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## Letter From the Editor by Jim Furey

Good day readers, another busy month has passed, and it has been extremely cool. I've met lots more of you on my many travels and have enjoyed each and every introduction. Thanks for your kind words about *The Biking Life*. It never ceases to amaze me how receptive and complimentary you, the readers, have been. It lets me know that we are going down the right road in trying to provide entertainment as well as good information about what is going on in the local area. If I haven't been to one of your events yet, I guarantee that soon I will be.

Unfortunately, I still have to work a normal job so I don't have all the time I would like to devote to this project. Sometimes hard decisions have to be made. For example, in August I could only take off so much time and therefore had to decide between going to Sturgis or Milwaukee. I knew both would be big-time fun, but only one occurs once every century. (Well, not really—Harley-Davidson seems to find significant anniversaries to celebrate more often than that.) I opted for Milwaukee, and so a portion of this issue has been devoted to that excursion. It was great fun and I hope I do it justice. Stay tuned next summer for reports from Sturgis.

It is now September 15, and on the last two Saturdays I have been riding out to the west of St. Louis and coming back to the east side in the late afternoon. On both Saturdays I saw bikes and bikers down in the road. I have not been riding nearly as long as many of you who are reading this, but it's disturbing for me to see these tragedies. Saturday September 6 was a beautiful, sunny day. The pavement was dry and the people involved in the accident were dressed for riding. They wore protective outerwear and full-face DOT-approved helmets, but none of that was much protection to this German couple, who were touring the US after going to Milwaukee for the anniversary. There's not much that can protect you when a pickup truck runs over you. The driver kept going, no one reported him, and none of the witnesses were able to get a license plate number. It was indeed a tragedy .

On September 13, while riding home from Villa Ridge on a day not really meant for riding, I saw another bike accident on I-44 at almost the same

place as the previous accident. A Gold Wing and trailer tipped over and up against the median, with death and injuries resulting yet again. This was one of the worst kinds of rainy day—the rain wasn't heavy enough to wash the oil and gasoline deposits off the road, but it was just enough to make the deposits on the road extra slippery. The bottom line is this: There are no silver bullets that will protect the rider from every injury, but we all need to be as safety conscious as possible. Construction zones like the one where the first accident happened are danger zones. The lanes they implement in those areas aren't created with two-wheeled traffic in mind and should be approached accordingly. Inclement weather is no friend to those of us traveling on two wheels. In particular, mists and light rain that has just started make roads especially treacherous. I treasure each and every one of my biking brothers and sisters, and want all of you to be safe by always riding defensively and making sure there is plenty of room around you to make moves to avoid trouble. When the weather is less than perfect (which is getting more common as we head into fall), slow down, take breaks, and always expect the unexpected. Stay on two wheels and have fun.



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## Going to the Dogs...

By Jim Furey

...Or at least most of the proceeds from the events of September 6 and 7 will be heading that way. These events—a Bike Show and Dyno Shootout on Saturday and the “Puttz for Muttz” Poker Run on Sunday—were sponsored by Big Boyz Custom Cycles, “That One Place” (a very cool biker-friendly bar and neighbor of BBCC), and “Straight Pipez” (creators of a very sharp line of biker wear), with the help of Dyno Tuner (Dyno mans name).



I stopped by for a while on Saturday and was impressed by the turnout. Obviously, Whoever controls the weather is an animal lover too because it couldn't have been much better. The roar of bikes—either competing in the Dyno Shootout or being tuned by John —was always



in the air, adding to the atmosphere of the day. There were a multitude of sharp rides at the show in several different classes. In addition to the pictures accompanying this story, see our website at [www.thebikinglife.com](http://www.thebikinglife.com) for even more pictures from Saturday's fun.

Adding to the atmosphere, a DJ played some excellent tune-age (much better than Elton John at the Harley Centennial...but that's a different story). The Big Boyz girls (or were they girlz?) were there and willing to pose on the bikes, or sometimes just for some guy with a camera like me. There were some great brats, burgers, and soda available and if you wanted adult beverage, “That One Place” provided a tent where you could be served by their cute and curvaceous bartenders. It was a fun-filled day for all who attended.

It was also just another way that DJ and Trish, the owners of Big Boyz Custom Cycles, use their love of bikes and bikers to benefit those less fortunate, including those in the animal kingdom. We in the St. Louis area are lucky to have them and folks like them in our midst.



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## Finding a good shop/mechanic

By Brian C. Dillender

When I first thought about writing, I considered my experiences as a customer in the motorcycle industry. Some were good and some were not so good. My first experience was not what I had expected, to say the least. Being only 21 and looking to make my lifelong dream of owning a Harley come true, I stepped into a local dealership. The warm reception I expected was nowhere to be found! As I ask questions about my dream bike, I get the feeling that I am bothering this *obviously* busy salesperson. That didn't slow me down, though: I was on a mission. I went ahead and purchased (ordered) that bike and I couldn't have been happier.

