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FROM THE EDITORS

My protocycles are my primary means of transportation, year round, but I'll be the first to admit, summer is not my favorite time of year to ride. I love the eighties, but when it gets to ninety and above I'd just as soon do something else until the temperature is more tolerable. The high temps don't keep me from commuting and going about my daily travels, but a full days ride in Hades heat is not my idea of a good time. I've certainly ridden my share of miles in the mid summer heat of the western prairies, but those days are over. I have gotten smarter with age and I will now choose my trip dates to coincide with more comfortable temperatures. You really can teach an old dog new tricks.

Last summer I got the taste of a real heat stroke. I had just undergone a kidney stone procedure a week before our planned annual trip out west. My doctor advised me to postpone my trip for a few weeks until my body had fully recovered. So what did I do? I went anyway of course. What did my doctor know, this sort of trip was a walk in the park for this old dog. Been there, done that, many times. Well, it seems, I'm not as smart (or tough) as I thought I was.

The first day was ungodly hot. The early morning from home to Memphis was no problem, but by the time we were half way through Arkansas it was mid 90's and I was hallucinating. Let me say this without hesitation, hallucinating and moving motorcycles do not go together. I was wasted like I've never been wasted before. I was miserable. Needless to say my comrades had to continue the trip without Julie and I. It took us three days to get back home just riding 150-200 miles a day. One day out, three days back. I usually ride 200 miles before breakfast. It was a humbling experience.

I have since found out that once you have a full blown heat stroke, the easier it is for you to have one in the future. I will still knock down 24,000+ miles a year without long mid summer rides. I now do my summer pleasure riding from 8-12 a.m. or in the evening. Of course, I may have to make an exception on July 2nd when we are having a KlckStand Up! Riding event to Mike's Seafood in Blairsville, Georgia. You can check out our Riding to Mike's Seafood Facebook page for more info or the KickStand Up! Web site or Facebook page. Come join us for the great ride led by our own Gary Boyd and the great food by Mike. If you've never been, it will be a real treat and I can almost guarantee that you will go back time and time again.

Until next month, ride safe . . . and well.

LTRAKB, Ronnie "Rock" Land Ronnie@kickstandup.com ello! The FACES Ride 4 Smiles was a huge success this year! The sun shined and riders rolled in to Thunder Creek H-D with smiles on their faces. THANK YOU ALL who rode, volunteered, sponsored, donated, and prayed. I enjoyed meeting all the new and familiar faces at the ride. You All Kick Big Booties - Thank You! You'll find lots of cool things from the Ride 4 Smiles in this issue.

As time goes by, the storms that hit the area in April seem to fade for those of us who survived unscathed, until you find yourself riding down a familiar road - that's not so familiar anymore. REALITY CHECK - People still need help! *Ride For The Valley* and *Revive The Valley* aims to do just that. Check out page 12 and 17 and find out how *Ride For The Valley* was conceived and how you can be part of the movement to help those hurt by the storms. KickStand Up! is proud to be part of this. I hope to see you there.

Our motocross is a bit different this month, as Jeff Griffith broke his collar bone and underwent surgery right around deadline time. Now he has taken off to Italy for a month to check out the exciting world of Italian motorsports. More specifically he's going to the Motor GP in Mugello, and he promised he'll bring back tales to tell. We decided to fill in his blank [which isn't easy] with some cool news about females in motocross, Chix MX – The Voice of Female Motocross, started by Darlene Jacks. You will see lots more from Darlene in future issues, along with her daughter Abigail [pg18] who also loves to write. In fact – it looks like we have a team along with Tyler Davis, who will be bringing it all into focus with his awesome photography. I'm looking forward to the inside scoop at Loretta Lynn's Amateur National Motocross Championship.

Speaking of talent, KSU has been blessed with a plethora of talented photographers who help fill these pages: Stacey Birket, Zack Cummings, Gregory Cook, and Jason Cole. These photographers not only like to take the photos, but they live it as well, and it shows!

Make sure to check out another one of my "pet" charity rides on page 26 – Dixie Dogs & Cats Poker Run. My dear friend, Vicki Mead, always held this one close to her heart. I will be riding with her spirit as my guide this year. I hope to see you there.

Thank you for picking up KickStand Up! Magazine and for visiting our wonderful advertisers, who not only help bring this magazine to you free, but are all riders at heart!

Love and Light To Ya! Kim "HippyChicKim" Teems kim@kickstandup.com

"To love what you do and feel that it matters - how could anything be more fun?" ~ Katharine Graham





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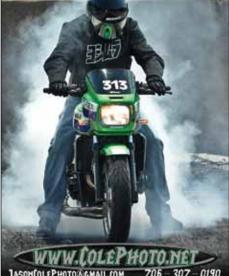
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KSU CREW Gregory Cook

ello everyone. My name is Greg Cook; to the Xbox 360 gaming community, I am known as "dasgregier." Being a part of KickStand Up! Magazine has really fulfilled a dream of mine and it is my honor to represent them through my photography. I am a native of the Cleveland/Bradley County area. The people that know me best know that my mind never stops thinking. Some things about me, for several years I was a competitive radio controlled car racer. I have also played competitive paintball. In fact, I still have r/c cars and paintball gear at home. Basically I am a kid at heart.

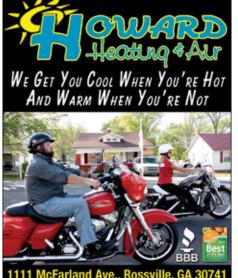
I have been married for 17 years to the most supportive woman in the world.

