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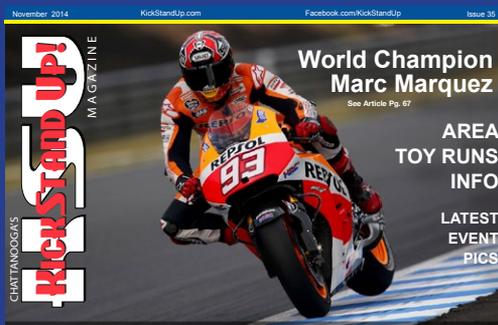
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Hello Everyone,

Our "Find The C Note Contest" has been a big hit this year. We started it in January, but it was well into February before it was found. I'm sure that people just hated to take those bikes off life support for a cold winter ride.

Every month since then the cash has been found before the next issue was published. To date we had hidden nine c-notes and six of those were found by members of the same riding club. The SCRC #34 has owned this contest. It seems, that those folks like to ride their bikes instead of just standing around polishing or admiring their new chrome.

This month's contest is what I like to call a "pack your lunch" ride. It will take you around 5 hours round trip which includes a lunch stop. I figured that since November is one of the prettiest months of the year to ride that I would take the participants on a trek over some of my favorite roads which ends in one of the most spectacular places in our area.

I would be remiss if I didn't warn novice riders to not attempt this one. As usual all of the roads are paved, but there are a couple of places where things get a little hairy if you don't

know what you're doing. I would just feel better if beginner riders sat this one out. There will be plenty of months next year for you to seek and find the c-note.

Make sure and check out all the area Toy Run ads in this issue. As usual there are dozens of them and you can find one no matter what community or county you live in. It is always a good feeling to know that you made some child's Christmas a little better than it might have been.

Motorcyclists have always been known for their community service, so don't let this year be any different. I know many people that try to hit as many Toy Runs as they can. Look for our photographers Frank Pate and Greg Cooks and give them a friendly smile. Until next month.

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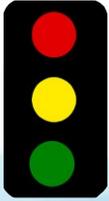


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Marc Coma races during stage 4 of the Rally dos Sertoes, Brazil on August 27th, 2014



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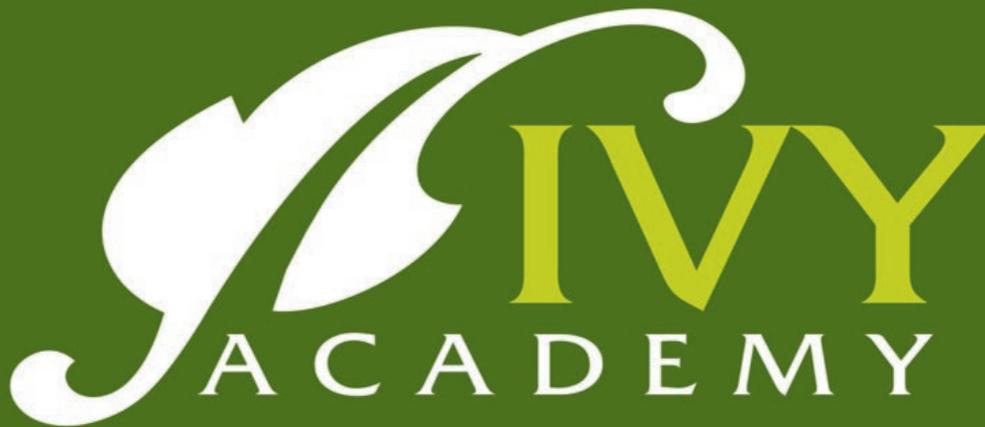
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A Sarcastic & Satirical Poem Author Unknown

Bikers are a subculture, you might have heard folks say.
But how's a man to join this clan? Must he ride every day?

Is there a special set of rules that helps define the rider?
And how long is this journey to becoming an insider?

Does one just go and buy a bike to claim their rightful place?
To get there will you need long hair and whiskers on your face?

Well, take heart, it's your lucky day. I'm here to set you straight.
Just play it smart and act the part, then you won't have to wait.

No dues to pay (unless you count the fortune you'll be spending).
No greasy hands or club demands, it's all done with pretending.

See, preparation's paramount to taking on this role.
Without the right appearance you're just one more rich a#@hole.

The "just-got-out-of-prison" look is what you must achieve,
So cultivate it carefully and you'll make folks believe.

Naturally you'll have to get yourself some Motorclothes®.
The whole ensemble's pricey, though, as every biker knows.

But that official uniform will suit you fine, you'll see
(It's sure to underscore your individuality).

Some new tattoos will show the world that you're bad to the bone.
The tribal ones are popular, though which tribe is unknown.

Regrettably they hurt a bit; your skin will bleed and swell.
If that won't do there's fake ones, too, and they'll work just as well.

Wearing helmets is for squares, so they should not be used.
Are you pro-choice? Have you no choice? Admit it, you're confused.

Don't bother thinking for yourself, mimic what others do.

Within a week you'll go from geek to hardcore biker, too.

If all this seems like too much effort just to play a part,
Pretend it's year 'round Halloween and you're a kid at heart.

And what about the bike itself? Is pristine paint taboo?
It's true that chrome won't get you home, but neither will bird doo.

Adorn your scoot with skulls and flames so there can be no doubt:
You scoff at death with every breath, it's what you're all about.

A bunch of Maltese crosses is another way to go.



What do they signify? Who cares, they're only there for show.

The bike is just a prop you see, stage dressing in your play.
In full attire you'll inspire all eyes to look your way.

I'm sure you've heard loud pipes are cool; they're proof that you are tough.
Who cares if neighbors' kids can't sleep, too much is not enough!

Don't bother learning riding skills 'cause you were born to ride.
Cars can't ignore your mighty roar, they all will move aside.

One thing that's very crucial is to have a wide rear tire.
It won't improve performance, but that's not your desire.

Again, it's all about the look; fat rubber implies power.
They'll never know your bike won't go

a hundred miles an hour.

Avoid the highway at all costs, the boulevard's your spot.
More folks will see you, long to be you, riding skills or not.

Mostly you'll just park the bike and pose in public view.
The hoi polloi can eye your toy while idolizing you.

Of course you'll need a trailer that can haul your iron steed,
Paint on the side that "Live to Ride" is your official creed.

And don't forget to drink a lot, it's part of the mystique.
It makes you seem more interesting, rebellious and unique.

