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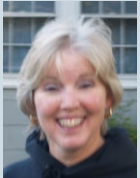
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Riders,

Well, spring is almost here and it's time for the annual Trailer Week in Daytona Beach, Florida. As you can see from our cover, Bike Week is on my mind. This will be the first year in about 7 years since I've attended (see more on pg. 31.) Bike Week is really the kickoff to the riding season and the first major event on the East Coast.

In this issue you will notice many flyers for charity events in our area. The first big event in Chattanooga is the Christian Motorcycle Association's Annual Blessing of the Bikes held at the River Park on April 19, 2014 (see ad on pg. 36.) The CMA feeds everyone, prays with riders upon request, and hosts one of the biggest events of the year. This year Greg Cook will be debuting his KSU aerial photo drone, which will provide us with a photographic perspective of the Blessing never seen before. We will be providing aerial video and photos from the drone in our May issue. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship with other area riders. I'll be there, so give me a shout out if you see me lurking around.

After the Blessing you can count on local events every weekend until things wrap up with all the area Toy Runs in December. We are very lucky to have such a very giving and active motorcycle community. KSU is providing any charitable motorcycle event free full page ad space to display their flyers and promote their events. All you need to do is post them on our Facebook page (Facebook.com/Kickstandup)

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I also want to mention our "Find The C-Note Contest" that runs every month. This is a way to pick up a little extra gas money and have fun at the same time. It took two months for our first C-Note to be found. I'm sure a lot of it was due to 90% of bikes being on life support plus we had really, really cold weather, snow, and ice. Anyway, the \$\$ was found on 2/8/14 by Kim Lewisson of Dunlap. You can see his pic on page 22 holding the prize. I personally hid this month's C-Note so be prepared for a decently long ride. Hey . . . it's all about the ride, right? Once the C-Note is found we will post it immediately on our Facebook page and update the contest page in this issue to keep you from looking after it's been found. I would recommend that you have a navigator on board reading the directions to you to keep yourself from crashing. That would cost you more than a hundred bucks.

I want to welcome a new member to the KSU staff. Jennifer Bailey has joined our ranks as a writer and photographer. Check out her article about the Black Angels Motorcycle Club on page 34 and get to know her in our Women In The Wind feature on page 68. We're happy to have you Jennifer.

Well, that's it for this month. We are always needing readers to submit photos, articles, and suggestions on how we could improve our magazine. Thanks for reading and please share this issue with at least ten friends.

Adios,  
Rock

rock@kickstandup.com,

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Other smart phones have a similar option, or you can simply add us as a bookmark which will act in the same way.

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CMA setting up for the 2008 Blessing of the Bikes

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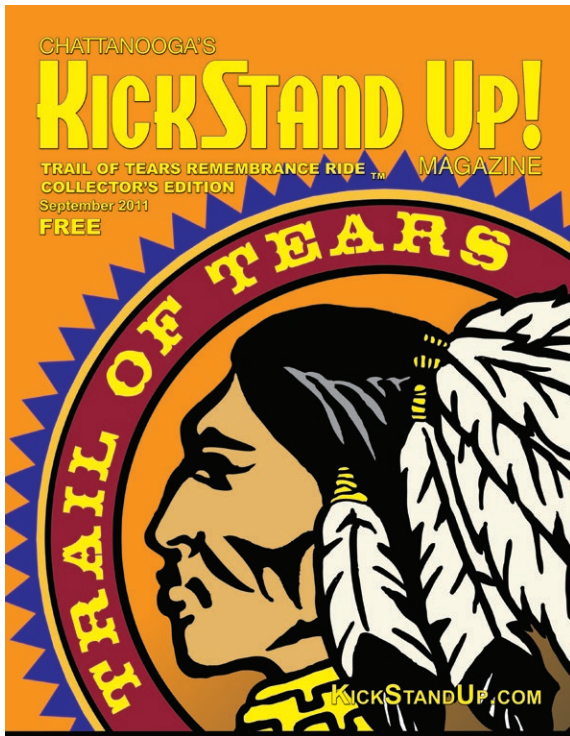
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KSU is proud of the fact that we were the first and only motorcycle magazine, whether local, regional, or national to publish an entire edition dedicated to the Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride. We published our first edition in 2011 and another in 2012.

I was fortunate enough to interview my friend, Bill Cason for a few hours to get the facts for my article, The Real Story. It was fun to sit down with Bill, kick back, and just talk about the history of the ride and our memories of times past. - Ed

Click on the cover above to read the 2011 KSU Special Trail of Tears Collector's Edition. You can also click the cover to the right to read the 2012 Special Trail of Tears Collectors's Edition.

*Riding to Remember*







## “THE END OF THE TRAIL” OF TEARS MOTORCYCLE RIDE

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride, I want to announce that we are at the End of the Trail for our annual charity motorcycle ride. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for 20 great years and your support of our organization as we remembered those ancestors forcibly removed from their homeland in the east to what is now present day Oklahoma.

Because of you, our riders and our sponsors, over the 20 years we have provided thousands of dollars in scholarship funds to needy Native American children, placed Historical Markers in many areas along the Trail and in Oklahoma, marked new trails, and made donations to other educational projects. We have fulfilled the goal's and mission of the organization and feel proud that we accomplished more than what could have been imagined when we first began this journey. It has been my honor to lead the ride every year.

I want to thank each and every board member, volunteer, sponsor and rider for helping us achieve these awesome acts on behalf of such a deserving people.

We still have some of the official memorabilia that we will make available on the TOT website until sold through.

