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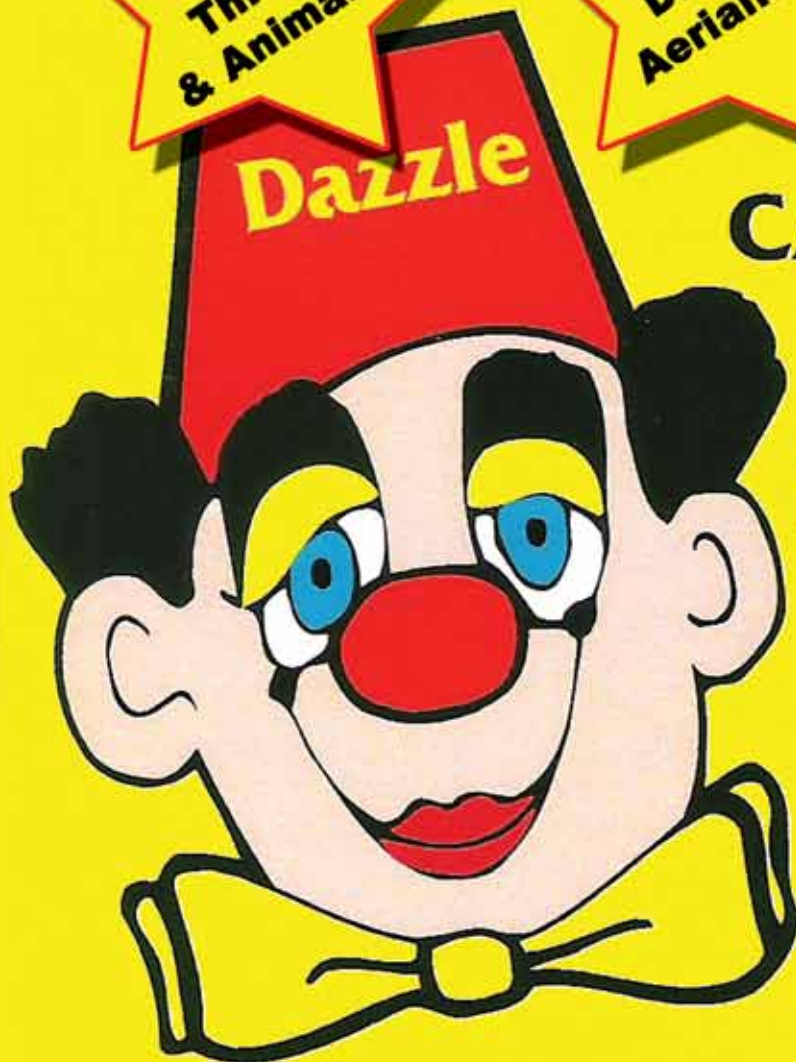
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# FROM THE EDITORS

**E**xcited, apprehensive, prepared, and ready are the best words to describe me right now. As I sit writing this, we are exactly 14 hours from blast off. Julie Land, Alan “BooBoo” Kelley, and myself will be heading to Red Lodge, Montana, tomorrow morning at 6 a.m. Although I have made this trip many times before, this will be the first time I’ve made it in the fall of the year. All the other trips were in mid July. The weather looks a little shaky in the morning with scattered thunderstorms, but after that it looks really good with very little chance of rain and highs in the low seventies. Nighttime lows will be in the mid forties. We will be in riding gear the entire trip which will be a big change from previous years. Sunscreen will only be needed for our faces.

Since we only have ten days for our trip, the first couple of days will be rough. The first day will be interstate to Independence, Missouri, that’s right at 700 miles. The second day will be interstate the first half of the day with South Dakota back roads for the second half. We will be ending up in Wall, SD for the night after another 700 mile day. The third day it will get interesting. A couple hundred miles of interstate, then we tackle the Big Horn Mountain range (elevation 9491) on two lanes roads. We are anticipating more wildlife sightings this time of year. The bears are on the move storing up the last minute fat for their winter hibernation and the moose, elk, and bison are also moving more in the cooler temperatures.

The third night we will be in Red Lodge, Montana and then the next day we will ride the infamous Bear Tooth Pass (elevation 10,947’.) This road is one of the most beautiful anywhere. When you get to the top and look south, you are looking into Yellowstone National Park. Since the low in Red Lodge will be 38, it will be in the teens on the top of Bear Tooth. Since they are calling for scattered rain the day we get to Red Lodge, there will most likely be some fresh snowfall on the mountain to make it interesting.

I could go on and on, but I will leave it at this for right now. I will be writing an entire article for the November of December issue about the entire trip. It’s kind of weird knowing that you will not even read this until after I get back, but that’s just the way things work in publishing a printed magazine. Our deadline is tomorrow with our printer and the magazines will be distributed on or about the 27th, a couple of days after our return.

**LTRAKB,  
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**M**agazine Deadline. It’s almost a four letter word in our house. My husband sighs as I go stressfully through the week, trying to be all things and get the job done too. I really love designing and putting this magazine together... even if the “D” word is involved. It’s definitely a joint effort though, because without the KSU cast of staff, contributors, volunteers, and readers, I would have nothing to layout. So, thank you all for the work and contributions you put forth for KickStand Up! Magazine. We could not do it without you!

KSU is always looking for ways to improve, and this month we’ve added a new feature called “KSU Community Snapshots” on page seven. It’s a place where you can share your thoughts, triumphs, and memories with the riding community. We are also working closely with Darrel Lynn and Chattanooga MX / Battle Creek MX and scouting out talent at the track. Rumor has it we might feature a KSU Rider of the Month. Hmm... I’ll keep you informed.

Now that “The Deadline” is almost behind me [or it will be once I finish writing this], I’m anticipating the fall weather and putting my face in the wind without breaking a sweat. My good friend, Rick, at Rick’s Cycle Parts tells me I really should make it to the 7th Annual Barber Vintage Festival at Barber Motorsports Park. Sounds like a road trip to me! Then there is the Stuck in the Sixties Vintage Small Bike Rally [see page 33] later in the month. What more could a girl ask for than lots of nice roads and destinations just begging to be visited.

So come on cool weather, I’m ready for you. My cold weather gear is loaded up and ready to ride – just like me. Summer’s heat is behind us [I hope!] and some of the best riding weather is here to bless us. I look forward to seeing you out there somewhere...where ever the roads may lead.

Kim “HippyChicKim” Teems  
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*“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”*

~ John Muir



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**September's Winner Greg Manning**



KSU Community

SNAPSHOTS



**Kelly Grace Selena Butler**

Kelly celebrated life and lived it to the fullest every day. At 17 she was already an accomplished actor and playwright. She had an adventurer's soul - hiking, rock climbing, cliff jumping and tubing. Kelly grew up riding on back with her dad then discovered the joy of riding her own. Many thanks to the 60 bikers who rode in escort to her Memorial Service on August 27th.