Along with that comes attitude, the nastier the better.
No one can know a faux Brando was once a frail bed wetter.

Be sure to work on language skills, particularly curse words.
A well-placed s#@t or f%#k is nice, or maybe you know worse words.

All men are "bro", all women "b#@!h" – this may take some rehearsing.
But then who can remember names with all that drunken cursing?

Brag about your bike, call it "your latest acquisition."

Mention you own three to further bolster your position.

Status symbols don't come cheap, you've earned the right to boast.
The most authentic biker is the one who spends the most.

Toss around some gear head terms like "spark advance" or "VOES."
So what if it's all Greek to you, odds are no one else knows.

Just one last thing I must impart on how you should behave:
If in our travels we should pass, please don't forget to wave.

Oh, I'm not saying I'll wave back, but then I'm not a bro.
I've just been riding all my life, so, what the h#ll do I know?

.. *IN ACTION*



Justin Hill and Marvin Musquin qualifying
at Red Bull Straight Rhythm in Pomona,
CA, USA on 3 October 2014





Bill Cason and the Board of the Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride met together with their wives and friends on Saturday, October 11th for their last official act. They were dedicating the above pavilion on Blythe's Ferry just west of Birchwood.



Blythe Ferry was a ferry across the Tennessee River in Meigs County, Tennessee. In 1838, the ferry served as a gathering point and crossing for the Cherokee Removal, commonly called the Trail of Tears, in which thousands of Cherokee were forced to move west to Oklahoma from their homeland in the southeastern United States.

While the ferry no longer exists, the ferry site is now part of the Cherokee Removal Memorial Park, which was dedicated in 2005 and was still under development in 2007. The park comprises a section of the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge, which is managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.



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I stopped by the Old Man's house a few days ago. I haven't stopped by in quite a while. He is always waiting for me. Doesn't matter what time of the year. It's as if he sits in the front room...knowing.... knowing that some day, when the weather and the tailwind is just right for a ride back to the old homeplace is when I show up.



He never knows what I might be riding. That is the joy. I can see it on his face. That is the way it has been since I bought my first street bike. Back when his son and I were best buds, hitting the bars every weekend. His son and I parted ways fairly quick but I would always drop in and visit him because we had the two wheeled connection.

He is usually at the door by the time I pull off my helmet and look up. I always ride down the driveway and turn up the sidewalk stopping just short of the first step on the porch. I pull off my helmet and swagger up the steps and take my seat on the second rocker. We shoot the breeze for a few minutes and then the question comes up. "What is that you're riding these days?" Up until a few years ago the answer was always followed by the next question....."care if I run it around the block?"

I always pointed toward's the

he thought about it. This time was different. His wife came to the door after I rang the bell. He was on the back porch. I followed a long clear tube carrying oxygen to the frail little man kicked-back on the porch. He has lived a full life. His last ride was up the newly opened Cherohala Skyway with his teenage daughter on back. He badly wants a convertible so he can try to relive some of the old days. Sadly, the tube isn't long enough to reach to the mountains.

We sit for a while and talk about the days of old. The rides that



never seemed to end. He finally rustled up the strength to walk to the front because he knew that I was riding something new that

he hadn't seen. He walked out and worked his tube through the worn notch in the screen door. We sat in the old rockers and talked about what the Italians were doing with bikes these days. We hit on the local politics and other social events of the day. He told me how his old Honda felt while peeled over on the Skyway and how life just couldn't be any better at that place and that moment in time.

I immediately thought about the memories I would have when I reached that place in my life. Funny how some of the best memories of all have happened when I was straddling two wheels without a care in the world except that moment in time.

The day was growing long and I had duties to attend to. I bid farewell with the promise to be back soon with the family in tow to entertain and visit. I can only hope that he stays with us long enough for me to have at least one more trip in time.

The old man has had a full life and still has the sparkle of a man who knows what it is to drag a knee on a perfect autumn day with miles to go before the drudge of a workday beckons. It hurts me to see him so close to the end of life, yet it brightens my day to know that I will have that same sparkle of knowing that I have lived life to it's fullest. Doing my best to live each day as if it might be my very last. Just think of how empty most of our lives might have been if not for the freedom of the open road on our friend, the motorcycle. Life is indeed,....good.