Kim has always been there for me. We have a beautiful daughter Michelle, three wonderful grandchildren, Dailynn, Ethan and Jasmine. Now you talk about fun, grandkids rock. I personally believe that two things made me who I am today. The Marine Corps and Kim both have given and continue to give me the things that make me stronger.

I am a Disabled American Veteran, Certified Personal Trainer and a Photographer. However, the job that pays the bills is IT Security Technician. I have always had a love of motorcycles, but circumstances kept me away from them until last year. I currently own a 2009 Kawasaki KLR 650, equipped with Happy Trails panniers and top box. Through the love of both motorcycles and photography I created M.A.P – Motorcycle Adventure Photography, which is basically the concept of riding to new places and documenting the adventure.

I am looking forward to covering events, people, bikes and cars for the magazine. So keep this in mind if you see me out and about. Come up and get your picture taken and become part of the greatest magazine in the world KickStand Up!

See you on the road, Gregory Cook gcook63@gmail.com GregoryCookPhotography.com



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he BMW Riders of Chattanooga was newly-formed in April 2010 and in just over a year has grown to over 50 members. Ownership of a BMW is not a membership requirement. The club's mission is to bring together BMW riders and enthusiasts in the greater Chattanooga area in order to share the riding and ownership experience. From meeting

In the Headlight BMW Riders of Chattanooga

other BMW owners to ride with or sharing information and experiences to maintain and equip a particular BMW model. We are a forum that serves our members.

While local BMW clubs are not required to be affiliated with any national organizations, the BMW Riders of Chattanooga are chartered with both national BMW clubs—the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America and the BMW Riders Association. This provides additional benefits to promote our activities to a wider audience than just our local members.

The club has a monthly meeting, normally on the last Monday of the month, at a local restaurant. Meetings start with dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. We also try to schedule at least one Saturday lunch ride each month, in addition to participating in other local events.

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INSPECTIONS

f you ever endure a motorcycle wreck or lay a motorcycle down, there is a chance that a frame tube or a subframe will get bent or distorted. The problem is that almost all new motorcycles have aluminum frames. Sometimes you can save the parts that get bent but it is best to always try to replace as many parts as possible if you can.

How do you check for damaged parts? It's easy. You can tell just by looking it over really well and/or test riding your bike. Whether you are doing it by yourself or taking it to a motorcycle shop, crash estimates take a lot of time to do. First, an inspection list has to be done on the outside. Secondly, an internal inspection list has to be completed and it is the most important inspection to be done. The internal inspection includes frame parts, wiring, and hardware that holds the bike together.

If you have an old motorcycle that is at least ten years old or older, it will have hidden problems even when well taken care of. Older bikes will show worn or stressed out wiring and frame parts that will break over time. Many times older bikes will also show rust or corrosion.

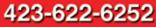
Keeping a motorcycle clean is a very hard job and protecting it from the elements can be a challenge. Every time you ride your bike elements inside of it are wearing down. You don't notice it because it happens so gradually that your body adjusts to the differences and you adjust your riding according to the way the bike feels. So, even if you think it feels okay, it is best to get a second opinion. Service work is reasonable and more reliable for the fun factor. Better safe than sorry.

Be safe and ride well. Robert "Busa Doc" Zorn





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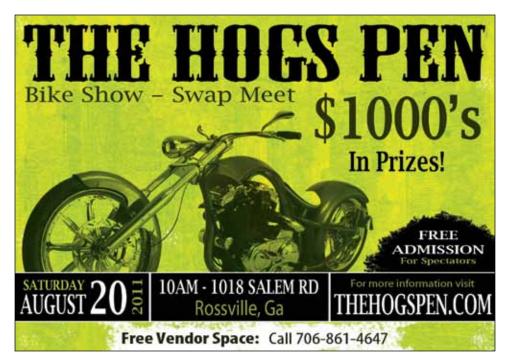
From the archives of Hugh "Hey-U" Teems. Hugh's only transportation while stationed in Germany was a motorcycle, and he rode no matter how deep the snow. He has tons of adventure stories to tell. Make sure to ask him about the unique saddle bags shown here on the front wheel.

Do you have some cool motorcycle photos of you or your family from days gone by? If so, send us an email at info@kickstandup.com along with a copy of the photo, or drop by Quick Tees and have Ronnie scan it. You never know...your shot may end up here!



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It started in a man's heart

t started in a man's heart, and like a lot of things, grew immediately once it hit Talk Radio. Don Lyle, aka "Tree," listened to the damage reports from the April 27th storm outbreak and wondered how on earth he could help.

While listening to his pastor Sam Phillips, at Daisy Church of God speak regarding the devastating events, he heard him say, "We don't know exactly how we are going to help these victims right now, but we will pray and we will pray fervently, and the Lord will reveal His will." Tree immediately had an idea about holding a benefit concert at his church.

Tree, who is the manager at Nikki's restaurant, prayed about how to

proceed. He felt impressed to talk with his friends, customers and facebook contacts. Then he turned on Talk Radio and heard Andre McGarv ask listeners to call in and share what was on their hearts. Tree called and spoke what he felt came directly from God. He told them "I need people now... bands, stage experts, sound and light technicians, fundraising experts, volunteers of any kind, and especially all those people that feel guilty, lost, hopeless, or frustrated to call me now. I gave my number twice, then Andre said, 'This is EXACTLY what this community has been waiting for and we support you 100%, brother. Keep us informed on the details. Wow, that was incredible.' When I hung up, I was like wow, did I just say all that?" Tree's

phone started ringing immediately and "it has never stopped, six weeks later. People from all backgrounds offering to help in any way they could. Bands, technicians, photographers, emergency personnel, youth pastors, old friends not heard from in years, and many more 'unqualified' but yearning to help in any way."

