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

Welcome to the June 2008 edition of Road Rash Magazine: the area's only free, monthly, locally focused motorcycle related media. It is locally focused because the other guys are too big to care. It's free because of local advertisers who support us (and thus - the biking community). It's monthly because... heck, we don't have time to put them out more often!

It seems like just about the time we get the magazines out to our readers - it's deadline time again! I never seem to have as many days this time of year because of all of the motorcycle-related events going on and, of course, giving into the temptation to procrastinate just long enough to get a good ride in here and there.

Our event calendar is jam-packed with activities - so many that it's virtually impossible to cover them all. We have really been relying a lot on the event coverage provided by our readers (people like you). So if you attend an event (whether you see our staff members out there or not), we'd welcome any photos and/or articles you could submit.

The event photos we have posted on our Web site are quickly becoming one of the most popular (locally based) Web destinations. So if you'd like to publicize an event you participated in (whether that might be a poker run, benefit, group ride, motorcycle vacation or anything else motorcycle-related), feel free to upload photos and articles using our new file transfer link. Anyone around the world with Internet access can then see your photos, read what you have to say, and save whatever they wish (for their personal use) easily and free of charge. With your help, this magazine can reach its true potential. I believe that would be great for the community and everyone involved.

Speaking of events, we've got a few whoppers just around the corner! By the time you read this, most of you should be fully (or mostly) recovered from the "Thunder On The Rock" rally on Monteagle Mountain, and gearing up for the "Hootin' In

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The Holler” concert and campout party at Raccoon Mountain Campgrounds in Lookout Valley (my old stompin’ grounds) June 20-21.

I’d like to encourage everyone to come out and support Hootin’ In The Holler, as it promotes great live music and good times – which we could all use more of! Road Rash Magazine is on board as a major sponsor, so you know I’ll be there making announcements and introducing over ten live bands already scheduled to perform. If we can show a lot of support to local events like Hootin’ In The Holler, I can promise you there’ll be many more to choose from!

Of course, I want to remind everyone to make time and attend the Road Rash Biker Bash (August 15-17). If you don’t already know, we have secured a great piece of property in Martin Springs Tennessee (along the banks of Battle Creek) that should allow us to throw down without any hassles from the local government or nearby residents. We’ve got two years of good behavior stored up and we’re more than ready to put on an old-school biker party that you’ll be talking about for years to come. Property owner Ed Martin is already making noted improvements on the event site to include a permanent covered stage, utilities for vendors, a smooth tightly packed parade route and possibly even a white sand beach for sunbathing (check out some preview pics at www.roadrashmag.com). We’re selling advance tickets now on our Web site for \$30 (normally \$40 at the gate) that will allow you early set up (Thursday

and express entry (no long lines to wait in).

Your admission price into the Road Rash Biker Bash includes virtually unlimited primitive camping (no hook-ups yet - sorry), parking for RVs, campers and support vehicles, and all entertainment and events throughout the weekend. Of course, we’d like to see you ride your motorcycle to the event, but know that you’ll also be welcome to bring your cars, trucks, golf carts, ATVs, scooters, school buses, transfer trucks, lawn mowers and/or whatever else you might desire (at no extra cost), as long as their presence or operation doesn’t cause problems. Speaking of problems... this is an “adults only” party restricted to people 21 years old and up only, and everyone will be required to provide government-issued photo identification (such as a drivers license), and to sign a waiver. We will have food and drink vendors available on site, but you are also welcome to bring your own coolers, food and/or drinks (provided they are not in glass containers).

Ultimate Cycle is sponsoring a bike show during our scheduled motorcycle rodeo events Saturday at the Bash, so you’ll probably want to bring a rag or two to spit-shine your sled. It’ll give you a good opportunity to show off that new chrome do-dad, and who knows, your bike may end up on the cover of Road Rash Magazine!

Big Mike Griffin is headlining both Friday and Saturday nights, and you can bet your eye teeth we’ll have some great local bands opening up for him. The music alone will be worth the price of admission

– so come on out!

I’d like to remind everyone to support our local Road Rash advertisers. Simply dropping by our advertisers places of business and letting them know you appreciate them supporting “the local guys” would make all of the difference in the world. Please remember – they pay our bills where you don’t have to. They have provided you with this magazine free of charge. Please patronize them whenever possible!

In closing, I’d like to thank Jeff and Natalie Anderson, Wendy and Olivia Varnell, and others who’ve helped me out and put up with me in the aftermath of a spill I took recently (dog vs. motorcycle – asphalt won), to whoever invented “Silverdene,” (a prescription burn cream that does wonders relieving the pain involved with road rash), and to all those who’ve wished me a speedy recovery. My bike and I are both a little scratched up – but we’re both looking at a full recovery in no time.

Be careful out there and remember – any day on this side of the dirt is not that bad. Keep it twisted!

*Tom  
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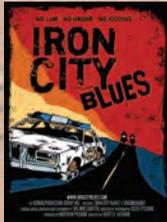


# ROCK'S TWO CENTS

Before I get started I want to review the new Big Mike Griffin DVD, Iron City Blues (see page 41). As you all know, "The Local Guys" are huge fans of the "Big Guy" so Big Mike will be headlining both nights this year at the Road Rash Biker Bash, August 15-17 in Martin Springs, TN. The Road Rash

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The DVD scenario starts with Big Mike's desire to write a blues song about a lawless town on the Tennessee/Alabama border called Iron City, TN. Mike, his ex-Marine buddy, and the film crew take a ride down to Iron City so Mike can get some inspiration for his new song. Historically, Iron City has a outlaw reputation and it hasn't since 1985 when some police car with ball was disbanded soon had a police department locals destroyed their bats. The department thereafter.



While in Iron City mayor, a councilman, colorful residents. in Nashville with Big song Iron City Blues. Iron City residents only question about the away with riding without a helmet from Nashville to Iron City?

Big Mike interviews the and some of the The film ends at a club Mike debuting his new The club is packed with including the mayor. My film is how Big Mike got

This is a very professionally made, slick production. The story is great and so is the scenery, videography and music. I've lived

in or around Tennessee all my life and I'd never heard of Iron City or it's reputation. Another thing I found interesting after finding Iron City on the Tennessee map is that the new 2008 Trail of Tears route runs less than 30 miles from Iron City (trailoftears-remembrance.org). If you like Big Mike, then this DVD is a must for your collection. Check out [www.ironcityblues.com](http://www.ironcityblues.com) for a preview and to order online.

This film just makes me want to saddle up and take a ride down to Iron City. I haven't done it yet, but you can bet it's on my short list. I'll take I-24w and exit at Tiftonia. Going right on 41w through Jasper, Tracy City, and Monteagle, then going left on 64w at Winchester. 64w will take me through Fayetteville and Pulaski. At Lawrenceburg I'll go south on 43/6 and at St. Joseph I'll hit 227w into Iron City, Tennessee. It looks like about a four hour ride one way.

**Disclaimer: This commentary is about no particular person either living or dead. It is not my intent to hurt anyone's little feelings and/or insult anyone.**

**Riding a motorcycle is** a dangerous activity. It's dangerous simply by the fact that you have nothing between you and any immovable objects you might come in contact with. You can get hurt on a motorcycle by just falling over (without moving at all)! In passenger vehicles you have a cage around you and newer cars and trucks have air bags everywhere. We (bikers) have none of these. We have our riding gear and very little else between flesh and the asphalt. Now, I'm not really into wearing "the costume" (leather jacket, chaps, boots, and pre-made dew rag), but it does protect. Riders wearing leather are protecting themselves the best way they can.

