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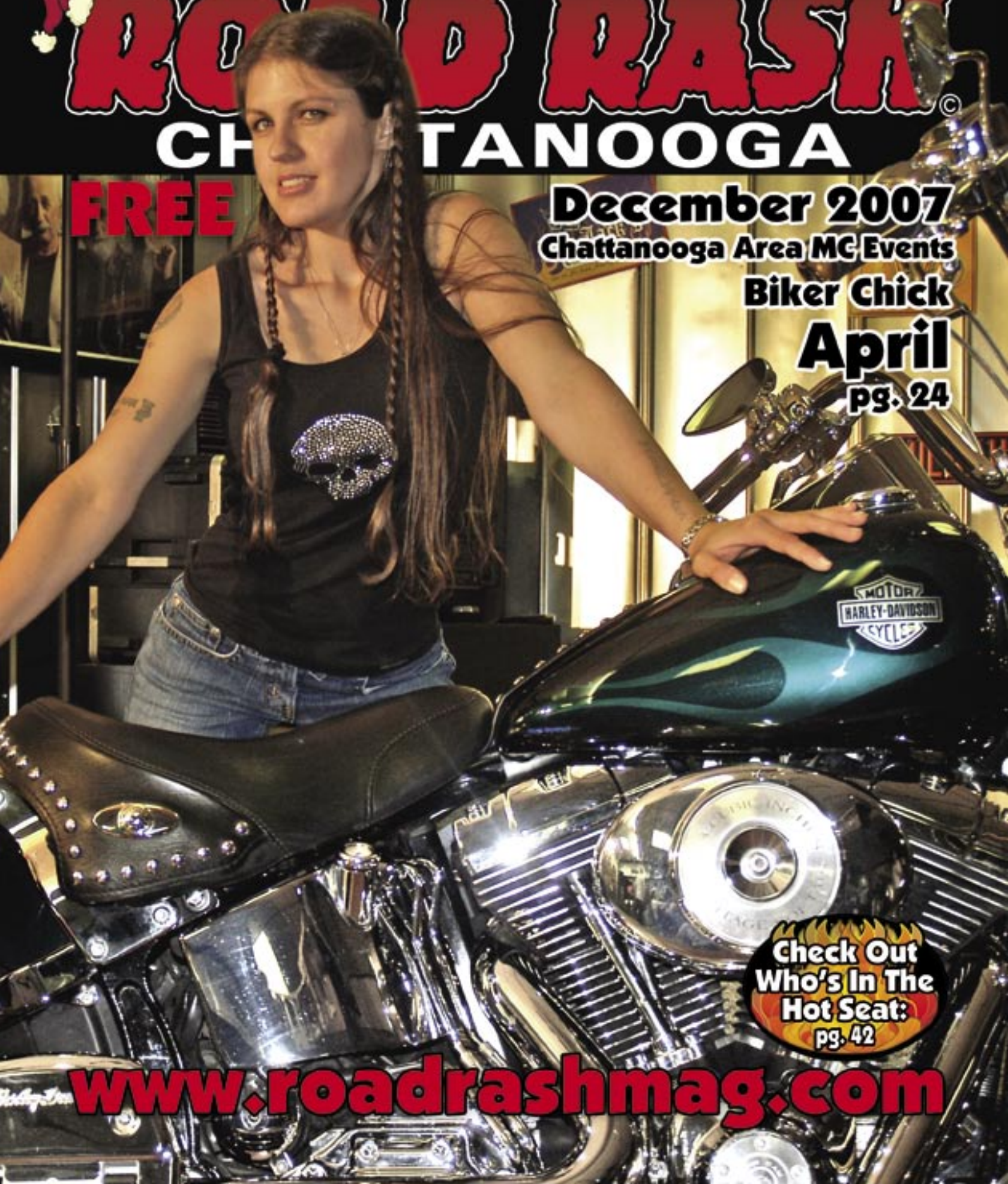
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Tom the Bomb... RAMBLINGS From the Top Dawg

Welcome to the December edition of Road Rash Magazine Chattanooga. The other members of the staff and I would like to wish you and yours a merry Christmas and a joyous and safe holiday season.

Well, the weather has gotten colder, but the roads are still clear. There's nothing like bundling up in some good riding gear and hitting the open road this time of year. I think every time I've pulled up anywhere in the last month or so, someone (usually someone driving a car) has asked, "Aren't you cold?" My usual answer is, "Not really. You just have to wear the right clothes." We are truly blessed to have such a mild climate. I recently made the acquaintance of a few New York bikers who couldn't stop raving about how nice the weather was. Even though the day was chilly (by my standards) and there were very few motorcycles on the road that day – they appreciated the fact it was above freezing. Their perspective was inspiring.

Being December, there are tons of toy runs and Christmas-related charitable events that will

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beckon for your attention. I would like to encourage each of you to participate wherever you can. If anyone has ever had the pleasure of seeing a child's face on Christmas morning when they open a present of their very own, I'm sure they would agree it is an experience no child should grow up without. Beyond that, believe it or not, the holiday season is traditionally a time when depression and suicide are at their highest points. As a community, we need to reach out to those in need, and do what we can to help. Not only is it the right thing to do, but it also goes along with the giving spirit of Christmas.

The magazine you are holding has come a long way from it's humble beginnings – but has yet to meet its potential. My partners and I are willing (and able) to do more for free than the other guys are willing to do for pay. On top of listing charitable events, event coverage, printing and posting event photos, and opening up our editorial space for whoever might want to publicize a worthy

charity (all free of charge), many have yet to take advantage of our generosity. If you have (or find out about) a local motorcycle-related event that could use more participation (don't they all?), have them contact us! We have the magazine, the Web site, and even a profile on MySpace.com. They are practically at your disposal. Let's work together, increase event participation, contributions, and unity. Separately, we are just a bunch of bikers, but together, we can move mountains.

That's it for my ramblings this month. Remember to be good (Santa's watching!), be safe (watch for the other guy), and keep it twisted (you only live once)!

