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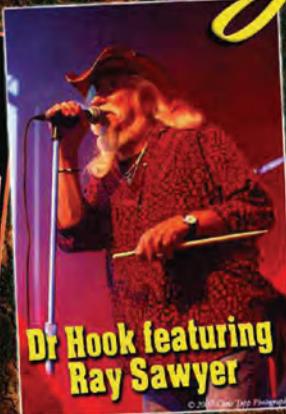
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## Tom the Bomb... RAMBLINGS From the Top Dawg

Well, the month of April is gone. Hopefully it took those April showers with it, 'cause I'm ready for those May flowers! The weather has been great for riding, and I've been taking advantage of it every chance I get. I hope you are too!

Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson in Chattanooga has created quite a buzz lately by cutting down their regular weekly Sundown celebrations to once a month this summer. I'm not sure if anyone was as disappointed as I was when I first heard, but after getting some more information, I think things are going to work out for the best anyway. The way it was explained to me – when they do have a parking-lot party (once a month), they are going to be bringing in better-known bands and making it a much bigger and better party than Sundown ever was. I'm looking forward to it! The first celebration will be May 16: the Thunder On The Rock Kick-Off Party! I'll be there trying to get our cover model (Thunderette Amanda) to autograph my copy of

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Road Rash...

Before you sell your Beasley Distributing stock... There are other venues offering good live music and alfresco alcohol consumption on a regular basis this summer... Ultimate Cycle has just signed our good friends "Pee Wee Moore and the Awful Dreadful Snakes" to play their brand of rockabilly on the second Saturday of every month for their "Bike and Hot Rod Honky Tonk Saturdays" celebrations through September 13. American Cycles will be holding their customer appreciation parties about once a month as well. The next one is May 31! If you don't think those guys know how to throw a party - just check out the event pics on our Web site! Of course, the Nightfall Concert Series in downtown Chattanooga on Market Street will be kicking off its twentieth season starting May 23 (and going through September 26, only skipping the Friday nights

during Riverbend). The first band always starts around 7 p.m., and the headliner goes on around 8.

I'm sure if you end up sitting around the house this summer - it'll be because you're too sunburned, 'cause there's plenty out there to do! Just check out our Event Calendar!

Of course I would like to remind each of you if you appreciate having a free local bike magazine, you need to show our advertisers! Please make a special effort to do business with bike-friendly people... No one else deserves it. Support those who support you!

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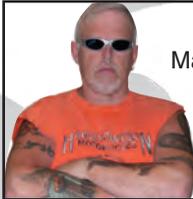
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# ROCK'S TWO CENTS

This issue will be hitting the streets as Julie and I ride to Savannah for our first visit of the year. The last weekend in April always features the Savannah College of Arts and Design's (SCAD) Annual Sidewalk Festival in Forsyth Park. The students are all assigned a five-foot

square block of the sidewalk where they will create their chalk drawings. They have a few hours to design and complete their artwork. As they are working the sidewalks are crowded with spectators watching the progress. It's bumper-to-bumper people. A panel of their instructors then judges their artwork and they are given a grade for their creation. The students will cover a quarter mile or more of Forsyth Park's miles of sidewalks. We happened on this festival entirely by accident, about 12 years ago. We had such a good time that we have attended 10 of the 12 years.

If you have never visited Savannah, you don't know what you are missing. I have never met a person that didn't like Savannah. It's an old historic seaport, but... with the vitality that a few thousand art students can contribute. If you like live music, it's everywhere. If you like bars, there's one on every corner. If you like shopping, what can I say? Personally, I hate



shopping, but I don't mind sitting around watching the birds while Julie has a go at it. I like to just walk through the historic district looking at the buildings and the dozens of parks that are dotted throughout the historic district. Oh, I almost forgot. If you like the beach, then Tybee Island is just a dozen miles away.



We always take a ride or two out to Tybee during the weekend. One of our favorite eateries is Cafe Loco just on the fringe of Tybee. The fresh shrimp come off a boat just 30 yards from the restaurant. When you visit you will find that Savannah has something for everyone.

Over the dozens of articles I've written about my road trips, Savannah is the one I receive the most emails about. My "no stress express" back roads route has been my most requested route. Basically, I have three routes to Savannah. If I am in a hurry then I-75 south is the way to go. I never leave home before 8 a.m., so I miss the Atlanta traffic. This is also the simplest way and only takes about five hours, including a 30-minute food stop. You take I-75 south to Macon and then I-16 east into Savannah. Wham, bam, thank you mam, you're there. This of course is the most stressful way to go.

My second route is a half and half combo; half interstate/half two lanes. This route adds about an hour making it a six to six and a half hour trip. Again, it's I-75 south through Atlanta. You should exit at Locust Grove, which is just south of McDonough, then go left (back under the freeway) and pick up 23 south. If you follow 23S and then 18S/E to 57S/E, once you hit 80, you can follow 80E all the way into Savannah or Tybee Island. I-80 ends at the Atlantic Ocean at Tybee. This happens to be the route where Julie and I were backed over by an 18 wheeler while stopped at a stop sign in Wrightsville, GA. Yeah, that little

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mistake cost 'em. Luckily, we weren't hurt and the bike made it all the way. I did have to replace some bulbs and lenses at the Harley dealer in Savannah, but the major repairs were done when we returned home.

The "no stress express" route is very detailed, but it's a lot of fun. However, you can't get caught napping or you might just miss a turn. I've divided it into three segments. The northern segment is through the North Georgia mountains. It starts at home and ends at I-85 at Commerce, GA. This northern section is 155 miles and takes three to three and a half hours. We usually eat at the I-85 junction before tackling section two. Section two runs between I-85 and I-20 on GA 98 and 22. This middle section is about 80 miles and takes one to one and a half hours. GA 22 ends at Warrenton where you pick up GA 171 south. At Louisville, you pick up 17 south and follow that to 80 east and into Savannah. This lower section is about 155 miles and takes three to three and a half hours. The entire route is a little less than 400 miles and can be done in eight and a half hours total. I will be happy to email more detailed directions if you'll contact me at rock@roadrashmag.com. Once you get the directions, I would suggest you take a Georgia folding map. The folding maps are much more detailed than the ones in a Rand McNally Atlas or God forbid the HOG atlas. Take a yellow highlighter and follow the route, highlighting it. It won't screw up your map because it's so light, but it will make your route much easier to find while on the side of the road.

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This column is entirely reader generated. Please send in a photo along with a poem or short paragraph about your loved one so that we can remember them here.