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Introducing **KSU Community Snapshots**...A place for you to share your two and three wheel triumphs, thoughts, and memories. Submit your comments and photos [100 words or less with optional one photo - including photographers name - per comment] to KSU by email to [kim@kickstandup.com](mailto:kim@kickstandup.com) or snail mail to:

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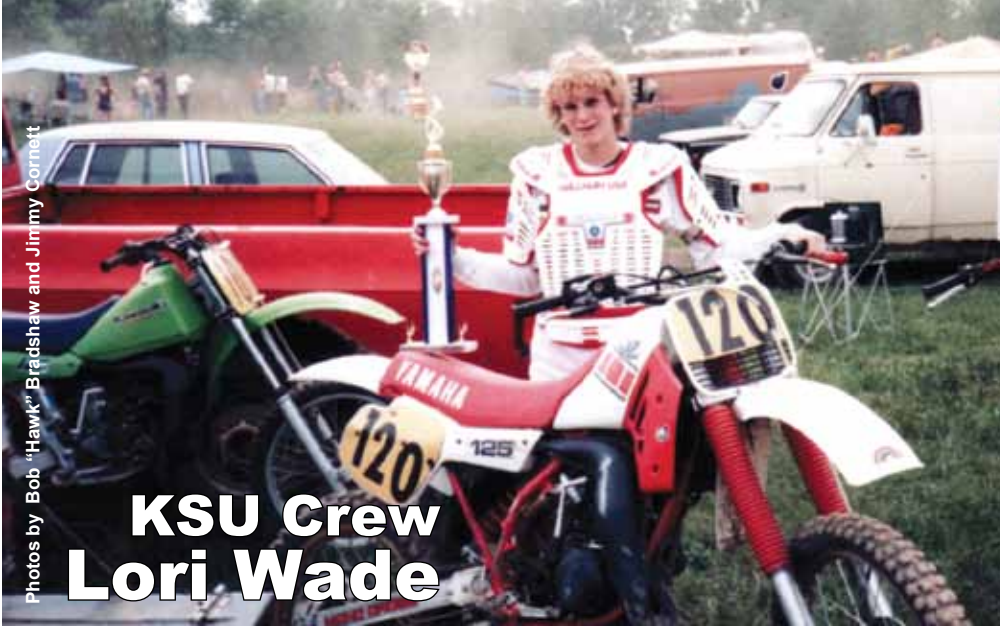
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You are my HERO - thank you!!! The **Dixie Dogs & Cats Poker Run** was a huge success! 81 bikes and \$4000! Thank you so much for the coverage in KickStand Up!, which is my very fave magazine by the way. Thank you especially for the mention in your Editor's letter. Before the ride I was getting calls about it and couldn't figure out how they knew about it. I asked them at the ride and they said Kickstand Up! Thank you KSU, you are WONDERFUL!!!

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# KSU Crew Lori Wade

Hey y'all, my name is Lori, and I'm the person behind most of the crazy posts on our Facebook page. I love getting to know everyone and chatting with you! Some of you may have seen me out and about at different events and "happenings." I'm engaged to Jimmy 'Moleman' Cornett and plan on "tying the knot" on 11-11-11. I figured that date would make it hard for him to miss our anniversary!

Motorcycles have always been a passion of mine. I got my first bike, a 1980 Yamaha MX 100, when I was ten years old. When my older brother started racing motocross, I wanted to also. I moved up to a Yamaha YZ80, and raced in the senior mini class, I was 12 years old. I wanted more speed (ha ha) and decided on a 1983 Kawasaki KX 80. I never raced the KX, and only kept it for 3 weeks, when my brother bought a brand-spankin' new 1985 YZ-125, and "little sis" decided she wanted one, too. Thank God for good parents,

I came home from school on my 14th birthday, and there was a brand new 1985 Yamaha YZ 125 parked in the family room! I raced in the 125 Novice class, which was 14-18 year olds, and did fairly well against all the "guys." At the time, I was the only girl in our district, which allotted me the nickname "The Girl." Pretty original, huh? However, when I was lucky enough to race in a girls' class, I usually pulled the hole-shot and won both motos.

Once I got my license, I rode a few Ninja ZX-11's, but slowly strayed away from motorcycles. When Jimmy and I started dating, I dove back in head first, and felt that I was right where I belonged, and it gave new meaning to the term: back-seat driver...just ask him! Of course, having a motorcycle history, I wasn't content just sitting back there and I had to have the hand-grips in my hands. He was more than happy to oblige and we headed to a big parking lot where I jumped on the Electra

Glide... wow! Now that right there is purely un-describable...a far cry from what I was used to, but I fell in love immediately and wanted more. You can currently see me cruising around town on a black 2007 Triumph Speedmaster. I'm the blonde following the black Electra Glide.

Being a part of KickStand Up! Magazine, and the Chattanooga motorcycle community is an honor. I have finally found people who love motorcycles as much as I do. If there is ANYTHING I can do for you, don't hesitate to give me a shout... and be sure to check out Kickstand Up! on Facebook. I love hearing everyone's stories and seeing your pictures!!

*~~ No matter what you ride, it's all the same wind ~~*

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# In The Headlight

## Three Degrees Masonic Motorcycle Club

The Three Degrees Masonic Motorcycle Club of Tennessee was founded in early 2006 in Dickson, Tennessee (west of Nashville). It was organized for the purpose of promoting free masonry under the grand jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Tennessee. To inform the public of freemasonry and to encourage membership to a brotherhood of good men, by protecting a positive and favorable image of masonry by the conduct, charity and benevolence work of its members. This is the backbone of freemasonry and the most important to all Masons across the United States and worldwide.

In 2007 the Masonic Motorcycle Club took on the task of supporting the child advocacy for the 23rd District of Tennessee (6 Tennessee counties) which provides needs to abused kids in our state. The Masonic Motorcycle Club host

a yearly bike rally in Dickson, TN with all funds going to the center for the needs of the kids. To date the Three Degrees MMC has donated over \$60,000, provided 165 kids with a Christmas, provided food, clothing, and other various needed items to families in need across the state of Tennessee. The club now supports three child advocacy centers in Tennessee.

Since 2006 the Three Degrees Masonic Motorcycle Club has opened new chapters across the state with membership of over 100 members statewide. The club supports multiple fundraising events and non-profit groups each year as well as masonic events.

The grand chapter president for 2011 is Wayland McKinney, from the Chattanooga area of Tennessee. Wayland is a member of Chapter #2 in Chattanooga, which is



the largest chapter in the state with over 40 members.

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One of the basic rules of riding is that you will go where you are looking. New riders aren't the only ones who have to think about it. I've talked to experienced riders. Some say it's become second nature, but others say they still think about it in every turn.

Not too long ago an experienced rider admitted he almost wrecked because he fixated on something beside the road. It was a mental struggle to get his focus from where he was looking back to the road ahead so he could make the turn.

In my daily motorcycle commute,

there is conscience effort to keep my eyes trained on as much of the road ahead to my destination as possible. That conscience effort to look to where I want to go resonates with me spiritually as well. I've come to realize that if I keep my eyes on Jesus, I'll stay on the road, but if I start looking at those things pressing in for attention because they are right in front of me or that person right beside me, I will run right off the spiritual path Jesus is leading me on and I will wreck. Once my focus is compromised, it can be a real spiritual battle to get my focus back on the road ahead to Jesus.

