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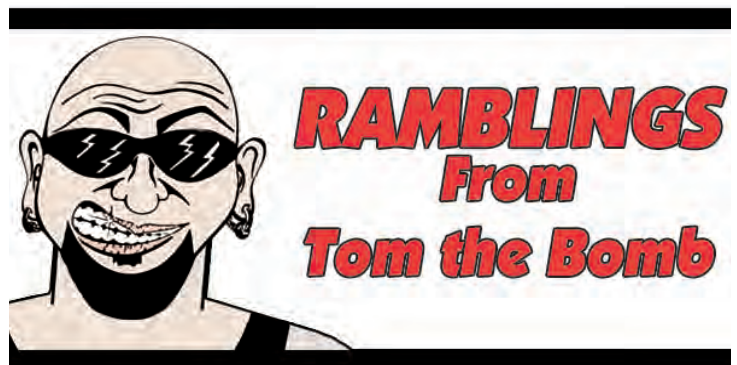


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Your special assignment this month is to help us root out some fresh new advertisers. If you own a business, consider advertising it to people like you – Road Rash readers! If not, consider the place you work, the place you get your bike worked on, where you go out to eat, buy clothes, furniture, parts... Consider where you spend your money and let us know if you think they might benefit from having larger numbers of better customers. We offer the best advertising deals anywhere, and sales leads are greatly appreciated!

The new year is off to a great start, and this decade is sure to bring with it a ton of change. All we can do to help ensure those changes are moving in the right direction is to pay attention to what is going on around us and do what we can as individuals to make sure they do. Get in touch with a Motorcycle Rights Organization and see what you can do to help. Do your own research and become an activist for the causes that are important to you. Speak up against injustice, and praise the people who are trying to do the right thing. Look at your own actions and the effects they may have. And, as I've said before, support those who support you.

February is supposed to be the month to express your love for the special person in your life. Flowers, candy, cheesy greeting cards and jewelry will be flying off the

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shelves before the middle of this month, in hopes of convincing our otherwise disheartened significant others to allow us to hang around for another year. Of course, the cost of your Valentine's Day gift is inversely proportional to the amount of effort you put into your relationship the other 11 months...

A lot of us wander off the path of being attentive to our "significant other's" every need. Sometimes, we'd rather take that ride through the mountains by ourselves and enjoy the time alone versus trying to make it into some kind of romantic get-away. Sometimes, we'd rather polish the chrome on our ride than spend quality time doing icky stuff like "listening" and "sharing." If you are lucky, your significant other understands you have to spend some time apart, if for nothing else but your mental health... Otherwise, you will wake up and find yourself standing outside a dressing room with some chick's purse – and we all know how degrading that can be...

So... faithful readers... Please think about your buddies at Road Rash Magazine when you decide to purchase your little sweetie (or big sweaty) something to remind them why they put up with you. If

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So, here's hoping your Valentine's Day is filled with smiles, good times, and maybe even a little extra lovin'. Hopefully, you'll be able to please your wife, girlfriend, mistress, special friend... and none of them will find out about each other! Because they don't make a Whitman Sampler big enough for that one!

Have a great month. Keep it twisted!

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ROCK'S TWO CENTS



I want to start by thanking our own Eddie Rahm for all the hard work he did organizing the inaugural Chattanooga Toy Run. Eddie along with Derrick Pendergrass of the Steel Brothers MC put it all together and it was a huge success. Thanks also go out to Mayor Littlefield and Steve Leach of Chattanooga Public Works for their support and attendance. Of course I must also thank the gorgeous Miss Chattanooga, Nicole Mazzio for her appearance. This young lady made a lot of ugly bikers look good in pictures on that day. I also want to thank the guys in the River City Corvette Club, the Jeep Club and everyone else that included their cars in our toy run. Lastly, I want to thank the entire Steel Brothers MC. These guys are great friends of ours and have been behind us even when we've made mistakes that adversely affected them. True friends have your back even when you make mistakes. Thanks guys, we treasure your support and friendship.

Now... the rest of my article.

It is always a great compliment when one of my articles encourages someone to get out of their comfort zone and be adventurous. It's rewarding when people stop me at an event and tell me how they enjoyed one of my routes or followed us online on one of our trips. A guy stopped by our magazine

rack in front of our office on Brainerd Road the other day and Moleman got a chance to chat with him for a few minutes. The guy told Mole that he and his wife had followed along with us for the last two years on our trips to Yellowstone and Glacier National Park. After following us for the last two years, they couldn't stand it anymore, so they have planned a big trip out West this year for themselves. Good luck folks and Godspeed. Make sure your passenger has a small camera around her neck to document your trip. Drop us off a CD and we'll put the pics on our Web site. We also accept articles about road trips. Keep us in mind.

Stories like this are what keep me banging out these articles every month. I have said many times that a long trip riding your bike will change your life. I told BooBoo that once he took that first trip with us that he would be ruined for life. About halfway through the trip he knew what I meant. He was already talking about where we were going the next year. Believe me, it gets in your blood, there's nothing quite like it. No trailer, no support vehicle, no motor home, just you, your riding companion and the open road. It doesn't get any better than that. Just talking about it excites me. I can't wait till our annual trip in July.