Bill Cason, Ride Leader & Originator  
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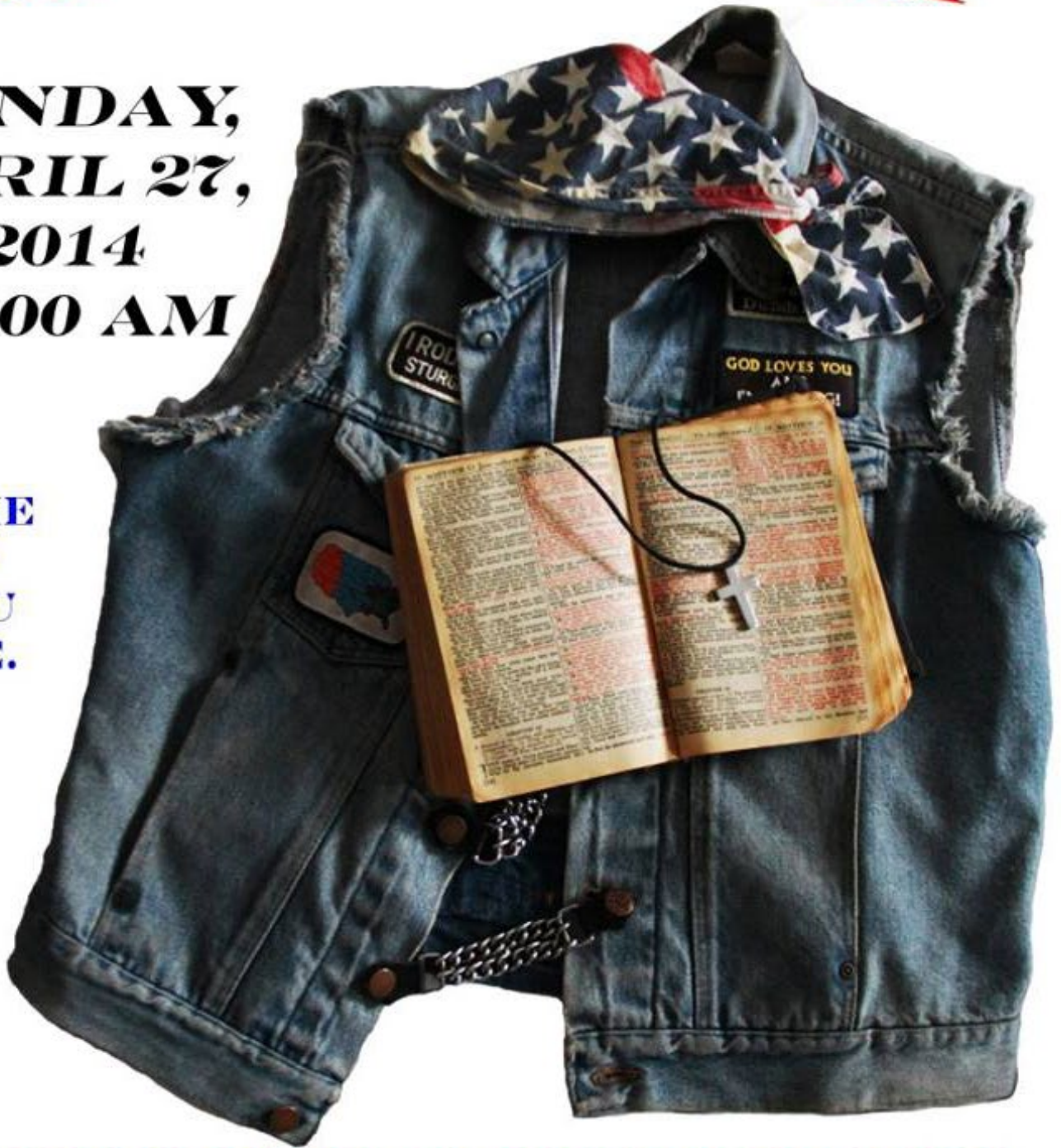




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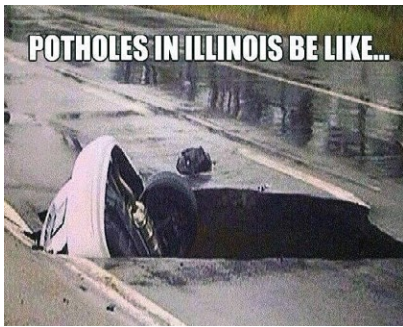
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# A Wing . . . and a Prayer

by Gary Boyd

I am planning a motorcycle road trip this summer to the Chicagoland area with a group of my friends from here in the Chattanooga area. I am anxious to show them some of the great spots in and around Chicago. I had better prepare them for what they will experience. For example, the first thing you will notice is pot holes. You will just love these pot holes. They are strategically placed so that you cannot



possibly miss them. Some of these are a bit large but if you keep your momentum up you will successfully climb out on the other side.

Also you will notice the lack of curves. When you live in plains, you build straight roads. For the most part. We do have cloverleaves that will allow us to tilt the motorcycles. The other thing that I can assure my southern friends of is that all those Yankees up there will not refer to you as rebels. They are convinced that the war of Southern Aggression is over. And has been for 150 years. Please do not tell them any different. They are happy in their ignorant bliss.

As we travel to Chicago, we will go through Indiana where the city of Lafayette, Indiana is actually pronounced correctly. Once we arrive, we will go to a restaurant called Portillos. I love Portillos. I may sleep there. Then, we will explore the city, eating at some of the best dining establishments in the country. This will spoil you. It will also fatten you up so do bring buffet pants. (Buffet pants are just sweat pants or any pants with elastic waist bands). Deep dish pizza, great Italian Food, great Steak Houses and Portillos. Did I mention Portillos? Chicago style Hot Dogs! Italian Beef! Maxwell Street Polish. No slaw or ketchup allowed.

Hopefully we will have time to

go to Wrigley Field. And if we are really lucky the Cubs will be there. We will get to see a great tradition of fans coming to an historic ball park. Surprising that they still come to see a team that hasn't won it all since '08. 1908. We may even be surprised by a Cubs win. Be still my heart. We will take a day and ride through the Kettle Moraine. A series of rolling hills through the southern part of the state of Wisconsin. We will end that day in a beautiful little resort town of Lake Geneva, WI. There is a wonderful restaurant there called Popeyes. Yes, it sells chicken. No, it's not that Popeyes. This one roasts their chicken on an open pit BBQ and then carry them on a large spit through the restaurant. The food is awesome.

