. We hooked up with Papa Smurf and his group, John "Asshole" Church and Kim and enjoyed a very pleasant ride along the southern river road in Illinois before cutting across the hills of southern Illinois. This part of Illinois is really enjoyable to ride through and the roads present some very nice twisties.

We arrived just as the last of the bikes were making their way up Bald Knob, now we missed out on the stickers but we didn't have to wait long either. I'll make that trade. I do not put stickers on my bike anyway. After visiting with friends for a while, we hopped back on the scoots with John and Kim heading for home. As we were leaving, we saw our friend Steve from Steve's Customs in Johnston City. He was there to provide aid to any riders who needed his help. Steve has a great reputation for his work and next time you're in the neighborhood you should stop in and check out his shop.



We took Rte. 13 on the way back which gave us an opportunity to stop in at Shannon's Pub in Tilde, IL. This place is owned by Mike Shannon, well no not that Mike Shannon, and his wife Marilyn. This is a very friendly place to stop and they love bikers, they are riders themselves. After enjoying their hospitality it was time to ride again. We made one last stop for margaritas bade our friends good bye and concluded a very fun day. There are many bike blessings but this is one you definitely need to go to once.

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event for quite some time and their organization shown through. I saw a number of familiar faces like Sonny of S & J Lighthouse selling his led bike lights. The folks from Gallagher's Get a Way were there working for the March of Dimes and we saw a lot of other friends as well.

The Edgemont Bible Church hosts several motorcycle related events every year and the good folks of this church are well worth visiting with. Watch for other events they have coming up like June 7th Sam Childers the Machine Gun Preacher will be there along with his Jess James built raffle bike. Come on out and check it out.

Spring Biker Rally

By Jim Furey

On April 24th the Edgemont Bible Church 5100 N Illinois St in Fairview Heights, IL held their First Annual Spring Fling. This event hosted by the Narrow Road Riders was a first of its kind at least locally. It was a great evening of fellowship with vendors, live music and the Boy Scouts were selling food.

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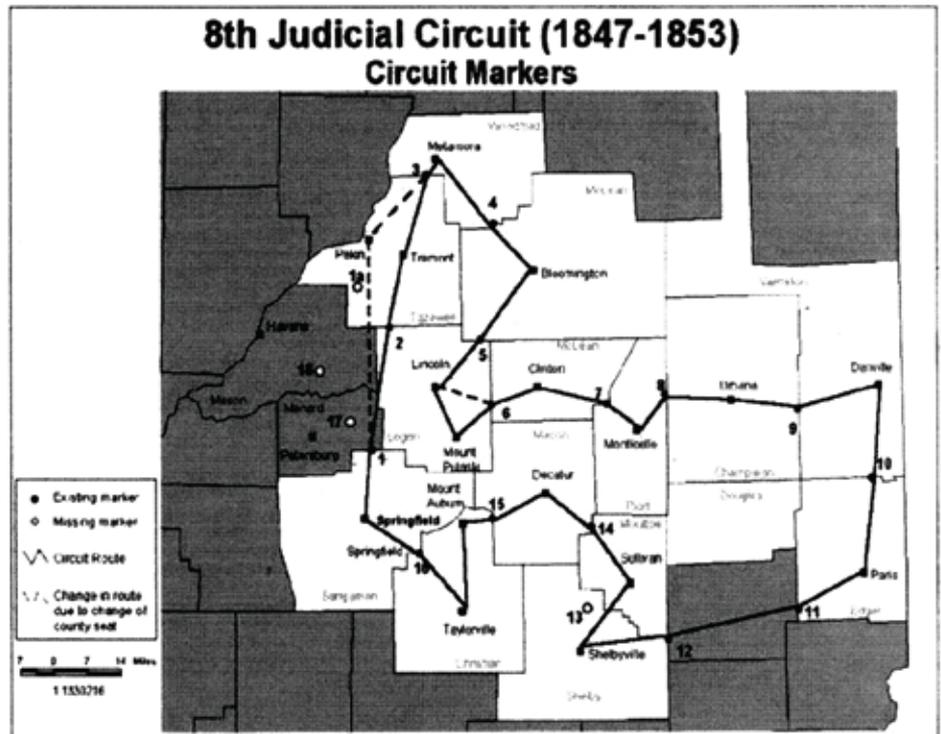
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I love the fact that we are able to reach more folks by publishing the newsletter in this wonderful magazine, however the mid-month deadline is a killer!! For example, I can't say for certain that our pancake breakfast on May 16 was a success or that on May 17th we had a large turn out for our Poker Run for The Troops. However, what I can say for certain is that I sincerely appreciate Road Riders for Jesus for volunteering their time and energy for the pancake breakfast and a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who are helping out with the poker run! Chariots of Fire is blessed with awesome volunteers who make every event a success.