Now to a more serious topic. The last few years have been the worst economic years in my lifetime. The bad economy has decimated our advertising base. We have had many friends and advertisers lose their businesses altogether. There may be more to follow. We are committed to Road Rash Magazine and the motorcyclists we cover and represent.

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



We buried another brother last month: Harold Myers, known as "Hal our Pal." He lost his battle to cancer at the age of 56. One hundred and fifty close friends and family were there to honor a friend with the message of a life well led. There were tears that broke into smiles when memories of better times took over.

Harold enjoyed riding and the camaraderie from hanging with his friends. He is loved by many and he was everyone's friend, never meeting a stranger. He was always sharing a joke, story or just that grin that let you know you were not alone, and he always had time to talk. He set an example that I strive for: Live your life. Hal lived his life the way he wanted to and he left a lasting impression on the people he met in his travels. Hal was always sharing. When you met up with him, he helped you relax and enjoy. Hal is our friend and his friends are our friends. Hal served in the Army. His Dad told me he joined on "the buddy plan." Hal went to school at Lakeview. He is buried in the National Cemetery. Bikers help without being asked - they volunteer. Like Hal, they are your friends. I am reminded that, "Without friends, trouble ain't no place to be." Hal would help you if he

could. We should remember our friend's wonderful memories and spirit to inspire and guide us on our own life's journey.

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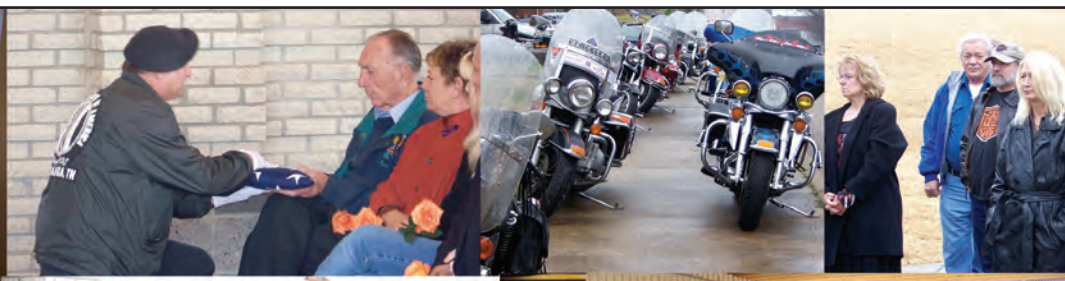
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As you know yourself, all your cares just go away on the seat of a bike with the wind in your face.

We took I-75 to Bonny Oaks, then over to Highway 58. Turned right on 60 for a few miles then stopped over to check out Georgetown Cycle. There is a nice bike shop hidden away there in Georgetown! Last year they turned out over 150-plus trikes! If you ever get the chance to check them out – you should.

We went back on 60 to Dayton, down 27 to 111. What a beautiful carefree ride. The sun was shining and the cows were all standing out in the brown pastures. It was different to see the ponds frozen over as if just to remind us the weather has been below freezing every night for weeks. The water that normally cascades down the mountainside near the road was still frozen in breathtaking forms.

As we reached Laura's Market I was truly amazed. I expected a much smaller place! It was huge and so

clean it appeared brand new. First in the door were all the convenient store finds and then some. Walking through the second door we found the restaurant with a big wall of hats and different sorts of Harley-Davidson memorabilia. Table after table with a copy of Road Rash Magazine on each one! In the middle of the floor stood the salad bar with a variety of items to make a yummy salad. The soup bar sat right next to the salad bar.

We were then greeted by Laura herself! She was glad to see us as we introduced ourselves. I followed her advice and ordered the all-you-can-eat catfish for \$6.99. It was great catfish with homemade tartar sauce. The loaded potato soup was perfect for the ride with real pieces of bacon in it. I liked the torn pieces of bread as opposed to the traditional croutons. The green beans were just like my grandmother use to make. I guess you can see that I really liked Laura's Market! The place is large enough for several bike clubs to ride to and eat. This would really be a great springtime ride when all the trees bloom and the grass is green, and the water runs down the side of the mountain again.

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He was the American inventor, scientist, and businessman who developed many devices that greatly influenced life around the world, including the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting, practical electric light bulb. Considered one of the most prolific inventors in history, he held 1,093 U.S. patents, as well as many patents in the United Kingdom, France, and Germany. He is also credited with numerous inventions that contributed to telecommunications, an outgrowth of his early career as a telegraph operator. But probably his most far reaching work was originating the concept and implementation of electric-power generation and distribution to homes, businesses, and factories – a crucial development in the modern industrialized world. As you have probably guessed, the inventor in question is Thomas Alva Edison. Edison's sense of business combined with his extreme sense of curiosity eventually led him to found 14 companies, including General Electric, which is still in existence and is one of the largest publicly traded companies in the world.

In 1866, at the age of 19, Edison moved to Louisville, Kentucky where as an employee of Western Union, he worked the Associated Press bureau news wire. Some of his earliest inventions were related to telegraphy, including a stock ticker. His first patent was for the electric vote recorder, which was granted on June 1, 1869. Edison began his career as a professional inventor in Newark, New Jersey, with the automatic repeater and his other improved telegraphic devices. The invention which first gained him fame was the phonograph in 1877, which recorded on tinfoil around a grooved cylinder and had poor sound quality. The tinfoil recordings could be replayed only a few times. In 1877–1878. Edison invented and developed the carbon microphone, used in all telephones along with the Bell receiver until the 1980s.