Well, a lot has changed for me in the 10 years since I bought my first Harley. I now run my own small custom shop, and I'll be damned if anybody walks away feeling like I was too busy to listen to their questions or what they have to say despite the size of their wallet or their age. That's where my idea for this article came from. I believe there are a few things that you need to ask yourself and take into consideration when looking for a shop.

First and foremost, quality and safety must be addressed. These two subjects go hand in hand. Without quality you obviously have no safety. How experienced is the shop's mechanic? Does he follow proper torque procedures, use loctite or antisieze where necessary, or maybe even take an extra minute to listen to your problem just to be sure he understands what you really need? Remember, there are only two wheels between you and road rash city. Do you really want someone who doesn't follow proper procedures working on your pride & joy that you worked so hard for? Don't be afraid to ask questions about the mechanic's credentials. You have the right to know if your mechanic is qualified enough to put your life in his hands, because that is exactly what you do every time you hand him the keys for service.

A good way to approach finding a shop that suits your needs is to ask around. Many people will be more than willing to share their good (or not so good) experiences with you. Referrals account for a large portion of most shops' business and any good shop will realize this. This results in an establishment that is hell-bent on quality first, because everything else will follow (i.e., good reputation, loyal clientele). If a shop believes in the quality of their work, they will back it up. It is not uncommon to hear about a rider spending big bucks to have work done, only to find out a week or two later that the problem area no longer functions properly. After having a buddy trail him or her back to the offending shop, such unfortunate riders often find they are about to

be charged a second time! Folks, this should not be the case. Now, I'm not saying that if something goes wrong you should start screaming and hollering. Keep in mind that sometimes a new part can be defective, and a mechanic is human and capable of making a mistake. If a mistake was made, a good mechanic will admit to it and do everything he can to correct it. That is one of many defining characteristics of a good mechanic. Be sure to ask a prospective shop or mechanic if they back up their workmanship. Another thing to watch out for is the guy who just wants to move it in, give you the bill, and then move it out. Quality takes time, and a good shop owner will schedule what he or she thinks is the appropriate time frame to complete your service in a manner that does not jeopardize quality.

Last but not least, be wary of someone who is making promises to you that don't sound reasonable. A good mechanic will do his best to not make promises he can't keep.

Let's not forget about customer's etiquette. Yes, that's right, you have a responsibility as a customer. Just as you expect a cordial greeting and a smile, the shop owner/mechanic deserves consideration, too. Call ahead of time to make an appointment and be sure to describe *all* the work that needs to be done. Don't show up unexpectedly a half hour before closing time asking for a tire change and a full fluid change. Always remember that quality takes time and money. Allow your shop of choice the time needed, and know that motorcycles are not the cheapest hobby or lifestyle to be involved in. Not only are you paying for parts, you are also paying for installation time and the service of what should be a trained and qualified mechanic.

So, in conclusion, finding a good shop should be an easy and pleasurable endeavor as long as you ask the right questions and understand your own personal needs. Never forget that the shop needs you as much as you need it. Rely on your instincts. You will know you have found *your* shop when you ride out of there feeling confident that what you requested and what your bike required was performed by competent and caring individuals. They are out there.

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(Joe had mild cerebral palsy, and his organs were donated to save the lives of others.)

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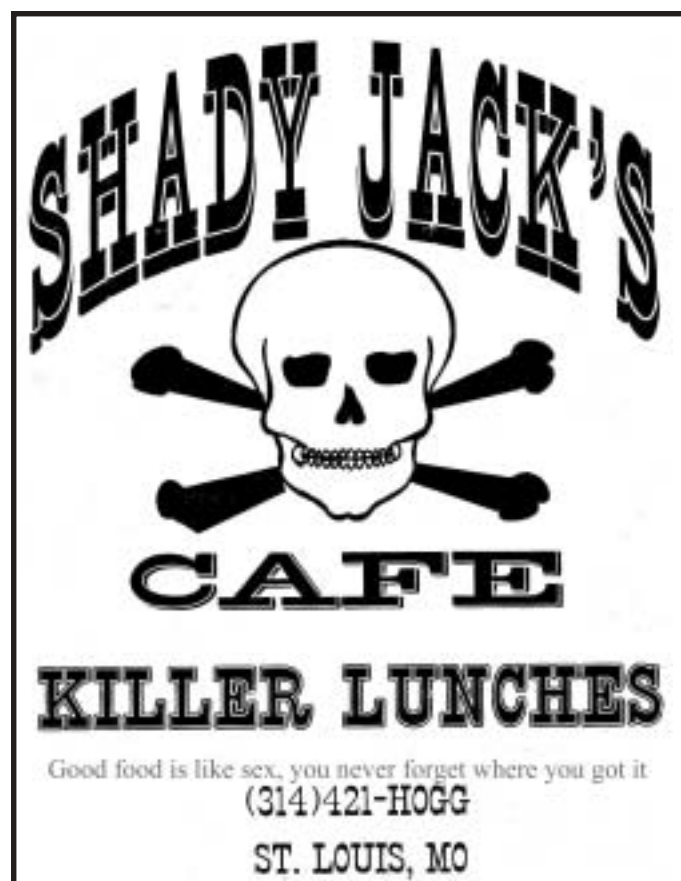
## Something Completely Different