Tom
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SEE 8 STATES

Wings In The Wind

by Eddie Rahm (Part 6 of 7)
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Recap: Our trip took us through eight states in five days on back roads and state highways. Day one took us through Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia (280 miles), day two we continued through Virginia, back to Tennessee, and much of Kentucky (320 miles), day three through Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri (290 miles), and day four from Illinois to

Tennessee through Kentucky (220 miles). It was time for our last day of the trip. Leg five as follows:

Day 5 – Tennessee - Alabama – Georgia (218 Miles)
Everyone had to get up earlier in the morning than the other days so we could get to church in Pulaski on time. We walked next door for the always great Shoney's breakfast bar and what should have been enough food for the whole day, but of course wasn't. Man, I love



their bacon and fried potatoes! After breakfast we walked back to the motel to have our last devotional of the trip. Our time in Lawrenceburg was pleasant and I found it to be a small town with many of the attractions of a larger town. Of course the most well known resident of

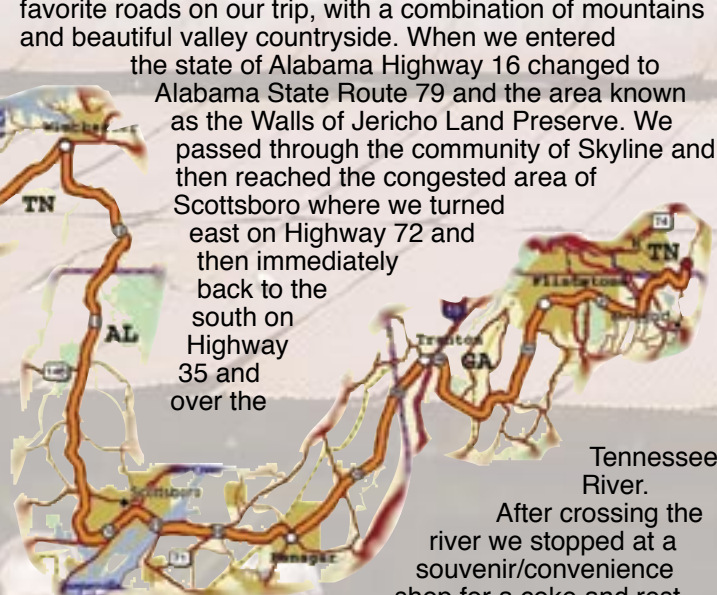
Lawrenceburg is presidential candidate, Fred Thompson. We jumped back on Highway 64 heading east until reaching Pulaski, birthplace of the KKK, and pulled up to the church lot with just a few minutes to spare. I had emailed the church that we were planning on visiting and they were expecting us. We were certainly made to feel welcome but of all times to visit the church we picked the day their pastor was preaching his last sermon before pursuing other ministries. He used the opportunity to challenge the church members to be more serious about their faith, a point we all took to heart. We quite often just play at our faith and don't really do much with it when it comes to impacting people's lives for the Kingdom. After church we were invited to stay for the church dinner but had to decline since we still had miles to go and families who were ready for our



return.

We jumped back on 64 through Fayetteville, where you can always smell fresh cooked potato chips from the Frito-Lay factory located near the highway. We stayed on 64 until reaching Winchester where we stopped for lunch before turning south on State Route 16. Winchester was the hometown of the

once popular singer Dinah Shore and Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer. Highway 16, which extends from Winchester southward toward Scottsboro, Alabama, was one of my favorite roads on our trip, with a combination of mountains and beautiful valley countryside. When we entered the state of Alabama Highway 16 changed to Alabama State Route 79 and the area known as the Walls of Jericho Land Preserve. We passed through the community of Skyline and then reached the congested area of Scottsboro where we turned east on Highway 72 and then immediately back to the south on Highway 35 and over the



Tennessee River.

After crossing the river we stopped at a souvenir/convenience shop for a coke and rest room break. After our break it was time to head up Sand Mountain via Highway 40, which turned east off of Highway 35. We were now in familiar riding territory and the feeling of exploration was all but gone, as well as any scenery that was out of the ordinary. Upon reaching the top of the mountain we were in the community of Dutton where we stayed on Highway 40 until reaching Henagar, home of the July 4th "Tater Festival". We then turned back to the north on Highway 75 and continued through Ider, Flat Rock, and to the Georgia State line (now Highway 301). Soon we dropped back down Sand Mountain to Trenton via Highway 136 before heading up Lookout Mountain and stopping at Lula Lake Road. It was at this point we dropped John Martin off and began of the sad part of the trip. We had become family for the week and I might have even seen a few tears sneak out at this stop. Thanks to John who added humor, fun, and photography to our trip. We dropped back down the mountain to the Cooper Heights area until reaching the intersection of Highway 193 where we turned north and soon lost our next member Randy



Carter at Flintstone. Thanks to Randy who provided help with directions and encouragement to me on the entire trip. We then turned back east on Battlefield Parkway through Fort Oglethorpe and within a few miles dropped Wally Hammel. Thanks to Wally for the help he provided with on the bike photography and my favorite devotional of the week. We eventually reached Three Notch



John Martin

Road where the three of us remaining turned left and after winding around a little we ended up at the Graysville Mill on the South Chickamauga Creek. We took our last break here for some photos and then turned right on Swansons Road to Ooltewah Ringgold Road, turning north until reaching East Brainerd Road where I separated from Hobert Brabson and Jon Arbuckle. Thanks to Hobert for providing much Godly wisdom and encouragement to me on the trip. And a special thanks to Jon who had faithfully stayed at the rear of the group for the entire trip to watch over the flock and let me know if a problem



Wally Hammel

arose. Jon was gracious as he represented the group in thanking me for my efforts in leading and planning the trip

This trip was not about us and was not even about the ride, but was about the experience of the ride. It was not just about the miles covered but also about the times not clicking off miles. It was not about trying to impress people along the way but about being impressed by them. It was about small towns, small town folks, and the small town restaurants. It was about all the people who said they wished they could join us, or wished they could just