In 1878, Edison formed the Edison Electric Light Company in New York City with several financiers, including J. P. Morgan and the members of the Vanderbilt family. Edison made the first public demonstration of his incandescent light bulb on December 31, 1879, in Menlo Park. It was during this time that he said: "We will make electricity so cheap that only the rich will burn candles." On August 9, 1892, Edison received a patent for a two-way telegraph. In April 1896, Thomas Armat's Vitascope, manufactured by the Edison factory

and marketed in Edison's name, was used to project motion pictures in public screenings in New York City. Later he exhibited motion pictures with voice soundtrack on cylinder recordings, mechanically synchronized with the film.

Thomas Alva Edison was born to Sam and Nancy on February 11, 1847, in Milan, Ohio. Known as "Al" in his youth, Edison was the youngest of seven children, only four of whom survived to adulthood. Edison tended to be in poor health when young and was a poor student as well. When a schoolmaster called Edison "addled," his furious mother took him out of the school and proceeded to teach him at home. Edison said many years later, "My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of



me, and I felt I had some one to live for, some one I must not disappoint." At an early age, he showed a fascination for mechanical things and for chemical experiments. Edison's appearance and actions were different than the other kids but his mother convinced him that his different appearance and actions were a result of his superior intellect, motivating him to seek more knowledge by reading every book he could get his hands on even before reaching his

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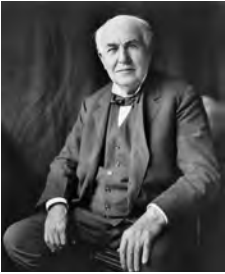
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At the age of 12, Edison took a job selling newspapers and candy on the Grand Trunk Railroad to Detroit. In the baggage car, he set up a laboratory for his chemistry experiments and a printing press, where he started the Grand Trunk Herald, the first newspaper published on a train. An accidental fire forced him to stop his experiments on board. Around the age of twelve, Edison lost almost all his hearing. There are several theories as to what caused his hearing loss. Some attribute it to the after-effects of scarlet fever, which he had as a child. Others blame it on a conductor boxing his ears after Edison caused a fire in the baggage car, an incident that Edison claimed never happened.



Edison himself blamed it on an incident in which he was grabbed by his ears and lifted to a train. He did not let his disability discourage him, however, and often treated it as an asset, since it made it easier for him to concentrate on his experiments and research. Undoubtedly, though, his deafness made him more solitary and shy in dealings with others. Edison went on to become one of the most successful inventors and businessmen of all times, and he always gave the credit to his mom.

How many of us owe what success we have obtained or character we have developed to our mothers who believed in us and encouraged us in the times of our lives where other people didn't. Our mothers challenged us when a challenge was appropriate and reprimanded us when we needed someone to set us straight. And most importantly they loved us when nobody else did. At a latter point in lives our wives became the ones who in so many ways picked up where our mothers left off, by keeping us out of trouble and from embarrassing ourselves almost daily. Through my visits with local cycle clubs in my "Welcome to the Club" series I have frequently observed the ladies in the groups

display wisdom and contributions that in many ways seemed to make the groups what they were. Strange that a few of the clubs think of their ladies as property (not sure what's that all about). Anyway, my thanks to the ladies that support our cycle clubs, our families, and us.



Even in our churches we often don't realize it but we sometimes think of the ladies as secondary members, when in fact they are part of the very backbone of our church bodies. How many of us were carefully and lovingly trained and taught by the ladies who sacrificed their personal time to teach us in Sunday School classes. So much of what we learned from them comes back years later to be a positive force in our lives. If we were to go back to our old Sunday School teachers would they be proud of us or would they be discouraged by the choices we have made in our lives? It is my prayer that your life and relationship to the Lord honors the sacrifices made by the loving ladies of your past and present.

"Now lets go out and play in the streets."

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P.S.: Edison's last breath is reportedly contained in a test tube at the Henry Ford Museum.

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This & That



Greetings! I hope this finds you returning from a ride and settling in for the evening. As you know, I've long been an advocate of year-round riding. There are only two weather phenomena that make me hesitate and consider taking the truck: rain and snow. I absolutely hate riding in the rain. Getting caught in the rain while riding is acceptable as something that comes with riding in the first place; however, I will not start a ride in the rain. Getting caught in snow isn't too bad so long as it's not sticking. In fact, on a ride during our last snow, we went up through Ocoee to Reliance and on up to Tellico Plains. It was picture-post-card-pretty: snow on the ground and on the limbs of trees, temperature in the upper 30's and clear roads. Cannot get any better!

