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Letter from the Editor

by Jim Furey

As we enter the month of November I was thinking the other day, cause that is what I do a lot. So I'm thinking what does November bring to mind and I come up with two things one being Thanksgiving and the other Veteran's Day.

At first these seem like completely different celebrations but then on further reflection and they don't truly have a different basis. They are in reality very similar. One is our giving thanks in a very small way to service members who have sacrificed so much to defend our nation and the world from all threats. These veterans have been ready on a moments notice to go into harms way for the things we all hold dear, our freedoms. Some of them were thanked for their service at the time they served. The brave men and women who fought WW II are an example of that. Others like the Vietnam Veteran's had to wait many years and in some instances decades before the sacrifices they made were recognized. Which is truly a national disgrace. These courageous men and women were just soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who did what they were ordered to do because it was their job. One they were proud to do because they were proud on their nation and what it stood for.

I think the fact that these men and women worked and gave so much to protect our freedoms is the number one reason that so many bikers are former service members. We appreciate freedom and the freedom of the road is one of the few that will be hard to take from us. Not impossible and one that some will work hard to remove to protect us from ourselves or whatever it is they believe they will be doing for us, instead of to us as most of us believe.

We all know the origins of Thanksgiving. The Indians and the Pilgrims celebrating a bountiful harvest, a harvest that would ensure that there was enough for them all to eat during the coming winter months. Theses days the celebration isn't so much about a bountiful harvest as almost all of us go down to the local grocery stores to reap the gifts from the fields. Now, it is more about the other blessings we enjoy. Things like a good family, friends, jobs and all the other things that we all pretty much take for granted

on a daily basis. That is what makes this a great holiday cause it makes us slow down a little bit from the hectic schedules that we all live these days, to reflect on what has been so generously provided for us and to us. I hope your November is one to remember. I also hope we see you at our "Circle of Love" Poker Run on November 1st this will truly benefit a worthy cause in Even Fink himself and also the rest will go to The Children's Hospital Free Care Fund.

Whatever you do though during this coming month please take some time to thank a Vet for all they have done for us. They have made many sacrifices for all of us and that is the least they deserve. Also take a few moments and think about the bountiful harvest we each receive on almost a daily basis and give thanks for the important things, a good family, good friends and a nice stretch of twisty road on a sunny afternoon. To the Vets who read this I say Thanks and to everyone else have a great holiday and another fantastic month of riding. See you all soon.



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Joe Boland Ride Benefits Local Family



On Saturday October 11, I went on the Joe Boland Memorial/Benefit Ride with members of the 100 MPH Club. The weather somewhat symbolized the events, being on the overcast side with a hint of moisture in the air early and then getting better as the day and the ride progressed. The ride started at H's Biker Bar on Dutch Hollow Rd. in Belleville, where we hung out, drinking whatever we chose and eating Krispy Kremes (whoever brought those, thank you very much). The entry fee was \$10, which—along with the other funds generated—went to benefit the Haley family, who have suffered a number of health-related issues this year. It is also a way for Chef and Hugs to memorialize their son, who died in a car accident on November 1, 1999, when he was just 17 years old. We headed out to the Wild Goose Saloon in Grafton for our second stop; that was an especially nice ride with the leaves just starting to change. After hanging out there, we rode to the Pub Room in Alton. All of these locations are very biker friendly, and if you haven't been there I suggest you do so. We drank a little more, shot some pool, and headed back to H's for some barbecue, raffle drawings, and a great evening of fun. If you weren't able to make the run but would still like to contribute a little something to help out the Haley family, please contact "Chef" at (314) 610-9600 or "Hugs" at (314) 707-9400 for more information on how to do that. Also, these nice people and all who help them to put on the Joe Boland Memorial/Benefit Run should be commended for the way they've taken a personal tragedy and turned it into something that benefits others.



Headlights

On the Sis Sager run, Dee Busby had a close call on her bike, Dee the trooper that she is got back on and finished the run. Darrin Star (alas Hollywood) offered to stud the markings left from the fall on her leather jacket that are in shape of angel wings.



