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Letter from the Editor
by Jim Furey

Hmmm, something seems strange about this month's issue. What could it be? Did I get it together early? Well, after last month's letter from the editor we know that would never happen. Still, something feels different about it. Is it a change in the paper? No, it's still that nice finished paper that is so very readable. What could it be? You're right, it's thicker. We have grown once again, through your readership and our advertisers' kindness. We are very gratified by this and we thank you, but you'll hear more about that in next month's issue.

We have been out among the people this month, and once again we've met some great folks and had a lot of fun. We had one of our writers at TJ's Bar & Grill for the first Bike Show of the year. We had another writer visit with the folks who built the trike on the front cover to commemorate the POW/MIA issue. We thought it was important to put this bike on the cover during the month of May, in which we celebrate Memorial Day. We were also invited out to F.O.R.R. Local 42's Leather and Lace Dance. Boy, I tell you that even though we got there late that was great fun. I for one am not missing this event next year. We also visited a benefit put on by the Paderborn Rat Pack to support young Cassidy Neff after she lost her father (the Rat Pack's President) in a motorcycle accident last year. We added another writer this month, Sportster Rick Lang, and he will be contributing a new column called *Off the Beaten Path*. Each month he will feature a route to ride that is a little or a lot different than the normal let's-jump-on-the-bike-and-hit-the-River-Road. I think Sportster Rick will make a great addition to our staff. We have once again added several new advertisers to our magazine. We urge you to patronize them because they, like you, are what help us keep the lights on here.

The Leather and Lace Dance put on by Freedom of Road Riders Local 42 was a lot of fun, but I would like to speak to you about something a lot more serious. I urge each and every one of you to join either your local F.O.R.R. chapter or your local A.B.A.T.E. chapter. For those of you who are unaware, both of these are *motorcycle rights organizations*. What does that mean, you ask? It means this—through your membership and support these organizations have people in the various state capitols working to get lawmaker support for issues of importance to motorcyclists. This is a very important job and one that benefits all of us. These organizations don't get enough recognition for the great job they do. I recently heard that through the hard work of F.O.R.R.

(and no doubt other organizations), Missouri is on the brink of becoming a no-helmet state. That is just one issue these organizations support. There are many others, so please do whatever you can to support these organizations.

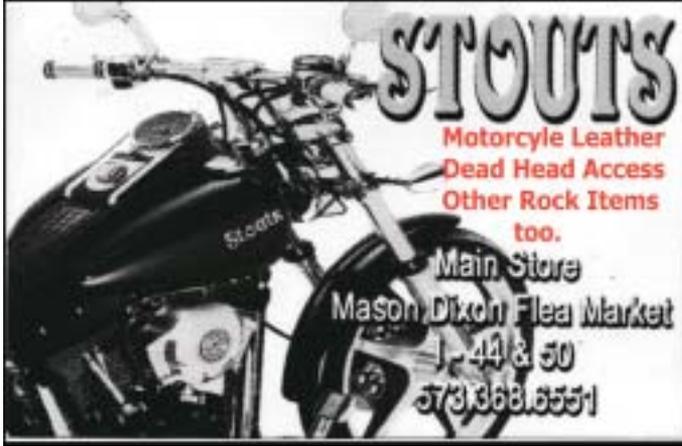
The weather is finally changing, and while I am sitting here typing this, it is probably the finest day of the year so far. Maybe someday I'll learn, but probably not. The point is that this is the riding season: there are lots of events going on and lots of you will be on the road. We try to list as many events as possible, so if you or your group is putting one on let us know. We will list it for you and help get the word out. If time permits we will also try to get to it. Please help us spread the word about biking events, and as always, ride hard, ride safe and have fun.



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F.O.R.R. Parties On by Jim Furey

March 27 was one of the most enjoyable evenings I have spent in a while. A big part of that is because I was able to spend some time with my new-found friends, the members and guests of the Freedom of Road Riders Local 42, at their Fifth Annual Leather and Lace Dance. I got there late, so I missed a lot of the festivities, but I guarantee you this: I will not miss this event next year. The event was held at the Pacific Eagles Club, in (three guesses) Pacific, Missouri. This setting provided plenty of room for the partiers in attendance.



I ran into several people I knew and, as happens so often, I met some new friends as well. Local 42 of the Freedom of Road Riders did a great job in hosting this event and making sure everyone had a fun evening. Our thanks to Gina Dean of Local 42 for inviting us to attend this happening and I encourage you to attend any of the events this fine organization puts on. Not only are they big fun, but they guard the rights of all motorcyclists, keep us informed of laws that will help or hinder us as motorcyclists, and promote safety, brotherhood, and freedom for all riders.



Outtline provided live music and there was the usual assortment of raffles and 50/50 drawings. In addition, there was also a women's Sexy Dressed Contest and a men's Tight Buns Contest. As I said, we got there late and the only event that hadn't concluded was the "What T-Shirt? Contest." This contest featured a fine-looking group of talent, with both individuals and in some cases tag teams taking part. For me this made the whole evening worthwhile (just kidding!).

Just before going to print I received the names of the winners of the various competitions, some of whom are pictured above I'm not sure who is who except I know the woman is Shirley. Shirley won the Sexiest Dressed Competition beating out Cindy Hill, boy it was tempting for me to say something else. The Tight Butt competition was won by Tattoo Ted from USA Tattoo. Kim from Pacific was judged to have the best Tattoo but just beat out Jeff from the band Out A Line.

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Riding for Those Who Can't by Kay Mullen

It started with a 1973 Super Beetle. Tony “Godfather” Monica and the rest of the crew at Godfatherz Kustomz are giving the old car new life as a custom trike built to honor Missouri’s POWs and MIAs, as well as to raise recognition of the role played by the war dogs of the Vietnam War.