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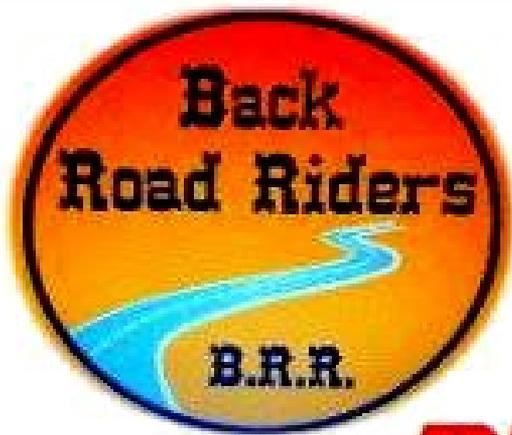
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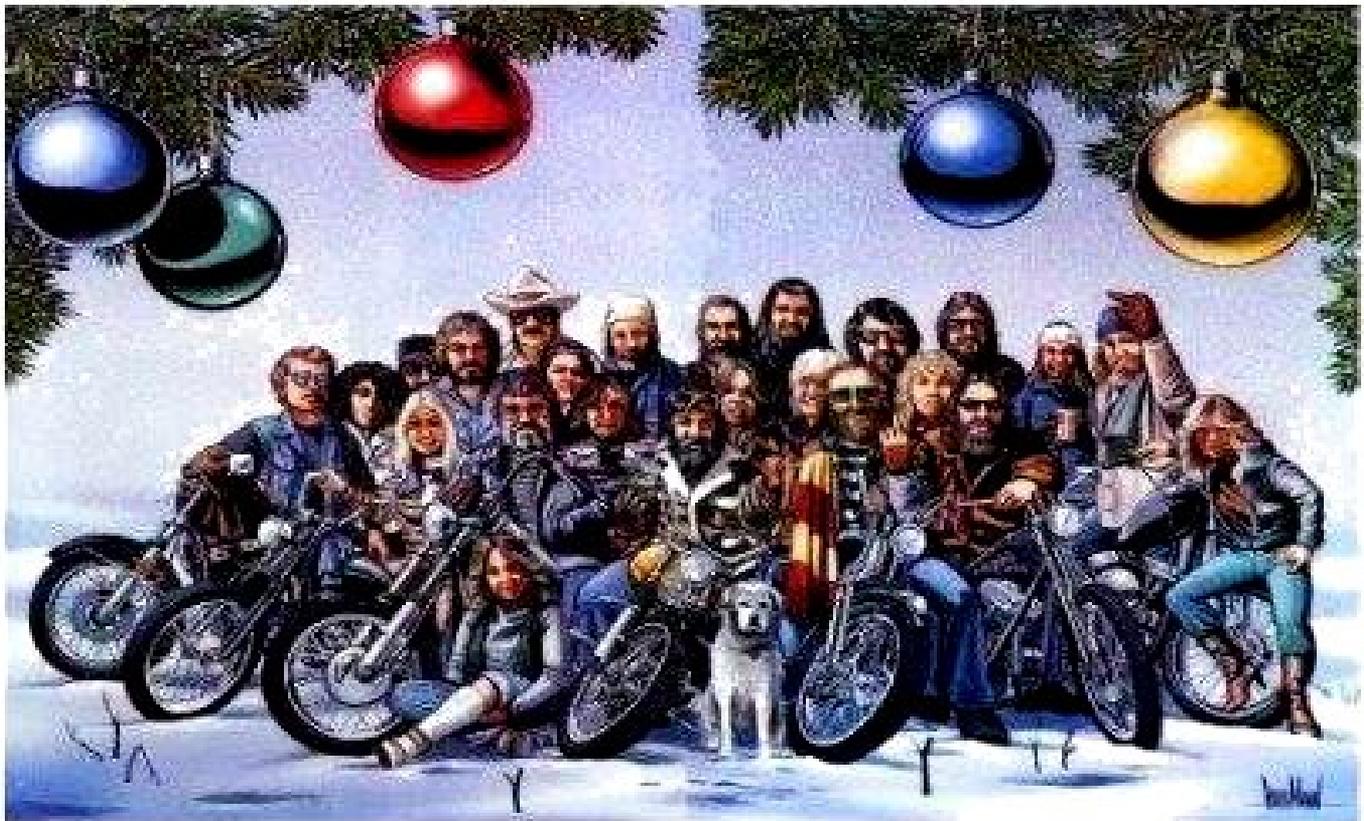
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Luther was the same age as my mother is now and they both graduated in the same class at Central High School on Dodson Ave. Luther worked at WDEF for 74 years. It has been reported that he never missed even one day of work

in all that time. He was there when WDEF television signed on in 1954 . . . I was seven years old, Luther was 31. Luther has always been there. His friendly voice helped people every day. He found their lost pets, helped them in time of crisis, and was just always there to lend a helping hand.

He was the same giving person in his personal life. I heard on the news that Luther paid for more than one person's college education just because they couldn't afford to go any other way. He did all this in anonymity, because he didn't want the recognition. Helping change these people's lives was all he wanted in return. Luther was just a great guy on or off the microphone

In the above photo, Luther poses with Tommy Cass (early 90's) at his business Cyclorama on Hixson Pike. Luther was doing a show on local businesses that interested him and one of them happened to be Cyclorama. I guess Luther was a rider at heart.

or camera.

I'm sure I speak for thousands of people when I say, we'll miss you Luther. You have fought the good fight and now you are at rest. RIP Luther. Your family, listeners, and friends will never forget you.

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Jorge Lorenzo leads a tight pack with Valentino Rossi and Marc Marquez on his heels at Aragon. Lorenzo went on to win the race. Rossi crashed out of race.



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Life happens. As much as we would all love to sit back and say that things always stay at a constant, they seldom do. As for me, I'd be lying to all of us, if I try and tell you that I had some grand article planned. Truth is--I don't. All I have are a few rants, a few observations, and a few stories about life's little, shall we say-- moments....

I could sit back and tell you all tips on picking a new ride, or fave areas to venture, but this month, all I hear inside my own head is "blah, blah, blaaaaahhhhhh...." It's like my brain has a misfiring that causes a bad repeat in the circuits, or a complete system crash, but I digress.

So, I had surgery. Ah, nothing like that HUGE reminder that although my mind and personality screams "I'm still in my 20's!!" My body screams "Hey gal, you're almost...." (You didn't really think I was gonna tell my age, did you?) Let's just say that it's not as easy to re-coup these days, but it won't be long until I'm back out there on Raven.

I lead a busy life, so it is easy for me to get caught up in my work. I work retail, and yes, your condolences are graciously accepted. (insert evil grin here) Really, I love what I do. It's a challenge, it's fast-paced, with little chance to get bored, and occasionally, it will give me the opportunity to meet many of you, for those of you that happen to wander into my store on a home improvement whim.

My family and I moved. Oh goodness, after going through one



of the most traumatic experiences of my life, AKA, the mortgage loan approval process, we had to actually move our entire family of 3 kids, 4 dogs, 4 motorcycles, and D and I. For those of you that have never moved an entire family before, it is exhausting and emotional. Sorting through years of memories, especially from combined families, can really be something. Choosing which to pack up and which to leave at the curb can take a toll. Nonetheless, it eventually got done, with all

7, has been rather fearful of most bikes, other than Bad Girl, which has since moved on to another deserving lady rider. Therefore, it's been pretty difficult to get her interested in riding, even though she and my stepson have their own dirt bike. Recently, she decided to take her brother up on his offer of doubling her on the bike. What do you think happened? Yep, she's loving it! Keeps asking to ride. That really makes a Momma proud!! Maybe it won't be much longer before she gears up and ventures out with her own "bad" self. As they say, baby steps. Baby steps....

Oh, and there's the not-so-awesome moments of riding, as well. Sometimes, I feel a little "girly." By that, I mean, I like to ride with my man, on occasion, just as much as I enjoy riding alone. However, for those of you who have never met my man, Daryl, he has an explosive temper and DMS, or what I like to call, "Diarrhea of the Mouth Syndrome."



In case you didn't already know, Georgia has this little law (40-8-90) that basically states that no motorized vehicle can have any type of blue lights with the exception of law enforcement, government, etc....blah, blah, blah. Well, for those of you that know my man, he has lots of beautiful and BLUE LEDs on his Honda CBR

safely placed in our new quarters.