A great person and friend died as a result of a motorcycle wreck during bike week at Daytona Beach. Johnie Green a retired postal worker was on his way back to his hotel when he ran off the roadway and broke his back in three places and suffered massive head, back and chest injuries. He struggled until life force brought him home. He finally let go and

passed away April 2, 2008 - **Ken Shrum**  
**Johnie Green**, 61, of Rossville, died on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at a local hospital. A native of Chattanooga, he lived in the area all of his life. He retired after 32 years from the Postal Service as a city letter carrier. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Member of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

### Gary I. Black

Passed away on the 4th. day of Dec., 2007  
He was a rider from out of town, but none the less he was a rider who will be missed in this area as well as Panama City, FL., Where he lived for the pass 20 years. He was born and raised in the Chattanooga area, where his father James (Jim ) Black of Hixson still lives. He will be missed so very much.

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- June 21st** - Harley's Heroes DAV at The Creek 11am-4pm
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- August 16th** - Kick off Party for 105th Anniversary with Tommy Craihe & the Crosstown Allstars 12pm-5pm
- September 19th** - Trail of Tears Party with Booger Hoffer, Cross Plains, and Big Mike Griffin 12pm to 9:30pm

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- May 8th** - Garage Party for Women 6:30pm-9pm
- May 10th** - MCHD 5th Anniversary Party & Bike Show with Cross Plains and JB Walker & the Cheap Whiskey Band 11am-5pm
- May 24th** - Twin Cam Jam Battle of the Bands 12pm - 6pm
- June 1st** - Design a t-shirt Back Contest Starts
- June 21st** - Twin Cam Jam Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fundraiser 12pm-5pm
- June 28th** - Harley's Heroes DAV at The Creek 11am-4pm (tentative date)
- August 16th** - Kick off Party for 105th Anniversary with Blackberry Smoke 12pm-5pm

# HERE'S THE RUB



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Complete and send to eight of your friends and you will be blessed.

Everyone who failed to do this in the past has suffered seven years of incredible bad luck! - Original

Authors unknown (but they initiated a zillion of these kind of e-mails that I receive at least fifty times a day)!

Having my blackberry® cell phone on motorcycle trips is an incredible resource. It provides instant GPS, directions, access to the Web, ability to look up places to eat, radar weather maps, availability to e-mail, doubles as a musical ipod, is a mini-computer and of course - it is also somewhat useful as a telephone! However, it has a very small screen so when you forward a "string" of repeated e-mails, I have to spend five minutes scrolling through a twenty-five inch list of people (who I do not know) to get to the main context of the message. I do not usually even open forwarded e-mails, as I suspect they are embedded with a Trojan virus or are being used to accumulate "phishing" e-mail lists. I guess it was important that you forwarded the e-mail to eight of your friends, including me, so that you were blessed - but knowing I never have or never will reciprocate - you have doomed me to a lifetime of inevitable bad misfortune!

Last month I agreed to meet a friend of mine, Bill Young, who was making his first long ride from Garden City, Kansas to Dalton, Georgia. We calculated that Little Rock Arkansas was the "half-way" point and agreed that we would meet there so I could ride back with him on the second leg of his journey. "Reverend Booger" found out my plan at the last minute. Because he too will use any and every excuse as an opportunity to ride, he escorted me to Monteagle before having to split off and go home (to work that night). Boog knows where all the "mom and pop" type diners are and our common definition of a successful road trip is any time you score a free piece of pie as a result of flirting with a waitress. Everything else that happens on the road is neither good nor bad but simply "part of the adventure" in our mind because getting to ride is its own reward! Bad weather, mechanical breakdowns, getting lost or not finding a place to stay cannot mar a trip if you've successfully charmed your way into that one piece one of pastry.

At breakfast, we shamelessly flirted with a waitress that was both our ages combined to no avail. I was convinced my luck would improve after Booger was no longer in the picture, even though - combined, our boyish charm and comedic timing is near impossible for roadside waitresses to resist. When not together we are on the honor system of accountability for bragging rights in our scoring the "free piece of pie" rivalry. I had five hundred miles of the Davy Crockett Parkway, two days and at least five more opportunities in front of me to achieve a trophy alamode that would define my trip as a success!

I got an e-mail from Bill on the Kansas end that he was getting off to a late start, so I thought with extra time on my hands I could leisurely take my time stopping to visit a few of those corny clichéd tourist attractions like the Buford Pusser Museum on the way. I also got about twelve of those annoying forwarded e-mail good luck/bad luck chain-mails but recklessly and arrogantly pushed the delete button and sent them all into cyber-limbo. That, I guess, is when my bad luck first began! The horizon turned dark, but I carry a rain suit. It didn't worry me

none until I got an e-mail weather advisory alert however warning me of hail! Tank-denting, face-beating, ice-balls from above is something I did not want to challenge, so I abandoned all thoughts of seeing the 2nd biggest ball of string in the world on this particular ride! I holed-up in a motel with an overhang where I could shelter my bike from the elements and ate supper from a vending machine. I continued to get text-messaging from Bill who even with a late start was closing the gap on my head-start because he was sailing along under blue skies. Apparently Mr.

Young answers and forwards those good

luck e-mails. I got up the next morning, put on the rain gear and headed out into a deluge (Rock would have been proud of me). The cell-phone GPS was sending me blue-toothed directions to my destination in North Little Rock and even though the weather was dismal, I estimated I still had about an hour advantage over my return-trip riding partner, which was more than enough time to enjoy lunch and be triumphant in the quest for that free piece of cobbler. I was hoping that the drenched, water-soaked, somewhat pitiful look might work to my advantage but found it went nowhere fast with the truck-stop waitresses who were too busy to appreciate my repartee.

I figured I would get gas and (since my buddy seemed to leading a charmed life) that I would continue beyond the halfway point to see if any of his good luck might rub off on me. After it took me ten minutes to pump a gallon and a half, I thought, "I could pee faster than this!" and decided to go to another station to finish fueling. When I went to start the bike however it had plenty of spark, but would not kick over. My first thought was, "oh-oh" as I know how a friend of mine got the nickname "Diesel." I was relieved to see I had indeed pumped high octane petrol as intended but wary that I got the kind of "bad gas" that even Roloids won't relieve. I told the store owner of the situation and even though the store quickly packed with customers complaining of the pumps being empty he maintained "the pumps were bad but the fuel was good!" After a few choice words, I called the Dealership and they sent out a mechanic, who thought it sounded like a bad fuel pump, tested the fuses and came to the same conclusion as me that it was indeed bad fuel. He arranged for a trailer to tow my pride and joy to the shop.

Now, if it were a mechanical failure, repairs would be covered under warranty, but being bad gas it remains an issue of contention between the filling station and myself. Jones Harley-Davidson in Little Rock is a first class operation. They pulled the tank, blew it dry, put in fresh gas and hours later the Harley was running flawlessly again. In the mean time, my buddy arrived, bringing clear skies and good weather with him. We lost too much time with the bad gas incident, so we hit the barbeque on Beale Street in Memphis (which is a tourist-trap - way too busy to work my charm on the help) and got a room for the night. The next morning we rode the return trip together in a monsoon! Lunch consisted of a Tombstone pizza in a gas station served by some guy who didn't speak English. Of all the trips I have ever been on - this was simply another. There was no free piece of pie to mark it as a truly great ride!