By Rich Aubuchon

Some call it writers' block. Some call it laziness. Either way, it's an excuse for writing this month's column in the style of Larry King.

I've never had really good tapioca....Call me crazy, but I think Macaulay Culkin's due for a big year....The internet's a great time saver, but until there's a way to e-mail somebody a black rose and the rotting carcass of their dead kitten, I'll stick with snail mail....The Cardinals sure could use a hitter like Rusty Staub....Maybe I'm naive, but when Yasser Arafat says he loves his mother, I can't help but believe him....When I was a teenager, there were lots of girls named Stacy. Now, I don't know any adults named Stacy. I wonder where all the Stacies went....I have no idea what they call that thing on the end of your shoelaces....My hat's off to whoever decided condoms should be ribbed....When I was a kid, it wasn't a hit movie unless it had Burt Reynolds and Ned Beatty. I miss those days....Beagles and basset hounds have long, flat ears. I'm willing to wager those would make fantastic jerky....I saw Georgia Frontiere at Charlie Gitto's the other day. You didn't hear it from me, but that little lady sure can put away the manicotti....I know Hollywood's all about the box office, but I wish they'd make a good snuff film once in awhile....Take it from me, gang: If you only have one invasive procedure this year, make it a colostomy....I don't have to tell you that Mike Martz is one heck of a football coach, but if the Rams lose more than they win this year, some fans will be unhappy....In the dictionary under "redundant," it should say "see redundant."....Some say I'm an incurable sentimentalist, but I still miss Calvin and Hobbes....They say men aren't capable of real growth. Well, in 1988 I thought the Olsen twins were a pair of sickeningly sweet, too-precious-for-their-own-good munchkins. These days I'd like to see them french kiss each other. If that's not personal growth, I don't know what is....Mark my words, reality TV is no fad. Someday, we'll all laugh and cry as we look back on twenty years of "The Mole."....My shampoo bottle tells me to lather, rinse,

and—here's the kicker—repeat. I figure I save thirty dollars a year by not repeating....Even as beloved as Bob Hope was, I can't imagine he ever got much tail....I wonder what happened to my Rubik's cube....It might not change the world, but I'm glad they invented Jell-O....When they write the story of my life, I hope they don't include the phrases "ritual killing" and "buried in a shallow grave."....Sometimes cheesecake is too cheesey, and sometimes it's too cakey. If I ever found the perfect piece of cheesecake, I'd smile all day....For my money, Charo always was and always will be the Queen of the Hoochie Coochie....I wonder how President Bush gets his eyebrows to do that....God knows I love the Chinese, but why do they wear their hair like Moe?....I've been trying to lose weight. Say what you want about the Atkins diet, it beats forcing myself to vomit after every meal....In my next life, I hope I'm a traveling sod salesman. The idea of portable grass has always excited me....Critics were pretty rough on Jennifer Lopez and the movie "Gigli," but I'll bet dollars to donuts she takes home the Oscar....I don't like to toot my own horn, but according to today's mail, I might



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have already won some very valuable prizes....Speaking of mail, I keep getting e-mail telling me how to enlarge my penis. The disturbing part is, they're from my mom....If there's a more inept sports franchise than the Washington Generals, I'd like to know who they are....What a travesty it is that we can put a man on the moon, but can't get those poor people off Gilligan's Island....Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but if spending all my disposable income on malt liquor and lap dances is wrong, I don't want to be right....I used to date a centerfold model. Instead of a pierced belly button, she had a staple in her navel....Soapbox alert: I don't approve of littering....Had dinner with Jim J. Bullock the other night. He told me some stories about the late Ted Knight that would curl your hair....I don't know how or when they built the Sphinx, but it probably wouldn't have eroded so much if they'd used vinyl siding....If they want us to eat grits, they should come up with a more appetizing name for them....Want a cheap laugh? Tell your office computer tech you're having problems with your mouse balls....Of all the spices, dill is the most unappreciated....Everybody says masturbation is so

natural and healthy, until you do it in front of them....All things considered, there are plenty of businesses like show business....Kissing a smoker is just like licking an ashtray. That's helpful information if you're ever lonely....For a Neanderthal, Betty Rubble had one smokin' body....Somebody should start a petition drive to have Mime classified as a felony....I'm no ecologist, but it's hard to believe manatees are endangered.

