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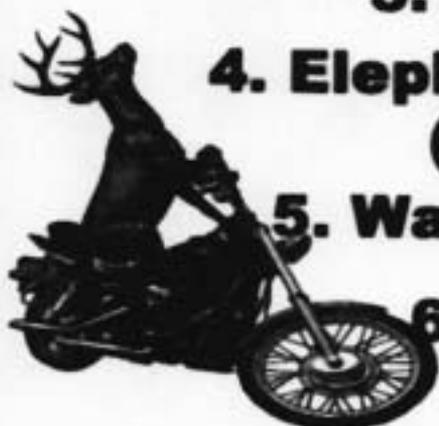
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Letter from the Editor

by Jim Furey

It is said that there are two kinds of bikers—those who have laid their bikes down and those who will. I have now moved from one of these groups to the other and since there is really only one way to go, well...enough



said. The rider got a little road rash and some minor ego damage. The bike got a dented gas tank and some chipped paint, but that just gives it character. While I don't wish this on anyone, it drove home for me the point that while on the road safety and awareness must be the keywords.

We in the local area have been blessed with several weekends in a row of really fine weather. It is about time after all the rain we got early on. The good weather has helped local clubs and establishments that put on motorcycle-related events to have some really nice turnouts. I have been to numerous events in the past few weeks: The Rolla Rally, the Alton Ladies of Harley night ride, the Skyriders Poker run, and many more (if I didn't mention your organization's event here, I apologize). I have met some excellent people and thank all of you who have made kind remarks and good suggestions about this publication.

What strikes me as I attend these events are the many charities and good causes these events benefit. This realization caused me to conclude that bikers are in some ways one of the most maligned groups within this society. In a lot of instances outsiders see someone in leather, on a bike, no matter what type of ride it is, as somehow intimidating by their very nature. However, I believe the reality is that there is no friendlier brotherhood (and sisterhood!) of people than bikers—from our acknowledgment of each other as we roll down the roads, to the massive amount of good that is done within the larger communities that we all live in by charity rides. The events I referenced above supported Special Olympics, American Indian

centers, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the March of Dimes, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, just to name a few. Biker-friendly establishments in the area chip in by opening their doors to these events and by making donations. The riders, the business community, and the volunteers who work while we have fun form three sides of a triangle, working together to make these events not only fun-filled but also beneficial to many worthy causes.

I enjoy riding on its own terms, as well as meeting so many excellent people as I attend various outings. However, when I stop and reflect on the massive amount of good works the riding community, the whole motorcycle community, and even the so-called one-percenters do, it gives me great pride to be just a small part of it. I can think of no other group that consistently demonstrates the caring and sharing for their fellows that we do. So, if no one else has done so, I salute all of you who are out there riding on two wheels with me. That is, at least when I *am* riding on two wheels, not sliding across pavement.



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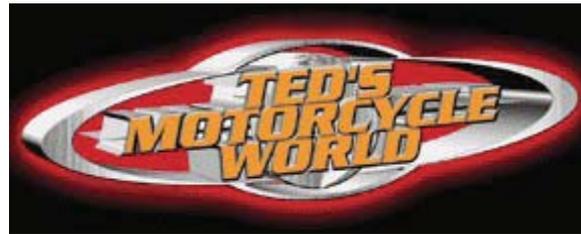
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Something Completely Different by Rich Aubuchon

My Dad recently turned seventy years old. The startling aspect of this isn't that my Dad's getting old. No, what shocked the bejeezus out of me is the realization that my Dad hasn't *always* been this old. Seriously, there hasn't been a day of my life when I didn't believe the old man to have one foot in the grave. Now, I must come to grips with the fact that I had him pegged for senility at just a few years older than I am now.