The trike is coming together, Monster-Garage style. Tony Monica chopped the '73 Beetle in half, saving the tunnel and the 4-speed drive train (with the engine in back, just like all Beetles). Many of the old car's parts have been recycled into the trike. Bike and car meet in the middle, where Monica has attached an 82 GS 1100, chopped at the front forks. The frame was welded using $2 \times 2 \frac{3}{16}$ thick square tubing; this robust welding is built to support the trike's weight, as well as a rider and passenger traveling in style. The trike has adjustable suspension in the front and coiled shock suspension in the back. The trike is in its final stages of production, needing only some finishing touches to the bodywork, installation of the fenders, mounting of the 13-gallon gas tank (bigger than the one powering my Honda Civic), and the final installation of gauges, clutch and brake pedals, and handlebars with a hand brake and throttle. The trike has been a labor of love for a number of different companies. **Fog Hollow in Pacific** sold the

frame to the bike. Audio Video Pro in St. Clair will be installing a Sirius satellite radio with a stereo speaker system. Vinyl Images in Fenton did all of the custom decal work. The decals include the names of all Missouri POWs and MIAs; a large decal on the back honors military dogs that served with the troops during the Vietnam War. Finally, Tony Monica, in addition to building the trike, provided it with its eye-catching black with gold flake paint job. Here are some others that contributed to this effort and should also be recognized Thumper at Custom Metals he welded the frame for us. The crew at Shapiro Metal for the good deals they give us on metal. The staff at archway Volkswagen who patiently and happily answered our 5,000 questions and



last but certainly not least the good folks at Iron Cross Customs for donating the POW/MIA handlebar cutout.

The trike is going to hit the road soon. Former soldier and Navy submariner Daemien “Deacon” O’Keeffe of The Rolling Guard (www.rollingguard.com) will ride the trike during the central route of the Run for the Wall, starting May 20 at Salina, Kansas (see www.rftw.org for

more details and an itinerary of The Run for the Wall). One of the trike's decals honors Michael O’Keeffe, Daemien's cousin who was killed in action in Vietnam. Other members of The Rolling Guard are fashioning 80 flags that will bear the names (and in some cases the pictures) of all the MIAs from Vietnam; these flags will also be brought to The Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. I had a chance to meet up with Daemien and the trike in early April at West County Center, and his enthusiasm for the upcoming ride is infectious.



The riders for the Run for the Wall will enjoy a welcome ceremony at VFW Post 5327 in Wentzville, Missouri, at 6 PM on Monday, May 24. On May 25, they will visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Wentzville, and then visit

the patients at the VA Hospital at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. From there they will ride to Mt. Vernon, Illinois, where the American Legion Post and Auxiliary will provide lunch at the Hucks Truck Stop. The ride goes on from there, culminating in Washington, DC, on Memorial Day weekend.

The trike has no corporate sponsors, and financial support of the project is appreciated. Donations to The Rolling Guard's Trike Project can be sent to 10801 St. Xavier Lane / St. Ann, MO 63074.



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Something Completely Different by Rich Aubuchon

I'm a ramblin' guy. I roam from town to town, living the life of a searcher, seeking knowledge and new experiences. In other words, I change jobs like most people change underwear, and as a result have moved quite a bit. These days, it's easy to believe that the country has become one homogeneous suburb of Los Angeles. We all watch the same television shows. We all listen to the same music. We all eat at the same chain restaurants. I'm here to tell you, however, that regional oddities persist.

I grew up in St. Louis, and like you I believed my fair city has no distinguishing quirks. We're normal. Everybody else is screwy. Perhaps you're as shocked as I was to find that most of America doesn't eat pork steaks, gooey butter cake, or toasted ravioli. The other 280 million or so citizens of this country don't know about mostaccioli. For some reason, they think those little tubular noodles are called *penne*. In other cities, the word for a twenty-five cent coin doesn't rhyme with "water", and Highway 44 doesn't rhyme with "hardy-har". Most Americans don't drink melk, they don't wash their clothes, and they don't eat with a fark.

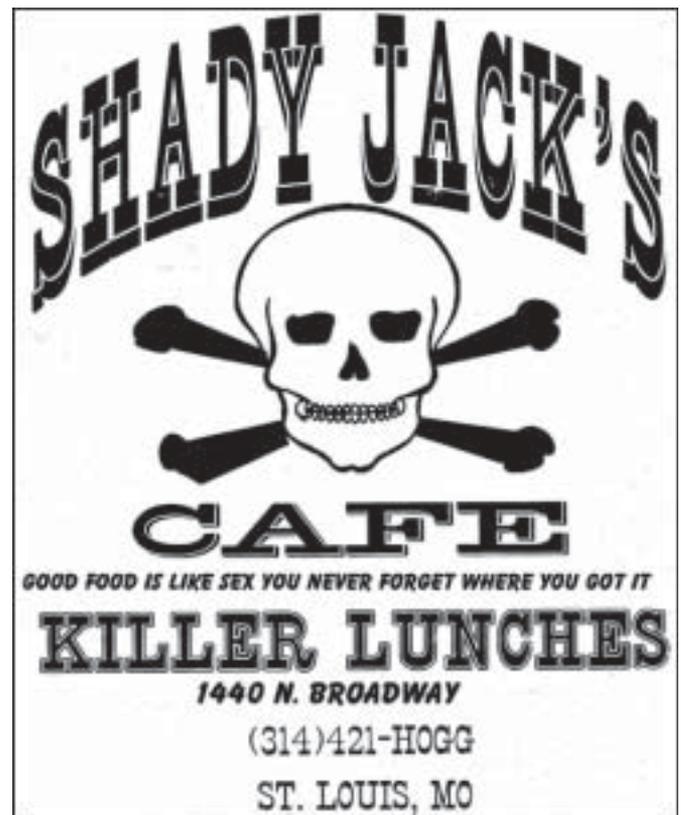
St. Louisans have some odd fascinations. I'm as proud a Cardinal fan as any, but for cryin' out loud, does every ex-ballplayer in this town need to open a restaurant? When it was just Stan Musial, Mike Shannon, and Ozzie Smith I could handle it. Did we really need *Tito Landrum's House of Pancakes* or the *John Urea Steakhouse*?

It's not just St. Louis, however. Every city and region has its own unique flavor and language. Of all the places I've lived, Michigan is probably the most unique. Whereas we might say, "I saw you guys eating hamburgers in your car with those people," a Bay Citian would croak, "I seen youse eatin' hamburgs in your cahr with them people." Thanks to the large Polish contingent in Eastern Michigan, one of the best Mardi Gras traditions can be enjoyed by people of all ages- the Poncke (pronounced "Punch-key"). Ponckes are the traditional Polish snack on Fat Tuesday and every bakery, restaurant, and grocery store makes great claims of having the best in town. Businesses buy dozens of the sweet treats for their employees and customers. Newspapers print Poncke recipes weeks in advance. The day

before Ash Wednesday is all about the Poncke. Actually, they're available year round, but the other 364 days they're simply called Jelly Donuts.