Jon Arbuckle

do something fun for a change. It was about our fellowship as we sat up late each night to visit and encourage each other. It was about the little girl who waved from atop her dad's shoulders as we passed in front of their house, the many kids that waved to us from the back seat of their cars. It was about the mutual admiration we shared with hundreds of other bikers along the way, communicated by a nod of the head or a left hand motion of some type. It was about the fresh air even when the air probably wasn't fresh. It was about exploring deserted old buildings and passing movie theatres long since closed with the last movie title still displayed on the marquee. It was about historical sites honoring famous people who paved the

way for our freedom to ride and about considerate motorists who helped us stay together. It was about petting dogs lying outside the front door of convenience stores waiting on their best buddies. It was about cleaning our bikes each morning and the pride our bikes brought to us. It was about bacon and eggs, home cooked food, greasy burgers, junk food, and Red Bulls. It was about the Lords protection when the road conditions were some times not in our favor and about a group being stronger because of the individual strengths of its members. It was about a 63



Hobert Brabson

year-old little boy eating his chocolate covered ice cream cone and six kids playing for five days without a worry in the world!

It's not about the ride or the magazine; it's about each reader. From John, Hobert, Randy, Jon, Wally and me, we want to thank you for being a part of our ride and we pray for

the Lord's blessing on you and your family. We'll do it again next year! Let's ride!!



Randy Carter

Special thanks to: Road Rash Magazine for the opportunity to take you on our trip. ~ The Mystery Pic prize sponsors who eagerly participated. ~ Our families that endured extra responsibilities so that we could play.



Mystery pic winner: Congratulations to Cotton Whitlow who was the first person to correctly identify last month's Mystery pic, the South Chickamauga Creek at the Graysville Mill. Special thanks go to Sears Shoes (Ft. Oglethorpe), Logan's (Fort Oglethorpe), and Quick Tees for sponsoring the prizes.



Next month I will wrap up my thoughts on the trip as well as share some of the thoughts our other riders have regarding the experience. I will also give you my suggestions on planning your next trip.

Eddie Rahm

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ROCK'S TWO CENTS

I've gotten plenty of atta boys and, believe it or not, even some criticisms for a few of my remarks in last month's article. How dare I brag about breaking the law. Why don't I slow my #@% down. Another said, that I was

tarnishing the image of bikers. I hate to rock your world critics, but opinions are like bodily orifices, everyone has them. Pages 8 and 9 in this esteemed publication just happens to contain mine each month. I do know that you can't teach an old dog (me) new tricks. If you don't believe me, just ask my wife. Now, I'll be the first to admit that my attitudes are not always mainstream. I may not follow every traffic law (as if my critics do) and I may not wave as much as I should, but I don't kick puppies either. Back when I started riding, RIDING was a statement of one's independence. It even smacked of being a tad anti-establishment. Today, e v e r y o n e rides and motorcyclists are supposed to be so squeaky clean. It's the hip thing to do. The bad boy image is mostly gone except for a few old dogs. Boutiques instead of shops and trailers instead of mileage. OK, I'll

get off my nostalgic soapbox.

Now, on to something of substance. Bikers for Christ, Southern TN Chapter and Road Rash Magazine are organizing the Bikers Tees for Troops Campaign. This is something that everyone should be able get behind (whether you like me or not). When our soldiers are injured in Iraq or Afghanistan they are first sent to Germany and then to the various VA hospitals in the states. When they arrive in the U.S. they have virtually no personal items, including clothes. We are collecting "biker tees" to send to Operation First Response who will then distribute them to our injured soldiers along with other personal items. We have talked with the people of First Response and they tell us how thrilled the soldiers are to have biker tees to wear (this is already being done by other groups around the country). Personally, I'd like to see an entire ward decked out in Harley-Davidson tees, although any brand of motorcycle shirt is welcome. An entire ward of injured vets wearing American made HD t-shirts would speak volumes. It's amazing how such a small gift can mean so much to these soldiers. We are accepting "like new" or better still "new" biker t-shirts at various locations around the area. Please make sure that the shirts you donate are not vulgar or inappropriate. You can drop these shirts off at Thunder or Mountain Creek Harley-Davidson, Ultimate Cycles, Dr. Dave's Service, Steel Horse Motorcycles, Quick Tees, or First Southern Baptist in Pikeville, TN. This will be an ongoing endeavor. All of us have a closet full of t-shirts. I have a dozen or more that I haven't even worn, I'm sure you do too. What better use could you

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possibly have for these extra shirts? These guys have fought the terrorists and have been seriously injured in the process. Let's overwhelm them with our gratitude for what they have done. I know it's a small token, but it will mean a lot to them.

The people at Operation First Response have even told us that the possibility exists that we could actually organize a group of riders to ride to the Walter Reid Army Hospital to visit our wounded troops. I might not care for group riding, but I can assure you that I will be in attendance if we can organize a ride to Walter Reid. The ride would be the easy part. Keeping one's emotions in check in the presence of these injured American heroes might be another matter. Come on folks, let's cover them up with biker shirts. If we get the kind of response we are expecting we will most likely be looking for a trucking company to donate the shipping for thousands of shirts. Any truckers out there got their ears on?

I hope you all read the nice eulogy that Chris Gordon of the Southern Cruisers wrote and submitted about his deceased brother Blaine Wehunt (Tears on Black Leather - pg.10). If more of you would take the time to do what Chris did, the motorcycle community at large would be better off for it. You write and submit and we'll do our job and publish. Thanks Chris, I didn't know Blaine personally, but I felt like I did after reading your eulogy. I'm sure Blaine appreciates your time and effort. Our condolences go out to Blaine's family and friends.

I would like to wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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TEARS ON BLACK LEATHER

Brothers and Sisters Down or Gone

Blaine Wehunt - 1954-2007



On Tuesday October 23rd 2007, Oscar "Blaine" Wehunt, III, age 53, retired Marine, father, and brother passed away in his room at Erlanger Hospital from injuries received in a motorcycle accident on October 14th. Blaine was incredibly loved by everyone and found joy in everything. Blaine was an active member of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club -Chapter # 34 and also rode with American Legion Riders and Road Benders.