Note to my friends: Next time on a trip, I will superstitiously forward those good luck e-mails. But before you send them to me, could you do me a huge favor and delete all the preceding chain of emails addresses? I don't want to risk any worse mojo in my quest to surpass Booger in our free-piece-of-pie/waitress flirting ride competition and I can't afford to lose road-time scrolling through a history of other people's names as I should be spending less time on the "Information Highway" and more time on the asphalt one!

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Okay, so spring is here finally. I got to ride my bike without insulated overalls, heavy gloves, or an ear wrap. But to offset the happiness of this warmer weather, Mother Nature brings on the pollen factor. My theory is that since mankind decided to woo the opposite sex with flowers, all plant life got together and decided that when they reproduced, it would cause most of us to sneeze and such. It's just a theory but it makes sense.

I have given a lot of thought about this month's sermon and I decided I would briefly write about my yearly solo trek to Florida and back. I left out on Sunday evening purposely to avoid Atlanta traffic. Low and behold, Atlanta seems to be the only city I know of that has a rush hour on Sunday evening. It delayed me over an hour, so the first night out I was only able to make it a little south of Macon. Monday, I was up before sunrise and heading south. I was able to get into Ocala around noon - in time for a nap before heading into Daytona for my required visit.

I had noticed before leaving out Monday morning that my headlamp was not working. I flipped it into high beam and decided I would deal with it later. I got to "Harley world" about an hour before closing, so I decided that I would use my t-shirt money for a headlamp. I have enough black t-shirts for now, plus if I were to loose my high beam, I would be up a certain creek. After finishing up there I headed for



Main Street. It is my belief that if you went to Bike Week and didn't drive down Main Street (at least once), a roving band of biker "party police" would hunt you down and beat you with bandannas and bras.

After Main Street, I headed to Krispie Kreme for doughnuts and coffee. It has become a yearly tradition to sit in front and watch the sport bikes do their sport bike stuff on International Speedway Boulevard. After finishing there,

I headed back to Ocala by way of Deland and 50 miles of swamp. About a quarter way into this I noticed a sign that said, "bear crossing." My first thought was, "they don't have bears in Florida." Then I remembered Gentle Ben was filmed there. I thought it would be cool to see one, so I decided to call one. The only bear call I knew was "HEY BOO BOO I GOT a PICK-NICK BASKET!" That didn't work. Then "the committee" (the voices in my head) decided to get into a discussion about what to do if a bear jumped out in front of me. Now, "logic" and "common sense" stayed out of this because they knew no bear was going to jump out in front of a semi-loud Harley. Heck the bears probably heard me leave Krispie Kreme. But the committee was determined to come up with a plan. They decided that if I was going to hit a bear, I was going to hit it as hard and fast as I could. I sure didn't want to be lying in the road hurt next to an angry bear that was hurt less than I was.

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was it. Tuesday I packed up and headed southwest under cloudy skies. The rain held off long enough for me to get near Tampa. Wednesday, the sun was back and I headed down the coast with my sights set on riding across Sunshine Skyway Bridge. I am here to tell you it was cool. Since I had to be in Nashville Saturday night for my sisters 50th birthday, I decided to turn around near Naples. The next two days were a blur of back roads, gas stations, and small towns. I made it to Birmingham on Friday about dark, and was all set to spend night, get up early and make a short easy trip into Nashville.

Well the weather gods decided it wasn't going to be that easy. Saturday morning brought with it over an inch of snow to Birmingham. Now I know there are some of you that would have headed out anyway, and I personally debated on trying to make it. Bags were packed, snow was brushed off bike, and maids were waiting to see if I was staying or leaving. Finally common sense and logic prevailed and I stayed in place for the evening, the thought of sliding an 850 pound bike sideways down a slick interstate didn't sound like a whole lot of fun. In reality I probably could have made it if I had been willing to sit in a waffle house (non-smoking) for three to four hours waiting on the weather to warm up and melt it. Oh well. I wasn't at my older sister's first birthday it didn't hurt for me to miss this one either. I did call her and wish her happy birthday, and she got her present from me - so all is well.

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On our way back to the motel we stopped to have lunch – yummy homemade stew and cookies provided by our guides. Later we headed back down the mountain and thru the Roosevelt Arch when we spotted some curious buffalo. There was a herd of buffalo on the front grounds and football field at the school in Gardiner, Montana. Can you imagine sitting in class and looking out the window only to see a huge buffalo staring back at you? I'd hate to be the one cleaning the field before a game!



east Yellowstone looking for some of the various wolf packs that inhabit that area. Unfortunately the wolves were in hiding but the coyotes were out in full play along with the big horn sheep and of course the buffalo. In the winter the buffalo actually use their big heads like shovels

pushing the snow out of the way to get down to the dead grass below. After watching the animals for a couple of hours we drove on up to Cooke City, Montana. Cooke City is situated between Yellowstone and Bear Tooth Pass and in the winter it's a major hub for snowmobiles zooming up the entrance to the Pass. I've not ridden Bear Tooth yet, but hopefully I will get to sometime this year and I can only imagine what it would be like to ride it on a snowmobile.



We drove thru town looking for "Number 6," a huge elk that resides in Gardiner. Several years ago Number 6 had to be tranquilized and his antlers were cut off because he kept charging cars. He'd see his reflection in the cars and think it was an opposing elk and charge. These days, he likes to hang out in a couple of resident's yards. He actually charged one lady, so when he's in her yard needless to say she stays inside. Those antlers are shed each year and last year they fetched \$2,500 on eBay.

The next morning was a very windy and very chilly morning, much cooler than the past days had been. We climbed back on our snowmobiles and started out. Very soon we came upon one big bull resting on a thermal area



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and then a female buffalo with four young buffalo walking down the street. Shortly thereafter we saw a bald eagle and a couple of ravens feeding on a buffalo carcass and had to stop for pictures. After we saw all this wildlife it was cruising time on

the snowmobiles. On this day we travelled all of the way across Yellowstone from top to bottom. We were heading across Hayden valley when we hit a white out condition. I was right behind the guide and still couldn't see anything. All I could think was some big ole buffalo is going to either be standing in the middle of the road or going to walk across the road and I'm going to run right into him. Luckily that never happened. We headed thru the tallest and oldest trees in the park and got to really open the sleds up. I actually hit 62 mph where my dad was at the back only hit about 50 on a downhill. And if you know my father he likes to be in the front always so I'm sure this drove him crazy! Shortly thereafter



we stopped for lunch by the lake. It was so cold you could only have your hand out of the glove for about 30 seconds before it started to hurt. After lunch we stopped at a warming hut for a few minutes and continued our trek back. We eventually came to our last stop, which was Moose Falls. Jon, our

instructor, had said all day that it was his favorite stop and we were about to find out why. There was a "snow slide" down to a rock that was near the bottom of the falls. One thing about the slide was that unless someone was at the bottom to stop you, you ran the risk of flying off the end into the freezing water! After this little adventure we headed back to our van and back to Jackson only to say goodbye to this four-day adventure and the new friends we'd made.