So began "Revive The Valley," a fundraiser to be held at AT&T field on July 23rd to raise money to benefit those in our area affected by the storms. The mission of Revive The Valley is "to provide healing and hope to the TN/GA/AL Tri-State communities, in the aftermath of the devastating tornadoes of April 27th, 2011." As often happens when looking for ways to bring community together, an idea formed with the founders of Revive The Valley to include a benefit motorcycle ride. This ride is being called "Ride For The Valley."

We want to invite you and your family to join us on the Ride for the Valley and afterwards at AT&T field at Revive The Valley. Come help heal our community and provide hope for those affected. Look for the ad on page 17 for details. We are proud to be a part of this inspiring effort!

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W friendships while riding a motorcycle. This month I met a family who has taken this bonding to a different level. The Snyder family, of Soddy Daisy, has built a family foundation on two good old Southern traditions, God and motorcycles.

Claude and Tonya Snyder are quick to tell you their family has had its ups and downs. Married young, just out of high school, they also divorced young. Son, Chris, was just 7 days old. A few years later, Claude got into some serious trouble and was sentenced to spend time in prison in Milan, Michigan. Some might think that would be the end of the story, but the Snyder family's strength seems to be in maintaining faith during difficult situations.

When Claude was away, Tonya worked on trying to created a 'normal' family life for the kids. One Christmas when Chris was 9, he asked his mom for a dirt bike. Tonya thought it over. "My brother and dad had owned motorcycles - street, dirt, and scooters - for years. I had a scooter that I had owned as a child growing up. My grandparents owned enough land that he could enjoy a dirt bike, so we all pitched in and bought it for him. We bought my daughter Lauren a Honda Metropolitan scooter at the same time." While Lauren didn't care much for riding, Chris loved it right away.

During this same time, Tonya got herself and the kids into church and began to pray about her family. Unbeknown to her, Claude had taken the same steps in Michigan. One day she received a Mother's Day card from Claude. She prayed for days before opening it, but finally did. "I promptly wrote an 11 page letter back to him." she says. Claude wrote back and soon the couple was sending love letters to each other regularly. When Claude was released from prison, the couple remarried a couple of years later.

Right about the time Chris turned 16, the family was going through another difficult period, Tonya "asked God to give us a way to bond and a way to grow our family together." She bought herself a bike and she and Chris joined Wings in the Wind, a faith based motorcycle group. Shortly after, Claude, who had ridden bikes most of his life, bought a bike too and they all began riding as a family. The more they rode together, the stronger their relationships grew. Tonya says, "If I am riding, these are the two men I want in front of and behind me. If I get into trouble, I know they will do anything to make sure I'm okay.'

The family is known for their "Night Rides" which they say "came about when

we would all be sitting around and would decide (sometimes late, but dark non-the-less) to go for a ride. We would be watching TV or eating dinner and someone would shout, 'Night ride!''' Without another word we race to see who can get to our bike the quickest. Gear on, no destination just

the opportunity to get on the seat of your bike and ride." They ride around town or sometimes venture into the mountains. "We have no clue where the night will take us." Tonya has a reputation in the family for being the "Gear Nazi" or "Safety Nazi" because she tends to focus on making sure everyone rides slowly and is in full gear. Claude tells me with a grin, "Chris and I, we like speed & twisties, so sometimes we ride on our own." Everyone agrees Claude's 2001Yamaha R6 and Chris's CB600 are so loud they drown out Tonya's Suzuki GS500. Judging from their huge smiles, Claude and Chris like it this way. Tonya just shakes her head and laughs.

Apparently this sudden gearing up in unison doesn't just happen at night. One of their family friends, Sean, started calling the family "Operation Snyder" because, according to Tonya, "you never know when the whole family might spontaneously stop what we are doing, throw on our gear and jump on the bikes to ride. We just love riding and jump at any chance to be on our bikes."

Chris recently had a serious crash on his CB600. He doesn't remember much about the accident, except lying on the ground with his cell phone trying to dial his mom. He laughs at the memory, saying "I kept thinking 'Man, I am so grounded." "It was terrifying," Tonya recalls, "he had multiple injuries, some pretty serious. He was supposed to be unable to walk for 3-4

months, but God healed him ahead of time. After the first week, he was already asking if he could ride again."

The bike accident has put a temporary crimp in their family's ride time, but there is no doubt they will recover and be back on the road soon. Chris and Claude will repair the CB600 together. Tonya wants

everyone to know that "God is the glue that holds this family together, and riding is just the tool he used to get us there."

Claude is currently enrolled at Chattanooga State's Motorcycle and Marine Technology program while working at White's Cycle and Marine. Chris is currently the photographer for the Wings in the Wind group and a Visual Arts major at Chattanooga High Center for Creative Arts. Tonya works from home as a Computer Programmer.

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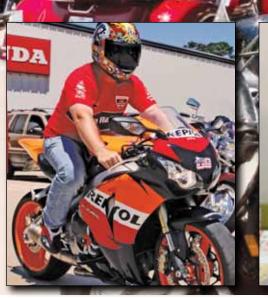
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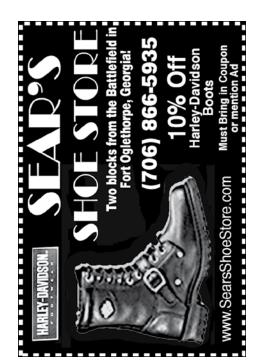




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Ily and I love some ribs! She says if we ever break up I have to still cook ribs for her. "It's in my prenup," she laughs. Now that's dedication to her husband's lip smacking, finger licking pork! Here is an easy variation you can try. Our barbecue and grilling buddy Wes will back me on saying that this works. He now swears by it.