Many things can distract us from the road Jesus has set before us and it is easy to fixate on the problems we perceive around us. A common distraction for both those in leadership and those who aren't is frustration with people for not meeting the expectations we have placed upon them, expectations they may not even know about. Another distraction is worrying whether or not we are living up to other people's expectations

of us. Health problems, financial woes, relationship challenges, and extracurricular activities can all be distractions/potholes in the path God has laid before us. When we focus on the problems around us instead of focusing ahead on Jesus and his instructions for us, we will get discouraged or hurt and are often paralyzed with fear.

As with a motorcycle accident, some we may survive, some we may not. Some of those accidents may require more healing time than others. But if you survive the crash (and if you are still breathing you have survived), God will help pick you up, bind your wounds, and help you get back on the road again. He will continue to stand out front and say, "Look at me. Keep your eyes here. Don't let the people or things around you distract your focus from your destination. Look up. Look at Me and ride safe."

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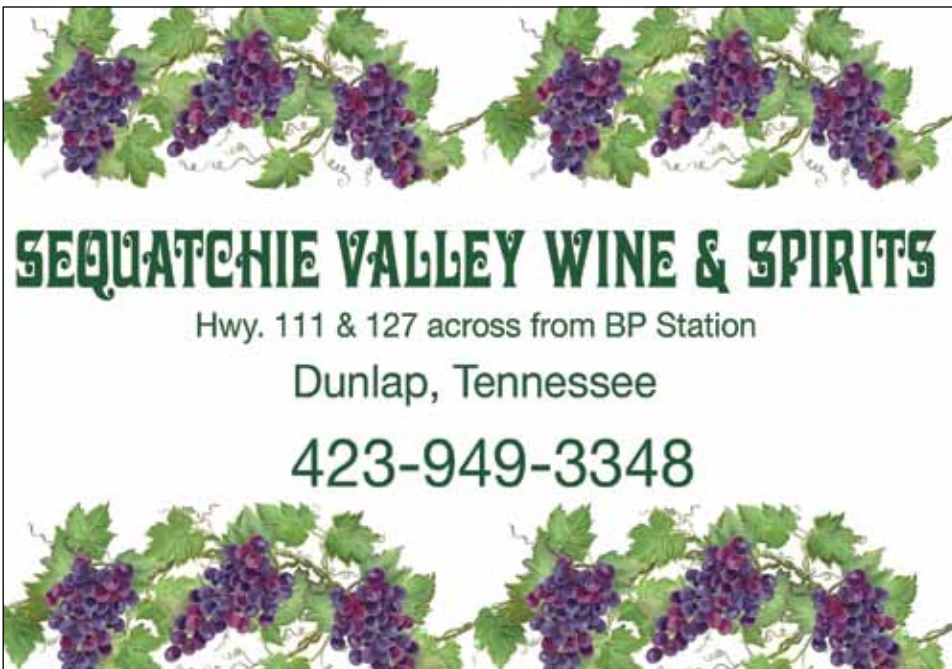
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Southern Honda stocks dozens of accessories for this bike ready to bolt on. The biggest surprise here is the price. While Honda lists the MSRP of a Fury at \$12,999.00, Southern Honda carries them starting at just \$10,377.00 making it shockingly easy to get into the custom of your dreams.

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A LITTLE RAIN AND A BIG BURGER!

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The 4th annual GWRRA/ AL-TN Hamburger Run was held on July 30, 2011 and brought Tennessee and Alabama Goldwingers [among other states] on to Georgia soil. Since the first ride in 2008 participation has grown from 60 GWRRA members to 300+/- . The destination is Randy's Restaurant, in Trenton, GA. Home of the 48 oz. burger. Now this being my first time at this event, I was surprised by a **hamburger that is served on a pizza pan!** Not only was it a big burger but a great tasting one as well. Now the weather wasn't the best that day - Lots of Rain - but that didn't stop the Wingers, as well as some other bikes, from showing up for food, fun, and lots of laughter. About 100 bikes showed up this year and the restaurant was packed. Randy's actually closes the doors to the public until 4:00 pm just for this event. All in all, it was an amazing day, which turned a rainy day into one full of sunshine.

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## KENT'S ORANGE CHILI CHICKEN THIGHS

**F**irst off, it was great meeting some KSU readers at Nightfall this year. Ally and I enjoyed meeting some new friends and seeing some old ones every Friday night at Miller Plaza. It's neat talking food while parked with a bunch of folks with motorcycles.

Here is a quick and easy recipe for grilled chicken that adds some extra flavor that is different from standard grilled chicken. All you need is some chicken and a few basic ingredients that can be found in just about any kitchen.

The citrus flavor and the smoky warmth of the chili powder make a good combination. You can grill or bake the chicken, and I would think the marinade process would make for a good start for a dredged or coated fried chicken. I have not tried frying it yet, but I think I will.

Hope you enjoy the dish!

### Orange Chili Chicken Thighs

- 4-6 chicken thighs
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/3 cup favorite barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin powder
- 1/2 tablespoon brown sugar
- Dash of garlic powder
- Dash of salt and pepper

Combine all of the ingredients in a bowl or large zip close bag and evenly coat the thighs. Chill in the fridge for about an hour, maybe two. Move the thighs around to make sure they are evenly coated. Remove from marinade before grilling. If you use the marinade as a baste make sure you heat it up or combine some of your favorite barbecue sauce with a few spoonfuls of orange juice. Serve hot with your favorite sides.

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It was a great day and turn-out on August 27, at Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson Rockabilly Rock Out & Cruise-In. Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson and Holly Neal put on an awesome event. Bo Bice from American Idol put on a great show and there was even more entertainment with the Dames Aflame from Atlanta and the Chattanooga Roller Girls. But the best part was all the great looking rat rods, custom bikes and muscle cars there for the show. Lots of trophies and lots of smiling faces. KSU's own Gus Truck won a trophy for best "Tricked Out" truck.

Keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up.  
**Chuck Welch**  
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# BATTLECREEK MX OPEN FOR RACING!



**B**attle Creek Motocross is the latest track to open it's gates and give us a new place to sling some dirt. The track is located in Ringgold, GA, between the new Costco and Brainerd Drag Strip. The layout is motocross style with a nice mixture of safe jumps, fast straightaways, slight elevation changes, and technical sections. With lap times around two minutes, you get plenty of time to make up for any mistakes you might make on the fast, slightly uphill start. Owners also put a lot of thought into the other side of the fence. There are two large berms in the viewing area to setup your lawn chairs to watch all the action or you can take shelter under the 5000 sq. ft. tent. They have more than

enough parking and it is setup for even the largest rigs to fit in with ease. Enough about the track details. On August 13, the track opened it's gates for an open practice day. With over 200 bikes showing up to check out the new playground, it was an obvious success. As I walked around snapping pix, I got a chance to talk to several of the riders and everyone was having a blast. It made me want to put down my camera and hop on a bike again. It really is a cool track with great dirt. I spent more than 16 hours walking around Battle Creek MX that weekend and didn't see any rocks other than the gravel on the main road. On Sunday August 14, riders from

three states showed up to do battle. One of our local heroes, Cameron Stone, showed up and put on a clinic in the 450 Pro Class, but it was Kobe Heffner, from Cumming, GA, that truly won the war at Battle Creek MX. Kobe had a perfect day winning all eight of his motos and taking home 1st overall in four classes. Kobe won two classes aboard his KTM 65cc, Unlimited 65cc 7-11 and 65cc 10-11, and the other two, 85cc 9-11 and 85cc 9-13, on his Suzuki RM85. Great Riding Kobe! If you haven't checked out Battle Creek MX yet, stop messing around, load up the bike and get over there. The opening weekend was a great event and they are already making more improvements based off of the riders suggestions. This is a great track and will continue to grow and improve. Check them out online at [www.motohere.com](http://www.motohere.com). Zack Cummings [www.ZDCphotos.com](http://www.ZDCphotos.com)