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Between moving and surgery, I haven't gotten much of a chance to get that dose of 2 wheel therapy. That's almost as essential to me, as the air I breathe. What's the next best thing than riding, one may ask? Watching your children ride and develop a love and respect for those machines. I consider my motorcycles just as much a part of my family, as I do my pets. My daughter, just turning

Why, Jennifer, where are you going with this, you may ask? Well, I shall tell you....short and sweetly put, it went a little something like this:

Cop: "License please"

D: "Why did you pull us over?" "I wasn't speeding, etc."

Cop: Pointing at his car's blue lights and nodding at D's bike "You're not

supposed to have blue lights” “I’ll be right back”

Me: While patting D on his back, and leaning to speak into his ear: “Keep your mouth shut.” “Just be cool and stay quiet.” “KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.”

Cop: “You can’t have blue lights on your vehicle.” “I’m just gonna give you a warning.” “Sign here.” (Holding out ticket)

Me: Smiling and nodding: “Thank you, Officer”

Cop: Smiles back and nods and ALMOST gets to walk away.

D: “REALLY!?” “YOU MUST NOT HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO- YOU MUST BE BORED-IS THERE NO CRIME TONIGHT!?” (There are no spaces for a reason, this would be where the Diarrhea of the Mouth Syndrome comes in)

Cop: “Stay here.” “I’ll be right back.”

Any guesses as to what happens next? That’s right winner, winner, chicken dinner! Daryl gets us slapped with-- are you ready for it? A \$280 ticket and a court date, compliments of his mouth. Although D has been told by other officers, that blue lights wouldn’t be a problem unless they’re flashing or strobing, I wouldn’t take that too close to heart.

Moral of the story, be careful when showing off your ride’s LEDs, be polite to the officers, and most of all--don’t be a victim of DMS!!

That’s right folks! Life has been pretty hectic around the Bailey Household, therefore, leading to this “pot luck” style article. For those of you who can’t

relate, I apologize for the boring read. For those of you who can--please send good vibes my way, or gifts of chocolate, cupcakes, migraine relief, bandages, and/or ticket money.

As always, stay safe, GOD BLESS, and ride tough!

Jen



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Lora's Peeps

Laura Erie is the Comptroller at Pandora's European Motorsports. Every week in the Pandora's newsletter she features one of her Peeps i.e. customers, employees, & friends. We will be featuring one or two of her Peeps every month.



Ducatis to Europe for a year and a half. He travelled all over on those bikes, including touring the Alps. He then shipped himself and his bikes back to the US.

Isidoro's girlfriend of seven years, Carol, also rides. She has a Honda Goldwing 1800 trike. He says that she beats him on the straight-aways, but he can take her in the turns!

Oh...and I did mention that Isidoro is an animal lover! He currently has one dog, two miniature mules, a miniature donkey, around 50 seasonal hummingbirds,

and a Manx cat. He didn't know a lot about these cats when he got Briciola (Italian for "bread crumb"), and then he found that this particular breed of cats originated on the Isle of Man. Not to let the Manx-sportbike connection go unnoticed, Isidoro pointed out that he has two Du-CAT-is. I told him that's the first time I've heard anyone pull the word 'cat' out of Ducati. Around here, it's usually 'Duc(k)!!'...for more reasons than one!

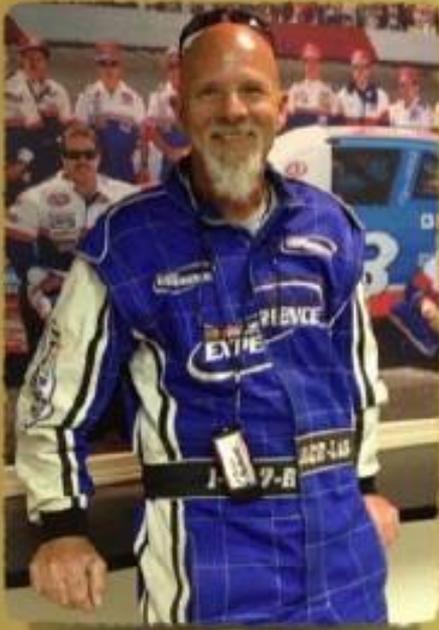
Isidoro, thank you so much for taking the time to chat with me and for sharing your story!

Lora Erie

My peep this week is a fellow animal lover and very interesting Italian-American, Mr. Isidoro Campisi. Isidoro is originally from Milano, Italy and has lived in the states since August 1975. He had come here to do research at LSU, where he then received his PhD. He already had a doctorate from Italy. Now retired, Isidoro spent most of his career working with "superconducting microwave cavities used in particle accelerators". (Didn't I appear intelligent for just a second??)

Isidoro has been riding as a "conscious activity" for around 32 years. He rode off and on before

that, but did not purchase his first bike until 1981 or 82. His first bike was a Kawasaki 440 LTD. A few years later he purchased a 1984 Honda VT500 Ascot, which he still owns. The Kawasaki is the only bike he's ever sold. He has five motorcycles in his current collection: the VT500, a 1987 Ducati 750 Paso (of which he took delivery straight from the factory in Bologna, Italy back when Ducati was owned by Cagiva), a 2013 BMW F700GS, a 2008 Ducati 1098, and another Honda VT 500. He hasn't yet decided whether to restore both of the Hondas, or split the parts and make one really nice bike out of them. In 1996, Isidoro took the original Honda and one of his