To date, I have resisted the temptation to go high-tech. Well, high-tech for me, anyway. I still prefer standard maps to GPS even though my scooter came with GPS. You may recall that I reluctantly purchased some heated gloves a couple of years ago. That was the result of my fingertips getting so cold. And those gloves really do the job! The rest of my body doesn't get all that cold. The problem is the multiple layers required to stay warm make me look like the Pillsbury doughboy dude. And feel like a zombie, with arms outstretched and leaning side-to-side while trying to walk stiff-legged. A t-shirt, long johns,

hoodie, Carhart insulated overalls and then the Tourmaster 3-piece jacket (outer layer, sandwiched quilted layer and a waterproof inner layer) serve to severely restrict movement. So I have given in and am going to purchase a heated inner jacket. My upcoming cold-weather arsenal will be reduced to only three layers: a long-sleeve undershirt, heated inner jacket and insulated coveralls for the torso and legs. Heated gloves will take care of the hands. Of course, a balaclava takes care of the wind on the face and around the neck. For those not familiar with heated gear, the gloves and jacket plug into each other with one outlet from the battery providing power. This new attire will decrease the donning and shedding time considerably! In fact, it has made riding in the cold even more enjoyable. We rode today (January 6), with the temps in the upper 20's and low 30's and felt absolutely no cold. Except while breathing, of course! Prior to this we seldom rode when the temperature was in the 20's and only reluctantly when in the low 30's. This opens up a whole new vista: we can now ride comfortably in practically any temperature this area has to offer.

Amelia and I rode up to Minneapolis a couple of years ago to begin our annual vacation. We met two couples that live there and then we all went on north into Canada. We stayed near Vermillion Bay a few days then toured Ontario for a week or so. We returned via Grand Marais on the western shore of Lake Superior. It was a great ride and vacation. Our next-to-last stop on the road was at Lobo's Den in northeastern Minnesota. There were pictures in this mag that showed one of the girls drinking brunch: a really large Bloody Mary with boiled shrimp, olives, celery, green onions and other veggies hanging out of the huge glass. And it was served with a mug of beer as a chaser! The place had the most incredible hand-carved bar I've ever seen (and I've seen quite a few!). It was carved three-dimensionally out of one humongous piece of wood about thirty feet long. It had bears, wolves, eagles, trees, logs...an entire forest scene is probably the best way to describe it. And each of the carved items was about a foot tall and under glass. Real ambiance I tell you. And the locals that hung out there were characters, too! Well, we received a call from our Minnesota friends. They had driven there for lunch and just discovered that Lobo's Den is now permanently closed. That is one of the tragedies of our current environment, I suppose. I've always considered discovering quaint mom-and-pop joints as one of the greatest added benefits of riding. Some of the best food and ambiance can be found in these places. But you never know when they will shut down. And it appears to be happening everywhere and to all types of businesses. As soon as you discover a neat place, you later discover it has closed since your last visit. Perhaps it's just a sign of the times; this economy is not helping anyone. Makes it that much more important to support our advertisers and also to let them know you have seen their ads! As usual...

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Chattanooga Toy Run Helps Local Kids

Most of us who have been around the motorcycling community for a while have experienced a "Toy Run" or two. Most of the time, I've shown up with some kind of stuffed animal, toy truck or motorcycle strapped to the back of my bike, and rode in a big pack of people doing the same, dropping the toys off in a big pile and trusting the organizers of the ride to take them and make an underprivileged child a little happier on Christmas morning. It always felt good, and it was always an enjoyable "social experience," which usually ended soon after the toys were carted off. But this time was different...

Derrick Pendergrass and other members of the Steel Brothers Motorcycle Club teamed up with our own Eddie Rahm and tons of others in and out of the motorcycling community, (including several car clubs, and members of the local government) to make the first annual Chattanooga Toy Run a success. It was decided to donate the toys collected to the Forgotten Child Fund, a non-profit organization is run by city and county fire, police and EMS personnel which provides Christmas toys for children ages 1-12 in the Chattanooga area. Robert Starnes, the new president for the Forgotten Child Fund, has been heavily involved for the last 24 years. As the toys were loaded into Ultimate Cycle's trailer (thanks Charlie!) and everything was dying down, Robert asked if I would like to go see the toys unloaded at "The Toy Store." The Toy Store is located at the old Fire Station 12 at 906 Forrest Avenue in North Chattanooga. I learned a lot during my short tour of the facility...

Parents of underprivileged children were allowed to fill out applications at the Toy Store between November 2 and December 11. The applications then underwent a stringent process in order to determine the most needy cases. Most parents are contacted afterward, and allowed to come pick up a box full of toys for their children. However, for about a dozen of the most needy cases, Santa Claus makes a special trip to deliver the toys in person on Christmas Eve, bringing a practical parade with him on what is called "The Santa Train."



The Forgotten Child Fund prefers monetary donations, but does accept new, unwrapped toys. You can send donations, no matter the size, to 3410 Amnicola Highway Chattanooga, TN 34706 or call (423) 265-5757 for more information.

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This year I turn 52 years old. Many people tell me that I look 42. Often I feel like I am 22, but sometimes I feel 82. My wife says I act like I am 12. Most of your energy for life comes from a positive youthful outlook. There is nothing wrong with releasing the inner child after your adult responsibilities are done. It is like going out to play after you have finished your chores. We motorcyclists ride because it keeps us feeling younger. How you feel on the inside will greatly influence your physical capacity to enjoy life.

