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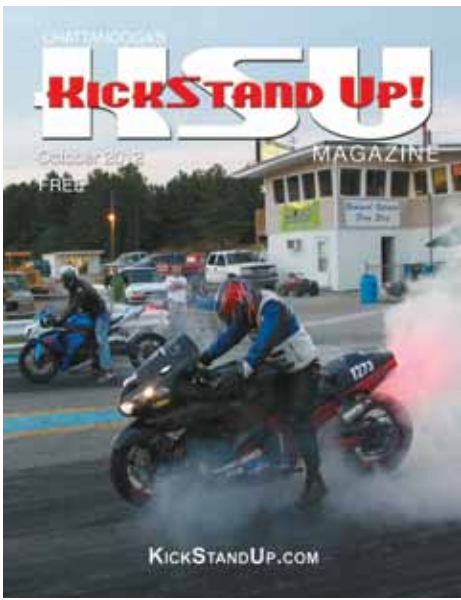
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Cover: October 2012
 Daryl Jonsey astride his ZX 14 at
 The Brainerd Optimist Drag Strip
 Photographer: Chuck Welch





FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Folks,

Well, after heading out once and then having to return after the first day due to illness of a family member, we finally completed our 2012 trip out west. We did change our destination and we were glad we did. I have made many trips to South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana, but I had never ridden through the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. Now I can say I have, and it was spectacular. I will write a detailed travelogue next month, but just the sordid details this month.

BooBoo and I both got tickets for rolling through a stop sign at a town square in Boise City, Oklahoma. To be honest, I was paying so much attention to where our highway was exiting the square, I didn't even see the stop sign. In Tennessee and Georgia, most main roads are yields going through small town squares . . . but not in Oklahoma. As our luck would have it, a State Trooper was sitting within sight and thought he would add to the county coffers by giving both of us a \$211 ticket. Yes, we rolled through a stop sign . . . but \$211 seemed more than a little excessive in my book. I would like to say that it was our last encounter with law enforcement, but it was not.

Later the same day as we were rolling through Colorado toward Alamosa I had another encounter with the po po. Luckily, BooBoo was spared this stop. I was closing rapidly on a brown van with a gaggle of cars in front of it. I moved close to the center line to get a peek and I had plenty of time to take the van and the four cars in front of it, so I twisted the throttle and "Hazel" reponded like she always does. I gobbled them up like Pac Man, however, there was a little problem. The brown van belonged to the State of Colorado and was being driven by a Colorado State Trooper. Whoops.

BooBoo didn't notice State Trooper in small print on the back of the van either, but as he pulled out and started to go, he didn't think he had enough time to take the gaggle, so he pulled back in. Luck was with him. Then he noticed it, as the van took off after me. Let's just say that it's very disconcerting to see a brown van with blue lights doing over 90 coming up behind you. I was toast and I knew it. The gaggle must have chuckled as they came by me and BooBoo just looked straight ahead and kept going like he didn't even know me. We were just about ten miles from our nightly stop and we both knew where we were going, so there was no need in taking any chances.

I deserved a ticket this time, unlike the BS one in Oklahoma. I was polite and admitted my error in judgement. He took my license and proof of insurance back to the van and returned with just a verbal warning. Thank you Colorado Trooper. The funniest part of the story came later that evening when I realized that I had taped the entire chase and stop on the aft Go Pro camera that I was running. Ahhhhhh . . . memories.

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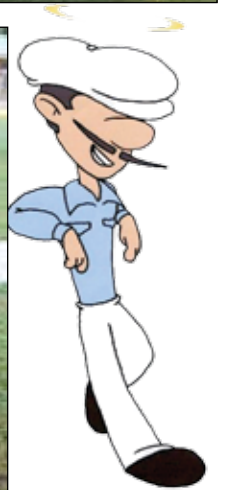


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Chuck works for KickStand Up! Magazine and is retired from the USMC. He has worked for numerous bike shops in Northern California. He has been riding bikes for many years and also did some AFM club racing. Chuck is married to Marghee Smith Welch. If you see the Gus truck around town come by and get your KSU magazine.



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FROM OUR READERS

This is a reader generated column. Although we are a local Chattanooga magazine we have readers all over the country. This reader is from New Jersey. KSU readers, welcome Michael "Weasel" Jones.

