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

Have you ever been in a situation that just defies reason? After a satisfying meal last month at a local restaurant, I came out to find someone had parked a car halfway into the same (legal) parking space my bike was occupying at the time. There were several available parking spaces, many of which were actually closer to the front door of the restaurant, but this genius had decided against the better parking spaces, and settled on backing in as close as possible to my motorcycle instead. I was absolutely blown



away by the sheer audacity required to pull that off so I grabbed my camera and snapped the picture above – then I realized the driver of the vehicle was still in the driver's seat! Being an older (but not ancient) gentleman, I assumed he had pulled into the space haphazardly and once he realized his mistake, he would pull

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away... but he just sat there staring blankly across the parking lot as I attempted to get my bike off of it's kickstand – which was impossible to do without making contact with his passenger door. He sat there motionless as I forced my bike out into the parking lot away from his car with my kickstand loudly scraping across the asphalt until I had clearance enough to stand up straight. Apparently, despite the fact my date was laughing hysterically and pointing at him (along with the fact I had gotten my camera out and took several pictures of him and his car), he never realized what he'd done. I'm not sure what would scare me more – that he didn't care, or that he never saw my bike in the first place. I briefly considered confronting the man and explaining exactly what I thought of his driving skills – but I realized it wouldn't do me any good. If some dude can't see a wildly custom painted motorcycle parked in broad daylight, what could I say or do that would help him see it the next time? Even worse, what could I say or do that would help him see it when it's riding down the road? Several times after that incident, I've reminded myself that that same person in the parking lot might be


riding alongside me on the freeway or waiting to pull out of an intersection just ahead. It is a scary thought – but it might as well be true. I try to ride as if I'm invisible – because obviously I am, at least to some people...  
As you know, warm weather and high gas prices have added up to many more motorcycles on the road trying not only to get from point "A" to point "B," but out on leisurely rides to cool down and enjoy the scenery and motorcycle-related events. The mixture of added two-wheelers and oblivious cagers usually ends up in disaster. Please take special care this month to watch out for idiots... and not to be one yourself!  
Speaking of motorcycle-related events... Our five-year anniversary party, the Road Rash Biker Bash is this month in Ringgold, Georgia! Anyone who is anyone should be there. The gates open up at noon Friday, August 18, and although we have close to 74 acres to accommodate everyone and the gates won't close until Sunday, you'll want to get there as early as possible to claim the best camping spots. The Tennessee Rounders will open up for the infamous David Allan Coe

Friday night. Saturday, you can look forward to the usual motorcycle rodeo events, as well as the Tim and Reece Band and blues legend Big Mike Griffin. It's the best thirty bucks you could spend – especially if you enjoy reading Road Rash Magazine, because you could really help us out by attending! We are welcoming anyone who can ride, drive, walk or crawl – call me personally or check out more information on our Web site, [www.roadrashmag.com](http://www.roadrashmag.com). I hope to see you there!!!


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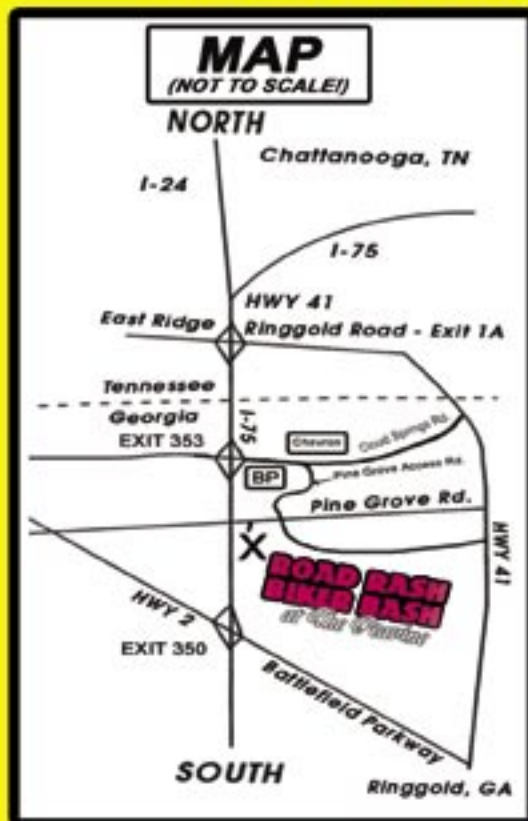
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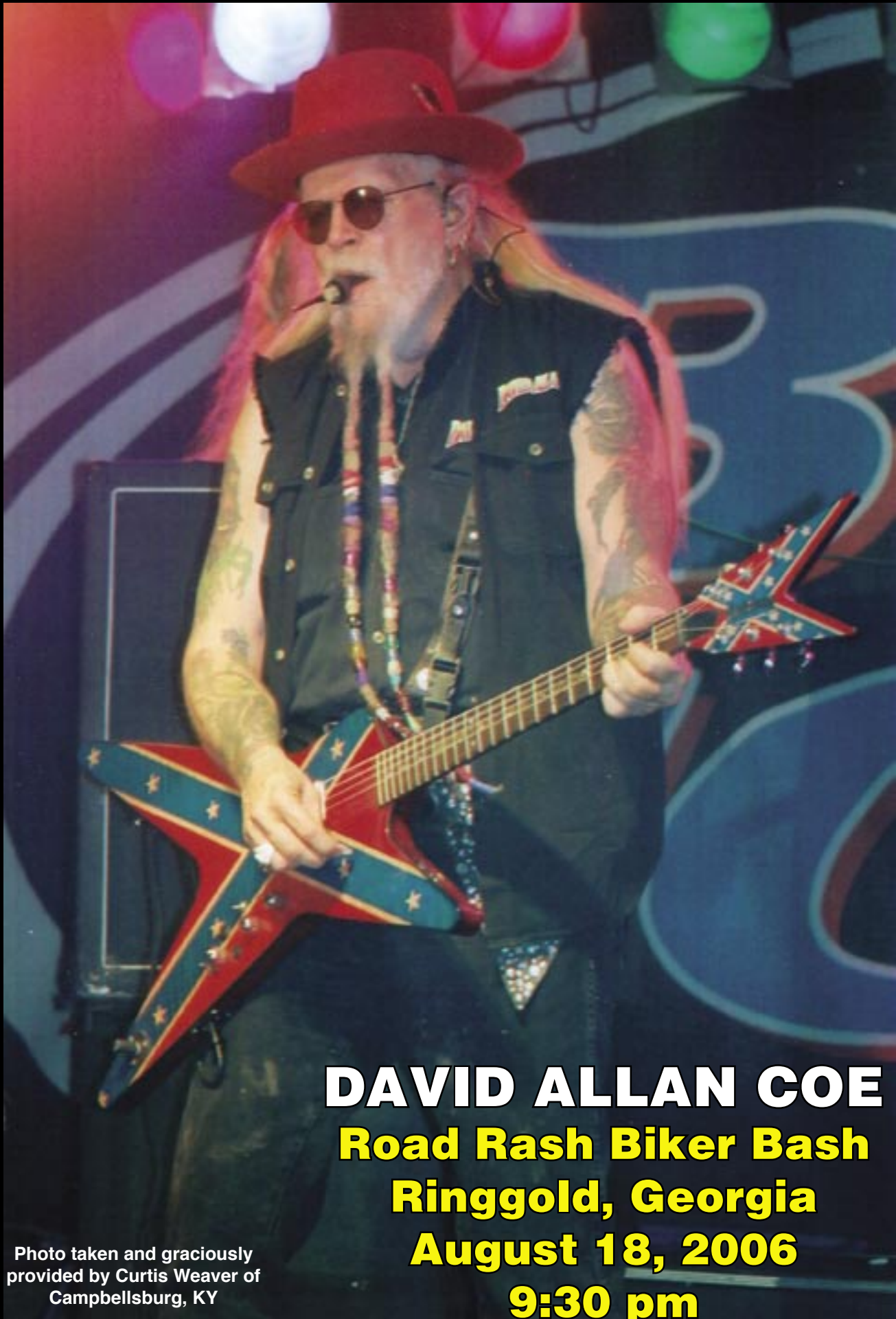
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# Rock's Road

**The** Great River Road . . . sounds inviting and adventurous, huh? My mind had conjured up visions of a road much like Highway 41 that runs from Tiftonia to Haletown along "our river". I saw little one horse towns with a mom and pop gas station and a maybe even a meat and three. I envisioned shaded pull offs along the way, perhaps a picnic table. The Great RIVER Road. A winding road, a soothing road, a road with a view of the Mighty Mississippi. **WRONG! WRONG! WRONG!**

Our adventure started around 9 am on Saturday. We hopped onto I-24, 2 blocks from our house and rode the slab to Monteagle. As we passed the I-59 split, the traffic started backing up and at first I thought it was the Bonaroo hoard causing the problem. After shooting the gap a couple of times, I got close enough to see what the problem was. It wasn't Bonaroo traffic at all, it was a string of motorcyclists (10-12) mostly trikes, hogging the left hand lane. Now they were strung out just enough and going just fast enough to keep people from passing on the right. Now these Bozos didn't have a clue that traffic was backed up a good mile behind them. They obviously could have cared less, after all, they were having a good time! Finally I



worked my way up, got a small gap and I blew by the whole lot of em in the right lane. I think that gave them a clue as to what was going on and the cluster of cycles slowly started moving over. People, keep those packs you ride in under control. Be aware that others behind you may be trying to get around. Move over and get the #@%? out of the way. Motorcyclists are supposed to be MORE aware of their surroundings but you couldn't tell it by these stringers.