With all the meat on those monsters, somebody should be farming them....If I had a body and voice like ebony beauty Beyonce Knowles, I'd be the oddest 35-year-old white man in the music business....Is there any red-blooded American who doesn't love cheese?....Write it down and post it for all to see—if Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston don't make it to their twenty-fifth anniversary, I'll buy you a Coke.



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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.

**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:** 1170 SW 225 Rd. Holden, MO. 64040 816-850-4996

**Gateway Wings** (314) 994 8216

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

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

**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](mailto:wizardandangel@yahoo.com) or visit <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/southernillinoisstarriders/>

### **Harley Owners Groups HOG**

**Alton, IL. HOG Chapter** 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Festus Mo. HOG Chapter** 1st Wed of month, 7:30 at Surdyke Harley Davidson 2435 highway 67, Festus, MO. Call dealership if you have questions (636) 931 8700

**Kirkwood Mo. Chapter** 2nd Tuesday at VFW POST #6211 at 10430 Liberty, Overland, Missouri. The LOH meeting is held at Growlers Pub, 3811 South Lindbergh, St. Louis on the first Thursday of month. Everyone is welcome. Contact (314) 544 HAUG or [www.Kirkwoodhog.com](http://www.Kirkwoodhog.com)

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

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#### **New Baden**

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#### **Springfield**

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# Upcoming Events

## October

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> JerseyPine Cruisers Pre-Hibernation Tour/Rally** Pere Marquette Campground a pay as you go event. For camping reservations call (618) 786-3323 or visit [www.jerseypinecruisers.org](http://www.jerseypinecruisers.org) or call (314) 838-7400.

**4<sup>th</sup> Acoustic performance of J.D. Blackfoot and Guests** sponsored by the Mad Dogs Motorcycle Club at the MDMC Club House in Vera, IL gates open at 6:00 and show starts at 7:30 tickets \$15 single or \$25 per couple. Free camping is available for more info call Buddy at (618) 397-3046.

**4<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Red Kettle Poker Run** leave TJ's at noon for more info call (636) 475-3648.

**4<sup>th</sup> A.B.A.T.E. Marble Party** to be held at the VFW Hall in Edwardsville, IL starting at 7:00 PM.

**4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Skyriders – Red Knights 1 Rodeo** 4<sup>th</sup> rest music, bonfire and camping is available for \$5, on the 5<sup>th</sup> the Rodeo takes place at Rtes 140 & 4, look for signs games start Sunday at 2:00 PM.

**4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Ste Genevieve Moto-Park MX** call (573) 543-2114 or (573) 883-0141 or visit [www.stegenmotopark.com](http://www.stegenmotopark.com) for more info.

**5<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Rat Ride** starting from Cadillac Jack's on St. Charles Rock Road, live entertainment by SHUVL-HED and a ride for more info call (314) 298-8232.

**5<sup>th</sup> Poker Run for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** departs from Milstadt Cloumbus Club, 114 W. Oak St, Milstadt, IL sign up is from 11:30 to 12:30 all vehicles welcome.

**5<sup>th</sup> State Park Charity Marble Run** starts and ends at TJ'S Bar and Grill for a \$20 donation you get water, beer or soda at all stops and food at TJ'S, riders depart at 10:00 AM for more info call (636) 475-3648.

**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> HogRocktoberfest** live music, camping some RV hookups will be held at Cave In Rock, IL for more info visit [www.hogrock.com](http://www.hogrock.com).

**11<sup>th</sup> Alton LOH Haunting** will be held at The Alton Sport Tap from 7:00 to midnight, tickets \$12 a person or \$20 for a couple \$2 more at door, tickets available at Ted's for more info contact Cristy Crider (618) 616-0549.

**11<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Joe Boland Memorial/ Benefit Run** sign ups 11:00 to noon at H's Bar 'The Best Biker Bar in Town' Belleville, IL for more info call Ric 'Chef' (314) 610-9600 or Kimberly 'Hugs' (314) 707-9400 will benefit the Haley family who have suffered many hardships.