Michigan also offers something called the Pastie. This isn't a small sticker that covers a stripper's nipple, but a kind of meat pie. You pronounce the word as if it rhymes with "nasty", rather than "tasty", and this is no accident. Pasties are dry, tasteless bits of crust folded over gristly meat and undercooked potato lumps. Pasties are primarily available in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which in turn is home to Yoopers- people from the U. P. Yoopers work on their sugar beet farms, watch lots of hockey, and believe the country is being run by a secret shadow government dominated by the United Nations, Ted Turner, and National Public Radio. Except for the rampant paranoia, Yoopers are indistinguishable from Canadians.

I've spent time or passed through 23 of the continental 48 states, and I can say without hesitation that Kentucky is my favorite. The people are wonderful, the scenery is breathtaking, and the language is colorful. Kentuckians are unfairly stereotyped as hillbillies, and although the hills of Eastern Kentucky do have their share of, ahem, "characters", most of the state is surprisingly well-educated and articulate. Kentucky also has the most distinct personality of any place you'll visit.



Kentuckians drink something called Ale-8-One, which is pronounced as "a late one". It's a delightful ginger ale infused with abnormal amounts of caffeine, and is produced in Winchester, near Lexington. RC Cola still has a following in the Bluegrass State, and it's properly enjoyed straight from the bottle with salted peanuts floating on top, with a Moon Pie to wash it all down.

If you know anything about Kentucky, it's probably the Kentucky Derby. The Derby is run the first Saturday in May at Louisville's Churchill Downs (pronounced "Luhvull's Chuhchull Dahns"). Real Kentuckians watch the Derby while enjoying a bowl of Burgoo- a thick stew often made with mutton, or beef, or rabbit, but also with squirrel, raccoon, or possum, depending in which part of the state you might be. Real Kentuckians won't be caught drinking Mint Juleps, because they're disgusting and a waste of good booze. Instead, Derby fans drink Maker's Mark bourbon over ice. If you've had a little too much whiskey and start mouthing off, a Kentuckian is likely to offer to fight, with the words "Go on and jump if you're feeling so froggy".

An old joke asks, "What's the definition of a Kentucky pervert? Somebody who likes sex more than basketball". It's not just a joke. Kentuckians are obsessed with college basketball. There are 8 year old girls in Lexington who can tell you every starter from every Kentucky team for the last 70 years. There are 89 year old grandmothers who could diagram an in-bounds play better than Tubby Smith. The downside to this is an unhealthy belief that Kentucky Basketball is somehow favored by God, and any setback to the program is the work of Satan.

Even here in Missouri, you'll find cultural variety. Kansas City is more than just our little sister, it's another world. For starters, they think the American League is real baseball. They have no idea what hockey is. Kansas Citians' use of language is as strange as anything you'll find in Michigan, Kentucky, or for that matter most foreign countries. It's in that part of the state that Missouri becomes Missourah. Instead of I-70, they drive on 70 Highway. You'll also find 40 Highway, 291 Highway, etc.

Still, if you judge a community by its gastronomic offerings, Kansas City holds up pretty well. You won't find a better Italian Restaurant than Garozzo's in Kansas City, and Gates Barbecue is like dying and going to a smoke and pork-filled Heaven.

Independence, a suburb mostly known as Harry Truman's home town, is where you'll find the world's best hamburger joint, Hi-Boy. Albert Pujols used to play for an American Legion baseball team sponsored by Hi-Boy, and their burgers are as satisfying as one of his three-run homers.

If you travel a lot, alone or in groups, on your bike or in the family minivan, it's easy to simply cruise the interstate, hurrying for your destination. Even if you take in the scenery as you zip past, you're still missing the best part. On your next road trip, try taking the little two-lane roads that pass through the small Dogpatches and Mayberries. Get a hamburger at the local greasy spoon. Talk to ol' Zeke at the counter. It's amazing. There are thousands of cities in this nation, home to nearly 300 million Americans. No two places are exactly alike. Do yourself a favor, and see some of them.

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Off the Beaten Path with Sportster Rick

A lot of you already know who I am, but for those of you who don't, let me introduce myself. My name is Rick Lang. I have been riding for the better part of 16 years, and when I'm not out pursuing my passion for riding I am an owner-operator truck driver. I have been trucking for almost 6 years and have been just about everywhere. I have found over the years that there isn't anything better than getting away from the same old regular places and people to see what else is out there, around the bends where most people haven't been and some don't even know exist. So I invite you to sit back and take a ride with me...off the beaten path.



Did you know there are towns out past Freeburg, Illinois, on Route 15? Well, check this out, I found some and they have some pretty cool places to ride and friendly folks to take care of you. So, along with Mark and Margaret, who will soon open a bike consignment shop in Belleville, Illinois, Gabe, Hollywood Dave, and I decided we would meet at **Gallagher's** in Freeburg and have some breakfast. I think Sheila Gallagher is one of the best cooks around, not to mention one of the friendliest folks I have ever met. Go out there and try her cooking, and I guarantee you'll go back for more. From there we headed east on Route 15 to Fayetteville and stopped at **Horton's Place**, where we had a couple of beers with Tom, the owner. I don't know how long it has been since the last time some of you have been out there, but Tom has done a lot of work on the place and will have a kitchen up and running in about a month. Tom also sells some of the coldest beer around, and the staff there is very friendly. We will have to go back in a month or so and see just how good that food is. From the way Tom approaches everything, I'm sure we won't be disappointed. Stop and visit Tom; I'm sure he needs to see new faces as much as

we need to find new places to hang out. It's not hard to find since he has the only bar in town.

We blasted off from there and kept heading east toward Nashville, Illinois. I never realized what a nice road Route 15 is to ride. It has a very "country" view going down through this area. We rolled into Nashville and stopped at what I'm pretty sure was the first bar we came to on the left, a little place called Newman's Bar and Grill. We walked in and found the place wasn't near as little as we thought. You could run a pretty large run through here and still have more than enough room for everybody. Of course, by this time Hollywood Dave was getting hungry, so he volunteered to sample the food and was very impressed. They have big burgers that are good as well as cheap and lots of other great-sounding food on their menu. Did I mention that the Saturday bartender by herself makes this place worth visiting? Her name is Crystal and she works every Saturday during the day shift. In fact, she was so sweet and pretty we had to stop back in and see her on our way back from Ashley.