Tail Lights

Brad Lewis (Shorty) from Fairfield, Illinois, died on Sunday, September 28, 2003, at the scene of the accident in Chester, Illinois. Shorty worked with Ron from R & R Custom Hawgs for the past year. Anyone who knew Shorty knew that he never met a stranger; he was always ready and willing to take the time to get to know everyone. Shorty had a great heart and was a kind man. He leaves behind two kids—a daughter, Sarah, and a son, John Paul. A Memorial Run was held on Friday, October 3, from R & R Custom Hawgs in Chester to Fairfield for the funeral service. More than 40 bikes made the journey. I had the honor of meeting with Shorty just a week before his death and got to share in the joy of his and Ron's latest project: a custom Rolling Thunder Ultima built for John and Kim Wintgerter with blue running lights all around the frame. John and Kim's bike will be on display at *The Biking Life's* Bike Show at Moof's in Chester on Saturday, November 16. Stop by and see the bike and pay your respects to a man who loved to ride. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. God Bless. —Carol Wilson

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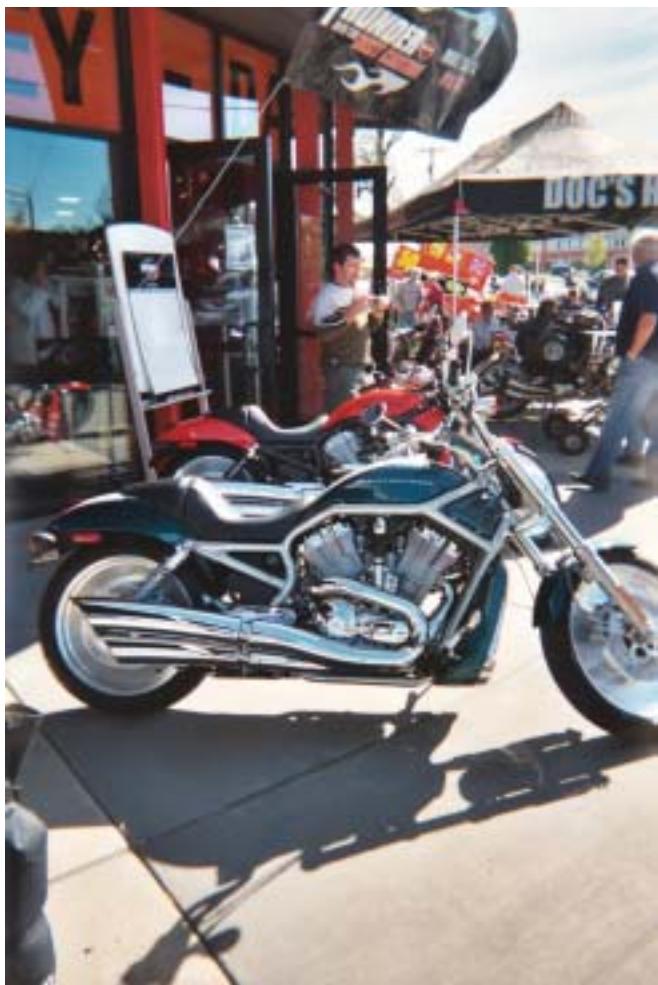
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Doc's Open House Spotlights New Rides By Kay Mullen



Left 2004 VROD, top above Doc's dealership, above some of the tanks John Bauer of Bauer's Studio uses to display his artistic talents.

Doc's Harley-Davidson at Big Bend and Lindbergh in Kirkwood held an Open House from 10 AM to 4 PM on October 4. Turnout was great on a picture-perfect early autumn day, and it was cool to see so many well-loved bikes all in one place. Throughout the day, thousands of bikers came and went, either to admire the new Model Year 2004 Harleys, peruse Doc's other wares (including new H-D fashions), or just hang out with like-minded others. John Bauer Studio was there, providing custom paint jobs and striping on the spot. In addition, the Kirkwood HOG had an informational table about the group, and they had a steady stream of interested riders. Richard's Ribs provided great free food.

