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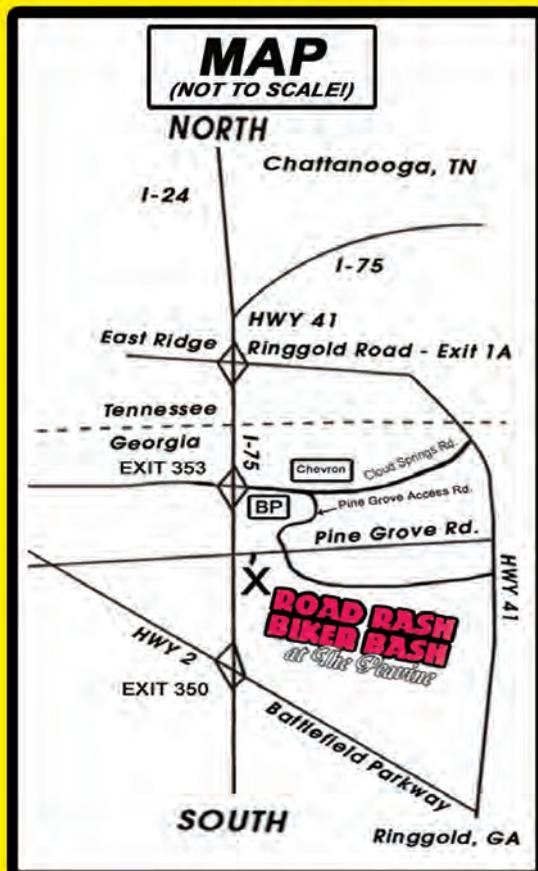
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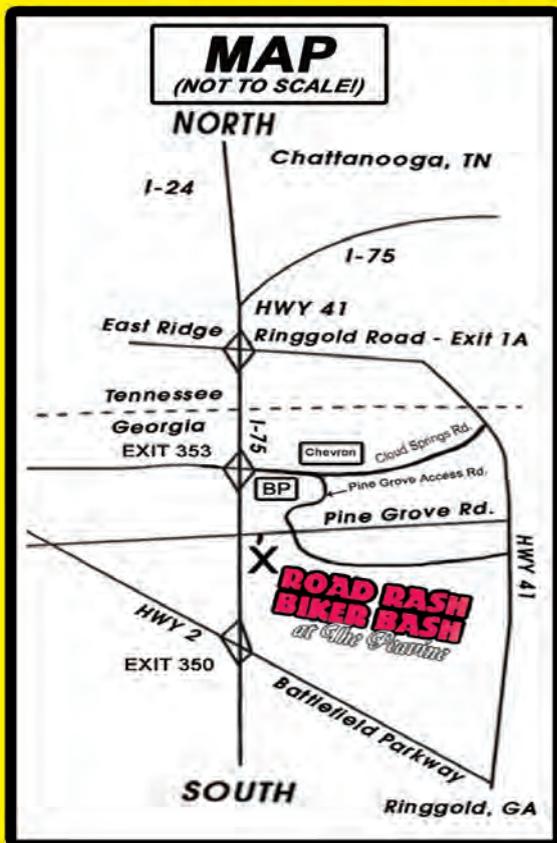
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Rock's Road

Surprise everyone!

We're glossy from cover to cover. What cha think about them apples? The new and improved **Road Rash Magazine** is here to stay and getting better every month. We have our Web site up and running, although we still have a few kinks and cosmetic improvements to make. Check out and use our forums, I'm on them every day seeing what you've got to say. The Event Listings are being updated every couple of days and our Biker Bash page will be up soon with a downloadable release form which will help you get through the gate faster on event day. I would encourage all of you to tell your friends, whether they ride a motor or not, to come out and see David Allan Coe. We have plenty of parking for cagers and bikers alike. We need a big turnout for this event, if we are going to continue bringing you big name entertainment in the future. We are planning on having two parties next year if we get the support we need this August.

-Your Managing Editor



Hi readers. Before I get to the meat of things, I want to send a shout out to my buddy and **Road Rash** mailman, **J.R. Sparks**. J.R. appeared in last months article on the SCV. He was injured when his Electra Glide Classic hydroplaned off the interstate and flipped, totaling said scoot and injuring J.R. He is recovering at his home in Ringgold, Georgia. Get well soon, bro.

It's been a while since I have written on riding attire. I know that "**Rub Out**" of *Here Comes the RUB* fame only wears "factory endorsed" clothing. While I have a lot of Harley-Davidson riding gear and think the quality is unsurpassed, it is not my only gear. My favorite garment in the winter is my black insulated **Dickies** coveralls emblazoned with the slogan I made famous, "Live to Ride, NEVER to trailer." My "suit" as I call it, is easy to step into and I can wear it without a jacket over it. If it gets too cold I simply put my **Gerbings** heated jacket liner under it and plug in my umbilical cord. I also have a pair of leather bib overalls by **Stone Lakes Leatherworks** in Stone Lakes, Wisconsin. These are good for long hauls when you're going to be on the road all day and want the added protection of leather. My jacket is a Harley-Davidson "Willie G" model. I have had many, many jackets in my 35-plus years of riding, but this one is the

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best. In addition to the vents in front and back, it has gusseted shoulders, and extra long sleeves. The sleeves are removable, making it a fully zipping vest. I use it that way more than with the sleeves. My boots and gloves are by HD.

My skin crawls when I see what a lot of today's inexperienced and "newbie" riders wear. Education can come to riders in various forms. Education can come through simply using common sense, watching older experienced riders, or through the school of hard knocks.

Those who wouldn't mind hopping around on a fake foot or two wear tennis shoes. If I had been wearing tennis shoes a few years ago when Julie and I went down, I wouldn't have a right foot today. When the only thing between you and the pavement is your feet you better protect them! *Tennis shoes are for games, not motorcycles.*

The same holds true for boat shoes, a favorite of many "Wingers." *Boat shoes are for the "Love Boat," not motorcycles.*

Then we have our short pants riders. Now it takes a *special* kind of idiot to wear shorts on a motorcycle. Have you ever just barely touched your leg to a hot exhaust pipe with shorts on? Try it some time. A micro second touch is a painful, scarring, touch. Now imagine that you scoot is sliding down the road on it's side with your body under it and your bare leg is trapped under the exhaust. HELLO! I've heard people say, "What difference could that little bit of denim make?" It

makes a lot of difference. Don't take my word for it, just try both and let me know what you find out. *Shorts are for anything you want except motorcycles.*

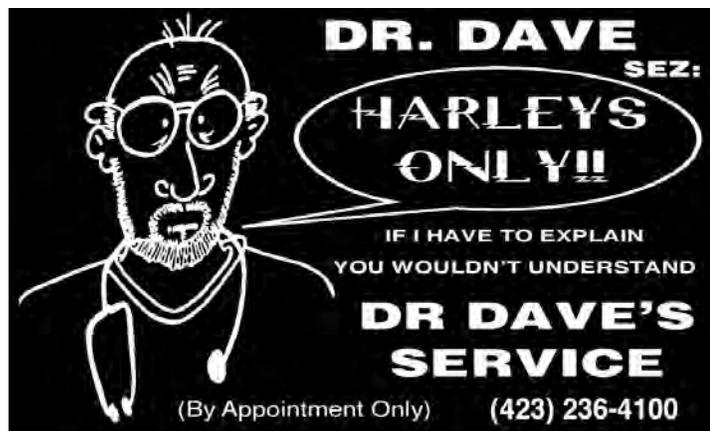
Have I ever been guilty of riding in inappropriate attire? Yes. Have I learned from common sense and the "school of hard knocks" that it's not the smartest thing to do? Yes. Have you ever been guilty of riding in inappropriate attire? Probably. The question now is: Will you be smart enough to learn from this article (and common sense) without having to go to "The School?"

No one rides on my motor without the proper clothing. Period. End of discussion. The driver is responsible for the safety of his passenger. I take that responsibility very seriously, and so should you.

I just picked up my 2006 Electra Glide Classic from **Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson**. It was scheduled to ship from the factory on April 18, and I was to pick it up around April 23. To my surprise, I got a call from **Hal** on April 6 telling me my bike was in and would be ready to go once they got my black wall tires mounted. My thanks to **Paul, Hal, Tony**, and the entire service department crew for making my buying experience a pleasure again this year. Next year will be here before you know it, and I'll be back for another.

Until next month, remember to ride smart, not cool, and as always – LTRNTT.