With that said, mark your calendars for June 6th. This is our biggest event of the year. We are having a motorcycle show with music by Jeez Laweez (noon-5pm), a burnout pit (10am-2pm), vendors, 50/50, raffles, auction items, food and beverages supplied by the Tattooed Lady. Sign-up begins at 10am. For more info and motorcycle classes visit our website. All proceeds to benefit Disable Athlete Sports Association. For more info visit www.dasasports.org.

We will be closed Friday and Saturday, June 26 & 27th. Come see us at The Dam Rally, at Mark Twain Lake. For more information go to our website or americanbikercharities.org. Lots going on that weekend, great music, fun field games!

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Reminder, now that the riding season is in full swing, please remember to be aware of your surroundings and keep a look out for the 3 Ds (deer, dogs, and dummies). When in large groups, keep your distance and stay in formation. Good riding habits save lives. It recently did for us as a rider went down in a 15 group pack with only one injury (yes, rider okay).

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A BIG Grand Opening In St Charles

By John Skala

If you are a frequent reader of this magazine, you already know that the motorcycle dealer in St Charles, MO that was known as Bob Schultz has a new owner, a new name and a whole new attitude. Brad and Allen Holzhauser bring their many years running successful car and motorcycle dealerships to Big St Charles Motorsports/StCharlesHarley-Davidson, located at the Cave Springs exit on I-70. The new owners took over in September and a transformation was immediately begun. Both sales and service staff were increased and the display floor area was also expanded. Brad and his crew could be found at the local HOG and Goldwing chapters supporting their members.



Big St Charles Motorsports hosted several events over the last few months, but they held off the official Grand Opening celebration until they completed the remodeling and filled the showroom with the latest models from Harley, Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki and Yamaha.

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The celebration included live music, door prizes, free food served by the Hooter's girls along with beverages and other vendor displays. The music was supplied by Bad Penny, Stacey Collins and Diamond Back. On Saturday when I stopped by, the side lots were filled with motorcycles and cars. The main lot was kept clear for the motorcycle stunt riding shows that went on throughout the day. To celebrate the event, the St Charles HOG chapter took Brad for a ride with their group.



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Supercross Thrills at Dome

Once again the St. Louis Edward Jones Dome proved to be a major player in the super cross season. Just as it has in the past, there is a major possibility that the race run this year on the track designed by Freestyle madman and all around athletic hillbilly Travis Pastrana may have helped one rider to win while sealing another one fate.

Not only did he design the incredibly technical track but he also came out of retirement to race on it, donning the old school MX jersey and putting the 199 out on the track again was a treat for all the fans. Some of which like me were there when he ran his last race in the dome. The SX (SuperCross) lites class (250's) east having been pretty well decided by now was basically for bragging rights and one of the riders getting his fair share was Moscow Mills own Jason R Hussey. Riding a CRF Honda he got the hole shot in the first heat and lead all but two laps when Christopher Proceul went around him on the Kawasaki to take the win giving Hussey second but a spot in the main so we locals had someone to root for.

The second heat also went to a Kawasaki rider Austin Stroupe held off Nico Izzi on his Suzuki to win the 8 lap heat. The last chance qualifier was won by Blake Wharton who would fill the last spot on the 20 man grid . The first heat of the big motors had your current FIM AMA SuperCross champ and current point leader Chad Reed on the Makita Rockstar Suzuki getting the hole shot and the win in easy fashion. The second heat was far more interesting as the other half of the

race for the plate James Stewart was on the track along with Travis and Kevin Windham on the Geico Honda.

The gate fell and Aleessi got the hole shot(what else is new) but lost it to Stewart over the dragons back, Stewart then had a return of his bad luck as once again this year he tasted dirt, not once but twice, this put him in the back fighting for a transfer with Pastrana and a good race it was until Travis fell off. The win went to Kevin Windham while Stewart transferred and Travis went to the Last Chance Qualifier. That race in its own right was interesting as Pastrana in a one time shot battled with Lawrence and Millsap both of whom are riding the entire season for the final transfer. This was decided though when a little bit too much eager contact(they are bikes not rally cars) ended old 199s night with a broke radiator, but ever the showman (and having already done a couple of back flips) he waved and smiled to the crowd.