We took 41 toward Winchester, then jumped on 64w to Memphis. Highway 64 is a really nice way to get to Memphis. It consists of divided highway mixed with sections of good ole two lane. We stopped for lunch at Allie's Cafe in Savannah, Tennessee. I must say that the "Chick A Dee" was the best chicken sandwich I had ever eaten. It was served on texas toast and had this grill thing going on. Real tasty. Now if that wasn't good enough Allie's topped it with her homemade potato chips. Umm . m . m. Enough of the food talk, it's making me hungry.

We didn't hit the slab again till right outside Memphis. We jumped on, dodged the potholes, cagers, and truckers and made it across the miss . i . . sip. We were about 30 miles from our first night stop in Arkansas when I saw the black clouds coming at us from the west. I had seen storms like this many times before and I wanted no part of it. I spied a vacant Farmer's Co-Op on the left and headed for the deserted gas pump canopy. Not only was there a canopy, but, there was one of those little buildings on the island that a cashier used. . . . and . . . it was open. Surprisingly enough, it didn't smell of urine like most phone booths and



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it offered great protection from the rain. As the storm blew over us the rain was blowing sideways. Thankfully for the little booth, we were dry and cozy. After about 45 minutes the main storm passed so we cinched up our rain gear and headed through Arkansas.

The next morning, it was pouring. Thanks to technology I checked the doppler radar on my ibook and saw that the heaviest rain was about to pass leaving only light rain. We suited up and headed north on Hwy 19, through the Ozarks of Arkansas and Missouri. Looking back, this day would be the best of the trip. Now the Ozarks aren't mountains to a East Tennessee boy like myself. They're more like hundreds of big hills all bunched together. There are no switch backs like on the mountain roads around here. There are very few really sharp curves for that matter which makes for good visibility and riding. I was amazed that we only saw a dozen vehicles in a 100 mile stretch. We rode 19 half way through Missouri the next day stopping in Cuba, Missouri.

The next day we rode 19N to New London, Mo where we picked up 61N to the Iowa border. We crossed the Mississippi into Illinois at Keokuk, Iowa. We intended to catch the GRR and follow it south to St Louis. Well to make a long story short, we caught a glimpse of the river at least 2 times in about 100 miles. The only thing this section of the GRR had in common with the Mississippi River is that they both run from north to south. It's kinda like the view someone has from that cheap beach front property they bought in Arizona. Now I know that there must be some sections of the GRR that are more like my visions, but we certainly didn't see them. After returning I reviewed the various state maps again. I should have read the maps more carefully. A close inspection of the dotted line that represents the

GRR indeed indicate that it doesn't run close to the river most of the way. I couldn't help but laugh to myself. What it all boils down to is that I wanted a road trip, I had just read an article in Hog Tales, and I didn't actually go to the place mentioned in the article. I got sucked in by the name, Great River Road, and didn't do enough research.

We were mildly disappointed, but hey, any road trip is a good trip when you return home safe and sound. Another 1000 miles on the old lifetime odometer.

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From the Managing Editor:

Our **Road Rash Biker Bash** is just 3 weeks away and we're hoping for a huge turnout. Please tell your cager, friends about David Allan Coe and let em know that they're welcome and there is plenty of parking on the grounds. If we get the turnout we need, we will immediately start planning our first spring Biker Bash for next May. Please go to [www.roadrashmag.com](http://www.roadrashmag.com) and hit the David Allan Coe banner at the top of the home page. Then scroll down to the bottom of the page and download your release form. This will speed your entry onto the grounds. Everyone that enters the property must be 21 years old and have a release form signed. This is mandated by our insurance company and there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Moleman and I will see you at the front gate. Release + 21 + \$30 = **ONE LARGE TIME!**  
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# TEARS ON BLACK LEATHER

## Brothers and Sisters Down or Gone

**David** "No Brains" Petty passed away after a battle with two brain tumors and lung cancer. As member of the Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club, and the sponsor of our good friend "Cowboy," he will be greatly missed by many. We send our condolences to Chris Lewellen, a long time Road Rash supporter, who lost her mom recently. Randy Snyder, the publisher of Southland's Full Throttle Magazine lost his mom on June 16 to a stroke.

J.C. Smock is recuperating from open-heart surgery. "Bad Bob" Green and his other friends organized a poker run on July 8 to help pay his bills, but donations are still being accepted. Call 423-883-0402 for more information. Dale Green is recuperating from a broken back.

Sons of Confederate Veterans Mechanized Calvary member Lewis Leach is still in a coma after his head-on collision in Chattanooga on Missionary Ridge in April. His club members and friends are having a poker run and auction on Sunday, August 27 starting at Mac's Pub to help alleviate the financial burden. Please pray that Lewis will awaken from his coma and recover from his injuries.

Sid Beavers recently underwent surgery to try and correct the damage to his spine that occurred in a freak fall at his home. His surgeon, Dr. Richard Pierce, fused four discs in his neck, in an attempt to stabilize his injury which will allow for the swelling to eventually subside. Sid is still in Siskin Rehabilitation Hospital where he is undergoing

constant physical rehabilitation. Your visits and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

We ask that you keep the above people, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers this month. Every day brings with it new reminders of how precious life and health can be. When tragedy strikes, it most often does so without warning, so take what steps you can to make sure your name never appears in this article, and please serve up an extra helping of compassion and understanding to those who were not so lucky. Sometimes an unexpected smile or a thoughtful glance might make all of the difference in the world to someone going through a tough time, but please don't hesitate to do more. Practically every one of the runs, rides and benefits you find listed and advertised in this mag are there for more than just your entertainment – they have an associated worthy cause at their very core.

Bikers are known for their generosity. We take care of those who can't take care of themselves. Although often camouflaged with a front of bravado and rough-cut straightforwardness – kindness is at the heart of our very nature. The strong must protect and defend the weak, because as we all know, the tables can be turned in and instant. Be careful out there!

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# Joe Cool's Biker Health



**Do** you have a handle on your weight? Or, does your weight have "love handles" on you? Managing body weight for many people is a lifetime struggle. Weight management is not about dieting your entire life, but a lifetime of proper diet.

To get control of your body fat you need to make choices in your eating and exercise habits that you can live with for the rest of your life. Fad diets, like Atkins or South Beach, will allow for a quick five to ten pound weight loss, which will return to your body (and it will bring friends) once you stop the fad dieting.

Managing your weight is only effective for the long haul when you make permanent changes to your eating habits that you can live with. Simply by eating less you will lower calorie intake. Thus controlling fat gain. Your body is a machine that needs fuel to burn for daily activity. Just like your motorcycle, you need to refill the gas tank to continue down the road. If you over fill your scooter's tank with gas it will spill over your bike and make a mess. If you do the same by over filling your physical tank it will spill over and make a mess of your body. However, our society allows for over indulging our pleasure senses. So we eat to satisfy our emotional needs. Do not let your emotional needs dictate your food consumption.

Many people become over weight because they are emotional eaters. They will eat when anxious, bored, lonely or depressed. These emotions, ironically, are triggered because of one's dismay about their over weight condition. Instead of getting off the couch and moving to satisfy these emotional needs they will consume more comfort foods. In other words, you overeat because you are depressed and you are depressed because you overeat.

To get a handle on your love handles you need to get in control of your bad eating and exercise habits. The control you gain over your life style must be permanent. Start by planning balanced meals that you like. Then get up and use the fuel you consume. Spend less time on the couch and more time on your feet. Find activities that give you pleasure and you look forward to. Do not create eating or exercise habits that are boring to you or you will fail.

Each of us needs help in finding control of some aspect of our lives. I can help you help yourself. Two years ago, I created a class for Chattanooga State Community College. It is called Weight Loss Management. You can learn to get control of your life and find the best way for you to manage your body weight in a healthy way that works for you. This class is a semester-long experience that will give you the personal insight to your physical and emotional issues that brought you to an overweight place. You will learn to overcome your weaknesses and get emotional and physical strength for yourself and your family.

If you are interested in enrolling in this class go to [ChattanoogaState.edu](mailto:ChattanoogaState.edu). The class is in the physical education department. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. or Thursday nights at 5:30 to 7 p.m. Course numbers are PHED 1100-1 and PHED 1100-2N. The classes are accredited and will earn you one physical education credit.

You will learn a great deal or simply reinforce what you already know and provide the motivation to get a control of your life. I would love to have you in my class. If not, I would love to see you find a balanced lifestyle of good nutrition and exercise on your own. Take care of yourself, because if you won't, who will? See you on the road.