Then we have those of questionable intelligence who wear shorts, flip flops, or tennis shoes while riding their motorcycles. I even saw one genius riding barefooted. "It's tooooooo hot to wear jeans and boots in the summer," I hear them explain. Waaaaaaah. I can almost guarantee you that the dolts wearing the above-mentioned attire have never been down on a motorcycle. If they

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had, they wouldn't still be sunning those legs while riding. They ride with the "It'll never happen to me" attitude. All I can tell you folks is this; You need to stick to your BMW car or Harley-Davidson Ford truck and give up the motorcycle when it's "toooooo hot," 'cause you are going to get seriously burned or lose a foot when the inevitable happens. I've heard, "Jeans aren't that much more protection." Well, let's us do a test together. Ride your bike for a while and get it real hot. Then take your bare leg and touch it to the exhaust pipe as fast as you can. I'll do the same, except, with my Lee jeans on. Then we'll compare legs. I can tell you right now that it will take a good six weeks for your burn to heal depending on how quick your reflexes were. My leg might show a little color, but I won't be burned. Now imagine that same bike laying on top of your dumb a#@ as you slide down the pavement in tandem. Imagine the pipe burning the top of your leg and the bottom being ground away by the pavement. It's not a pretty thought. I know... it won't happen to you. You're just riding down to the store for some smokes. Whoops. You know what they say "most accidents happen a quarter mile or less from home."

Now let's tackle "Footwear 101." The only body part that ever should touch the street while motorcycling is - what? Your two feet. Very good. Now what provides your feet the most protection and gives you a more solid footprint - flip-flops, sandals, boat shoes (sorry Wingers), tennis shoes or boots? Boots of course. Excellent, you passed. Now, if you are one of those who dress for the beach to ride your bike then maybe you'll reconsider before your time comes to meet the pavement up close and personal. See ya next month.

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# TEARS ON BLACK LEATHER

Brothers and Sisters Down or Gone

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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.

### Ooltewah Man Dies In Motorcycle Crash On Suck Creek Mountain posted May 3, 2008

An Ooltewah man died in a motorcycle crash on Suck Creek Mountain on Friday night. The victim was identified as 27-year-old Ronald R. Callaway Jr.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol said he was traveling west on Highway 27 on his Buell motorcycle at a high rate of speed. He lost control, hit a guard rail, and plunged 150 feet down an embankment.

Ronnie Callaway was a great dude. He loved to get a rush and had a need for speed. He lived on the edge all of the time, for better lack of words, he was "balls to the wall, 24/7." He was a great motorcyclist and loved to ride. He was one of my best friends. He would have given the shirt of his own back for anyone. He rode a red 2007 Buell XB9R. He loved the V-twins. Well, all that aside. Here is what happened. The real story.

We were going riding up to Suck Creek and Ronnie

had just had some HH racing pads and wavy lightened racing rotors installed on his Buell, not to mention a race tire on the front with a much more aggressive profile for faster turn-in qualities. Well, needless to say, he hadn't quite gotten used to the drastically upgraded performance increase in the braking department, nor the handling improvement. We were weaving in and out of cars playing cat and mouse (you know, being @\$\$holes), and finally we got a break and picked up some speed. Well here came another car. I slowed down and Ronnie went right around passing me then the car. So, I passed the car as well. After we passed the bridge, I was right behind Ronnie as we approached the first curve going up Suck Creek Mountain. I knew the road very well, so I slowed down - but Ronnie didn't. So I was thinking, "Man he is going way too fast for that curve (80 to 100 miles an hour easy). Ronnie decided to try and correct mid curve (instead of pre braking), and his front brake locked up. That caused the head of the bike to shake, furthering into a fishtail that made it look like he was going to "low side" the bike. Suddenly, the bike grabbed traction (by this time he was way outside the curve), causing him to "high side" the bike into the guardrail, and sending him and his bike flying into the woods. I saw this and couldn't believe it just happened. I heard a terrible crashing sound. I proceeded to stick through the curve in shock. I just saw my friend crash, not realizing how far of a drop he had just fallen. I instantly pulled over and ran down to the guardrail to see Ronnie lying at the bottom of the creek bed yelling for help. I jumped the rail and preceded to scramble down the big rocks to try and help my friend...

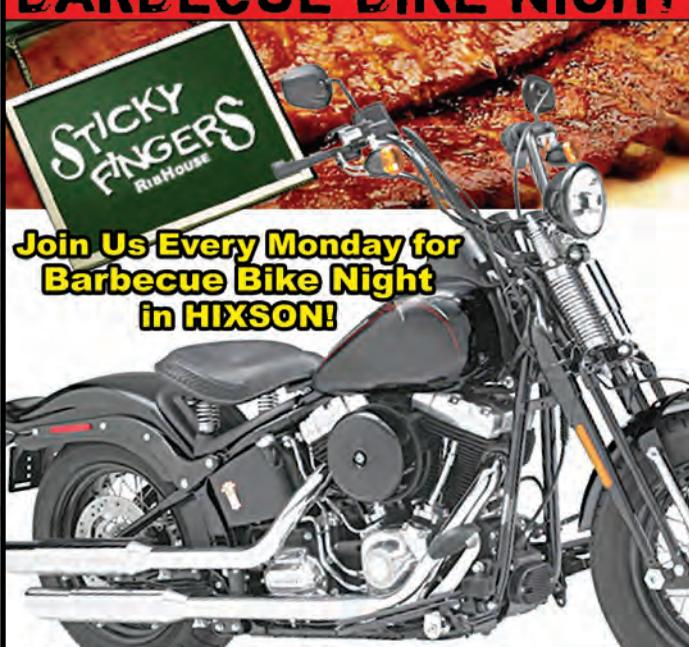
We will just skip to the part where it took the paramedics like 45 minutes to get there and then 10 minutes to stare and wonder where the rescue squad was. Meanwhile, we were screaming at them, telling them to bring oxygen down to help Ronnie breath. There were some good Samaritans that aided until the so-called help got there. The EMTs said a chopper needed to be called, then they found out it would take another 30-45 min for it to arrive, according to one of them). So we all hoisted Ronnie on a gurney and took him to the top, were he was taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Shortly after that, a State Trooper told me the paramedics said my friend had stopped breathing, that they had to breath for him and he probably wasn't going to make it. It just hit me (reality). Ronnie was one of my best friends. He was a brother, a fellow rider, and a #%&^ good one at that. It is a tragedy that this happened to my friend Ronnie, and I would like to stress the importance of riding safely.

This was a complete wake up call for me. I ignored all that, and saw first-hand what happens when you push too hard and break the boundaries of street riding. Sadly, I had to lose a friend and my friend's family lost someone even more special. So please slow down and think about it. "Sportbikers' death" is real and you are not immune to it. Please stop riding so aggressively on the streets.

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## Do you ever wonder...

By Tony Thomas

Why are motorcycle riders divided into categories and not motorists? I think I've heard about all of them. While standing in line the other day at a local convenience store I couldn't help but overhear a young woman comment to her friend when a rider came into the store. I think it was something along the lines of "Oooh look! I bet he thinks he's one of those 1% bikers." I have to be the first to admit I size people up pretty quick. That's not really a good thing or a bad thing, it's just who I am. I remember thinking how impressed I was with this woman... I was surprised she even knew what a fraction was considering the clerk had to ask her twice for the correct change to pay for her item. How about the riders who own crotch rockets? They have been called speed demons, road hogs and all sorts of other nasty names. Now don't get me wrong I will have to admit there are riders out there that would clearly fall into both of these categories. I just don't think it is fair to judge someone when you don't know them or anything about them. When was the last time you heard someone say "Oh %&\$#! Run! He's driving a VW!" I have seen about everything but have never seen a motorist categorized as bikers are. I have even seen a bear ride a tricycle while wearing a top hat (at the circus...or after drinking a fifth of something really strong). Anyway...that's beside the point. I'm quite sure I have never heard anyone verbally or emotionally vomit on someone because they owned a Pontiac or even a Yugo. Doesn't it make you wonder how these same peoples opinion of bikers would be if they themselves had no choice but to ride for a month or even a week. I'm pretty sure my brothers and sisters would show how classy they really are and try to be opened minded enough not to be to harsh but rather try to accept them and co-evolve with the poor souls rather than just co-exist. It's all about opening our hearts as well as our minds and just accept the fact we are all here for an unspecified amount of time and we need to make the most of it every chance we get. Don't worry; there will be no group hugs here, just a simple request. The next time you're in a public place and have the urge to comment on someone or something you know nothing about, please think twice. Who knows, the person in line behind you could be the person writing very un-cool things about you in a very cool magazine.