Millsap got the win Lawrence the transfer to make the main. After the Jagermeister freestyle halftime show it was time for the Lites to roll to the gate and as they headed into the first turn for lap one of fifteen Blake Wharton the transfer from the Last Chance Qualifier got the jump and led the field, a spot he would never relinquish as he easily bested the rest of the 250 field on his way to his first major win and a spot on the podium with Speed s own Erin Bates. ow we were ready for the big motors to take th spotlight, all the major players were in it. And there were questions, could Stewart regain his composure, or would Mr. Consistency lead the day. The gate fell and Josh Hill on the JGR Yamaha led them into



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turn one and over the dragons back, he held the lead for 4 laps with Reed and Stewart following. The champ knowing that his closest rival was right behind made his move over the double and cleared both it and the hill for the lead on lap 5. Stewart followed 2 turns later on the San Manuel Yamaha then coming into the set of turns before the under part of the bridge he made his move and took the lead on lap 6 by lap eight he was up to a 2 sec lead over Reed and it looked like his demons had been exorcized. Then the curse of the Lou bit James again as he fell coming onto the bridge jump (he missed a gear) and Reed went past after barely getting clipped by a back marker. Stewart gave chase but by now it was all for naught as Reed had notched his third win of the season and extended his point lead to 11, as they headed for Toronto Canada. Stewart remounted for second Hill took third to fill the podium. Once again when you think you know it, the race all changes again. Thanks to everyone who helped The Biking Life crew bring this too you and remember support your local racers and racing. You never know when the next superstar might be coming around the bend Killer and crew out.



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The Bush Economic Stimulus Plan By John Skala

The local motorcycling member of the Bush family, Pat Bush of Doc's Harley-Davidson, has her own version of the economic stimulus plan. While others in the banking and related industries are giving themselves big bonuses, Pat is digging in and staying open late for Moonlight Madness. During this recent event at Doc's, she was there pitching in and making sure the customers had all of the assistance they wanted. In addition to 12 hours of great specials on parts, accessories and motor clothes, there were hourly give-aways of \$50 and \$100 gift cards.

If you haven't heard already, the federal economic stimulus plan also has a provision motorcycles. Thanks in part to Senator Kit Bond of Missouri, motorcycles were added as qualified vehicles to section 1008 of the legislation. This provides those purchasing a new motorcycle with an income tax deduction on the sales and excise taxes on their 2009 tax returns.

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Road Riders For Jesus Bike Blessing By John Skala



Although it was an overcast morning on Saturday May 16, a number of devoted motorcyclists made their way to Moscow Mills. Once again, Jan and Reine Knobbe, owners of Chariots of Fire Customs were there supporting another great motorcycling cause. Members of the Wright City chapter of the Road Riders For Jesus were there on the parking lot of Chariots of Fire cooking pancakes and sausage. After a delicious and filling breakfast the members of the motorcycle ministry performed a group bike blessing and individual blessings for anyone that so desired.



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Cancer Ride 2009 BY Gary Moser

Cool but clear skies greeted the 637 people who showed up at Frieze Harley-Davidson for the 14th Annual Cancer Ride. If you pre-registered for the event, it took only a minute. If you didn't, not much more time was involved. Parking was well organized by the Stone Celts H.O.G. Chapter and the exit out was controlled by the O'Fallon Police.

Heading east on Highway 50 we encountered the traffic from the ever popular car show in the park. Once past the park, speed picked up as we headed for Popeye's Chop House in St. Rose. This is an amazing bright spot in the middle of nowhere. Service was friendly, fast and very pretty. They accommodated us with plenty of warm food and cold beverages served by pretty young beauties. Regretfully we had to leave the warm hospitality and head south for the next stop.



It was a smooth ride down to the Outside Inn on the east side of New Baden. How many places can you go to and see vintage Harleys as part of the décor? And if that wasn't enough, the Blues Brothers were belting out their hits in the corner. It seems to be mandatory on most rides for the stops to have the cute young women serving cold beer.....seems to be a pattern here.

The route then took us southwest to Gallagher's Getaway in Freeburg. A small but busy little hideaway on the back streets. They always seem to pack a large amount of people into a small space. Music was playing and the barbecue was being consumed as if it was the last meal. The proceeds from which was wholly donated to the Cancer Society, a nice sum of \$700.