**12<sup>th</sup> A.B.A.T.E. Toy Run** starts at Lutz in Alhambra, IL sign-up from 11:00 till 12:30.

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**18<sup>th</sup> Free Spirits Night Poker Run** starts at Free Spirits Motorcycle Club 2013 Rock Road, Granite City, IL sign up from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

**18<sup>th</sup> Dream Weaver's Shop with a Cop Benefit** 6:00 till midnight.

**26<sup>th</sup> TJ'S Annual Bike Show and Auction** \$5 entry fee registration 11:00 to 1:00 PM benefits family of Jessica Kuebler who suffers from a rare nerve cancer for more info call (636) 475-3648

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## November

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

**8<sup>TH</sup> S.I.M.C.A. Meeting** at 7:00 PM.

**15<sup>th</sup> Leather and Lace Dance** at Biker's Society Hall.

## December

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

**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](mailto:events@thebikinglife.com).**

## The Knucklehead Point of View

By Ron Carter

Jim Furey has given me the chance to write occasionally for his bike magazine, and I thank him for doing so. Jim is taking a chance here: he doesn't know me, has seen little of my writing, and hasn't even seen me on a bike yet. Still, he told me I could write about almost anything I wanted to. Some would call this Big Brass Cojones; others might call it Ignorance and Foolishness. Whichever it is, I take this opportunity now to introduce myself to both him and you.

I've been accused of being morally bankrupt and ethically challenged. My circle of friends is comprised of those to whom I do not yet owe large sums of money. It is only through the persistent intervention of Divine Providence that I have never been answerable to a parole officer, much less in need of a bail bondsman (to those who may have heard otherwise, the indecency charges were dropped). I am politically incorrect, and you may see a political bent in some of my writing. It comes naturally from a strong desire to ride free without passengers—government bureaucrats and safety nannies—on the back of my bike or on my back, period.

I've ridden motorcycles for nearly 30 years and have nearly 300,000 riding miles behind me. I have owned a number of imports, as well as various models and years of Harley-Davidsons. Having lived in Florida, Arizona, and California, I've encountered every riding/road/weather condition known to man (and a few known only to me). Until recently (the past year) the only bike I rode for 9 years was a 1947 Knucklehead (to the FNGs: this is an H-D, the grandpa to the EVO, great-grandpa to the Twin-Cam). My main ride now is a '94 Springer ST.

I am a past director of the St. Clair County Chapter of the H.O.G., as well as director of the Modified Motorcycle Association (a PAC group, similar to ABATE) in California for 2 years and a longtime

ABATE member (where I published the St. Clair County chapter newsletter for 20 months).

With my bona fides thus established, I want to ask you, the reader, a few questions:

Are you tired of the wind blowing through your hair as you ride? Do you need a helmet to hold those curly locks in place? Are you having trouble in deciding what to wear and need Big Brother to tell you what color of reflective clothing to put on when planning to ride your legally mandated, stone stock, heavily muffled 500 cc (as big as they will legally allow) motorcycle on the 12-mile stretch of road left open to motorcycle riding? Are you weary of trying to choose from the cornucopia of performance-enhancing gee-gaws—cams, carbs, exhaust, etc.—that are in plentiful supply? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, read on to discover how best to bring them about:

1. Don't join a motorcycle rights organization (MRO).

ABATE is one of the strongest MROs in the country. The American Motorcycle Association (AMA) has been serving motorcycle riders of all breeds for years as well. These groups, and others like them, are instrumental in defeating anti-motorcycle legislation. If you don't care about freedom of choice - stay away from these!

2. If you made the mistake of joining one of these organizations—quit immediately!

The easiest and most common way is to just drop out. Don't pay your dues. A large voting membership is what government regulators fear the most. An informed voting public can stop helmet, road restriction, emissions, and reflective clothing laws. Large blocks of votes from a pro-motorcycling public can be directed against anti-motorcycle representatives.

3. If your MRO just cashed your membership check and won't issue a refund, the next best thing you can do is—*nothing*.

Be apathetic. Don't get involved with your MRO. Avoid meetings. Don't bother to vote when the time comes. Don't write to your member of congress, newspaper, or city council to let them know how

much you enjoy your freedom. Apathy is the best weapon you can give to over-zealous regulators. They'll use it like a fine edged sword and carve your freedoms up so small as to be nonexistent. Don't like making your own choices? Do nothing, and all your choices will be made for you.

4. Don't take on the responsibility of a job within your MRO.

After being stuck with the same jobs for years, your officers will become burned out and ineffective, the MRO will lose its power, membership will drop, and the organization will become useless. Complain loudly about things you don't like and the way the officers do their jobs, but be sure to look the other way and avoid eye contact whenever they ask for help. Be sure not to do anything to improve your MRO.

Follow these four simple steps and you'll have that brain bucket glued happily to your head before you know it. You may not even need the glow-in-the-dark vest they've tried to force on the riding public in some states because they'll pass laws prohibiting riding after dark anyway, as they've tried to do in New York City and San Francisco. Think of all the money you'll save when the government outlaws motorcycle modification, as they've done in parts of Europe. Enjoy zipping along at 45 mph, the top speed of your new bike with the federally mandated smaller motor that runs on a bank of rechargeable batteries.

Sit back, do nothing, or—better yet—let the *other guy* take care of your freedoms and you'll be in lockstep with all the other sheep before you know it.