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Brothers and Sisters Down or Gone

The motorcycle community lost one of its finest emissaries March 29. When **Bobby Cline** passed away. I had the privilege to know Bobby and his wife **Dean** for almost 20 years. He was one of the founding members and part of the backbone of the **Scenic City Goldwings** (later to become the **Scenic City Motorcycle Club**). To me, Bobby was one of those people you liked as soon as you met him, proof of that was the line of friends at the visitation, some of whom stood for over an hour just to express their condolences to the family. I am positive that Bobby is riding again and that he is in good company, I know that **Pop Watkins** has found a lot of new roads and **Norm Burchfield** has surely checked all of the good places to eat and they will be glad to welcome an old friend. Bobby was buried with military honors and a Masonic Ritual, after which our tears were shared with those from the clouds. March may have come in like a lion but it went out with a lamb. God bless Bobby until we see each other again.

Double Dee

We are so saddened by the tragic and sudden loss of one of our bright and beautiful young people. His name is **Tommy Alan Davis III**. His father **Tommy Davis II** has been one of our long time members and we have literally watched little Tom grow up. He attended every John Crum Memorial with his Dad and was the most pleasant and kind young man that I have ever known. He lost his young life (18 years) on April 6th after losing control of his new motorcycle. Details are few and will remain so, I am sure. Our hearts are heavy, but our souls are lifted with the knowl-

edge that Tom will join the ranks of some revered brothers and sisters who have passed before him. I know that **John Crum** will be taking Tom under his huge wing and taking him on many a wondrous journey. Ride with wonder, young Tommy. We will miss your sweet smile.

Tami Culver

Unwanted Motorcycle Club member **Chuck Nabors** lost control of his new chopper during a charitable motorcycle event last month, breaking his right leg. Thankfully, his passenger and wife Merideth was not injured, and his bike was not badly damaged.

Another Unwanted Motorcycle Club member, **Caleb** was riding his Harley-Davidson V-Rod through the twists and turns on the infamous Dragon's Tail last month when he slid off the roadway and went down a large embankment. Purportedly, he escaped with torn ligaments, bumps and bruises and no life-threatening injuries but his V-Rod didn't fair so well.

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A biker was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want." The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honor and glorify me." The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy." The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

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Joe Cool's Biker Health



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Water makes up 47 to 75 percent of our body weight, but please do not think you should starve yourself of water to lose weight. Proper hydration and water consumption can actually help you loose weight. Water aids in the metabolic breakdown of nutrients needed for cellular energy and increases metabolism, burning fat calories faster. If you drink an eight-ounce glass of water before a meal, it will help suppress your appetite. Have water during meals instead of soft drinks. It has zero calories and it helps food digest more efficiently. In fact, water is essential in proper digestion and absorption of nutrients. Without it you would be weak, anemic and constipated, and that's no way to go through life. Water also helps maintain homeostasis of your metabolic system. In other

words, it helps keep you in balance. It is an essential component of blood pressure control. Water helps lubricate your joints, which diminishes the instances of arthritic conditions. It keeps your skin moist and fresh looking, therefore fewer wrinkles. It is essential in vitamin absorption, plasma development and electrolyte control.

The most important role that water plays in the human body is temperature control. It is used to maintain the core temperature, which usually is 89.6 degrees. It does this by absorbing heat from the body and releasing it through the skin, which, in turn, cools the skin during dehydration of the skin surface. Water will protect the vital organs and most specifically the brain. If you are dehydrated, the body will pull water from other less important areas to maintain the core temperature, therefore affecting the balance of the rest of your system.

Water is the only fluid the body needs to sustain life. It does not need sodas, Kool-Aid, tea, coffee, beer or wine. These fluids simply give your pleasure senses satisfaction. But, they are all right in moderation. Make sure that you consume at least 60 to 80 ounces of water or more a day. During hot summer days and extra activity days try to drink up to 100 ounces. Make water consumption, bottle or tap, a regular part of your dietary habit. So be cool and stay cool by drinking water, and I'll see you on the road.

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Whistle Stop Café

There is a little town north of Macon, Ga that is the setting of the movie Fried Green Tomatoes. Juliette, Ga has become a favorite place for bikers to ride to on a Sunday afternoon to eat dinner. I have been hearing about bikers riding to this small community for the last two or three years. I thought it was time that I rode down to check this café out for myself and eat some fried green tomatoes and B.B.Q. This café is only open on the Sunday for people to come and eat.

I rode about sixty miles to Juliette, Ga and I turned off Hwy. 87 onto Juliette Rd. and made a right turn onto McCrackin St. Down at the end of town on the left side of the street set the Whistle Stop Café. It was just like stepping into the movie and you could almost see the characters coming down the street. The trains still run along the side the Ocmulgee River, but the old train engines have long gone.

I don't understand what draws bikers to ride to this small town except for the food and the awesome ride through the countryside. Bikers also walk around the town and visit small shops after their meal. Some have pictures taken at certain points that they remembered from the movie.

You can find on any given Sunday bikers from Atlanta to Augusta, Ga. or as far south as Waycross, Ga riding their bikes into town. It is one of the places in the state you can meet riders from all over the state of Georgia. I have counted more than one hundred bikes coming in town during the time I was having my meal. H.O.G. groups from all over the state call the café and makes reservations for thirty or more riders to eat.

Jarrell Plantation near Juliette, Ga is another place I like to visit during the afternoon. It is just a ten-mile or less ride to this Georgia plantation. It is a step back into the 1850's. The Plantation once covered 1000 acres

with a sawmill, gristmill, cotton gin and a shingle mill. Now it is a state park for everyone to visit and to look back into the past.

This is one of the trips I like to take at least once or twice a year for the fried green tomatoes and the scenic ride through the national forest. If you are ever riding your bike in the Macon, Ga. area on a Sunday afternoon, stop by the Whistle Stop Café. I hope to take your picture next time.

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gans and love of riding, sometimes a trailer is an essential compromise!

When we travel, the Mrs. and I always carry the H.O.G. Road Atlas that shows the location, hours and directions to every Harley dealership on the path in the world. She says the Dealerships have "the cleanest bathrooms on the road" and they seem to be conveniently spaced at just about her potty break

Okay, we have all seen the helmet stickers that proclaim "If you see my bike on a trailer, call 911 because its been stolen!" or "I rode my bike to Daytona Trailer week!"

Within the riding community, there is a sense of snobbery if you ride and never trailer your ride. Even my computer spell-check wants to reject the word "trailer," indicating there is no such verb!

For all those who rode to bike week this year, my hat is of to you! Did you see me there? I was the guy in the black tee shirt! What? Everybody wore a black tee shirt! So much for non-conformity!

In the 1800's, author John Ruskin wrote, "Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, and snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather; only different kinds of good weather!" I hate to differ with the poet but to me, bad weather always looks better from the dry the side of a window!

Bike week occurs in the first week of March. While it is the start of spring for some, for those who travel down from the frozen tundra of the North, it is a mid-winter refuge! They could as easily haul their rides on snowmobiles to Florida as they could brave the elements.

Besides weather, I can think of multiple other good reasons to trailer a ride. Time constraints, mechanical breakdown, a place to stay, multiple bikes, cleanliness, security, more storage... but sometimes it all come down to just the best reason of all...having a Wife! Yes, as the sign reads, "a steady job and a wife have ruined many a good biker!" When you have a woman who puts up with all your shenani-

intervals (about every 100 miles.) Good move on their part. It is more difficult to practice the fine art of wife deception and sneak home a new piece of chrome in her presence but her being in a good mood is the key to a good trip.

I have some friends that proudly painted on the rear of their trailer: "Old W.H.O.R.E.S." (We Haul Our Rides Everywhere Society).

I am not ready to join any club but I am also not too shy to admit there is a time and place for hauling the bike.

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to sources I have the within the city, the system will be set up to catch the flagrant violators, not the borderline violators. Hopefully these efforts by our local government will be as successful as other communities using similar systems in getting a handle on this problem.

Similar to spies or hidden cameras, all of us have secret things in our lives that we don't want others to know. Those who make no claims of godliness as well as those who lead Christian cycle ministries, pastors, and well-known Christian leaders all have areas in their lives that need cleaning up. It is the natural result of being sinners and living out of the Lord's will. But God doesn't need spies or special equipment to tell him who we are and what secrets lie within. The Bible says he knows us better than we know ourselves and he not only knows the things we do but our every thought. Strangely enough he still loves us and desires to have a personal relationship with us. If you do not personally know the Lord I invite you to ask him to clean up your life and to be your personal Lord. Living apart from him, your sins will find you out just as Major Cunningham's eventually did. Being well known for his brutality during the war, he himself was hanged in his native country (England) shortly afterward.