Harley-Davidson provided the theme of "Thunder Into the Next Century," and Doc's did a great job of highlighting that, especially the 2004 V-Rods (pictured) that flanked the front entrance.

All in all, it gave Doc's a chance to celebrate the bikes and service that have made them a Kirkwood landmark for so long, and it gave Bi-State riders another welcome chance to hang out on a gorgeous fall day.

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Don't Ride

by Randy Orban

I've noticed a disturbing trend among bikers lately. Bikers that find excuses not to ride. While I admit that there are times when the bike should be left at home. In my case it's usually a case of too many Buds's, your case may differ.

What I'm talking about is some of the wimpy excuses I hear. For example:

#1 IT'S TOO HOT

Ok, let's get one thing straight, This is St.Louis. It gets hot here, it gets hotter than a French whore at the end of a thirty day lockup, It gets hotter than a horny hound dog locked in kennel full of bitches, It gets hotter than my old lady when I slap her on the ass in front of her friends and say "What's up bubble butt!" But I digress

Lets face it, if your waiting for a day where the temperature is in the mid 80's and the humidity around 30%, you'll only get to ride about two day's per year.

Sure, you may sweat a little bit, but think about some of the best times you've had in your life. Chances are that the majority of them required a certain degree of sweat. Like the first time you hit the ball and sprinted toward first base, Or the first time you asked someone out on a date, Or, and this is the one I like best, the first time you had great sex.

#2 IT'S TOO COLD

I admit that I don't ride as much during the winter months as I would like to, but I do ride. And while I'm not advocating riding during a blizzard. If you invest in some good leathers and a full-face helmet, thirty-degree's really isn't that bad.

Besides, after about a month locked up in the house with the old lady nagging me about painting the kitchen. Pulling the bike out of the garage on a brisk twenty-degree day and enjoying the strange looks I get from the neighbors I pass makes turning my fingers in to ice cycles worth it. Besides, I love the look on the old lady's face when I put my freezing cold hand on her ass, and ask, "What's shaking bubble butt!"

#3 IT'S TOO WINDY

What, you don't like a little adventure in you life? Personally I like the feeling of my bike when it goes WHOOPS and the bottom half of the bike decides to go left. But the old lady say's I'm weird, so maybe it's just me.

I once spent a month in Lincoln, Nebraska where there are no trees, hills, large breasted women or anything to break the wind; it's REALLY flat land. I saw it rain once and it rained sideways because of the wind. What I'm trying to say, is that it's really freaken windy there. But people still

ride motorcycles, Sure they may ride with the bike leaned over at a thirty-degree angle, but they RIDE.

Once I got back to St. Louis I swore that I would never let our wimpy little twenty-mile per hour wind gust stop me from riding again.

Sure, the bike will move around a bit. But as long as you keep the front wheel pointed where you want to go, everything should be all right

Besides, we can't let them pesky Nebraskaians show us St. Louisians up.

#4 IT MIGHT RAIN

Ok, I give you that. But you have to give me the one that "IT MIGHT NOT".

Like I said before, this is St.Louis. Sometimes it doesn't rain when the weatherman says it will, sometimes it does rain when he say's it won't, and sometimes, just sometimes, he right. (How do you get a gig like that?)

You know motorcycles were made to run when they're wet. And although riding in the rain isn't one of the most enjoyable things I can think to do. I always keep in mind that in St.Louis a rain shower usually only lasts fifteen or twenty minutes or so. Which is just about enough time to wolf down a big sloppy burger at the local greasy spoon. And every town has at least one greasy spoon.

One thing I have noticed though, It seems that when I decide that I'm wet enough and head for home during a downpour, as soon as I arrive home and start to dry off after a hot shower, It will stop raining and the sun will come out. Of course the nice thing about that is, that's about the time my old lady will snap me on my bare butt with a wet towel, smile and say " Come on lard ass, take me for a ride".

And aint that what its all about.

Getting some wind in your face when you need it most.

Ride on
Randy

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Something Completely Different

By Rich Aubuchon

As Thanksgiving approaches and the days grow shorter and cooler, while the leaves carpet our driveways and sidewalks with their mellow, Technicolor beauty, it would seem the perfect time to quietly and soberly reflect on our many blessings. I'll leave that to you. That kind of quiet introspection always reminds me of Alan Alda, and Alan Alda gives me the willies.