Yes this is Crystal go visit her sometime

Yes, there is a place called Ashley, Illinois. It's about 12 miles east of Nashville and there are three bar and grill-type places there. We stopped at the last bar on the east end of town; fittingly, its name was Last Call. It turned out to be somewhat of a biker bar and a pretty big place.



Horton's in Fayetteville, IL



This too would make a great stop if you are planning a run. They don't have a kitchen, but they do serve snack foods and have a big pavilion area out back. After that we decided it was about time to starting heading back west, and as I said we had to stop in Nashville again to feast our eyes on Crystal. As we left Nashville there was still a lot of good riding time left, though, so we jumped on Route 177 for the ride back to Belleville. By the time we got to Mascoutah we were about due for a stop, so we hit this place that used to be called Sidewinders, but is now called the Juicy Peanut. Don't judge the place by the name, though—the dude who runs the joint's nickname is Peanut and he is a Harley rider. He and his girl seemed like pretty good people. This is another place that will soon be opening a kitchen. Another unique thing about this place is that it's the first bar I have ever seen with a ping pong table. So be sure to stop there, order a cold beer from Jamie, and play a game of ping pong with Peanut (Jeff). The Juicy Peanut was our last stop of the day. The next town, Belleville, was only about 7 miles away. It was a good ride; we put on around 100 miles, met some great people, and experienced a good change of scenery. I think I'm gonna do this every month, so be sure to pick up next month's issue and we will see where else I can find that is **Off the Beaten Path**. 'Til then, live to ride.

My/Our Bads.

In the story on the Leather Lace and Lingerie Party it was stated that both bikes had been built by Hole Shot Customs. That was an error the one below was built by Don's Speed Shop in Barnhart Missouri .



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St. Clair Co meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month - 7 p.m., at the Fairview Hts. Elks Club, corner of Old Lincoln Trail and Hwy. 161, Fairview Hts. IL.

Piasa-Gateway Chapter - chapter meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. Our meetings are held at the Edwardsville V.F.W. Post 1299. The Edwardsville V.F.W. is located 7108 Marine Rd., Rte. 143 East, Edwardsville, Illinois.

Bikers Against Child Abuse:

BACA East Missouri Chapter meetings 2nd Sunday of each month, 12:30 noon, at the Knights of Columbus on McMenny Dr. off of Mid-Rivers Rd. and Hwy 70 in St. Charles all bikes and bikers are welcome, hotline (314) 277-8905 or (314) 719-2928 EastMo@bacausa.com.

Bootleggers MC - of East Alton Illinois, welcomes all brands of bikes monthly meeting First Saturday of the month usually at our SAA house.

Please call our Road Capt. Mandrake at 618-466-5997 or our Secretary/ Lady Mandrake at (cell) 618-531-7417 for more info.

Christian Motorcycle Assn:

(CMA) Good News Riders 2nd Thurs 7:30 PM Ryan's 8925 Watson Crestwood, MO. Call 636 296 3120 [HTTP://midwestrider.com/goodnews.jpg](http://midwestrider.com/goodnews.jpg).

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.

CONCOURS Owners Group:

Monthly Breakfast Rides 3rd Sunday

of month Except April which is the 4th Sunday. Meet at Quick Trip on South outer Road I-44 and MO. Hwy W. Eureka, MO 636 278 2276 or WWW.concours.org

Euro Motor Union of Greater St. Louis: meetings 7:30 pm 1st Tues Sports Page Inn. Old Rte. 3 South of Dupo IL. 314 994 1257

Freedom of Road Riders:

Local 24 - meetings 1st Weds of the month 7:30 PM at Charlack Pub, 8344 Lackland Rd., St Louis, MO (314) 521-6553

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

Local 42 - meetings the last Weds of the month 6:30 PM at Roadhouse 100, 2763 Hwy 100, Gray Summit, MO (636) 271-9123

Gateway X-treme Riders Assoc - STL MO area including Metro East IL Club is primarily for owners/riders of Honda VTX cruisers. All bikes are welcome. Web site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gatewayvtx>

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
Heartland WOW, meetings are the 4th 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.

HELKATS MC -MIDWEST - An all woman motorcycle club, for more information contact then by email at helkats@aol.com or visit their website www.helkatsmc.com.

Honda Sport touring Assn. St Louis area 1st Sat; South Central MO 2nd Sat and KC Area 3rd Sat. Pleas join us at any time

home.kc.rr.com/mosilhsta Warm weather meet at Chesterfield Valley Power Sports off hwy 40 West of Boone's Crossing Exit at 9am Kick stands up at 9:30 sharp for spirited ride of 150-200 miles. Garth Haubner at (636) 928 6939 Email: glaubner@juno.com or Tom Trieschmann at (314) 692 7463 E-mail ttriesch@inlink.com

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.

Midwest Trail Riders Assn. Email mtra@ridemtra.com www.ridemtra.com Event hotline (314) 314 434 5095

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Rideline@mcraracing.com or www.mcraracing.com

Outlanders - All motorcycle brand, family oriented org promoting fun events without negative attitudes, drugs or alcohol. Meetings are the last Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM at the TRY Club, 655 Berkshire, East Alton, IL.

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.

Servant Riders - meetings on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM at Kingdom Treasures Bookstore on Highway 50 in O'Fallon, IL. This is the corner oh Hwy 50 and Old Collinsville Rd. All are welcome.

Shadow Riders Greater St. Louis MO.

WWW.Shadowriders- stl.com meet on 4th Tues of month at Manchester Elks lodge at 7pm (314) 477 9976 ext 772.

Southern Cruisers Riding Club – An all brand riding club, for more info about the club as a whole or the Collinsville, IL Chapter you can contact the club by email screddragon@yahoo.com or by phone at (618) 972-4951 or (618) 344-4543 or visit the national website www.southernrulers.net.

Southwest Illinois Ronin Riding Club 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/

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 the 2nd Thursday of the month at Goff-Moll American Legion Hall, 2721 Collier, Brentwood, MO. Meeting time is 7:30 PM and all are welcome call (314) 771-7100 or visit www.yahoo.com/group/STLMC for more info.

Vietnam Veterans M/C – for more information on this club email them at vnvmcillusa@yahoo.com

Harley Owners Groups HOG

Alton, IL. HOG Chapter 4th Thurs of month 7:30 PM at Alton Sports Tap Route 140 & Route 3 Alton, IL..... Ladies of Harley 4th Thurs also at Alton Sports Tap, Banquet room.