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# FACES RIDE-4-SMILES

## My First Poker Run...

by: J.L. White

**HippyChicKim** (hereafter referred to as "HCK") and I became acquainted back in December. Ever since I met her, she has been working her blonde butt off in order to assist in the ensemble of the first annual Ride4Smiles sponsored by Wheels Sports Bar on Highway 58 and FACES. FACES is an organization dedicated to helping children with craniofacial deformities through providing assistance monetarily for travel, public awareness and understanding, and providing information and support (for more information go to [www.faces-cranio.org](http://www.faces-cranio.org)). HCK had asked me to get some video footage of the ride. We decided to achieve this by me riding on the back of her bike while she drove—and I would be backwards. And so it came to pass that my first poker run was "bass ackwards."

Pulling up to Wheels Sports Bar on Highway 58, the lot and adjacent lots were full of motorcycles. All types of bikes—and even my secret passion: a sidecar. Working as a host of biker-friendly facilities throughout the past decade, it occurred to me that in all these years not only had I never even been on a run. I didn't even know how they worked. Luckily, HCK set me straight. She explained that each stop on the ride would allow people to draw another card for their respective "hand(s)." At the last stop, (which is usually where you begin), the person with the best hand and the person with the worst hand get a prize. For its first year run, FACES Ride 4 Smiles ended up registering 95 bikes (many people were doubled up, too!). After all was said and done regarding the poker hands, silent auctions, giveaways, and food/beer specials, over \$24,000 was raised.

Says Lynne Mayfield, President of FACES, "The Chattanooga area motorcycle community is the greatest! The spirit and willingness to help us succeed was outstanding. HippyChicKim and "Tom the Bomb" (from Road Rash) started helping FACES plan this event over a year ago. Harold Hickok and the entire crew at Wheels have been so generous with their time and support. Our goal was to make sure that all of our Ride 4 Smiles participants had a smile on their faces, while also helping to build smiles on the faces of children who struggle with these difficult birth defects. I believe that goal was met; and we are already making plans for an even greater even next year."

**Wheels Sports Bar:** This locale I haven't encountered before since it sold couches and bedroom suites. What a wonderful place to shoot pool and throw darts! A choice stop to visit solo, or bring a large group—there's a plethora of entertainment stimuli from which to choose. The band set-up especially impressed me. My favorite aspect of this institution is the fact that it is

extremely spacious. You can go to any different corner of Wheels and feel like you're in a completely different establishment.

**X-cite! Lingerie and Clubwear:** By far, this is one of the best in Chattanooga in regard to the largest selection of adult lingerie and novelties... This I've known for years. The bonus stop was X-Cite!, and they likewise had a booth set up at Wheels. The real "bonus" laid in the prizes X-Cite! donated. I'll leave that one to your imagination.

**Cripple Creek Cycle Accessories:** This establishment I have passed many times and heard of many times, but had never actually visited. Word on the street is that Cripple Creek has a different selection—more eclectic and varied than many of the bigger, mainstream stores. Located on 5100 Hwy 58 N.—a couple of doors down from X-Cite!

**The Village Cafeteria:** I had not yet had a chance to investigate for myself all the good hype I'd been hearing (though I pass it at least weekly on my way to and from work) since they opened. It was phenomenal. It is a mecca of yummy Southern comfort food—meat, veggies, and homemade desserts (including Jack Daddy's personal favorite—strawberry cake). Do yourself a favor and make the pilgrimage to Chickamunga or the other location in Chatsworth for some home cooking... umm, not at home.

**Pat's Sports Bar:** Another establishment of virgin territory for me. This is the kind of place I like—local and laid back. I was especially delighted to find they had a band playing when we arrived—Belt Buckles & Greasy Knuckles (who have a song by the same name). Very cool establishment. I will visit it again in the future.

**Thunder Creek H-D:** 'Twas a busy day at the Harley-Davidson dealership. When we arrived, the lot was packed full of a variety of fun diversions: a battle of the bands, the Humane Society was raising money for homeless pets (and had an adoption center on site), and of course, the beautiful ladies manning (or womanning as the case may be) the beer tents. Jack Daddy and I were so smitten by all of the fun that we hadn't even realized that the HippyChic had ditched us!

And so back we came full circle... Just as we left Thunder Creek, it began to drizzle. Luckily we made it back to Wheels without being drenched! At this point, nearly everyone on the ride had made their way back from all the checkpoints. Lenes Suits of Cleveland was the winner of the best hand and won a trip to Biketoberfest, while Terry Braxton won the Suzuki motorcycle "CharityChick." All in all, over 100 door prizes and game prizes were given throughout the day!

My first poker run ended up being a definite one to remember. It's nice to see people helping people—and getting to have fun at the same time. Perhaps next time I can trail behind on that Vespa™ I've been holding out for. And I may even choose one of those hotties from the Unwanted Motorcycle Club to ride on the back!

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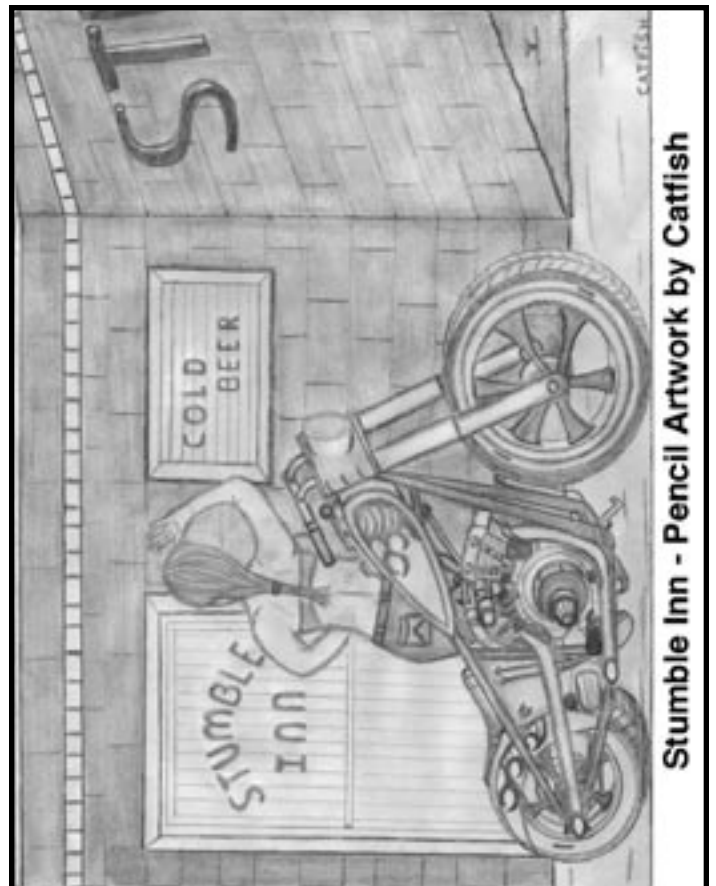
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# HERE'S THE RUB



**That's** me, standing on a corner in Winslow, Arizona! Ok, I'll admit, on occasion, "the need for speed" bug has bitten me. As witnessed by two of my more recent rides (below.) I know this is a Motorcycle rag, but let me say a few words about muscle cars as I have owned a number of them, both as original models (in the day) and restored models many years later. Besides, a gear-head is a gear-head, no matter if on two or four wheels. When it absolutely, positively has to be there overnight!

Movies like The Fast and Furious are making the newer, smaller, Japanese "Tuners" the muscle cars of today. They remain pocket-rockets to us old timers who still think of Toyotas and Nissans as our parent's cars. The Mustang is making a comeback and there is rumor the new Shelby Edition will produce 550 Ponies! Regular readers know I am no stranger to controversy or saying things that make people mad, but the muscle cars of old were just cardboard boxes with rocket engines strapped on the back! They had no brakes to match their incredible acceleration and the simple leaf spring suspension in the rear and a single sway bar up front provided practically no suspension! They leaked when it rained and were crude, uncomfortable and noisy! As Kathy Mathea sings, "They were made for the straightaway." But they were oh so fun to drive! Simultaneously punching the gas pedal and another hole in the Ozone is a rush that cannot be duplicated with today's more sophisticated machines.

Many people count '72, when the Trans Am still ran the big block 454, as being the last of a too short-lived era. I think of the Bandit-mobile in '78 with its 403 and its outlandish Black and Gold graphics as Detroit's swan song. I took my bandit for a run cross-country trip retracing Route 66 and when I stopped to fuel people lined up to take their pictures along side of it! When is the last time that happened to you? I had a State Trooper pick me up just outside of Nashville who dogged me all the way to Shelbyville. I think the Bonaroo crowd parked in the slow lane of the northbound traffic thought we were filming a remake of the Smokey and the Bandit movie. Descending Monteagle in an old muscle car is an experience must be experienced and cannot be explained. Remember I said they had no brakes and no

suspension to speak of? Well, unless you've tried riding down Monteagle in a shopping cart you will never know the rush this provides as you race the truckers for the runaway truck stops!

It is one thing to do it in a car, quite another on a motorcycle, which brings me to my friend in Dalton, Georgia named Beau (whose last name will remain anonymous until the statue of limitations runs out) that has recently earned two of the three "Iron Butt Association" pins. Beau has completed the "Saddle Sore" (1,000 miles in less than 24-hours) and the "Bun Burner" (1500 miles in less than 24-hours) rides. The 50cc Quest (one coast to the other in less than 50 hours) is probably somewhere in his future plans! Maybe I'll run blocker for him on that one! See <http://www.ironbutt.com> for more information about the Iron Butt Association.