This is a great starter for someone looking for great ribs on the grill. Everyone that I have showed this method of cooking ribs to loves it. These ribs are not slow smoked, but wood chips do give a hint of hickory flavor. I suggest using wood chips and additional seasonings of your choice when you start adjusting the method for your tastes.

But for this version, grab a simple grilling seasoning pack from the store, 2 slabs pork ribs, Favorite marinade and 1 pack seasoning mild

Remove the back membrane from the underside of the ribs. Lightly coat with the marinade and rub both slabs with equal amounts of the seasoning. Wrap ribs in cling wrap as tight as possible and store in the fridge overnight.

Remove wrap and sear both sides on the grill over high heat enough to brown both sides. Ten minutes per side. Remove from heat and carefully drizzle with a small amount of marinade and wrap tightly in several layers of foil.

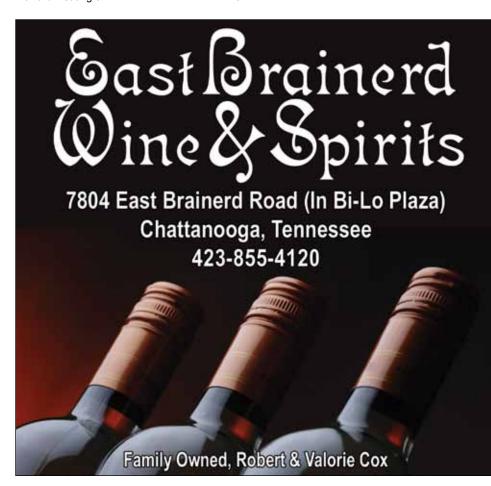
Reduce the heat on the grill and cook foil wrapped ribs with the cover down turning every fifteen minutes for about two hours. Ribs will start off stiff in the foil but turn very limber when finished. Use tongs and gloves to turn. Remove from heat and allow the ribs to rest for about five minutes before serving. Sprinkle with a bit of black pepper before serving. Baste in Sauce if desired.

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Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson Registration 11 AM, 1 PM Pre-Ride Meeting, 1:30 pm Departure 423-344-0032

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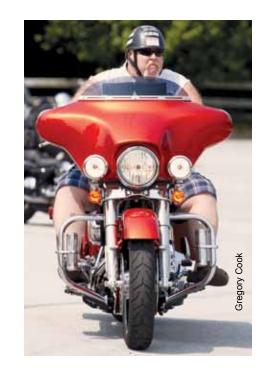
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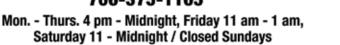
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- 1:30 pm Departure
- 5:00 pm Live Auction by Compass Auction & Real Estate

CONTACT

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DETAILS

\$10 per bike - All bikes welcome!

Ride from Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson to Laurel Point on Raccoon Mountain, water break and then down to AT&T Field.

Ride will be staggered and single-file formation.

Ride will be police escorted.

Drawing for prizes upon arrival at AT&T Field. Your registration/waiver will be your entry form.



Ride for the Valley is a part of Revive The Valley - a fundraising event at AT&T Field in Chattanooga on Saturday, July 23, with concerts, food, entertainment and much more! Proceeds will benefit victims of the April tornadoes that live in our community.



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hix MX is a movement, a voice, and an advocate for Female Amateur Motocross Riders. It was started as a Facebook page [Chix MX community] and now on Twitter [twitter.com/@ ChixMX], with hopes of its own webpage soon, bolstering the female riders in amateur motocross.

Having daughters that race motocross, it was apparent the lack of publicity and sponsorships that girl riders receive. Not to mention, the lack of female classes offered at races, regardless of local or national level. There are many other issues that need to be addressed with AMA that Chix MX wants to take up with them.

The idea behind Chix MX is to have as many people following them on Facebook and Twitter so it will be a voice of many and not just one person. It is a platform to have complete emphasis on the girls and their accomplishments in this wonderful sport.

Ashley Fiolek has been a wonderful





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role model for females in motocross. She has proven to her male peers that a girl can go blistering fast and throw a whip in the mix. She has also brought the female riders into the spotlight that has been lacking in the past.

In the past ten years, the motocross industry has started making girl gear that fits to the female shape adding cool and girlish styles. Though girl gear is still minimal, it's definitely getting more popular every year.

We have been working on getting the word out about Chix MX by giving out Chix MX bracelets. We are also in the process of having shirts made. We will be a presence at many local and national races. Darrel Lynn, owner of Chattanooga MX and Battlecreek MX is our local sponsor. We want Chix MX to be high profile on the amateur level as an ambassador to the female riders.

Darlene Jacks darlenenjeffro@yahoo.com





In The Headlight Abigail





y daughter, Abigail Jacks is a petite, straight A student, who texts boys, primps in the mirror, and also races motocross. At an early age, Abigail's aspirations exceeded racing on just the local level. Her eyes were set on the absolute pinnacle of all amateur motocross races, Loretta Lynn's Amateur National Motocross Championship.

The road to Loretta's, for anyone that aspires to get there, is grueling and very difficult. Starting with your Area qualifiers and then moving to the Regional qualifiers. If you make it in the top 7 in your Regional qualifiers out of 40 riders, then you get the coveted place on the gate at the National Championship.

Abigail started trying to make it to Loretta Lynn's in 2007, but it wasn't until 2010 that she finally made it in the Girls class where she placed a 33 overall. Unfortunately, her results weren't as well as Abigail had hoped for, but she was recovering from a shoulder injury that she had endured in one of her Regional races. Nonetheless, she had achieved her goal of racing at the premiere amateur motocross race of the world.