See you out there somewhere,

Tony

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# HERE'S THE RUB

"Do you remember those nights hanging out at the Village Green? Engineer boots, leather jackets and tight blue jeans" – Scenes from an Italian Restaurant by Billy Joel



chic is the hot new look! "Motorcycle jackets," which at one time labeled you as rebellious, have become accepted establishment dress code. It hasn't always been that way. I bought my first leather jacket at a Harley shop, which at the time was not a "dealership," or what Booger calls "a Harley boutique," but was called a "bike shop." The jacket was not factory approved. It was made by a company called Schott and was called a "NYC Perfecto." It was the kind Marlon Brando wore as

Over the years, a lot of people have written in this magazine about what they wear when riding. Most of them said the same thing, "I choose leather jackets and steel-toed boots not as a fashion statement but because of their safety factor" ...yada. yada, yada! If safety were the deciding factor, we would all be wearing full-faced helmets instead of an illegal non-D.O.T. turtle shell lid over the top of a ball-cap turned backwards. I guess you would expect that only in the RUB column would anyone ever admit that fashion does in fact contribute to their riding wardrobe. You simply have to look the part! Okay I said it out loud. But, in my defense, the "look" I choose has been the same attire for close to forty years now! I have been carrying this torch a long time!

I have a daughter who got her degree in Fashion Merchandising (I say she got a degree in shopping)! She informs me that black is the new black and that biker

Johnny in the movie "The Wild Ones" in which he was asked, "What are you rebelling against?" and he replied so flippantly, "I don't know. What have you got?" Catholic schools banned students from wearing them because they were too "hoodie." That limited them to weekend dress and assured their popularity with the fringe crowd. I can actually remember shopping at unauthorized neighborhood chopper shops that used to sell tee shirts with a "bar and shield" that were not authentic. Harley wasn't hung up on trademark infringement back in those days. They were probably even glad someone was giving them free advertisement. "HD" did not stand for a "hundred dollars"



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and The Motor Company turned a blind eye to shirts that proclaimed things like "Harley F\*\*kin' Davidson!" It was really tough maintaining this look through the '70s and '80s. I bought my wife (who was then my girlfriend) a bomber-style leather jacket in '77. After we had kids, we were the only grown-ups in town that anyone knew that actually owned "leathers" and our jackets appeared in probably a dozen high school productions of Bye-Bye Birdie, Grease and West-Side Story. People borrowed my clothes and wore them for Halloween!

As a kid, this dress code labeled you as a troublemaker. During the hippie '60s, disco-era '70s, and Miami Vice '80s you were considered seriously fashion-challenged. In the '90s your kids thought you were stuck in the '50s, and you were always considered an oddity by your neighbors and co-workers for maintaining an outdated mode of leather and jeans. It didn't help that everybody from punk rockers to sadomasochists to gays also at some point laid claim to the same black leather jacket look.

So now suddenly it is now longer retro but considered the height of fashion? Well you know what? If it is trendy that means it will run its course and eventually (hopefully soon) will go "out-of-style." The in-crowd will move on to some new look. Me? I will probably someday end up in a nursing home confined to a wheelchair, still dressed in engineer boots, a leather jacket, blue jeans...and a helmet, which I will be wearing for safety sake!

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## Just A DAB

Plagiarized straight from an old Chinese proverb: Tell me and I may forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I will understand. That saying should encourage us to become involved. I think above all else, if possible, we want to have fun doing it.

At least I do!

My thing is... music - lots of real cool music. It's best served with friends. If you've frequented the Mid-Town Music Hall in downtown Chattanooga, you know Pete, Garit, Hilary and the other guys there have helped host some really good music groups, and it's a great place to do it.

I had my nice (and cool) Friday night started off with a "heads up" from my buddy Tom the Bomb about a place to be. Everything got real cool when I learned there were three bands involved!



"Bad Little Doggy" started things off with Reece Varnell (from "Tim and Reece") taking leads (both guitar and vocal), re-enforced by Glenn Smith on bass and Steve Core on drums. These ole boys cut no slack and the guys have got a good thing going. Get 'em boys!



Sick 'em boys! I'm sure we'll be hearing more from these guys.

The second group up, "The Dog and Pony Show," was all about ripping into some really skillfully laid down leads from Mr. Derrick "Cookie" Cook. Matt Dixson handled bass and Tony Byers took care of the drums. They know a good tune when they play it. Derrick plays what he feels... and Matt and Tony feel what he plays! The connection made makes this band hard to beat in my book. Bluesy Rock and Roll on!

Coming in to close the night (the only way it could be closed) was "Camp Normal" from Dunlap, TN. They rocked! Check out Randy Selders, Tyrell Waters, Daniel Patton and Chad Hennessea of Camp Normal if you get a chance. You'll be impressed!



You can check out more of the pics taken that night (of all three bands and the crazy patrons there) on our Web site ([www.roadrashmag.com](http://www.roadrashmag.com)) and you'll see just how Chattanooga rocks! Folks, get involved. Chattanooga has a music scene that we couldn't ask more of. Here's to the artists and patrons of live local music. You keep playin' and I'll keep writin'! See you there!

Darrel "DAB" Brackett

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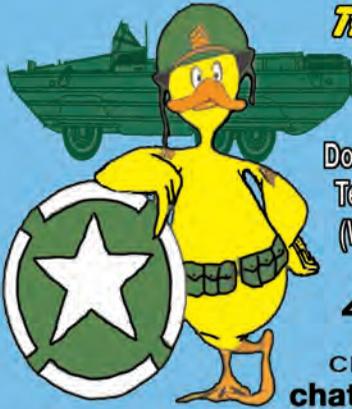


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Well Hello,

I hope by the time you good people get to read this, warm weather is blessing us steady and winter is just a memory. As far as the weather goes right now, we are in that special time of year where you leave out in morning wearing everything you can, and come home with it all strapped down or stuffed in saddlebags.

As most of you know, I am a member of a motorcycle association with a chapter here in town. In fact I hold the office of "Road Captain" for this group. So I decided since I am responsible for everyone knowing the rules that we ride by when riding as a group, I would make this month's sermon my annual safety talk with my readers (I say "annual" but there's a good chance that by next year I will forget - but it sounds good). OK let's get started, I will break it down into five basic categories.

### Hand signals:

Most of you should know the mains one, right turn, left turn, and slow down. I am not sure if everyone's favorite obscene gesture qualifies as a hand signal but most of you know it so I shouldn't have to discuss it here. My main problem with hand signals has never been the people riding with me knowing the signals, its people in cars not



knowing what the signals mean. You would never believe how many people think I am either waving or giving some kind of "right on" soul gesture when I am making a right hand turn. Despite this I make it a habit to use them even when not riding with a group for two main reasons. One being (assuming that people know what a hand signal means) it makes my intentions very clear and the

clearer my intentions are known the safer I am. Secondly over the years I have never forgot to cancel my hand signal after making the turn like I have been known to do with my blinkers.

### Helmets:

Now for the most part I stay out of the helmet debate. I wear one when required by law and even wear one sometimes where not required by law. There are organizations that do nothing but lobby for and against helmet laws, so I mostly leave the debate to them. I do however sometimes ride fundraisers for the people that are against helmet laws, because I do believe it ought to be my choice. The reality of the situation is that most times if you are riding safely and smart you will not need a helmet. However, I do wonder where people would put all the cute, funny and obscene stickers if every state went helmet free.