Beau and his cousin (no, he is not named Luke) decided to tackle the grueling "Saddle Sore" ride - but get this, they didn't do it in less than 24-hours. They did it in fourteen! Beau, a few months later did the 1500-mile leg in twenty-two hours and some odd change. You do the math. If a man gets on a train...

Twenty-two hours times 60 minutes equals 1,320 minutes, plus the additional 11 minutes equals 1,331 minutes... Fifteen hundred miles divided by 1,331 minutes gives you 1.13 miles a minute! This would mean better than a mile-a-minute (actually about sixty-eight miles an hour) average! Fast, but certainly "do-able" within the parameters of the law. Wait a minute; you have to stop for gas. If you got 45 miles-per-gallon and had a five-and-a-half set of Fat Bobs, you are going to stop every 240 miles. That's seven stops. There are no women with us, so we will not be making unnecessary potty breaks and we can grab a sandwich to eat while on the run. If each stop took only twenty minutes, you would lose two hours and twenty minutes! It is actually 1,500 miles in just under twenty hours minutes "road time." That's 1.28 miles every minute, averaging 76 miles an hour. Slowing down for curves, traffic, and other common unavoidable occurrences and you will need to be running 85-90 on the open straights!

Endurance is the name of the game here for both the man and the machine! There is an old adage that says, "Fast bikes are seldom reliable and reliable bikes are seldom fast!" This feat requires both.

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The police-escorted ride is for motorcycles only and helmets are required. There are no required registration fees, but all participants are expected to obey all law enforcement orders, keep up with the pack, and stay in the right lane. For more ride information check out [www.al-tn-trailoftears.org](http://www.al-tn-trailoftears.org) or call 1-877-tot-trip.

The official TOT kick off party will be held Friday, September 15, 2006 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson in Chattanooga on Lee Highway, featuring a line up of live entertainment, vendors, food and beverages. For directions and more information on the party, call the dealership at 423-892-4888, or go to [www.thundercreekharley.com](http://www.thundercreekharley.com).



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Check out Jess' article on page ????? for all the Ride 4 Smiles details. In the mean time I've tried to put as many of the pics I could from the ride into this month's Road Rash, but I still have TONS more! If you are interested in getting a CD of all the pics, you can obtain one with a \$20 donation to FACES. Just email me at [hippychickim@randomfox.com](mailto:hippychickim@randomfox.com) and I'll hook you up.

Thanks again everyone! I hope that you are planning on attending the much anticipated Road Rash Biker Bash at the Peavine. I'll be there with my camera ready and waiting so make sure to suck in your tummy and stick out your...chest..and SMILE!

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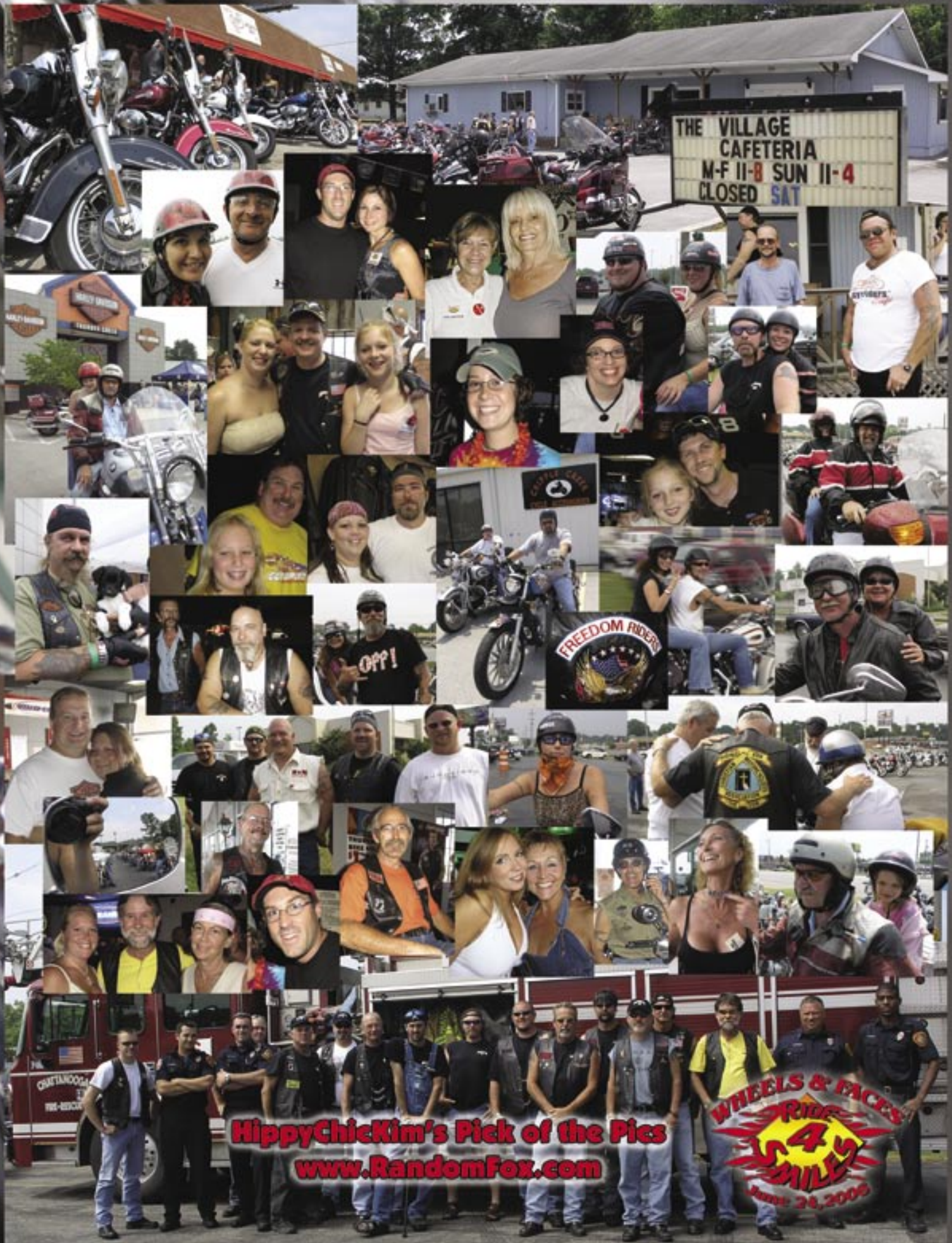


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Boog: How much time does your husband spend riding?  
RDW: As often as he can but it's not just riding, he would prefer to spend his every waking hour riding, talking about, or tinkering with a motorcycle. Plus he has found all the information online about bikes and the television shows.

Well hello again. I hope everyone is enjoying this fine riding weather and even though I am writing this before the actual event. I hope a bunch of ya'll came out to the No Name poker run on July 16 and had a great time. Even if you didn't make it to the run you need to go by and check out Hoppy's Last Resort in St.Elmo. It is a fine place to eat and is located just minutes from some of the best riding in the area.

Before I get into my monthly sermon, I would like to add a note about my last riding adventure. I found time to schedule a ride down the part of the Blue Ridge parkway that I didn't get to ride last year. I rode all the way up to the northern end in Waynesboro, Virginia and headed South to Asheville North Carolina. If you have not ridden this beautiful stretch of road and you get the chance I strongly suggest that you do. You will be impressed. I have to admit Mother Nature threw everything at me she had in her bag of tricks. She roasted me on the first day, soaked me on the second, and then tried to freeze me on the third. But despite this I had a blast.

Now to get to the point of my monthly ramblings, I do not consider myself a Road Dog by any means. Now don't get me wrong I do like to ride and would prefer to be on my bike traveling everywhere I went. But due to family considerations and other things I am not able to do that. Also like I have mentioned before I do haul my bike on occasions, I don't like it but it is usually the only way I can get bike and family to wherever I am going. So my point is I decided since I was not an official Road Dog but want to be one, I am a Road Puppy

What brought all this to mind while I was rolling down the parkway last week was an encounter I had earlier in the month with a lady I will call Road Dog wife or RDW for short. RDW contacted me and said she thought it would be interesting if I gave her a chance to give my readers a view into what it was like to be married to a man that was totally consumed with motorcycles. So what follows is a condensed version of our conversation.

Boog: So Mrs. RDW, what was your first clue your husband might have a motorcycle problem?

RDW: Well to put it politely, it was the first time we were intimate, he made engine noises.

Boog: Oh okay, so how do you spend your time while he is involved with all this motorcycle stuff?

RDW: I stay busy; I have the house and kids to look after.

Boog: So you have children?

RDW: Yes I have three, the oldest a boy named Willie G., a girl named Dyna and an adopted Japanese baby named Hayabusa.

Boog: What else do you have to keep you busy?

RDW: We also have several pets, a German Shepard named BMW, an English bulldog named Triumph and a mixed breed housecat named Basket Case.

Boog: Has his obsession with motorcycles and riding ever caused friction between the two of you?