Photos by Zack Cummings

## Battle Creek Wins The Battle Ringgold Commissioners Approve Special Use Permit

**O**n Tuesday, August 2nd, Motocross Riders from our area attended the Catoosa County Commissioners meeting and finally got the opening of Battle Creek Motocross on Scruggs Road approved! The track has been ready for months, but Commissioners had concerns about noise levels, business at Costco, and future business development in the area. Darrel Lynn, one of the owners of the track, assured the commissioners that the noise levels at the track would be quieter than the noise on the freeway, not to mention that the drag strip is right next door. He argued that riders coming to a track at that location would bring more business to Costco and surrounding businesses such as gas stations, hotels, and local shops. As for future business development, the land is for sale if a big company wanted to develop in the area. With that said, the commissioners went into Executive Session to discuss the legal issues in approving a special use permit for that land. Upon exit, Commissioner Winters said, *"I don't want to let the cat out of the bag, but I believe this is going to pass."* Pass it did. Unanimously the five commissioners approved the special use permit with one stipulation: that it would be under review once again in six months. We as riders need to be very well behaved in that area for the next six months to make sure that they don't find any reason not to approve it again.

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# KNOCKOUT EXTREME

## Kenda Tennessee Knockout Extreme Enduro

The inaugural Tennessee Knockout Enduro took place last month in Sequatchie, TN. Riders from all over the world came to our area and competed in some of the most difficult conditions they have ever seen. Names like Taddy Blazusiak, Cody Webb, and Mike Brown represented their teams as they competed through four grueling courses.

The first qualifier was a timed short course that consisted of some rocky sections, along with some man-made obstacles. KTM rider, Taddy Blazusiak, started first, but crashed early on. It caused some controversy in the pits when this crowd favorite was given a "do over." Even still, Beta Factory rider, Cody Webb, qualified first with a time of three minutes and twenty-five seconds.

The second course (first knockout round) was a ten mile enduro that lasted almost 40 minutes. On the "long loop," only the top 25 riders would go on to the next round. Taddy had a good run, but a minor crash dismantled his fuel system, and he could no longer continue. His team mate, Mike Brown, fought through the tough terrain and won this knockout round with a time of 39:07. Cody Webb followed closely behind with a 39:25.

On the third course, the riders were broken up into five groups of five. The first place winner from the previous round was in group one, second was in group two, and so on. Only the top two from each group would qualify for the "main event." This course was the toughest of the four, including a long

section that was completely creek bed and involved some places where riders would have to jump down a few feet on to loose rocks. I watched as even these pro riders struggled, one falling, hitting his head on a rock, then getting back up and going (I got that on YouTube <http://youtu.be/W4S4tqaeoGU> or scan QR Code with your Smart Phone). Naturally, Mike Brown and Cody Webb both won in their groups, moving on to the main event.



The 40 minute main event was ten laps on a short course that consisted of hill climbs, rocks, and a short man-made section (more pictures on [www.kickstandup.com](http://www.kickstandup.com)). Mike Brown got off to a lead early on as Cody Webb found himself down on the first turn. Brown gapped out from the other riders as Webb struggled through the pack from last place. Brown, a former AMA Motocross Champion, found himself wearing out as he fought through the difficult terrain, and by the half way point, you could tell he was already getting tired. Cody Webb, on the other hand, had fought his way through the pack and found himself in second a few laps before the end of the race. He ran down the leader by the last lap, but stalled his bike, making him settle for second.

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Donny started riding when he was just four years old on a PW 50. In 2006, Donny participated in the KTM Jr. Challenge at the Atlanta Supercross where he won. He then raced at the KTM Jr. Challenge at the Supercross in Las Vegas for the overall championship and won that as well. Since then he has won many titles at various nationals over the years.

Donny aspires to be a pro rider in a few years. He has the speed, confidence, and right attitude to become the next Dean Wilson. He has a great riding style and incredible technique of someone of only 14 years old.

After Loretta's, he has stepped up to a 250f, where he will have to step it up. His favorite track is Baja in Michigan. But you can sometimes find him racing locally at Chattanooga MX, Battlecreek MX, and Lazy River in Dalton.

**Darlene Jacks**



## The Mentality of a Racer...

I stood on top of a rock, settled in the dirt over a small cliff, holding a rope in my hand and staring at the water that created the lake in front of me. My stomach was full of fear, but with Bobby standing beside me telling me I was a pansy if I didn't do it, how could I not at least try it? I picked my feet up, swung towards the end of the ropes momentum, pulled hard on

the rope and kicked my feet over my head. I began to tuck in a little harder after I felt the first flip finish. Right as I saw the water appear under me for the second time I untucked and aimed my feet for the water. I don't think I can explain the excitement that rushed over me when I realized I finally made a double back flip off a rope swing perfectly.

Where am I leading with this story? Bobby and I have been going to the bluffs here for probably a little over a year. He talked me into trying a back flip the first day we went, but ever since then the elusive double back flip has been more of a haunting ghost than a reality. I've attempted a double flip (fully committed) three times before this day and always came up short. What made this time and the next four times I made it before we left that day different? Well, the fact that Bobby himself just did it. Right in front of me. Perfectly. No issues at all. Really?

I am not sure if there is something hard wired in me, if it's a different testosterone balance, or maybe just the people I hang out with, but I know I am not the only one with this epidemic. Not necessarily wanting to be the best at the moment, but not letting anyone else perform better than you, at anything. It seems like I am constantly pushing myself outside of my comfort zone and scaring the Zaxby's out of me just because someone else was able to do

something I never could.

Is it about the feeling you have when you know you just poured 100% of your potential into something and made something happen that people didn't think you could do?

Let's take the AMA Daytona Sportbike race at Barber as an example. I always knew that I had the talent and potential to race with anyone on the track, my bike was always close to the top in the speed trap, I had the same suspension for the most part as anyone else, so it couldn't be the bike could it? Barber may have been the first place that I pushed myself into believing that I belonged in the front pack, before I even put my helmet on I knew where I would be able to finish if I put 100% into the race. It wouldn't matter if I finished on the podium for the first time, if 1st and 2nd were 15 seconds ahead of me, I would have been a little disappointed.

I'm not really sure what makes people become cut throat competitors to be better than someone else, only to come off the track and realize it was your best friend that you were just yelling at furiously. What is it flicking the switch inside you from best friend to enemy just from a little competition? Maybe it's just a guy thing?

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# MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RIDE

## CMT/ABATE continues effort to raise motorcycle awareness



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**O**n July 24th the Tennessee Valley Charter of Concerned Motorcyclist of Tennessee / American Bikers Active Toward Education held their 3rd Annual Motorcycle Awareness Ride in Chattanooga.