My dad and I spent several days in Jackson enjoying the 16 inches of fresh snow we received, a sleigh ride through the elk refuge, and deer watching from our motel room. It took us four days to get home due to the snow in Jackson and Chicago, but even with that delay it was a great trip. Our plan is to return next year and I encourage all of you to try it out, too, who knows when snowmobiles might be banned from the park and I'd hate for any of you to miss out. Be sure and ask for Jon with Old Faithful Snowmobile Tours!



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# MCIC NEWS

## NEXT MEETING: MAY 1, 2008

**@ 7pm @ Fireside Lounge**

The April Motorcycle Clubs In Chattanooga (MCIC) meeting was held April 3 at Fireside Lounge on Hixson Pike. The staff there seemed happy to have us and went out of their way to accommodate the large crowd.

The following motorcycle clubs/organizations were in attendance: Outlaws, Black Pistons, Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Active Through Education, Aggressive Behavior SBC, Bikers For Christ, Black Angels, Christian Motorcycle Association, Freedom Riders, Highland Clan, His Laboring Few, Lone Legion Brotherhood, Sons Of God, Southern Journeymen, Southern Thunder, Steel Brothers, Unwanted, Wings In The Wind, Women On Wheels and Road Rash Magazine.

The first order of business was to welcome a new board leader: Lobo from the Chattanooga Outlaws MC (Little R stepped down for personal reasons). It was discussed that the planned "shared" clubhouse at the old Full Moon Saloon was not going to be possible. Yog (CMT/ABATE) then took the floor explaining the progress they've made concerning the helmet bill and other motorcycle-related legislation and asked

for our support. Next, several club members and individuals announced their plans for upcoming events including Stephanie, who talked to us about the upcoming FACES ride. Nancy and Al from Atlantic Coast Plating also held the floor for a few minutes explaining what they do and showing examples of their excellent work. After that, our own Eddie Rahm explained that he will holding down a position as an official liaison between the motorcycle community and the City Government. He explained that we could use him to better communicate our wants and needs concerning special event parking, closing off streets for bike events, road guards, police escorts, using city provisions and businesses, publicizing and sponsoring events and other vital instances where more cooperation is needed.

Several things were discussed during open discussion including the fact that Sundown at Thunder Creek HD will only happen once a month this summer (opposed to every week for the last several years), however the Nightfall Concert Series downtown will continue as planned. It was discussed that event planners should research their dates more closely (check out Road Rash's online event calendar and talk with other local clubs) before planning events in order to avoid competition for participants. We talked about creating a contact list and making it available for whenever anyone might need to get the word out about something quickly (such as an injury or emergency). We also had MCIC long-sleeved shirts available for purchase at the meeting and explained that they were available throughout the month during regular business hours at Quick Tees on Brainerd Road.

Because everyone enjoyed the facilities, it was voted to hold the May meeting at Fireside, May 1 at 7 p.m. Please attend! The more unified we become – the more we can accomplish! Support those that support you!

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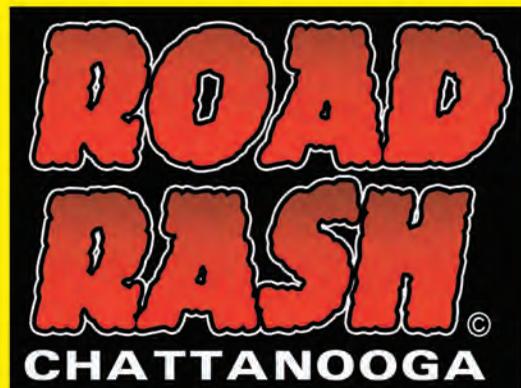
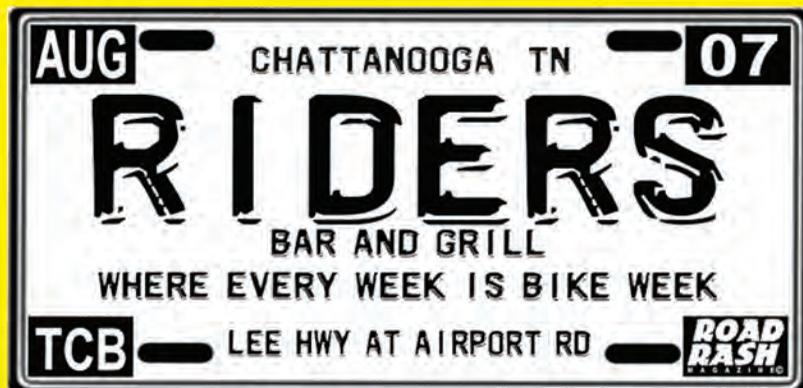
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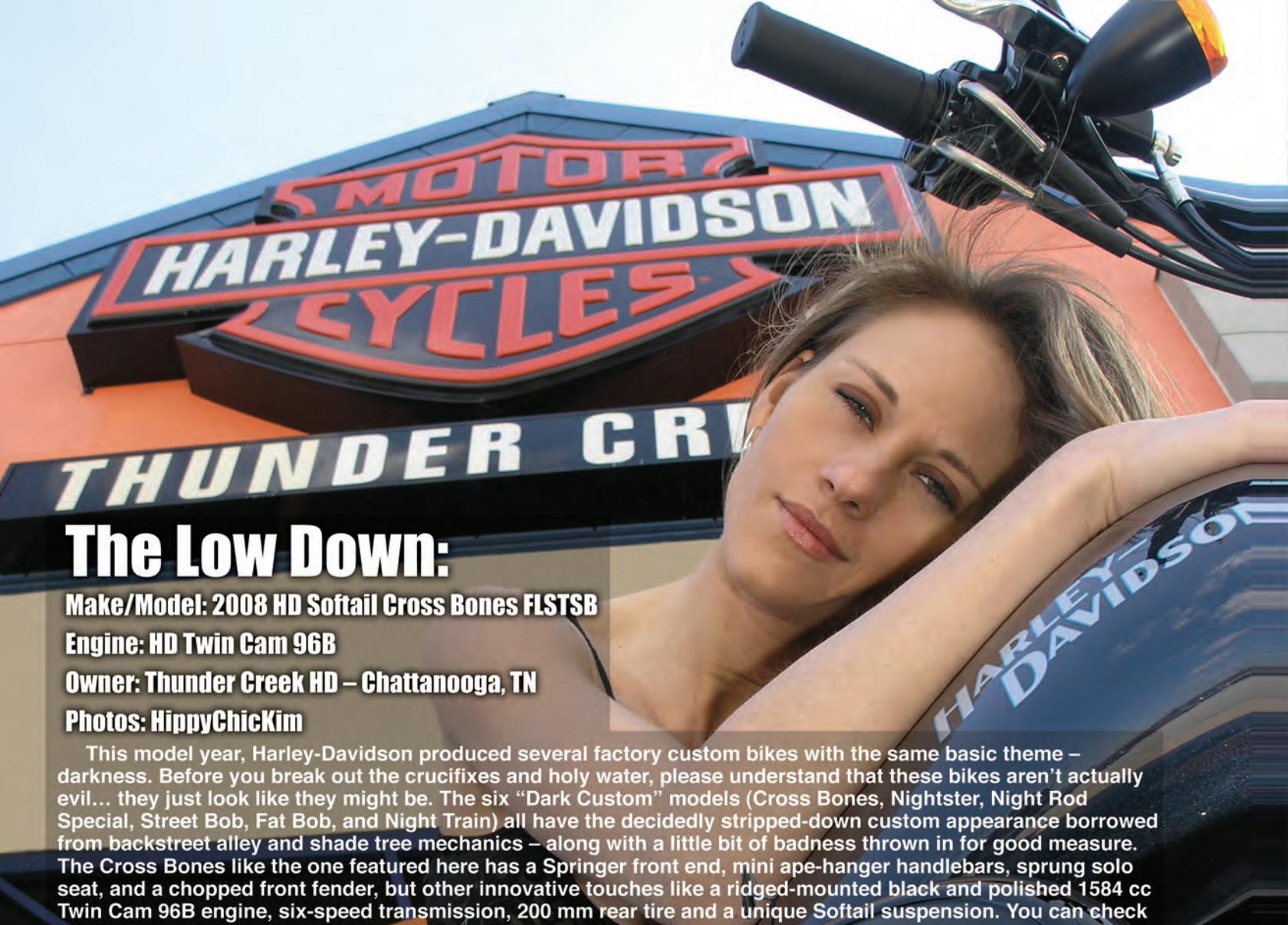
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Our beautiful Biker Chick this month is a busy woman. Amanda is one of our favorite Chattanooga Hooters Girls, and has been featured in several local calendars and advertisements, and has signed on this year as a Thunder On The Rock "Thunderette!" That means, not only can you meet her in person at the Thunder On The Rock rally in Monteagle, TN Memorial Day weekend (be sure to get your Road Rash Magazine autographed), but in the meantime, you can check out pics of her and several other Thunderettes at [thunderontherockonline.com](http://thunderontherockonline.com)!