Hey Fellow Bikers,

I'm the proud owner of a 2011 Denim Black Harley Street Glide and currently a very active member of the Newark Knights, MC a 40 year old club from Newark, NJ. I have been riding since the age of 15 and my first bike was a Honda CB750K, you remember the one with the big fairing and radio before fairings became cool. When I hit 16 I was the only dude riding to school and have been riding ever since then. Averaging a low of 20k miles a year, I pride

myself of rolling in the back roads of New Jersey and understanding why they call it the garden state. It's been hard not to overdo the bike, but since the picture I have some unique bells and whistles, but promised myself I'd keep the bike a rideable one and not just another bar hopper. I'll say this much, African Americans have come to love Harleys just as much as every other race and where I came from riding a Harley takes you a long way and there are no color boundaries. Recently, I almost decided to share my passion of riding with my wife then shortly realized if she gets on my days with the boys are done. After riding everything from a Honda MB5 to a Suzuki GSXR, I must say this brother will be a Harley dude til I die. Now if I can just work on my pony tail and beard I'll be good to go. Shiny side up always.

Weasel, Newark, Knights, MC



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"When a hapless hippie and a sexy blonde embark on a whirlwind summer tour of rock festivals and psychedelic drugs, it's the launch of a criminal career no one saw coming.

Johnny Walker is a troubled college kid who just wants to get high and get laid, but his quest carries him through the Youth Revolution, antiwar protests and a murder plot by Black Power revolutionaries. When police mistake him for a drug kingpin, their entrapment scheme accidentally launches the biggest marijuana smuggling operation in West Texas.

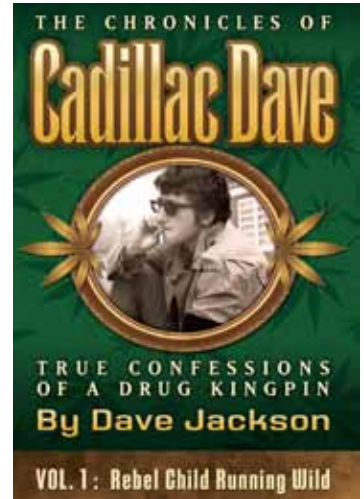
This true-life American saga gives an unvarnished view inside the youth counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s, from dropout beatnik poets and peace-child folk singers to the hardcore SDS student radicals driving the antiwar movement, moving on to marijuana smuggling on the Mexican border."

The Chronicles of Cadillac Dave is the autobiography of Chattanooga native, John Wheeler Jr. His autobiography was especially interesting to me because I grew up in Chattanooga and knew John from his time at Brainerd High and our days at UC/UTC. I also knew, or knew of most of the major players in the book. Our paths continued to cross throughout the 1970s, and I was a minor player in Part 3 under my real name. Most of the names in the books were changed to protect the innocent.

John attended The Bright School and then Baylor, Brainerd High School, and then finally graduated from Central. You see, John was becoming a "problem child" and started hanging out with a crowd of young toughs in the Brainerd area. Fighting, drugging, driving fast and out running the police were becoming his favorite past times.

John attended the University of Chattanooga and then UTC after it's merger with the University of Tennessee. It was during this period that John moved into the marijuana business and started into his chosen life of crime which continued for close to a decade.

The best part of John's story comes in the last book of the series. God, through his Son Jesus Christ can change people's lives and John Wheeler Jr. was no exception. John made it through his tumultuous life alive and born again. I'm proud to call John my friend. - Rock



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TENNESSEE KNOCKOUT ENDURO

The Tennessee Knockout Enduro challenged even professional Enduro riders again this year. Mike Brown went away with the win for a second time in a row, but even he was not without his struggles.

The first "short course" placed riders in their starting positions for the first long course round. Cody Webb finished the course in 3 minutes and 15 seconds. The closest rider was Mike Brown with 3:27, followed by Kyle Redmond, Colton Haacker, and Andrew Delong.

Next, they all went on the first "long course" of the day. This was a grueling 13.5 mile course that took the riders about 45 minutes to complete. Brown and Cody Webb went back and forth through this course, but it was Brown who nosed ahead, gaining him the victory and the first starting position for the next round.