This year the ride started at Hooters and ended at Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson. The purpose of this event is to raise motorcycle awareness in the community and introduces riders to the legislative work CMT/ABATE does.

An example of our legislative work was demonstrated during this event making this ride unique. Due to a new law listed as **Tennessee Code 55-9-302** that states if you are a parade that is traveling less than 30 mph you don't have to wear a helmet. Many riders took advantage of this law this year.

If you would like to participate next year, we hold this event on the last Sunday of July. Check for flyers or look up [www.cmtabate.com](http://www.cmtabate.com). We would love to have you there to help grow this event.

Mark "Yog" Moore

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In spite of his parents' disapproval, Austin Kirk says that the first thing he ever spent some good money on was a Yamaha IT175. He and his brother, Dana "Big Tiny" Howard (Patriot Guard), have been riding together ever since and years later Austin's sons, Justin and Cameron Kirk, completed their pack.

Dana started riding a bit before Austin. He says he used to ride a 70 all around East Ridge, even running from the cops by cutting through yards. When Austin joined in, they really had a blast disturbing the peace for years to come.

When the next generation was born, you might say that motorcycles were in their blood. Austin says that when Lynyrd Skynyrd didn't put Justin to sleep, all he had to do was go to the garage, start up the dirt bike, and let it idle. Justin started riding his bicycle without training wheels at two, then transitioned to BMX at three. At four, he finally got his first ride, a Honda Z50. Dana and Austin would chase Justin around the yard, and, when it was time to stop riding, they had to catch him first! When Justin outgrew the Z50, Austin sold it to a friend, but it didn't leave for long. When Cameron was four, Austin bought the same Z50 back for Cameron to ride.

Years went by with Justin and Cameron off-roading and going to motocross tracks. Austin and Dana tagged along and gave them support, but riding for this family slowly got shuffled back in its list of priorities.

What really got the family riding together again happened about 8 years ago. Austin had a heart attack and a stroke. He flat lined several times in the hospital, and they didn't think that he was going to make it. When he made it through, it gave him and his family a whole new appreciation for life and the family unit. Austin started riding again immediately. Cameron says that they ride



any time they can no matter what, "even if it's just for five minutes." Austin says that when he has his family with him on a ride, "it's the best feeling in the world."

With a new enthusiasm for riding, Austin and the family have had a few interesting adventures. One such adventure was a ride to the Dragon by way of the Cherokee Skyway in the dead of winter. The family proposed the idea. They checked the weather. The weather said it was going to be pretty temperate, so they decided to ride. They met Dana in Ducktown and were off. What they found was not at all what the weather man described. It was 45 degrees and raining the whole way. They rode into it

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## Families That Ride Together **MEET THE KIRKS**

for a while, but they couldn't stand it any longer, so, just before they got to the Dragon, they stopped in a dollar store and got all the scarves and gloves they could find. When they got to the Dragon, it was clear.

In the meantime, Justin had switched his bike to reserve and was planning on filling up when they got to the store at the Dragon. When they got there it was closed. They still had a long way to go to the next gas station. Fear was mounting. Riding on fumes, they finally made it to a gas station. Stressed out, they continued their journey only to run into some thick fog. Twelve hours into their ride, they finally stopped in Gatlinburg to eat at

Wendy's and sleep for the night. They rode all that way with only 2 stops. One for gas, the other for Wendy's. Well, the next day was Thunderstorms. . . I'll leave it at that.

The Kirks are a prime example of how riding can bring a family closer together. Going through the good times and the hard times together is what family is about. Now, Justin has a son, Nolan, that has started riding a PW50. Nolan is the same way Justin was on his Z50, but this time it's Justin and Cameron chasing Nolan around rather than Dana and Austin.

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# TRANS GEORGIA TRAIL

## Eastern Section

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The eastern part of the Trans Georgia Trail begins in Ellijay, Georgia where the western portion that was described in the June issue of KSU ended. This section starts near the southern end of the Blue Ridge Mountains very close to the beginning of the Appalachian Trail. The geologic patterns in the western section of the trail were consistent and predictable with all of the ridges running from southwest to northeast so that if you did get off track, it was fairly easy to get re-oriented pretty quickly. On the eastern section of the Trans Georgia Trail, there are no clear patterns. Mountains are higher than the 2,000 foot ridges in the west, and they don't follow any sensible order. Watersheds in these mountains are confusing as well,

with some streams flowing toward the Tennessee River and others toward the Coosa River. Having said this, the scenery here is stunning at any season of the year, but it is important to have good maps and keep track of where you are at all times. Heading in a generally eastern direction from Ellijay, you will encounter or pass very close to: Rock Creek, Big Bald Mountain, Toccoa River, Springer Mountain, Cooper Creek, Blood Mountain, Brasstown Bald, Owl Creek, Corbin Creek, Tray Mountain, Lake Rabun, Dick's Creek and the Chattooga River at the Georgia/South Carolina state line. After reaching the Chattooga River, you have the option of riding the spectacular, twisty paved Warwoman Road east to Pine Mountain, if time permits, or going west 10 to 15 miles to eat and stay in Clayton, Georgia. Start as early in the day as possible so that the 150 to 200 miles will be relaxing and you'll have time to deal with any navigational or mechanical issues that arise.

### Weather and Seasons

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best done in the spring, summer or fall. At elevations over 2,000 feet, it is likely to have road closures and snow in the winter months which would make completing the section in one day much more difficult. Extended periods of heavy rain would be another reason to reconsider riding the eastern portion because of high water crossings.

**Suitable Bikes**

This route can be ridden on any street legal dual sport from 200 to 1200 cc's with a range of at least 80 miles between gas stops. Suitable tires are important and anything between a 50/50 dual sport tire and a full knobby will do well. Mid-sized 400 to 650 cc bikes are my preference for this route and will handle technical sections and pavement very well.

**Safety and Support**

Riding this route could be done as a solo adventure, but you must be aware of the risks and consequences of being broken down or injured in a remote area without support or cell phone service. The safer and probably more enjoyable to do this trip is with a group of three or more riders. With

six or more, it's often better to split into two groups and meet at a lunch stop or at the end of the day. This ride should be pure fun and not an endurance race, so stop every hour or so to relax and enjoy the scenery, local food, and people. Be prepared for the unexpected, be sure your bike is mechanically solid, and plan to carry anything you need to solve mechanical problems.