There is a lot to see and do in The Windy City. It is a great place to visit. It is a great place to be from. But in the end, it will be great to come back home. To Tennessee.

Gary Boyd

Who is God?  
Right now, today, who is God in your life?  
Is He loving and kind?  
Is He holy and just?  
Does His anger burn, or does His grace abound?

Is He here with you today?  
Or is He far away. Do you feel His presence at all?

Are you living for Him or against Him?

Do you hear the truths about Him and apply them to your life and your circumstance, or do you focus on what you want to hear and expect Him to just let it go and forgive you?

Every encounter with God calls for a response. We either are so overwhelmed by His love for us that we obey or we are so overwhelmed by our love for ourselves that we don't.

Pride. Lust. Greed.

Or Hope. Faith. Love.  
God is love.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV)

Love is hard. Love means suffering with people who are wrong. And suffering with those who have been wronged.

Love means always being ready to say you're sorry.  
Love means telling the truth. Even when you will lose a friend.  
Love means you always care. Even if you are not always there.

Love is the hardest thing that you will ever do.  
And the most important.

Dear God,  
I pray for love today. I don't feel like it. I don't want to submit to loving those who have angered me. I want to punish them and prove a point to them.  
I want my way and my vindication. But that is not love.  
You are. And in my pain and my anger, I ask that you would work through me as I submit to you and that today I will love others.  
I ask for all of us to examine our lives and root out the seed of bitterness and to replace it with the promise of grace. Your grace.  
I ask for you to heal and protect the sick and injured. I ask for you to provide for the poor and hungry. And I ask that you will draw all of us closer to you.  
In Jesus name.

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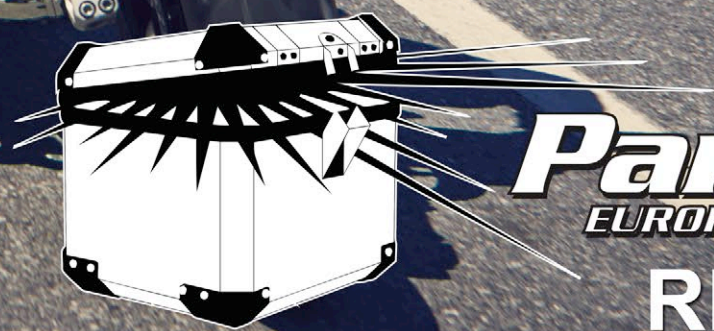
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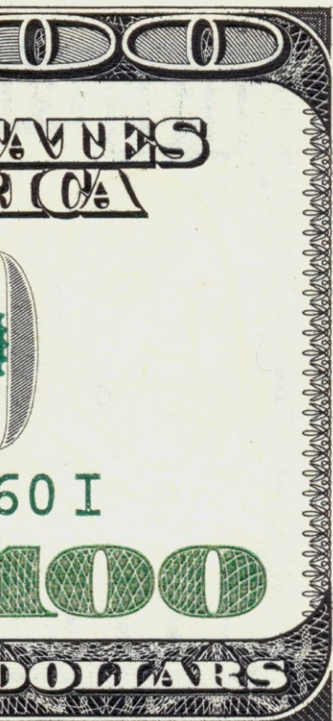
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# SHINY SIDE UP

Many riders today feel like there is not much more they need to learn. They can start and stop in traffic without killing the motor. They can carry a passenger without falling over. The first two may have been said with tongue in cheek. In reality, a vast majority of riders feel they don't need any new training simply because they've been riding for years without an incident, and feel they can go many more years expecting the same. I have to disagree with that mindset and say everyone needs to constantly freshen their skills and be willing to learn new skills, regardless of their experience.

Think about who we are sharing the road with. Some car drivers are able to make it from point A to point B only by blind luck, and often times don't make it that far. Drivers are more distracted than ever, drive faster than before, and are less aware of their surroundings. How do I know? My day job as a Motor Cop gives me one clue. Another telling development - we now have car manufacturers making cars that keep today's drivers in their own lane, warn them about objects in their blind spots, and even hit the brakes for them if they are about to rear end someone. If the manufacturers have come to the point of spending valuable research and development dollars on smarter vehicles, that can mean only one thing. The drivers ARE NOT getting smarter.



This is the world you and I attempt to ride motorcycles in. We have no cage,

safety belts, or airbags. We ride because we enjoy the freedom that a cage takes from us. The cage locks out our surroundings, the sights, the smells, and the enjoyment of a crisp fall day or the fresh smell of new growth in the spring. We love the world from two wheels, and that's just part of why we may choose to ride. But our exposure to nature includes exposure to idiots with cars as well. And because drivers aren't getting smarter, it only makes sense that we work to improve our own crash avoidance skills.

I've lost count of the number of motorcycle crashes where the rider looked at me funny when I asked whether they used the front brake or not. I'm still surprised at the number of motorcyclists that shy away from the front brake and rely on the rear brake as their primary means of stopping. And even more common are the number of riders who know the front brake provides up to 80% of their braking ability but because they haven't actually ever practiced any emergency braking maneuvers they either apply too little braking force or too much to the front or rear brake, resulting in prematurely locked tires.

Proper braking isn't the only go to option for avoiding a crash with someone violating your right of way. An aggressive and well executed swerve to avoid using the natural agility of the motorcycle can get you out of a sticky situation as well. Again, head knowledge of the turning

ability of your motorcycle is not enough – you need seat of the pants experience to be able to perform the proper techniques at the right time to make your bike dance when it needs to.



And when it comes to performing an emergency braking maneuver in a curve, many have learned the hard way that a set of motorcycle tires are already working to their limit in a lean, and braking while in a lean results in unplanned rider contact with the asphalt. A motorcycle in a lean must first come out of the lean before any effective braking can occur. It's counter intuitive to force yourself to straighten out a curve so you can apply heavy braking to avoid an obstacle or threat that shows up in the middle of your curve. And if you haven't practiced it, even with the head knowledge of what needs to be done, it's difficult to pull it off right when you need to.