RDW: Not as much as you would think, there was this one time he broke down out in the country on one of his project bikes. He got a hold of me to bring him some tools. After I got there, he spent a good part of an hour trying to get the bike running. Well it was starting to get dark and the kids were getting restless, so I walked up behind him and suggested he leave the bike there and get it in the morning. He turned to me and politely informed me that he would just as soon leave one of the kids on the side of road as he would his bike

Boog: So what did you do?

RDW: I got mad at first but realized there was no stopping him. We ended up getting a rope and towing the bike home.

Boog: Do you ever ride with him?

RDW: Yes, but you need to remember that this is a man that can do 500-plus miles at a time. So I have to tell him when I am riding with him to keep it low mileage.

Boog: Does he ride with a club or group?

RDW: No, but he does have a couple buddies he will ride with but for the most part he prefers to ride alone.

Boog: Do you worry about him when he is out riding alone?

RDW: I worry more about his diet than him getting hurt; he has been riding since he was a kid so he is very good at it.

Boog: His diet? Why would you worry about his diet?

RDW: Well he eats only fried food and coffee or sweet tea when he is out and about. Fried food 'cause he claims it keeps him well oiled just like his bike, coffee to keep him alert, and sweet tea so when he orders it and the restaurant don't have it - he knows he is too far from home.

Boog: Any advice for other women married to a man like your husband?

RDW: Love him and buy lots of life insurance.

Okay folks. That's about all the room I have for this month, just remember the next time you're out and about and you see an ole road dog tearing down the highway that there is probably a good woman somewhere keeping the home fires burning. Till next month ya'll ride friendly, ride safely, and ride often.

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an authority - just a critic. Now picture this same road winding down a mountain with 318 curves and you on your bike testing this awesome road known as the "Dragon's Tail." Intimidating... Frightening... Challenging, and a real adrenaline rush all describe this amazing road lying on the Tennessee/North Carolina state line.

I've wanted to ride the Dragon for sometime now but hadn't had the opportunity until the weekend of July 4. I had a new ride - a 2005 Suzuki Boulevard 800 all chromed out and lowered (Thanks Daddy, I love you!) and a weekend with nothing to do but ride. Tony and I loaded up our saddle bags with all our gear and took off with no plans other than to ride and headed towards the Great Smoky Mountains.

We took off up 64 East around the Ocoee River which is a nice ride in itself just watch out for the trucks, sightseers, and rafting buses. Then, we turned up 19 and headed up to Cherokee, NC, where we stayed at Lloyd's on the River, a mom and pop hotel with cabin-like rooms and a back porch complete with down home rocking chairs nestled on the banks of the Oconaluftee River ([www.lloydsriver.com](http://www.lloydsriver.com)).

The next morning we packed up again and turned back down 19 heading toward Highway 28, also known as "Hellbender 28." This road is in the middle of a whole highway system that was seemingly built for motorcycles and is apparent by the number of bikes you'll see in the area. It offers some great views of the mountains and the Little Tennessee River. The road becomes two lanes and this is where the Hellbender begins. The road is incredible with all the twists and winds one could want and it's nowhere near as challenging as the infamous Dragon that awaits you at its end. Perhaps this is why many take this road to the Dragon both to prepare themselves and their tires for the beast, which is exactly what we did. We actually didn't know that 28 was gonna be that exciting, from a map it looks relatively straight, but believe me looks can be deceiving. I loved this road, definitely one you should make plans to ride.

We continued on 28 West and began passing more and more bikes... the Dragon was drawing closer, we could feel it... then we rounded the corner to see about 200 motorcycles of all styles, brands, and colors gathering at the Crossroads of Time, the home of the "Tree of Shame," a makeshift shrine started in the '80s by a group of Harley Riders for those who were burnt by the Dragon. It consists of a tree covered with pieces of bike parts many with the name, date, and a saying about their fateful encounter with the Dragon.

We turned right out of the Crossroads to begin our dance with the Dragon. There are 318 curves in this ride and by the time you get done you feel like you should be back where you began, maybe that's why there are two points on the Tail called "Beginners End!"

There are many "S" curves that make those on Hixson Pike look like child's play. Not only are they sharper curves but you go up and down as you are twisting and turning, which makes for one very interesting ride. Also, there are shortened radius curves that can surprise you if you're trying to watch the surroundings and not paying attention to the road; in fact many accidents occur in these curves due to cutting the corners and over braking. Many of the curves wind around only to have a blind corner to maneuver. These are where you have to be aware of others on the Dragon including the occasional 18 wheeler and the sports car or rocket that may drift into your lane. Therefore, it's better to slow the pace and stay in the far right hand side of your lane to avoid a possible collision. Luckily, we didn't run into any trucks

and there were very few cars the day we went.

Many say that faster riders, especially the rockets, can be a danger on the Dragon. If you stay to the right and watch your mirrors you can see them coming and wave them by. It is illegal to pass on the dragon, but there are always faster riders and is best to let them by. You never know you might see them do something pretty cool. For instance, while we were out I waived a rocket by us. He passed by me doing probably 60-plus (I was doing around 30 - 40 mph.). In the turn we were on, "Rocket Corner," we could see him go around a left hand curve then fly into a big swooping right hand curve. I've seen nothing like that since Daytona and the road racers, he had that bike leaned over so far that his knee was scraping across the pavement, fortunately he had on his leathers. I know my mouth dropped because that's not something you see on a daily basis anywhere. I'd love to watch the rockets ride the Dragon but the only viewing points is an occasional pull off or the popular overlook at Calderwood Dam, which can almost look like a bike show at times. We continued around the Tail until we reached Chilhowee Lake. Tony and I looked at each other and said "I guess that's it" - no signs or nothing, the road just all of a sudden is flat and straight.

I had read so much about the Dragon and that I was expecting something so much worse that it was. We went on a week-day and I stayed to the right side of the lane and maintained the speed limit or below and didn't ride above my ability, or at least I don't think I did. I actually had a great time and am ready to go back and ride the Dragon again after I get my bike lifted an inch or two. I know I made sparks fly a good seven or eight times with my kickstand and exhaust and those scratches are permanent. So, if your bike is low, know that you're probably gonna come back with a battle wound.

As far as the best motorcycle ride, as some claim the Dragon's Tail is, that depends on what kind of ride you prefer. If you prefer a more leisurely ride you might want to head out to Arizona and ride Hwy 89A it's a 134 mile highway into Flagstaff. Or if you prefer something a little out of the ordinary then try Interstate 70 in Colorado. This road takes you through the Eisenhower tunnel, the highest tunnel in the world at 11,158 feet. Inside you'll find big swooping curves for almost two miles, then be spit out onto a winding road with a 5-6% grade, that's almost three times Montezuma grade! But if you love a challenging road full of all types of curves imaginable, then the Dragon is your best bet. For me, the best motorcycle ride is one that you can enjoy and most importantly return home safe and sound.

Be sure to check out next month when I will be bringing you all the details of my stay at a motorcycle resort within 100 miles of Chattanooga and another great ride. Till then, don't let the Dragon get ya! For more info, go to [www.tailofthedragon.com](http://www.tailofthedragon.com).

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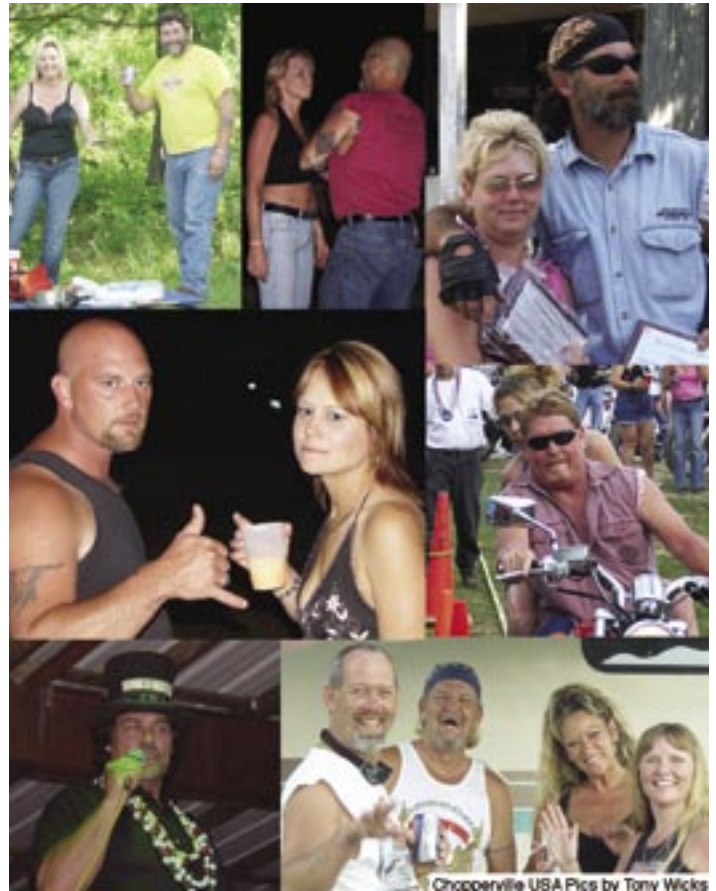
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**The** steam from the afternoon shower rose off of the asphalt as the sun began to break through the clouds after a brief summer shower. I sat on

my motorcycle under the overhang of a long closed gas station and I watched the weather change before my eyes. Dark, wet, and gray quickly turned to bright, blue, and sunny as the skies cleared and the beautiful summer day I had begun riding in returned to allow me to finish riding in the warm sunshine.