Special thanks goes out to Glenn Matthews (Thunder On The Rock) for introducing us to Amanda, HippyChicKim (RandomFox.com) for submitting the photos, and to Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson for providing the cover bike and location! To check out many more pictures of this beautiful bike and hot Biker Chick (including the bikini shots), go to [www.roadrashmag.com](http://www.roadrashmag.com)!



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# Chef Fatboy



- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot

**Directions:** Place the ribs in a large pot and add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and simmer for 40 minutes, or until ribs are tender; drain. In a 9 x 13-inch baking dish, combine the remaining ingredients; mix well. Add the ribs to the baking dish, turning to coat evenly with the sauce. Let stand for 15 minutes. Preheat the grill to medium heat. Grill the ribs 4 to 5 inches from the heat source for 4 to 5 minutes per side, brushing occasionally with the remaining sauce until glazed.

Welcome back to Road Rash Café where there's always something good cooking! I am Chef FatBoy and I need to tell ya, I am happy guy! Because this is the place where Bikers share their favorite Biker food recipes and we add a few of our own. We receive Biker recipes from all over the world and bring them to you to try out and in turn we'll post yours. We received some awesome Biker recipes last Month, it was a hard choice to pick the ones to list, so, we hope you'll like these recipes and we know for sure you're going to love what Melody has for Dessert, so kick back and get ready to EAT!!

Hey, folks please join in the fun, send us your favorite Biker recipe, the more the happier, so please send your recipes to; fatboy@chef-fatboy.com and why you're at it, stop by and checkout Chef FatBoy's website the address is; www.chef-fatboy.com here you'll find even more great Biker and even wild game recipes. You'll be glad you did and so will I. So, ride safe and always EAT WELL!

## Chef FatBoy

### Bobbie's Ribs

Submitted by: Bobbie Freedman, Chattanooga, TN.

#### Ingredients:

- 3 pounds pork spareribs, cut into 3 to 4 rib portions
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

## Desserts from Melody:

### Road Rash's Almond Joy Cheesecake

#### Ingredients:

##### Crust:

- 1 1/2 cups chocolate wafers
- 1 1/2 cups sweetened flaked coconut, toasted
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Wrap outside of 9-inch springform pan with foil. Finely grind cookie crumbs, coconut, almonds and sugar in a food processor. Add butter; process until moist crumbs form. Press mixture into bottom and up 1-inch side of pan. Bake crust until set and begins to brown, about 12 minutes. Cool. Reduce oven temperature to 325°F.

##### Filling:

- 32 ounces cream cheese
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup flaked coconut, toasted
- 1 tablespoon coconut extract
- 1 cup sliced almonds, toasted

**Directions:** Using electric mixer, beat cream cheese and sugar in large bowl until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating just until blended after each addition. Mix in coconut and coconut extract. Fold in almonds. Transfer filling to crust. Bake until cake is puffed and no longer moves when pan is shaken, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Cool completely on rack.

##### Glaze:

- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup whipping cream
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

**Directions:** Combine chocolate chips, cream and vanilla extract in small saucepan. Stir over medium-low heat until smooth. Cool until glaze begins to thicken but can still be poured, about 30 minutes. Pour glaze over cooled cake; spread evenly. Chill cake overnight.

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Recently, I took a day off work to relax and enjoy spending some time working on a project at home. First came a trip to Hardee's for breakfast with the retirees that normally gather there on weekdays. While standing in line to order, I couldn't help but notice there seemed to be two distinct ways the seniors ordered their food. One type senior would



look at the Hardee's employee, order their food in a kindly manner, hand the money to the employee, and then make some acknowledgement when receiving their food. The second type

senior would order their food with virtually no eye contact, throw the money on the counter, and say nothing when getting their food, except maybe to complain about the prices or not getting something free. Since I am somewhat of a people-watcher, I decided to sit down at a table to drink my big orange and observe the folks around me, like Andy Griffith in his old comedy skit "What it was, was Football." One nearby booth hosted an older couple sitting together.