For years, my Thanksgiving revolved around having dinner, watching football, and taking a nap. Now that we live closer to my wife's parents, the emphasis has shifted a bit. With their influence, the holiday for me has become more about conspiracy theories and anti-Government manifestos than anything else. You haven't truly experienced pumpkin pie until you've heard my father-in-law explain how the United Nations secretly controls the American pumpkin industry. You'll never look at a turkey the same way after you've been schooled on the many ways growth hormones are used to control our thoughts. Instead of watching the Macy's Thanksgiving parade on television, we'll huddle around the shortwave radio and listen to Vern From Vermont tell us how the CIA killed Buddy Hackett.

Still, even I am not immune to the spiritual. So join me, won't you, in a cup of General Foods International Coffee, recline upon the window seat or porch swing, warm some Martha Stewart Simmering Potpourri on the stove, and let us remember our good fortune. To get in the proper frame of mind, please bow your head and recite with me the traditional Aubuchon family grace:

Dear Lord, behold this turkey. Before us lies this beautiful and noble bird, a proud animal which once roamed the fields and forests in splendor, gently nuzzling its young with almost human affection, harming no one, taking only what it needed for survival, honoring your creation with its existence. Anyway, it's dead and we're going to eat it. Amen.

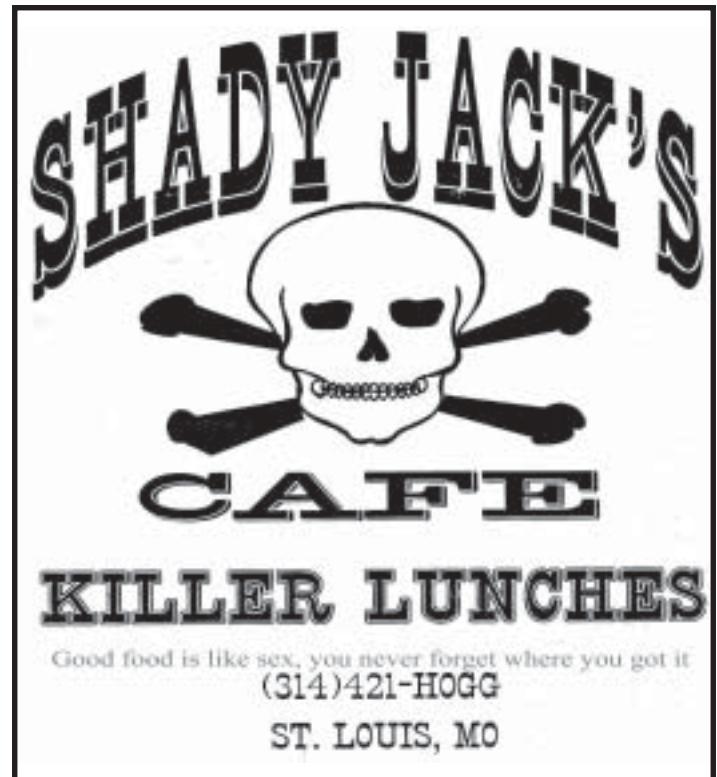
I suppose if I had to count the things for which I'm thankful, my wife and kids would top the list. A colossal dork, I never could have dreamed of marrying such a smart, funny, beautiful woman as my wife. If I hadn't met her at just the right time and place, and if I hadn't put just the right amount of GHB in her drink, she'd be with another man right now and I'd be living in my parents' basement with a Russian woman I ordered over the internet.

As to my children, it's hard to believe my dysfunctional, under-achieving DNA could help create something so perfect (assuming, of course, that *my* DNA was involved). My daughter, Alyssa, is as beautiful as her mother and smarter at age 7 than I've ever been. Sam, the boy, has never stopped smiling and can use the toilet like nobody's business. My wife says Sam's urinary aim is actually better than mine, so I consider him gifted.