As he was about to be hanged on an apple tree, he was so *deeply* despised by his executioner that he was not allowed to read the Bible as he requested, and his last written words to his mother and brother were destroyed. Although being a graduate of Yale, he was still too young to enlist in the army defending the Colonies against that of the British during the Revolutionary War, but managed to enlist anyway. Being despised by the British he was equally a hero to the Colonists, being honored by school children over the generations as they read their American History textbooks. He was Nathan Hale and he was hanged without trial by order of British Major William Cunningham for spying on behalf of the Colonists against the British army intent on crushing the less powerful Colonies.



Eddie Rahm
 "Wings in the Wind"
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That is the nature of the spy; they are hated by one side while being greatly cherished by the other for risking their life for the cause, whatever that may be. We find different variations of spying even in our daily lives, sometimes by the government that has the mandate to protect the very citizens it spies on. This form of information is sometimes considered beneficial by the citizens and other times considered an intrusion into private lives, depending on whom you talk to.

One of the newest technologies to hit the streets is the use of video cameras with elaborate triggering systems at busy intersections to catch those who are blatantly running red lights. Some look at these devices as just another form of government spying, while others see them as a tool to help fight the epidemic of selfish drivers running red lights at other drivers expense. If there is one group of drivers that should have a keen interest in getting these red light violators stopped I think it should be motorcycle riders. When broadsided by a 3,500 pound four wheel vehicle cruising through an intersection, a 600 pound motorcycle (with virtually no side protection) is no match. The attitude of the traffic light violators appears to be "get out of my way – I'm coming through because my time is more important than yours and your safety means nothing to me." We are talking about drivers who are coming through the light well after it has changed, not those who just barely clip it, which everyone does at times. According



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taking it around for other people to see. I hope I got to meet and greet some of you at the **Cindy Pittman Poker Run** on April 9 and the Blessing of the bikes on April 12. I personally encourage you to go get your bike blessed every year. It's a dangerous world out

Well hello fine people! Dangit, it looks like we have made it to another spring. I have actually been able to ride in short sleeves in the past week. I hope all of you have gotten your bikes out and enjoyed riding this beautiful area we call home. I guess the first thing on my agenda is to clear up some mistakes from last month.

First off, I want to apologize for the poor choice of words in **Midge's** section, I tried to correct it but the corrected version did not get printed. The last thing I would want to do would be to upset this lady that I consider a sister and a friend *and* in an effort to make it up, I have invited her to write a paragraph at the end of this article to describe me (this ought to be good).

Secondly, I wrote that **Papa Harley's** sporty was a '96 when it is really a '98. Since I am on the subject of Papa Harley, I would like to congratulate him on his *two* first place wins in two bike shows this past winter. He took first place in his class at World of Wheels, and first place in his class at **Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson's** Saint Patrick day show. It may be a garage ornament, but at least he is

there, and it can't hurt to have any extra help you can get. I sold the 94 FXRP (my "Boogerglide"). Uncle Sam wanted some money, so I figured that I could sell my old bike to pay him off and still get a second bike. So, after I got back from a weeklong solo tour of Florida in March I found a 2001 Sporty at a real good price and added it to my stable. I still have a 2002 Dyna, so I guess it has become the new "Boogerglide," and I'll call the Sporty "The Boogster."

For the last month or so I have been investigating all I can about "Iron Butt" rides. My chance encounter last fall with the lady that I named "Granny Iron Butt" inspired me to look into doing one myself. As I was learning all I could about the group, it hit me that these people (for the most part) represented the extreme riders of the motorcycling community. Seeing as I fall somewhere in the middle between these folks and people that hardly ride at all, I felt that it would be only fair that the "no miles on their bikes" people should be represented and rewarded for their efforts *not* to ride their bikes. It is my idea also to start an organization named the **International Garage Ornaments Owners Brotherhood** or I.G.O.O.B. for short.

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Now with that random thought out of the way, I can wrap up my description of my group of friends. Due to waiting until the last minute to write last month's article and my ineptness with a computer, three people got left off. Just like last month, I will first give their names and then mention the bike they ride.

"Bobo" rides an '80s model Yamaha Maxim and a yet undelivered 2006 Wideglide. I have to admit we haven't ridden as much together, but we worked together for years and he has always jumped right in there along with his family and help with all out events. Now, you may wonder why I call him Bobo... I didn't name him that (the guys at work did), but he has such a cool bumbling way about him the name stuck. He is the kind of guy whom will not give up no matter how many times he has to do something wrong before he gets it right. I do want to add that on one poker run he rode with me he got to witness me getting completely soaked by a tsunami from a dually pickup during a rainstorm. When we got to the next stop his remark was, "Boog, that was cool." I count him as one of my best friends and would love to see him in my mirrors more often.

"Rico" rides a late model Dyna Sport. This is our group foreigner, neat little fellow that is really hard to understand

but has heart of gold and a constant smile. The times he has gone on trips with us I use him as a mood barometer... I figure if Rico *stops* smiling things are *real* bad. So far, I have never caught him not smiling. One last thing about Rico is he is someone I have a hard time keeping in my mirrors cause he likes to prove that there is a reason his bike is called a "sport" model. He has been known to blow by me at times. I do like to have him on rides with us though because it always helps group moral to have someone that smiles all the time.

Alvin and Marlene ride a FX model Harley Shovelhead. These two people are the lovebirds of the group, (which is really cool because they have been married forever). I kid them for not riding as much as I think they should, but some people don't have their priorities as messed up as mine. They are good to have on rides cause Marlene is a person that jumps in and helps anyway she can, and Alvin is easy going. For some reason he is always happy bringing up the rear and watching all the bikes in front of him. They are also both quick to laugh, so I like having them along. No matter how stupid my jokes are, they will laugh.

That seems to be all for now, as promised Midge's description of me is right after my signature...

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Reverend Booger

Oh c'mon Boog, let somebody tell the *real* truth about "the Reverend." Did anyone notice that in all his descriptions, everyone was always "in his mirrors?" That's because he will outride or outrun anybody to be the first.

No, I don't get the opportunity to ride as much as he does, but that's because I'm usually too busy organizing the events we do together. Once I get the work done, he shows up, with his arms high in the air, and takes all the credit. He likes to slam me, because he knows that I'm the one that will slam him right back.

Yes the Reverend Booger is truly a "legend in his own mind," but he's a heck of a lot of fun. And as bad as I hate to admit it, can ride a motorcycle like no one else can. He will never leave you behind. He keeps up with the pack (in his mirrors) and watches out for everybody.

Enough good said about the Boog. If you should see him out on his Harley with his band of faithful "followers," be sure to wave. Then, look off in the distance for a pearl white Sportster bringing up the rear and wave at me too!

See ya'll around,

Midge

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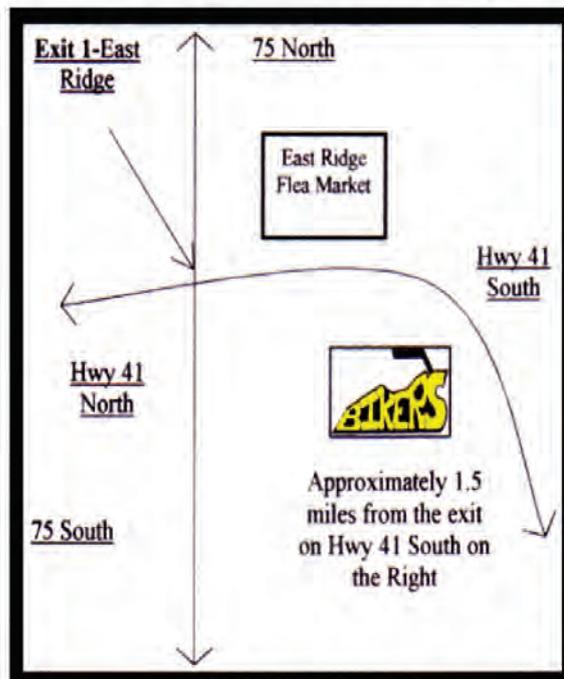
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Ring..ding.ding ding.ring.ding.ding.ding,.. That used to be a sound you heard on the street, as well as the track. What sort of animal made this kind of noise? The infamous two-stroke motorcycle, or "stokers," as we fans call them. Yes, before global warming, melting polar ice caps, and the EPA, us gearheads had stokers. A time when the sweet smell of unburnt hydrocarbons, could be seen, as well as smelled!