Gone but never Forgotten

He was employed by Ruby Falls. Blaine was a 1972 graduate of Notre Dame High School and a nationally certified and licensed massage therapist. He earned his certification in small engine repair through Chattanooga State Community College. He was a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in locations around the world as well as the United States. He was a member of IATSE (Stage Hands union) Local 140 and looked forward to manning the Hunter Museum Stage at the Riverbend Festival each summer. Blaine was a loving father, had a real zest for life and was a friend to everyone he met.

On behalf of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club, I want to thank the Wehunt family for allowing us to be part of the celebration of Blaine's life. Some who rode in Blaine's funeral procession had been in the club with Blaine since his arrival, some barley knew him and some who supported us did not know him at all.

Those of us who had known him for a while, like myself, loved him very much and will miss him every day. He brought great joy to our lives and in turn made us better people. It will be hard gathering for a ride and not seeing that red and gold Yamaha V-star come riding over the hill or seeing a stuffed "Rudolph" strapped to the front fender of his bike at Christmas time. Blaine had it figured out. He knew what life was all about and he lived it to the fullest. A true biker and always a gentleman. He will be greatly missed here on earth but he will ride around our hearts forever. It has been said that "Friends are family that we chose for ourselves" I am so thankful that



Blaine and I chose each other as friends.. Thank you again to all the Wehunt Family and friends for allowing us to share a very important part of your lives. Our loss is Heaven's gain....

Chris Gordon
Southern Cruisers Riding Club -
Chapter # 34 Chatt. TN.



"Lewis Style" Update

The end of the year is a time of reflection into the days that were and the wonderful days ahead to be. I thought this would be an appropriate time for a Lewis Update.

Lewis is at Standifer Place, Skilled Nursing Facility, off Walker Road, Chattanooga, in Room 725. This past year he has improved greatly. He is no longer in a neck brace and no longer has the tracheotomy. Lewis is still in a coma but he is not in a vegetative state. He moves his head, opens his eyes randomly, is trying to speak and makes noises, moves his arms, hands, legs and feet, and has a good arm for throwing baseballs.

Lewis even in a coma has his own style and lets you know what he is thinking. His expressions are endless: happy, sad, worried, contemplative, confused and even with his eyes shut he looks right at you. Yes, he still has that mischievous Lewis grin and great sense of humor. He has had no major set backs all year which has created solid steps in his recovery.

Some of you have shared with me stories about trips you have been on with Lewis and/or times just sitting around and having a drink with him. The stories are great and fun to hear. Lewis would laugh at his buddies talking about his riding style and that now they are riding "Lewis Style" as I have heard it put several times. He would laugh knowing some of you now let mother nature wash your bikes and that you ditch the leathers in the winter for the insulated freezer "dickies" coveralls to keep you warm and toasty as you ride. As we all know "Lewis Style" is practical and cost effective.

Lewis has come a long way and has overcome many obstacles. With his spirit and determination he will continue in the coming new year to progress, in his own sweet "Lewis Style" and God given time.

Thank you all for your prayers, love and support that you have given to Lewis (and me). We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love, Lewis Leach and Elaine Wolfe

Sadly, Dunlap, Tennessee resident Sonya Swafford passed away October 13 from complications due to cancer. She was always eager to be a part of life and went above and beyond helping out Bad Bob Green whenever she could with local poker runs and benefits. She is greatly missed. Harold "Beaker" Bradley, a member of the Freedom Riders MC and his wife Angie were involved in a motorcycle accident recently. Angie was banged up a bit, but Beaker sustained more serious injuries including four broken ribs, a broken collarbone and some bad damage to his knee requiring reconstructive surgery. Our good friend Lana Farmer (DJ Zane's wife) tripped off of her porch and apparently broke both of her feet recently, making it virtually impossible for her to perform her waitressing job. - TTB

He wasn't a biker, but, a close and long time friend of mine died on Friday, October 26th. Bryan "Beezy Shaw", 57, died of complications from cancer. A long time pilot and skydiver, Beezy was a legend in aviation and skydiving circles. We had many, many good and exciting times together.

May you now fly with the angels Beez..
- Rock

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Joe Cool's Biker Health



Merry Christmas fellow Road Rash enthusiasts. Believe it or not, this will be the seventh Christmas article I have contributed to the very cool biker rag. It is not always easy to come up with fresh topical information for you, the readers. Therefore, I will expound on two topics that are always prevalent during the winter holidays. How to control stress and weight gain that are common factors that accompany the season.

First of all, do not stress over weight gain during this Joyous time. A little weight increase is common for everyone. Starting with the Thanksgiving feast, then the Christmas sweets, and ending with the New Year's Day hang-over. Every person is subject to an increase in caloric intake and less physical activity. So, enjoy your special meals with friends and loved ones. Show some restraint when you know that you have several holiday functions to attend. Go to your collection of Road Rash mags and reread last months issue on holiday food choices.

Life is hectic enough without trying to find time to shop for presents, prepare meals, travel to see family,

or spend 2 or 3 days cleaning house because it is your turn to host the family holiday festivities. But this will not effect you because this is a happy and joyous time. Stay focused on the positive message of Christmas. Ask family members for help at home. Have the spouse share the work load of shopping, cleaning and chauffeuring the kids to holiday functions. Ask the boss for some extra time off for Christmas so you can take some time for your self.

Try to get some activities in to help lower your holiday stresses. If the weather is to cold outside then try indoor activities such as racquetball, swimming, cycling, or dancing. Then, after you burn off a few hundred calories, take a long hot bath and let "Calgon take you away". Do what ever it is that helps you to lower the emotional tensions that the hectic holiday schedule brings. Because, your happiness is just as important as anyone else.

Enjoy the coming holidays. Feel love and forgiveness for others and mostly toward yourself. Do not chastise yourself for eating to many sugar cookies or having extra whipped cream on your piece of pumpkin pie. Because a New year is about to begin and you have the next eleven months to get in tip top shape for the next holiday season. Be happy and safe this Christmas.