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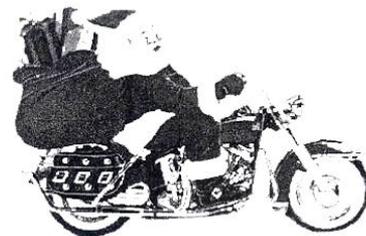
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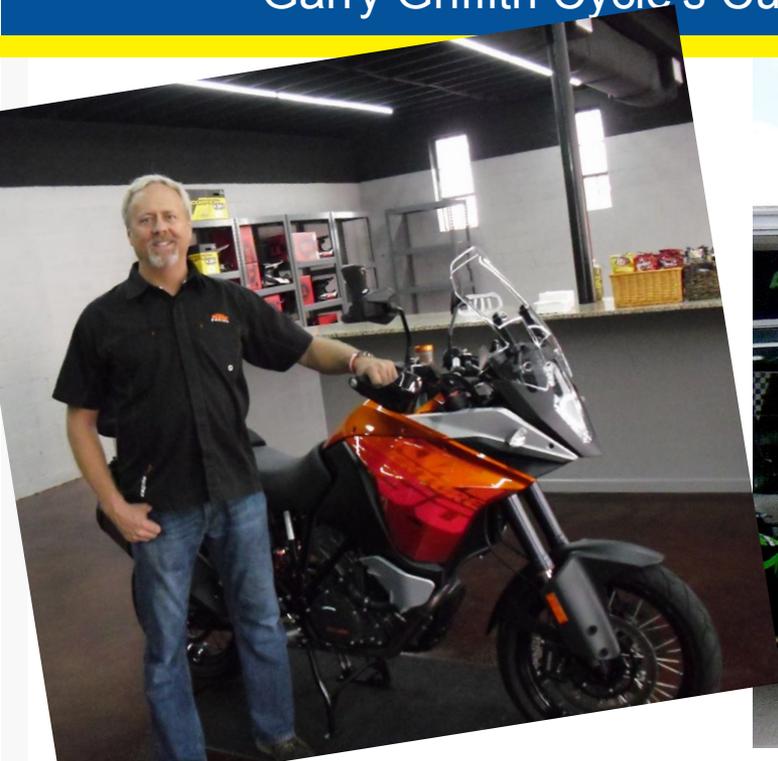
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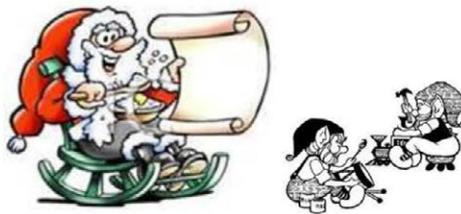
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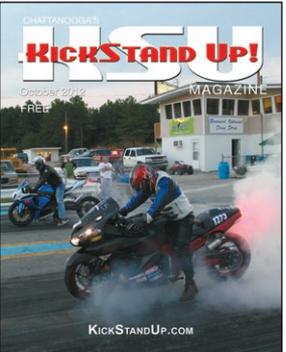
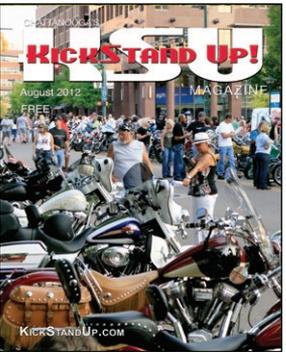
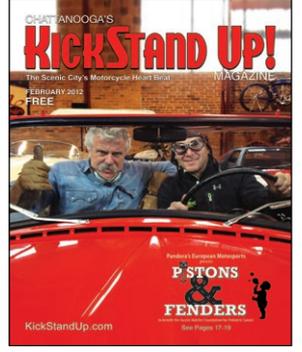
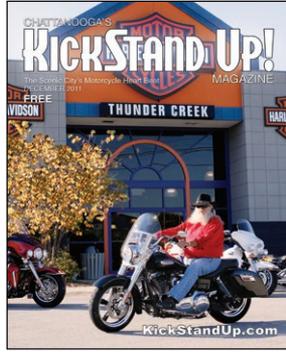
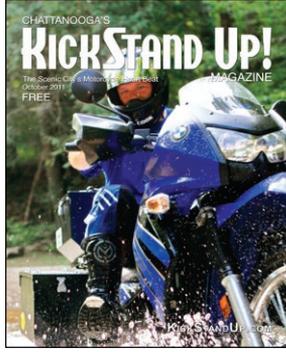
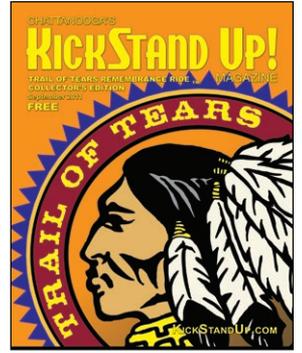
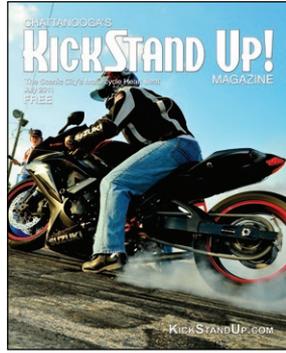
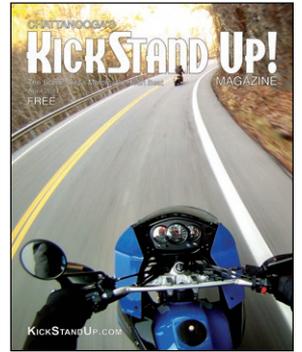
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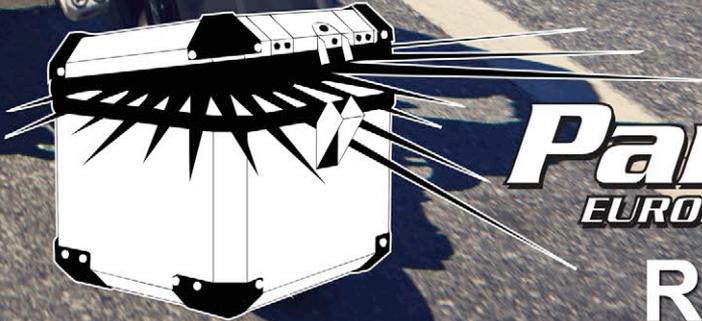


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A pre-season leg break which the rider from Cervera, Spain, sustained whilst dirt track training close to his hometown, meant he missed the last tests before the new season commenced, but he showed no signs of weakness once the real action got underway in Qatar. Just weeks after his training accident Marquez showed he would be tough to beat this year as he won from pole at the Losail International Circuit following a great battle in the desert with Valentino Rossi.

Returning to the scene of his first MotoGP class win last year in Austin, Marquez was unstoppable at round two as he won by a four second margin from his Repsol Honda teammate Dani Pedrosa. A

fortnight later Marquez added another venue to the list of tracks where he has been victorious as he won an enthralling MotoGP race in Argentina at the new Termas de Rio Hondo track.

Just a week on from the Argentina triumph, Marquez cruised to victory in front of 115,000 fans at Jerez with Rossi and Pedrosa also on the podium. It was a fourth win from pole as Marquez continued his ruthless form.

On the back of his early season performances Marquez agreed a new two year deal with his team, tying him to Honda Racing Corporation until the end of 2016.

Further victories were racked up from pole as the series of European Grands Prix continued at Le Mans and Mugello. Pedrosa, Rossi and Jorge Lorenzo were giving it their all to stop the rampant 21 year-old but could not find a way to defeat him.