Bellville, IL HOG Chapter 3rd Wed of month, 7:30 PM at the ELKS club at corner of Route 161 and Lincoln Trail in Fairview Heights, IL. Call dealership if you have questions (618) 277 8864. WWW.Friezeharley-davidson.com.

Borbeuse Vally HOG Chapter 2nd Sunday of the month, 10:30 AM at Borbeuse Valley Harley-Davidson 1418 Hwy AT, Viila Rodge meets inside the old store call (636) 451-0106 for more info or directions.

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.

Gateway to the West HOG Chapter 3rd Thurs of the month 8:00 PM at Gateway to the West Harley Davidson, 3600 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis, MO, LOH meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Blarney Stone 4333

Telegraph Rd. at 7:30 PM for more info go to www.gatewayhog.org.

Kirkwood Mo. Chapter 2nd Tuesday of the month at VFW POST #6211 at 10430 Liberty, Overland, Missouri. 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.

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.

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Bike of the Month

The proud owner of this months featured bike is Tim Miller of O'Fallon, MO. Tim who is 42 hadn't been on a street bike since he was 20 oyears old. His ex didn't really like bikes so he had to put his passion for fine machines on the back burner for a while. When he decided to start riding again he jumped in whole hog and had **DJ Weil of Big Boyz Custom Cycles** build this fine looking machine for him.

They call this bike '**Too Intense**' and with that 120 CI Merch engine powering it you can easily see why. In addition to using the Merch engine, they installed Ross Froged 426 Hemi pistons and a 45 mm Mikuni carb. DJ used Arlen Ness pipes so this baby would sound as good as it looks. The frame is a 2004Big Boyz Pro-Street with 42 degrees of rake and it also has 6 inches of stretch added in. The power is transferred using a 2004 6-speed trnmission and a BDL 3" open belt primary drive.

I have just begun to tell you a few of the parts that went

into creating this awesome piece of machinery. If you would like to know more talk to the owner when you see him out riding or stop into Big Boyz and ask DJ either one of these proud papas will I'm sure be more than happy to fill you in on some of the other parts and accessories that truly make this a one of a kind machine.

I just got off the phone with Tim and he couldn't say enough about how happy he was with the bike. We made some tentaive plans to get together and I'll see if I can't help him put a few more miles on his pride and joy.



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Danny's Lounge, 118 W. 4th St., Alton, IL (618) 462-6787
Fast Eddie's Bon-Air, 1530 E. 4th St., Alton, IL (618) 462-5532

Harris's Tavern, On The Great River Road, (618) 466-9791

The Loading Dock, 400 Front St, Grafton, Grafton, IL (618) 786-3494

Woodstock Lounge, 638 Broadway, Alton, IL
Wild Goose Saloon, 1505 W. Main St, Grafton, IL, (618) 786-8888

Belleville

B & B Crehan's, 6413 W. Main St. (618) 394-1300
H's Biker Bar, 1310 Dutch Hollow Rd (618) 398-3668

Robin's Nest, 1614 Mascoutah Ave. (618) 234-7432, karaoke every Fri-Sat 9:30 to 1:30 AM

TR'S Place 4901 Concordia Rd., (618) 277-7135 ask about 'Good Nite Dic'
Cahokia

Brandy Inn: 103 Water St. (618) 337-1101 Fine Food and Drinks always Biker Friendly

Derby Al's Diner: 2845 Camp Jackson Rd.

Carmi

Danny's Pool Room: 119 E Main Street in Carmi, IL (618) 382-9987

Caseyville

Caddyshack Saloon 2865 N. 89th St.(618) 397-4704 Nice bar with very friendly bartenders.

Granite City

Big Duga's Restaurant, 699 State Road 203, Granite City,

IL, 618-875-5800 always likes to be a stop on poker runs or host groups.

Maryville

Sharkey's Restaurant and Bar, 2537 Vandalia, (618) 344-0826 good food at great prices

Mt. Vernon

Players: 300 S 9th - 1 block off the square(rt.37&rt.15) in Mt. Vernon, IL

New Baden

Outside Inn, 423 W. Hanover (Hwy 161), (618) 588-4672

Old Shawneetown

Hogdaddys Saloon: Main St in Old Shawneetown, IL (618) 922-1389

Southwestern Illinois

Falling Springs

Conservation Club, 2200 LePere Ln. Dupo, IL (618) 286-4440, music on weekends with Sunday jam sessions.

Fountain Inn, 1912 Fountain Rd. Valmeyer, IL (618) 935-2266

Frogs Sport Club, 707 Davis St. Ferry Road, East Carondelet, IL (618) 296-9988

Gallagher's Get-A-Way, 102 S. Richland, Freeburg, IL (618) 539-5208

Georgia's Place, Eldred, IL (if you have more info on this place let us know and we'll include it)

Good Tymes Bar and Grill, 200 N. Main St. Dupo, IL (618) 286-9693
Horton's Place, 2503 Main St. Fayetteville, IL, (618) 677-3348 friendly folks and cold beer

Just Sue's Tavern, Evansville, IL (618) 853-4425

Karban Knotty Pine, 4569 Buss Branch Rd., Waterloo, IL (618) 473-9954

Lisa's Bar and Grill, Prairie DuRocher, IL (618) 284-3374

Lou and Michelle's Tavern, Waterloo, IL (618) 939-8300
Mary's Bar and Grill, Ruma, IL (618) 282-7944

Old Shamrock Tavern, Hwys 13 & 156, New Athens, IL (618) 475-9263

Rick's Corner, 201 S Union St Staunton used to be the Twisted Spoke (618) 635-3088

S & J Main Street, 608 N. Main St. Columbia, IL, (618) 281-9997 live music on the weekends and Thursday night Karaoke.

Sporto's Pub & Grill, 211 S. Main Street, Red Bud, IL (618) 282-7956

The Corner Pub, 602 Meyer Dr, Valmeyer, IL (618) 935-8209 call for info on their specials.

The Dawg Haus 102 S. Main St. New Douglas, IL. 217-456-7072

Willie's Corner, 128 W. Market, Red Bud, Ill 62278
Springfield

Grman's Harley Davidson Repair: 310 W. Browning Rd in Springfield, IL (217) 522-2557

Hangout Unwind Dance Saloon: 1630 N 11th in Springfield, IL 62702 (217) 525-8591

Knuckleheads, 2000 Peoria Rd., Springfield, IL 62702 (217) 789-1488

Pony Keg Leathers: 2026 S 11th St in Springfield, IL (217) 544-3774 *Harley repair/Leather goods*

Missouri

Arnold

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Defiance

Terry and Kathy's - Defiance, MO. on Hwy. 94 about 9 miles south of Hwy. 40 (at the "s" curve) Bands Sat. & Sun. during the summer.