Be yule, stay yule,
"Joe Cool" Wiram

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When you get to be my age, you occasionally play a mental game by trying to remember all the automobiles and motorcycles you have owned over your lifetime. Occasionally, I even add bicycles, go-karts and mini-bikes I owned to the cerebral inventory of my lifetime "transportation pool." (To be honest, the bicycles were more reliable than a few of the trucks I have owned.) There have been some real winners and losers in this mental nostalgia garage of mine. My favorite automobile of my life would have to be the red '67 GTO that my dad owned when I was in High School. I am sure just getting my drivers license and an opportunity to drive what many people consider the greatest muscle car of all time makes every car after that point a bridesmaid. My favorite motorcycle however is easy to identify. It is the one I am riding right now...and always will be!

I may occasionally reminisce about a particular vehicle or try not to think about what it would be worth today if I hung on to it, but when you get down to it, they were all just a means to get from one place to another, a piece of

metal with rubber tires. Even the greats had their share of flaws; flat tires, dead batteries, window cranks (remember those) that fell off and other shortcomings. In the end, it is the memories of rides taken, places seen and the friends I shared times with that make up their real intrinsic value.

I just sold my Softail (motorcycle number 12, if my memory serves me correctly and the seventh Harley). Lucky number thirteen is a dresser. Well an FLHX; a "mini-dresser" if you will. The Street Glide or "Flix" as the Dealer refers to it as, is the first motorcycle I have ever owned with a radio! I have always said I didn't need one as getting away on the open road was my time of meditation, a chance to talk to God and allow opportunity for him to talk back. I have always been better at talking than listening and so this quiet time has been an essential part of my life. Still, I have been sneaking an iPod aboard more and more and noted that many of my friends have been doing likewise. Even Booger wrote a recent column on his favorite tunes to listen to while going down the road and I know he has never had a radio on any of his bikes, which leads me to believe there may be a "Geezer-Glide" in his future some day also.

Many of my friends' sport the combination of super-loud pipes and wearing an MP3 player with earplugs with the volume cranked to the max so they can hear over the thunder of their exhausts with no baffles. When we get to an intersection I holler something to them and they smile, nod their heads and pretend to hear to me but I know

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they don't! You know the drill and I am sure many of you reading this are recognizing this growing phenomenon in our biker world. Their helmets have stickers that proclaim "Loud Pipes Save Lives" but they themselves are wrapped in an isolated cocoon of reality... in the lane next to you but 1,000 miles away mentally be-bopping to some ditty. Maybe it's a RUB thing to have a radio on a bike. Still there are many who wear black leather jackets and boots citing a safety factor and shun the DOT helmet leading me to suspect they are interested in image as much as safety. I am going to leave the pipes on this new bike stock. Rather than invest in a grand in set of Rhineharts, I think I will enhance the sound system and maybe even add a GPS. Oh, I can hear the hard-core crying already but the thing is I have left the world of riding back and forth to the dealership or down to a pub a long time ago and have been putting some serious mileage on my bikes as I get older. I hope to do that with this new bike also. "Ride the h#% out of it" of it as my friend Jimmy says, then move on and add a yet another favorite bike of all time to my stable of driven rides.

I think I am going to like owning a 'Glide. I suppose it is my turn in life to put up with friends on cruisers who ask "Do you have room in your tour-pak for my jacket?" Maybe I will just smile at them, nod and crank up the volume, pretending not to hear them. The old television show, Get Smart had that "Cone of Silence" device that prevented others from hearing what was being said, but it worked both ways. What a great idea that was!

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Well hello. It looks like winter has finally caught up with us. I can only hope that most of you reading this have wrapped up real good and continued to ride any chance you get. Since my truck has been loaned out for a while now, I have been given the opportunity to ride everyday despite what the weather may be. I have to admit that it has been very entertaining. In the past I have ridden in every weather situation there is, but I always liked having the option of the truck sitting in the driveway. Also in the past, I have left the pushing of our great advertisers to "Tom the Bomb." He is real good at it and gets his message across. But this month I am going to break this tradition and I am going to give an unsolicited endorsement to one of our great advertisers.

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One last thing before I move on. Last month it may have sounded like I thought my boss was mean for having me work when I was not supposed to. No, he is not mean, he is a boss and that is what bosses do. I am very fortunate to have a job where I can ride on my off days during the week,



and I guess I get a little spoiled sometimes when my riding time gets messed with.

Ok, now I have that out of my system and I can move on to my monthly sermon of the things that are being discussed by the committee in my brain. It is no big secret that I consider my brain this big committee of ever changing characters that guide and direct me through life. Well my buddy, Rub, and I have named this committee "Boogtown." As you can guess the most favorite

topics being discussed in Boogtown are, bikes, rides, and bike related stuff. The rest of what goes on up there would either be too mundane and bore you to tears or too racy for this family magazine, so I will stick to what pertains to motorcycles. Keep in mind that these are my opinions and do not reflect the opinion of this magazine.

Let's start with motorcycles and what I think about certain types, brands, and styles. As far as brands go, most people think I am a hardcore Harley Davidson person because I own two. But I have said before and will say it again, in my world all motorcycles are good, one brand is about as good as another. The way I see it is that there are some people out there like myself that just will not be happy until they have their butts on a Harley. I call this the sick individual theory. Moving on to the type of bikes again, I like all types but due to budget concerns Boogtown is limited to one cruiser (2002 Dyna Super Glide) and one wannabe sport bike (2001 Sportster with racing seat, rear-set pegs, etc...). But given enough money and space I would like to think I would have one of each kind made. I have to admit I do have my pecking order of types and styles

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that I am most fond of. As far as cruisers go, I lean toward the Dyna/FXR type bikes. The stripped down "naked bike" is my favorite of the sport bike class and Electra Glides top my list for touring bikes. Rub likes to point out that my likes and dislikes for bikes is an ever-changing process. To give you an example, Fatboys were one of my favorite Harleys, then I met someone that owns one. While I didn't really dislike this person, I couldn't bear having a bike similar to his. So Fatboys were dropped off my list of preferred bikes. It's just the opposite with what I used to call "geezer-glides," big fully dressed touring bikes. As I get older they are now on my list of bikes that I would consider buying first. Boogtown may be set in some of its ways, but its general opinion of things can be changed given enough reason and thought. One opinion that as of right now can't be changed is what color a bike should be. It's very simple, fire trucks are red, school busses are yellow and motorcycles are black. The last three I have owned were black, and the next one may not be black when I buy it, but you can guarantee that I bought it with plans to paint it black.