Marquez's rivals got a glimmer of hope at Barcelona-Catalunya as he crashed out of Q2 and missed pole for the first time this season, qualifying third. But come the race Marquez was as formidable as ever, crossing the line half a second in front of Rossi, surviving a late scare as Pedrosa touched his rear wheel in the final stages, the latter almost crashing and having to settle for third.

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Valentino Rossi and teammate Jorge Lorenzo battle for position.

Lorenzo Wins!

Aragon

Lorenzo (Movistar Yamaha MotoGP) took victory by over 10 seconds as he judged the conditions better than his rivals, changing bikes with four laps to go, with Espargaro (NGM Forward Racing) just beating Crutchlow (Ducati Team) to the line to complete the podium. The riders were forced to change to wet set-ups in the final stages after the rain began to fall heavily – having started the race on a drying track.

The tricky conditions caused Andrea Dovizioso (Ducati Team) to crash out before swapping to his wet bike and he was taken to the medical centre for checks on a hip trauma. Repsol Honda teammates Pedrosa and Marquez took a risk staying out in the wet on slick tyres in the final laps. Pedrosa fell and remounted to take 14th with Marquez crashing later and finishing 13th after eventually swapping to his wet bike too.

The top five was completed by Stefan Bradl (LCR Honda MotoGP) and Bradley Smith (Monster Yamaha Tech3) as they took advantage of the crashes ahead of them. Smith just beat his teammate Pol Espargaro (Monster Yamaha Tech3) to the line by 0.203s.

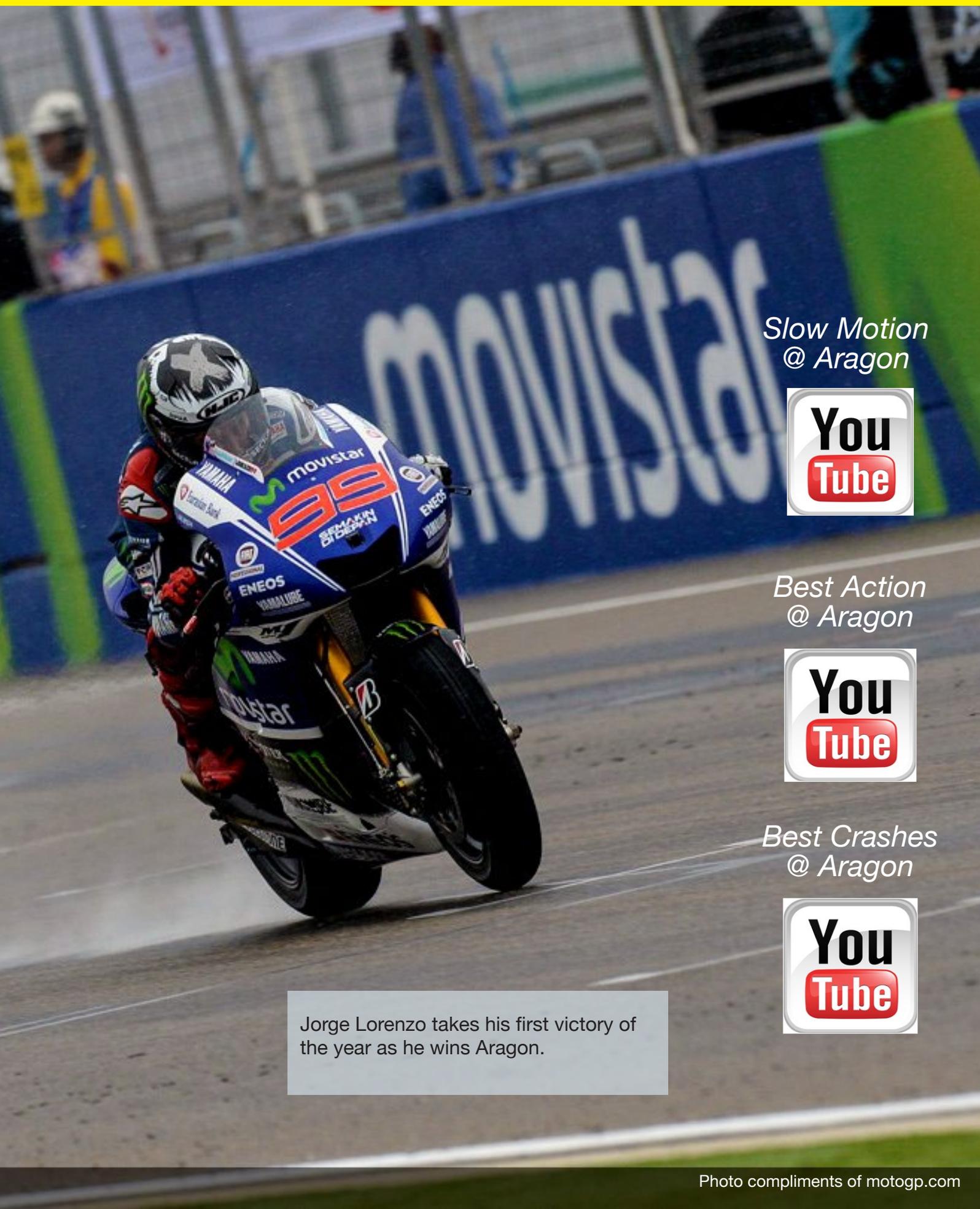
The top ten was completed by Alvaro Bautista (GO&FUN Honda Gresini), Hiroshi Aoyama (Drive M7 Aspar), Nicky Hayden (Drive M7 Aspar) and Scott Redding (GO&FUN Honda Gresini).

Before the rain had fallen Iannone (Pramac Racing) crashed as he ran wide having led for the opening laps. He looked

as though he might stay upright but wet grass sent him skyward. Rossi (Movistar Yamaha MotoGP) had a similar incident, running wide and touching the grass resulting in a vicious highside. He was taken to the medical center but deemed ok, before being taken to hospital for precautionary head scans.

Karel Abraham (Cardion AB Motoracing) retired with a mechanical problem early in the race

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Jorge Lorenzo takes his first victory of the year as he wins Aragon.



Pack It Up!

This is the season that many motorcycle organizations host toy runs, where a large group of bikes travel together to a destination in order to deliver gifts to needy children.