### The Other Guy:

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**Riding apparel:**

As the weather gets warmer I will see more and more people tooling down the road in sneakers and shorts. I know that it's cooler and more comfortable, but I happen to agree with Rock; it qualifies a person as a certain kind of idiot. You're riding a several hundred pound motorcycle that has a very high operating temperature on pavement that has the texture of the grittiest sandpaper known to mankind. It just makes good sense to me to cover the portions of my body that are closest to these things.

**Motorcycle condition:**

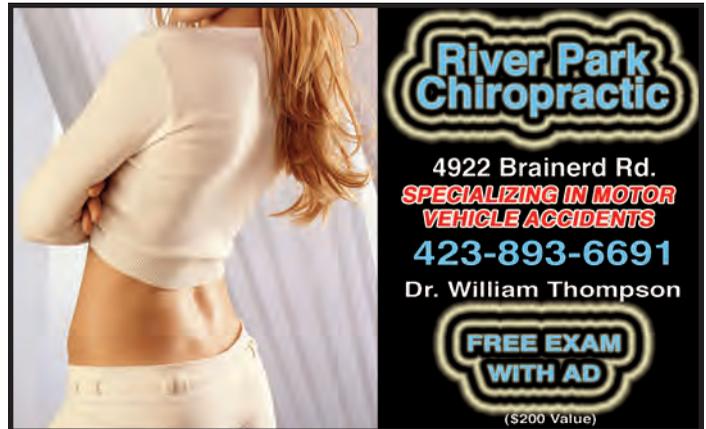
I would like to say I do a 100-point safety inspection of my bike every time I go for a ride. It would be a lie, but I would like to say it. In reality, I do keep a good eye on the condition of my bike and what I miss my brothers usually catch. I do have one theory; If you ride hard and fast for the first two miles after you leave the house, anything that was going to fall off or break would and you can still walk home. Ok I will shut up now, hope everyone has a nice summer and I will talk with you next month.

Till then

Ride safe, ride smart, and ride often.

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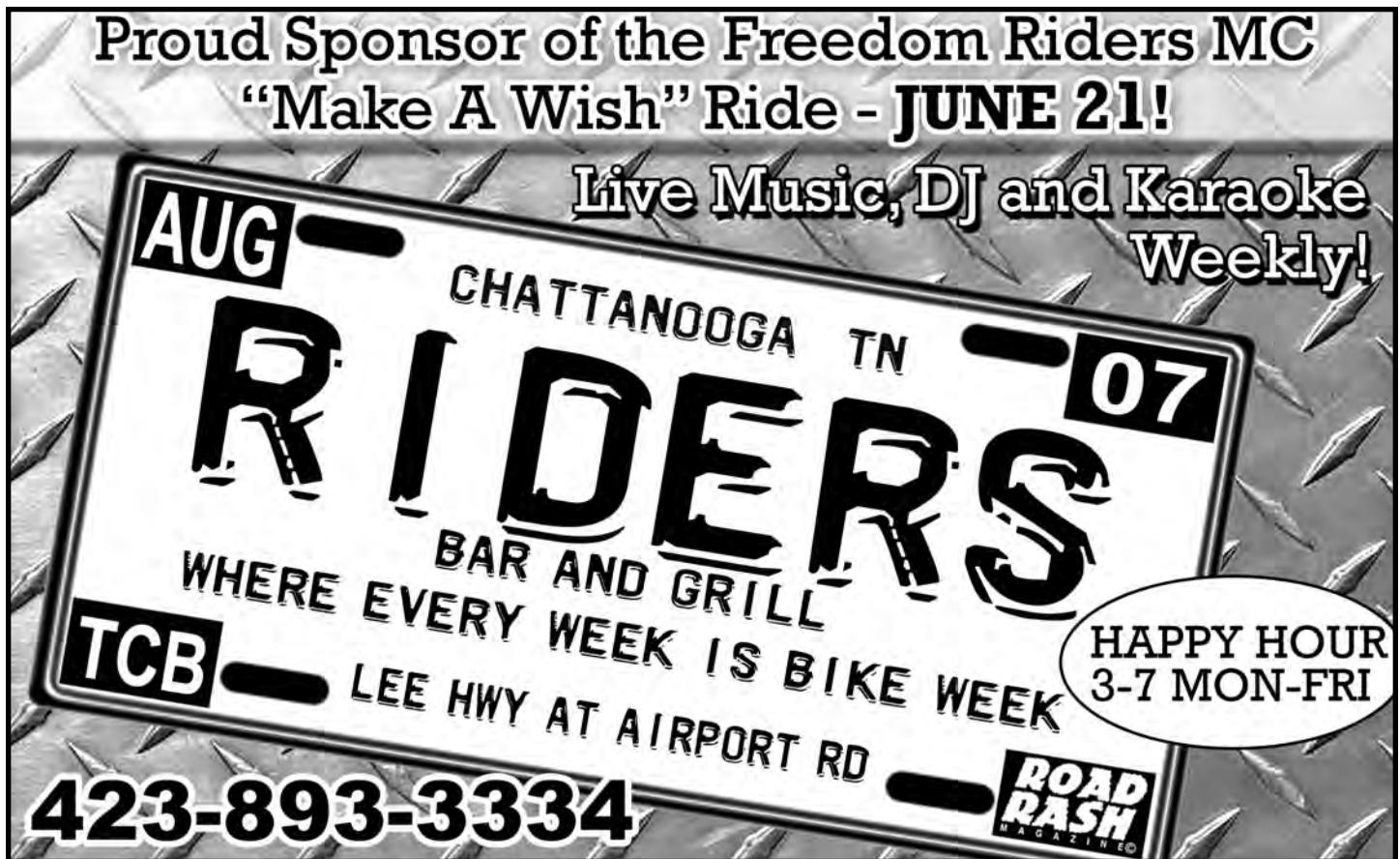
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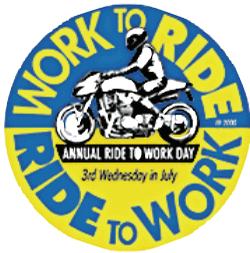
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from that "Ride to Work" editorial: "You may remember several months ago when Bob Carpenter, commenting in his 'Two Up' column, mentioned how neat he thought it would be if there was one day a year when everyone who owned a motorcycle used it to ride to work. That comment was prompted by a T-shirt produced by Aerostich

RiderWear that simply said, 'Work To Ride, Ride To Work.' Everyone seemed to think that a national 'Ride To Work' day was one heck of a good idea." The first ride to work day was July 22, 1992.

From that point on, every third Wednesday in July, the annual Ride to Work Day was promoted unofficially by dealers, manufacturers, and other motorcycle advocates.

Finally, in 2000, a non-profit organization, entitled Ride to Work (RTW) was formed to lead the work to organize and promote a national Ride to Work Day.

The main purpose of the Annual Ride to Work Day is to show non-riders, whether they are politicians or the general public, the many positive benefits of motorcycle riding.

- Motorcycles use less fuel consumption. For example, RTW estimates that 150,000 estimated motorcyclists riding their motorcycles on



Ride to Work Day save about 60,000 gallons of fuel for just that one day. If every day were Ride To Work Day, RTW estimates that 15,000,000 less gallons of fuel would be consumed. That's something that should make us all feel better with gas prices hitting \$4.

- Motorcycles use fewer parking spaces. Three to five motorcycles can fit into one automobile parking space.
- Educate the public that motorcyclists are from all walks of life and are not wild, trashy, or disrespectful, as some dated stereotypes suggest.
- Motorcycles cause less wear on roads.
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With all the great benefits of motorcycle riding, how can you not want to show off by participating in the annual Ride to Work Day? Just think, it'll make the daily grind go by quicker knowing you get to ride home! If you'd like to get a sticker, pin, or information card stop by and see me. And I'll be looking out for all of you to be on the road July 16, 2008.