I sat and drank lukewarm Coke from my saddlebag and ate a bag of very stale peanuts I had also found in my bag while it rained. I had not planned on making a stop for rain since there was almost a zero chance of rain when I'd left my house a couple of hours earlier. "Oh well," I thought, the peanuts weren't too bad and the Coke still quenched my thirst. I was never one to plan far ahead at that point in my life and this was another perfect example of wanting to do something so much I made mistakes and this time I only got caught in a rain shower without any food or drink while I waited

it out. I hadn't been riding too long when the skies began to darken. As I headed toward Rhea County I could feel the coolness of the wind and then an occasional raindrop. As rain began to intensify I found this closed gas station and pulled in. Closed gas stations seemed to be a place of

sanctuary for me as I had often been caught in weather, cold, or darkness and sought refuge under the welcoming portico.

So there I sat restless, thirsty, hungry, feeling stupid and mad because the weather had stopped me on my weekly motorcycle ride. The rain continued for almost an hour and at time was very strong. I was surprised how much rain fell in places and how quickly the storm came to be.

It's times like that when you think about your life and what and where you want from it. I was 23 or so and had a decent career as an EMT with a local ambulance company (those were the days before the county ran the ambulances) and I was going to college again. So why was my day being ruined by rain? I didn't have time for this and I didn't have time to sit and wait it out.

I scrounged around in my small saddlebags, found the warm coke and the stale peanuts, sat on the steps of the station, and waited. The longer I waited the madder I got. Finally as the skies began to brighten I was too angry with everyone and everything to see the beauty of the clearing skies and how the sunlight bounced off

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the water droplets on all the trees, plants, and shrubs that surrounded me. As the highway dried, I finished my coke and hopped on the bike. I abandoned the rest of the ride and headed home. As I did I began to enjoy the smell of the air after a summer shower and I marveled at how quickly the roads dried off and how the temperature was somewhat cooler since the beginning of the shower. I pushed the motorcycle towards home at a pace that was well beyond my capabilities as a rider and as I turned onto Lee Pike to go meet my friends at their campsite the little 400 cc demon took the opportunity to throw me to the ground and ride me for a few feet. Off into the deep, wet, and muddy ditch we went. The motorcycle was intent on riding me and there wasn't much I could do about it by then but try to get away from it. As I hit the wet mucky ditch with my full force I splashed through mud, grass, and water as my body came to a stop. The 400 cc monster had come to a rest at the edge of the ditch and had stalled out. I laid there for a second expecting to find something on my body broken or bloody but to my amazement I had not a scratch on me other than being covered with mud and grass. Picking up my bike I realized it wasn't damaged either and I set it up on its kick stand. I leaned across the seat and waited to get my nerve back up to get on and finish my ride. As I stood leaned over a car stopped with a family in it, the man driving pulled up rolled down his window and asked me if I was hurt. I said no, that I had hit in the mud in the ditch and I was fine except for being really dirty. He looked and shook his head and


said, "It's a good thing God let it rain a little while ago or you'd be in the hospital or even worse." His statement was so very true, the same rainstorm I sat through drinking a warm coke and eating stale peanuts had most likely saved me from serious injury. I didn't thank God for it and I didn't want to tell anyone I had dropped my motorcycle so I snuck into the ambulance service, got some clean clothes, threw the dirty ones in the wash and headed out in the car. The next day I was sore and had a few bruises but in retrospect I came out of it only because of God's grace.

God lets everything happen for a reason and everything is for the good even when we don't see it that way. Then I couldn't understand what God was up to but the rain broke my fall and he let it rain long enough to bring me back so the ditch where I crashed was full of water and mud. I owe it all to God. I owe everything to Him. If you don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior and want to know more just ask a Christian Motorcyclist Association member or get in touch with me. We can show you how to find Him without crashing into a muddy ditch. We will see you all at the Road Rash Biker Bash this year (August 18-20); we will be back with snow cones, boiled peanuts, hot chocolate, and the now nearly famous CMA coffee. Stop by and see us!

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# The Low Down:

**Make/Model:** 1996 Custom Cycles Bobber  
**Engine:** 80 cubic inch Harley-Davidson  
**Paint:** Kenny Reynolds – Chattanooga, TN  
**Owner:** Custom Cycles of Chattanooga – Bike For Sale!

This photo shoot offered me a rare opportunity to actually ride the cover bike to and from our studio. I can tell you from first-hand experience that although the Paughco wishbone frame doesn't offer the comfortable ride my HD Road King provides, the sprung solo seat provides enough suspension to handle most normal riding conditions and the weight-to-horsepower ratio makes it a total blast to ride. This old school bobber is much more nimble than you would think, and one quick twist of the throttle will remove all doubt that you are on a performance beast. With the hot rod paintjob by **Kenny Reynolds**, Paughco gooseneck exhaust, and mini apes that qualify it as a true head-turner, this blast from the past also comes complete with a Mikuni carburetor, S&S cam, BDL belt drive, and electronic single-fire ignition that will make it move on down the road. Just walk into Custom Cycles of Chattanooga with about \$10,500, and you'll ride out as this bike's proud new owner!

Our model **Shauna** is from Dunlap, Tennessee, and she sure looks at home on this little firecracker of a bike. Her jet-black Betty Paige hairdo and ruby-red lips contrast nicely with her innocent smile and bad-girl tattoos. If you check out Shauna's tattoos, you'll figure out pretty quick she's a rock-n-roll kind of girl. It's a lucky guy who can convince her to climb on a p-pad on the way to the next big concert!

Special thanks goes out to Rick and Joe at Custom Cycles of Chattanooga for blindly trusting us to deliver the cover bike to the shop and not checking the mileage afterward... Photography performed in-house at our Brainerd Road Studio by **Tom the Bomb**.





# CMT/ABATE NEWS

**Choices...** In the state of Tennessee you have several choices in helmets to wear when riding your motorcycle. To be compliant with the law, you can choose to either wear a full-faced, three-quarter, or half helmet that has a DOT sticker posted on the back of the helmet and may have a DOT note on the inside as well.

If you are 21 and over you now have a choice in what I call sporting helmets. These are the type of helmets that people wear when riding a bicycle or skateboarding, and come in a variety of styles and colors. Sporting helmets, to be legal, have to have the Consumers Product Safety sticker on the inside. Every helmet of this type that I've come across has this CPS sticker

If you choose to be non-complaint there are other choices: You can wear a novelty helmet (commonly referred to as a beanie, skid or skull lid in the biker circles). Novelty helmets can land you a hefty fine if you are stopped or get stuck at a road block (now referred to as a "Safety Check Point"). If you choose to put a fake DOT sticker on your novelty helmet they tell me the fine is nearly doubled. I've been told that the cheapest non-compliance fine is to not wear a helmet at all, but the down side is if you are stopped by the law, the officer may detain you till you can produce a helmet to ride home.

Do you want all the choices above without a hefty non-compliance fine? Consider choosing to join your state ABATE organization. In Tennessee, it's Concerned Motorcyclist of Tennessee / American Bikers Active Toward Education and in Georgia it's American Bikers Active Toward Education of Georgia.

ABATE is the only state political motorcycle activist organiza-

tion that anyone can belong to and who's sole mission is to protect biker's rights whether you want to wear a helmet or not, we want this to be your choice.

I bring this up because it's an election year and the only thing politicians need more than money is votes! To be a strong political organization it takes a large membership who votes.

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## July 28 - 30

Murfreesboro, TN  
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## July 29

Dalton, GA  
Twin Cam Jam - 7 - 9:30  
Mountain Creek HD  
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## Cleveland, TN

Dixie Dogs & Cats Poker Run  
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## July 30

Atlanta, GA  
ABATE Swap Meet and Bike Show  
Lakewood Fairgrounds  
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## Aug 4

Chattanooga, TN  
Sundown - 7 - 9:30  
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## August 5

Calhoun, GA  
C.T. Pratt Memorial Ride  
Church of God of the Union  
Assembly  
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- 10am  
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## Dalton, GA

5th Annual Ride to Remember  
August 5 benefiting the Alzheimer's Assoc.  
begins at 8, ride leaves at 9.  
Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home

## August 7 - 13

Sturgis, South Dakota  
Sturgis Rally

## Aug 11

Chattanooga, TN  
Sundown - 7 - 9:30  
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## August 12

## North GA

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## Murfreesboro, TN

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## Dalton, GA

Twin Cam Jam - 7 - 9:30  
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## Aug 18

Chattanooga, TN  
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## August 18 - 20

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## Aug 25

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## August 26

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## Dalton, GA

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## Dalton, GA

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## August 27

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## September 1

Chattanooga, TN  
5th Anniversary Party  
& Sundown - 7 - 9:30

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## September 1 - 3

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## September 8 - 10

Atwood, TN  
Hawg Holler Fall Bikers Bash  
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## September 9