**Ride well and have fun...  
Doug Graydon**



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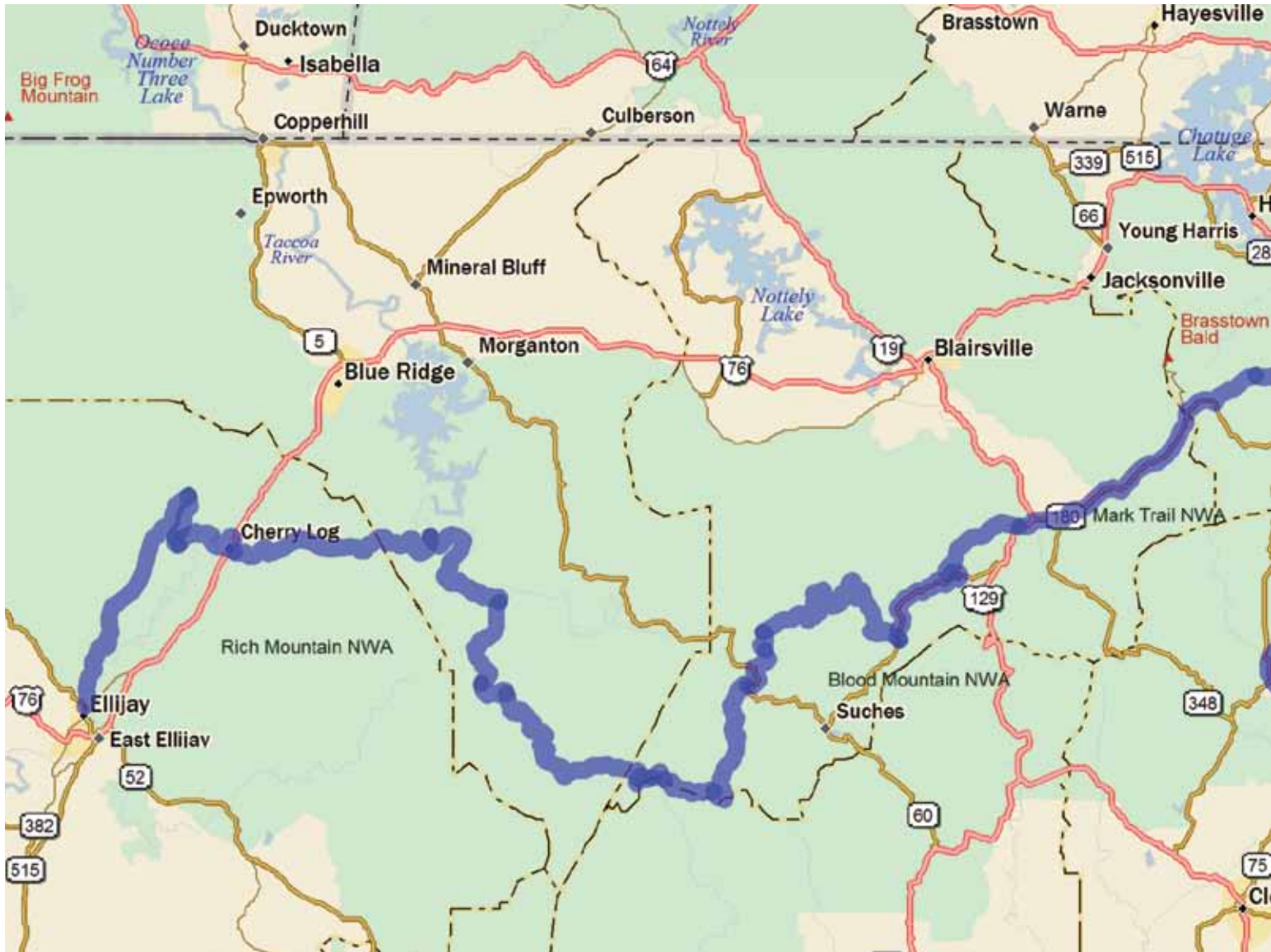
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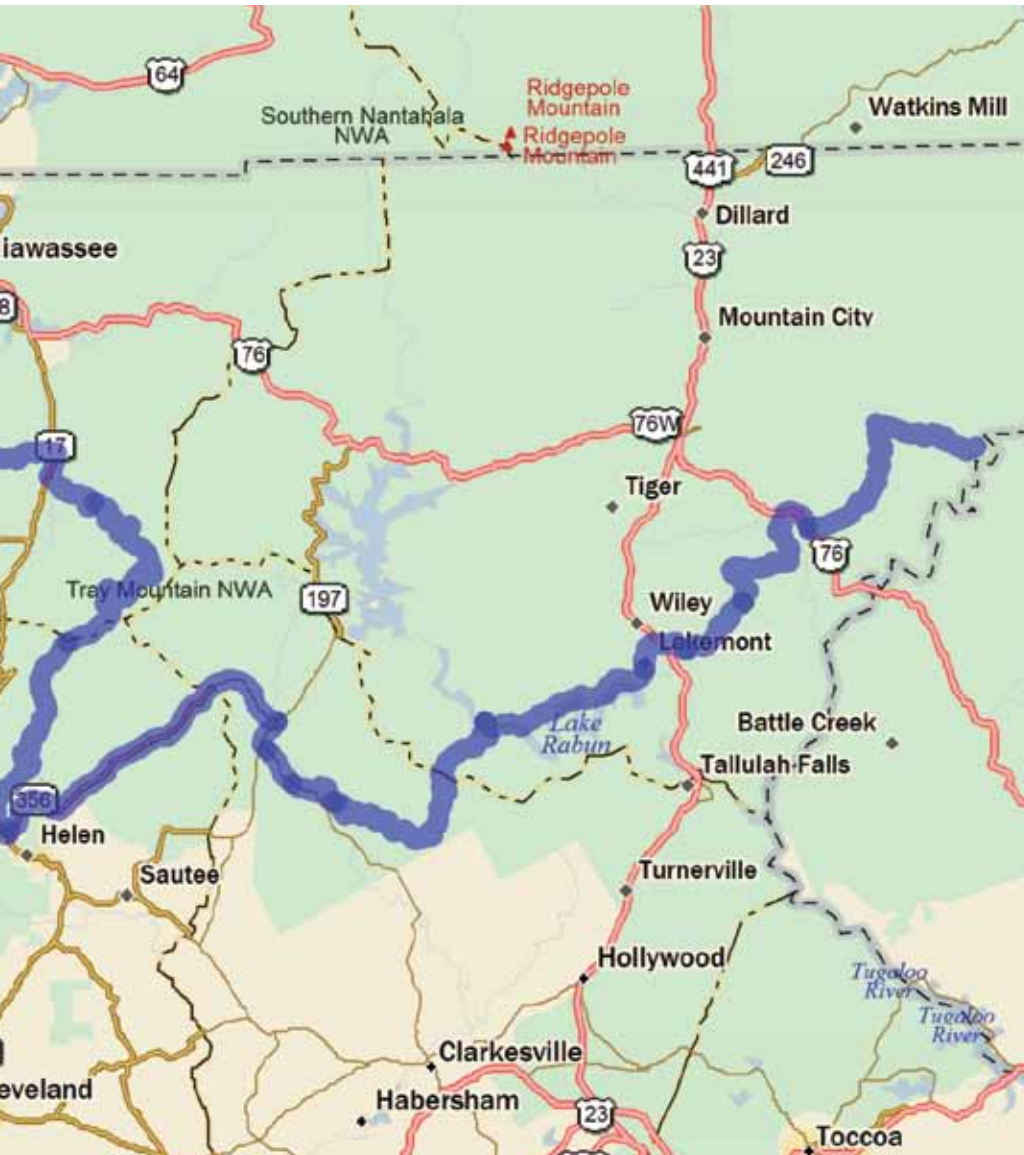
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- Right at dead end on Aska Rd (paved)
- Dead end at Newport Rd
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- Right on FS Rd. (Noontooha Creek Rd)
- Left on FS Road 42 (gravel)
- Left on Gaddistown Rd (gravel)
- Left on Highway 60 (paved)
- Right on Johnny Gap Rd (gravel)
- Right on Cooper Creek Rd (paved)
- Continue on Cooper Creek Rd (gravel)
- Left on Highway 180 (paved)
- Left on West Wolf Creek Rd (gravel)
- Bear right at Y
- Cross bridge or ford the creek
- Dead end at Highway 129 / stop for gas
- Left on Highway 129
- Right on Highway 180
- Left on Owl Creek Rd
- Right on Highway 75/17
- Left on Corbin Creek Rd (gravel)
- Right on Tray Mountain Rd (gravel)
- Left on Highway 75/17
- Left on Highway 356 at Helen
- Right on Highway 197/ stop for lunch at Batesville General Store
- South on Highway 197
- Left on Mountain View Lane
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- Right on Low Gap Rd
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On Thursday, September 9, KSU was at the Riverfront for the **Beat the Heat Cruise-in**. The cars were "hopped up," modified, full drag police cars from all around the United States. Charlie Brown, World of Wheels winner and KSU friend, was there checking out the GSXR 1000 from Gwinnett County...A very cool ride. They cruised from the Riverfront to Coker Tire and Honest Charley Speed Shop. Corky Coker opened up his museum full of classic motorcycles and antique cars. A treat for the eyes. They also served dinner to the "heat." Beat the Heat was at the Brainerd Optimist Drag Strip the following Friday and Saturday.