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# MCIC NEWS

## NEXT MEETING:

**June 5, 2008**

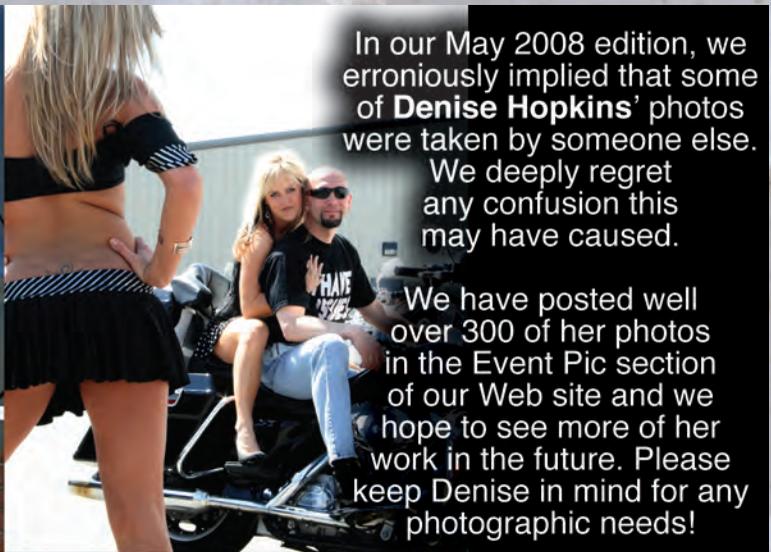
**@ 7pm @ Fireside Lounge**

The last Motorcycle Clubs In Chattanooga meeting was held May 1 at Fireside Lounge on Hixson Pike. The organizations present were the Outlaws and Black Pistons, Black Angels, Unwanted, Southern Journeymen, ABATE/CMT, Christ's Chosen Few and Road Rash Magazine. Due to the national motorcycle event in Florida, turnout was less than previous months, but that was to be expected.

Lobo 1%er called the meeting to order around 7:30 p.m., and opened with old business, discussing what happened at the last month's meeting and the decisions that were made. Several club representatives held the floor discussing motorcycle events their respective clubs had planned for the month of May, and talking about recent results.

One point of discussion was the fact our long-sleeved MCIC t-shirts would only be available at Quick Tees on Brainerd Road from this point forward (no longer available for sale at the meetings) and the possibility of printing up short sleeved shirts for the summer. We talked about the new liaison position Eddie Rahm is holding and how we can use him to relay information back and forth to the city mayor's office. We also talked about how to use Road Rash Magazine and it's Web site to better plan events (that don't compete locally), and promote events (through advertising, submitting photos and articles). We also clarified that the Road Rash Biker Bash WILL take place August 15-17 in Martin Springs, Tennessee and asked that everyone come out and support it. Lastly, it was announced that the next meeting would take place June 5 at Fireside Lounge.

Please get in touch with us if you or your group would like to speak at the next MCIC meeting. It is a rare and wonderful thing that so many diverse groups can come together, get on the same page and work toward mutual goals. Together, and with your help, we can move mountains. Join us for the next meeting!



In our May 2008 edition, we erroneously implied that some of **Denise Hopkins'** photos were taken by someone else. We deeply regret any confusion this may have caused.

We have posted well over 300 of her photos in the Event Pic section of our Web site and we hope to see more of her work in the future. Please keep Denise in mind for any photographic needs!



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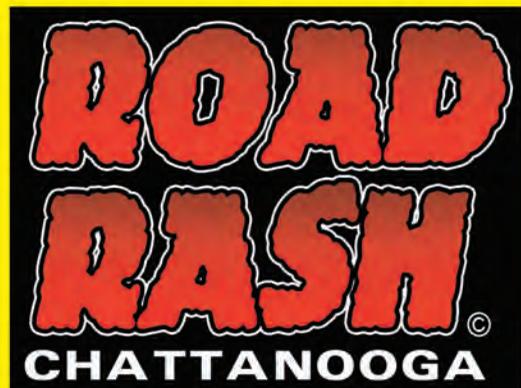
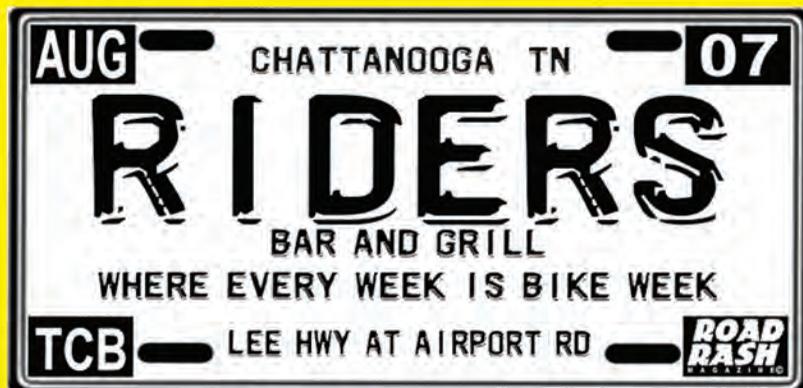
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The bike owner Steve was working in North Carolina several years ago when he first saw this old school custom Panhead chopper sitting on the side of the road with a for sale sign. It reminded him so much of his first Harley – he had to have it. According to Steve, he took it home with him after about a week of negotiation. Steve rides another bike most of the time, but enjoys taking this one for a spin around East Ridge when he can on sunny days. Although most of the custom work was already done by the time this bike made it to its present owner, Steve updated the wiring, and ignition, added some of his own touches like the rear-view mirrors and other external goodies, and keeps it tuned up and in great riding shape. With a bike this cool – I'm sure he turns heads everywhere he goes.



I first came in contact with *Jessica*, our beautiful Biker Chick this month, through our MySpace page ([myspace.com/roadrashmagazinechatt](http://myspace.com/roadrashmagazinechatt)). As one of our "friends," she sent us a message, asking about the possibility of being on our cover. As you can see – things worked out where we could do just that! Jessica is a local girl who has worked with several local photographers in the past. She works in the medical field and is engaged to a local firefighter (sorry guys). If you should happen to see her out and about (possibly singing karaoke?) ask her to sign your copy of *Road Rash Magazine*. I'm not sure if you can talk her into adding you as one of her MySpace friends... but either way – you'd meet a really pretty sweet girl in the process!

Thanks goes out to *Johanna Macomber* of *Macomber Photography* (recently relocated from Chattanooga to Hagerstown, Maryland) for outstanding photography! We are looking forward to showcasing more of her work in the future. Check out more of what she does at [macomberphotography.com](http://macomberphotography.com)! A special thanks also goes out to *Steve* and *Jessica* for taking the time and effort to get this shoot done. To check out many more pictures of this beautiful bike and hot Biker Chick, go to [www.roadrashmag.com](http://www.roadrashmag.com)!



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# Chef Fatboy



Welcome to Road Rash Café, where there's always something good cooking! I am Chef FatBoy and I need to tell ya, I am psyched about being part of the Road Rash family! This is the place where bikers share their favorite biker food recipes and we add a few of our own.

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. While you're at it, stop by and checkout Chef FatBoy's Web site the address is; www.chef-fatboy.com. You'll find even more great biker and even wild game recipes there. You'll be glad you did and so will I.

So, ride safe and always EAT WELL!

## Chef FatBoy

### Road Rash Charcoal Grilled Steak

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of red wine,
- 1/4 cup of sherry,
- 2 tablespoons of hot sauce,
- 2 tablespoons of soy sauce,
- 2 tablespoons of sugar,
- 8 to 10 green onions sliced thin.
- 5 minced garlic cloves,
- 2 tablespoons of minced ginger, and
- 2 of your favorite type of steaks.