Because of these realizations, I've been thinking a lot about my childhood, and the many gifts my father passed on to me. Among these are my temper, my fear of leaving the house without first going to the bathroom, my willingness to find humor in the pain and discomfort of others, my inability to let an argument (no matter how trivial) drop, my love of Chinese food and barbecued ribs, my Yeti-like back hair, and my fondness for a good ice cream soda. Some of those gifts are more welcome than others, obviously.

Growing up, I never understood my father. In my know-it-all teenaged way, I would take the things he said and did, bounce them around my big empty head, and reach the obvious conclusion that Dad had spent too many rounds of golf in the hot sun. He simply wasn't right, that guy. For example...

We used to go to hockey games in the old St. Louis Arena. This was always fun, especially the way we used to walk two miles from Forest Park to avoid paying for the Arena lot. Once inside, we began the trek to our seats. For this, we required oxygen tanks and a Sherpa guide. From our perch high in the Northeast corner of the Arena, we could vaguely make out the rink through the mist. Still, win or lose, we had fun—probably because the thin air at that altitude made for a good buzz. And, win or lose, we left midway through the final period. To this day, I'm convinced

Dad only went to sporting events in order to beat the traffic after them.

It was the hockey games that also led to my greatest failing as a man: my inability to use a urinal. Since I've been old enough to pee standing up, I've been a dedicated stall man. When I was little, my Dad was concerned that if I went to the Arena restrooms by myself, the perverts would get me, so he insisted that I use the stall. Not concerned enough to actually get out of his seat and accompany me to the restroom, mind you, but concerned nonetheless.

Most child-rearing experts tell you that wild threats are useless with children, because they know the parent will never follow up. My father is the exception. In retrospect, I should have realized he'd never really leave me by the side of the road, or make me swim home via the River Des Peres, or sell me into servitude in exchange for a bottle of gin, but Dad always seemed so sincere.

I stopped eating breakfast because of my father. When I was fourteen, I discovered that my father smacked his lips loudly while eating breakfast. He never did this during lunch, dinner, or a late night snack, only breakfast. He would sit at the table reading the paper and smacking those lips. It sounded like somebody pulling a suction cup off a pile of taffy. I sat in front of my Lucky Charms each morning, my adolescent rage boiling hotter with every grotesque slap of lip on lip, until I could simply no longer swallow my food.

Imagine my horror, imagine my heartbreak, when my daughter shook her head at me the other morning and announced "I'm finishing my cereal in my room. You sound like a piggie when you eat and it's gross." She's also taken to rolling her eyes when I lecture her on the sanctity of the thermostat, and feigning deafness when I repeat those old Ethiopian jokes for the fourth or fifth time. (But they still seem so clever to me!)

My daughter, of course, is only seven, and that's the crux of the issue. I'm effectively as disgusting to my daughter as my father was to me, and I've

gotten to that point seven years faster! In fact, I'm worse. And yet, I don't really care. My Dad raised five kids. None of us are in prison. None of us have drug problems. None of us have ever had to take a polygraph test on *Maury*. Whatever idiosyncracies he might have had, however odd his parenting skills might seem in the cold light of hindsight, Dad did a pretty good job. If the price of my kids turning out happy and well-adjusted is their thinking I'm a putz for the next twenty years, than it's a price I'm willing to pay.

So, in much the same way that serial cannibal Hannibal Lecter understood the mind of Buffalo Bill, I finally think I truly comprehend my Dad. Fatherhood can change a man. It's a weird proposition. The oddness struck me with the birth of my daughter. There are few things as surreal as watching an entire person come out of your wife. Not just a person--a purple, slimy person with a pointy head. Then comes the feces. Endless diapers full of feces. Fortunately, with my daughter, anatomy kept her urine fairly well contained. Until my son came along, nobody had peed on me since my bachelor party. Changing the boy's diaper was like playing Russian roulette with a squirt gun. About every sixth attempt I'd take a shot in the face. Of course, on the bright side, at least my son didn't charge me an extra fifty dollars like the girl at my bachelor party, but things like this can change a man.