However, if you do not have a lifestyle of exercise and activities with a sensible diet your body will not keep up with your youthful attitude. Excess body weight due to a sedentary lifestyle and excessive caloric intake will slow you down. Without proper exercise your muscles will be weak. Your heart will struggle to function. When the body is too



weak to meet your demands then your emotional spirit will fail. Your inner child will become too old to go out and play. Remember that any exercise or activity can be done by all ages. The older adult should start exercises and activities slower and take longer cooling periods. Move at your own pace and increase the pace slowly. Younger people should sometimes slow down a little and lower the risk of injuries. Injuries can age a person quickly. I know. I have two artificial knees, arthritis and bursitis caused by overtraining during my younger years. Adopting a sensible exercise and activity plan will improve your body weight, increase your strength and stamina, as well as, develop improved balance and agility.

However you wish to remain active is entirely up to you. Go to the gym or for a walk in your neighborhood. Go to the public park and play kick-ball or throw a Frisbee. Whatever activity you enjoy that keeps you moving is the right path to growing old gracefully. Eat moderate portions of nutrient dense foods. Supplement vitamins and see your doctor regularly. Do not smoke or drink excessively. Get many hours of rest.

None of this is new. I have been preaching these concepts for years. If you want to hold on to your youth then take a youthful approach to your life. Do not sit in your rocking chair and watch life pass you by. Remember to take care of your "inner-child" because if you won't, who will?

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February is here, so all you ladies are getting romantic and all you fellas are getting light in the wallet. Ain't love grand? I'm a lucky guy. My wife Roxy is the best lady I could ask for. Well... she won't ride with me – yet. But, other than that she's just amazing. Yes, love is in the air. Love, and maybe a little warmth. As February comes in I'm sure we have plenty of cold temperatures ahead of us, but just maybe spring is around the corner. The days will be getting noticeably longer and, I hope, warmer. I wrote last month about being cold while riding the first part of December and January. I hadn't seen nuthin' yet, but man was it cold!

Cold or not I still made it out and did two of the group rides, first in December for the Chattanooga Toy Run, and then with CMA for their New Years Day run. I saw many of you at those events, and was fortunate enough to meet a lot of you. Both rides were great, but they were also very different from each other. Different groups organized them, and some different folks attended them. I didn't hear any hard numbers, and I won't venture a guess, so I can't tell you how many bikes were at each ride, but it sure looked like some strong support from where I was sitting.

The inaugural Chattanooga Toy Run was a blast. It was cold and cloudy, but there was free coffee (thanks to the CMA) and a well-organized run. I showed up by myself. None of my riding buddies could make it. But I found plenty of familiar faces, and even got my picture taken with the Road Rash crew – staff, writers, and photographers. Miss Chattanooga was there with the Mayor, and some Corvette, Mustang and Jeep clubs joined



the fun as well. It was well organized and, from my perspective anyway, went without a hitch. We had a police escort, so we could blow through lights and intersections. Much thanks to the Steel Brothers for getting it together and making it happen. They had riders blocking intersections for us. I saw one cager who didn't like a bunch of bikers pushing him around. He was a touch older and didn't like being told he couldn't jump in line with everyone else. He scooted around the fellows blocking the off ramp and tried to push into line. He didn't make it far. One of the road guards zipped past him and stopped - and I mean STOPPED. This guy had to slam on his breaks to avoid hitting the bike. He rolled his window down and tried to get mouthy with the fellow who stopped him. By this point I was past the action, so I didn't get to see how it resolved itself. Drama! At the end of the run everyone dropped off their toys in the Ultimate Cycle trailer and got to hear a band (didn't catch the name...sorry) and have some more free coffee. For my first "big" run it was a lot of fun and I enjoyed supporting a worthy cause.

The CMA ride was New Years day, and it was cold. I had a few of my buddies with me this time, including Capt'n Mike, Gary and his daughter, Lucky Man and Jeremy. We met in the parking lot by Sportsman's Warehouse off Lee Hwy, got the skinny on our route, had a prayer and off we went. We got about a mile or so into it and Lucky Man lost his shifter. A bolt fell off and left him dragging parts and showering sparks. One of the CMA guys who was helping shepherd everyone through the intersection of 153 pulled up next to Lucky Man and pointed out the dragging parts. Our little crew all pulled off and tried to figure out what was wrong. Had to be no less than three different people from the CMA team stopped to check on us and offer

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help. They were on the ball and wanted to be sure they didn't lose anyone. We assured them all we'd be okay, and between Jeremy's bailing wire and Lucky Man's pliers, we got things wired up and back to running. By that time, the parade had passed us by. We were in the back to start with, so we made plans to try and intercept them at the battlefield and rejoin the line. Based on the route the CMA Road Captain had outlined for us in our briefing, we found a spot we thought everyone would pass by. We had been sitting there for about ten minutes when we heard the rumble of motorcycles - and lots of them. Putting all our cold weather gear back on took only a minute, but we still managed to miss them, so we were back on our own. I took the lead and off we sped to find Pizza Hut and get some food. It took us a little while to get there from the Battlefield, but we still pulled in a full sixty seconds before the first bike in the CMA group came into view. We only got to ride with the group for about a mile, but still got to the destination the same time they did. Even our mechanical problems and poor interception worked out to let us eat with the rest of the crew. Inside, there was plenty of conversation and laughter as we warmed ourselves and tried to add a few last minute holiday pounds. There was a good mix of people and a lot of camaraderie. Another well organized run, and a great way to kick off the New Year.