The practice often results in a temporary improvement in the public's perception and attention for motorcyclists, but certainly not always.

When the group consists of a relatively small number of bikes, the event is essentially just another group ride with all normal group ride rules and discipline expected. But when the group becomes large (more than 20 bikes or so) the potential risks to the riders becomes so great that many will no longer participate in those events. Those risks are both internally developed and external.

For example, toy run organizers tend to want their groups to remain groups, to ride together without unrelated vehicles inserting themselves inside the group. Thus, they go out of their way to try to control (deny) the ability of other vehicles to gain access to the group, or be allowed to cut through the group at intersections. They may go so far as to retain police officers to act as escorts and to control traffic intersections. Or, (and this is illegal), to have specific members of their group to act as escorts and to control those intersections as if they were police officers.

You would think that whether you were driving a car or riding a motorcycle, if you came to an intersection that was being blocked by a motorcycle, that you would stop and wait for the intersection to clear before proceeding across it, even if you had a green light and the right-of-way. But that is not always true. Besides, green lights do not say it's safe to proceed, they only give you the right to proceed if it is safe to do so.

But reasonable or not, drivers do not always stop at the blocked intersection - especially if it is signal controlled and the light is green for them.

A recent motorcyclist fatality occurred near Dallas, Texas when a group of 85 motorcycles attempted to move as a group through an intersection that was signal light controlled. Rather than have off-duty policemen act as an escort and control those intersections, the motorcycle club decided that it would use its own members to do that for their annual toy run. One member moved left from the travel lane the rest of the group was riding in and stopped directly in the path of the slow lane of the crossing street. Traffic stopped for it as the group then moved through the cross lane. While it was doing so, the traffic signal changed. The driver of a car in the fast lane of the cross street saw the blocking motorcycle in the slow lane, saw that the signal light had turned green for her, claimed to become confused and decided that since she had the right-of-way, she could proceed through the intersection and was immediately struck by two motorcycles. One of the riders died at the scene.

Who was right? Who won?
NOBODY!

Unless an emergency vehicle with flashing RED AND BLUE lights has taken control of an intersection, a driver (or rider) CANNOT legally go through

a red light. But whether or not a legal blocking of the intersection is performed with a vehicle having flashing red and blue lights, that green signal light only says it's legal to proceed through the intersection if it is safe to do so.

For survival reasons, only you can determine if it's safe to proceed through an intersection. This should be based FIRST on whether anything could constitute a threat to you (no matter the color of any signal lights or whether there is a legal escort in an intersection controlling it), THEN on the basis of what is attempting to control flow.

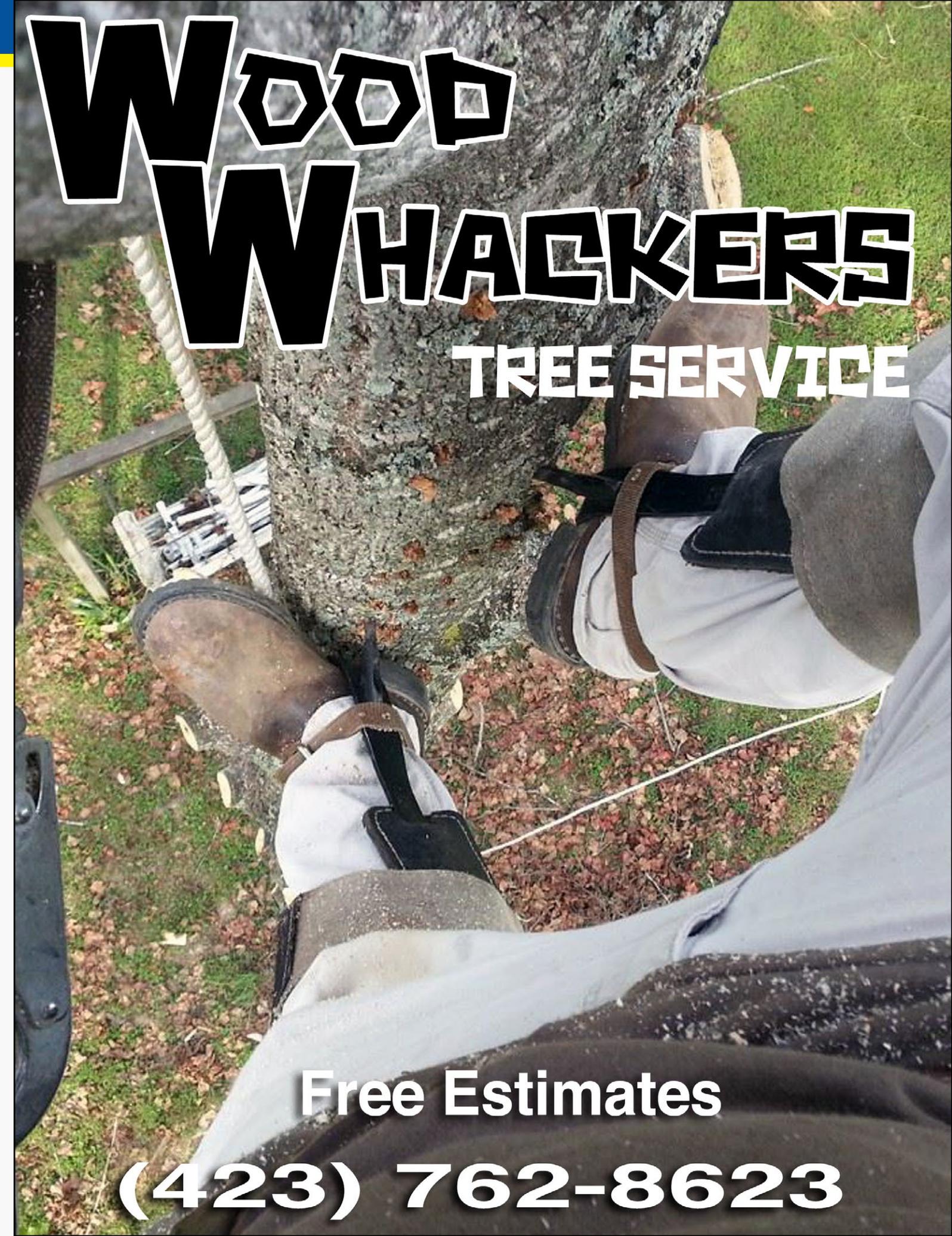
That's the obvious 'external' danger when riding in large groups. The obvious 'internal' danger is the rubber band effect caused when any speed changes occur. I was part of a large North Georgia based toy run a couple of years ago where there were over a thousand bikes in the group. Off-duty policemen were retained to act as escorts. We traveled about 21 miles on a four lane road to get to our destination and though the lead bike never went faster than about 45 MPH, the bikes following no more than 30 or 40 bikes behind the lead bike often hit speeds well over 100 MPH just to keep the group together. And they were undisciplined in the extreme where faster bikes routinely passed slower bikes along the way. That year I exited the group and told myself I would never travel in another large toy run like that again.