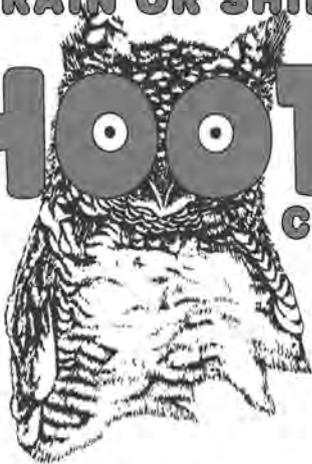
Some would not lament this passing, but as for me I miss the little, and big smokers. True, that today's four-stroke motorcycles are cleaner, faster, and more reliable. But, there is something special about disappearing away from a stoplight in a cloud of blue smoke. Two-strokes or two-cycle engines are light, simple and inexpensive to produce. They develop more usable power in every crankshaft revolution, and have fewer moving parts. Because of these attributes the two-stroke was perfect for light, cheap motorcycles, and scooters. Even a few Automobiles used this powerplant. Have you ever seen a pre-'68 Saab? Most motorcycle manufacturers used these engines in their smaller bikes. Harley had the Hummer, Pacer, and later offerings from Aermacchi. BSA, had the Bantam, Ariel had the Arrow. Of course most of my two-stroke street experiences came from Japanese machines.

With the so-called Japanese invasion in the USA in the sixties, came two-strokes from all the major manufacturers with the exception of Honda. Honda produced neat, clean,

and unbreakable four-strokes. Great bikes, but they did not hold the allure for me that the two-stroke marques had. Bridgestone had their Hurricane 175 twin, and the GTR 350, both of which are of rotary valve design. The GTR was also one of the first production machines to have a six-speed transmission! Kawasaki had two quick rotary valve twins in the A1, and the A7. These were predecessors to the legendary Tri-stars, or Triples. Produced in 250, 350, 400, 500, and 750cc displacements they made a believer out of many who thought camshafts and poppet valves were the only way to produce horsepower! Suzuki produced many a fine two-stroke bike. Most of these were 150cc or below until the introduction of the X6. The X6 Hustler was one of those quarter-liter machines that could humble bikes with more than twice its displacement. Suzuki would later produce a 500 twin, 380, 550, and 750 triples, all of which would run with the big boys. Yamaha had its entire racing championships based in two-stroke design. The Catalina, Big Bear, SC3, RC, RD, and RZ's all benefited from the tuning fork company's success with the TZ250, and mighty TZ750 two-stroke racers.

If this litany of stokers has sparked your curiosity in things that go ring..ding then I have a suggestion. May 10, thru May 13 at Deals Gap is the annual Two-Stroke Club meeting. Stokers of all sizes, and makes will be in attendance. Interested? Give us a call at Chattanooga Motorcycles - we are trying to organize a ride to the event

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As I have mentioned previously, we all ride. Todd "The Wheelie Man" South is going to really ride, as in race! He attended the AMA Dirt Track Grand Championships in Paducah Kentucky. He entered the pre-1975 twins up to 750cc class as well as the senior 40-plus 750cc open class. For those of you who know Todd, you know how stoked he is about this. I will update you on his outcome next issue. Stay tuned! I would also like to welcome to our staff "G.I. Jane" Phipps. Jane is the wife of Crazy Larry, and is one heck of an organizer. She made our office look like an office instead of a parts bin! Great job Jane!

I wish to thank everyone who rides, and reads this magazine. Your support has increased our customer base, and business growth at Chattanooga Motorcycles. To say that our business is growing would be an understatement. With your help we have exploded in service! WOW!

Thanks again Road Rash, and all of Chattanooga's Motorcyclists. You're the greatest! Remember Chattanooga Motorcycles for all your service needs. Till next time, Cheers.

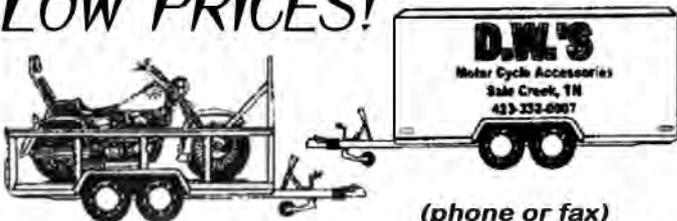
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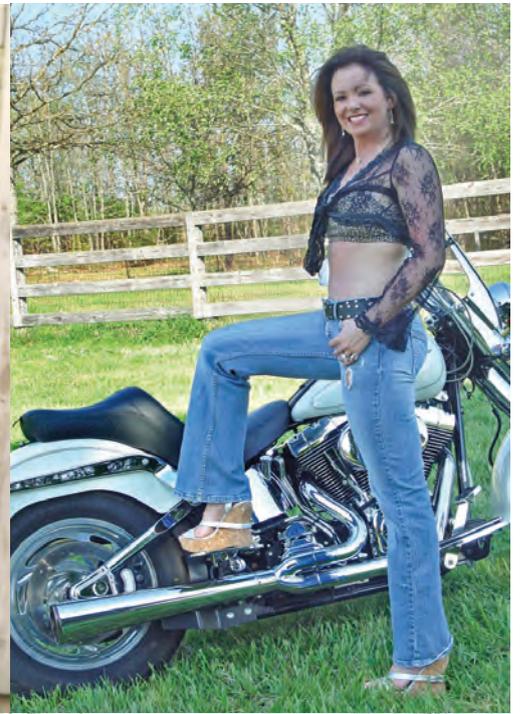
Here it is guys, what women everywhere are longing for – a white Fat Boy... This bike is powered by a stock HD Twin cam 88, but it breathes in through a carburetor and out through a two-into-one Vance & Hines exhaust pipe. That means, not unlike some women I've dated, it takes a little while for her to warm up, but once she gets going, she's hard to beat. Oh, and she sounds pretty mean when she grumbles too. I'm afraid the pictures haven't done the beautiful pearl white paint or the bright custom wheels justice because there is no substitute for seeing this bike in the bright sunshine.

In addition to owning and riding the cover bike, our model **Rhonda** wears several hats at Wheels Sports Bar on Highway 58 in Chattanooga. Not only is she the Office Manager there, but she also brings the house down as the lead singer (and manager) for Wheels' great rock and roll house band "The Core." If you've been looking for a good time and great live music, you should check them out. They play every Thursday through Saturday night!

A special "thank you" goes out to Rhonda for putting up with our outrageous requests, the blazing sun and gusty winds, and also Wheels' owner/operator **Harold Hickok** for allowing us to use his property.