Ok, that is all the space that I have for this month. I will pick up next month with what the Boogtown committee thinks about roads, riding with a group, riding clothes and other various subjects.

In closing, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. 'Till next month...

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Many of our readers will probably recognize December's Biker Chick April. She has worked at Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson in Chattanooga for almost three years, and now works in shipping/parts receiving. When she's not lugging boxes of officially licensed merchandise around, she enjoys hanging out with her four daughters (ranging from 3 to thirteen years old) and drawing portraits. She is a down-to-earth cool person who never lost her patience or sense of humor throughout what turned out to be her first photo shoot. Thanks April!

Special thanks goes out to James Bullard who took time out from his security consulting business (J.W. Enterprises) and many other responsibilities to not only deliver the cover bike, but partially disassemble and reassemble it in order to get it in and out of the door (did you notice the absence of his o-ring engine guards?). Also, we would like to thank Riders Bar and Grill (Lee Highway and Airport Road) for letting us steal their dance floor for an afternoon to use it as our studio space. Photography was performed by our own "Tom the Bomb" Blevins (who is now single). To check out many more beautiful pictures of this great bike and hot Biker Chick (and much more), go to www.roadrashmag.com!





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Every year, the Christian Motorcyclist Association (CMA) has helped to coordinate and lead the ride down to the First Tennessee Pavilion for "Share Your Christmas," and this year will be no different, but, this year we are asking for your help. We have an opportunity to show Chattanooga the heart of the motorcycle community on live TV. Once again this year CMA (with some help from a few hundred Chattanooga area bikers) can fill the First Tennessee Pavilion with motorcycles and let everyone see, hear and feel the motorcycle community as we arrive. So what can you do, you ask? Well that's simple. Come and ride to "Share Your Christmas" with us.

On December 5 meet us at the BP Station at Hamill Road and Hwy 153 at 5 p.m. We will roll out at 5:20 p.m.

on the dot to head to the First Tennessee Pavilion. Just pack your saddlebags with non-perishable items and come for a fun ride. This is one of the few rides that goes on no matter the temperature or the weather. I have ridden it in a sleety rain and several years it was well below freezing when we headed out. The ride is fast as we are done just shortly after 6 p.m. The entrance we make and the reception we receive is so much fun it's all worth it. Not to mention

helping the Food Bank with all the food we bring. Last year WRCB collected 74,000 pounds of food and \$16,000 in cash donations for the Food Bank.

While bikers contributed just a small portion of that amount, our presence can inspire others in Chattanooga to step up and give. So call all your friends, all those you ride with, tell the guy who works on your bike, and be there. If you have questions please feel free to call me!

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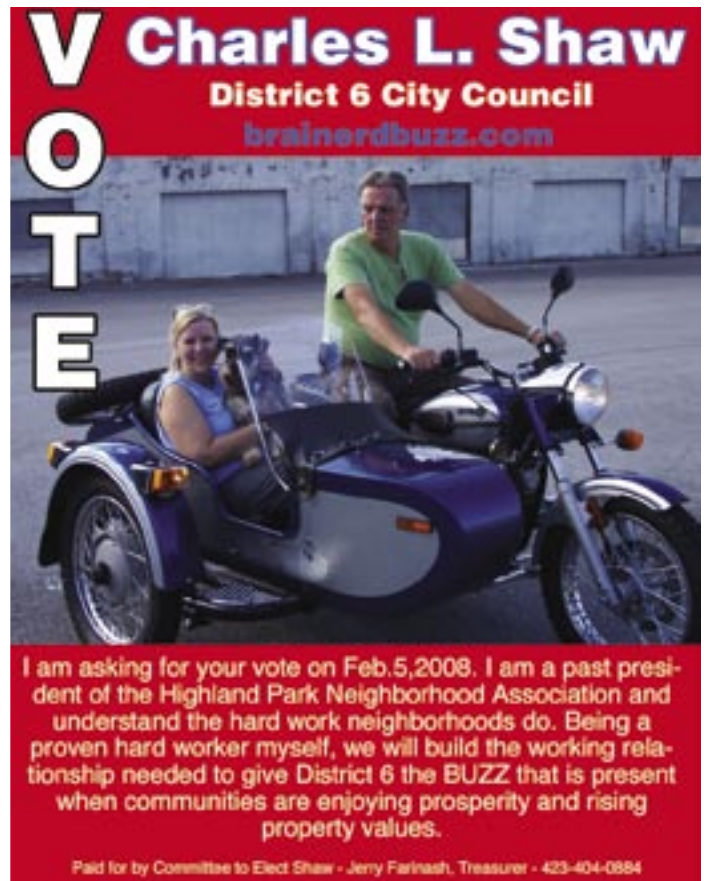
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Blowing Smoke

((Continued from last month))

Soon after we got back on the road, it became obvious to me just how many ATV trails there are in Utah. Lining both sides of the highway all the way up to Salt Lake City were miles and miles of trails. I could hardly focus on riding on the road for thinking about how much fun and how long one could ride on all those trails. Then I began thinking about next year and when I could fit it into my busy schedule to come back. Before this trip was over there'd be many things that I would want to make plans to return to. We drove through the rest of Utah



bump, bump we drive over cow-crossing guards and suddenly there are cow-crossing signs. I didn't really think about it till we came flying around a curve and about ran over a group of



cows of every shape and size that were meandering over to their next blade of grass. Let me restate that my dad about ran over the cows and I about ran over him. That moment could have been bad, especially considering the fact that we only passed one truck on the entire road and several hundred cows. After about the third time we crossed paths I finally stopped worrying that the bulls would charge us. Little did I know what creatures would be crossing our path in the coming days.



and crossed over into Idaho on our way North to Wyoming.