Before you go and spend green on that new chrome addition to your cruiser or that new go-fast part to your rocket this spring, spend just a little coin on some good quality training, whether it's through one of the MSF's Advanced Rider courses offered at Chattanooga State or ProRider's Advanced Motorcycle Training also available in Chattanooga. Always look for opportunities to learn new things about how to ride your motorcycle, and always look to improve your skills. Whether it's an advanced motor skills course or training tied to a track day at Barber Motorsports or Road Atlanta, every bit of additional hands on training you receive makes you a better well rounded rider. Remember, if today's smarter cars have taught us anything, it's that their drivers aren't.

Ride safe -  
Joe Warren





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The interstate will be packed with trailers and as usual, the bikes motoring down under their own power will be few and far between. I still laugh when I remember one guy's trailer I passed heading to Daytona one year. It was huge with Motorcycle Michael emblazoned across the side and back. Motorcycle Michael was trailering so I couldn't help but chuckle seeing the irony. It should have said Trailer Jockey Michael. You can always tell the Jockeys by looking at their bikes. No bugs = Trailer Jockey / T.J. I don't need to get started on my real opinion of trailering . . . so I'll leave it at that.

For a decade or more I would never miss a Bike Week in March or a Biketoberfest in October. The March trip would be a guys trip and the October trip would be a bring the wives trip. This year I am riding with BooBoo who has ridden to Alaska, but has never been to Bike Week, just eight hours away. Sandman, BooBoo, and I will be riding down,

spending a couple of nights, and heading back.

It's always fun taking a buddy somewhere he has never been. I took BooBoo on his first Yellowstone trip and now I will show him the ropes in the greater Daytona area. There are a few places that everyone needs to go at least once in their lives and Bike Week is one of those. We will be staying in Ormond Beach just a mile down the road from the Famous Iron Horse and Broken Spoke Saloons. We will hit the Iron Horse at least once and watch some fools burn their tires off in the burnout pit and eat some good food. One of my favorite things is watching the daredevils ride the Wall of Death and I'm sure we'll



have to pick up a few t-shirts before we leave. Then on to the Broken Spoke to watch some bands and hang out awhile.

Another must see is Sopotnick's Cabbage Patch Bar in Samsula, Florida. It's out in the boonies about 30 miles southeast of Daytona. It's a great ride to get there and I always enjoy the atmosphere of this real biker bar. The Cabbage Patch is famous for

ladies coleslaw wrestling, but I've only seen the event once in all my years of going there since I like to ride to the Patch in the early evening instead of going during the day when they hold the wrestling. It's always cooler and an all round great evening ride.

Needless to say we will have to spend some time on Main Street. Main Street is a real zoo and something to see. I won't ride down Main Street because it's a cluster, way too slow and stop and go for me. I normally park in one of the many parking lots located a block or three away and walk over. There are a few famous bars on Main which include Boot Hill Saloon, Froggy's, Dirty Harry's, and The Bank which we will scope out before we head back out of town.

After a couple of days I will have had my fill for another ten years. After returning, I will start planning and looking forward to this year's trip to Colorado sometime in mid September. Until next month.

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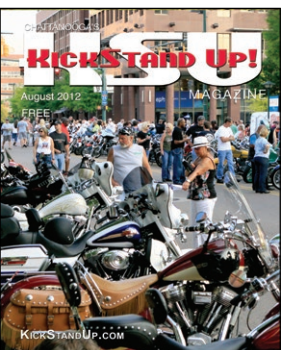
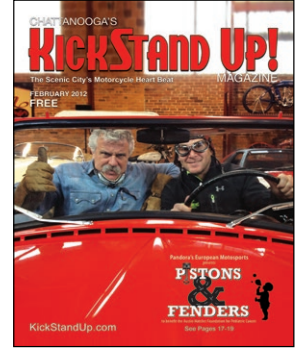
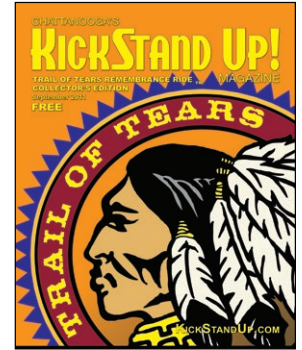


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# Chattanooga: A City of Angels

Being a biker is more than just strapping on your favorite gear, experiencing the smell of exhaust, and feeling the

wind in your face. For many, it's a brotherhood, a bond so strong that it can make friends out of enemies and family from friends. Many clubs do more than just get together to ride or throw parties. There are many in our

fallen riders, support numerous toy runs, as well as supporting out of town Mcs and their events.

They host an annual ride in support of those with breast cancer. All monies raised from that event go directly to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for support of those affected by breast cancer, and for research and prevention. The President, Rocket, and wife, New York, Renee, who is the club Secretary, also host their own

with, or what you ride, we all share a common bond--a love of two wheels and our brothers and sisters who are on them!

If you would like to participate in Kaiden's Memorial Ride, it will be held Saturday, April 5, 2014. It will start out at the Sportsman's Warehouse parking lot at 11 am. To get more information on the memorial ride, mor the CBAMC, you can hit up their Facebook page:



Photos courtesy of CBAMC

area that support various charities, raise awareness of many medical conditions, and raise funds for those friends and their families in need of financial support for various types of expenses.

One such club I would like to spotlight is the Chattanooga Black Angels Motorcycle Club. The Chattanooga Black Angels are headed up by President "Rocket" and Vice President "Ghost." When asked, Secretary, New York says "We have a strong belief in supporting other MCs, RCs, and SC events, especially for our local clubs." "We are supportive equally regardless of race, religious beliefs, or gender." They volunteer at different community events such as back-to-school programs and healthcare screenings.