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**Where do 90% of riders purchase their accessories and gear? The Internet!** This is not a pitch to get people into our shop, it is a fact. We all use the Internet (myself included) because

it is convenient, inexpensive, and the best reference tool available to us. What most people don't realize is that a **Parts Department can add that extra edge to your shopping experience (and hopefully eliminate the need for returns)**. If you establish a relationship with your preferred Parts Department a lot of times you can come behind the counter and peruse the Parts Unlimited, Tucker Rocky, Touratech, Termignoni, or Custom Chrome books. A lot of times I will round the corner from Service and see customers standing next to Terry, Dave, or Paul with intent gazes at the computer screen, or thumbing through a catalog. This is by no means a universal rule, but I've been in enough shops to have seen the pattern. **If you support them and establish common ground, you will be welcomed to the other side of the counter.** On top of that there are many instances where a customer will tell us about a part they are shopping on the internet, and **turns out we can get it...for cheaper!** Plus if you tell the Parts people what you are thinking they may have some experience with that accessory...that extra insight could save you some money, and the headache of a mail order return.

Bottom line is the Parts Department at your preferred shop is also a reference

tool that is available to you. They may or may not be able to beat the prices you are finding on the internet, but a lot of times they can give you a real live review of the product based on their personal experience or of someone they know who has tried it. **Remember, the Parts people talk parts....to people.....for a living.**

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# Rides & Rods

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**Ride:** 2004 Yamaha V Star 1100

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**Rod:** Preston's – 1973 Mustang Coupe with a 375 HP big block 460 CID with automatic overdrive. It gets 22 mpg and is fun to drive.

Thank you Preston and Peggy for letting KickStand Up! Magazine and me do this story. I had a blast.

**Rod:** Peggy's – 1972 Mustang convertible totally restored for show. Peggy's car beats Preston's every time (as far as trophies go anyway) and has taken 12 first place trophies [some of which were at national shows].

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Preston and Peggy take several three day weekend trips a year on the V Star. It currently has 16,000 miles of road time. Preston bought his first bike in 1975 and put 50,000 miles on it.



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In The Rearview Mirror  
**Vintage**

**1968 Sears Sabre.** A 50 cc fan cooled 4 speed motorcycle with hand clutch.

In 1996 while living in Sacramento, California, I saw an ad for two 1968 Sears 50 cc motorcycles. With my curiosity piqued, I called the fellow and went to look at them across town. The man selling them was the son of the original owners (his parents) who purchased them at the local Sears store in 1968 to use when they went camping. (Read - for the boys to thrash while camping.) One was white (the mothers) and one was red (the fathers). The red one had more miles on it (350 vs 180) than the white one. Seeing as how I was low on funds, but rich on bikes, I immediately hatched a plan to sell my 1979 CBX 1000 to my roommate who had expressed an interest in purchasing it in order to fund the purchase of two 50 cc "tiddlers." Betcha there are few people who would have considered that plan!

In any event, he jumped at the opportunity and I jumped on the two Sears Sabres. I have never regretted the decision. I ride the Sabre fairly often and have particular fun on the 50 cc rides hosted by the **Time Warp Vintage Motorcycle Club** here in Knoxville. The Sabre is quite "strong" for a 50 cc and is as fast as almost any modern stock 50 cc vehicle. Faster than some.

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## RIDE TO DINE

On The Road to Cajun Country

I got an email from a friend of mine, Mark Cooper, a couple of weeks ago that suggested a restaurant we could ride to. Mark is a good friend of mine and one of my favorite riding partners from Chapter V of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. We call our chapter Choo-Choo Wings because in Chattanooga by law you have to put "Choo-Choo" or "Scenic" in front of any organization. Mark is also the youngest member of Choo-Choo Wings at age 74. Just kidding, he is just into his forties with wisdom and maturity beyond his years evidenced by the fact that he does ride a Wing. Being that young, Mark is a great riding partner because even without GPS he is young enough that he can remember how to get back home. And he is nice enough to help get me back to THE home also.

Mark is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Two things really matter to people from Baton Rouge, LSU and Cajun food. So when he suggested that we ride to a place called Gumbeaux's I was ready to go. Now I have never been a big Cajun food fan. The places that I have tried were okay but nothing to get excited about. No, for me it was the ride to somewhere that wasn't on the usual route. And it was a chance to ride with a friend of mine who rides a lot like I do. If you are a law enforcement officer reading this that means that we are very slow and obey each and every traffic law. Also if you are a law enforcement officer reading this, do you not have anything better to do?

So Mark and I decided to go to Douglasville, GA to Gumbeaux's's to check it out and see if it was worthy of a large group ride, such as the GWRRA or CMA, Choo-Choo Wheels of Worship or even KSU. We asked a few people to ride with us but for me it was like finding a date for my high school prom all over again. The list of excuses were as follows; I have to wash my hair. My dog is in heat and I have to stay home to make sure we don't have puppies. It's too hot. My grandkids are playing football. I wouldn't go out with you in public if you were the last...sorry, flash backs from high school just kicked in. Did I mention my favorite excuse-It's too hot.

So the only souls brave enough to ride to dine this Saturday were Mark and myself along with Sandy and Amelia Hodges, who are recent defectors from a Gold Wing to A BMW RT 1200. They decided to forgo the



Photos by Jim Rambo

rocking chairs at Pandora's this Saturday for a ride to Cajun food. I found out that they love Cajun food. I was hoping it was me but it was high school all over again.