Both were cold rides, and both were a whole lot of fun. But those rides still weren't cold enough to prepare me for the last few weeks. It has just been bitter cold. I've been bragging (tongue in cheek) about how tough I am, but I just couldn't bring myself to ride my bike the past week or so. Under 20 degrees is just too stinkin' cold! The jury is still out, but my not riding either caused a wreck or saved me from death. I was merging onto I-24 last week and ended up flipping and totaling my wife's Pathfinder. Some folks say I was lucky not to be on my bike or I'd have died. I still think that had I been on my bike I'd have

been able to avoid the whole thing. God knows which view is true, 'cuz all I know is that rolling your car over and climbing up out of the passenger side sucks. Not having full coverage insurance sucks even more. Oh well... I'm just thinking of changing my name to Job and preparing myself for what comes next. Like Job said, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." I'd like to see if I could go a few months without wrecking something. This is getting expensive - and painful!

February is the month of love, so get out there, stay warm, and do something you love - ride!
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UNDERSTANDING CAM TIMING

Do you need to know how to achieve proper timing adjustments of the cam in your engine? Well, the answer is maybe... probably... and definitely.

Do you need to know how to do such work yourself? No, but you should probably understand what you are asking your favorite local mechanic to do... right?

One of the least understood topics regarding engine tuning and building continues to be the concepts of cam timing and "lobe centers." First, we need to understand, the opening and closing process of an inlet of the exhaust valve as controlled by a cam lobe constitutes a complete "event" in the cycle of the engine. Like any other event, it has a beginning and an end... Naturally, then it also has a middle or center.

The location of this center in relation to the rotational position of the crankshaft is known as the "lobe center." This center you will hear more commonly referred to as camshaft "timing." The process known of setting the degree, or "degreeing" the cam, allows the engine builder to place the lobe center of a cam in the correct orientation with reference



to the crankshaft. And that makes your tame two-wheeler sound and perform like the hot rod you knew she was all the time!

This isn't as easy as it sounds because the builder has to measure the opening and closing points to obtain certain results. A very shallow and gradual starting and stopping of the valve motion is where many are set. The builder will pick a specific amount of lift at some height beyond the initial gradual motion, and always use that amount as a marker for the beginning and ending motion. The center will always be halfway between these points... simple right?

Actually the lobe center is computed from a timing number derived at a specific lift. Typically, Japanese or metric motorcycle industry uses approximately 1 mm or .040 and, Harley-Davidsons use around .050. This "checking height" must be used to minimize the effect of the shallow opening and closing ramps on the cam lobe. Like every moving component of an internal combustion engine, camshafts are deliberately timed for a specific and desired effect, and believe it or not, you didn't get asked what effect you wanted on your bike when it was built!

Timing cams can be an involved and tedious process; part of the difficulty lies in knowing what numbers to use for desired results, and the all-important valve-to-piston clearances that must be maintained to prevent catastrophic engine damage.

Numbers/settings that work for one particular engine will not necessarily work for a different setup, so "experienced" experimentation is key. Please consult with your local favorite mechanic prior to deciding to tackle cam timing on

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your own. This article is meant to stimulate your thoughts for upgrades to your ride, and help with understanding, not to give you just enough data to blow up your engine. Adjustments to your cam without knowing what you are doing may have disastrous effects.

One of the dangers of playing with cam timing is the potential for a collision between internal engine parts. So, what does knowing all of this technical timing and centers stuff really mean? Why would I want to change it? One sentence sums up everyone's reason: It's all about performance. Making the adjustment to just the right setting can go a long way in a bike's power characteristics, ride enjoyment, and/or fuel consumption.

Typically, small lobe center numbers equate to more midrange power at the expense of top-end power, and big numbers will give more top end, sacrificing midrange. Adding performance cams or adjustable camshaft sprockets increases the performance of a bike by matching the size of the lift to the expectation of the rider. For example, recently we had a rider who wanted a little more pep from his stock Harley Ultra touring bike. He stated his two-up riding forced him to lay into the throttle more than he liked and the bike seemed to lag.

So, at his approval, we first changed to a more aggressive cam lobe, which matched the needs he described (two-up riding peppiness). While we did this change, we also changed his stock exhaust to a performance exhaust, changed his stock breather assembly to a performance model, placed a power-commander on the bike, and finally placed a custom tune on the bike via the Dyno at Ultimate Cycle in Chattanooga. Results? This customer was so impressed, he sent his best friend that rides with him in to have the exact same done to his bike.

The bottom line is... Changes correctly made to the cam can make your riding much more customized to your style. Whether that style is performance, fuel economy, or even drag racing! If you have questions or need assistance with your ride, come see me at Ultimate Cycle in Chattanooga anytime.

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THE VIEW FROM THE WING

February Blues

We have just got done with the toy run season. It seemed as if every weekend there was yet another toy run. Toy runs bring all different types of bikers together for the single purpose of making sure that kids who may not get anything for Christmas will instead wake up to a Christmas present. Can you imagine having nothing for Christmas when you were a kid? Well obviously someone could and decided to do something about it. And they invited bikers to take part. That's the cool part. They decided that bikers would be probably help out. And they do. Bikers show up and bring toys - lots of toys. Nice toys. And they ride in all sorts of weather to bring these toys. The organizers of these toy runs are to be commended. They work very hard to make it a good time. For the most part it is. But....