The CBAMC participate in numerous charity events. They hold memorial benefits for the families of

son's memorial ride. It is held every year on the first Saturday in April. All money collected goes to the Walter E. Boehm Birth Defects Center, which specializes in the research and treatment of neurological conditions. Secretary, New York states "The Walter E. Boehm Center treats anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay."

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# PIC OF THE MONTH













# YOU CAN --- TAKE IT WITH YOU!



Mechanicsburg, Ohio resident, Bill Standley loved his 1967 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide so much that he made plans to be buried astride it. His sons constructed the coffin six years before Bill's death and Bill was fond of showing it off over the years before his death. It took a team of morticians to design and build the brace that would hold him upright and secure his hands to the handlebars. As you will see on the YouTube video it was quite a spectacle as Bill and his friends made their last ride together.



# The ROAD makes it's case

The Search and the Next Ride

It was March, 2014, and the “deadline for your article” reminder has just pushed its way out of the e-message and into a prominent spot in my mind. It’s a bit crowded in the ole brain basket right now; it’s thoroughly occupied by the process of searching. Not just for “the something to write about” kind of searching, which always takes time and it provides a sense of joy if and when something gets a green light from the editors. No, this is serious searching for something very special. The search is for the keys to my bike. Read on into this article with the comforting realization that you’re not the only bulb that came up short of wattage in the memory department about your keys, but I’m admitting it because I have no one else to blame. On the plus side, when (if) the keys are found who do you suppose the heroic song will be written about?

The clock is ticking and all of the lost key hideouts in the house are snickering in harmony as the search intensifies and the idiot part of my brain begins to ask

itself, “now where wouldn’t I put those keys?” In a blinding glimpse of the obvious the image of my Kawasaki Concours 1400cc motorcycle comes to mind. The rush from the apartment to the garage to check the bike for keys takes less than a minute, but along the way the intensity of the search stubbornly yields brain space to another thought. The thought is of priorities.

I’m not saying that I talk more about the bike than I do about my job, my children, my dog, or the first time, but this is the point where a few facts will not be allowed to spoil the story. First off, I don’t have a job, except for trying to hoodwink the editors into believing that if they give me one more chance, something worth publishing will fall from the sky into my deserving hands and that I will bring it to them. Secondly, me, with a dog? Where I grew up in Chicago dogs were not pets and the only vet was someone who was out the military. Being fond of something trained to crank from zero to 30 and to begin biting within 35 feet or less; never had any appeal.

Motorcycles however, always had

appeal for me, and also for my beautiful daughter whose choice of husbands was an excellent young man whose hobby is to take apart and rebuild bikes, cars and most things that can produced RPM levels loud enough to bring tears to your eyes. Problem is, my family didn’t lose my keys. As the garage light flickers on and I race into the recesses where the Concours awaits its release from the steady squirts of juice to its battery from the trickle charger, I spot the glimmer of metal and experience a momentary rush of success.

This was not the first time, but in the next moment as the keys wink the message of discovery from the palm of a glove on the seat, the heroic song of the successful hunter begins to take shape. It begins with a thud, because there is no reward for losing the keys to a bike or the keys to a girlfriends apartment because getting a new key is not guaranteed, at least, not right away, or in time to enjoy the near 60 degree temperatures promised for tomorrow. It’s always about the next ride, isn’t it?

Maurice Lewis

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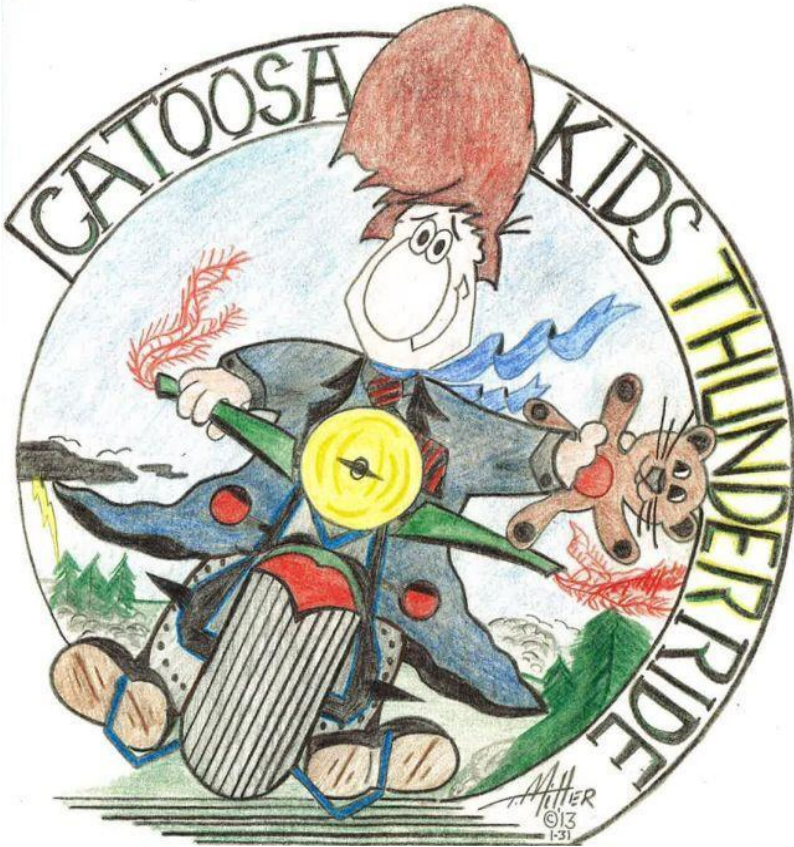


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# Nightfall Is Coming - Pics from 2013









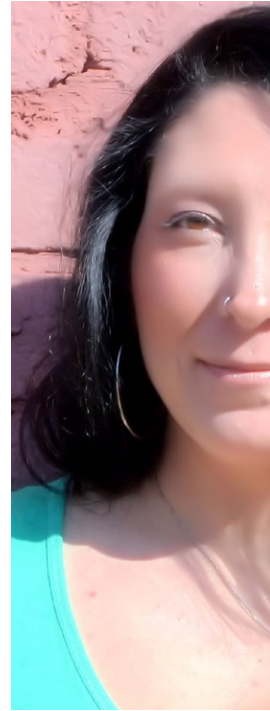
# Women in the Wind

Just wanted to brag about my wife, Jennifer. She would be great to do a piece on your Women in the Wind series. She is an avid rider and enthusiast. We both love your magazine and are always out and about supporting the local MC clubs and area events.