Dalton, GA  
Twin Cam Jam - 7 - 9:30  
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## September 15

Chattanooga, TN  
Trail of Tears Party & Sundown - 7 - 9:30  
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## Chattanooga, TN

Trail of Tears Worship Service  
White Oak Baptist Church

## September 16

Chattanooga, TN  
Trail of Tears Commemorative  
Motorcycle Ride  
Riverfront Parkway - 8 a.m.  
al-tn-trailoftears.org

## September 23

Dalton, GA  
Twin Cam Jam - 7 - 9:30  
Mountain Creek HD  
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## Dalton, GA

Dalton Bikefest - Hosted by Abate

## Tullahoma, Tennessee

Thunder In The Hollow  
George Dickel - noon  
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## Roswell, GA

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## September 21 - 24

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## October 13 - 15

Tiptonville, TN  
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## Milledgeville, GA

Milledgeville Thunder Rally - Fall  
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## October 14

Roswell, GA  
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# Two Lane Cuisine

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Just a hop, skip, and a jump from Chattanooga, The Village Cafeteria is located on Highway 27S just south of the Battlefield bypass. The ride is just far enough to feel like you've been somewhere, but, just short enough to drop by any time. The lunch crowd had gone when my wife, Julie and I arrived. The first thing I noticed was all the pretty girls that greeted us as we approached the counter. The second thing I noticed was the big ole pan of fried chicken breasts . . . my favorite. My mind was made up. I got the fried chicken, mashed unskinned potatoes with brown gravy, and green beans. Julie got the chicken casserole.. Now, I've eaten some fried chicken in my life, but none had ever compared with my Mamaws. Mamaw lived to the ripe old age of 104 1/2 and was cooking up till her last couple of years. She was born in the 1800s and died in 2001, living in 3 different centuries. Anyway, her fried chicken was the

standard by which all others were judged. Skinned . . . crispy . . light . . . not greasy . . . and big. No one had even come close, until today. Now I can't say that the Village Cafeteria's fried chicken is better than my Mamaws, you understand, but it is the best I've had since she passed away.

The Village Cafeteria is owned and operated by Keith Morrison and his wife Wyndi. Keith's motorcycle roots run deep. Having grown up in a motorcycle family he started riding when he was just a child. His grandfather rode, his dad, and now his sons are carrying on the tradition. Keith was the operations manager of Steel Harley-Davidson, before becoming the first parts manager of Thunder Creek HD. Soon he moved to the sales department of Thunder Creek. A year later he became the general manager of Mountain Creek HD in Dalton before heading to Texas to become the GM of Texas Harley-Davidson in Dallas. Having grown tired of the great state of Texas, he headed back home to open this second location of The Village Cafeteria. Although they have only been on Hwy 27 for a few months, The Village Cafeteria in Chatsworth, GA has been in operation since 1987. It was owned and operated by Keith's grandmother and Doug's mom, Louise, who has since passed away. It is currently owned and operated by Keith's dad, Doug, and his wife Teresa. Many of the recipes used today were the favorites of Louise, including their fantastic fried chicken. Her picture is prominently placed on the wall where she can oversee her grandson's operation. You can be sure that he has made her proud with his new Village Cafeteria. Check them out and tell them you read Rock's article in Road Rash Magazine.

**Rock**

**The Village Cafeteria**



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ga, Ohio began collapsing and fell one section at a time much like dominos with a screeching sound of the wrenching aluminum and steel members.

There were thirty-seven vehicles on the bridge at the time of the boom and thirty-one ended up in the river, with many of the occupants literally beating on their car windows attempting to escape as they floated down the river in the final minutes of their lives. Forty-six individuals perished while fortunate others were saved by heroic acts by eyewitnesses risking their lives to perform rescues in the frigid December waters. Most bystanders could only watch as the cars tumbled from high above into the river with their occupants disappearing below the surface. It was later determined the cause of the failure was one broken eyebar among hundreds used in a connection very much like a chain to support the bridge. When the one link broke, the bridge cascaded down section at a time since the bridge design was such that it could not function with a single broken link.

Very much like the broken link causing the failure of the Silver Bridge, we find certain individuals within groups having a negative effect on the entire group. This may be in relation to issues regarding morals, attitudes, or rid-

ing styles, but ones that negatively affect members of the group as well as the group unity. If you are a member of a particular group and can relate to this problem you may need to talk to your leadership in regards to the matter. Ask the leadership to consider this negative effect and challenge them to consider if an action is appropriate. If there is a problem member, he may need to move on to another group of like-minded folks, or maybe he just needs to make some life style adjustments. If you are not a member of a particular group but find yourself going particular places, riding particular styles, or doing particular things that you know are not appropriate because of someone you are spending time with, you may need to find another friend.

When I was in the eighth grade one of my teachers noticed me hanging around a certain group of guys that were... let's just say "not role models." She expressed to me her opinion that I needed to find some other friends because she feared I would end up being just like those guys. I took her advice, because I always respected my teachers, and within a few years they went on to drop out of school and get into trouble of varying levels. I made it through school with fewer friends but did make it.

Those who are Christians have the responsibility of being a positive impact on people around them on behalf of their Lord, but at the same time not be pulled into activities the Lord would not approve. As the church sign I passed the other day said, "Christians are to love the sinner and hate the sin." That pretty much summarizes it! Have a great summer!

**Eddie Rahm**

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**Been** thinking about boosting your rides performance a little? This is a question riders of every marquee ask themselves, sooner or later.

If you are like me, you would like to have more go, but do not have a lot of dough. Right? That first two to six horsepower is relatively easy and inexpensive to attain. While some aftermarket companies claim more than these power increases for their products, I will err on the side of conservative estimates instead. Even these small amounts of power make a big difference on a vehicle that is as light as most motorcycles! How can one add these small power increases? I am glad you asked. These modest gains usually will come from modifications to the exhaust, and intake on a motorcycle. By this I mean, freer flowing exhaust, usually slip-on mufflers, or complete exhaust systems. And either jetting changes to carbureted machines, or re-mapping of fuel-injection systems, and/or, a power commander computer installation, on injected bikes. These intake modifications usually will include the addition of a high-flow air filter, foam, or cloth in composition, for all bikes, and new fuel filter, for those bikes that are injected.

To compliment these changes, always install a fresh set of spark plugs. Another area you might consider is the driveline. It does not matter how much power you make, if you cannot transfer it effectively to terra firma. A new clutch cable, for those with cable actuated clutches, as well as new friction discs, steel discs, and springs can make your rear tire hook up more efficiently.

While we are on the subject of tires, how do yours look? A new set of sneakers can only make your ride faster and safer - after they have scuffed-in of course! To me one of the simplest, and most overlooked performance items is the lowly battery. Keeping your bat-

tery fully charged is the easiest way to obtain optimum performance from you bike. Motorcycle charging systems are designed to keep a good battery fully charged. This system is dependant on a fully charged battery. Fully-charged means 12.8 volts or more at any time. If a battery has less than this minimum amount, the alternator/regulator, of the bike must work harder to keep the battery charged. This means that the energy that was going fully to your sparkplugs, is now being partially diverted to the battery. If your bike is electronic fuel injected, this loss is even more amplified. All the while, your lights, turn signals, and (if equipped) electric starter are also working off your battery! The point is, if your battery is two years old or older, replace it before you have to.

I hope this might answer any questions you may have had about simple, relatively inexpensive upgrades. Give us a call at Chattanooga Motorcycles if you would like a price quote on a small performance modification. Want more than just a little power increase? Well, I will save that for another dialog. I hope to see you every Friday evening for our pre-Nightfall ride "Dogfest." Come join the fun!

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# Tami's ABATE Update



**Hello** readers and riders. I hope this finds you all well and having a great summer. It is flying by, as usual. I can't believe that July is half over already. Truly, time flies... whether you're having fun or not! Fortunately, we have lots of fun.

Let me start out this month by saying congratulations to Biker Chick Peggie on her awesome debut in Road Rash last month. I have had the pleasure of knowing Peggie for years and watched her grow into the lovely lady she is today. I counted her Momma Judy as one of my dearest friends and my heart swells with pride for Judy. I know she is so tickled to see little Peggie on the cover of Road Rash, and also, to see her on Janet's gorgeous Sportster. Janet was Judy's best friend and it was quite heartwarming to see that. Full circle. Janet and Peggie, you've done good! Great job to Medicine Man, Rip and Pork-n-Bean as well. The bike looks fantastic.

We survived another Iron Horse Rodeo. The turnout was a bit low, but, as per usual, ABATE District 1 rallied around and managed to party down anyway. Although I thought it was a terrible idea, Swampy and Frank overruled and made the decision to move the band outside under the arena. Let me go on record, in print, and say I was wrong. It was great. The band was happy, too. Glass House rocked out with us on Saturday night and Southern Heritage entertained us on Friday. My husband Tony and I were major winners at the bike show and managed to take home the plaques for the plunger race, also. We got lucky... there weren't very many competitors. Hopefully, by next year, we will be able to promote this event better and come up with some new ideas to get folks to join us. It is such an awesome location for a party and we really want to continue this tradition. Stay tuned for more!