## Harley's 100th Anniversary

By Jim Furey

Once again this reporter waited until the last minute to make arrangements for the trip to Milwaukee. That said, this was a very enjoyable experience for the most part. It all started with me *not* buying my ticket for the event from the Harley-Davidson web site, but instead putting it off until there were no longer any tickets available there. I then went to Ebay.com to purchase my ticket, and the person I dealt with was very nice...except for the fact that he charged me four times face value for the ticket. With ticket in hand, I scoured the internet for that great last-minute deal. Not only were there no great deals, there were no rooms left! On to Plan 'C': camping.

I took off for Milwaukee on the morning of August 28 and the weather couldn't have been better. I made my first stop in Springfield, IL, where I tried to visit the local Harley dealer; unfortunately, it was closed for a funeral. However, I noticed several bikes in the lot of the Burger King across the street and ended up grabbing a bite to eat and talking with some other folks who were heading for Milwaukee. They invited me to ride with them, so I started off with them after their last member arrived. After a while, though, I decided for several reasons that it maybe wasn't the best idea in the world and left their company.

I had thought about several different routes, but since I was starting late I decided that taking the Interstate system would be the quickest route. I followed I-55 up to around Normal (strange name for that town...or any other college town), where I caught I-39, which would take me into Wisconsin without having to deal with the traffic in the Chicago area. I was making good time and enjoying the day. At my last stop for gas, the station had maps showing how to get around road construction near Rockford, IL. I checked my handy map and found a slightly different route, which took me through the Lake Geneva area. If you have not been there, it is truly beautiful and not really all that long a ride from here. It also gave me an opportunity to get on the "twisties" for a while, which was fun, and also to find some shade occasionally to help keep my sunburn to a minimum.





I made it to the Riders Ranch Campground just before dark, set up my tent, and then went to see what was available for fun and entertainment. The many vendors had the usual assortment of leather goods and t-shirts, and the Riders Ranch A-GO-GO was kind of fun, but not anything you wouldn't see at the beach (except by the amateurs in the crowd). Another building featured bands played every evening, as well as kick-boxing one night, and the Psycho Dyno Man Glenn. I don't know where he stacks up in the world of Dyno Tuners, but I can tell you that he did my Dyna Convertible a world of good—it has run much better since he worked on it. I hung out and listened to music into the wee hours of the morning. Shortly after returning to my tent, I heard the guy in the next tent yelling at some folks who were trying to get into his luggage. That didn't last too long, and I settled in for what I thought would be a long nap. Wrong! A group of people got on their bikes and headed out for places unknown, so the air was filled with the roar of Harleys, and any hope of sleep was pretty much foolish.



I got up, cleaned up a little, and headed into Milwaukee, stopping at the State Fair Grounds. This was a nice side event, of which there were many. Here you could do a ride-along with the Richard Petty Experience, get a cold one from one of the vendors, or buy just about anything motorcycle-related. They also had some excellent entertainment here and women's mud wrestling, too. I hung out for a while, checked out some of the clothing retailers, and bought some turn signals from a vendor. I also spent a lot of time checking out the tattoo artists. I had made up my mind to finally get some ink, but the prices kept changing and there were some long waits, so I decided to

postpone it. After a full day there I went down to the fairgrounds on the Lake Michigan shore, but I had missed Friday's activities. I headed back to the campground, and no matter where I rode, there were bikes everywhere. I made some minor detours to see places where I used to hang out and live. It was fun but different...I guess you really can't go home again.

Saturday dawned and I headed out on that day's adventure. The Harley Parade was awesome: miles and miles of bikes from all over the world rolled by. After that, I stopped by the State Fair Grounds with my mind made up as to which tattoo I was going to get. However, when I asked the guy about his prices, I found out that the tattoo was now \$75 more than it was the day before. It's probably not a good idea to argue price with someone who's going to be sticking you with needles, so that ended my tattoo search, at least for now. Back at the campground, I took a small nap before heading down to the lakefront. I tried to make it to the factory where they built the engines, but just missed getting in. The park at the lakefront was cool, with lots of good entertainment and many food vendors. On that night I saw parts of performances by Billy Idol, Steppenwolf, Styx, Paul Revere and the Raiders, and another band. They were all good and the revelers were in great spirits and looking forward to the celebration of the century the next day.



On Sunday the rumors were running rampant as to who would be there to perform: would it be the Rolling Stones? The Eagles? Maybe Aerosmith or U2? Alas, we would not find out for hours. I packed up my gear, as I was planning to try to make it to the south side of Chicago after I left that evening. With the bike fully loaded, I rode into Milwaukee for

the last time to find my place at the concert venue. There were bikes everywhere and you could cut the excitement with a knife. I made the hike onto the concert grounds; this was longer than some of the marches I was on in basic training. I sat down, at times actually laid down, trying to catch up a little on my rest. I had a chance to talk to the couple beside me, and for all of you old Blues fans it ended up that the guy was former defenseman Lee Norwood, so that was interesting. There were long lines for the food vendors, so I was glad that I grabbed a brat on the way in.