As we entered into Wyoming the roads became lined with the white trunks of Aspen trees. They were very pretty. Ok, so we're driving along taking in the sights when bump,



The temperature started dropping and the odds of finding a place to stay were looking rather slim. We finally spotted a gas station, which is always a welcome sight out West. We filled up the tanks and looked across the street to spot a new motel that had just opened: The Bull Moose Lodge. The lodge

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the door. Instead we cable-locked our bikes together in the spot right below our room. Hey, when it's your only form of transportation not to mention you're only suitcase you can never be too careful. Everything at the facility was very rustic feeling. It had knotty pine paneling, hand made lamps and furniture, and cedar bathrooms but with the modern conveniences of jet tubs and satellite TV, which my dad finally gave up on trying to figure out and went to bed. We rested and warmed up that night only to awaken to another chilly morning. We headed out on Hwy 26/89, that followed along the Snake River. The morning sun was reflecting off the river making



it such a beautiful sight we just had to stop.

After the riverside picture taking session with my dew-rag daddy, we continued on to Jackson, Wyoming. This great little ski town is known for large

arches of shed elk antlers at the entrances to the town square. Sometimes the town is called Jackson Hole, which is actually the valley where the town is located. Within the valley lies the National Elk Refuge (elk - the thing I wrote about thinking was a reindeer back in the October issue). The refuge is the only one committed to elk and provides a home from November to April when elk move to lower elevations due to the harsh winters. Around 7,500 elk seek refuge during the winters and they spend their summers in Bridger-Teton National Forest, Grand Teton National Park, and Yellowstone which are all just up the road from Jackson.

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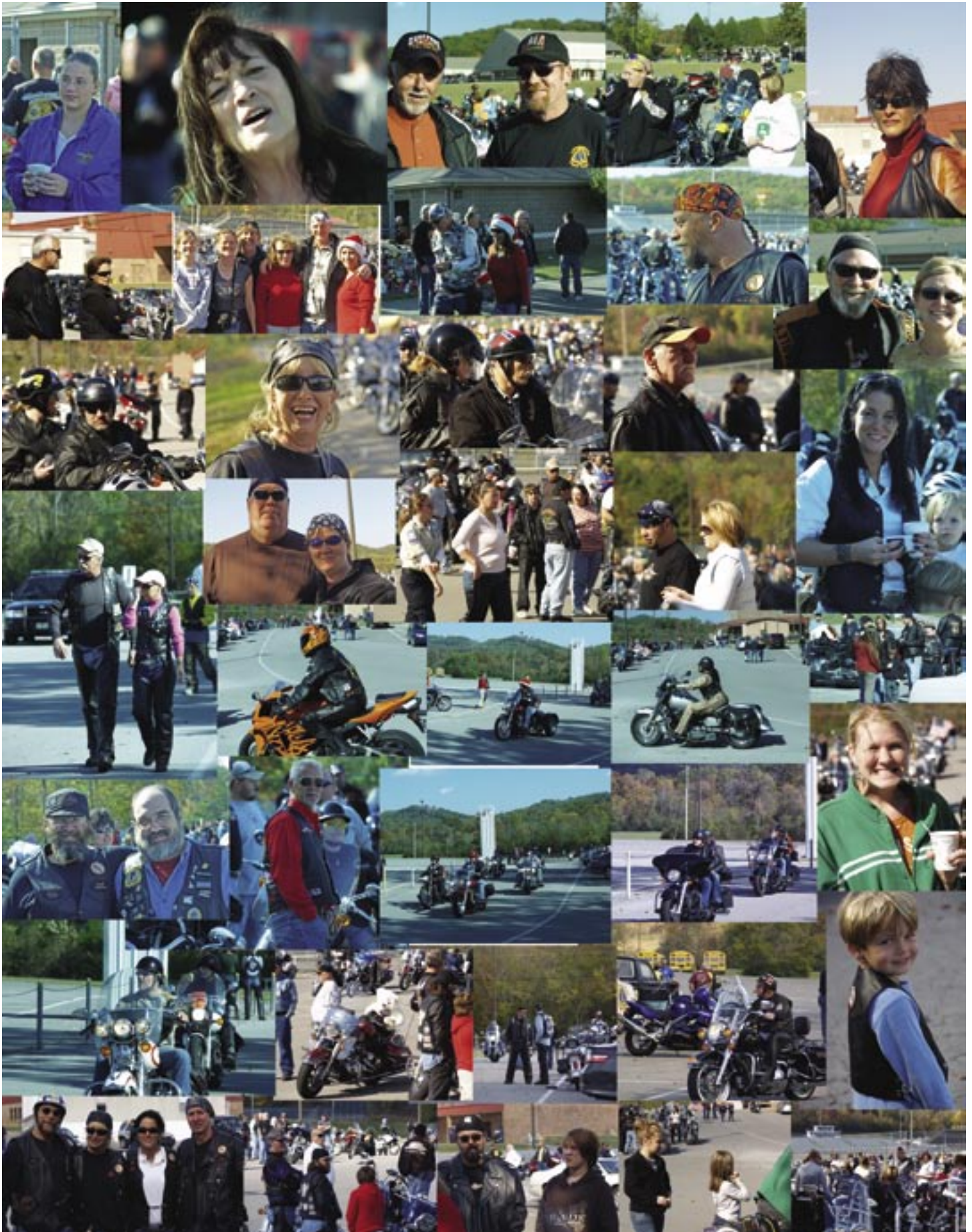
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Well, we kidnapped another unsuspecting individual this month and slapped 'em right down in the Hot Seat. I caught up with Annie Kammerer at Rider's Bar and Grill on a chilly afternoon. She had been riding with some friends and had stopped in for a bite to eat and a frosty adult beverage when I cornered her. Annie is fairly new to the area, having moved to Rossville, Georgia from New Jersey only 7 months ago. I asked her what she thought of the area, and she said she really enjoyed the friendly people, the beautiful scenery and (of course) the warm climate. I walked outside to snap off a few pictures and noticed she



was riding an unusual bike. It is the 1987 Willie Davidson Special Limited Edition Lowrider that won at the MDA bike show this year. Although she did have the moral support of her good friend Roger "Bluto" Wienkop, and visiting New Yorkers Matt "Anchor" Higgins, and Phillis, I wanted to see how she'd do answering our infamous Hot Seat questions. Here are her answers:

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

Some of my friends call me "S.B." (or Sweet B#\$%h). I guess the sweet part is because I know how to work it!