There are others, of course. For example, I'm thankful for actress Phoebe Cates. By age 14, I had become essentially an erection with acne. Without Phoebe Cates movies on HBO, my body would have exploded, leaving nothing but my glasses and a big smoky pile of goo. When I saw her frolicking naked with a chimpanzee in *Paradise*, I realized that God wasn't just a fairy tale. If I'm ever held prisoner by the Viet Cong, I know that memories of Phoebe's topless scene in *Fast Times At Ridgemont High* will sustain me.

This Thanksgiving, I'll also raise my glass in appreciation for the riding lawnmower my wife let me buy this summer. It's probably the closest I'll ever come to having a Hummer. It's also probably the closest she'll come to giving me a hummer, but that's another story for another day.

Vanilla Coke? I'm thankful for it. My Barcalounger—the one with the cup holders? I praise the Lord for it. Ditto for relaxed fit jeans, Hooters chicken wings, and the Chuckie movies. So yes, I'm down with the gratitude thing.



Being grateful doesn't come easy to me. As you know, there are "the glass is half full" and "the glass is half empty" people. I'm usually more of a "the glass is half full because somebody peed in an empty glass" person. The flip side to gratitude is bitterness, and no holiday would be complete without it. It's all well and good to give thanks for my home, but it's more sincere to complain about the raccoons that keep knocking over my trash cans....One can recognize that America is blessed with great diversity and still be disgusted by those idiots on *Eliminate*....When I simultaneously glory in the song of the morning bluebird and conspire to kill the crows that keep crapping on my car, it's two sides of the same coin....

I'm surprised that in more than two centuries of American history, nobody has addressed this situation and suggested a holiday dedicated to complaining. As the popularity of talk radio will attest, griping is one of the things Americans do best. The Boston Tea Party, the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War—we're a nation founded on the principle of bitching and moaning. We should celebrate it. Let's pick a day, and instead of going to church and counting our blessings, we'll pick a scapegoat and burn him in effigy. We'll feast on sour grapes and crow. Add pro football and pie, and it should catch on nicely.

Let Rich know what you think about his writing by emailing him at rich@thebikinglife.com. I try to tell him but he doesn't believe me.

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—Carol Wilson



Club listings

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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>.

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

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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 4th Weds of the month 6:30 PM at Roadhouse 100, 2763 Hwy 100, Gray Summit, MO (636) 271-9123

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association GWRRA Have various meeting locations in the Metro St. Louis Area. Check out the one nearest you at <www.stlouisgwrra.homestead.com>

Honda Sport touring Assn. St Louis area 1st Sat; South Central MO 2nd Sat and KC Area 3rd Sat. Please join us at any time <HTTP://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: ghaubner@juno.com or Tom Trieschmann at (314) 692 7463 E-mail ttriesch@inlink.com

River Road Riders, All Brand Motorcycle Club meetings are held the 2nd Weds of the month at the Alton Sports Tap 7:00 PM

Midwest Trail Riders Assn. Email mtra@ridemtra.com <http://www.ridemtra.com> Event hotline (314) 314 434 5095

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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

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.

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.

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

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/

Upcoming Events

November

1st - 1st Annual Circle of Love Poker Run sponsored by "The Biking Life" starts at Falling Springs, Dupo, IL and will wind through beautiful southern Illinois river country for more info call (618) 628-2911 or visit www.thebikinglife.com.

1st – Salvation Army Toy Run – sponsored by F.O.R.R Local #38, the run will leave TJ's at Hwys 61 & 67 and Z in Pevely at noon bring toys for the needy children of Jefferson County. This is a rain or shine event and all vehicles are welcome.

1st Costume Party at TJ's Bar and Grill Hwys 61/67 and Z in Pevely, MO. There will be music, raffles, prizes and of course lots of fun.

8th Salty Dawgs Special Olympics Dance to be held at KC Hall Bethalto, IL 8:00 till Midnight.

8TH S.I.M.C.A. Meeting at 7:00 PM.

15th Leather and Lace Dance at Biker's Society Hall.