Toward the end of this round, there was a sudden rain shower that made the course much more difficult for those who had started further back. I watched as riders tried over and over to get up a hill that was not near as challenging for the front riders. Most of these riders were knocked out after this round.

The third round was another long course, but this time, the course was wet. I waited at the bottom of a creek bed that I knew they were about to struggle through. Mike Brown was the first to come through. After some struggling and a few falls, he actually took off his helmet with his bike steaming and rested for a little while. Meanwhile, Cody Webb came through and really showed the rest of the pack how it is done. He used his trials prowess to actually "splatter" onto the boulder that was holding everyone else back. He undoubtedly possessed the skill set he needed. He

finished the course first and actually came back around to watch some other riders still fighting their way up the trail.

Mike Brown was worn out, but eventually made it through. He qualified but not where he had hoped. Some clutches burned up and bikes overheated through this section. Steaming bikes and worn out riders sat at the top after their long battle with the trail. A Husqvarna actually caught fire, giving spectators quite a show. One rider even ended up stripping out of his gear and laying down due to his body overheating. When a trail beats a professional rider, you know it's hard!

The last round, Webb got a great start and looked like the sure winner. Unlucky for him, he got stuck going up the first steep hill and had to try again. Meanwhile, Brown had blasted through the pack (due to his bad starting position) and passed Webb for the lead. Webb had to struggle to get by Haacker, who had passed in the same section as Brown. Brown pulled a substantial lead. Webb fought and started to close the gap half-way through the 10 lap race, but fatigue finally set in, and he had to settle for second. See Video at [YouTube.com/griffithcycle](https://www.youtube.com/griffithcycle)

1. Mike Brown, KTM
2. Cody Webb, Beta
3. Russell Bobbitt, KTM
4. Paul Whibley, Yamaha
5. Nick Fahringer, Husaberg

Jeff Griffith

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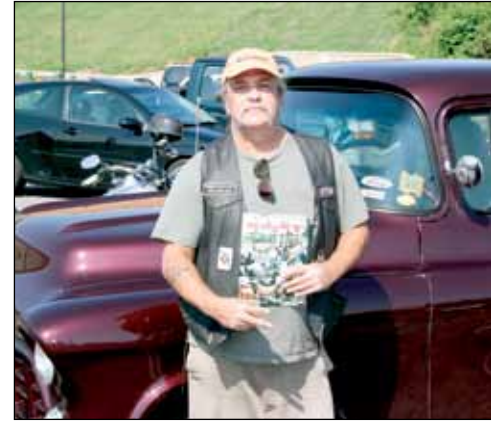
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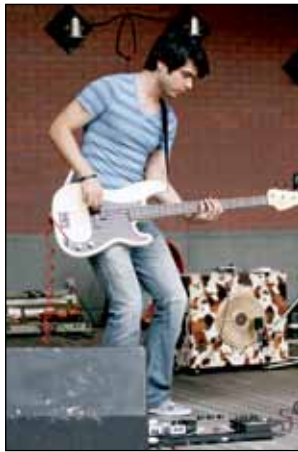
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TRIP OF A LIFETIME

I am Tim Teague, a Harley rider (Road Glide Ultra) and Assistant Director of the Thunder Creek HOG chapter. My friends Tim and Jerrie Gaither (Road Glide Ultra) and my wife Grace and I have been looking forward to a once in a lifetime motorcycle ride for what seems like forever.

Tim G is a master at planning long rides. We have been on several of them over the years, and he and Jerrie had worked on this one for months. They can cram more things to see and do into a set period of time than anyone I know and Jerrie makes sure we have a nice room waiting for us every night, most of the time with a hot tub available.

We left Chattanooga July 7 and headed west through Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas to Denver CO. On our first day in Denver we talked to an employee at the Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson dealership who suggested a ride through Golden on Highway 46 through the mountains to Blackhawk and back on 72 (Peak to Peak Hwy) to Estes Park. The next day we headed out of Denver on our way



to Utah and left the interstate at Idaho Springs for the back roads. After about thirty minutes on a beautiful ride with wonderful winding curves, Tim suddenly did a U- turn in the middle of the road. I thought he must have seen a "Clean Rest Room" sign so I followed him and found that we had just passed the sign for Mount Evans which has the distinction of being the highest paved road in the US. So after a quick stop at the store, we began the 15 mile climb to the top at 14,264 feet. This was a steep winding road with cliffs and banks with hundreds of feet drop offs and no guard rails but some of the most beautiful sights we had ever seen. At the top, we were rewarded with seeing several Big Horn Sheep, Mountain Goats and amazingly even some bicycle riders who had made the climb.