**Directions:** Mix together the wine, sherry, hot sauce, soy sauce, and sugar. Now, add the green onions, garlic and ginger. Stir together very well. Place the steaks in a dish with a lid, pour the sauce over the steaks and marinate for at least two hours in the refrigerator covered. Grill as usual basting with the marinade until desired doneness.

### Desserts from Melody:

#### Road Rash's Chocolate Fantasy Cheesecake

#### Ingredients:

- Chocolate Cookie Crust:  
 11 Chocolate sandwich cream, cookies, crushed  
 3 tablespoons Butter, melted
- TRIPLE CHOCOLATE FILLING:  
 19 ounces Cream cheese  
 2/3 cup Sugar  
 5 Eggs  
 1/2 cup Sour cream  
 1/2 cup Whipping cream  
 1/3 cup Crème de cacao  
 1 1/4 teaspoons Vanilla extract  
 10 ounces Semisweet chocolate, melted  
 4 ounces German sweet chocolate, grated

**Directions:** CRUST: In a small bowl, stir together crushed cookies and melted butter until well combined. Press crumb mixture evenly onto the bottom of a greased nine-inch springform pan. FILLING: In a large bowl, combine cream cheese and sugar. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in sour cream, whipping cream, crème de cacao, and vanilla extract. Stir in melted semisweet chocolate and grated German chocolate. Pour the cream cheese mixture over the crust. Bake at 350 degrees F for 15 minutes. Lower the temperature to 200 degrees F and bake for one hour and 10 minutes or until the center no longer looks wet or shiny. Remove the cake from the oven and run a knife around the inside edge of the pan. Turn the oven off; return the cake to the oven for an additional two hours. Chill, uncovered, overnight.

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## CHATTANOOGA'S MOTORCYCLE LIAISON NEWS

I have a new responsibility as the Motorcycle Community Liaison to the City of Chattanooga (a volunteer position). In this new role 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

My current projects are additional motorcycle parking for the Nightfall series downtown and a new brochure highlighting Chattanooga as a great destination for motorcycle riders to spend their vacations. Regarding the Nightfall parking, we are probably going to have some additional areas of street parking with "Motorcycle Parking Only" bagged meters. The brochure (available in print as well as the Web) would highlight the "Biker's Dozen," a series of twelve scenic loops of varying lengths around the area, plus details vacationers would be interested in when planning their stay. This is in the very preliminary stages but some of the appropriate Chattanooga agencies are considering the proposal, and how to best to market the idea.

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As residents and visitors walk the sidewalks of re-vitalized and always active downtown Chattanooga, few realize there is a dark side hidden beneath their feet. The bricked over knee high window arches visible from alleys and sidewalks and stairwells that descend below grade to blank walls are some of the strange scenes visible when exploring downtown. From appearance a person might be led to the conclusion that either the downtown buildings are sinking or there is another building level below ground. Well, the buildings are not sinking! It's a fragment of the past that even those of us that grew up in this area have been totally oblivious to for most of our lives.

In the 1800's Chattanooga was plagued by a series of devastating floods, the worst being the flood of 1867, which

put downtown Chattanooga under five feet of water, and pretty much completely destroyed the city. Twenty years later, following the flood of 1887, it was decided by a group of industrious business owners and city leaders that rather than build a levee around the city the best option was to build the downtown level up. It was a massive project involving removing soil from the upper areas (County Courthouse, etc) and depositing the soil, along with local foundry wastes, in the lower areas (Market Street, Broad Street, etc). The new elevation was raised to what was previously the bottom of the second floor. As part of the project the original doors and windows were bricked over and the second floors were then converted to serve as the new entrances at street level.

Today, numerous downtown buildings have very interesting basements offering a glimpse of the day they hosted daily pedestrian traffic while serving as the main entrances.

There are underground passageways connecting some of the buildings downtown that were once hallways and alleys connecting many of the downtown businesses above ground.



Some of the monuments to the past that can be viewed from outside buildings are the almost buried window arches located next to the 7th Street sidewalk at the United Way Building and also buried window arches in the alleyway behind the old Krystal on Cherry Street. This project, which was a massive earth moving and logistical undertaking, has amazed local historians today in regards to the lack of coverage by

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## Views & News from the Dragon & Skyway

Nicknames are all the rage in the biker community and here's another one to remember... "Hellbender 28," the Dragon's neighbor is the brainchild of Craig Lutz, the marketing director

for Fontana Village resort located a few miles south of the Dragon on US 28. What is a Hellbender was my question with my thoughts being that it was a play on words - describing the twisties on the road. Nope. My nickname theory was blown away like a crotch rocket jockey blowing my Geezer Glide and I away on the Dragon. A "Hellbender" is a lizard (similar to the GEICO gecko) that thrives in the forests surrounding the area. I wonder how they come up with ideas like that. Craig told me they had a contest to name the road and work their marketing around the name in regards to going after the sports car and motorcycle enthusiasts. A couple of years back, I was sneaking out the back way from the Dragon and came upon the Hellbender Pit Stop. It was an old gas station now converted into a biker hangout. It was nice, but I never knew about the great big resort behind it. They have all types of accommodations from camping, to high-end hotel rooms and a marina. Many of the car clubs stay here when "Slaying the Dragon." Make sure you sign up for their "Dragon Slayers Club" when visiting the Pit Stop. Like I have been telling you - we have plenty of bike-friendly businesses here.

Enough on the resort - how about the riding? US 28 is part scenic highway and part just plain old twisty river road. You can start in Augusta, GA and take it north a couple of hundred beautiful miles before you get to Deals Gap. I promise you will love it. It's a nice way to sneak up on the Dragon and get a nice look at many waterfalls. My favorite part of US 28 is from Highlands to the Nantahala River gorge. The last part of US 28 is the Hellbender. It leads to our promised land and ends at the Crossroads of Time. On the map, that spot is the intersection of US 129 and US 28. Some call it Motorcycle Mecca, Gods Country, or Motorcycle Heaven, but this is our spot!

Think about it. We have already gone over the Dragon and Cherahola Skyway, and now Hellbender. That is just the tip of the iceberg for world class riding roads in the

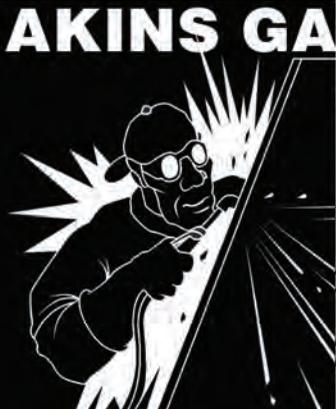
area. Within an hour of US 129 and US 28 are the Blue Ridge Parkway, Foothills Parkway, Smokey Mountain Parkway and many other scenic roads I will have to give nicknames to in future columns.

Ok, I have always been real good at giving out nicknames to my pals. Now it's time to start naming the rest of the roads I shall send you to. When the guy came up with the "Dragon" name, he really started something. So I am looking forward to taking it farther and naming all of the world-class roads in this area. It's all part of my goal of making my neck of the woods the friendliest place in America for bikers and sports car enthusiasts. So go to my Web site ([www.2WheelRealtor.com](http://www.2WheelRealtor.com)) and email me with nickname ideas for the roads we so love in the area. With your help we can carve out a spot for our kind of people with all the colorful names we so love.

Next month, I'll share an interview with a local TV star from "Super Bikes!" Until next month, keep your head and eyes up and twist the throttle!

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If the benefits of a daily fitness walk could be put in a pill, it would be one of the most popular prescriptions in the world. It has so many health benefits. Walking can reduce the risk of many diseases from heart attack and stroke to hip fracture and glaucoma. Walking requires no prescription, the risk of side effects is very low, and the benefits are numerous.