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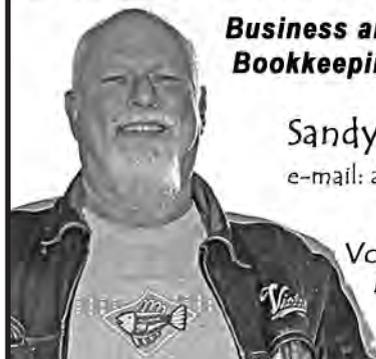
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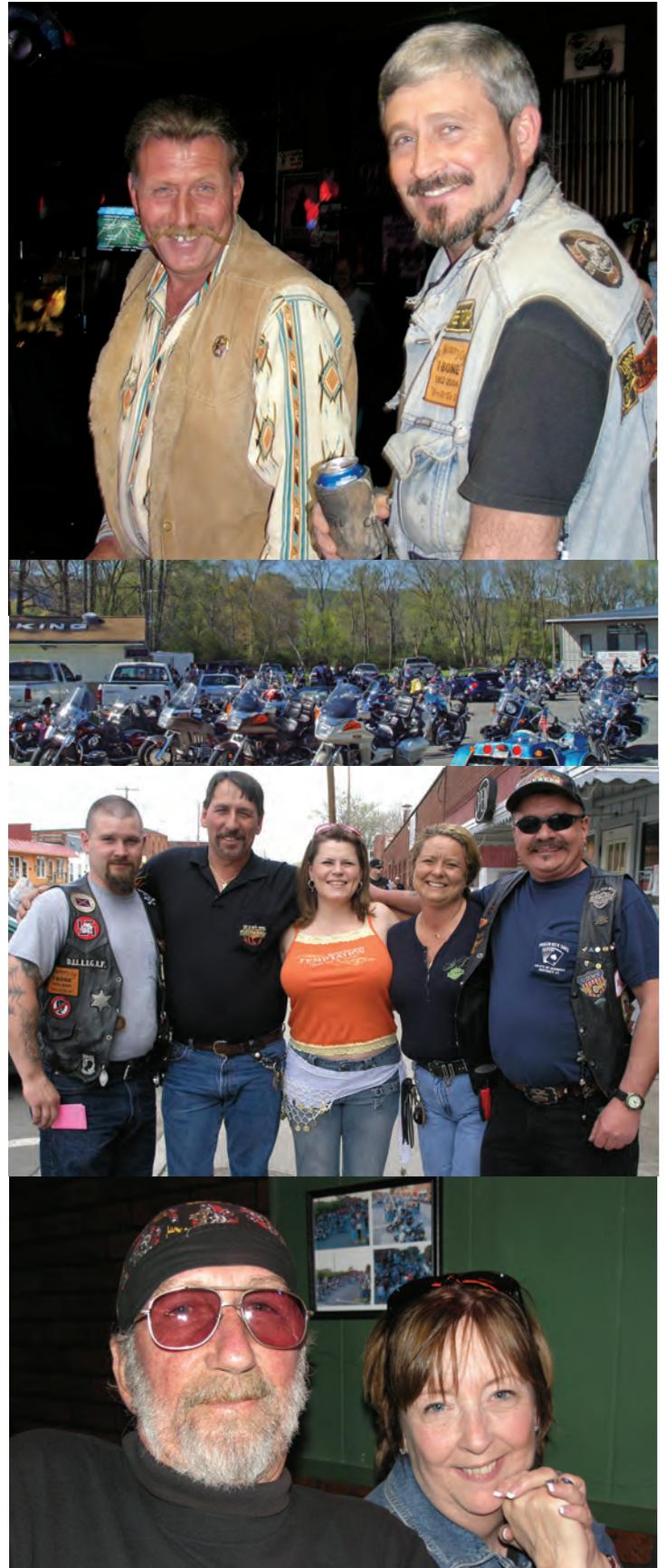
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T.D.O.T. - Totally Devoid of Thought

If you've never ridden a motorcycle on one of Tennessee's byways, then you don't know what you're missing. Whether it's being wobbled by the rain grooves on I-75, attempting to fathom state highway signs downtown or simply getting the word out that motorcycles really are allowed to treat regulated intersections as a four-way stops and proceed through an unchanging red light, the Tennessee Department of Transportation could stand some remedial education.

Let's see if I understand their mission statement: to provide a safe motoring surface, to plainly designate citizen funded thoroughfares, and plan construction and road repair in such a way that it doesn't bottleneck an entire city 24/7/365. Was it so long ago when the citizens of Chattanooga were held hostage with the Olgiate Bridge widening, the 24/75 downtown spruce up, the ridge-cut construction, the Eastgate I-75 interchange redesign, Highway 153 widening, I-75 widening at Hamilton Place...all at the same time?

Has been so long since the widening and repaving of Highway 153 that no one remembers how the construction company decided to "erase" the white lines that separate lanes of travel with the use of a grinding machine that left 4-inch by 5-foot by 3-inch deep divots the exact size of the line itself? If you were a motorcyclist, changing lanes was like playing Russian roulette. Perhaps the Department of Transportation should be financially responsible for the untold suspension alignments required by this brilliance.

Need a more recent tragedy? It may now be easier for northbound East Brainerd road to get onto Highway 153, but TDOT's interchange design places that same traffic in peril crossing over the highway to travel north on I-75. How many millions of dollars did we spend on this Rube Goldberg traffic travesty?

How many times were you stuck behind one of TDOT's famous "rolling roadblocks" while the Lee Highway exit along I-75 was being com-

pleted? When is TDOT going to learn the same thing other states learned 35 years ago: that it is cheaper, faster and safer to do major road construction at night during lighter traffic loads. And even if it weren't less expensive, it must be cheaper for a construction company like Britton Bridge to pay a nighttime labor surcharge than paying two years penalty on overdue construction. And will someone, please, tell TDOT that rain grooves are supposed to be cut across the path of travel so rain can actually drain off the highway.

Tennessee has one of the nation's highest taxes on gasoline (without a state income tax, roads projects must to be funded somehow). At one point, there were billions (with a "b") in the TDOT kitty. It's hard to believe that this kind of economic clout can foster such sophomoric road planning and construction. And talk about a silken parachute... their pact with the Tennessee legislature mandates that excess road construction funds cannot be used for anything other than road construction. Not lower gas taxes, not homeless shelters, not even country club memberships for the porkers that put this deal in place. Sweet!

Let's try this: all TDOT construction inspectors are now required to test road construction and repair on a motorcycle. Just because a cursory pass inside a beefed-up Suburban meets an inspector's personal criteria for a job-well-done, doesn't mean their official okey dokey passes the biker test... not by a long shot.

I'm totally in favor of progress. But if "pro" is the opposite of "con", until the Tennessee legislature reins in the autonomy of their beloved transportation golden goose, the opposite of progress will continue to be congress.

Keep the shiny side up,
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American Thunder Motorcycle Club

A Harley-only club based in Athens, Tenn. Our unofficial motto is: "Live to Ride, Ride to Eat." Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday at Athens Diner on Congress Parkway at 7 p.m. The club typically rides every Sunday. A "Ride Calendar" link is on our Web site. Visit our Web site, www.drwebman.com/americanthunder, or email us at info@drwebman.com.

B.O.B - Babes on Bikes

This all woman club was formed by a close group of friends who share the love of riding motorcycles. Our not-for-profit club shares a sisterhood of the road and also a love to help out with charity events. We encourage and welcome ALL brands of motorcycles and ask that the ladies have a valid motorcycle license. We would love to have more sisters in the club to represent us during charity events and organized rides, so if you see us out and about, ask about membership. There's always room for another sister! Contact Tammy Pierre for more info. (423) 875-4825.

The Blue Knights

The club is composed of active and retired police officers. Currently in the Chattanooga area there are two chapters; Blue Knights GA IX (www.blueknightsga9.freehomepage.com) which meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 - (706) 375-2636 or wcsd21@comcast.net or through our homepage, and Blue Knights TN VII, which meets every second Tuesday each month at 6:30 - (423)472-3551 or hanshawmb@vol.com

C.M.A. - Christian Motorcyclists Association

Our purpose is three fold: 1. Provide and encourage members to be active in testimony and Christian witnessing to all motorcyclists. 2. Provide a Christian fellowship ride group. 3 Provide an evangelistic association for motorcycling. Chattanooga chapter meets first Monday of the month at the Ryan's Steakhouse 5104 Hixson Pike Chattanooga, Tennessee 37343 - Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. (423-313-1663) or www.cmachattanooga.com. Cleveland chapter meets third Monday of the month at Golden Corral, Cleveland Tenn., at 6:30 p.m. (423-478-1507). Dalton chapter meets second Tuesday; 6:30 pm eat; 7:00 pm meet Western Sizzlin', Cleveland Highway, Dalton (706-695-3959). Dayton chapter meets at the YMCA Family Center 1006 Market St Dayton, TN (423-618-3055) More information CMA in Tennessee at: <http://www.cmaser6.org/tn>.

CMT/ABATE - Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee

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H.O.G. - Harley Owners Group

Thunder Creek Chapter Monthly Meetings are always on the second Monday of the month and starts at 7 p.m. Come early to socialize, eat, play darts, or pool. Meeting Place is WHEELS on "The Other Side" on Hwy 58. For those not familiar with that area, from Hwy 153 take 58 north - Wheels is 0.2 miles past the fourth traffic light on the left. Thunder Creek Ladies of Harley (LOH) Monthly Meetings are always on the fourth Tuesday of the Month and start at 6:30 p.m. come early to socialize, eat, play darts, or pool. Meeting Place is WHEELS on "The Other Side" on Hwy 58. You may contact Dennis Hunt, Director at 423-503-3140, or e-mail him at dchspringer03@yahoo.com for information. Mountain Creek Chapter Monthly Meetings meetings are held at the Dalton Elks Lodge the fourth Thursday of every month. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Come early 6:30

p.m. to socialize, and eat. There will be door prizes, 50/50 Drawing and a full agenda of Mountain Creek HOG information and activities. Mtn. Creek Ladies of Harley (LOH) Monthly Meetings change each month. Call the director Jim Warren, at 706-370-7433, or e-mail him at vija@bellsouth.net.