Abigail has also participated at Ponca City's NMA National Motocross Championship in 2007, Spring Classic at Lake Whitney in 2009, and the Spring Classic National at Millcreek in March of this year. She was also Alabama State Champion in 2009.

Since Abigail turned sixteen last year, she had to move up to the Women's class. Her sponsor, Billy Rains of Sand Mountain MX graciously sponsored her with a YZ250F to start her off in the new class. Also, to help her out this year is **Gary Griffith Cycle Shop**.

Standing at only 5'1 and just a little over a 100 lbs, she has surprisingly conquered the big bike. The move has taken her to the next level of her riding abilities. She is looking forward to qualifying again for Loretta's this year.

Abigail's love for motocross is shared by her three sisters. Chloe and Darcy also ride dirt bikes, and her older sister, Hannah, is a 2-card girl for Sand Mountain MX.

Abigail's new goal is to get her pro license and race in the Women's Professional Motocross by the time she is eighteen years old. And I think she will do it.

Darlene Jacks





A DAY AT THE TRACK

By the time you read this, we will have gone and returned from our track day at Nashville Super Speedway. Some interesting facts concerning that track: the front stretch is 2494 feet long and 55 feet wide, back stretch is 2203 feet long and 55 feet wide, the banking on front is 9 degrees and back is 6, 175 mph is achievable on the liter bikes on the front straight.

"You know you're riding fast when you come back into the pits after a session and your hands are shaking...and you can't talk to anyone right away." Our track days are mostly the same, the morning sessions we are all getting comfortable with the track and

our equipment, tweaks are made here and there with tire pressure, suspension, and gear. In the afternoon sessions everyone gets into the zone, that is when you will see people ride like they have never ridden before. The sheer exhilaration of pushing the machine and yourself to the limits is equivalent to the rush of jumping out of an airplane. Terry Walker, our Parts Manager said it best, "You know you're riding fast when you come back into the pits after a session and your hands are shaking...and you can't talk to anyone right away."

Of course the adrenaline is not the only reason we ride the track. We all have our

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own reasons for going to the track, to work on braking, acceleration, lines, body position, counter steering, trail braking, turn in points, speed, we have seen all of the above and more at the track. There are people that do not seem to be fast on the street, but get them on the track and you can't keep them in sight, and vice versa. If you do decide to participate in a track day don't go with the preconception that you will be the fastest out there, trust us, there is always someone faster.

Some other tips for a good track day:

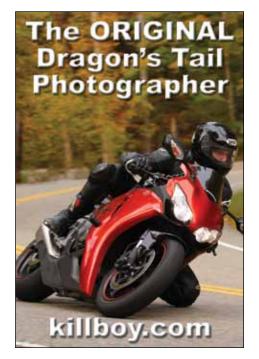
- If you bring a dog keep it on a leash
- Park in such a way as to not take up

excessive space

- Obey the safety rules
- · Keep an eye out for little kids in the pits
- Pick up your own trash, and leave your area cleaner than when you found it
- Do NOT wheelie or stoppie in the pits...period....there are dogs and kids to watch out for
- If someone is loading or unloading their bike from a truck, don't just offer to help, walk over and help them

Justin

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STROKER CYCLE LLC Advertiser in the Headlight

f you've been around the Chattanooga motorcycle community for any length of time, chances are this month's "Advertiser in the Headlight" is no stranger to you. I met Robert Partee four years ago when I was in need of a quick oil change and I had no place to do it myself.

Like the vast majority of Robert's customers, I was referred to him by a couple of close friends. Chris and Debbie Karper had also been referred to him, and after doing some work on their two Heritage Softails, they couldn't say enough good things about him.

I gave him a call not really knowing what to expect, but was pleasantly surprised when he said to bring my bike on over and he'd knock it out for me. After the short, but stunning ride to his place in the country, I knew I had found something special. So special that I still go to him for odds and ends – even as recently as last month for a new rear tire.

Now, Stroker Cycle is still fairly young by most business model standards, but Robert has attracted such a devoted customer base since he opened in July, 2006, that you would think he would be considering moving back to town and into a huge building.

Not a chance. After spending 38 years in the corporate world, Robert is finally "doing what he loves and loves what he's doing." His philosophy is "You have to love what you are doing in life to be good at it. If you are lucky enough to find a job where you can do that, you will never work another day because it isn't work if you love what you do." He truly IS passionate about what he does.

Although Stroker is primarily a Harley shop, he will also perform

normal maintenance on metrics, such as oil changes, replacing tires, shocks, mounting accessories, etc. Stroker Cycle is authorized by Harley-Davidson to perform extended warranty work on all H-D's, and has all the tools, equipment and computers to do everything from standard maintenance to full performance work.

Stroker Cycle is a dealer for a very impressive list of manufacturers, such as Drag Specialties, Frankenstein Trikes (exclusive for this area), Barnett Performance, V-Twin Mfg, Full SAC Performance, Midwest Motorcycles, Amsoil, Wood Performance, Fuel Moto, Tucker Rocky and others.

The Frankenstein Trikes dealership is special right now because they just finished their first conversion. It is an H-D Sportster, but after looking at it in its "finished" stage, it is all trike and all "awesome!" For more information on Frankenstein Trike conversions, visit www. frankensteintrikes.com, but if you have any questions or are considering ordering one, contact Robert first.

Robert has been a solo act since the shop opened, but in July of last year, he was joined by a "wandering" H-D Master Tech named Crosby Blair





who was in search of a new home. Originally from New Hampshire, he spent 25 years in Florida with the last 15 years as the owner of an H-D shop in Sebastian.