We have been together for two years and were married on October 19, 2013 at Thunder Creek. She works full time at Lowe's and supports a busy family of five. We have three kids between us, Kendell (6), Madison (15), and Tyler (10). She loves music of all kinds, loves to do photography and has a heart of gold. She's an awesome mom and a wonderful example to our kids. I have included a couple pics of her and her bike, as well as one from our wedding.

I took her on her first motorcycle ride and soon after that she purchased a 2012 Honda CBR250. When she realized it wasn't much on power, she traded it in for a 2012 CanAm Spyder RSS. She refers to it as "Bad Girl". It's got an upgraded suspension and an aftermarket exhaust that's unmistakable.

Her favorite local routes are through Mountain Cove Farms



in Chickamauga, Raccoon Mountain where she can open it up and let it loose. She has ridden it from our home in Roanoke by way of the Ocoee and the Skyway. We attend any wrecks and we attend as many events as our schedule allows.

*Daryl Bailey*





# Jennifer Bailey



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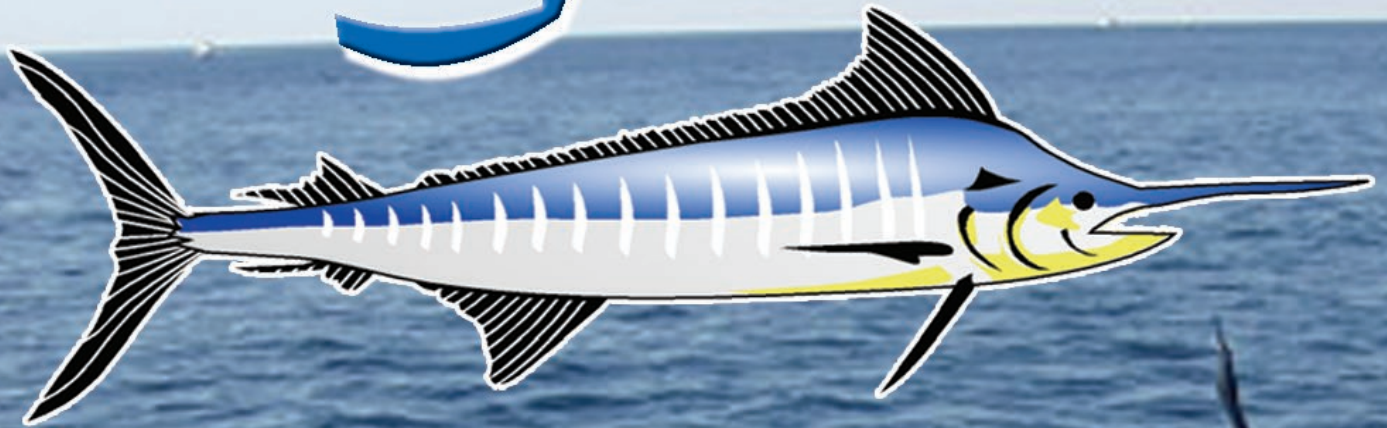
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Sharon Wade

by Rock

### Wall of Death

Lyrics by Richard Thompson  
REM - 1998

Let me ride on the wall of death  
one more time  
Let me ride on the wall of death  
one more time  
You can waste your time on the

other rides

But this is the nearest to being alive  
Let me take my chances on the Wall of Death  
You can go with the crazy people in the crooked house  
You can fly away on the rocket or spin in the mouse  
The tunnel of love might amuse you  
And Noah's Ark might confuse you but  
Let me take my chances on the Wall of Death  
On the Wall of Death  
On the Wall of Death  
It's the nearest to being free  
Well you're going nowhere when you ride on the  
carousel  
And maybe you're strong, but what's the use of ringing a  
bell  
The switchback will make you crazy  
Beware of the bearded lady  
Oh let me take my chances on the Wall of Death  
You are going nowhere when you ride on the carousel  
And maybe you're strong, but what's the use of ringing a  
bell  
The switchback will make you crazy  
Beware of the bearded lady  
Let me take my chances  
Let me take my chances  
Let me take my chances

When I first saw Sharon Rymer in 1966, little did I know that our paths would cross again some 40 years later. It was the fall of 1966 and like most male teenagers I was drawn as by an invisible force to two areas of the Olson Shows midway, the Wall of Death and Club Lido (the girlie show). The Olson Shows stopped in Chattanooga every fall and set up at Warner Park. This particular year there was a pretty young lady dressed in gold lame' pants, a black sequined top, and white motorcycle boots riding the rollers, attracting customers. The barker shouted "See Sharon Rymer from Cleveland, Tennessee ride the wall of death. As I had in years before, I bought my ticket and ascended the tall steps to watch these daredevils defy gravity and wow the crowd. The deafening sound, the speed, the smells, it was always exciting and a real bargain for a single dollar bill.

I met Sharon Rymer Wade electronically in 2004 after she sent me a semi terse email about something I had written in one of my "Rock's Road" articles. In



Sharon, puppy Hugo, & young rider Frank Robinson

another part of my article I had mentioned the Wall of Death and the Olson Shows. As she closed her email, she informed me that she had ridden the Wall in Chattanooga in 1966 and 1967. My mind raced back as I remembered the young lady that rode the wall that year. How cool is this, I thought. I finally met Sharon in person at Dr Dave's Christmas party one year and I've wanted to tell her story ever since. Now, I've got my chance.