Rebel Belles

Founded in 2001 in Atlanta, Ga., for the purpose of building a sisterhood of female motorcyclists and to ride. We are women who possess enviable Southern charm and grace but are tough enough to stand alone and smart enough to stand beside our sisters. We are an eclectic, energetic group of women who love life and have decided to take it by the hand and run with it. The three founders make the rules of the ride and change them when they feel like it needs to be done. After all, it is a woman's prerogative! We're looking to expand our sisterhood, but women can't just sign up. Prospective members get to hang out with us for a while and we get to know each other. Membership is granted on "Bond-Ability." Contact us for more information.

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Rebellion Motorcycle Club

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Rolling Thunder POW-MIA Veterans

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SCMC - Scenic City Motorcycle Club

We are a group of individuals who ride all brands of motorcycles, mostly cruiser or touring types, who are dedicated to social enjoyment of motorcycling. The club motto is "Eat to ride and ride to eat." We meet the last Monday of each month at wally's in East Ridge, Tenn., at 7 p.m. come earlier if you wish to eat.

Sisters of Chrome WMC

We are a club born out of friendship and developed years ago through a motorcycle riders association. We offer women an opportunity to further develop the relationship and their surrounding passion for riding motorcycles. We are non-profit chapters of women content to grabbing the handlebars and steering our own motorcycles. Wherever we go our scooters carry us. Ladies, the road is yours, take the ride! We invite you to form a chapter or become a member of an existing chapter. We are bringing our sisterhood to your areas. For more info contact us at www.sistersofchromewmc.com, or for the Clarksville chapter: www.sistersofchromewmc1.com.

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SSRA-Southern Spirit Riding Association

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Southern Steele Motorcycle Club

A new club looking for new members who love to ride. All bikes are welcomed. We are based in Chattooga County, Georgia. We meet on the first Thursday of each month. There are monthly fun rides and we are looking to do charity rides, along with giving scholarships to kids to further their education. For more information contact us at jknox@alltel.net

Star Touring & Riding Dalton, GA Chapter 318

We are a group that welcomes "everyone." We are a unique motorcycle organization, dedicated to the positive values, promoting our love of motorcycling and creating the experiences of a lifetime. We are a family orientated group. We meet the first Thursday every month at the Western Sizzler on Cleveland Highway in Dalton, Ga. at 7 p.m. Something unique about our group: LOS (Ladies of the Star) We encourage women to participate in all aspects of Star. We wish to promote a positive image of women riders. Star Vets: We honor and commemorate the sacrifices of the men and women who have served or are currently serving. This is our way of saying "We will never forget." Tin Star: Our Tin Star members are always available to help anyone in need. They can take control until local authorities arrive. Star Kids and Teens: This is our way to educate the next generation as to the positive aspects of motorcycling. For more info. regarding the Dalton Chapter 318, email dogle2@charter.net, or call 706-695-0709.

Twisted Spokes RC - We are a newly-formed riding club for riders in and around the Sequatchie Valley area.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month (6 p.m. CT) at the VFW Hall in Jasper TN. Weekly rides currently leave each Saturday at 9 a.m. CT from the Golden Gallon in Jasper. Show up, introduce yourself, and join a club that's sure to grow in numbers. For more info., contact Tim Holcomb at TJHolcomb1@yahoo.com or call 423-942-5830.

Unwanted Motorcycle Club

A biker community active, 99%er, Harley-Davidson or American made only motorcycle club. The club was founded by a very close group of friends that became a family through riding together. The club is primarily a policeman and fireman club, but there is always room for a civilian, provided they are not a felon and can get an active member to sponsor them. Monthly meeting times vary and are private. For info on the club, look for the col-ors, introduce yourself and get to know the family.

Veterans Brotherhood

We are a veterans motorcycle club - a fraternal organization of military veterans who have served in non-combat areas of the U.S. military. For more information contact "Doc" at parrothead7@hotmail.com or visit veterans-brotherhood.com.

Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club

A "three-patch" club requiring members to be Vietnam veterans and motorcycle owners. For more information, call "Duck" at (423)240-5686.

Warrior Brotherhood Veterans Motorcycle Club

Supporting all veterans organizations. National AMA chapter # 02067. Come and check out our Web site or contact our state director at warriorbrotherhoodvmc.com. For Tennessee, contact "Chop" at (706) 858-8062.

Wings In The Wind

A new Christian motorcycle ministry, organized for those who would like to have opportunities for Christian biker fellowship and service to the community, without the time or financial requirements typical of most clubs. We are a fellowship of members with very busy church, family and work demands, but with the desire to find time for our motorcycle passion. We are represented by all types of bikes, riding experience, people, denominations and backgrounds. We especially welcome new motorcyclists, with the intent of encouraging them in their spiritual and cycling endeavors. Supper meetings are held monthly and planned group rides through God's creation are a regular activity. Visit our Web site for detailed information, www.wingsinthewind.org regarding our beliefs and activities or call Eddie at (423) 892-1477.

WITW - Women In The Wind (Kindred Spirits Chapter)

We have three main purposes: 1) to educate our members in motorcycle safety and maintenance, 2) to unite women motorcyclists with friends of common interest, and 3) to promote a positive public image of women on motorcycles. We welcome all women who ride all kinds of motorcycles. Call Deb at (423) 309-1695 or e-mail volusideb@comcast.net.

WOW - Women On Wheels

Our mission statement is to unite all women motorcycle enthusiasts for recreation, education, mutual support, recognition, and to promote a positive image of motorcycling. The local chapter of WOW meets at Highlands Saloon & Grill (4021 Hixson Pike) on the second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. rain or shine. Rides take place after the meeting, weather permitting. For more information call 423-899-1332 or visit our Web site at www.coolladycruisers.com.

CMT/ABATE NEWS



Spring is here and that means the riding season is starting with earnest and the legislation process in Nashville is in full swing with CMT there protecting your right to ride.

This year CMT/ABATE has been able to have two different bills killed that would have made it illegal for kids 9 years old and under to ride on YOUR bike! Senator Finney introduced SB 2468 that would of prohibited 10 year olds and under, and Senator Harper SB 3032 and Representative Nathan Vaughn HB 3311 introduced similar bills that would of prohibited 9 year olds and under from riding on the back of your motorcycle.

CMT working with members of the Transportation committee pointed out that NHTSA statistics show NO fatalities in this category since 1994.

While any death particularly one of a child is tragic there is no trend that indicated that there was a need to make legislation to protect children from ourselves. Legislators were able to see the decision to let your child or grandkid ride should be one the parent should make not the State.

We continue to make progress on the Right of Way Violations Bill.

This bill sponsored by Senator Southernland SB 3696 and Representative Tidwell HB3431.

At the present time in Tennessee if a person maims or kills you because they ran a stop sign or red light they are only ticketed for running the stop sign or red light. Average fine in Tennessee around \$45.00.

The legislation above being written will make it illegal to run you over with fines and possible suspension of license.

Helmet Modification Bill

Senate bill SB 0807 and House bill HB 0456

Ah yes the big one we have all been waiting 30 years for!

At the time of this writing the bill is set to be heard in the Sub-Finance & Ways Committee April 12th.

The passing of this bill all hinges on its finance note. Legislators on this committee don't care about freedom they only care about the money.

This bill has a negative financial note.

It says that if motorcyclists are given a choice about wearing a helmet the State will lose money on those who could sustain a head injury because they were not wearing a helmet.

CMT is working and educating committee members showing the State stands to make more money on registration and sales taxes with the increase sales of motorcycles, accessories and an increase in tourism dollars than they ever pay out in Medicaid.

I encourage you to contact your State Representative and Senator and ask for their support on these bills. You can look up their numbers at www.legislature.state.tn.us

Our Tennessee Valley Charter of CMT/ABATE continues to grow as riders are now seeing that CMT is becoming an effective political force in Nashville.

The Dart Run our first event yearly event went well with over 25 participants.

Thank you all who came out.

With the sad closing of Brenda's Lounge we now have moved our meetings to Mac's Pub where we meet on the third Sunday of month at 2:00p.m. All are welcome.

I'd like to give a shout out to ABATE of Georgia District One and say I had a great time at their poker run held on April 1st. They had perfect weather and a wonderful route. I enjoyed seeing some old friends and meeting some new folks.

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Tami's ABATE Update



Greetings folks. Hope all is bright and beautiful in your world. As usual, we are busy, busy, and busy. So many things to do, it makes ones head spin.