Crosby left Florida after tiring of the humidity and the sporadic business due to tourism and moved north to Chattanooga. He certainly didn't want to return to the three-month riding season in New Hampshire, so he thought Chattanooga would be a good place to check out.

When he first approached Robert about a job, Robert gave him a "test" of tearing down a tranny and rebuilding it. Robert was so impressed with Crosby's work; he offered him a job on the spot. As they say, the rest is history. They work together so well as a team, you can easily see that Crosby has found a home.

I had heard a rumor that Robert had personally met Elvis Presley, so I asked him about it. Apparently, while Robert was attending the University of Memphis, he worked part-time as a laundry pick-up driver for a local dry cleaners. One of his stops was Graceland, and while there one day he was able to meet the "King" himself. Elvis was so gracious that he took Robert on a tour of his garage and showed him his collection of Harley-Davidsons. That is a memory that Robert will always cherish.

Stroker Cycle is located at 11320 Thatch Rd in Harrison, TN and according to his website (www. strokercycle.com) his hours are "7 days a week, 7:00AM until…" Take it from one of his happy customers – it's a good place for you to check out.

Randy Lyons randy@kickstandup.com



his month, our "Advertiser in the Headlight" is Stroker Cycle, so it seemed natural to feature Frankenstein Trikes as our "Product in the Spotlight."

Stroker Cycle is the area's exclusive dealer for Frankenstein Trikes, and if you've never seen one, get ready to have your mind blown. For whatever reason, you've been thinking it might be time to move from two wheels to three. Some people do it because of age; some people do it for health reasons; some people do it simply because a trike offers more convenience in storage and comfort on those long trips, as well as being a lot safer.

Well, you love your Harley, right? Like an old shoe, it "fits" you. You have a long standing love affair with it that only comes with sharing thousands of late night miles with a best friend. So, how do you move from two wheels to three wheels with the same bike?

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The Frankenstein Trike rear end was originally conceived to provide a custom trike rear end that was lighter, stronger, narrower, more reliable and better looking than what was available. They introduced the 30" Hot Rod Trike rear end and custom bike builders loved it. What they didn't expect was the overwhelming interest from individuals who wanted to convert their stock bike into a Trike. As a result, they made wider rear ends that are better suited for stock bike conversions. Gradually, with each conversion, they designed swing arms, fenders, fender brackets and sourced wheels and tires.

Frankenstein Trikes are only available for Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and prices start around \$5,000. For more information, check out www. frankensteintrikes.com, but if you have questions or are ready to order, call Stroker Cycle at 423-344-2571 and ask for Robert.

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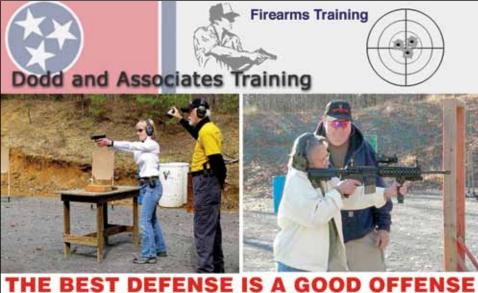




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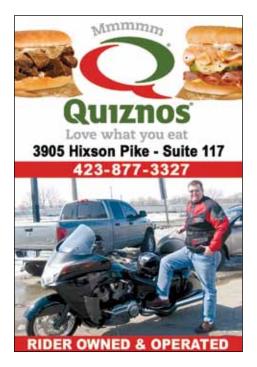
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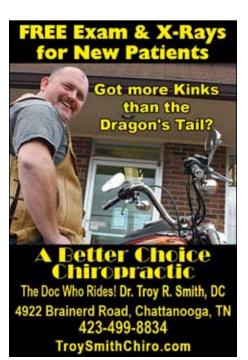
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PUSHING THE LIMITS Stunt Rider Wows Ride 4 Smiles' Crowd

Chris "Teach" McNeil, world class BMW Factory Stunt Rider, put on show to behold at Pandora's European Motorsports, as the FACES Ride 4 Smiles came through. Champion freestyle motorcycle athlete and performer Chris "Teach" McNeil has been traveling the globe for more than ten years wowing crowds with his impressive array of gravity-defying stunts. A former private school Latin teacher, McNeil put down the red pen in favor of BMW's fantastic F800 middleweight sports twin. Check out photos at KickStandUp.com and Ride4Smiles.org.







BACK ROADS FACES Ride 4 Smiles **OWL HOLLOW ROAD**

This is a great little loop when you've got a little of time to ride but can't be gone too long. Sandy Hodges created it to use in the FACES Ride 4 Smiles this year. I've taken this part straight out of the ride program. I really enjoyed Owl Hollow Road and Green Shanty Road. They are both so close to home but I had never ridden on them before. Thanks Sandy!

Kim

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As always you can download a high resolution map off our web site www.KickStandUp.com

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- R onto Owl Hollow Rd. This is a hard right - DON'T MISS IT! POR
- R at T onto Bancroft Rd. SW
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- L at first light onto 321 S
- R onto Bill Reed Rd
- R onto Green Shanty Rd
- L at T (Highway 64 again!)



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- L = Left turn, could be greater or less than 90 degrees
- **R** = Right turn, could be greater or less than 90 degrees
- **Y** = an intersection where you must bear either right or left (always less than 90 degrees)
- **T** = an intersection where you must turn either left or right

POR = Press On Regardless...means the road goes on forever...makes you think you have missed a turn. There are several places where tornado damage still exists. Please watch for debris and folks cleaning up! Please observe all posted speed limits. There is no time requirement for this rally.