After leaving Colorado and the long hot (100+degree) days we arrived at Thompson Springs Utah near Moab and Arches National Park. Thompson Springs has a gas station, a camp ground and maybe ten occupied houses, one of which belonged to Jerrie's friend Walt Williams, who put us up for the next couple of nights. The following day was one of only two days that we were not on our bikes during the 29



day trip. Walt took us to Onion Springs in Moab for a day of ATV riding in the Utah Mountains. It felt a little funny being on four wheels but the scenery was spectacular.

The next morning, it was time to get back on the bikes and we hit Highway 24 to Torrey Utah where we took Highway 12 through Capital Reef National Park to Bryce Canyon National Park. Following a tour of the park and a good night's sleep at the Ruby's Inn, we hit Hwy 89 to Zion National Park. I urge everyone to make a trip to Zion National Park. We all agreed after the trip that it was our favorite of all the parks we visited. After leaving the park, we headed for a fun filled evening at the Rio Casino in Las Vegas.

From Las Vegas we traveled through the Mojave Desert and once again one hundred plus degree days. Our trip took us through the beautiful San Joaquin Valley, the town of Bakersfield (known for a streamlined country music style called the Bakersfield sound developed in the 1950s and 1960s by such legends as Buck Owens and Merle Haggard) and on to Fresno where we met up with our friends Bobbie and Jimmy Kelley who flew into San Francisco and rented a Harley (Road Glide Ultra). From our base in Fresno, we spent the next couple of days riding the area and visited Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks.

After three nights in Fresno, we headed to the west coast to Carmel Bay. We had planned to ride the scenic





17 mile drive on the Monterey Peninsula past the famous Pebble Beach Golf course but we were turned back at the toll booth – no motorcycles allowed on the drive. I guess people living there aren't allowed to ride bikes. So we turned around and headed for San Francisco. We spent the next day touring the city. We visited China Town, Haight-Ashbury, Union Square and of course the Golden Gate Bridge. This was our second and last day off the bikes.



The next morning the Kelley's turned in their rented bike and flew home while Tim, Jerrie, Grace and I headed north up the coast on Highway 101 over the coastal cliffs and through the amazing Red Wood Forest to Crescent City California. This last stretch of road was either misting rain, foggy or cloudy the whole time but we saw herds of elk and deer in almost every field and clearing. The next morning it was on to Portland, Oregon where we met up with two other friends, Dave and Denise Greer, who were there for their son's wedding. Yes, they rode their bike to their son's wedding.



Dave had helped Tim G plan out the next few days so we all left the next morning for Tumwater, Washington just south of Seattle. Of course we took the scenic route through the mountains to Mount St. Helens. The next day we headed east from there to Spokane for one night. The next day we arrived in Whitefish, Montana where we would spend a couple nights to visit Glacier National Park and drink some beer at the famous Bulldog Saloon. Our first day in the park, we took an open air bus tour which includes a tour guide full of interesting facts and stories about the history of the park. The next day was on the bikes riding the Road to the Sun



from the West to the East side of the park. I have been told that Glacier is the most magnificent of the national parks and I must say that I agree.

Next, our trip took us south to Great Falls, Montana where we parted with the Greer's and headed home across big sky country to Minneapolis, Minnesota. While there, we visited the largest mall in the United States, The Mall of America, which is four stories tall and has an amusement park inside the middle of it. The next morning we headed south. We arrived home on Friday August 3 in time to celebrate Gracie's birthday on Saturday, with who else but Tim and Jerrie (as well as Bobbie and Jimmy, Dave and Denise and the rest of our Harley riding friends)

On our trip we traveled through seventeen states, numerous national forests, six national parks and we feel so fortunate to live in such a great country. We enjoyed the unbelievable beauty of the mountains and the deserts, the forests and the farm lands, but after 29 days and 7,600 miles, as Johnny Cash said "nothing looks better than the Chattanooga City limits sign".

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