We had our poker run last week and it was an amazingly beautiful day. It was actually hot! It was great to ride in shirtsleeves again. We had 70 riders and all had a good time. A few of us tarried too long visiting and dining on the porch by the Ocoee, so we had to cut our ride a little short, but we were not short at all on fun. Our adopted sister, **HippyChicKim** joined us and finally got her new husband to come out and play. We were so pleased to meet him. Welcome to the family, **Phillip**. It is great to see our Kim so very happy. Our officers had a great idea to have a special poker hand that would benefit our brother, **Otis**. He is recovering from a liver/kidney transplant. My husband **Tony** and I were the winners of that hand, and it earned \$471 for brother Otis. Winners of the other hands were as follows: First - **Donna "Breeze" Bryson**, second - **Jerry Lofty**, and third - **Morie Rose** (who donated a portion of his winnings to Otis). **Dale Kennedy** was the big "wiener" of the day, winning the 50/50 drawing *and* the raffle for the \$150 gift card from Wally World! Congrats Dale and **Daphne** and a big thank you for giving the 50/50 winnings back to Otis, as well. Daphne then proceeded to revel in their good luck by being the highest bidder on the "one of a kind" denim shirt. Dale could have lived without that, but Daphne didn't ask! Thanks to all who attended and be sure to come back next year with a friend or two! I want to say a huge thanks to the folks from CMT/ABATE of Tennessee who joined us. I wish we could have talked! We will next time, I hope.

I want to give a big pat on the back to our girlfriend **Chris Lewallen**. Chris took on the daunting task of stepping into **Miz Ellen's** shoes and becoming our District 1 secretary. Ellen has been doing this job for about 15 years, now, and she needed a break. Chris took it on and is doing a wonderful job. Thanks, Chris.

Speaking of pats on the back, how about one for the new and improved **Road Rash Magazine**? **Tom the Bomb** deserves lots 'o credit for holding it together all these months with very little assistance. A big couple of "atta-boys" go to **Rock** and **Moleman** for stepping up and taking on the responsibility of backing Tom up. I am once again pumped and excited to see what is coming every month. I will continue to do my best to bring the news from our little corner of the world. I appreciate the opportunity.

We have so many events coming up and it seems like every other day, something new is on the horizon. I would like to throw out a little bit of advice to all of you folks who are having "light bulb moments" about new events. Take a moment to consider how very many "things to do" there already are out there. Consider that instead of splitting the pie even smaller, by putting on another event, you might choose some of the already established events and support them instead. If you have a group who wishes to do something to raise money for this cause or the other, try to find a way to incorporate with another group. Set up a booth at someone else's event and support them at the

same time. And as I have begged, pleaded and admonished about so many times before... don't forget to support the ones who are supporting you. ABATE of Georgia, ABATE of Tennessee and the CMT are looking out for *your best interest*. We are doing everything we can to keep you on the road, riding as free as you possibly can. Help us help you. Join, today. It is a small amount of money that can make a big difference when it comes time to get votes for something we need done.

Okay, I gotta get outta here and get my work done. Please, please, please all of you ride safely. If you have any young people in your circles, just starting out, try your best to see to it that they are educated about riding. It is sad to lose anyone at any age, but especially tragic when it is a youngster of 18 who had his whole life ahead of him. We will miss young **Tommy Davis** (see *Tears On Black Leather*), for the rest of our lives. He was an angel on Earth. May he fly high forever.

I hope to see you on the road. Let me know if you read my articles. I love it when folks introduce themselves to me and tell me they know me from **Road Rash**. It's a big kick for me!

As always, I'll close with much love to you all,

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Well here it is May the winter is behind us along with Bike Week and it is good riding weather again. I once was one of those who would be riding year-round regardless with the exception of ice or heavy snow. That has changed. This past winter I haven't been out hardly at all and once again I will ask brother **Rock** for special dispensation.

While most of you were in Daytona, my better half and I went down to Amelia Island to visit with friends that live there (yes we drove, as I have said before there is no way the wife will get on a bike). It was by pure coincidence that we were there just in time for the "Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance" at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. I know that this is a bike mag, and that a Concours is a car show, but most of the bikers that I know are gear-heads too. Besides - they also had some cool antique bikes there.

Each year they honor a particular make or type of car, this year it was the "Stanley Steamer" and there were 19 Stanley's, two Whites, a Doble and a Locomobile representing the age of steam. Now one of the things that sets a Concours apart from other car shows is that every entry must run and be able to be driven, bikes too.

On Friday they had a parade of all of the steamers that started at the hotel and ended in downtown Fernandina Beach. Saturday was the auction and if any of you have ever watched Barrett-Jackson on Speed channel then you would really get into this, there were four cars that brought over a million dollars each with

best of show was a 1931 DuPont dual-cowl Phaeton that looked like it was still on the showroom floor. Some of the bikes there were a pair of 1936 Harley Knuckleheads, a 1934 Harley with a sidehack, a 1940 Indian Sport Scout, a 1934 Indian 4, and a 1938 Zundapp. Every one of them looked as good as new and ran great.

If you ever go down to Fernandina, plan to spend a day or two. There are some neat things to see and some good watering holes (if you should be there around St. Patties Day be sure to stop at **O'Kanes Irish Bar** for a pint of Guinness).

Memorial Day is almost here and once again I am going to remind you all that is a day to remember those who sacrificed so that we could ride and live free. I will be going down to Andersonville Ga. for the program at the National Cemetery. Whatever you do, take a few minutes to honor and thank those who are in harms way for us.

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J.B. Walker

And The Cheap Whiskey Band

Review by Tommy Pittard

J.B. Walker and the Cheap Whiskey Band is an Atlanta, Ga. based band. This long time biker band started back in 1985, which means they will celebrate their 20th anniversary in 2006.

I have been listing to J.B.'s music for last five or six years. I have always liked to work the rallies or bike shows where he is appearing. For me this is one of the must see bands on my list. **David Allan Coe** is another singer I like to hear. I always thought D.A.C. music had a great influence on J.B.'s work. You can hear this band playing Coe's songs at all their concerts. I am finding out more about these two singers. Their history of playing and singing together goes back a long time. You can always catch a show with J.B. at least once year playing with David Allan Coe somewhere in state of Georgia.

J.B. Walker, the lead singer, was born in Atlanta in November of 1957 and now lives in Mableton, Georgia. J.B. is a graduate of South Cobb High in Cobb County, Ga. He is an ex-corporate executive with a food chain store. He left the corporate world and set off on a great music career. J.B. Walker (Big Daddy) is now a world-renowned musician. His favorite entertainers are David Allan Coe and **Bruce Springsteen**. Every Daytona Bike week David and J.B. play together at the Iron Horse Saloon. The Cheap Whiskey Band has three other band members. The bass guitarist is **Robert Bruno**, also known as Dark Cloud. His last known address was in Villa Rica, GA. Robert began to play bass with The Cheap Whiskey back in 1989. He was born in Munich,

Germany. He attended high school in Dennison, Texas. He is also a Vietnam vet. and served in the Air Force. **Patrick Shumake** is the lead guitarist for the band. He was born in March of 1964 in Americus, Georgia. Patrick was named one of the World's Greatest Guitar Players by *Brother Magazine* in 1995. **Tim Dean** is the new drummer and has been playing with the band for the last few months. Two of the founding members are still with the band. This famous biker band is a group of talented musicians. Their music is appropriate for the bike rallies and stock car races where they are familiar sight. They are well known in Daytona Beach Fla. and at the Iron Horse Saloon. Where you find bikers, you will find this band playing.

Terrance Daniel is the band's manager. Terrance is kept busy doing bookings and looking for new venues for the band to play. He is a former United States Marine, biker and longtime business associate of the band.

The Cheap Whiskey Band over the years has made some great albums like *Pour the First Shot*, *Iron Horses*, *Harleys IN Heaven*, *Iron Horses And Wild Women 97* and *Over 40 And Half Naked*. Whether they are playing their original music or others, they will entertain you all night long with their brand of music.

Every year the band is called upon to help to entertain the bikers that come to the Ride To Save Babies in Atlanta, Ga. at Lakewood Exhibition. The Peachtree Thunder Parade through Downtown Atlanta and Buckhead starts at 1 p.m. Last year, nearly 3,000 riders helped to raise more than \$274,000 for newborn screening programs in the state of Georgia. You can find the band members up in the V.I.P. section ready for the trip to Buckhead and back. October 1, J.B. is scheduled to play from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The March of Dimes can count on The Cheap Whiskey Band to provide their talent on ride day.