But what? How can I possibly have a problem with charity rides? Because they are not really rides. They are parades. Well not really. Parades are about precision. You know, the marching band actually marches together. There are always a few of the participants in a group ride that are not parade worthy. Maybe they could march but they have no idea on how to ride in formation. However, they sure look good standing around their bright shiny bikes all decked out



in leather. They even looked good in their riding leathers as they were hopping into their cars. Most bikers at these events do know how to ride and do a fine job of keeping their bikes upright. But large rides do present their share of problems.

Rick Naster, a good friend of mine who rode thousands of miles with me in Chicago, relocated to Seneca, South Carolina and heard about the Trail of Tears ride. He thought it would be a good idea to ride in it, so, reluctantly, I agreed to join him. We had a good time and enjoyed the new route. It was so much more interesting than the old route. But some of the results were the same. One bike veered off into the path of another and four bikers went down. Only egos and chrome were badly damaged. It was new chrome and relatively new biker egos to be sure. I also loved seeing the riders who rode incredibly fast, high performance motorcycles with racing leathers colored matched to their bikes or their hair color, or vice versa, who upon further review, had chicken stripes on their tires. All of the wear is on the two inches in the middle of the tires and yet they look brand new on the edges. Posers.

As a writer for Road Rash I want to meet and hang out with all kinds of bikers and support the people who advertise and support this magazine. So I decided to go to the Catoosa County toy run. I rode with my son-in-law, Chris, to meet another group of bikers and then we rode down together.

I have never ridden with that group of bikers. They are truly hard-core. They are very experienced and ride two abreast and in very close formation at a good speed. I haven't ridden like that in a long time and quite frankly, it

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was exhilarating. I am a back roads rider who craves the challenges of riding the wonderful roads that wind through our area. But it was fun to ride with people who know how to ride. And these guys know how to ride. Then the parade started. It resembled a moto-cross scramble to get started. Eventually we settled into two lines each riding in one lane of the road. As we were being funneled into one lane with two abreast, the guy riding to my left refused to move over. He stayed on the right side of the lane. Is he one of those people who are afraid to ride on the left side of the lane close to the yellow line? Where did he think that I was going? Then he refused to let me merge. Park the bike if that's the best you can do. I have never had anyone do that to me on any ride. I had to accelerate ahead of several bikes to get in front of him. That's why I don't carry a gun. I'd have shot him. Although a true jury of my peers, real bikers, would have said it was justifiable. He was just a poser with an attitude.

I know that most of you know how to ride. Most of you know how to ride very well. I also think that my friend Titus was very wise when he told his wonderful lady, Terri, who just started riding again, that it would be better for her to ride on the back of his Harley. It was. (Now we have to see if he's wise enough to ask her to marry him!) Riding in a group that large is not for the faint of heart or for beginners. It can actually be a lot of fun to ride in these events. But with more people starting to ride motorcycles than ever before, these rides can quickly become more of an adventure. It should be noted that the rules change in an organized ride. I wonder if the MSF has a class that can teach people how to ride in a toy run. I know the Shriners do. That's it! We can have the

Shriners teach people how to ride in a parade. Then we can all do figure eights along the route. Now that's entertainment!

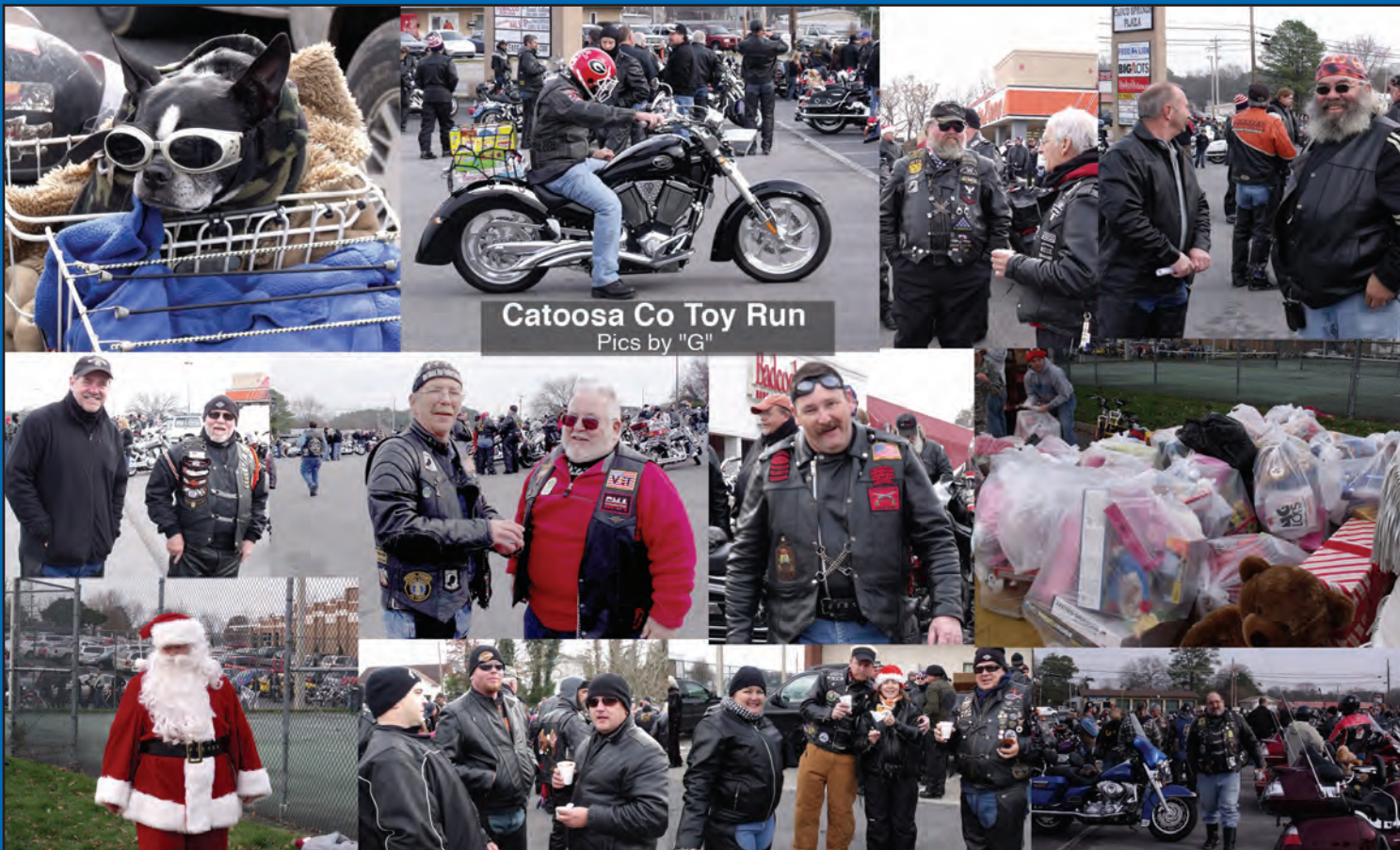
All of that being said, there were again this year, thousands of toys donated so that those less fortunate could experience the joy of receiving something at Christmas. That is way cool. And it was way cool to see Mayor Littlefield graciously spending his Saturday at our first Chattanooga Toy Run. It was also cool to meet all of the other writers from Road Rash there.