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Have you ever noticed the very large number of TV ads that are directed at the management of headaches and back pain? Have you ever seen a single one of these commercials end without giving out a list of potentially fatal side effects? Have you also ever noticed that not even one of them ends with this statement, "if your symptoms keep reoccurring see a Doctor of Chiropractic." You never will see that, unless we can force them to, because Chiropractors feel that treating symptoms doesn't make as much sense as treating the cause of the pain.

Many years ago the American Medical Association conducted a nationwide study looking for negative side effects occurring to people who went to Chiropractors and they did detect one negative finding. Their study concluded that people who went to Chiropractors seemed to be "addicted to the treatments"......Which is worse dear reader.....being addicted to admittedly harmful prescription medications or a treatment that is effective 95 percent of the time and has no harmful side effects?

What should you expect from Chiropractic care? If you are not improving after three treatments you aren't likely to respond to Chiropractic. It is common for people who respond to require frequent "tune-up visits" after the initial acute phase of treatment is concluded for several years. Learning how to protect the weak area of your skeletal structure is a learning process, popping your back twice or three times a week for weeks and weeks is, in my opinion, never necessary if the patient is taught how to stabilize the skeletal problem. In my opinion a Chiropractor who can predict the exact number of treatments needed is either divine or simply blowing smoke up somewhere!

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Something to Smile About: FACES Ride 4 Smiles

n a beautiful June Saturday, 115 bikers, along with their friends and families, and over 40 volunteers came out for the 6th Annual FACES Ride 4 Smiles, turning a hot summer day into a brighter future for the children served by FACES: The National Craniofacial Association.

The day started at Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson, where the Scenic City Roller Derby crew gave a demonstration, and participants had photos made on their rides to commemorate the day. The bikes rolled out for a different sort of ride this year -- a poker rally, as opposed to a poker run. Sandy Hodges, a contributor to KickStand Up!, had been talking about the possibility in some of his recent articles, and it was definitely a success. Instead of being told where to go next, riders were given a set of clues to guide them on their way. [See page 28]

The first stop was Texas Roadhouse, where riders enjoyed a delicious lunch. Next came a stop at Pandora's Motorsport, where a stunt rider, music and food were the attractions. The next stop was Griffith Cycle in Rossville, and the ride finished at the Acoustic Cafe in Ringgold.

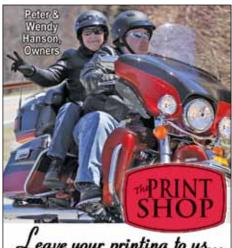
At the final stop, the crowd was entertained by Scott Warren and the

Booze Mountaineers while a silent auction was held and more than 78 door prizes were given away. The winner of the best poker hand was Ed Russell.

The real winners on the day, though, were FACES's clients, for whom more than \$15,000 was raised.

Make sure to go to www. Ride4Smiles.org to check out all the photos and if you were a rider and had your photo made - you can grab the digital version too! Thank you EVERYONE who helped make Ride 4 Smiles such a success!

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Chuck and Brenda are members of the C.A.R.S. club and enjoy going to cruise-ins and car shows all over the south. They have ridden 9000 miles on their bike; their most recent trip was to Panama City for Thunder on the Beach.

Chuck and Brenda have been married for 34 years. They have a son named Timothy and 3 grandchildren Triston, Ashlyn and Landon. These days you can find the Doty's and family on the lake riding their water scooters and enjoying their pontoon boat.

Thank you Chuck and Brenda for sharing your story with KickStand Up! Magazine.

Chuck Welch chuck@kickstandup.com

See more pics at KickStandUp.com



MOUNTAIN CITY LANDSCAPE







ere is a 1974 Kawasaki 500 H1. It has a three cylinder two stroke engine that produces 59 hp with a weight of 383 pounds giving it the highest power to weight ratio of any bike of the time. This earned it the nickname **"The Widow Maker."** These bikes began production in 1969 and were the quickest motorcycle available. The best known competitor for the H1 was the Honda 750. It has 67 hp but a weight of 491 pounds. The Honda had a quarter mile ET of 15.86 at a speed of 90.7 mph, but the Widow Maker did the quarter in 12.96 at 100.7 mph. The early bikes were not the best handling bikes, but throughout the production run, this improved. The Kawasaki triples were the first motorcycles to have a CDI ignition. The triples began as a 500cc but the H2 750 was born a few years later. There were also the 350 and 400cc that also were spawned from the 500. This bike was literally a barn find on Sand Mountain. It was last licensed in 1982. It ran when I found it, but was taken to Rising Sun Motorcycles in Harriman, TN, where Ross Walls did the fine tuning. It is now ready for some adventures in the mountains.



Do you have a Vintage Bike you'd like to see is KSU. Email info@kickstandup.com with a few photos and why you think it needs to be featured.







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Countryside Café RIDE TO DINE In Review

n Thursday, May 12th we wondered if anyone was coming. The weather was good, but there were storms in the area and clouds were forming together. This was only two weeks after tornados had ravished our area. At 5:45 there were only a few bikes in the BP/ Kangaroo station on Hwy 58 in Harrison. And for all of the people who asked me which one, there is only one BP station in Harrison.

In a few minutes the parking lot started to fill up and by 6:00 there were 38 people getting ready to ride to Countryside Café.

By all reports, everyone enjoyed the ride, the food and riding with other people.

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The folks at Countryside Café, who were packed that night, were wonderful and did everything they could to accommodate 46 people. Yes, some folks knew that they could not make it to the ride and went straight there to eat with us. The food and service once again were great. Huge kudos go out to Marlene and all of the staff at Countryside.