Last October at the Milledgeville Thunder Rally I had the chance to talk with J.B. Walker backstage about his music. The most exciting time for me at the rally is when I got to go on stage with J.B. Walker and take pictures up close. He later told me that he brought a little of home to the guys and gals in the armed forces. The biker-rock band has been playing for military audiences since Operation Desert Shield. J.B. and his band have been to Iraq twice to play for the soldiers and sailors. In 1999, J.B. and The Cheap Whiskey Band entertained U.S. troops for the seventh time as they rocked through the Balkans. In 1993 on the ship **USS Denver** (LPD-9) while off the coast of Somalia, they came aboard and played for the crew. The soldiers and sailors thought this was an awesome band everywhere they performed.

I don't understand why someone would go to a war zone to entertain the troops and put their life in danger. I believe it has to do with their patriotism. I know how it is to be in the Navy and away from home. Just to hear some music or see someone from the states will take you home for a couple of hours. This is a great southern rock band that plays through the South and 28 states. Also, the band has played in 32 counties around the world.

In my opinion, J.B. and The Cheap Whiskey Band is one of the hottest biker bands in the world. One of the things about attending J.B. Walker concerts is the wide variety of music that the band plays. Walkers' music is for and about the American biker with songs of rebellion, whiskey and women. If you enjoy listing to country music, biker or rock motor music is the band for you. With songs from David Allen Coe to the **Rolling Stones** their music is about what people care about. You will be jumping at your table or dancing on the dance floor to his music. Help the band to celebrate their twentieth anniversary in music by going to a concert this year.

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This is one of the events I like to attend because of the free food. This year the beer was two dollars but you got to keep the glass with the Locos logo. Like always, I was the first one in line for the food. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served on the outside and that great tasting food of Locos you could find inside.

All the top bike shops in the Athens area were on hand to show some of their new motorcycles. My favorite bike is the John Deere bike that was built by **Sink Hole Customs**. Many of the custom bike builders, like **Tim Harris**, were on hand showing their bikes. Tim's bike was voted the winner in the pro builder class by the bikers that afternoon.

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the music. The band is a local band that is the house band of the nightclub **Oasis**. I am planning on hearing this band play one Saturday night.

All of the \$150 for the poker run was donated back to **Brian Eldridge**. Brian is a local bike rider that was involve in a car accident October 1 last year. He was employed by **UGA** as a Diesel Mechanic. **Brew**, his friend, was killed and Brian was left in a coma for three months. All the bikers wish him a fast recovery.

I would like to give it to **Yank Callaway**, this was a well planned out event. Everyone enjoyed the poker run, vendors and music. If bike night is like this every Wednesday night, I think I have been missing something. I hope to take your picture next time.

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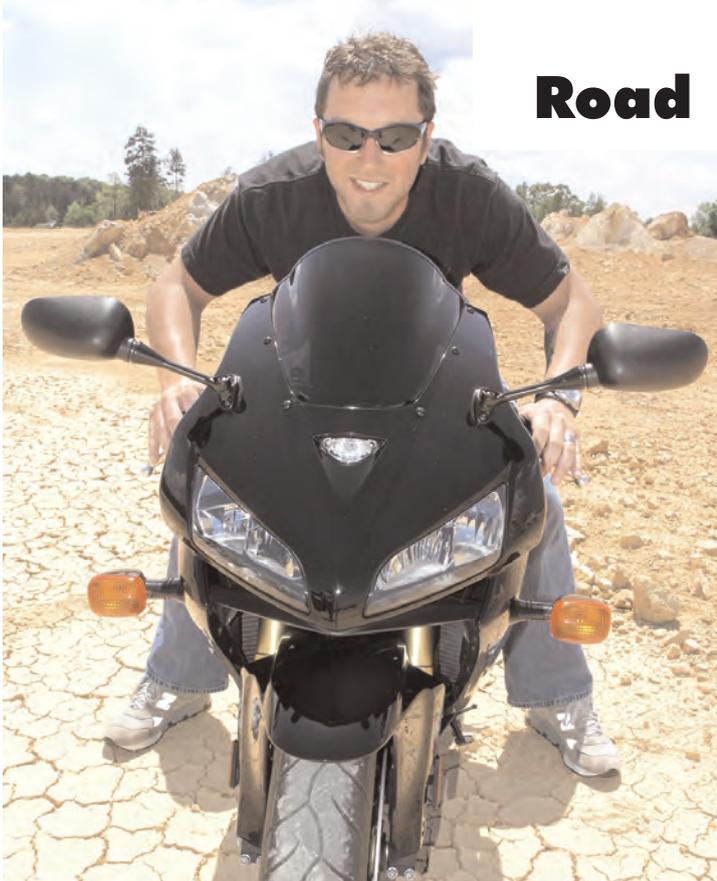
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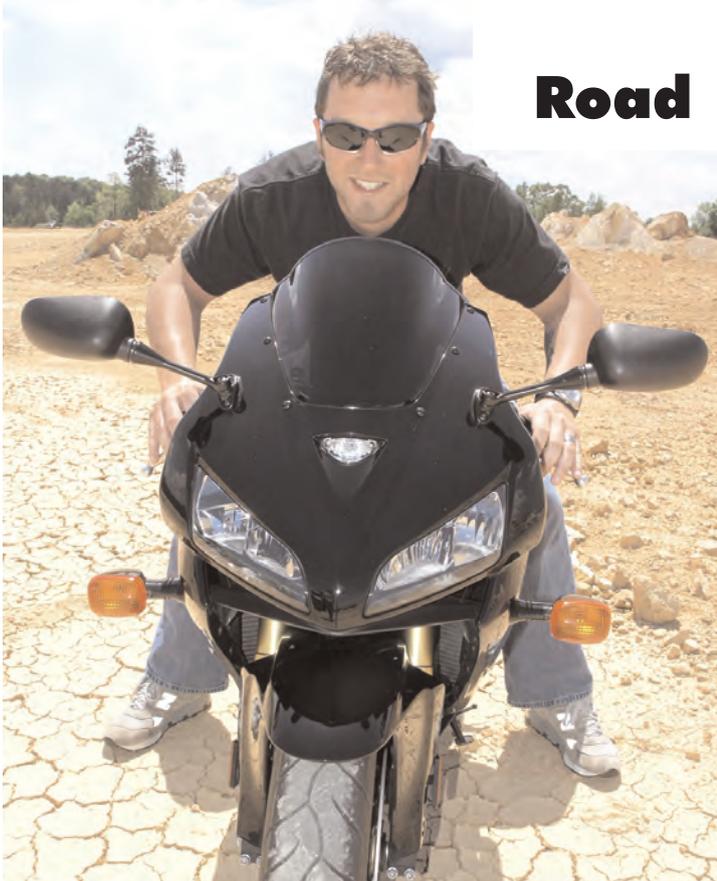
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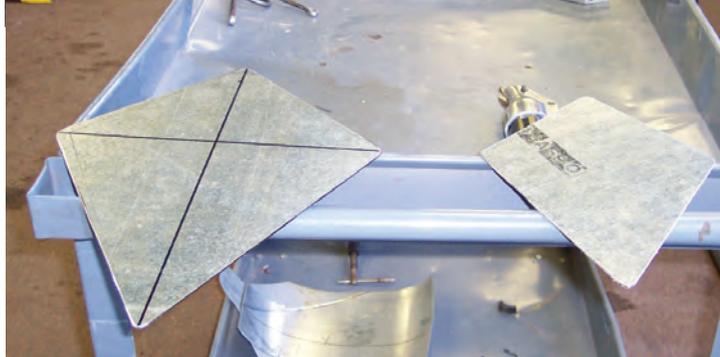
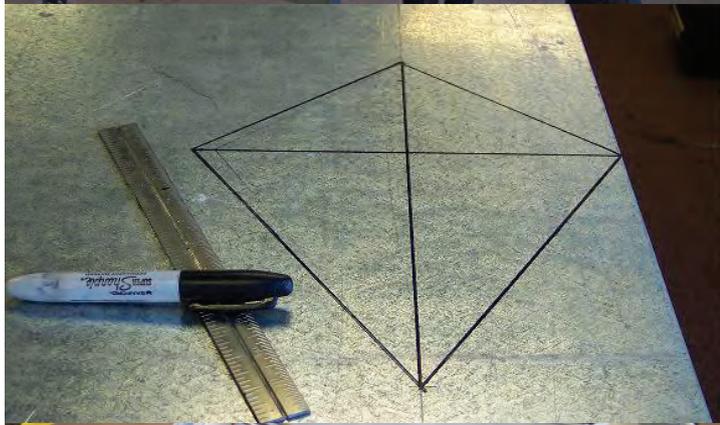
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