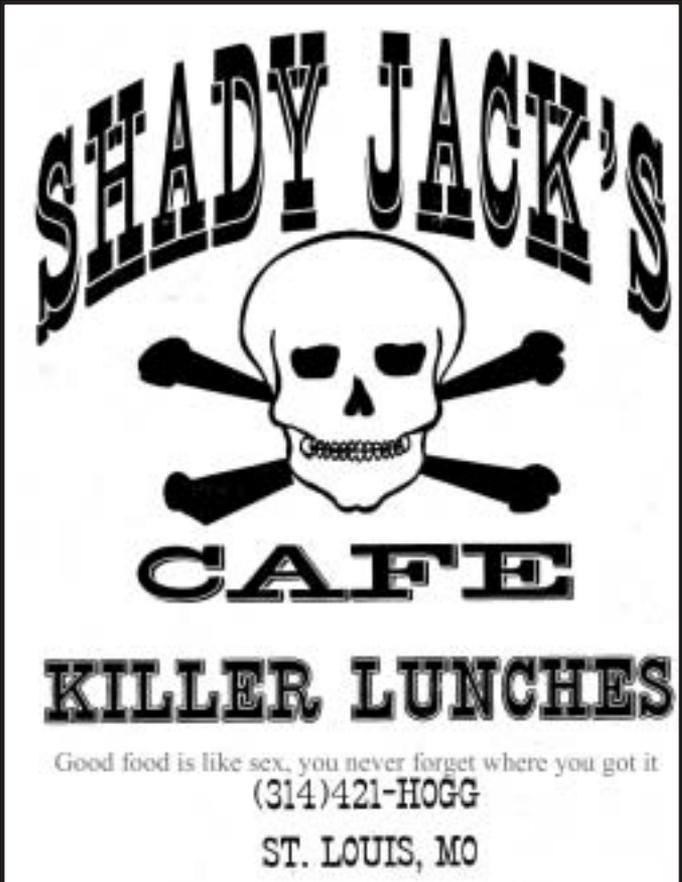
I can't imagine carrying the responsibility for the lives of five children. My wife and I only have two, and we love them dearly, but some days we seem destined for the lead story on the evening news. Put in my Dad's shoes, I probably would not currently be starting my eighth decade of life, surrounded by friends and family. Instead, I'd be nothing more than an old, wrinkled clipping that ends with the phrase "and then he turned the gun on himself." The fact that my Dad made it this far, with little more emotional baggage than an affection for Tanqueray and a pathological hatred of corduroy, makes him a hero in my book.

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Survival in a Saddlebag by Al "Slow Talker" Wilson

It *will* happen to you sometime. A flat tire, an empty gas tank, a ride that stalls out and won't start again, a bad storm in the middle of nowhere—these are just a few of the hazards you may face when there isn't a mechanic or a Motel 6 in sight. Fall is coming, the time when a biker's thoughts turn to the last few road trips of the year. The following are some tips to keep those rides memorable for all the *right* reasons.

God helps those who help themselves. You can't count on a mechanically inclined Good Samaritan to come by in your hour of need. For the most basic problems that plague bikes, be sure to pack a can of "Fix-A-Flat." In most cases, it'll be enough to get you to civilization. Carry some tools, too: a couple of wrenches, some pliers, a few different kinds of screwdrivers. Know how to use them—most community colleges offer affordable classes



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in basic motorcycle repair and maintenance. Finally, don't forget the duct tape. It truly is like the Force: it has a Light side, a Dark side, and it binds the universe together.