So we set out early Saturday morning and rode back roads all of the way to Douglasville. I will let you find your own way but the all roads do not lead to Rome. Just the ones that I took [see map]. The ride was uneventful but nice as we managed to avoid any Atlanta traffic and we arrived at Gumbeaux's around 11:50 am, just in time for lunch. They seated us with a waitress named Kerri, who when finding out that we had ridden three hours just to eat lunch there for the first time brought out an entire array of samplers. Unfortunately we had ordered before we realized that she was doing that. We could have survived nicely on the sampler dishes. Small countries could have survived on the sampler dishes.

This is not only the very best Cajun food that I have ever had, it is some of the best food that I have ever had. This now rivals Mike's Seafood in Blairsville GA as the best food at the end of the trail. Mike's is hard to beat but Gumbeaux's must be mentioned in the same sentence. They are both great.

In fact the lobster bisque took my breath away as did most of the food. It was spicy without being overbearing and although I am not a Cajun gourmet, Mark is and he claimed that this is the best Cajun outside of Baton Rouge.

In fact it was so good that I decided to go back the next Saturday. That's what happens when you find yourself dreaming about lobster bisque. No soup Nazi for me. Mark had relatives in from Baton Rouge and wouldn't make this trip. The seven year olds were playing football again so the grandpas would have to pass. The weather was of course still too hot for some and some gave in to family pressure and decided to just stay home. And of course there was the one who laughed at me when I called and said that there was no way she was ever going to go out in public with me. My editor can be so mean. High school all over again.

So this time, Mark Moses, Jim Rambo, his son, Jim Rambo Jr., Millie Batts and I took off for Douglasville. Mark is a friend of mine who rides a new Shadow 1100. Mark and I met while attending the same church. We lost contact when he was deployed to serve in the Navy in the Persian Gulf. Mark is a man who enlisted in the Navy after the events of September 11, 2001. I am proud to call him a friend.

In fact, I was with former military people all around as Jim, Jimmy, and Mille all served in the army. At one time, Jim was Millie's commanding officer and at one time Millie was Jim Jr.'s commanding officer. Jim Jr. is also on a Gold Wing and he was the one who got his father back into motorcycling a few years ago.

Mille is a newer rider on a white Honda Gold Wing Trike without EZ Steer. EZ steer is where the rake is extended 4 degrees to

make it easier to steer the vehicle after a Trike conversion. There is no way any Wing should be converted without the EZ Steer system installed but unsuspecting buyers find out too late that the people who sold them their Trike cut corners. Millie loves to ride and just keeps getting faster and faster, [I am sure by now that law enforcement officers have stopped reading.] also is getting a great set of guns. Her arms are bigger than Rambo's.

Jim Rambo. My great friend and the world's fastest Trike rider. Of course, he HAS EZ Steer which is why Millie's arms are getting bigger and stronger and his are...well...anyway Jim is a great friend and a great big piece of Chapter V here in Chattanooga. He is also a wonderful ride coordinator. He plots out great rides and destinations for people to see and try new things. How many times can you ride the dragon or go to Helen? He not only finds great eateries but historical and cultural items of interest as well.

It comes at a great cost personally to Jim, in pursuit of great rides, he retired and had to find a second job for his wife, Beverly. You have to give Jim credit because in this economy, it can be hard to find a job for someone. But he persevered, sure it was hard after a 10 -12 hour shift at the hospital but he claims that she loves the second job. Because she is working two jobs to make sure there is gas money, he sometimes actually has to wait on his dinner in the evening. Jim is good about it though, He rarely complains and uses the time wisely as she prepares dinner. He takes a nap. It can be exhausting riding all over and checking out fine restaurants all day. Every Day. Of course Jim's idea of a fine restaurant usually has a drive-through.

But Jim rides every ride that he plans. He takes stops and food needs into consideration and usually is very precise about when he leaves. [Don't dare order breakfast at Hardees 5 minutes before kickstands are due to go up because if he says 9:00, he means it.] And he can usually tell you about what time you will return home.

So we again made the trek on back roads down to Gumbeaux's and our now favorite waitress, Kerri. It really wasn't a dream as the food was just as good this time and the service even better. I am sure that I gained 100 lbs these past two weekends. I know that I have really watched what I eat during the week only to blissfully mess it up on Saturday. I get 44 miles to the gallon going down and 35 miles to the gallon coming home. It's got to be the extra weight.

So what is good at Gumbeaux's? Almost everything. What don't I like? I don't like the fact that I have so much food that I never have room for dessert. But this isn't really about a great restaurant and a great server or even a great ride even though all were true. This is about why I ride.

I ride to experience trips like this with friends. Going down all by myself would be okay and I may do that once in a while. But getting together with friends and spending time with them builds relationships and forges memories that last a lifetime. We laughed at every stop, on both trips. We sweated together in the heat. We learned new things about each other as we shared a meal.

I know it seems like a long way, but the food is worth it. So if you have a Saturday that you would like to spend with your friends, I would suggest you try Gumbeaux's. Or make the trip to Mike's Seafood in Blairsville GA. Tell them Gary sent you!

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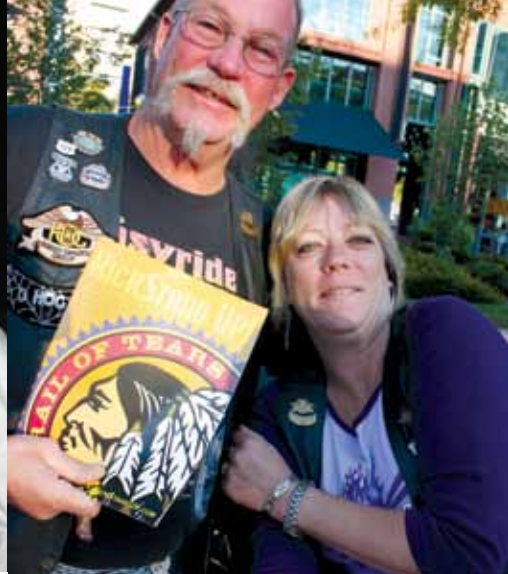
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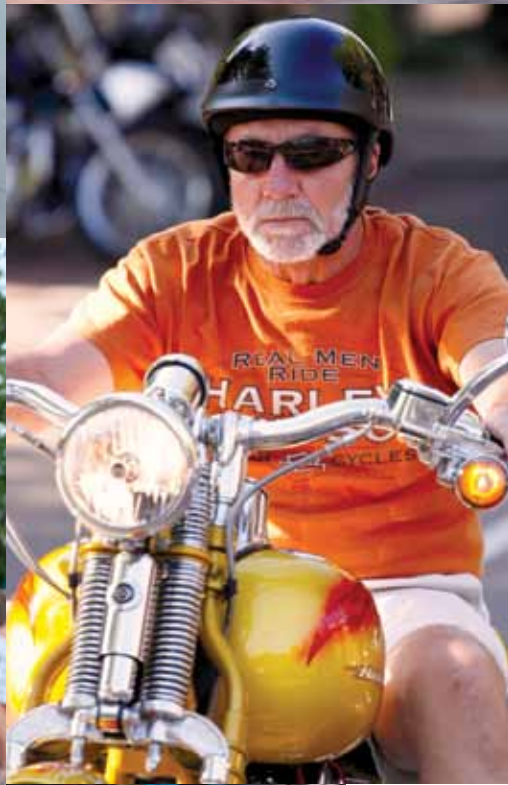


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