Sharon Harper grew up in Cleveland, Tennessee. Being the only daughter of a gas distributor who had no sons, Sharon was raised a tomboy. She rode horses and did the things with her father that are usually reserved for sons. Although she was close to her strict family, Sharon had a wild, independent streak which would run afoul of her parents in her teenage years. She would walk down to the local hangout and get the "hoods" on motorcycles to give her rides on the back of their bikes. She was hooked for life once she experienced the thrill and freedom of having the wind in her face and the thundering sound of Harley-Davidsons. She got married at 16, and had a son, Rusty at 19. Her marriage was an unhappy one, but her family didn't believe in divorce, so she was unable to divorce her husband.

Sharon was dealing with her unhappy marriage when she took Rusty to the traveling carnival at Cleveland's Village Mall in May of 1965. While Rusty was riding the kiddie rides she met Ralph Ritter and Jody Rogers who were riders on the Wall of Death. Being in need of another female rider they offered this pretty cowgirl an escape from Cleveland and her marriage problems. She could think of nothing else after she returned home. The next day she and her best friend went back as the Olson Shows was breaking down to travel to their next town. The riders told Sharon to join them in Oak Ridge if she decided to run away. They would be in Oak Ridge





for five days. Four days later, at age 22, Sharon packed her 1965 Mustang, left her son Rusty with her mother and secretly headed to Oak Ridge to join the carnival. She knew her family would come looking for her and she warned Ralph and Jody about this when she met them in Oak Ridge.

The two riders and runaway Sharon decided to leave Olson and join the Royal American Shows, the world's largest carnival, which was currently in Memphis and heading for a tour of Canada in the next few weeks. While on the way to Canada, at a stop in Davenport, Iowa, her parent's private investigator found Sharon and her parents showed up on the midway. Her embarrassed mother stayed in the car and wouldn't watch Sharon perform, but her dad

did watch one of her shows before they returned to Cleveland without Sharon. They were unhappy indeed that their daughter was traveling with a carnival, but she was over 21 and they had no power to stop her. Sharon was going to do what Sharon was going to do. Period.

In Iowa, Ralph had started Sharon riding the go-cart on the flat circular floor at the bottom of the motor drome. After a few passes she took her cart up onto the first of the three levels. Ralph was yelling for her to stop as she

proceeded up to the second level. She had complete confidence, knowing that she could ride this wall. She had no problem with dizziness like most novice riders. She didn't hit the vertical part of the wall that day, but that was short lived. Sharon found a Frederick's of Hollywood where she purchased a pair of gold lame pants and a black sequined top. She found a pair of white Harley-Davidson boots which finished off her riding costume. Within a week, she started riding one of the rigid frame Hondas on the wall in unison with Jody. Two dames racing around the wall at the same time was a real crowd pleaser. Ralph was the trick rider and the one that snatched the bills being held over the top edge of the drome by the spectators. This money, the "ding" was held by the trio to cover any medical costs due to accidents. It was virtually impossible for drone riders to get insurance. At the end of the season, the balance of the "ding" would be split between the riders as a bonus.

Royal American Shows toured Canada throughout the summer of 1965. Sharon performed as many as 35 shows per day. Unlike the Olson Shows that traveled by truck, Royal American traveled by train. Sharon waited tables in the dining car while traveling from city to city. Canada was a booming success. Eager customers would line the tracks as the carnival rolled into town. It was also very lucrative for Ralph and Sharon. Their two thirds share amounted to over \$14,000 for just one week's work. Sounds great until you realize just how many shows and hours it took to make that kind of money. Not to mention the risk.



Ralph, Sharon, barker Lou & dog, Trixie



At the end of the 1965 season Ralph was called by Rod Link, the owner of the Olson Shows, and offered the opportunity to run Olson's Wall of Death for the 1966 season. Sharon and Ralph jumped at the chance, but Jody went her own way. Olson's winter home was the Montgomery Fairgrounds in Montgomery, Alabama where they parked between October and April each year. During these months, Sharon and Ralph returned to Chattanooga, where Sharon worked as a teller and reunited with her son and estranged family. Ralph worked at a local gas station a short distance from their apartment right off Brainerd Road. They were married in January of 1966 and hit the road again in April of that year. The carnival's motto was "when the grass turns green, the wheels roll." She toured for six months during 1966 riding hundreds of shows. She never wrecked during all her hours on the wall, although she did see Ralph take a nasty fall when a flat tire dropped him and his Indian during a performance.

Sharon and Ralph divorced in the fall of 1967 and she returned to Cleveland to raise her son full time. Sharon soon met Joe Wade of Cleveland and they were married in January of 1969. Joe and Sharon raised Rusty and soon had a daughter, Bekki. Both Sharon's kids currently live in Cleveland, Tennessee. Rusty Rymer, Sharon's son, is a Captain with the Chattanooga Fire Department and Bekki Wade Samples, Sharon's daughter, is a wife and full time mother. Sharon and Joe have four grandchildren.

Today, Sharon & Joe ride a 1999 ElectraGlide Ultra Classic with a Leman trike conversion. Sometimes Joe's on the front, sometimes he's on the back, depending on the amount of fun he's had. He's knows he's in good hands with Sharon at the handlebars, after all, how many riders have ever ridden The Wall of Death?

*Rock*



Sharon on A1A, between Daytona & St. Augustine



Sharon holding bill as Ralph goes for a grab



Sharon at 90 degrees vertical



# Lora's Peeps

Laura Erie is the Comptroller at Pandora's European Motorsports. Every week in the Pandora's newsletter she features one of her peeps i.e. customers, employees, & friends. We will be featuring one of her Peeps every month.



This week's peep is none other than my hubby, our service manager, Brian Erie. He asked why I chose him, and I told him it's because I'm out of time and he'd be the only other person at my house this evening. Brian officially joined the Pandora 's team in February 2012. Of course, everyone already knew him since he'd been our griller and test ride leader since the beginning, for which Justin would pay him in beer.