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

I started 29 years ago on a 1968 Harley-Davidson Electraglide equipped with a sidecar.

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

I went from New Jersey to Maine one time and almost hit a bear!

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

Not that I know of. I was an orphan.

5) Have you ever had any serious wrecks?





No. I've been lucky so far.

6) Have you ever been discriminated against because you ride a motorcycle? Yes. I was fired from a job one time because I rode my motorcycle to work!

7) Have you enjoyed special benefits because you ride a motorcycle? I have met a lot

of really down-to-earth people while riding. I am woman – hear me roar!

8) What is your favorite type of riding and what is your favorite local route (within 100 miles)? I like riding through the countryside without a helmet. Route 68 is my favorite ride.

9) On average, how many miles do you ride each year? I normally ride somewhere around 10,000 miles a year.

10) If you could change one thing about the motorcycling community, what would it be? I wish all motorcycle clubs (legal and outlaw) would get along and become one family because we all love to ride and the freedom involved.

Well, it might take this tough New Jersey biker chick a little while to completely assimilate into our southern culture, but I'm glad to welcome her into our motorcycling community. Hopefully her friends will follow her example. If you should see Annie out and about, don't be scared to ask her to sign your copy of Road Rash Magazine. Bluto says she has a tough shell - but it's "crackable." If you want a good laugh, ask her to give you an example of the southern accent she has been practicing! Thanks guys!

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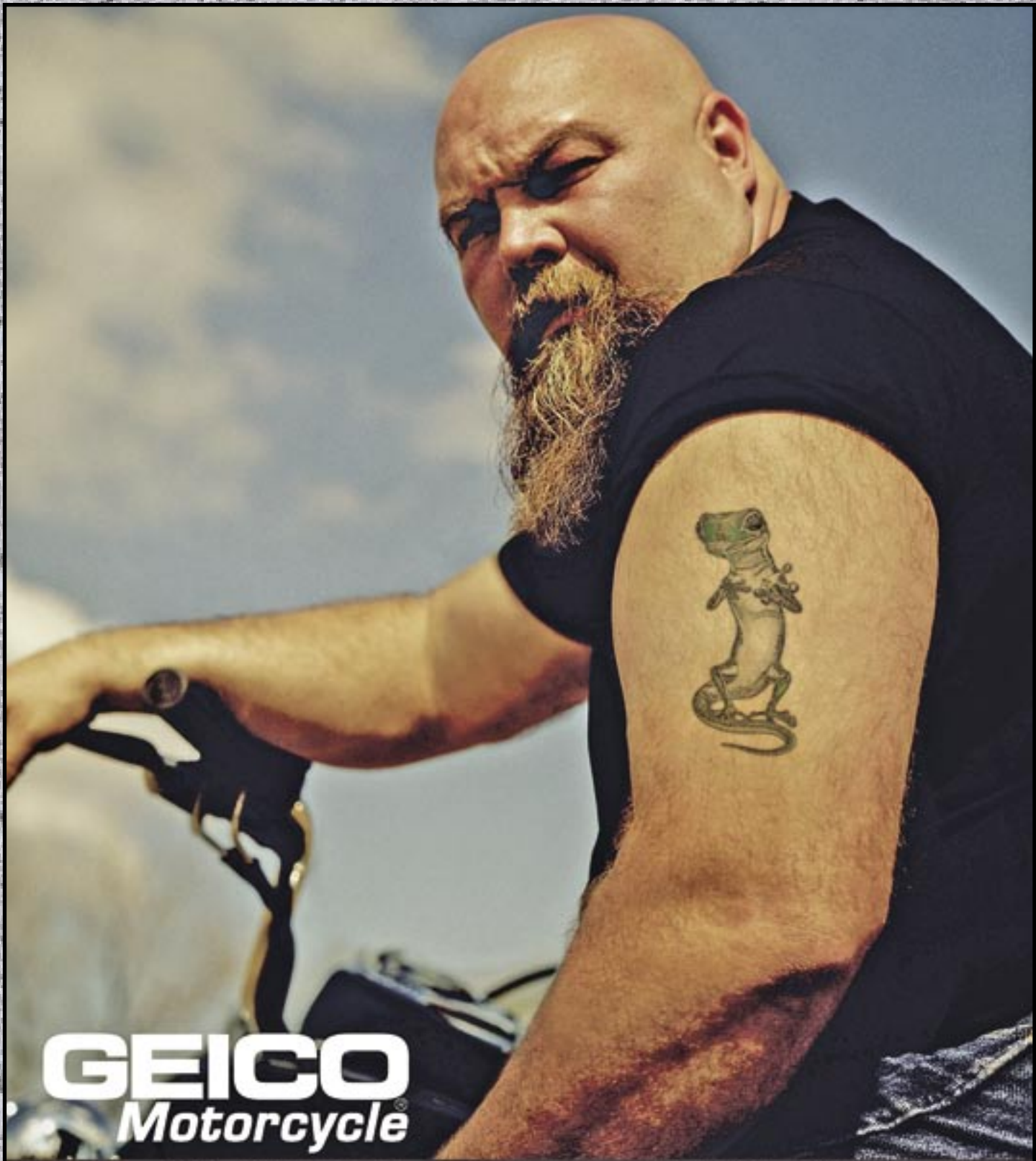
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