The husband spent the whole time talking to a man at the table across from him, never once speaking to his obviously bored mate. Another table had some guys talking about their past careers (and that typically means the way no one ever does things right anymore). Then there were two guys talking about their experiences in relation to the military, a topic that typically comes up with the older generation, usually because of the struggles they endured during this period in their life. There were other seniors who talked and laughed about their grandchildren or other things that were cheerful and upbeat. It seemed like two different crowds, "the non-content" and the "content." I'm not sure any of those folks even knew I was there. After finishing my sausage biscuit and big orange, it was time to leave the surrounding conversations and head out to get some of the work done I had taken the day off for. Venturing out on the road I immediately realized how many of the drivers were seniors and that they either drove ten miles under the speed limit, or 20 miles over the speed limit. One "man of gray" came up behind me in his Chevy pickup in an obvious hurry to get around; after all, I was only doing ten mph over the speed limit. When "Richard Petty" finally got the opportunity to pass he laid on his horn, hollering something as he buzzed by (I think it was "have a nice day"). A little further up the road he horn-blasted two innocent ladies who made the mistake of being in front of him at a traffic light, which had just turned green. Such was my morning of introduction to "light side" and the "dark side" of the "career after-life."



As many of us who are currently in our middle years



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approach our senior years and become "Hardee Boys," we will probably fall into one of those same two groups. I think our outlook on life and which group we fall in is a conscious decision we make every morning as we get out of bed. Riding our bikes helps keep us young in spirit, but if we live long enough even that will cease some day. The Bible says our face reflects what is in our heart and we can easily change what is in our heart with the Lord's help and a commitment to have a good attitude.

As we reach our latter years of life, our choice regarding the "after-life" becomes extremely critical, and our commitment or non-commitment to the Lord is a conscious decision we make. It doesn't matter what good we have done in life, what group we have been a part of, or how many things we have done better than everyone else. In the end it is your personal commitment to the Lord that determines what group you will fall in. The Bible says heaven is all the good things you can imagine, multiplied by 100, but hell is a place of pain, sadness, endless torment, and total solitude; a place you would not wish on your worst enemy. The good news is that all you need to do is ask the Lord for forgiveness of your sinful ways and to take control of your life, and live like you believe the commitment you just made was indeed a commitment. Then I recommend shopping around until you find a church that is a good fit for you and one that believes the Bible is the totally factual word of God. Then get ready to experience what true brotherhood and loving fellowship are all about.

"Under His Wings,"  
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**Chattanooga Motorcycle Community Liaison**

I have a new responsibility as the Motorcycle Community Liaison to the City of Chattanooga (a volunteer position). In this new role, to the best of my abilities, I will attempt to convey needs/requests/feedback on behalf of the motorcycle community to the proper city authorities for possible action. This is a position Mayor Ron Littlefield has created along with his commitment to lend an ear to our cycle community. I will be working specifically with the Mayor's Office and the Department of Public Works on issues brought to my attention by you, the motorcycle and scooter owners of the Chattanooga area. More details to come! My current project is working on additional motorcycle parking at the Nightfall venue downtown on Friday nights, since Sundown at Thunder Creek has been cut back and more bikes will now be showing up downtown. Today I was involved in a committee meeting with city officials and several very good options are being considered on this parking issue. The cycles will be taken care of, but please try to be quiet with your straight pipes when nearing Miller Plaza. Let's accommodate the stage performers while the city tries to accommodate us! Special thanks to Ron Littlefield (Mayor) and Steve Leech (Public Works) for considering us important to the city!!

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## Views & News from the Dragon & Skyway

Many of the riders I speak with in the area are here for the Dragon. They do not know about the Cherokee Skyway or any of the other world class riding roads in the area. So

this month's lesson is on riding the world famous Dragon/Skyway Loop. You can't do one without the other.

Coming from Atlanta or Chattanooga you will be coming east on US 74/64. Just as you pass my office (in Murphy, North Carolina) US 129 will join up. Stay on US 129 north heading toward Robbinsville. Once you reach Robbinsville it's time to fuel yourself and your scooter up. Robbinsville is in Graham County, NC and I am working with the Travel and Tourism Board and the local businesses to make it the most biker friendly community in the country. Considering my business is directly related to the biker trade, as are many of the other local businesses. Let me say all of the businesses that you see on this loop are motorcycle friendly. Now that does not mean they all cater specifically to bikers, but they all love those dollars we spend. So stop and spend a buck or two with the locals when you visit these world-class roads. If you can't find what you need in Robbinsville, ask me and I will help you find it.

Now back to the riding part of this lesson. My choice of routes is as follows: Take US 129 North 16 miles from Robbinsville to the start of the Dragon. Along this beautiful,

scenic road you will run along the Cheoah River. It's a great fishing and kayaking spot. It is mildly twisty, so do pay attention as it can fool you as you look at the scenery. Each time I ride this route my testosterone levels start to rise (as I near the Dragon). As you cross Fugitive Bridge the heavy twisting begins. Tommy Lee Jones said "He pulled a Peter Pan" speaking of Harrison Ford as he dove off this damn in the movie The Fugitive. As you cross this bridge take a look around. You won't be looking at much more scenery; you should be too busy looking at the road! The next two miles will warm you up until the "must stop" at the intersection of US 129 and US 28. You will find the Deals Gap MC Resort there on the right and Tail of the Dragon on the left. US 28 is also known as "Hellbender 28," but that's a story for next month. That intersection is known as the "Crossroads of Time." You will find all of your Dragon/Skyway souvenirs and interesting chatter from some veteran Dragon Slayers there. Don't forget to see the "Tree of Shame."

So, are you ready? Let's ride and let's be careful, don't cross the centerline or you will get hurt or hurt someone else. Smile for Killboy and Zee and all the other photographers. Stop at the overlook (which is at mile marker 2.5) for a breather and photo op. It's not over yet. Going northbound, there are a few more tight twisties. Many think it's over at the overlook, but don't unpucker yet! Not until you see the lake on the left can you exhale and unpucker your butt. Be careful along this next few miles as "Andy and Barney" have been known to hide out along this strip. After that, you will pass the Foothills Parkway. I will tell you about that in another column.

You should turn left onto SR 72, follow that to 411 and take a left for a few miles and then another left on 360. You should follow 360 through to Tellico Plains. 360 will dump you onto the Skyway, where you'll turn right to go to town to be fed and watered or left to Surf the Skyway.