Combined with healthy eating, physical activity is key to any plan for long lasting weight control. Keeping your weight within healthy limits can lower your risks of type II diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, sleep apnea, and osteoarthritis. Physical activity strengthens the heart so it can pump more blood with less effort and with less pressure on the arteries. Staying fit is just as effective as some medications in keeping down blood pressure levels. Exercise such as brisk walking for three hours a week lowers the risk of heart disease by boosting "good" cholesterol - the level of high-density lipoproteins (HDL). Physical activity helps reduce low-density lipoproteins (LDL, or "bad" cholesterol) in the blood, which can cause plaque buildup along the artery walls, a major cause of heart attacks.

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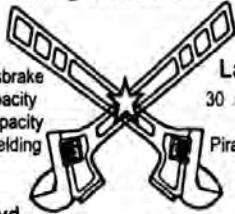
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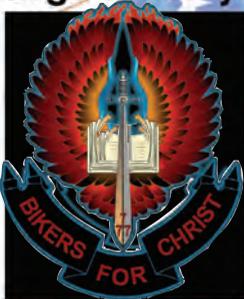
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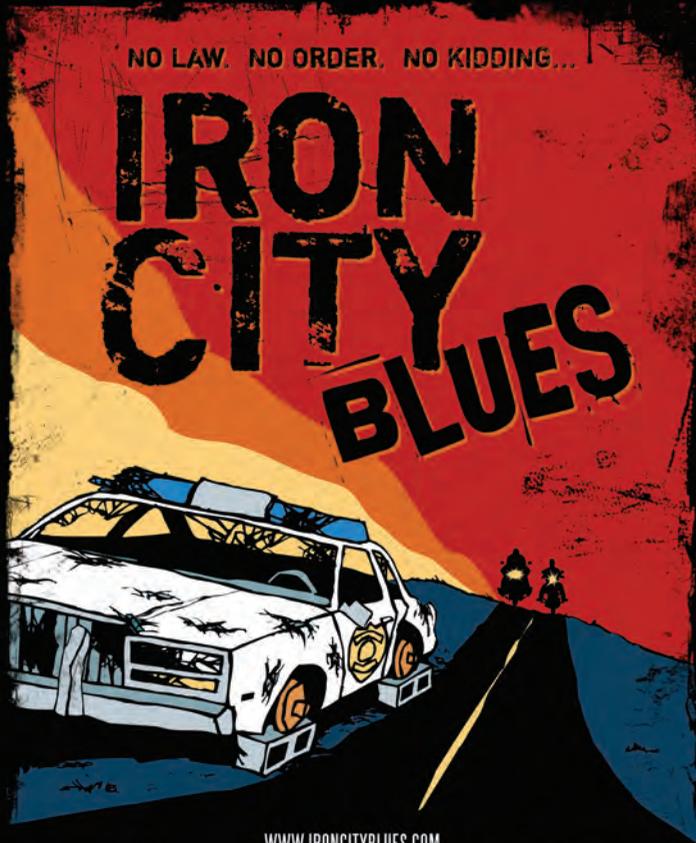
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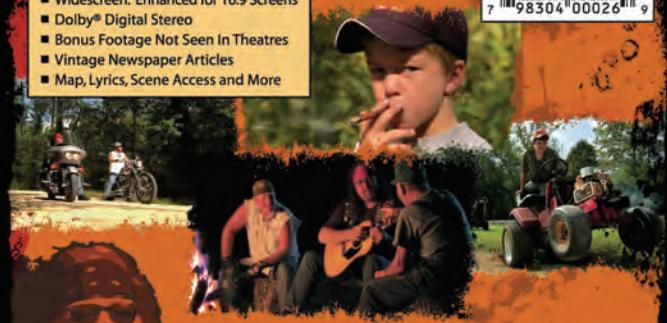
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Nashville, Tennessee: "Iron City Blues", an award-winning biker documentary by blues musician Big Mike Griffin, is coming to DVD March 13th. The film traces Big Mike's road-trip as he rides deep into Tennessee's backwoods to write a blues song about 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).



This month's featured local motorcyclist is Todd Anderson from Chatsworth in North Georgia. My good friend (and Todd's son-in-law) Brian had told me a lot about him long before I actually cornered him in Eton, Georgia at their monthly Cruise-In. Todd is a friendly guy with a big smile and an obvious love for riding motorcycles. Although I didn't take it easy on him, he cheerfully allowed me to duct tape him down to the chair, shine the light in his eyes and grill him with our infamous "Hot Seat" Questions. Let's see how he did...

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

Yes, but many people don't know about it. It's "Rosey." The late Terry Brindle (of Brindle Cycles) gave it to me. I went out on a date with this chick and Terry asked how it went. I told him that because her car had broken down, I picked her up from work and got her some flowers to cheer her up. She held them for about 10 minutes going down the road, and then she said, "These dang things are just going to die," and tossed them out the window! Terry got a kick out of that and said, "From now on your 'Rosey!'" I wish he was still around to call me that!

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



When I was four or five years old, I rode on my Dad's '69 Harley Pan Head. I remember riding it with him... my legs were too short to reach the pegs, so they would fall asleep. My uncle John Anderson would also take me for rides on his Harleys quite often. My first bike was a XR75 HONDA at 13 years old. One of my greatest memories is of my dad getting that bike for me for Christmas. In 1990 I bought a Sportster. I then graduated to a Heritage Softail, then a '95 Electraglide Classic. I'm now the proud owner of a 2004 Electraglide Ultra Classic.

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

I have taken two road trips (about the same length of miles) with my best friend Tim Swiger. The first trip was to Sturgis, SD, and then we also took one to Bar Harbor, Maine. We even took the ferry when we got there, "The Cat," to Nova Scotia and on the way back hit all of the New England states! We always have a great time. Too good of a time sometimes! The one long road trip that sticks out most in my mind is my trip to Niagara Falls a few years ago with my Dad, Joe Anderson, and my Uncle, John Anderson. They've always been my heroes on two wheels. It was neat. When I was a kid they would ride off on their Harleys and I would stand there and think, "Some day I'll ride with them on a Harley of my own." I looked around on that trip and realized I was finally all grown up and riding with them. It was priceless!

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

Yes. My Dad and my uncle John still ride. My brother-in-law Dave rides... but he rides a "Jap bike." Sorry Dave - just kidding! My brother did ride, but he sold his bike. I think he just wanted a new one. I got my '04 Ultra in late October and had surgery in November. I was still healing up when my brother came over to visit. I was trying to give him the fever back, so I asked him to warm my bike up for me. He just smiled and took off on it. He came back and said, "Very nice, but it has a shimmy at 120 miles an hour." I guess he turned that around on me!

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

None serious.

**6) Have you ever been discriminated against**

**because you ride a motorcycle?**

Never. It seems like every time I stop for gas someone always wants to look at my bike, hear me start it up, and tell a story of their own. I always like looking back in the mirror and seeing the smile on their faces. You can almost read their minds, "Man! Now that's the life."

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

Yes - very much so. My wife Karen! Thank God I finally met and married a great woman that loves to ride - which is a big plus! She likes it so much; we rode off on "Old Blue" after we got married (dress, eight foot train and all). It was great! Karen and I love the toy runs for the kids. It's great to see all that giving.

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

Road trips. Man, I can't wait to take Karen on one! I enjoy any back road. Especially a new route I've never been on. I've covered most of the East coast, but there are a lot of back roads.

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

It's hard to say. On all the trips I've talked about, I've ridden the '95 Classic. I had it around five years. I think it had 17,000 on it when I got it, and it had 90,000 on it when I sold it.

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

I would not change a thing. I would just like to get together with friends and build memories on my new ('04) Ultra, more often... and putter in the wind. Just putter in the wind.

Well, if you should happen to run into Todd while he's out putterin', ask him to sign your copy of Road Rash Magazine. You can expect to meet a really nice guy who is down -to-earth and friendly - just don't expect him to give you flowers or anything!