16th – Last Bike Show of 2003 – this event will take place at Moof's in 501 Buena Vista in Chester, IL. The entry fee is \$10 and registration will be open from noon to 1:30 with judging to start at 2:00 PM vendor spaces are available for more info call (314) 322-7323.

16th – Toy Buying Day – at the Town and Country Wal-Mart help buy wrap and solicit donations for the upcoming ride starting at 1:00 PM.

21st – Gallagher's Getaway Thanksgiving Party music by Kevin Heim "the one man band" from 8:30 to 12:30, there will be food, jelloshots and giveaways. Gallagher's is located at 102 S. Richland in Freeburg, IL.

December

6th A.B.A.T.E. Christmas Party will be held at the VFW Hall in Edwardsville, IL starting at 6:00 PM.

7th – Toy Ride sign up is from 11:00 to 12:30 at T. Billy Buffett's 9904 Overland Plaza Saint Louis. \$5.00 donation is requested per person.

20th – Kirkwood LOH HOG Chili Cook-Off chili will be served from 11:00 to 4:00. This event is the same days as Doc's Holiday Shopping Open House. The chili cook-off will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.. There is a \$20 entry fee.

31st – Gallagher's Getaway New Years Eve Party music by the "Illinois Central Band" from 8:30 to 12:30, there will be party favors and champagne toast at midnight.

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Southwestern Illinois

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Joke of the Month

It was the stir of the town when an 80 year old man - a confirmed biker, married a 23 year old girl. After a year she went into the hospital to give birth. The nurse came out to congratulate the fellow saying, "This is amazing. How do you do it at your age?" He answered, "You've got to keep that old motor running." The following year she gave birth again. The same nurse said, "You really are amazing. How do you do it?" He again said, "You've got to keep the old motor running." The same thing happened the next year. The nurse said, "You must be quite a man." He responded, "You've got to keep that old motor running." The nurse then said, "Well, you had better change the oil in that old motor, this one's black."

Our/My Bads

First to Falling Springs Conservation Club

1) We apologize for the wrong area code in your ad. Nice place with good people check it out.
2) I inadvertently published bad info on The Club. The club has a web site
www.theclubatfallingsprings.com The waterfall is 60 to 70 feet tall. First acknowledged in 1904. The Indians considered the area "scared grounds" due to its proximity to the Indian mounds (Pulcher Mounds). There 2 lakes (see photo's) stocked with bass, bluegill, and catfish. Fishing is available by membership at \$40.00 per year / per family and can apply for membership at the club. It sits on 11 acres of wilderness camping area. Campers should check in with the club. See the web site for "MAP" and hours of operation.

Second to Harris's Tavern

We apologize for listing your establishment as being in Piasa Harbor, IL. I didn't realize Piasa Harbor was only the gas station and that other totally biker unfriendly place. Stop in and say hi to Kirk and tell him I said I am sorry.

Third to the "Corner Pub" at press time we could not locate the picture of your building we will rectify this for the next issue.

We make mistakes some times we try to keep them to a minimum but if you find one let us know we will correct it and apologize when we are wrong.

Jim Furey Editor

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Bikers for Babies Roll Through St. Louis

By Jim Furey

The 8th Annual Bikers for Babies Ride took place on Sunday October 13, and what a great day it was. We got there around 8:30 (no, I didn't have a mouse in my pocket, but rather a couple of friends plus some folks who are now helping me out with this magazine). But you know, if you think the March of Dimes Biker for Babies Ride started on that glorious Sunday morning, you are so wrong. The actual run is the culmination of a lot of hard work by some very tenacious volunteers for this event. These volunteers start working on the next year's event as soon as the current year's run ends. They are already out thanking the clubs and groups that supported the event, contacting potential sponsors and media sources, and generally spending all their waking hours working on the next year's ride. A number of folks get lauded for their efforts the day of the event, but many others who put in many hours behind the scenes do not. I know I saw Laura Boone, the March of Dimes Senior Community Director, at many different events and club meetings. If you see her out, let her know how much you appreciate her and the other volunteers' hard work in putting on this great event.