One of our editors is a wonderful man whom I refer to as "Crusty Curmudgeon." He is a great guy, with a big heart and loves motorcycles and the people who ride them but has a tendency to see the glass half empty. He thought maybe a dozen or so might show up. The smiles never left his face that evening. And there were so many different bikes. Even a few BMW riders came to ride with us.

Of course the best part is meeting new people, meeting facebook friends for the

first time and just hanging out with others. We had so much fun that we are going to do this again on Tuesday, July 19 as we ride to Vern's in Chatsworth, GA . You will find the details in this same issue.

Thanks to all that came out. It was great to see you and we hope to see even more of you next time. And if we keep riding to eat, there will be more of you to see.

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The Broken Spoke Riding Season

C rusty Curmudgeon, the editor called me to remind me that today was the deadline for articles. I told him I was done, I was just editing it down. By the laughter on the other end of the phone I think he knew I was being less than honest. He then said that was the first time he had laughed at something I had said or written in quite a while. He could tell by the massive amounts of editing that was needed on my articles that I never edit my own stuff. He then said something about commas, and where, they, were supposed to, go. Editors, who needs them?

He also told me it would be nice if my column wasn't going to be funny at least make it interesting. I told him that he was too old to know what funny was. It used to be easy because he would forget the jokes and he always thought that they were brand new. Now there are more people doing the editing and I can't send in the same story each month.

So what's funny? Record breaking heat soaring into the 90's again for days at a time. Oh yeah, that's funny. Seriously, heat stroke is not funny. Can't anyone come up with an air conditioned suit? There is an inventor who has invented a heater system for GoldWings. He emailed me right after the heat wave started to see if I wanted to try the prototype. Now? In this heat? How do you test a heater system in this heat? My wife encouraged me to at least try it. She thinks the life insurance premiums are paid up..

There are ways to keep cool on the bike. Clammy type cooling vests, wet neck braces, bandanas soaked in water wrapped around your neck and I'm sure, many others. Like try sitting on a bag of ice while riding. Crusty just goes home before the temperature gets to 88. He used to be a tough old guy. That's not fair; he's not really that tough. He reminds me of a friend of mine who used to play for the Chicago Bears. I used to tell him that I always thought that linemen were big and dumb but that he proved me wrong. He wasn't that big.

I have always heard that 90% of your body heat goes through the top of your head. That's why it's smart to wear a hat in the cold. And it is so dumb to wear a solid cap in the summer heat. It is even more insane to line it with polystyrene, [think insulation] and paint it black. In fact, one of our esteemed state legislators decided to take up riding motorcycles. That's good. He did it to spend time with his son who was into motorcycles. That's good. He decided helmets were just too hot. That's bad! So he, being a servant of the people looking out for the best interests of the people, helped craft a law where you can wear a bicycle helmet instead of a motorcycle helmet. So I really don't want to hear how they are concerned about our health and well being. They are concerned about the major campaign contributions and expensive dinners from the insurance lobby.

I think it is a good idea to wear a helmet if you are planning on crashing. But I do not plan on crashing. They are hot and uncomfortable and I believe that they add to driver fatigue. A helmet can save your life and it is far better to wear one. But I would like to have the choice. And I would choose not to. Now I choose to wear a bicycle helmet because it is cooler. If I fall, it will probably not offer me much protection. But I do get to look like a dork wearing it. Really I don't need any help looking like a dork. Our state legislators look like dorks passing stupid laws like this. And they do not need any help in looking like dorks, either.

I hope that the summer heat recedes from the mid to high 90's and allows us a summer that is reasonable. If Crusty is out riding, he is happy. At least as happy as Crusty can be. I hope that the summer heat recedes from the mid to high 90's and allows us a summer that is reasonable. If Crusty is out riding, he is happy and not looking at my columns. If he is reading my columns, he is not happy, he is not laughing and he has to use a dictionary to look of the polysyllabic words. [That should keep him busy while I finish this column.]

Regardless of the weather we have had a great start to the riding season here at KSU. We did a ride to dine together with 46 others to Countryside Café on a Thursday evening. It was a relaxed ride that gave us all a chance to meet people and ride together. The weather was perfect for our ride and the folks at Countryside Café did their best to get us in and provide excellent food and service. They were thrilled to have our group there.

Everybody that I spoke to really had a good time and I hope that same spirit of fun follows us as we have two rides this month. Our very first planned ride that was to Mike's Seafood was a complete wash out. So we are trying it again. This a great ride through the northern woods of Georgia as we head to Mike's Seafood on Saturday July 2nd and we will meet at 10:00am in the BP/ Kangaroo station just off of the Interstate in Ooltewah. I hope that many of you can join us on that ride. We may even get Crusty off of the couch to come with us. We don't let Crusty out in public very much. He tends to scare the little ones and flirt with the pretty ones. Nothing like a seventy something old trying to date a twenty something. The way he carries on you would think he's a congressman. The only thing Crusty won't try to pick up is the check.

Then on July 19th we are meeting at the BP station on Ooltewah/Ringold Rd and East Brainerd Rd in Chattanooga at 6:30 pm to ride to Vern's in Chatsworth GA. This is a 45-60 minute ride through the scenic back roads to eat. Vern's is a new advertiser to KickStand Up! and we would like to let our readers get to know him and have some great food. Both places have adult beverages for you adults and are very family friendly for those who have families. If you have families that ride together, then by all means ride together and we can do a story on you at the same time. So come one, come all and let's have a good time. Who knows, we may even talk Crusty into picking up the check. And then my beloved Cubs will win the World Series and Harold Camping will be right. It would be the end of the world.

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