Now you can enjoy the view that was made for us by the USDOT my former employer. This road took a long time to build at a cost of over \$100 million and it was made for bikers and sports car enthusiasts. No commercial traffic is allowed and there's not much traffic at all other than us. There are plenty of overlooks and pull offs and a spot at the top to join the "mile high club" as the Skyway takes you a mile high. I drive my scooter like it's a jet, so why not ask her? She might say yes! One point of warning: at mile marker 10 on the NC southbound side there is a decreasing radius right hand down hill curve. You will see writing in the road that tells you to slow. Gravity directly correlates to increased downhill speed, so adjust accordingly. Several riders have made their last ride on that curve. Don't become a statistic!

The Skyway will deliver you back to Robbinsville passing Thunder Mountain General Store and Skyway Gap Village (a new biker community) and the loop is complete at 128 miles.

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# Joe Cool's Biker Health



Greetings, faithful Road Rash readers. Some of you may remember the articles I've written about basic life saving skills (CPR). These articles gave a complete description of how one can effectively assist someone who is suffering from cardiac arrest.

These skills are easy and any one can perform them, but not everyone is willing to do so. Well, something new has come along that might encourage those reluctant heroes to step up and help a stranger in need.

Recently the American Heart Association has announced the new concept of "hands only" CPR. This approach to CPR will allow a bystander to assist an unfortunate victim of cardiac arrest without the risk of disease transmission through mouth-to-mouth contact during rescue breathing. All one has to do is press the chest to give the victim a fighting chance.

Up to now, when an adult has collapsed and is unconscious with no signs of life (breathing or pulse) from some form of cardiac arrest, that person would need chest compressions and rescue breathing in the ratio of 30:2 respectively. Unfortunately for this heart attack victim, if there was no one trained in CPR who was willing to perform the necessary steps, the chances of survival were very slim. Now it is believed that all one has to commit to is chest compressions (without mouth-to-mouth contact).

If you witness the collapse of an adult and this person is unresponsive and is not breathing all you need to do is assure that EMS (Emergency Medical Services) has been activated (call 911) then start chest compressions at the rate of one hundred per minute. The compressions should be uninterrupted and continue until the arrival of an AED (Automatic External Deliberator) or EMS.

It is believed that the lungs and blood will contain enough residual oxygen to keep the vital organs viable until advance care arrives. This abbreviated technique should only be performed on adults who are not suffering from other forms of pulmonary distress such as drowning, choking, or carbon monoxide poisoning. These victims are oxygen depleted and need your life saving air.

These changes in life saving skills may encourage those reluctant to assist some one in need. For those who are unwilling or unsure of how to give effective rescue breaths and chest compressions, I would encourage you to get some simple training. I am a certified CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and the Red Cross. Through these organizations, training classes are available to teach you to act in a confident and skillful manner. If you or your organization would like to receive CPR training, contact me via my e-mail below and I will be proud to teach you the skills and nurture your confidence to save a life. However, I would wish that you will never have to use the skills and mostly that no one will ever have to use them on you. See you on the road.

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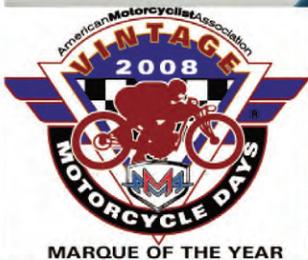
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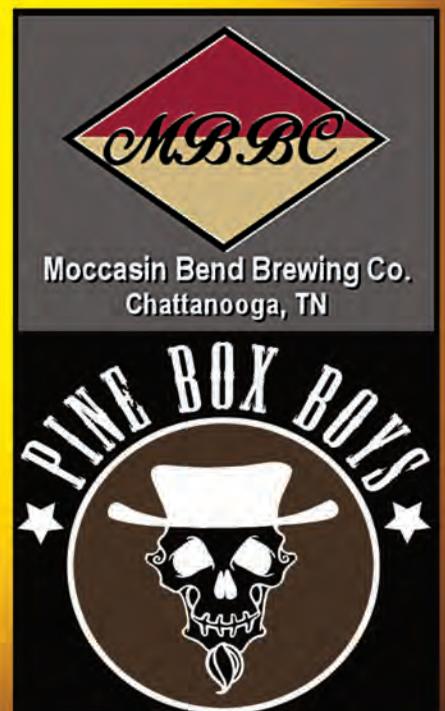
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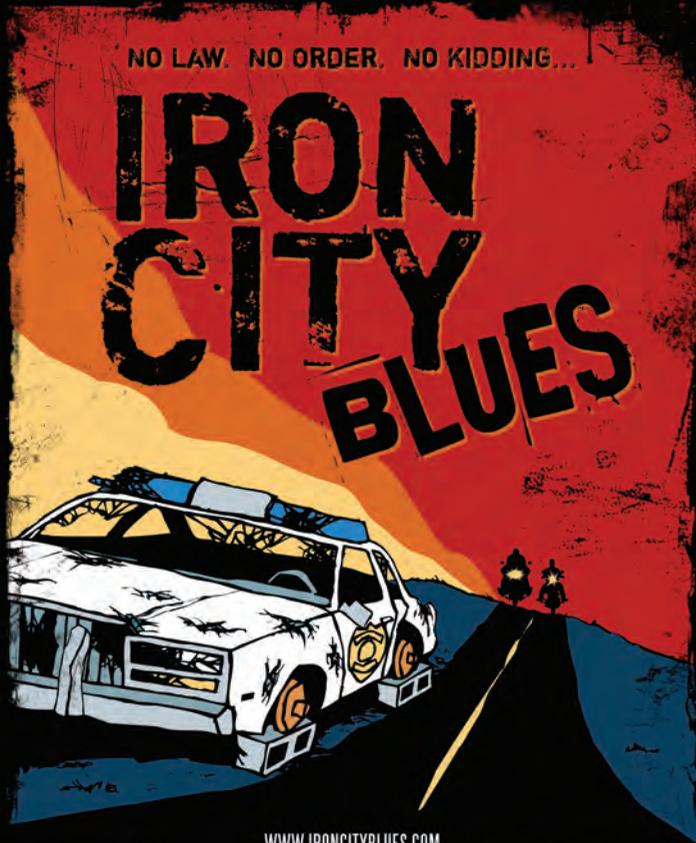
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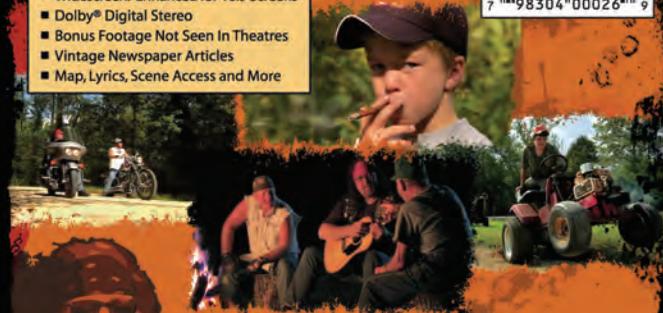
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Nashville, Tennessee: "Iron City Blues", an award-winning biker documentary by blues musician Big Mike Griffin, is coming to DVD March 13th. The film traces Big Mike's road-trip as he rides deep into Tennessee's backwoods to write a blues song about the notorious town of Iron City. Located in South Tennessee between McNairy County, which was made famous in the film "Walking Tall" and Pulaski, the birthplace of the Ku Klux Klan, Iron City has earned the reputation of being lawless and untamed. In fact, as Big Mike discovers, the town's police department has been completely abandoned since 1989.