It was a quick hop down to the Grizzly Stadium, one of the few places that can comfortably hold the amount of people that have traditionally shown their support and participated. Freebies galore were being handed out by Steve and Tim, with ample encouragement. The silent auction was going strong, all the bids were way out of my range. Some lucky soul walked away with half of the 50/50 drawing, well maybe they ran when people found out how much they had. Free food, cold drinks and a game of baseball is a relaxing way to spend your time at the end of a ride.

Overall the ride was successful, with \$25,700 being raised. With the less than ideal weather predictions on a cool day, turnout was good.



Lots of benefits come and go, few make it past the first couple of years. Sadly this is the state of most relationships, fortunately it has not happened to The Cancer Benefit Ride. Dr. Rodriguez, Frieze Harley-Davidson and the Stone Celts put an enormous amount of effort into this ride every year and it's good to see the effort continues to pay off and the enthusiasm remains high. See you next year for the 15th.



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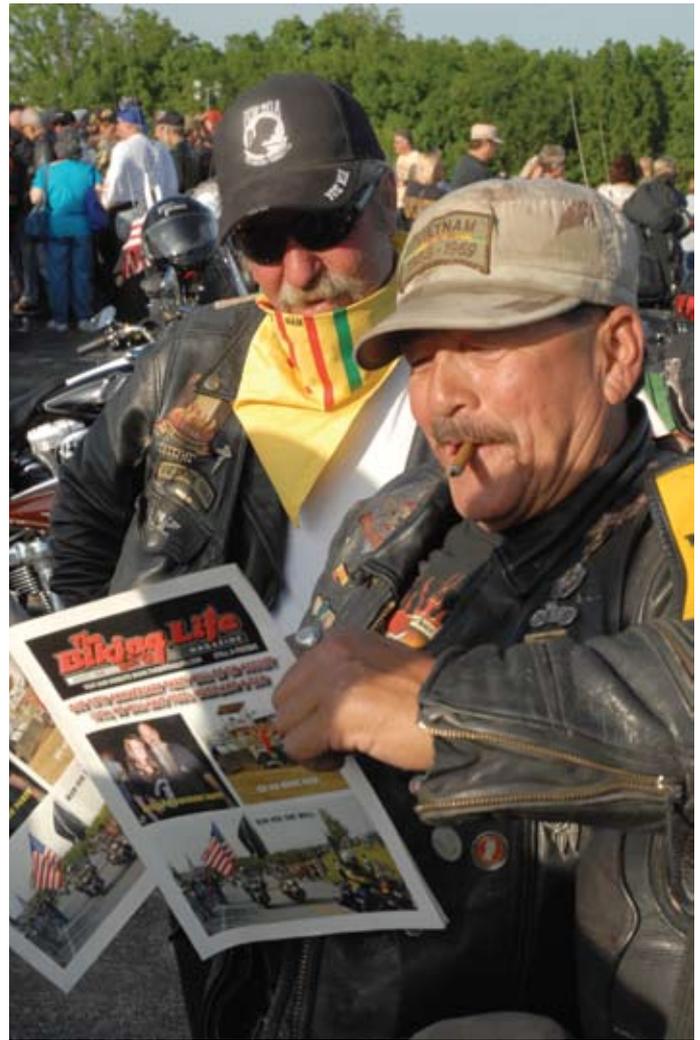
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The Run For The Wall Stops In Wentzville

By John Skala



Each year on the Monday before Memorial Day, the riders on Run For The Wall make their annual stop for the night at the Wentzville VFW. A group of about 200 on the central route from California to Washington D.C. are typically joined by another 100 bikes from across the Midwest for remainder of the trip to the Viet Nam Veterans memorial. The riders are greeted by hundreds of people lining the road waving flags and cheering them on.



The ride was started 20 years ago by a couple of Vietnam Veterans traveling across the country on motorcycles to call attention to the thousands of men and women still unaccounted for from all of our wars.

For additional information about the Run For The Wall, you can look at the articles from July 2007 or August 2008 issues in the Past Issue section of The Biking Life magazine web site at www.thebikinglife.com and the RFTW web site at www.rftw.org.