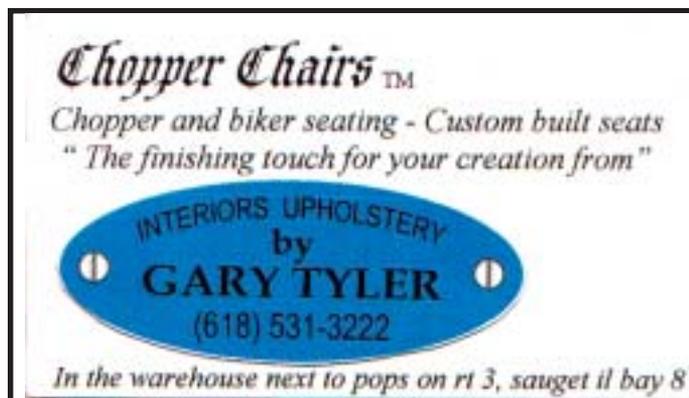
Road rash happens, as some of us already know...and the rest eventually will. You're probably never going to have to amputate your own arm like that hiker in Colorado a few months back, but it does pay to have a first aid kit. Make your own; the pre-assembled kits too often don't have items a biker would need in a pinch. Include some baby wipes—they'll help you clean the worst of the grit out of a dirty wound. Pack a tube of triple antibiotic as well, and apply it liberally to any scrape you get while traveling. Other useful items include disinfectant (iodine will do), tweezers, safety pins, painkillers like ibuprofen or aspirin (which also comes in handy in cases of suspected heart attack), bandages of various sizes, gauze pads, some tape, a couple of clean bandannas. The most important first aid item is knowledge, so take a class (offered inexpensively by the Red Cross) or at the very least include a first aid manual in your kit.

Even in the Big Empty areas of the country, such as the California desert or the lonely highways of Wyoming, you're never going to be lost or stranded for so long that you'll have to resort to cannibalism or anything, but in a worst case scenario you *may* end up sleeping under the stars. To prepare for that eventuality, pack a large square of plastic sheeting or a tarp in your bags, along with 50 feet or more of nylon rope. These two items will help you fashion a tent or lean-to if necessary. It won't be the Ritz-Carlton, but it'll be

waterproof. Pack a few disposable lighters; they're the simplest and most reliable way to start a fire, which you may need for warmth or to make water suitable for drinking. If you do have to build a fire, be sure to start with small pieces of tinder and kindling; if you try to light big logs first, you won't have any success. Pack a decent multi-purpose knife such as a Swiss Army Knife or a Leatherman tool, flashlights. Pack a container to hold drinking water—the kind used in Camel-Bak backpacks (sometimes also sold under the brand name Platypus) are ideal. They're flexible and can withstand freezing, and they don't take up much space when they're empty. Boiling water can be a hassle, so pack a bottle of Potable Aqua tablets. They're cheap and easy to use and can make virtually any water safe to drink or to clean out wounds. Both the water bags and the Potable Aqua tablets can be found in any outdoors store. As for food, all of us can live off our reserves for weeks at a time, but if you want to include some food for use in a pinch, pack high-energy food like beef jerky, nuts, granola bars.

"Be Prepared" isn't just a good motto for the Boy Scouts. Riding is about freedom, and part of that freedom includes responsibility to yourself. If you're prepared for whatever the road throws at you, even a mishap can have a happy ending. You may also find that you're able to help another rider in need, and that's a great feeling.

Do you have any items that you don't leave home without? Fire us an e-mail at staff@thebikinglife.com and let us know (also let us know if you want us to mention your name and town). I'll compile the answers and print them in the next issue.



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some pizza, but, sadly, my cards once again sucked. I hung out there for a while and shot the breeze with the regulars before riding to the next stop—the Idle Hour in Worden, IL. (One good thing about these runs is how they improve my knowledge of the local geography.) My run of bad cards continued, no hand more than a pair, so I dejectedly got on my bike and headed to Rick's Corner in Staunton, IL. They did an excellent job, providing good food, hospitality, and a shady area for us. The attendance prizes included numerous bottles of adult libations from Rick's, as well as the Cellar Room in Alton. Finally, the winners were announced:

Third place hand: 'Hoss'

Second place hand: Brad Rooney

Winner: Charlie, the owner of the Cellar Room

Many thanks to the Skyriders for a fun day. I look forward to seeing all of you on a poker run soon.