The following weekend we surprised Dirty Dave with a birthday party. Several of us wanted to take the opportunity to let Dave know just how much he means to us. He is an angel sent to us and he is far too modest to accept that we feel this way. So, we just had to force it on him. We had a great time. The Malone's, the Bell's and Shelly went to great lengths to make this happen and I want to thank them for giving us the chance to share with Dave. A few days later, we had the sad task of saying goodbye to our dear friend/sister, Shelly Bier-

lein. Shelly finally got her hearts desire and moved to Florida. Words cannot describe how very much we miss her. She was a bright spot in our world and her laugh was infectious. I hope she finds the happiness that has eluded her. We wish the best to her, always.

Next up was the Swampthang Motorcycle Dirt Drags. Always exciting and hot and wild, this year was no exception. Lots of people having lots of fun, it is hard to describe this event in a few words. You just have to be there. Mark your calendars for the fall rally in October... usually around Halloween. You won't be sorry.

As always, I close with much love to you all...

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# Pinhook Nitro Dirt Drags

In June, I set off to the Northwest corner of Georgia - a section of Georgia that I love to ride my bike. I usually ride the winding mountain roads there once or twice a year. This year I decided to attend the Pinhook Nitro Drags near Fairmount, Ga. For a while, I have been hearing other bikers talk about it. They were telling everyone about the awesome time they had last year. Saturday morning when I followed the directions into Pinhook, it made me think that I was going into Swamp Thang's dirt drags on the other side of Fairmount. This time there were no houses along the road. There was a one-lane road that led me back into the woods to a hollow and a horse ranch. I rode up another short road to a gate and picked up my armband. Finally, I crossed a small creek to an open field and found a great place to camp and a dirt drag strip.

All day I was wondering where in the world the stage was. One of the reasons that I made the ride to Pinhook was to hear J.B Walker and the Cheap Whiskey Band. The last time the Cheap Whiskey Band was playing nearby, I was off attending a rally somewhere else and I didn't get to see him. Once there, I was so busy meeting bikers I just didn't think to ask anyone where he going to be playing.

Bikers were camped all over the mountain, even on the top. I would like to talk to the bikers that were camping on the very top of the mountain. I'm sure they had a great view of the whole campground and the drag strip. I might try camping on top of the mountain next time.

That weekend the weather turned out to be very hot and dusty. The motorcycles kicked up more dust than anybody wanted, which made it hard to take any photos during the race. I found a few bikers standing along the fence in the sun, but most of the bikers were on the other side of the drag strip under the trees soaking in the shade. Everyone enjoyed the bike games on the drag strip.

Any time I attend a bike rally up around Fairmount, Ga. I always run into Melissa, who is usually a contestant in the bike games. This time she was in the weenie bite contest. Last year at Swamp Thang's she gave everyone a laugh. She was in a race where two bikers would ride one of those rug rat tricycles half way down the track, chug a beer and then race to the finish line. All the bikers started to laugh during the beer chug tricycle race. Although she was a contestant, Melissa just sat on her trike casually drinking her beer as everyone cheered her on. She told the crowd that she just wanted the free beer and wasn't worried about the time.

When the sun went down it got dark at this rally very quickly, you couldn't see more than a foot in front of you. Apparently the only lights at this rally were the ones that you brought with you - besides those at the horse barn.

I found out that J.B. was going to play at the horse barn at the top of the hill. I began to hear music come from the barn and saw bikers moving in the dark toward the music. I found out the band started playing about 8:30 p.m., so I made my way up the hill. I walked into the barn and found a wide-open area with tables and places to sit. I could see the band playing on the stage at the other end of the barn. When I made my way to the other end, I started laughing because there were chickens running around on the stage. I wish I could have made the ride up to Pinhook the night before (Friday) to hear 4 Stone Sun, a band that plays alternative blues/rock music. I haven't had the chance to hear them yet, although I've heard good things from the other bikers.

Like always I was not much interested in who won the

race or the bikini contest. Well, maybe, the bikini contest just a little. I just like to get out, take pictures and meet bikers. I still like to find what I like to call real bikers - bikers of 20 or 40 years ago. There are still a few out there hanging on to their old bikes and still riding. For some reason I find more of the older bikers up around Fairmount. It's not hard to look in a group of bikers and pick one out. Many of them have lived a hard life. I don't want leave out the ole ladies that hung onto them all of those years. Most bikers are happy with their lives and would not change them for the world. I've found out most of the old bikers are more dependable than some of the newer bikers. I have been riding bikes for over forty years, and with all the miles that I have put on my scooter, I still can't say that I am a real biker because I have not lived that life.

When I arrived at Pinhook I didn't know if this was a good idea to make the trip. I found all the bikers were friendly. Greg and all the guys and gals worked hard for everyone to have a good time. There was plenty of food and drink for all the bikers to enjoy (especially at the bar at the end of the barn). At the end of the day as I was leaving to go home, I was thinking that it wasn't a bad idea to come to this rally after all. Most of the rallies I go to are about 200 miles round trip. When I attend a rally that is no fun, it is a long ride home. Rallies like this one give you plenty to think about on your way home.

I hope to see you on the road soon.

**Tommy Pittard**

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## RIDING THE ROADS LESS TRAVELED

A Trip Down Memory Lane

**As** I sat reading the last issue of my favorite mag (Road Rash of course), I couldn't help but reminisce - especially while reading the articles from Reverend Booger and Diamond Dave. As Boog talked

about riding in the rain I started to think of some of the crazy things and lousy weather that I have encountered over the years.

I was 17-years-old and working in a boat yard in Connecticut. I had hauled my bike (a 1947 Indian Chief) up on a trailer along with four sailboats. Well anyway I got tired of that job and started off one morning for my original hometown of Rochester N.Y. I started out about 7 a.m. riding my bike in a fog that was thick enough to cut with a knife, around 9:30 or 10 the sun had finally burnt the fog off and I was able to dry a bit. Everything was going along fairly well until that evening when the sky opened up and the rains came down. Now understand a few things, this was well before helmets were even thought of and all I had on my head was a cloth pilots hat and a pair of goggles. The Indian had no windshield or fairing and the rain felt like needles hitting my face so I tied a handkerchief across just below my nose so I could breathe. Another thing, when I bought the bike its tires were almost bald and I couldn't afford to buy new ones... Well, the gods were smiling on me as I made it and about midnight I pulled into my Uncle's house in one wet piece.

Then there was the time in Daytona when a buddy of mine and I were headed over to the "Foxes Den" for a cold root beer when a Yellow Jacket with nothing better to do flew up my pants leg. He nailed me about three times in the hollow of my knee while I was trying to pull over and get the bike stopped. I wonder what the people in the passing cars were thinking as I hopped off the bike and tried to get at the little so-and-so.

Another time I was heading home from "Bike Week." I was headed north on I-75 in north Florida; there was a light rain but no real problem when I started to see things swirling around behind my windshield. It was snow! I was in Florida and it was snowing. I finally stopped to spend the night with friends in Lennox, Georgia and the next morning when I got up the ground was white.

The best one though was one year in D.C. for "Rolling

Thunder", it was on a Thursday and I rode into D.C. to sightsee. After riding around for a while I looked at the sky and realized that we were in for a shower. I decided to head back to the motel in Fredericksburg where we were staying. All was going well until I got to I-95 and started south. I

had gone about a mile when it started to rain, so I stopped and put on my rain jacket - but not the pants, as it didn't look that bad. Well it was. There I was in the center lane of five lanes of traffic when the bottom dropped out (along with lightning) and no overpass in sight when traffic came to a complete stop. I sat in the pouring rain with ice-cold water running down the tank into my crotch when they broke into the program I had on the radio with a "tornado warning." At that point I just started to laugh. What could I do? Get under the bike?

Reading Dave's dialog I started to reminisce about some of the bikes that I have owned or rode at one time or the other, my old KZ1000 the first bike that I owned that I never found out how fast it would run. And then there was that '55 Triumph 650 Tiger 110, a great bike - but you couldn't keep oil in it. And there was the Norton 500 single that I almost bought. It ran like a scalded cat, had tons of torque, and vibrated so much that it would shake your fillings loose. But the one that I remember the most and wish that I still had, was that 1947 Indian Chief, that old 74 cubic inch flat head was close to being bullet proof and the bike was built like a tank. It's a shame that the original company went belly up, but then that's life.

Well so much for memories but then that's what we old-timers have that you younger guys don't, a lot of good memories.

Be careful out there and keep the shiny side up.

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# **Biker Dude Scott**



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**HISTORY: An Alabama Man by birthright, August's Biker Dude, Scott Morris, is luckily (for our own selfish reasons), now a bonafide Chattanooga.**

**THAT-WAS-THEN-THIS-IS-NOW:** Scott began working with Greek Corporation three years ago. Formerly of Thunder Creek H-D in Chattanooga, since October Scott has been with Mountain Creek H-D in Dalton, GA. [Coincidentally, the grand re-opening of Mountain led us to a nomination by HOLLY for Mr. Morris to be a B.D. HippyChicKim & I checked him out and concurred - two thumbs up!!]

Scott himself (he IS a H-D mechanic, after all) customized his bike's engine and the outside cosmetically with heat wrapped pipes and custom handlebars.

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