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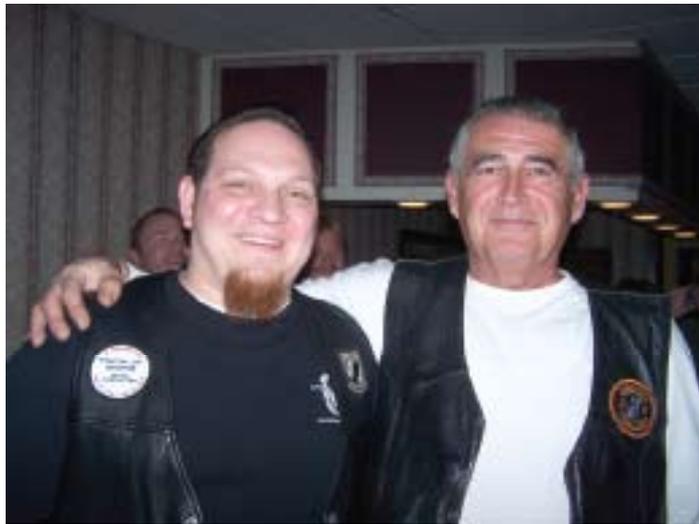
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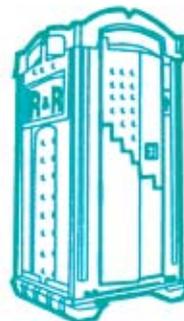
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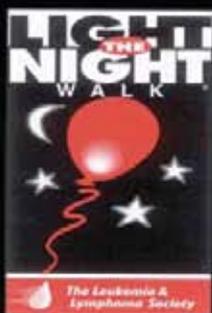
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Two Wheel Tuesday at N0-Jacks on IL 159 in Smithton, IL

Wednesdays
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Bike Night KJs Saloon on S Illinois, Belleville, IL

Bike Night at Hot Shots South County on Union across from South County Center

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Friday Bike Night at Fatboys in DeSoto, MO

Saturday Every third Saturday shop ride from Forever Endeavor in Eureka, MO

June

6th Alton LOH Rodeo Village Inn 4015 Pontoon Rd., Pontoon Beach Gates Open at 5:00 pm Events start at 6:00 pm \$5 entry per person entry to Rodeo \$5 per bike to

participate in events

5th - 7th Prairieland ABATE Chapters 9th Annual Rally in the Valley Knights of Columbus Park, Decatur, Illinois; doors open 4:00 p.m. Friday; cost \$5 per person or \$10 to camp all weekend

6th - 7th Make-A-Wish Bike Show and Ride watch for more info

6th 1st Annual Big O Poker Run sign up 9 to noon Big St Charles Motor Sports

6th 5th Annual Chariots of Fire Poker Run See their website for more info

7th Kenny Hoffman Memorial Poker Runsign up at Phyl's in Marine, IL from 11 to 1:00 PM

7th H.A.W.C. 5th Annual Poker Run sign up from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Alton at Fast Eddies.

11th - 14th Hog Rock River Rally Cave-In-Rock, Illinois; 3 stages with bands, contests and other entertainment; located in southern Illinois on the Ohio River next to Shawnee National Forest

13th MARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.Ride for MDA Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at B.S. Boogies 2082 Vadalbene Dr. Maryville, IL Last Bike out by 12:00 p.m.

13th Star Touring Illinois State Picnic 10 to 4 PM at Inwood Park, #200 W Jefferson, Joliet, IL

14th Miles for Miracles Join emcee Bo Matthews from WIL 92.3FM, for a fun day of riding. The registration will start at 9:30am at B Donovans in Wildwood

14th Lincoln Circuit Tour Ride departing from Postville Courthouse in Lincoln 9:00AM and ending at Piatt Champaign marker

14th 6th Annual Shrine Poker Run sign up 11 to 1 at B.S. Boogies 2082 Vadalabene Dr Maryville, IL

14th Poker Run sign up at Faye Inn in Fayetteville, IL from 10 to noon

19th - 21st No Jacks Beach Blast Hwy 159 Smithton, IL

20th Hartbauer McBride Dance and Auction Jacks Iron Horse Bar and Grill, 12950 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, Missouri (314-209-1280); gates open at 6:00 p.m

20th Ride For Life Memorial Run for Carson Wiley Wright sign up 11 to 12:30 at Teds Motorcycle World on Humbert Dr in Alton, IL

26th - 28th The Dam Rally at the Clarence Cannon Dam area great event

27th - Poker Run for American Cancer Society Relay for Life sign up at Sit N Bull New Memphis, IL from 10 to noon

27th - Jamm In Bike Fest 2009 at the Jamm IN on Graviors Rd in House Springs, MO noon - ???

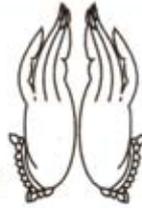
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