Finally the entertainment began. Dan Aykroyd emceed the event and introduced the first act, the Doobie Brothers, who came out and played a very spirited set. You could tell they were excited to be there even if they didn't really inspire the crowd. The next act was Tim McGraw and the Dancehall Doctors, who performed some of their hits. I'm not a big country fan, so I didn't recognize them, but he was well received. Near the end of his set he introduced a friend of his and then business picked up. His friend was Kid Rock, and he did just that, getting the crowd more into it than they had been at any other point in the evening. Finally, it was time for the moment we had all been waiting for: Who would be the entertainer to cap this big night? Turned out it was Elton John. In fairness, I like Elton John and he did put on a very energetic performance, unfortunately the deck was stacked against him and people started flooding out of the grounds. I stayed, hoping that others would join him on stage, but it didn't happen until very near the end when Kid Rock came back out to sing "Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting." It was a good show, nevertheless; that hadn't been my first thought upon leaving, but on reflection it really was.

I left after the fireworks, making it to a hotel in Chicago before the rain started to fall. Sleeping in a bed for the first time in days was sweet, as was showering in an actual shower. Monday was not a good day, though. I rode the first 120 miles in the rain and even after that was never far from it. I got wet and stayed wet. By the way, here's a tip—if you ever get wet while riding, don't go to Denny's to eat; they keep it way too cold in there and you will never shake the cold off. I made it home all right, even if I was a little damp and didn't get the pictures I was hoping to wanted to. during the ride home. Nor did I take the route I Getting home fast became more important then taking the scenic route.

I would definitely recommend going to Milwaukee 5 years from now when they do the 105th Anniversary bash. The people in Wisconsin did a great job of being nice. No matter where you rode, local citizens would wave and go out of their way to be helpful. Milwaukee has really changed as a city and brought their downtown area back to life. St. Louis could learn a lesson there. I had a great time and look forward to my next trip.

**Send stories about your trips with pics to [staff@thebikinglife.com](mailto:staff@thebikinglife.com)**



## 100 MPH MC Club BBQ

On a bright sunny Sep 20th the members of the 100 MPH MC Club held a BBQ at the Fairview INN. In addition to the great weather these folks cooked up some excellent chow and the best part of all is it went to benefit the Burn Camp.

This organization offers a special and unforgettable summer camp experience for children and teenagers who have experienced injuries from fire. The members of the 100 MPH MC Club should be applauded for their efforts here. Also if you want to make a donation you can probably find a member at H's Bar and Grill in Belleville.

Or you can contact the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance at (847) 390-0911 or (800)- 634-0911



## Bush Pilots Poker Run

The Bush Pilots latest Poker Run was another great event hosted by the local clubs. It started at the Pub Room Always an interesting place to visit. H Gey I even drew an Ace and thought I had a chance to win for a few moments. From there it was off to Skip's oh oh I got a joker could this be the time I finally won something. The other stops were the Woodrider VFW where the patrons were nice, Paddy McD's where they had a really nice food spread, Kopp's Corner in Alton was our next stop and they have some fine bartendresses.

It ended at the Bush Pilots Club House. I had a great time. The Pilots did a nice job of laying out the route and the stops were all cool.



## Falling Springs

Near Dupou, IL is one of the nicest places to cruise on a good riding day. After cruising the bluffs to the south of the metro area you can return to one of the most beautiful places in the area, THE FALLING SPRINGS ... they called it L'EAU Tomb ... the tomb of the waters. It derives its name from a spring that gushes sixty or seventy feet from a perpendicular wall of limestone, about one hundred and thirty feet in height. The spring flows from the orifice midway between the top of the bluff and the rocky bottom beneath. Many years ago a Grist Mill was constructed at this point, and the water was used for the power. But no trace of it remains at this time.

Several years ago a hotel was built near the spring, and the place was made into a summer resort by the people of East St. Louis and other surrounding towns. The hotel is still standing and is now converted into a tavern and restaurant combined. The tavern and surrounding park have been operated by the McBride family for years.



## 2nd Annual Sis Sager Cancer Run All proceeds go to the Breast Cancer Foundation

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## Joke of the Month

A down-on-his-luck ventriloquist got hired by a biker bar to do his act between the house band's sets while the musicians were taking their breaks. He decided to tailor his act to his audience, and did a number of bits where bikers were the targets of the punch lines, always delivered by his dummy.

After about 9 or 10 of such jokes, a large, mean-looking and obviously drunken biker stood up from his table, kicked his chair across the room, and angrily strode to the stage.

"Mishter, he slurred, "I'm really tired of th' way you treat bikersh like we're some kinda ignernt buffoons. Well, we ain't. We're regular folks, who work hard and play hard. And we're jusht as schmart as the next feller."