Fenton

That One Place: 1005 Majestic Dr in Fenton, MO (636) 861-1902

Florissant

Class Act Tattoo and Body Piercing, 11629 West Florissant Rd., Florissant, MO (314) 972-0707. Great quality work done by folks who ride and know bikes.

Fredericktown

Little Joe's Bar and Grill, 1317 Hwy OO (573) 783-5452

Gray Summit

Roadhouse 100, 2763 Highway 100 (636) 451-2007

Hazelwood

Cadillac Jack's: 12950 St Charles Rock Rd in Hazelwood, MO (314) 298-8232

Pacific

Sheffield's Restaurant & Bar, 564 E. Osage, (636) 271-4834 biker owned and operated.

Pevely

TJ's Bar & Grill: HWY Z & 61-67, For Bike Show date information call (636) 475-3648.

St. Louis

The Brick Bistro, 7590 Watson Rd, St. Louis, MO (314) 961-9112

The House of Rock, Ronnie's Plaza featuring the best in live music Thursday – Saturday.

Iron Horse Saloon, 7928 S. Broadway, Saint Louis, MO (314) 631-3141 Thurs Bike Night starting in March

The Little Bar, 6343 Alabama (314) 481-1665

Shady Jack's Café: 1440 N Broadway

Southeast Missouri

The Playdium, (across from Houck Stadium), 1127 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri (573) 335-9830

Players, 632 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, MO

Danny's Place, 1102 Linn Street, Sikeston, Missouri (573)-471-9984

St Charles County

D's Hawg Trawf, 300 Sonderen St, O'Fallon, MO (636) 240-0483

Villa Ridge

Shady Jack's Saloon & Inn: 3417 Hwy O in Villa Ridge, MO (636) 451-HOGG

Ohio

Toledo

Riders Edge located at 531 Oak St is the place to go in Toledo, Ohio Phone # is (419)698-9582. Come in and have fun.

Your establishment or one that you dig on could be listed here if you tell us about it at bikerfriendly@thebikinglife.com or call us at (618) 628-2911.



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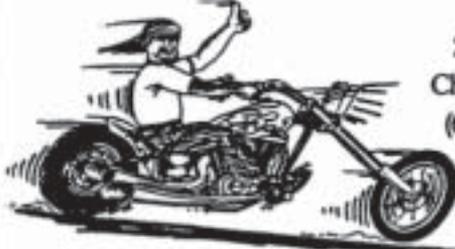
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Rat Pack Dance Showcases Generosity by Jim Furey

I'm telling you, March 27 was a very busy night for us. Our evening started at the Paderborn Rat Pack's benefit dance and silent auction to help support Cassidy Neff. She is the daughter of Brian Neff, the president of the Paderborn Rat Pack who died in a motorcycle accident on August 10, 2003. It was a little on the nippy side, but still a few brave souls rode their bikes. This event was well attended, and they had tons of nice stuff that had been donated for the silent auction. Oh, congratulations to the guy who stood by the printing work I wanted done and was making a bid just as the lady came to collect the card, ya bastard (he said affectionately—*editor*).

There were a lot of folks there. They had good food, cold beer, and hot live music provided by the Lost Souls Band. These guys are great and are always ready to lend their musical talents to help others out. They truly understand what caring is all about. The hard work done by the Paderborn Rat Pack in honor of their fallen president paid off in the event's success. Everyone I saw there was having a good time and rekindling friendships.



They also awarded numerous attendance prizes and had several rather big money 50/50 drawings, and I know a good portion of the winnings from those drawings was donated back. There was also a small live auction that was very cool and provided one of the most touching moments of the evening as a basket whose contents were chosen by young Cassidy was bid on. This event once again demonstrated the generosity of this community to help those who need help. I am proud to be a part of a culture that is so quick and ready to do whatever it can to help others.

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Featured Bike by Sportster Rick

This bike is owned by Johnny and Jeanne Bosick. Johnny has been building and customizing motorcycles and cars for going on 35 years. As you can tell from looking at this baby he's very good at it. Johnny did the paint job on my bike and it is one of the coolest ones around when my bike is clean. Johnny's shop is called **John's Restorations, Auto Body and Cycles**. Johnny started out with a '56 hardtail frame when he set out to build this bike for Jeanne. He deraked it about 5 degrees he thinks, not really sure, just did it till it looked cool. He made some other alterations to the frame ask him about it some time. To this he added one of his killer paint jobs. With that done he needed a power plant and decided on a '60 Panhead, with 80 inch S & S flywheels, rods and pistons. This power is transferred to the ground by a 50 over with a 4-speed. This took Johnny about 3 years to build and no doubt countless busted knuckles.



Upcoming Events

Thru June 1st – Motorcycle Display at Douglas County Museum in **Tuscola, IL**

April

29th – May 2nd South Mississippi Bike Rally – in Hattiesburg, MS, come to South Mississippi and have one helluva party. This will be an all out bike rally for all bikers and all bikes. Contact: bigo@southmississippibikerally.com for more information or visit the website at www.southmississippibikerally.com

May

1st – 2nd Hot Bike of Quincy, IL Annual Open House Weekend – Saturday from 9:00 to 5:00 there will be food, music, drinks factory reps will be on hand and there will be other fun events as well. Sunday from 9:00 to 10:00 there will be a praking lot breakfast before the Freedom Ride call Hot Bike of Quincy at (217) 228-7433 for more info.

1st Heartland WOW Chapter Open House – from noon till 4 at the Classic Motorcycles Museum, 5625 Gravois, St. Louis, MO for more info visit <http://heartlandwow.org>

1st Run for the Son – kickstands up at 9:00 AM from Kingdom treasures Christian Bookstore on HWY 50 in O’Fallon, IL destination Chester River Bridge via the Bluff Road, plan on arriving in Chester by 11:30 for a group prayer at 12:00 then off to Reid’s Harvest House for lunch.

1st Spring Bash 2004 and Bike Show – Presented by the Invaders M.C. Nomads. The bike show registration starts at 4:30 with the judging at 6:30. This event will be held at 3921 North 11th St., St. Louis, MO music will be provided by the “Tony Campanella Band” with Special guest Jimmy Lee from 9 to 1:00 AM for more info call (314) 621-8908.