Ride in any ride you want and help out as many kids as you can. Every toy run benefits a great cause. All I am saying is be safe and look out for yourself. Take your time getting to the final destination of the ride, I guarantee they will still accept your gifts. Many rides have casual and inexperienced riders who would better support the cause by just traveling in the cage.

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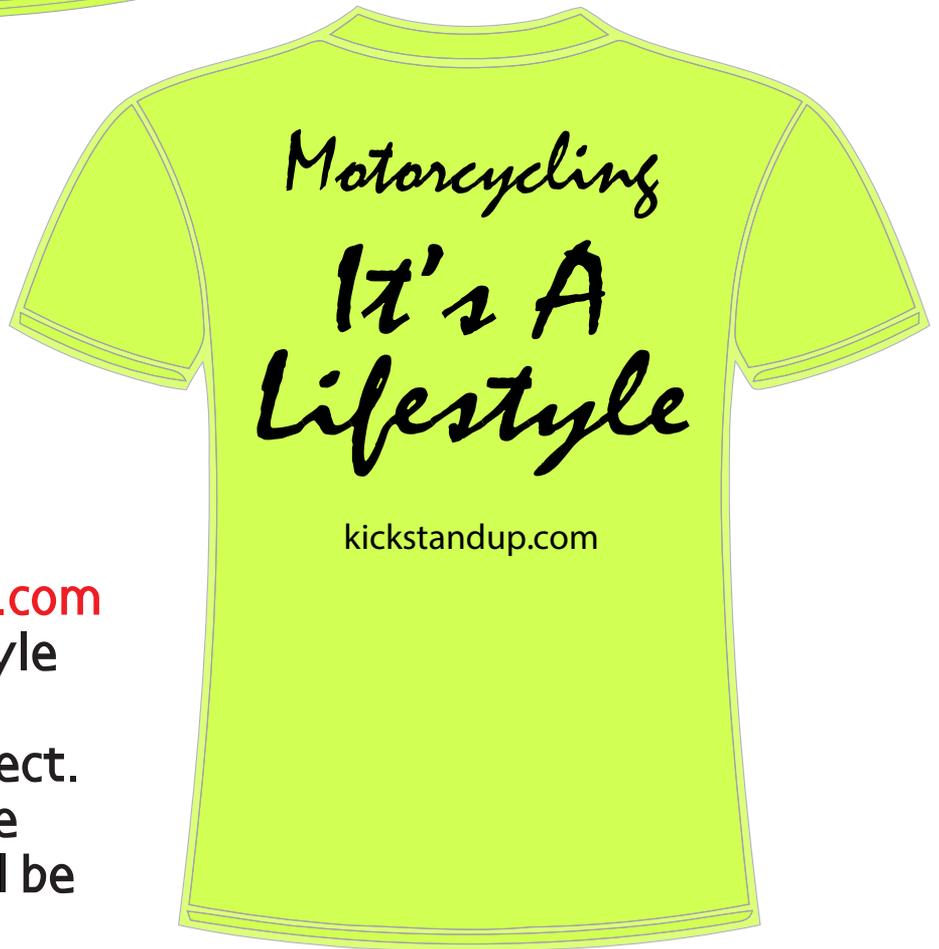


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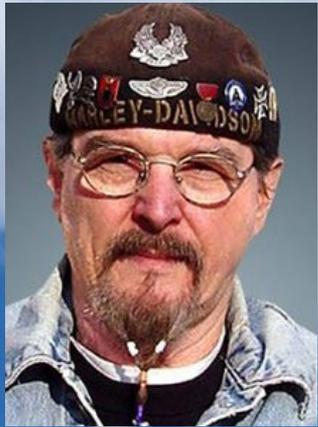
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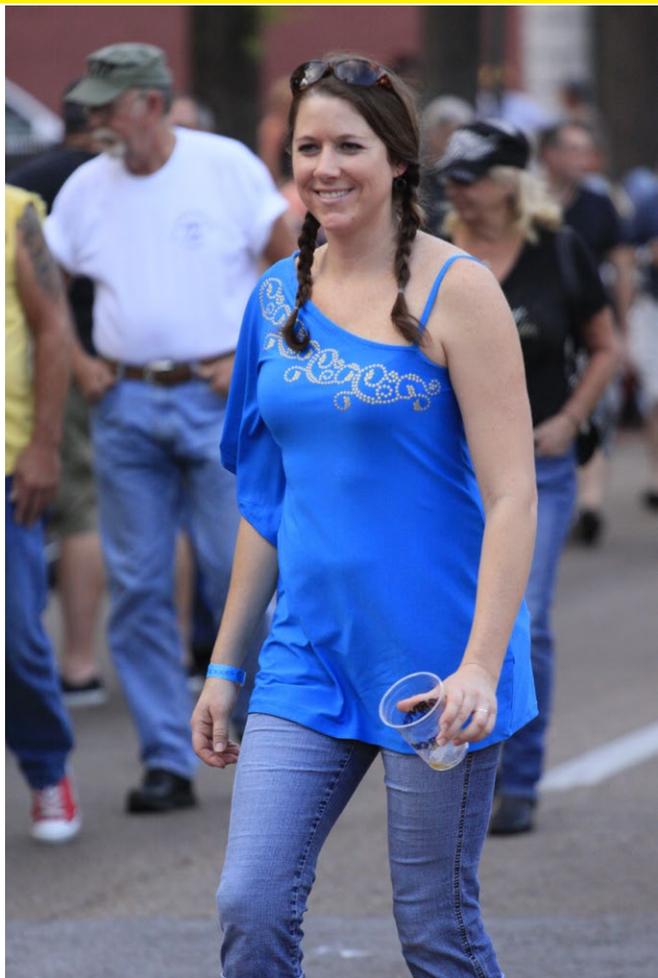
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