I'd like to thank Todd for putting up with us and Brian for nominating this month's Hot Seat feature, setting him up for the fall, and taking the photos to help out. If you know of anyone you'd like to see featured here, let me know! Contact information is on page 5!  
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**Grizz** - Elder, Bikers for Christ

Tom,

I could not believe my eyes when I picked up this months issue to find a friend in the Hot Seat. My husband and I met Harold and Angie mid summer of last year. We saw Harold after his accident and let me tell you, this man came a long way in a short time. That is what good friends do for ya. Harold seems to be doing GREAT. Thanks for the article letting us know some things about him. We also met his club brother, Joe. These three are a great group of people and we cannot wait to take a ride with them when we get the chance. I think it's great that there is a magazine that lets everyone know what is going on in the community and great to hear you found a place for the rally in August. My husband got a bike last year after not being able to aquire one in quite some time. He got a bright orange Honda VTX 1300. I had never ridden until he brought this bike home. Well, the bug bit me and I know I must have one of my own. All of this to say, thanks for a great Hot Seat on a friend.

On another note for the magazine, is there a place to voice your opinion on things happening in the community or with the bikers? I have read that as long as bikers are doing something

for the community, they are the best people in the world. Stray from that and try to have a good time with bikers from everywhere, and suddenly you are now scum. Crazy, I know. Well enough rambling on... just thought I would drop a quick note and voice my opinion. Thanks for the great magazine and all the info you guys put in it. Rock, Moleman, Midge and, of course the Top Dog himself, Tom the Bomb.

**Tonya Osborn**

Rock,

Hope your trip to Savannah went well. I imagine the tension is building for the out west trip. I very nearly made a bonehead play yesterday Rock. May want to make a note in Road Rash for those other boneheads like me that would do something like this. I was riding north towards Pikeville on US 127 (two lane highway) with a car about a quarter mile behind me when I decided to return home to Dunlap. I found a place to turn around and was in the process of just turning without clearing my back except watching the car that I had in the mirror. Something, a sixth sense, my guardian angel, who knows, said "stop and look!" I did and the car that was behind me was being passed by a youngster in a black Mustang that I never saw. Rock, if I had completed the turn around I would have been nailed and hard. I had plenty of room to clear the car following, but not the Mustang passing in the other lane. Riding is hard enough without doing it to ourselves. That was too close. Lesson learned; never only use your mirrors to clear your back. You cannot see enough of what is going on back there for that. You have to look. In my case, that extra 30 seconds to turn around probably saved me from injury or worse.

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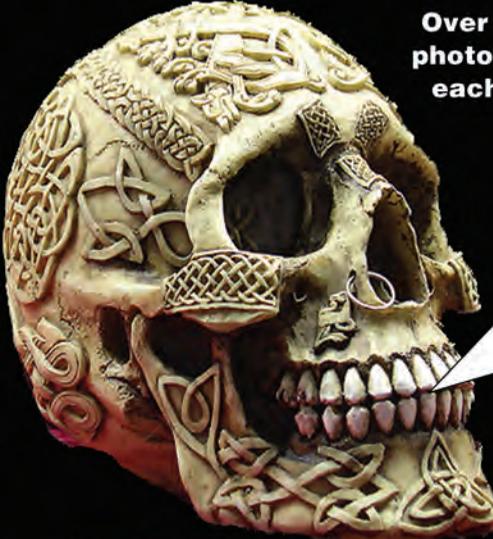
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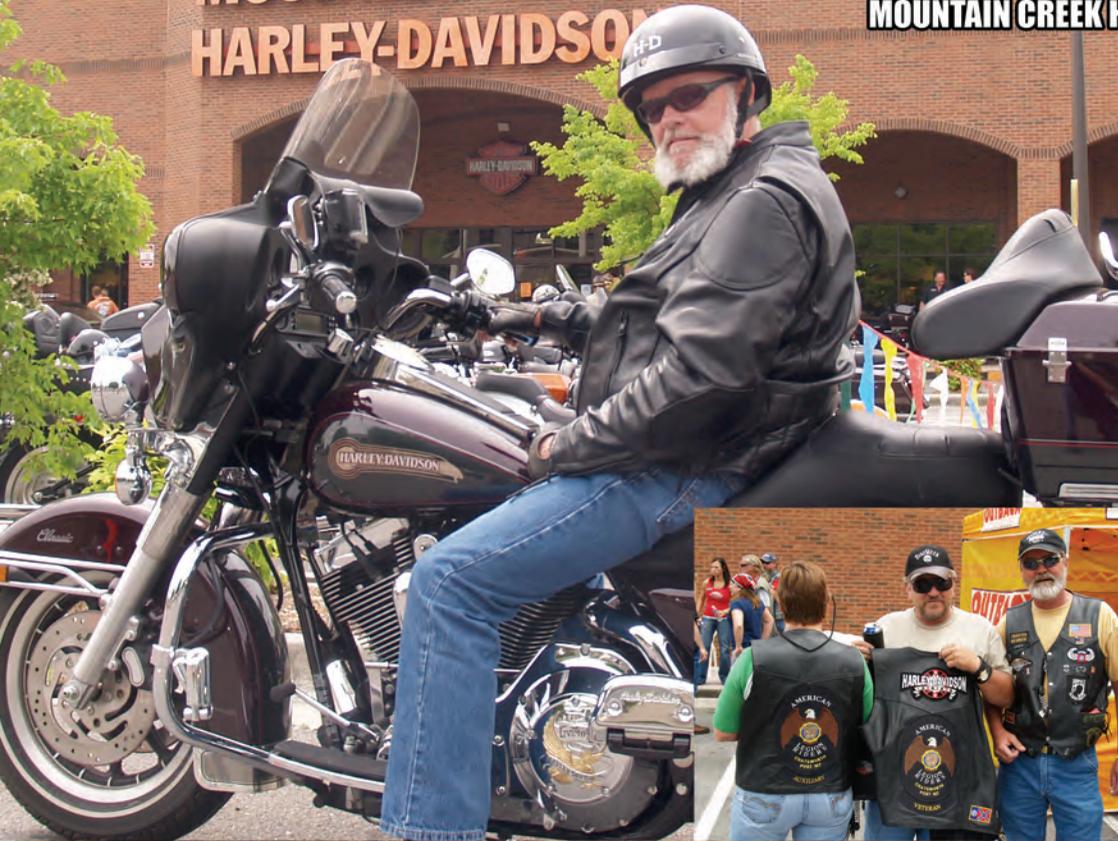
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**JUNE 14TH**

**Party at Thunder Creek with Dad**

**Car Show/Bike Show and Cruise-In**

**12pm - 5pm**

Join us as we celebrate dad!

**COME SEE MONSTER TRUCKS!**

Hear live music on stage, enjoy awesome food and beverages by Bud's Sports Bar,

Enter the Bike Show or Car Show!

**BRING YOUR DAD TO THE CREEK!**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

If you have a car you would like to enter email [contacttc@thecreekhd.com](mailto:contacttc@thecreekhd.com).

For more information log on to [www.thundercreekharley.com](http://www.thundercreekharley.com)

**JUNE 21ST**

**MOUNTAIN CREEK TWIN CAM JAM / SUSAN G. KOMEN**

**BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER & PARTY 12PM-5PM**

Join us for Music from

**Black 7, House of Flies, The Vintage Band  
Yard Dawgs & Cross Plains!**

**Dames Aflame out of Atlanta**

**will be helping us raise money for the Cure!**

**Food by Outback Steakhouse!**

Come have a great time at  
Mountain Creek H-D and help us  
raise money for a great cause!

**DON'T FORGET YOUR PINK!**

**COME PARTY AT THE PEAK WITH MOUNTAIN CREEK!**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

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