The ventriloquist, in fear of life and limb, opened his mouth to make a quick apology, "Sir, I..."

"You schtay outta this, buddy!" the biker interrupted him. "I'm talkin' to that lil' dude what's sittin' on your lap."

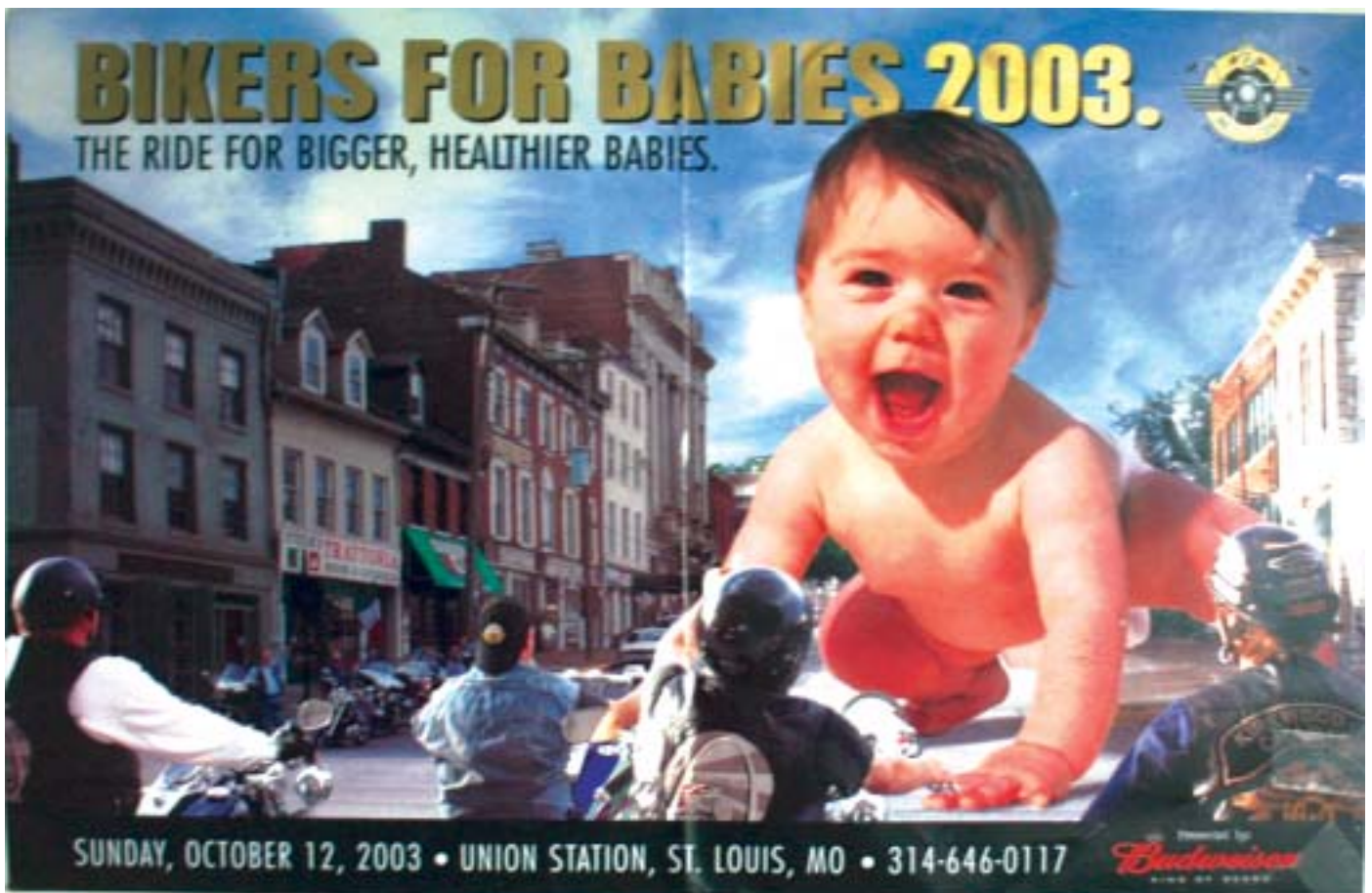
### Bike of the Month

This month's bike is owned by Shane Parks of O'Fallon, IL. It is based on a 1982 Sportster with a 1000 CC engine. The frame has been stretched 2 inches, it has a 40 degree rake, additionally the gas tanks are 5 gal 4" stretched Fat Bobs and the rear fender is from a Fat Boy. This bike has the original engine, with an S & S carb, drag bars, and a solid back wheel.

Shane says his favorite place to ride is on "the road to nowhere" but from what I know of him I'm surprised it isn't "the highway to hell".

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