1st Bike Show – at Widman Motorcycle Sales 3628 S. Broadway, St Louis sign up from 10:00 to 11:00 judging at 2:30 there will trophies in several classes there is a \$10 entry fee. Their will also be attendance prizes for more info call (314) 771-7100.

2nd Bush Pilot’s Poker Run – sign up is at their clubhouse at the corner of Central and Union in Alton, IL from noon till 2:00.

2nd Adam Valentine 3rd Annual Memorial Poker Run – the proceeds will bebefit the Adam Valentine Education Fund St. Louis Herp Society. For his poker run you can choose your route with 10 different stops to choose from but you must sign up at Karban’s in Paderborn from 10 till noon and arrive at DJ’s in smithton by 4:00 for more info call Margaret & mark Demond at (618) 277-2165.

2nd Benefit Poker Run for Jennifer Scott – Sign up is from 10:30 to noon at Derby Al’s Diner 2845 Camp Jackson Rd, Cahokia, IL. This run benefits Jennifer Scott who has big medical bills from her battle with Crohn’s Disease. There will also be 50/50 drawings and some of the stops will be Marble stops so don’t forget your books.

2nd St Louis Motorcycle Club Poker Run – sign up from 10:00 to 11:30 at Widman’s Motorcycle Sales, 3628 S Broadway St Louis, MO entry is \$5 for one hand or \$10 for three. There will also be attendance prizes as well as trophies for more info call (314) 771-7100.

8th Cycle Saints Run for the Son – this is a 100 mile ride sign up from noon to 1:00 at 1st Christian Church, RT 140 Bethalto, IL. There will also be food, attendance prizes and games. For more info call (618_ 637-2409.

15th – 16th 23rd Annual SEMO Run What Ya Brung Field Events at Ruesler’s Gulch, MO more details will be forthcoming.

15th Kelly’s A.B.A.T.E. Awareness Run – leaves Kelly’s 2902 Broadway, Quincy, IL at 11:00 AM for more info call (217) 222-5579.

16th Kelly’s Ride-In Bike Show - an all day event at Kelly’s 2902 Broadway, Quincy, IL call (217) 222-5579 for more info.

16th Dream Weavers Rodeo- at the Jerseyville American Legion sign up from 10 till noon at Ted’s Motorcycle World.

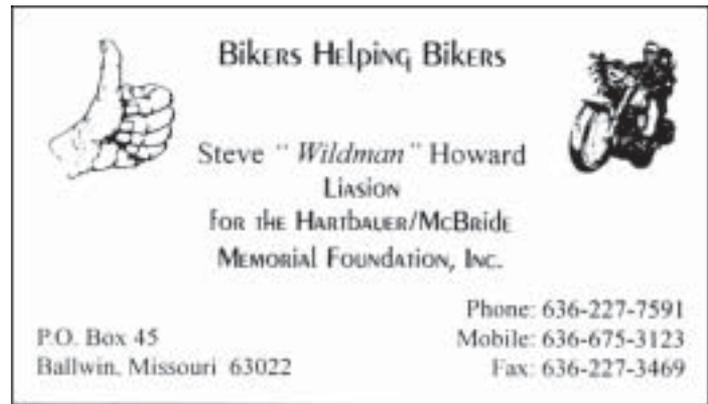
16th Annual Cancer Ride – sponsored by the Belleville, IL HOG Chapter, this is about 100 mile ride through Southern Illinois. Sign up is from 10:30 till noon at Frieze Harley Davidson on S. Illinois St, in Belleville, IL call the dealership for more info.

21st – 23rd Easyriders Rodeo Tour 04 stop at Altamont, IL – will be held at Effingham IL County Fairgrounds. There will be rodeo events, ride in bike show, exhibits and many other things to occupy your time for more info call (800) 962-9857.

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Hartbauer/McBride Foundation

This month I was invited to attend the Hartbauer/McBride Foundation planning meeting. It was a real eye opener for me this board is made up of some of the owners of the Saint Louis Motorcycle Dealers, Pat Bush from Doc's Harley Davidson was in attendance as was Ronnie and Tommy Widman. there were members of various motorcycle clubs.



There were owners of local watering holes like Barry Gregory of Crehan's in Belleville, IL who is always out doing what he can to support the biker community. This meeting was run by the same rules as all formal meetings. The meeting was chaired by Mark Perkowsski, Robert Hightower another board officer was there also and Steve 'Wildman' Howard the Liaison officer ran the meeting. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes to make the Hartbauer/McBride Foundation events successful. They can always use volunteers to help them as well. Steve's business card is up in the corner if you have some extra time or some talent that might be of help give him a call. This organization does so much good, already this year they have filled 7 requests and have 3 more pending now. They do need our support though to keep helping our brothers and sisters in need.

22nd 100 MPH Club Annual Rodeo – at H's Bar 1310 Dutch Hollow Rd, Belleville, IL BBQ from 1:00 to 6:00 rodeo events begin at 3:30. There will also be prizes, potshots and raffles for more info call (618) 398-3668.

23rd Kindred Poker Run – sign up from noon till 2 at the Pub Room, East Broadway Alton, IL.

28th – 31st ALL HARLEY MEMORIAL DAY BLOWOUT - presented by the Asgard MC and Gulfport Dragway. Kick off your summer with our 22nd Year! Located near casinos and beaches! Gulfport, MS. Visit www.asgardmc.com or call (228) 392-1801 for more information.

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

June

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.

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

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 awards, 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, Arkansas. There are two classes for the build-off under \$2500 and \$2500 to \$5000 these are the max amounts you can invest in the bikes. There will be bike burnouts starting at 6:00 on Friday night and the Saturday Bike Show is from 9:00 to 3:00 on the square downtown, visit www.route23mc.com for more info.

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

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

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

If your club or organization has an upcoming event you would like listed here please contact Jim Furey at (618) 531-0432 or at events@thebikinglife.com.

Gonzo Touring by Killer Miller

If you have read previous articles of mine, you know the rules I ride by. If you used to read *Midwest Rider*, you know that usually when we go on vacation my wife and I don't have a lot of time and that we travel fairly fast and light. I believe that with the right amount of planning any reasonable-size motorcycle can be used as a touring platform. I call this *Gonzo Touring*. This article is designed to give anyone who may be planning his or her first or five-hundredth trip on something other than a full dresser some guidelines on how to pack. Helping me with this as always is the lovely Mrs. Killer, my wife Joyce.