"Iron City Blues" takes viewers along for the ride as Big Mike travels to Iron City in order to learn first hand if the incredible stories about the town are true. While stopping for catfish in the nearby town of Loretto, we see Mike warned repeatedly by locals to "watch his back" if he goes through with his trip into the old mining town. Big Mike then wisely takes a detour to the home of his good friend Jason Neese, a cigar-chomping ex-Marine who knows of the dangers of Iron City first hand. The next morning, the two ride their Harley's through the winding Tennessee backroads into the heart of Iron City. There, surrounded by buildings ravaged by fire and years of decay, he interviews a fascinating collection of locals who seem to actually enjoy living their lives on the edge of anarchy. Mike then returns to the studio where the viewer is given a front row seat to the actual recording session, followed by a live concert where he debuts "Iron City" for a



rowdy crowd which includes many of the locals we met on the road trip. The high-energy blues anthem, infused with Southern rock, turns out to be as much of a celebration of Iron City as it is an ominous warning to outsiders.

The two-disc set retails for \$19.95 and includes a CD featuring the original motion picture soundtrack which was written and performed by Big Mike Griffin. Iron City Blues will be available on Amazon.com March 13th. Advance copies will be available at Bike Week in Daytona Beach from February 29th through March 9th. For more information, please visit [www.IronCityBlues.com](http://www.IronCityBlues.com).



I was sitting around our top-secret penthouse office, trying to make another high-profile decision (go out for fast food or order pizza), when I heard the familiar “moo” sound effect that lets me know I’ve received a new email. This is what it said: “I would like to put my wife’s name on your list for the ‘Hot Seat.’ I bought her a bike for a wedding present two years ago and now I cannot get her off the thing, rain or shine - day or night. She rides practically every day to work. Not only is she beautiful, but she enjoys living. Her name is Debbie Estes. Thank you for considering her for Road Rash.” And it was signed David Estes. I couldn’t resist looking into it further.

Although David obviously set her up for this abuse, Debbie still says he is a wonderful man and her best friend. She has been employed at McKee Foods for the last 20 years and has two grown children (Elish and Josh), and one granddaughter (Taylor). Let’s see if her life’s experiences have prepared her for our ten infamous Hot Seat questions...

**1) Do you have any nicknames, and if so, how did you get them?**

My husband calls me “Sunshine,” because he says I can chase away the darkest of clouds. My granddaughter calls me “MiMi,” and some guys at work call me “Ms. Harley.”



**2) When did you first start riding motorcycles, and what was your first bike?**

My husband bought me an 883 Sportster as a wedding gift two years ago. I had never ridden before and was scared to death. Needless to say I got over it and ride almost every day year round. I now ride a Harley-Davidson Softail Standard and a Kawasaki 900 Classic.

**3) What was your longest road trip on a bike, and did anything interesting happen?**

I think it would have to be my trip to Dale Hollow Lake (in Kentucky) and back in one day. I have made three trips to Kentucky, numerous trips to North Carolina, slayed “The Dragon,” and made many other shorter trips to Georgia and South Carolina. I hope to one-day visit the rest of the 50 states on a bike. I love that a bike offers you the opportunity to just become a part of the environment. There is nothing better than feeling the wind in your face.

**4) Do any other members of your family participate in motorcycling?**

Yes, my husband and my son. I never thought I would be sharing the road with the two of them. My granddaughter Taylor has been riding behind me recently and really loves it too.

**5) Have you ever had any serious wrecks?**

No, thank God. I jumped a curb once on my second ever road trip to Dunlap, TN. I don’t know how I held the bike up but I did.

**6) Have you ever been discriminated against because you ride a motorcycle?**

No, it’s right the opposite. I have met more friends. The bikes are great conversation starters even when pumping gas. People are just drawn to the bikes and interesting conversations start from there.

**7) Have you enjoyed special benefits because you ride a motorcycle?**

The bike is great therapy for me. No matter how stressful my day is, the ride home from work releases all of my stress. Besides, you get good parking spaces.

**8) What is your favorite type of riding and what is your favorite local route (within 100 miles)?**

I enjoy the back roads and country settings. I really don’t have one particular favorite. I just like finding a road I

haven't been on before and learning where it ends up.

**9) On average, how many miles do you ride each year?**

I rode over 7,000 my first year in only eight months. Last year, I rode over 12,000 miles. I try to ride every day to work and then take a trip on the weekend. My average daily commute is around 100 miles because I leave for work early just to go riding for a couple of hours. I work second shift, so I get the best part of the day.

**10) If you could change one thing about the motorcycling community, what would it be?**

I wish more motorcycle "owners" would become motorcycle "riders." So many people own bikes and talk bikes but do not ride. They find every excuse not to ride. Life is short, and there are no "do-overs." They are not garage candy. So shut up and ride.

Well, I guess I should thank David for nominating his wife and Debbie for being so accommodating. It felt strange not having to actually kidnap our Hot Seat feature this month, and I hope Debbie understands and forgives my automatic use of duct tape to strap her down to the stool (force of habit – sorry)! If you should happen to see Debbie out keeping the roads hot, ask her to sign your copy of Road Rash Magazine! It might not get you a deal on Little Debbie snack cakes – but at least you'd get to meet another great member of our awesome and diverse motorcycling community!

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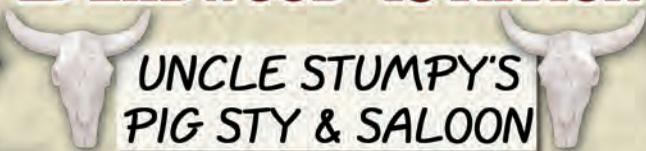
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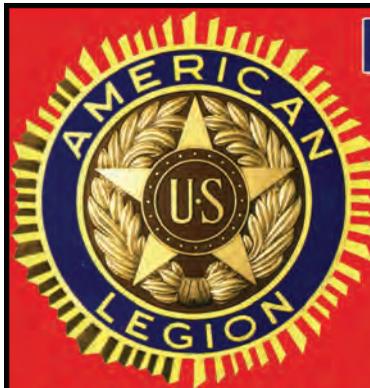
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