Skyriders Poker Run by Jim Furey

On Sunday August 3, the Skyriders put on yet another great poker run. If you haven't been on one of these, you need to go soon. The Skyriders got the various stops to put out lots of food, and they find new and different places on each run. This one started at Scotty's in downtown Alton, IL. After signing up and getting a nonalcoholic beverage, we took off to Bobcats in Fairmont City. Unfortunately, it wouldn't be a poker run for me if I didn't make a wrong turn or two along the way, but at least I got them out of the way early this time. Bobcats put on a nice spread, with awesome shrimp and homemade tamales. After chowing down and getting my usual array of ugly cards, I was off to Humdingers in Maryville. Lots of food again (and more bad cards), but the fun people at Humdingers made us feel right at home. I started following some folks after this stop, and hardly got lost again after that. Our next stop was Our Place, outside Edwardsville. You definitely need to check out the bartenders here: they are sweet!!! They served us



Club listing

A.B.A.T.E 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.

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 meets the 1st Wed of the month at Charlack Pub 8344 Lackland Road 7:30 PM(314)521-6553

Local 25 meets the 4th Thursday 7:00 PM at the American Legion Hall in old town ST. Peters(636)278-5910

Local 38 meets the 1st Sunday of the month 11:30 AM at TJ's Bar and Grill HWY61/67 & Z in Pevely (636)464-2941

Local 42 meets the 4th Wed of the month 6:30 PM at Roadhouse 100, 2763 Hwy 100 Gray Summit (636)271-9123

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

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 [HTTP://home.kc.rr.com/mosilhsta](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: glaubner@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

Midwest Cafe Racing Assn-Ride Line (314) 481 8078 Email Rideline@mcraracing.com or <http://www.mcraracing.com>

Shadow Riders Greater St. Louis MO. [WWW.Shadowriders- stl.com](http://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.

Harley Owners Groups HOG

Alton, IL. HOG Chapter 4th Thurs of month 7:30pm 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, 8pm 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 Goff Hall – American Legion Post 101 at 2721 Collier Ave., Brentwood, MO near Brentwood and Manchester. 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

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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Fast Eddie's Bon-Air, 1530 E. 4th St., Alton, IL (618) 462-5532
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Wild Goose Saloon, 1505 W. Main St, Grafton, IL, (618) 786-8888
Harris's Bar, Piasa Harbor, IL
The Loading Dock, 400 Front St, Grafton, Grafton, IL (618) 786-3494

Belleville

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

Carmi

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

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

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Southeast Missouri

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

Villa Ridge

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

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It's a Gas

...tank, that is. Kevin Slezinger is one of the newest local entrants into the custom metal fabrication arena. From a young age he has been fascinated with machine work. This fascination started with him watching and helping his father, a welder by trade. Gathering knowledge from this experience, Kevin started a side business welding and creating ornamental iron pieces. Kevin also had a lot of years riding and fixing scoots behind him.

One night while watching TV he saw one of the documentaries of Jesse James that showed him creating tanks and fenders. This sparked the idea that he could combine two of his life-long interests—metal fabrication and motorcycles. Kevin had all the tools and machinery he needed to begin creating unique metal for motorcycles. Along with that he had another important ingredient: the support of a good woman, his wife Sandy. So armed, he set out to build his portfolio of designs, some of which are pictured here.

Kevin's use of 12-gauge shotgun brass on his pegs and grips is sure to become his signature. If you bring him a design idea for custom metal work on your hog, Kevin can make it come to life. See his bike below.

Kevin's shop is in Edwardsville and you can contact him at (618) 656-1076 or (618) 558-5291.