The weekend's festivities began at Shady Jacks Saloon in Villa Ridge on Saturday. Jack did his usual fantastic job of making bikers feel right at home. There was a silent

auction that had some really awesome packages, as well as a pre-registration booth for the Bikers for Babies Ride so that riders didn't have to hassle with registering on Sunday morning. Live music from Hush and Twisted Oak filled the air with sound, and the leaf fires that seem to be constantly burning around here filled the air with the scent of fall. Hush and Twisted Oak performed just for the benefit of Bikers for Babies, so when you see them out make sure and thank them—they rock. There were also some vendors out at Jack's, and from everyone I've spoken to a great time was had by all.



The road captains had prepared for almost every imaginable stumbling block, but when Sunday morning came there was one no one had envisioned. A bomb was discovered in the parking garage on 20th Street that the bikes were to have rode past on their way in. However, a plan was quickly developed to route the motorcycles on a slightly different route in, and though it created a small bottleneck, no one was any the wiser and more importantly everyone was safe. Registration and breakfast began at 8:00 AM, and there was all kinds of food—whether you wanted to eat healthy (yuck!) or somewhat less than healthy—and bottled water as well as some really excellent Thomas's Coffee was available. We strolled around, checking out vendors like Black Jack Leathers—these are really fine folks and big supporters of the riding community. Fog Hollow was there as well, selling some of their fine assortment of sharp parts and accessories for your cycle. Several other vendors were there as well. While breakfast was served, the band Group Therapy laid down some very entertaining rock and roll. Group Therapy as well as the band that played upon the return of the bikes—Butch Wax & the Hollywoods—both donated their time and talents to help make this event the huge success it was.

As the time for the ride neared there were short talks from several dignitaries and a presentation on behalf of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. These people recognize employers who unselfishly support their employees who are members of the National Guard and

Reserve. The National Anthem was sung, there was a Blessing of the Bikes by Ray Ward, and then it was time to start our engines and line up for the ride. The lead bikes rode out and the others were allowed out by lanes. The Kirkwood HOG provided the road captains and they did a superb job of making sure everyone left in an orderly fashion. The route took us through part of the city then out onto southbound I-55, which we followed to Highway 141. We rode north on that highway to I-44 and then east toward the city, with a final roll up Market Street and back into Union Station.



This was probably the most spiritual ride I have ever been on, and I heard others echoing the same sentiment. There were folks all along the route showing their support and waving as the long line of more than 3700 motorcycles made its way along the route. To see all those folks come out was truly remarkable. But you know what, it wouldn't have been anywhere near as good without the support of so many fine law enforcement officers. There were motorcycle policemen from many jurisdictions that led and rode in the ride, and many more officers manning street crossings and entrance and exit ramps to the highways; these were another of the unsung heroes of the day. Policemen get a pretty bad rap from some of us from time to time—myself included—but when you see them out serving the community as they were this day it really makes you appreciate them. This was a super event, made possible by some of the folks I've mentioned here and many more that I haven't. I hope I haven't slighted anyone, and I personally salute you all here and now. This event—with the help of all the bikers, the corporate sponsors, and the many merchants/tavern owners that hold events all year long—raised a record \$230,000 this year. To those of you who weren't here on Sunday October 12, get involved next year and let's set a new record.

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“Washy Run” Goes Out On Top

By Carol Wilson

It's a sad day in the neighborhood. After 31 fun-filled, wild, and memorable years, the “Washy Run” has come to an end.

The run originally began the Sunday after Labor Day in 1972 and was organized by Leroy Washhausen, Charlie Johnson, and Butch Phillips from Waterloo, Illinois. The run was never advertised—it was a word-of-mouth kind of thing, but each year it got bigger and better. No two runs were alike (except for being wet all those years) and all of us who were lucky enough to make the event through the years hold our own special, fond, and funny memories: rain, and more rain, and even more rain, which never seemed to stop us; pulling over and hiding out in a barn until the rain let up; running out of gas; getting lost. Then there was always the fun of trying to figure out whose clothes you were wearing the next day.

The run was always the first Sunday after Labor Day, and the destination was never announced until the day of the ride. With more than 500 bikes and lots of cars, vans, trucks, convertibles, jeeps, dune buggies, and anything else that had wheels and could move, the journey would begin....