Anyway, I am suggesting yet another ride. This ride will be a Valentine's Day ride to share cards and chocolates with lovers who are broke. Every biker must bring a box of chocolates, a Valentine's Day card and a diamond necklace. It will be a great excuse to ride together again and we can enrich once again the lives of others. We will be able to put our collective hearts and bikes in a position to help poor disenfranchised lovers who are destined to spend the holiday unloved due to record unemployment that was to be avoided by the economic bailout that cost billions of our tax dollars. We can line up at the Hallmark store and circle Hamilton Mall to a Jewelry store so that every kiss can begin with K. I will be there to personally collect all of the jewelry. It's the least that I can do.

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The Hot Seat

Our featured local motorcycling personality this month is Pikeville, Tennessee resident Kim Johnson. Kim is a single mother of two wonderful sons (Camden and Chandler), and a Real Estate Agent and Office Manager at Swafford Realty and Auction Company (located across from the Pikeville courthouse). She currently rides her own 2007 Harley Davidson Electra Glide (with a 103 cubic-inch engine). Anyway, let's see how she does answering our 10 Hot Seat questions, and get to know her a little better!

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



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you get them?

There is a nickname that comes to mind... "Kickstand." I had taken my first bike to get serviced and pulled up to the garage. I got off the bike, thinking that I had put the kickstand down... but I was wrong! The bike fell over and people were watching. To make matters worse, my youngest son Chandler decided to tell all of his friends at school what happened. So, for the last several years, I've gotten called "Kickstand" every day I've taken him to school.

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

I took the Riders Course in 2005, got my license, then bought a new (2006) Harley Davidson Sportster Custom. My mother was a nervous wreck. I did not have the confidence to ride it home so I brought it home on a trailer. I practiced every day, venturing out farther each day until I had enough confidence to ride on the highway.

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

My longest trip is probably 500 miles, I rode through three states that day. It was lots of fun.



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

Yes, my brother Shayne has a 2003 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Standard, and his wife Sherry has a 2005 Harley Davidson Sportster Low. My youngest son Chandler has been a passenger on my bike several times over the summer and he loves it. I have encouraged my oldest son Camden to ride, but it has not worked so far. I am really fortunate to have so many wonderful friends ride with every year; they are very much a part of my family.

5) Have you ever had any serious wrecks?

No, but I have had a few close calls that sent shivers down my spine.

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

Not that I have noticed... It seems to be exactly the opposite.

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

Oh yes. Very much so! It seems you get all the good parking places, and bikes always seem to be good conversation pieces. I have met some of the nicest people while riding.

8) What is your favorite type of riding and what is

your favorite local route (within 100 miles)?

I like all types of riding. I love mountain curves, straight roads, country roads, the interstate...it's all good to me. Going to the Sequatchie Valley and Fall Creek Falls is a beautiful ride.

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

I probably rode around 10,000 miles this year. I would love to ride more if time permitted, but my boss thinks it's necessary that I be at work every day!

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

I can't think of anything that I would change. I wished more people would ride and understand what a great feeling it is to ride. Words can't describe the pleasure I get from riding. I have always heard you will never see a bike parked at a therapist's office.

We'd like to thank Kim for taking the time out to answer our questions. If you should catch her out and about, ask her to sign your copy of Road Rash Magazine. Just make sure she has time to get her kickstand down first!



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