Brian has always enjoyed motorsports. He jokes that he only

came to work at a motorcycle dealership because his parents wouldn't allow him to ride when he was younger. Sometimes rebellion takes its good old sweet time! Before coming to Pandora 's, Brian spent four years in aircraft maintenance in the US Navy. Back in the civilian world, he has been a dealership service manager for over 15 years, and as store manager for Goodyear. His favorite bikes right now are the Ducati Multistrada, the BMW F800GSA, and the Triumph Thruxton.

Besides riding, Brian enjoys shooting, spending time on his farm in North Dakota, and giving John Prann a hard time about his "flamboyantly unique" motorcycle choices. Oh...and for those of you who've wondered why he 'talks funny' but were too afraid of the giant viking to ask, it's partially because he's originally from North Dakota. Partially.

Now if only he would let us pay him in beer again...

Lora Erie



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Round 4

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# 7 SUPER CROSS

Ken Roczen showed again that he is a championship contender at Atlanta Supercross, in a stadium with 60 thousand fans screaming with every happening.

It was James Stewart with the fastest qualifying time in practice, and with the 2 wins in a row leading up to this race, he was the favorite to win. He then won his heat race furthering the fans confidence that he would win. To me, I thought that while he was getting good results, he didn't look like he was quite ON for the night. Villopoto was my pick. James led out with the holeshot and led the first lap, but after passing by the start straight, he lost the front while on the brakes and fell to last place.

It was then Alessi of all people who led, but as usual, he started well and fell back. Villopoto passed him commandingly, and Alessi served to help Villopoto to gap out on Roczen. By the time that Roczen got by, Villopoto was already couple of seconds ahead.



That did not deter Roczen who fought until the end for the lead. He charged toward Villopoto and closed up the gap. Once he began putting pressure on Villopoto, the veteran started making mistakes. He stumbled, allowing Roczen to close in. Then he lost traction in the rear, making him miss the biggest triple on the track, and Roczen went flying by. Roczen then had the target on his back and he fought with all he could to keep the Champion behind him. Villopoto isn't 3 time Supercross Champion for nothing. When a champion has a hard time, he gets back up and keeps fighting. That's exactly what he did. He made Roczen fight for every inch of ground that he had. Unfortunately for Villopoto, his intensity had tired him out and the mistakes kept happening. Roczen would take the finish.

This race was very important. Atlanta happens in the middle of the season, and can serve as a turning point for any champion. Roczen showed that he will





- 1 94 Ken Roczen
- 2 1 Ryan Villopoto
- 3 5 Ryan Dungey
- 4 23 William Hahn
- 5 10 Justin Brayton

continue to be a contender. This placed him 9 points behind Villopoto. With Chad Reed out, he might be the only person that can beat Villopoto. It is up to Villopoto to be as consistent as possible and keep the German KTM rider from reaching his goal of stealing the championship in his rookie season. - Jeff Griffith

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| 3/22/14 | AMA Supercross | 7:00 PM | Toronto, Canada   |
| 3/29/14 | AMA Supercross | 7:00 PM | St. Louis, MO     |
| 4/5/14  | AMA Supercross | 7:00 PM | Houston, TX       |
| 4/12/14 | AMA Supercross | 7:00 PM | Seattle, WA       |
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| CLUTCH   | PASC™ slipper clutch, hydraulically operated                               |
| ENGINE MANAGEMENT/IGNITION   | Keihin EMS with RBW, double ignition                                       |
| TRACTION CONTROL   | BOSCH MTC (3-Mode, disengageable)  |
| <b>CHASSIS</b>   |  |
| FRAME  | Chromium-Molybdenum-Steel trellis frame, powder coated                     |
| SUBFRAME   | Chromium-Molybdenum-Steel  |
| HANDLEBAR  | Aluminium, konifized, Ø 28/22 mm   |
| FRONT SUSPENSION   | WP-USD Ø 48 mm   |
| REAR SUSPENSION  | WP-Monoshock   |
| SUSPENSION TRAVEL FRONT/REAR   | 125/156 mm   |
| FRONT BRAKE  | 2 x Brembo Monobloc 4 piston, radially bolted caliper, brake disc Ø 320 mm |
| REAR BRAKE   | Brembo two piston, fixed caliper, brake disc Ø 240 mm                      |
| ABS  | Bosch 9M+ two channel ABS (incl. Supermoto mode, disengageable)            |
| WHEELS FRONT/REAR  | Cast aluminium wheels 3.50 x 17"; 6.00 x 17"                               |
| TYRES FRONT/REAR   | 120/70 ZR 17; 190/55 ZR 17   |
| CHAIN  | X-Ring 5/8 x 5/16"   |
| SILENCER   | Stainless steel silencer with regulated catalytic converter                |
| STEERING HEAD ANGLE  | 65.1°  |
| TRAIL  | 107 mm   |
| WHEEL BASE   | 1,482 mm   |
| GROUND CLEARANCE   | 140 mm   |
| SEAT HEIGHT  | 835 mm   |
| TANK CAPACITY  | approx. 18 litres/3.5 litres reserve                                       |
| WEIGHT   | approx. 189 kg (without fuel)  |



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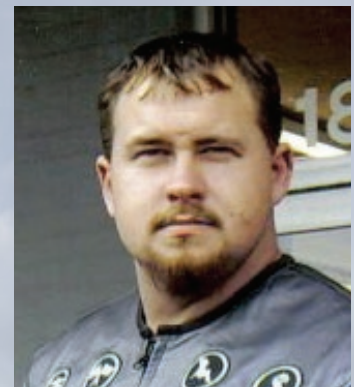
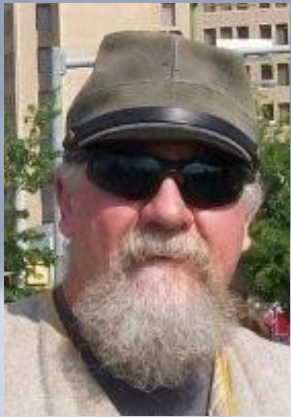
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