It would be a time to catch up with old friends (some you only got to see once a year) and make some new ones. It was a time to let your hair down and be your craziest—the focus was, after all, on the journey, not the destination. We all got silly and enjoyed every moment of it. Some things I can't mention—I have to protect the innocent. But one thing is for sure: we'll all continue to reminisce about the burnouts, the tire-to-tires, the wheelies, and even the plane that came up over the hill this year. Even the cops wanted to be a part of it all (every year!). We all often left the ride with a happy, warm (but wet), fuzzy feeling that we couldn't wait to be a part of it all again next year.

It was a tough decision for the founders of the “Washy Run” to call it quits, but sometimes you have to get out while you are on top. There were NO deaths, NO major accidents or injuries, and just a few minor run-ins with the law—just pure indulgence and fun! Once thing's for sure, years from now we all will still be telling stories about the good ol' days of the “Washy Run.” Remember, we still have pictures!



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Bike of the Month

We have a first this month in the Bike of the Month. It is a girl's bike and not just any girl but Ida Rios many of you probably know her as the shop ornament at Case's Custom Cycles on Route 162 in Granite City, IL. I have admired this 1982 Ironhead Roadster from the very first time I saw it. It has a very sharp paint job and the graphics were done by Mike Hunt's sister Marsha. Ida has added some baby apes, a Bendix carburetor, some Sturgis wheels and many other upgrades. This hot biker babe has been riding motorcycles since 1983 and got her Roadster in 1994, Ida has worked selling motorcycle aftermarket parts in both wholesale and retail settings since 1984 and is very knowledgeable.

Ida says she doesn't have a particular favorite place to ride, that just any place that she and her Vixen MC sistahs ride is always cool and lots of fun. She also says the Vixens are always on the lookout for new prospects too. Stop by the shop sometime and check this fine machine and owner out.



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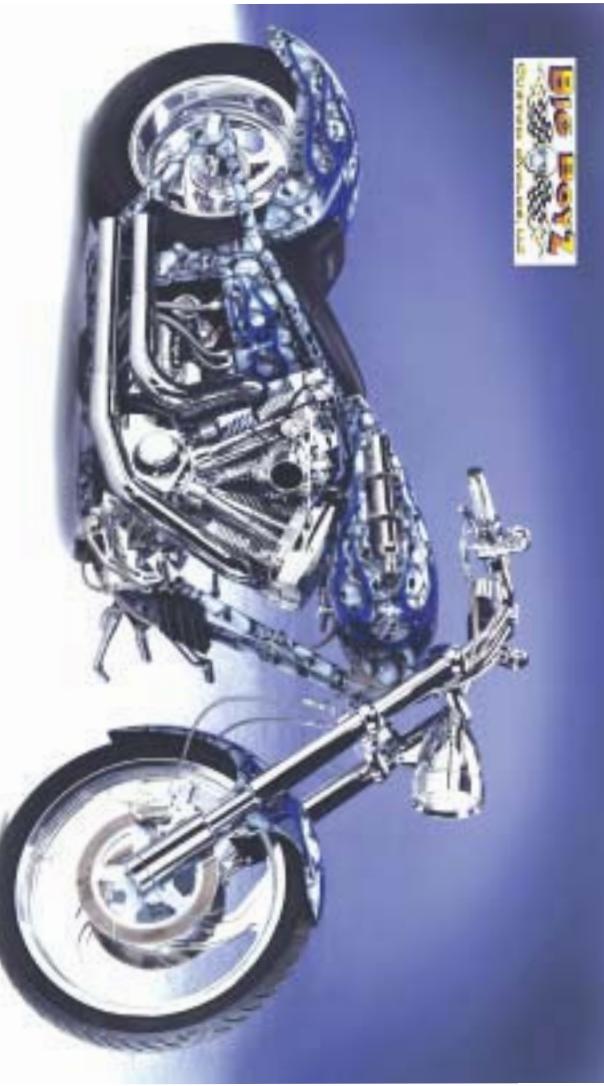
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