The first thing I do is decide what I need on the bike. I usually pack these items in my tank bag so I can have easy access to them:

- Tools
- Rain suit (it *will* rain)—Don't wait to put on the rain suit until after you are already drenched; it will not reverse the process
- Pair of gloves (unless it's summer I always take cold weather gloves with me)
- Maps
- Batteries (for cameras, etc.)
- Medicine (If you take prescriptions, leave them in the original bottle. If you get pulled over it looks less suspicious.)
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat (hey, I'm bald)

Now for some tips from the better-looking half of this team, the Gonzo Queen of tour packing Joyce.

Well, Killer Honey, first let us give credit to the person who taught us how to do this, Ms. Laurie Mueller. Now,

for all you women out there, with a little thought you *can* take most of it with you. Before I met Killer I had never ridden a motorcycle in my life, much less took a long trip on one, but since Killer's motto is "Love me, love my bike," I had to learn some new things. One, big bulky purses don't cut it; fanny packs are a godsend and if you're wearing any kind of jacket, pack items you often need in either the pockets or the pack. Also, as you can see in photo one (what I take on a trip), you don't need hose, heels, or fancy clothes if you're traveling light. Jeans, one pair of shorts, underwear, a small assortment of T-shirts, one nice long-sleeve blouse, and (this goes for you guys also) one heavy sweatshirt (you never know when weather might change).



Now back to you girls (guys, you might not want to read this): always pack feminine products (and I am not taking about that nightie) where you can get to them. If you think you are going to run out, have your old man stop at a Wally World or such and get them there; that's cheaper than buying them at a truck stop. Tell him to allow extra time at gas stops so you can take care of this, it cut down on the fights later.



Now, you may say “Jeez, you guys have got a lot packed (this isn’t even counting camping gear; Killer camps at the Red Roof Inn). How do I get this in my saddle bags, duffel bag, etc.?” Well, watch and learn kiddies. As you see in photos one through four, you get it folded (not scrunched), and then you put it in the biggest Ziploc freezer bag you can buy. After that you can start to zip it, but leave a little space open at the top. Put the bag on a semi-hard surface and, as they said on Happy Days, “Sit on it.” This forces the air out of the bag and gives you a nice tight compressed package. Just keep repeating the process for everything but your camera (we have a separate case) and toiletries, then pack all the Ziploc bags into a larger bag or into your saddlebags. Now, back to my hubby for three very important tips you shouldn’t forget or overlook.

Before I do that, babe, I’ll tell the readers what I pack:

- Two pairs of jeans
- Three T-shirts
- One heavy denim shirt
- Three pairs of socks
- Three pairs of underwear
- Five bandannas
- Hay fever spray

Now for tips learned from the road:

1. *Always check your clearances.* If you think that your soft luggage will hit a pipe, tire, or chain when loaded with a passenger on, then it will. (Don’t ask me how I know this, let’s just say that fire is not your buddy.) Once you have everything on, have a third party check to make sure nothing is touching something it shouldn’t.
2. *If one bungee is good, three is better.*
3. *Think before you pack.* Do you need both the camera and the camcorder? How many souvenir T-shirts do you really have to bring back? And remember, if you just have to have something and it won’t fit on your bike, the US mail or UPS can get it home for you.

Now get out there: it’s good riding weather, so pack up your gear and get your butts in the saddle. See you out there, Killer Miller and Joyce (the lovely Mrs. Killer).



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'Holy Rollers' Takes on a New Meaning by Jim Furey

Sunday March 21 dawned sunny but rather brisk. Despite the chill in the air, though, more than 100 bikes and numerous four-wheeled vehicles showed up for the Outlanders 6th Annual Blessing of the Bikes at Roxanna Park in Roxanna, Illinois. The numerous attendees represented many of the area's clubs and HOG chapters.

looking patch to all the riders there. There was great fellowship among riders of all different kinds of machines and no doubt different faiths as they came together to have their bikes blessed. This was the 6th Annual Blessing of the Bikes put on by the Outlanders, and I would recommend that you stop by next year. If the way this event was run is any indication of the way the Outlanders do things, you should also make sure you attend one of their events.



The Blessing was conducted by Pastor Larry Lacher of the Roxanna Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Larry did a very nice job in his talk, making a moving comparison between the father and son on American Choppers and the way that they take a piece of metal and form it into one of their special motorcycle creations and the way the Heavenly Father and Son take our lives and transform them into special human creations. This view certainly created a picture that everyone there could grasp, even me. Then he blessed all the machines and riders that were there.



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If something good is happening in your life let us know we'll try and get it in the mag. If you want to offer a memorial let us know as well at the Staff@thebikinglife.com.

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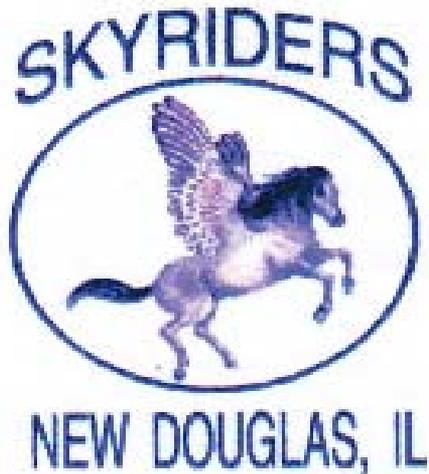
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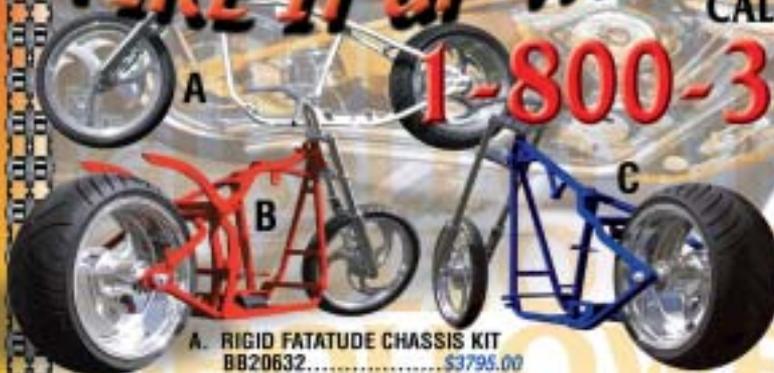
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