Bike of the Month

This month's featured bike is a modified 1980 FXWG. This bike is the baby of proud papa Kevin Slezinger. I saw this bike at his booth at the July B & G Promotion Swap Meet in Belleville, IL. Kevin lives and creates custom metal in Edwardsville, IL. He has modified the bike to accept a 200 series rear wheel, fabricated the swing arm using diamond plate, and replaced the stock fenders, gas tank, pegs and grips with items he fabricated himself. In the process he created not only a really sharp set of wheels but also a rolling display of his fabrication talents. The paint on this bad motor scooter was done by master artist John Bauer.

Kevin says that on those rare occasions when he gets a little free time, he and the wife like to jump on this sweet ride and head off for a day of exploration and adventures on the River Road. That's always an enjoyable way to spend a day, between the scenery of the road itself, the small shops along the way, and plenty of places to get the beverage of your choice.

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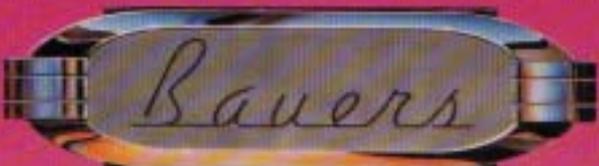
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Upcoming Events

August

17th Chris Akers Memorial Run sign up is from 11:00 til 12:30 at Karban's Knotty Pines in Paderborn, IL

17th Sparky Memorial Ride starts at Skip's Place Too 4401 S. Broadway meet at noon will leave around 1:30, benefits the Backstoppers of St. Louis for more information call (314) 351-6466.

22nd and 24th Oklahoma Freedom Biker Rally held at Oklahoma City Fairgrounds many cool events and the proceeds go to the Oklahoma City National Bombing Memorial more info is available at www.okrally.com.

23rd Bike Show at Gateway Computers on Lincoln Trail in Fairview Heights, IL. The proceeds will go to Ride For Kids registration is at 10:00 AM and is \$10 per bike. Bikes will be displayed until noon when the judging occurs call (618) 632-5045 for more information.

23rd 1st Annual Bikers and Hosers Benefit Bike Show and BBQ starts at 11:00 benefits the Missouri Children's Burn Camp & Burns Recovered Support Group at Rock Township Lions Club West Outer Road, Imperial MO. Many fun events hope to see you there.

24th Kirkwood MO HOG Chapter Great River Road Poker Run sign up at **Doc's Harley Davidson** 930 S. Kirkwood Rd from 9:30 to 11:30 rain or shine all bikes welcome.

24th Bike Show TJ's Bar and Grill, Pevely, MO events start at noon call (636) 475-3648 for more info.

26th – 31st Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary Reunion in Milwaukee, WI.

29th – 31st World Motorcycle Drill Team Championships this will be in conjunction with the ANPAC Motorcycle Jubilee at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, MO. More information is available at 800-843-9460 or at motorcyclejubilee.com.

31st Second Annual Tom Nichols Memorial Run starts at Brandy Inn in Cahokia, IL and ends at Falling Springs in Dupo, IL \$10 per motorcycle and this not only goes to a good cause but buys you dinner as well.

31st State Park Charity Poker Run leaves TJ's Bar and Grill Pevely, MO at 11:00 AM stops in 4 State Parks and then back to TJ's to party a \$20 donation benefits Special Olympics call (636) 475-3648.

September

5th – 7th Missouri HOG Rally in Kansas City, MO. for more info visit www.mostatehogrally.com.

6th Southern Illinois Star Riders Annual Fall Poker Run and Bike Show Saturday starting at Sharky's IL Rt 159 in Maryville just off I-70 sign-up poker run noon till 2:00 PM and Bike Show 3:00 till 5:00 PM all proceeds benefit Bikers Against Child Abuse food at start and live music starting at 9:00 for more info call Flub (618) 667-1143, Dago (618) 344-7249, MaGoo (618) 345-2682 or Raif (618) 588-2167.

6th Motocross Racing 2 miles south of Belleville on Rte 158, gates open 1:30, practice 3:00 and racing at 5:00 for more info visit www.betdirt.com.

11th – 14th Las Vegas BikeFest Las Vegas, NV lots of good times for more info visit www.lasvegasbikefest.com.

13th Meet in the Street Bike Show and Bench Press Meet at Tri-City YMCA Granite City, IL \$10 per bike proceeds benefit the YMCA. Food and beverages available, vendors wanted, register bikes by noon judging at 3:00 for more info contact Maureen Post at (618) 345-6574 or at mpost57@sbcglobal.net or view flyer.

14th Hartbauer/McBride Event Poker Run registration begins at 10:00 AM at Bob Schultz Motorcycles Inc. last bike in 3:00 PM at Funny Bone for more info call PJ at (636) 946-6487

19th – 21st CMA Missouri State Rally at Camp Mihaska, Bourbon, MO inspirational messages and speakers and many other events.

20th TT/Scramble 2 miles south of Belleville on Rte 158, gates open 4:00 , practice 5:30 and racing at 7:00 for more info visit www.betdirt.com.

21st Ride for Kids starts at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, MO registration is from 8:00 to 9:45 AM and ride begins at 10:00 AM sharp for more info call (800) 253-6350 or visit www.ride4kids.org.

27th Motorcycle Show in Downtown Ferguson, MO trophies for 1st and 2nd in 15 classes also a Kids Bicycle Rodeo sign up for both starts at 11:00 all proceeds from this event will be donated to the March of Dimes Biker for Babies.

October

11th 4th 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.

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.

Weekly Events

Wednesday

Gateway International Raceway time trials weekly

Thursday

Call the Ride Line at (314) 963-4646 for starting point.

Friday

Motorcycle drag races at Gateway International Raceway

Joke of the month

Two bikers rode into a gas station in Indiana for a fill-up, because they heard about a contest being offered by the station to patrons who purchased a full tank of gas. When they went inside to pay, the men asked the attendant about the contest.

"If you win, you're entitled to free sex" said the attendant.

"How do we enter?" asked one.

"Well, I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 10, if you guess right, you win free sex."

"OK. I guess 7," said the other rider.

"Sorry, I was thinking of 8," replied the attendant.

The next week, the two guys go back to the same station to get gas. When they went inside to pay, the one asked the attendant if the contest was still going on.

"Sure," replied the attendant. "I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 10, if you guess right. You win free sex."

"2" said the Harley rider.

"Sorry, I was thinking of 3," replied the attendant. "Y'all come back soon and try again."

As they walked back to their bikes, one said to the other,

"You know, I'm beginning to think this contest is rigged."

"No way," came the reply. "My wife won twice last week."

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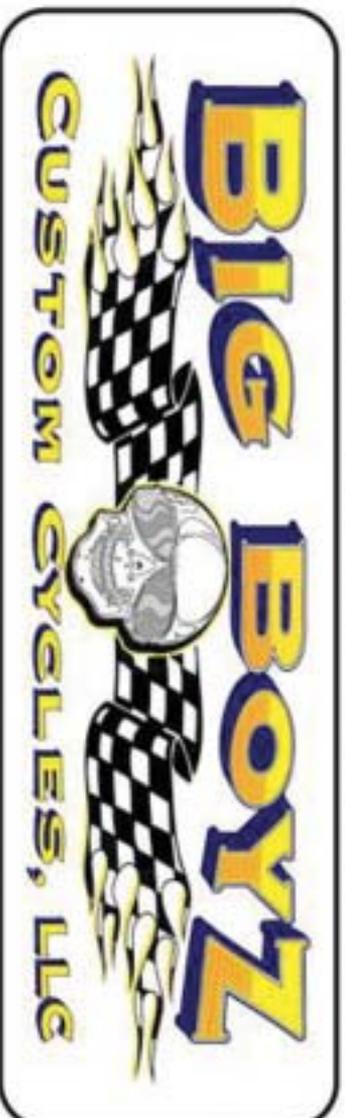
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